

Dean of Men Records, 1926-1981

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Oregon State University. Dean of Men.
Title	Dean of Men Records
Dates	1926-1981 (inclusive) 1926 1981 1952-1966 (bulk) 1952 1966
Quantity	0.25 cubic foot, (1 box) 2 microfilm reels
Collection Number	RG 134
Summary	The Dean of Men Records consist of materials created or assembled by the Dean of Men reflecting various programs and activities for male students at Oregon State University including recruitment, honorary societies, social fraternities, and organizations such as the Dad's Club and OSU Federation. U.G. Dubach served as Dean of Men from 1924 to 1947 and Dan Poling from 1947 to 1970.
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.
Additional Reference Guides	Preliminary container list available online.
Languages	English

Historical Note

The Dean of Men was established at Oregon Agricultural College in 1924. With the Dean of the Women, the Dean of Men had general responsibility for student welfare. In addition to keeping in contact with student organizations and housing groups, the Dean advised freshmen and provided orientation to new students. The Dean of Men advised activities and programs for male students, including honorary societies and fraternities, and was the University's liaison with the Dad's Club and the sponsors of Beaver Boys State and the Eagle Scouts recognition events.

Only two men held this position from 1924 until the early 1970s when the Deans of Women and Men became Associate Deans of Students. Ulysses Grant Dubach served as the first Dean of Men from 1924 until his retirement in 1947. Dan Poling served as Assistant Dean of Students under Dubach beginning in 1937 and became the Dean of Students in 1947.

Content Description

The Dean of Men Records consist of materials created or assembled by the Dean of Men and primarily reflect programs and activities for male students at Oregon State University. The records include a scrapbook; materials assembled for a history of housing at Oregon State; and microfilmed materials pertaining to various activities of the Dean of Men.

The scrapbook consists of materials produced and assembled by the Dean of Men from the mid-1920s until the mid-1930s and includes welcome letters to new students and their parents; tips to freshmen; Interfraternity Council booklets; instructions and policies for fraternities; and permits for student cars on campus.

The materials pertaining to the history of housing were assembled by former Dean of Men, Dan Poling, while preparing a manuscript (unpublished) on student housing at Oregon State University from 1889 to 1981. It includes information on dormitories, cooperative housing, fraternities and sororities, and married student housing. The materials include handwritten research notes, drafts, brochures, and newspaper clippings. Many of the handwritten notes are from research done in the OSU Archives. Two reports by Poling to President Strand in 1960-1961 on the membership restrictions of OSU living groups (primarily fraternities and sororities) and the OSU policy on non-discrimination are of particular interest. Documents pertaining to Adair Village (married student housing), Co-Resident Women, Inc., the construction dates of residence halls, the housemother policy, and housing regulations are included.

The bulk of the microfilmed materials are records of the Dad's Club from the early 1950s to mid-1960s. These include minutes of board meetings, correspondence, financial reports, constitutions, and materials pertaining to Dad's Day and Dad's Weekend.

The remainder of the microfilmed materials pertain to the annual Eagle Scout recognition day at Oregon State; honorary societies, including Blue Key; Beaver Boys State; the Oregon State University Federation, a coalition of the Dad's Club, Mother's Club, Alumni Association, and ASOSU formed to advance and promote OSU; student recruitment activities such as Beaver Open House and Beaver Preview; fraternities at OSU, especially the Interfraternity Council; and the Administrative Council. The Administrative Council materials include various reports and statistics as well as documents pertaining to the name change from Oregon State College to Oregon State University.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

Dean of Men Records (RG 134), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

The microfilmed records are arranged in nine series: 1. Dad's Club; 2. Eagle Scouts; 3. Honorary Pledging; 4. Beaver Boys State; 5. OSU Federation; 6. Blue Key; 7. Beaver Open House; 8. Fraternities; and 9. Administrative Council.

Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

Acquisition Information

The microfilmed records were acquired in the mid-1960s and microfilmed in 1967. Additional materials were transferred in 1984-1989.

Related Materials

Extensive materials pertaining to student activities are available in the [Dean of Women's Office Records \(RG 057\)](#), the Student Affairs Records (RG 102), and many collections of student organization records including the [Associated Students of OSU \(ASOSU\) Records \(RG 011\)](#). The [University Housing and Dining Services Records \(RG 145\)](#) document the administration of student housing as well as student life and culture. Additional materials created and assembled by Poling are available in the Dan W. Poling Collection.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

College environment--Oregon--Corvallis.
Greek letter societies--Oregon--Corvallis.
Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.
Student housing--Oregon--Corvallis.

Corporate Names :

Oregon State College--Students.
Oregon State University--Students.
Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

Form or Genre Terms :

Scrapbooks.

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Dubach, Ulysses Grant.
(creator)
Poling, Dan Williams.
(creator)

Corporate Names :

Dad's Club of Oregon State University.
(creator)
Oregon State College. Dean of Men.
(creator)
Oregon State University. Interfraternity Council.
(creator)
Oregon Agricultural College. Dean of Men.
(creator)

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