

# Associated Women of Whitman College Records, 1944-1970

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Whitman College. Associated Women of Whitman College
<b>Title</b>	Associated Women of Whitman College Records
<b>Dates</b>	1944-1970 (inclusive) 1944 1970 1952-1966 (bulk) 1952 1966
<b>Quantity</b>	0.6 linear feet, (1 box)
<b>Collection Number</b>	HTM_WCA3
<b>Summary</b>	Correspondence, organizational by-laws and constitutions, meeting minutes, annual summaries of activities, conduct codes, and records of specific programs and events sponsored by the Associated Women of Whitman College, an organization representing female students
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Whitman College and Northwest Archives</a> Whitman College and Northwest Archives Penrose Library, Room 130 345 Boyer Avenue Walla Walla, WA 99362 Telephone: 509-527-5922 Fax: 509-526-4785 <a href="mailto:archives@whitman.edu">archives@whitman.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Historical Note

The Associated Women Students (A.W.S.) was founded during the 1938-39 academic year. Its goals included the promotion of "a friendly, helpful fellowship among the women of Whitman College," and the maintenance of high social standards and the "spirit of unity and loyalty to Whitman College" (*Waiilatpu*, 1939). The organization, whose membership encompassed all female students at Whitman College, also served as a women's representative body. The organization changed its name twice: in 1945, it became the Associated Women Students of Whitman College, and in 1949, it was shortened to the Associated Women of Whitman College (A.W.W.C.). The Director of Women's Affairs served as advisor to the organization until 1966. In 1967, the Dean of Women took over this function, and in 1970, the Associate Dean of Students became the organization's advisor.

During the 1950s and early 1960s, the organization concerned itself primarily with issues of dress and deportment for women students and campus activities, most notably the Homecoming Dance and the May Fete. In the mid 1960s, the character of the organization began to change. Evidence of

this change include the organization's involvement in a panel discussion of *The Feminine Mystique* in 1964, and the loosening of social regulations in the *Coed Code*. By 1970, the organization's goals were completely revised and centered around providing women "an opportunity to express themselves as individuals" and a forum to "consider the needs and problems unique to women." (Constitution of the Associated Students of Whitman College, 1970). The last mention of the organization appears in the 1972 *Waiilatpu*.

## Content Description

The majority of the materials in this collection date from 1952 to 1966. The richest sources of information are the A.W.W.C. meeting minutes and annual summaries and the organizational by-laws and constitutions. The *Coed Code*, the rules and regulations governing women's behavior, provides much insight into the life of female students at Whitman College during the 1960s. Other records include planning documents and programs from the May Fete and the Modern Living Course, organizational financial reports and budgets, and the results of two surveys of women students. Also included is a small correspondence file from Miriam Wagenschein, Director of Women's Affairs at Whitman College from 1950-1967.

## Use of the Collection

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### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Flat arrangement; files organized alphabetically.

### Acquisition Information

Donated to the Whitman College and Northwest Archives prior to August 2004.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Annual Summaries	1947-1962
1/2	Associated Women Students Convention	1965
1/3	By-laws	1951-1960
1/4	By-laws, Revisions	1947-1959
1/5	Coed Code	1960-1970
1/6	Constitution	1944-1970
1/7	Correspondence, Incoming	1950-1967
1/8	Correspondence, Outgoing	1949-1967
1/9	Election Documents	1966, undated
1/10	Financial Reports	1959-1966
1/11	Gavel Provenance	undated
1/12	May Fete Files	1957-1963
1/13	May Fete Programs	1957-1966
1/14-15	Minutes	1956-1966
1/16	Modern Living Course Files	1957
1/17	Organizational Profile	1964-1965
1/18	Petition	undated
1/19	Sign-out and Demerit Cards	undated
1/20-21	Student Survey Results	circa 1959, undated
1/22	Wagenschein, Miriam, Correspondence	1954-1967

# Names and Subjects

## **Subject Terms :**

Women college students--Washington (State)--Walla Walla  
Women--Education (Higher)--Washington (State)--Walla Walla

## **Corporate Names :**

Whitman College. Associated Women of Whitman College--Archives  
Whitman College --Students

## **Other Creators :**

### **Personal Names :**

Wagenschein, Miriam--Correspondence  
(creator)

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