Fitchburg State University
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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection number: UA RG 13-03-01
Collection title: Fitchburg State University General Scrapbook and Photograph Album Collection
Dates: 1901-1910, 1934
Size: 8 scrapbooks, 2.4 linear feet

Creator/Collector: Unknown
Acquisition info: Unknown
Accruals: No accruals are expected
Custodial history: Unknown

Language(s): Collection materials are in English
Repository: Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library, Fitchburg State University
Processed by: Veronica BeJune, 2012.
Conservation notes: Album pages were detached from their original string bindings for conservation purposes.

RIGHTS AND ACCESS

Access restrictions: Collection is open for research.

Physical access
Restriction: Both copies of the 1901-1903 Scrapbook contain brittle parchment backing.

Technical access
Restrictions: None

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

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Related collections: UA RG 13-01-02 - Fitchburg State University Special Education Scrapbook
UA RG 13-01-03 - Fitchburg State University Fitchburg Players Photograph Album

Separated material: None

Published descriptions: http://library.fitchburgstate.edu/Archon/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=232

Location of originals: Not Applicable
Location of copies: Not Applicable
Publication note: Not Applicable

Subject headings: Fitchburg State College
Fitchburg Normal School (1894-1932)
Fitchburg State Teachers College (1932-1960)
School buildings -- Massachusetts -- Design and construction.
Scrapbooks -- Massachusetts.
Scrapbooks -- United States -- History -- 20th century.
Students -- Social Life and Customs -- 20th century.
Students -- United States.
Students -- United States -- Conduct of life.
Teacher and student relationships -- United States.
Teachers Colleges – Massachusetts – History.
Photographs. aat
Scrapbooks. aat

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The State Normal School in Fitchburg was established in 1894 by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature. Principal John G. Thompson, aided by a teaching staff of three, implemented a two-year teacher training program for women in a temporary location on Academy Street. In December 1896, the school expanded into a new building, known as Thompson Hall, and set up the State Schools of Observation and Practice in city buildings on Day Street and Highland Avenue. In 1910, the Edgerly School, a model and practice school for 8th grade became one of the first junior high schools in the United States. The following year the school initiated the first practical arts teacher training course in the country for men.
Under the auspices of the State Division of University Extension summer courses were first offered in 1915, marking the beginning of the college's commitment to Continuing Education programs. In 1930, the State Normal School was authorized to offer a bachelor's degree in practical arts, and in 1932, when it became the State Teachers College at Fitchburg; four-year degrees were offered in all areas of education. In 1935, the college was also authorized to establish graduate programs and in 1954 the first evening courses were offered.

In 1960, the institution changed its name to the State College at Fitchburg and diversified its programs to include undergraduate and graduates degrees in disciplines other than education. In 1965, its name was officially changed to Fitchburg State College. The campus has expanded from a single structure on High Street to thirty-two buildings on ninety acres, becoming the educational center for the Montachusett region with forty-nine undergraduate degree programs in eighteen academic departments, twenty Master’s Degree programs, five Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study programs, and seven Graduate Certificate programs. On July 28, 2010, the institution again changed its name to Fitchburg State University after state legislation established a State University system in Massachusetts.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains unidentified photograph albums and scrapbooks related to the history of Fitchburg State University through its history. The albums depict Fitchburg Normal School students, faculty, and campus from the early 20th century. The collection is organized chronologically and each individual album is given its own sub-series. Some of the albums were found with individual pages unbound and disassociated. These albums have been assembled based on the physical characteristics of the mounting pages, but their original order and completeness cannot be determined.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

SUBSERIES 1: MCMI-MCMIII photograph album, 1901-1903.
This subseries contains two copies of a photograph album, 1901-1903. There are small differences in the included text between the two albums. Copy One includes names of individuals in the photographs. Copy Two identifies people and places, as well as the potential creator or owner of the photograph album. Images are of campus buildings, student parades, and instructors. Pages are brittle and string binding has been removed from both to limit further deterioration.

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SUBSERIES 2: Photograph album, circa 1908-1910.
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SUBSERIES 4: Fitchburg Teachers College Scrapbook, 1934.
This subseries contains a 1934 scrapbook. It includes portraits and descriptive text. Although it is not an official school yearbook, the school’s Saxifrage yearbook was not published for this particular year. String binding was removed to limit further deterioration, but its bound covers were kept.

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SUBSERIES 5: Photograph album, circa 1904-1906.
This subseries contains a photograph album, c. 1904-1906. Exact dates are unknown, save for a few photographs with details of banners with years displayed. The book is professionally bound, with up to four photographs to a page. There are also a few loose photographs included within the pages. This album documents primarily individual or group shots of women, presumably students, gathered in front of school buildings and grounds. It also includes images of students in their living quarters.

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**SUBSERIES 6:** Photograph album, circa 1897.
This subseries contains a photograph album, c. 1897. The exact date of this album is unknown, but many of the images are similar to or the same as those found in an album dated 1897. This album was found unbound and with some of the pages disassociated from each other. It has been assembled based on the physical characteristics of the mounting pages and subjects of the images. There are 32 prints, all mounted on black paper. At least two of the prints appear to be cyanotypes. The black paper is brittle and many mounting pages are damaged. The prints appear to be in relatively good condition, with an expected amount of yellowing. Images depict classrooms and other interior views of the State Normal School. There are also a few exterior views as well.

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**SUBSERIES 7:** State Normal School photograph album, 1897.
This subseries contains a photograph album from 1897. This album was found unbound and with some of the pages disassociated from each other. It has been assembled based on the physical characteristics of the mounting pages and subjects of the images. There are 31 mounted and labeled prints. The mounts are brittle and some are damaged. The prints appear to be undamaged and in good condition. Images depict classrooms and other interior views of the State Normal School. There are also a few exterior views as well.

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