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BU Records: Baylor Heritage Club Records. 1977-1980

Summary Information

Creator	Bowers, Robert Bowers, Lorene Baylor Heritage Club, 1977 -
Language	English
Abstract	The B.U. Records: Baylor Heritage Club Records consist of correspondence, legal documents, and literary productions about the formation and first several meetings of the Baylor Heritage Club.

Subjects

Baylor University-- History. / Baylor University-- Alumni and alumnae.

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Scope and Content

The B.U. Records: Baylor Heritage Club Records were acquired by gift in one transaction from Robert "Bob" and Lorene Bowers on 1980 May 19. The collections begins in 1977 and ends in 1980. This collection details the early history of the Baylor Heritage Club when it was led by Co-Presidents Robert "Bob" and Lorene Bowers. Programs and schedules from the first several annual meetings are in this collection. No materials from after 1980 are present in the collection, even though the club continues operations today.

Administrative/Biographical History

Founded in 1977, the Baylor Heritage Club is one of many groups founded through the years to celebrate the long history of Baylor University. Though this collection contains manuscripts from 1977-1980, the early years of the club, the group continues to operate today as part of the Baylor Alumni Association.

The Baylor Heritage Club idea originated with Baylor University President Abner McCall in 1976. He envisioned a heritage group that celebrated alumni who graduated more than 50 years prior to the present. Only those who graduated more than 50 years ago would be invited to be members, but every year another class would be invited to join the Baylor Heritage Club, since each year another class would have graduated more than 50 years ago. This would give the club many potential new members every year and keep the old memories of Baylor alive and well.

President McCall met with several people through 1976-1977 to work out details of what would become the Baylor Heritage Club. In 1977 March, the first annual meeting of the Baylor Heritage Club was held on the Baylor University campus, with around 115 people present. From then on, an annual meeting was held every year by the club.

In 1979, the Baylor Heritage Club was moved from Baylor's Development Office to the Baylor Alumni Association, where it continues to operate today.

Related Resources

Related citations

"Heritage Club." Baylor Alumni Association. http://www.bayloralumniassociation.com/content/programs_and_awards/heritage_club.asp. Accessed 2012 September 11.
Lopez, LoAna. "Baylor Alumni Association to Host Annual Heritage Club Meeting." <http://www.baylor.edu/mediacommunications/news.php?action=story&story=3252>. Accessed 2012 September 11.
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Archival Arrangement

The B.U. Records: Baylor Heritage Club Records were organized loosely by material type in three large folders prior to this finding aid. No prior finding aid or inventory was available before this finding aid.

Currently, the B.U. Records: Baylor Heritage Club Records are arranged in three series: I. Correspondence, II. Legal Documents, and III. Literary Productions.

Series 1. Correspondence. 1977-1980, undated

Administrative/Biographical History	This series contains letters to and from Robert "Bob" Bowers, Lorene Bowers, and various Baylor alumni and friends in connection with founding the Baylor Heritage Club.
Inventory	Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1977-1978 April Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: (1 of 2), 1978 February Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: (2 of 2), 1978 February

Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1978 July-November
 Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1979 March
 Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence, 1979 April-December
 Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1980, undated

Series 2. Legal Documents. 1978-1979, undated

Administrative/Biographical History This legal documents series contains mostly bylaws and other articles of incorporation for the Baylor Heritage Club. Several suggestions for improvements are also included.

Inventory
 Box 1. Folder 8. Legal: Bylaws, 1978
 Box 1. Folder 9. Legal: Bylaws, 1979, undated
 Box 1. Folder 10. Legal: Bylaws: Suggestions for Improvement, 1978, undated

Series 3. Literary Productions. 1978-1980, undated

Administrative/Biographical History This series contains literary materials, including programs, meeting agendas, membership lists, music, and a history of the club up to 1980. The programs and meeting manuscripts are of the first several annual meetings of the club on Baylor campus. Also of note in this series is the music, which features a piece written by Lorene Bowers, president for several years of the Baylor Heritage Club.

Inventory
 Box 1. Folder 11. Literary: General, 1978-1979
 Box 1. Folder 12. Literary: History of the Baylor Heritage Club
 Box 1. Folder 13. Literary: Programs, 1977-1980
 Box 1. Folder 14. Literary: Music, 1977, undated
 Box 1. Folder 15. Literary: Meeting Agendas, 1978-1980
 Box 1. Folder 16. Literary: Membership Lists, 1978 January
 Box 1. Folder 17. Literary: Membership Lists: (1 of 2), undated
 Box 1. Folder 18. Literary: Membership Lists: (2 of 2), undated
 Box 1. Folder 19. Literary: Membership Lists: By Degree Year, 1978