A College of Their Own Records
1986-1998, undated

Creator: Bren Ortega Murphy, Jeffery Harder, Mary Pat Haley, BVM, Mary Alma Sullivan, BVM
Extent: 8.25 linear feet (17 boxes)
Language: English
Repository: Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago. Please contact WLArchives@luc.edu regarding use.

Administration Information

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See Also: Mundelein College Records at the Women and Leadership Archives

Administrative History

In 1991, Mundelein College, the last women's college in Illinois, affiliated with Loyola University Chicago. The following year, faculty from the Communications Departments of both schools decided to make a documentary about the affiliation and the issues surrounding women's education. Bren Ortega Murphy, Jeffery Harder, Mary Pat Haley, BVM, and Mary Alma Sullivan, BVM, researched women's colleges and women's education in the United States and interviewed administrators, faculty members, and students from both Mundelein College and Loyola University to form the basis of the documentary. The film analyzes the history of women's education, examines the issues surrounding the closing of numerous women's colleges in the late 20th century, and specifically tells the story of Mundelein College. *A College of Their Own* was completed in 1998.

Scope and Content

The *A College of Their Own* records consist of 8.25 linear feet and contain materials related to the production of the documentary on women's colleges and the affiliation of Mundelein College with Loyola University Chicago. The items include copies of the final documentary, the master tapes used to create the documentary, research files, funding proposals, and scripts. The records are arranged alphabetically within each series unless otherwise noted.

Series 1: Documentary, 1986-1998, undated, Box 1
This series consists of records related to the research and funding of the documentary. Materials include funding proposals, expense reports, research files, newspaper articles, scripts, and conference programs where the documentary was shown in rough form.

Series 2: Audiovisual, 1986-1998, undated, Boxes 2-17
The audiovisual components used for the production of the documentary comprise this series. Included are copies of the documentary and the master tapes used during the filming.

Subseries 2.1: Completed Film, 1998, undated, Box 2
Copies of the final documentary on VHS and DVD.

Subseries 2.2: Master Tapes, 1986-1993, undated, Boxes 2-17
This subseries consists entirely of master tapes (U-matic tapes) used for the filming of the documentary. The tapes include footage of archival photos from Mundelein College and other women's and co-educational colleges and universities in the United States. They also contain interviews conducted with Mundelein College and Loyola University Chicago administrators, faculty, and students, as well as news coverage of the Mundelein affiliation with Loyola and the protest at Mills College in 1990. Interview tapes were digitized by a vendor in February 2022. Interview tapes are arranged chronologically when possible since some interviews were filmed across multiple tapes. Interview participants are listed here alphabetically by name, and information about the person and location of the interview are included if known: Barbara Bardes, Loyola Dean of University College (Piper Hall); Valerie J. Bashaw, Mundelein student, Class of 1992; Irene M. Bermudez, Mundelein Weekend College student; Gloria Callaci, Mundelein Class of 1961 (Hussey Lounge, Damen Hall); Caroll Canas, Mundelein student, Class of 1992; Evelyn Castaneda, Mundelein student, Class of 1993; Sylvia Chakiris, Mundelein student, Class of 1992 (Piper Hall?); Mary DeCock, BVM, Mundelein Faculty, Loyola Professor Emerita (Hussey Lounge, Damen Hall); Patricia Ewers, Mundelein Class of 1957; Carolyn Farrell, BVM, Mundelein Interim President (Sullivan Center); Claudia Ford, Mundelein student (Sullivan Center/Learning Research Center, Browsing Room); Lisa Franklin, Mundelein student, Class of 1993; Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Mundelein College President 1957-1975; Suzanne Gossett, Loyola English Department Chair (Piper Hall); Mary Griffin, Mundelein Class of 1939, Mundelein Faculty (Sullivan Center); Victoria Higgins, student, Mundelein Class of 1993 (Sullivan center); Roberta Hill, Mundelein Weekend College student; Deborah L. Holmes, Loyola Vice President for Academic Affairs (Hussey Lounge, Damen Hall); Margaret Ivo, Mundelein student, Class of 1992 (Piper Hall); Anne Laker, Mundelein student, Class of 1992 (Sullivan Center); Megan McCarthy, Mundelein student (Piper Hall); Kathleen McCourt, Dean of Loyola's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Hussey Lounge, Damen

Hall); Maria Melendez, Mundelein student, Class of 1993; Prudence Moylan, Mundelein Class of 1963, Mundelein College of Loyola Faculty (Sullivan Center); Arleen Ramos, Mundelein student, Class of 1992 (Piper Hall); M. Schroeder, Loyola student (Sullivan Center); Monique Simms, Mundelein student (Sullivan Center/Learning Research Center, Browsing Room); Karen Veverka, Mundelein student, Class of 1992 (Piper Hall); Ronald Walker, Loyola Executive Vice-President (downtown Chicago); and Judith Wittner, Loyola Department of Sociology (Piper Hall).

