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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The biological sciences department current configuration dates from July 1, 2000 when the former Departments of Botany/Biology and Zoology merged into the Department of Biological Sciences. The roots of the department go back to the beginnings of the university. In the first annual bulletin for North Dakota Agricultural College (May 1892) "botany and zoology" are listed as one of the eleven course of study available. As of the 1905-1906 Bulletin, Biology

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was listed as a department, with biology, botany, zoology, physiology, and bacteriology as the course components.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records are separated into five series: **Departmental Background** includes historical information on the study of botany and plant pathology at NDSU, a chronological format of the history of botany at NDSU from 1890 through 1990, and numerous fact sheets from the late 1980s. **Committees, Task Forces, Commissions** consist of one folder of reviews of introductory biology courses by the Biological Review Committee from 1984, 1985. **Reports** include the 1983 annual botany report, as well as the 1989 biological science review report. **Publications** consist of one paper, "Relation of Birds to Certain Power Transmission Lines in Central North Dakota" from November 1979. **Recruitment** consists of information on graduate study in botany/biology from 1979, and an open house in the department from 1982.

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16.4.1.1 Departmental Background

Botany/Biology Department - paper - "Botany and Plant Pathology – historical background, n.d. History of Botany - 1890-1990 - short chronological format - 1990

NDSU Facts - Biology/General Science - 1988

NDSU Facts - Botany - 1988

NDSU Facts - Botany/Biology -1988

NDSU Facts - Fisheries and Wildlife - 1989

NDSU Facts - Zoology - 1989

16.4.1.3 Committees, Task Forces, Commissions

Botany/Biology Department - Biology Review Committee - Review of Introductory Biology courses - 1984, 1985

16.4.1.6 Reports and Documents

Annual Report - Botany - 1983

Biological Science Review (Biochemistry, Botany/Biology, Geology, Zoology) – Vol. 4 of 4 – 1989

16.4.1.8 Publications

16.4.1.8.1 Newsletter

Botany Newsletter – 1938-1942 [gaps]

16.4.1.8.2 General

Paper – Relation of Birds to Certain Power Transmission Lines in Central North Dakota – November 1979

16.4.1.9 Recruitment

Graduate Studies in Botany/Biology - July, 1977 Open House Tour - Botany/Biology - 1982