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Summary Information
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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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Processing Information
Described by Paul Fisher.

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 collection 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

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

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### 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


**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 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