Subjects:
Loyola University Chicago
Mundelein College
Universities and colleges—Administration
Universities and colleges—United States—History
Women—Education—United States
Women's colleges—United States

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		A College of Their Own Records 1986-1998, undated	
		Series 1: Documentary, 1986-1998, undated	
1	1	Archival research	1991-1993, undated
1	2	Conference presentations	1992-1994
1	3	Expenses	1992-1994, undated
1	4	Funding	1991-1995, undated
1	5	Interviews	1992-1994, undated
1	6	Mailing lists	1997-1998, undated
1	7	Mundelein-Loyola affiliation newspaper articles	1986-1993
1	8	Project descriptions	undated
1	9	Research file: Women's colleges	1986-1990, undated
1	10	Research file: Women's colleges	1991-1993
1	11	Script: Edits and notes	1991-1995, undated
1	12	Script: Final	undated
		Series 2: Audiovisual, 1986-1998, undated	
		Subseries 2.1: Completed Film, 1998, undated	
2	1	*A College of Their Own* DVD	undated
2	2	*A College of Their Own* VHS	1998

		Subseries 2.2: U-Matic Tapes, 1986-1993, undated	
2	3	Archival photos: Atlanta, Clarke College	undated
2	4	Archival photos: C. U.	undated
2	5	Archival photos: Hollins College, C. U., B Roll	undated
2	6	Archival photos: Hollins College, C. U., B Roll	undated
2	7	Archival photos: Hollins College, C. U., B Roll	undated
3	1	Archival photos: Hollins College, Loyola University	undated
3	2	Archival photos: Hollins College Reel #1	undated
3	3	Archival photos: Hollins College Reel #2	undated
3	4	Archival photos: Loyola University	undated
3	5	Archival photos: Mills College "Press Book"	undated
3	6	Archival photos: Mills College "Press Book," Mount Holyoke College	undated
4	1	Archival photos: Mount Holyoke College "College Book"	undated
4	2	Archival photos: Mount Holyoke College "Memory Book"	undated
4	3	Archival photos: Mount Holyoke College, Smithsonian, Barnard College, Wellesley College	undated
4	4	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1930s, A Roll	undated
4	5	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1930s, B Roll	undated
4	6	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1940s and 1950s, A Roll	undated
5	1	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1940s and 1950s, B Roll	undated
5	2	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1950s and 1960s, A Roll	undated
5	3	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1950s and 1960s, B Roll	undated
5	4	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1970s, A Roll	undated
5	5	Archival photos: Mundelein College 1970s, B Roll	undated
5	6	Archival photos: Mundelein College, Mixed periods	undated
6	1	Archival photos: Mundelein College, Mixed periods, Reel #2	undated
6	2	Archival photos: Mundelein College, Selects	undated
6	3	Archival photos: Northwestern University	undated
6	4	Archival photos: Oberlin College, Smithsonian	undated
6	5	*A College of Their Own*: Copy	undated
6	6	*A College of Their Own*: Dub	undated
7	1	*A College of Their Own*: Master Part I	undated
7	2	*A College of Their Own*: Master Part II	undated
7	3	*A College of Their Own*: Master Part II, Revised	undated
7	4	*A College of Their Own*: Master Part III	undated
7	5	*A College of Their Own*: Master Voiceover	undated
7	6	*A College of Their Own*: Music, Bryn Mawr	undated
8	1	*A College of Their Own*: Test Voiceover	undated
8	2	*A College of Their Own*: Voiceover – Work copy	undated
8	3	FOX News Chicago: Mundelein merger [digitized]	1991
8	4	Interview: Claudia Ford (1 of 2) January 24 [digitized]	1992
8	5	Interview: Claudia Ford (2 of 2) and Monique Simms, January 24 [digitized]	1992

