

Guide to the Barnard Magazine BC11.08

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Summary Information

Repository:	Barnard Archives and Special Collections
Creator:	Barnard College. Alumnae Association
Title:	Barnard Magazine
Date [inclusive]:	1912-2017
Physical Description:	7.77 Linear Feet 40 bound volumes, including two magazine indexes; four boxes of loose files.
Physical Location:	This collection is located in the Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library.
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This collection consists of magazines compiled into bound volumes from 1912-2010. Duplicate issues, from 1935-1994, and issues from 2011-2017, are loose and boxed. There are also two bound volumes of indexes for the magazines dating from 1912 to 1959.

Preferred Citation

Barnard Magazine, 1912-2017; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.

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Historical Background

The Barnard College Alumnae Magazine provides a way for alums to stay in touch with each other and to learn about developments in the Barnard community. The Magazine was first published in 1912 by the Barnard Alumnae Association. The name of the publication changed sporadically. Originally called the "Bulletin of the Associate Alumnae," it became the "Barnard College Alumnae Monthly," the "Barnard College Alumnae Magazine," and finally "Barnard Magazine." Initially the Magazine was published once a year; today it is published quarterly. Initial issues were helmed by Dean Gildersleeve, who wrote most of the material. Advertisements were introduced in 1921, and photographs in 1922. The first color in the Barnard Magazine was used in full page advertisements for cigarettes that appeared in 1930. Initially, lists were published of marriages, moves, and divorces. Later issues saw each class assigned a 'correspondent' who published news of class members in personal columns. Alums were asked to write in with personal news, which was published in the back pages of the Magazine. During the 1970s

the Magazine's focus became more general with articles being written about the state of the world from the perspective of Barnard alums, rather than focusing merely on College activities. Barnard Magazine was originally sent out to paying members of the Alumnae Association, but is now sent to all Barnard alums. Materials published in the Magazine offer a unique narrative of the College's history. Articles, interviews, and notices intended for alums often acknowledge and comment on important events not only at Barnard (for example, student movements or historically significant administrative decisions), but also in New York City. The collection is useful for chronicling Barnard alums and maintaining records of students' lives after Barnard.

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Collection Scope and Content Summary

The Magazine contains photographs of faculty, staff, and alums; advertisements for books published by Barnard professors and alums; lists of alums; calendars of events; business and professional directories for alums; correspondence from overseas alums; and articles detailing changes in faculty, programs, and campus structure at Barnard. Early features of the publication are columns about developments in personal lives, reprints of commencement programs, and paraphrases of material discussed at informal alumnae teas and luncheons. The publication also contains histories of college institutions, such as Holly House and the Barnard College Thrift Store. Also of note are articles on changing standards in higher education.

Duplicate copies of bound volumes v.1 (May 1912-June 1949), v.2 (October 1949-July 1959), 31-34 (1941-1945), 39-41 (1949-1952), 50-52 (Fall 1960-Summer 1963), 53-55 (Fall 1963-Summer 1966), 62-63 (Fall 1972-Summer 1974), 64-65 (Fall 1974-Summer 1976), 66-67 (Fall 1976-Summer 1978), 70-71 (Fall 1980-Summer 1982), and 76-77 (Fall 1986-Summer 1988).

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Collection Arrangement

Bound volumes are ordered chronologically, from 1912-2010. Loose issues are also ordered chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Publication Rights

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Virginia Young, 1974. Transferred from the office of Alumnae Affairs in 1975. Additional acquisitions in 1977, 2015, and 2017.

Accruals

Additions are expected.

Processing History

This collection was processed by Martha Tenney and Shannon O'Neill, and the finding aid written by Johana Godfrey in 2011. This finding aid was updated by Alex Hastings in June 2016. This finding aid was updated by Joan Hsiao in April 2018.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Barnard College -- Alumni and alumnae

- College publications

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Bound volumes and indices, 1912-2010	volume 1-40
Loose issues, 1935-1994	box 1
Loose issues, 2005-2015	box 2
Loose issues, 2011-2014	box 3
Loose issues, 2015-2017	box 4
Duplicates, 1912-1988	box 5