

COLLEGE ARCHIVES



Established in 1989, the Connecticut College Archives, housed in the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives, documents the historical record of the College, including teaching and research activities, community relations and service, administrative functions, policies and procedures, and student life. The Archives works with the College community to identify, collect and preserve original material for scholarship, education and discovery.

The Archives comprises 80 distinct collections representing over 1,000 linear feet of material, with strong holdings of photographs, College publications, audiovisual material, alumni records and ephemera. Of particular interest are the records of the American Dance Festival during its 30-year tenure at the College (1948–1978), and the records of the Connecticut College Arboretum. Archival materials are frequently requested for use in campus publications, programs, student projects, events and reunions.

Priorities for the Archives in the next year include increasing accessibility to archival collections through processing and online initiatives such as virtual exhibitions, image databases and the digital repository.

THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE ARCHIVES:

- The College Archives maintains a collection of honors papers and M.A. theses dating to the 1920s, with limited holdings prior to 1997. An archival copy of each honors paper and M.A. thesis is deposited electronically in the library by the registrar each year. Since 2005, many students have opted to make their papers available online through Digital Commons.
- The Archives works with individual departments and offices to solicit and facilitate the transfer of records of enduring, historical value to the permanent collection. Collecting guidelines, transfer procedures and the Archives Program Manual are available to the campus community on CamelWeb.
- The Archives is working to increase student engagement through instruction, active participation in research and exhibition projects, and the solicitation of records documenting student life and activities.

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