

Frederick V. Betts Scrapbook, 1926-1964

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Betts, Frederick V., 1908-2002.
Title	Frederick V. Betts Scrapbook
Dates	1926-1964 (inclusive) 1926 1964 1926-1928 (bulk) 1926 1928
Quantity	0.4 cubic foot, including 376 photographs, (1 oversize box)
Collection Number	MSS Betts
Summary	The Frederick V. Betts Scrapbook consists of photographs and ephemera created and assembled by Betts during this student years at Oregon Agricultural College in 1926-1928. Betts was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, whose members and activities are extensively depicted in the scrapbook.
Repository	Oregon State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives Research Center Special Collections and Archives Research Center 121 The Valley Library Oregon State University Corvallis OR 97331-4501 Telephone: 541-737-2075 Fax: 541-737-8674 scarc@oregonstate.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open for research.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Frederick V. Betts attended Oregon Agricultural College for the 1926/1927 and 1927/1928 academic years as a student in commerce. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

A native of Seattle, Betts was born on June 8, 1908 and graduated from Queen Ann High School in Seattle. Betts earned a law degree from the University of Washington in 1933 and co-founded the Seattle law firm, Betts, Patterson, and Mines. He died in Seattle on July 4, 2002.

Content Description

The Frederick V. Betts Scrapbook consists of photographs and ephemera created and assembled by Betts during his student years at Oregon Agricultural College in 1926-1928. Most of the photographs are snapshots depicting students and student activities. Interior and exterior views of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house are included as well as images of fraternity activities and rituals, such as "bowing before the ghost". The scrapbook includes photographs of campus buildings, snow on campus,

a flood in downtown Corvallis, and recreation on the Willamette and Marys Rivers. Student outings; campus events such as homecoming; various athletic events, including football, track, and rowing; and military cadets are depicted. Snapshots of college president William Jasper Kerr are also included.

Ephemeral items include decals, dance cards, event programs, greeting cards, newspaper clippings, receipts, grade reports, and student election materials. Sigma Phi Epsilon newsletters and materials from the Sigma Phi Epsilon conclave in Seattle in August 1928 are included.

The collection also includes several loose photographs that are not affixed into the scrapbook. Two of these are of Sigma Phi Epsilon members in 1958 and 1964.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

Frederick V. Betts Scrapbook, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The scrapbook was donated to the Archives by the alumni of the Oregon State chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon in 2009.

Related Materials

Other photographs of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity from the 1920s are part of the [David Robert Marr Photograph Album \(P 232\)](#). Additional materials pertaining to the Sigma Phi Epsilon are available in the [Memorabilia Collection](#) (MC-Sigma Phi Epsilon).

The Archives' holdings include many scrapbooks and photograph albums assembled by students that document the student experience at Oregon State.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

College buildings--Oregon--Corvallis.
College environment--Oregon--Corvallis.
College sports--Oregon--Corvallis.
College students--Oregon--Corvallis.
Greek letter societies--Oregon--Corvallis.
Military education--Oregon--Corvallis.
Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

Personal Names :

Kerr, William Jasper, 1863-1947.

Corporate Names :

Oregon Agricultural College--Buildings.
Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

Form or Genre Terms :

Photographic prints.

Scrapbooks.

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Sigma Phi Epsilon.

(creator)

Sigma Phi Epsilon. Oregon Alpha Chapter.

(creator)

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