Guide to the Barnard College Alumnae Magazine
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# Summary Information

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<th>Repository</th>
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<td>Title</td>
<td>Barnard College Alumnae Magazine</td>
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<td>Date [inclusive]</td>
<td>1912-2015</td>
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<td>Extent</td>
<td>7.77 Linear feet ; 40 bound volumes, including two magazine indexes; four boxes of loose files.</td>
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<td>Abstract</td>
<td>This collection consists of magazines compiled into bound volumes from 1912-2010. Duplicate issues, from 1935-1994, and issues from 2011-2015, are loose and boxed. There are also two bound volumes of indexes for the magazines dating from 1912 to 1959.</td>
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**Preferred Citation**

Alumnae Magazine, 1912-2015; Box and Folder; Barnard Archives and Special Collections, Barnard Library, Barnard College.
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 Alumnae.” Initially the Magazine was published once a year; today it is published quarterly. The Magazine is run by a committee of Barnard alumns. 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 Alumnae 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. Alumns were asked to write in with personal news, which was published in the back pages of the Magazine. This practice was abandoned during the 1970s, when the Magazine’s focus became more general, with articles being written about the state of the world from the perspective of Barnard alumns, rather than focusing merely on College activities. The Alumnae Magazine was originally sent out to paying members of the Alumnae Association, but is now sent to all Barnard alumns. Materials published in the Magazine offer a unique narrative of the College’s history. Articles, interviews, and notices intended for alumns 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 alumns and maintaining records of students’ lives after Barnard.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

The Magazine contains photographs of faculty, staff, and alumns; advertisements for books published by Barnard professors and alumns; lists of alumns; calendars of events; business and professional directories for alumns; correspondence from overseas alumns; 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.
Collection Arrangement

Bound volumes are ordered chronologically, from 1912-2015. Loose issues are also ordered chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

Additions are expected.

Acquisition Information


Processing History

This collection was processed by Martha Tenney and Shannon O'Neil, and the finding aid written by Johana Godfrey in 2011. This finding aid was updated by Alex Hastings in June 2016.
Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

• Barnard College--Alumni and alumnae
• College publications
## Collection Inventory

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