8	6	Interview: Arleen Ramos and Karen Veverka (1 of 2), January 31 [digitized]	1992
9	1	Interview: Karen Veverka (2 of 2) and Megan McCarthy (1 of 2), January 31 [digitized]	1992
9	2	Interview: Megan McCarthy (part 2 of 2) and Sylvia Chakiris (1 of 2), January 31 [digitized]	1992
9	3	Interview: Sylvia Chakiris (2 of 2) and Margaret Ivo (1 of 2), January 31 [digitized]	1992
9	4	Interview: Margaret Ivo (2 of 2), January 3 [digitized]	1992
9	5	Interview: M. Schroeder and Anne Laker (1 of 2), February 7 [digitized]	1992
9	6	Interview: Anne Laker (2 of 2), February 7 [digitized]	1992
10	1	Interview: Victoria Higgins, February 7 [digitized]	1992
10	2	Interview: Carolyn Farrell, BVM (1 of 3), March 24 [digitized]	1992
10	3	Interview: Carolyn Farrell, BVM (2 of 3), March 24 [digitized]	1992
10	4	Interview: Carolyn Farrell, BVM (3 of 3) and Mary Griffin (1 of 3), March 24 [digitized]	1992
10	5	Interview: Mary Griffin (2 of 3), March 24 [digitized]	1992
10	6	Interview: Mary Griffin (3 of 3), March 24 [digitized]	1992
11	1	Interview: Prudence Moylan (1 of 4), March 24 [digitized]	1992
11	2	Interview: Prudence Moylan (2 of 4), March 24 [digitized]	1992
11	3	Interview: Prudence Moylan (3 of 4), March 24 [digitized]	1992
11	4	Interview: Prudence Moylan (4 of 4), March 24 [digitized]	1992
11	5	Interview: Gloria Callaci, March 27 [digitized]	1992
11	6	Interview: Mary DeCock, BVM (1 of 2), March 27 [digitized]	1992
12	1	Interview: Mary DeCock, BVM (2 of 2), March 27 [digitized]	1992
12	2	Interview: Deborah L. Holmes (1 of 2), March 27 [digitized]	1992
12	3	Interview: Deborah L. Holmes (2 of 2), March 27 [digitized]	1992
12	4	Interview: Kathleen McCourt (1 of 2), March 27 [digitized]	1992
12	5	Interview: Kathleen McCourt (2 of 2), March 27 [digitized]	1992
12	6	Interview: Ron Walker (1 of 3), March 31 [digitized]	1992
13	1	Interview: Ron Walker (2 of 3), March 31 [digitized]	1992
13	2	Interview: Ron Walker (3 of 3), March 31 [digitized]	1992
13	3	Interview: Suzanne Gossett (1 of 2), May 7 [digitized]	1992
13	4	Interview: Suzanne Gossett (2 of 2) and Judith Wittner (1 of 3), May 7 [digitized]	1992
13	5	Interview: Judith Wittner (2 of 3), May 7 [digitized]	1992
13	6	Interview: Judith Wittner (3 of 3) and Barbara Bardes (1 of 2), May 7 [digitized]	1992
14	1	Interview: Caroll Canas and Barbara Bardes (2 of 2), May 7 [digitized]	1992
14	2	Interview: Patricia Ewers and Mundelein entrance, May [digitized]	1992
14	3	Interview: Irene M. Bermudez and Valerie J. Bashaw (1 of 2) [digitized]	1992
14	4	Interview: Valerie J. Bashaw (2 of 2) [digitized]	1992

14	5	Interview: Roberta Hill [digitized]	1992
14	6	Interview: Ann Ida Gannon, BVM (1 of 4), September 11 [digitized]	1992
15	1	Interview: Ann Ida Gannon, BVM (2 of 4), September 11 [digitized]	1992
15	2	Interview: Ann Ida Gannon, BVM (3 of 4), September 11 [digitized]	1992
15	3	Interview: Ann Ida Gannon, BVM (4 of 4), September 11 [digitized]	1992
15	4	Interview: Maria Melendez, May 4 [digitized]	1993
15	5	Interview: Lisa Franklin (1 of 2), May 4 [digitized]	1993
15	6	Interview: Lisa Franklin (2 of 2) and Evelyn Castaneda (1 of 2), May 4 [digitized]	1993
16	1	Interview: Evelyn Castaneda (2 of 2), May 4 [digitized]	1993
16	2	KTVU News Tape: Mills College	1990
16	3	L. S.	undated
16	4	Mundelein College footage: Exterior and interior	undated
16	5	Mundelein College graduation	1992
16	6	News Watch #1	1986
17	1	Unidentified	undated
17	2	Unidentified	undated