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1947-1948

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English

Abstract

The Irene Munson Rouse Papers, 1947-1948, comprise printed ephemera and photographs documenting Rouse's time as a student at Madison College.

Creator

Rouse, Irene Florence Munson, 1928-2017

source

Root, Mary Munson Rouse

Extent

0.16 cubic feet 2 folders

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Mary Munson Rouse Root, daughter of Irene Munson Rouse, in May 2019.

Processing Information

Per a note from the donor, the items comprising this collection were removed from Rouse's scrapbook which was "ruined by several adversities befalling it."

Preferred Citation

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Bio/Historical Note

Irene Florence Munson Rouse (1928-2017) was raised in Arlington, Virginia and graduated from Madison College in 1950 with a B.S. in Education. While a student, she was an active member of the YWCA, German Club, May Court, The Breeze, Sigma Phi Lambda, and Sigma Sigma Sigma. She was also selected to represent Madison College in the annual publication *Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges and Universities*. Rouse was an English teacher, children's librarian, and later went on to pursue a career as an antiquarian bookseller, successfully running bookshops in Northern Virginia and Virginia's Eastern Shore. Additionally, Rouse was an artist and poet. She hosted a poetry reading series, entitled "Positively Prince Street," in her Alexandria bookshop. Rouse married William Dashiell Rouse with whom she had five children.

Scope and Content

The Irene Munson Rouse Papers, 1947-1948, comprise printed ephemera and photographs documenting Rouse's time as a student at Madison College. Programs related to the 1947 YWCA Cabinet Retreat, the 1948 Golden Anniversary Banquet of Sigma Sigma Sigma, May Day 1948, and Religious Emphasis Week 1948 are included. A 1947 invitation requests Rouse's attendance at a Big Roundup hosted by Sigma Sigma Sigma. Six black-and-white photographs primarily document Rouse's time as a student at Madison College. Three photographs document a group of students wearing paper "G" crowns. Two photographs depict unidentified men on campus. It is likely they are Madison College day students and/or suitors of female students. One photograph depicts Rouse with an unidentified man.

Keywords

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Printed Ephemera

Invitations

Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History

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Madison College -- Students -- Social life and customs
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Bibliography

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two folders according to item type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Programs and invitations

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Unit Date 1947-1948

Mixed Materials [1000898621] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/19262

Unit Date circa 1947-1948

Mixed Materials [1000898621] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)