

Barnard College Archives
Administrative Publications
College Activities Office
2 document boxes

Description:

In Barnard Archives' collection the first orientation booklet for incoming first-years (Class of 1953) entitled "This is Barnard" dates back to 1949 and was compiled by a staff of current first-years (Class of 1952). It had a roster of current students, an index of campus activities and general terms used by students. Over the years, the staffs who produced these booklets displayed their humor and enthusiasm for Barnard by using themes such as the Peanut Gallery (Barnard in a Nutshell, 1967) or the story of Alice in Wonderland (The Barnard Alice, 1966) in their explanations of student life. They spoke of the challenges of attending a women's college and their limited access to Columbia and its resources. Barnard students had to obtain permission to attend Columbia courses in 1970s and were not permitted to even do so in previous years. Beginning with the 1995 New Student Orientation Schedule Book, the planning and coordination of first-year orientation fell under the umbrella of the University and applied to the four undergraduate colleges: Barnard, Columbia, General Studies, and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. These schedule books detail new students' first week on campus before classes begin. Numerous activities and information sessions are held to help matriculates acclimate to college life. Also included are restaurant and store advertisements. In and after 1997 separate schedule books were published for transferring and visiting students. These contained much of the same information with some separate events specifically for these students since they were not just beginning their college experiences. Two Parent Handbooks are also in this collection and address the concerns of those who may be suffering from empty nest syndrome or worry about the safety of their children in New York City.

Box 1: Orientation Booklets

- Folder 1 This is Barnard (1949)
- Folder 2 This is Barnard (ca. 1950s) 3 copies
- Folder 3 Z is for Barnard (1961) 2 copies
- Folder 4 Happiness is a Honey Bear (1963)
- Folder 5 The New New Yorkers (1965) 2 copies
- Folder 6 The Barnard Alice (1966) 2 copies
- Folder 7 Morningside Heights (1966)
- Folder 8 Barnard in a Nutshell (1967) 2 copies
- Folder 9 For Immediate Action/Your Freshman Year (1971) 2 copies
- Folder 10 Columbia-Barnard Orientation (1972)
- Folder 11 Is it safe to cross the street (1972)
- Folder 12 Columbia-Barnard Orientation (1973)
- Folder 13 Columbia-Barnard Orientation (1974) 2 copies
- Folder 14 Barnard Street Smarts (ca. 1980s) 3 copies
- Folder 15 Orientation (1987)
- Folder 16 BC Guide: Fall Preview (1992)
- Folder 17 NSOP Schedule Book (1995)
- Folder 18 NSOP Schedule Book (1996) 2 copies

Folder 19 Academic Acropolis (1970-1989) 2 copies

Box 2: NSOP Schedule Books

Folder 20 NSOP Schedule Book for Class of 2001 (1997)

Folder 20 NSOP Schedule Book for Transfer Students (1997)

Folder 21 NSOP Schedule Book for First Years (1998) 2 copies

Folder 22 NSOP Schedule Book for Transfers (1998) 2 copies

Folder 23 NSOP Schedule Book for Class of 2003 (1999) 2 copies

Folder 23 NSOP Schedule Book for Transfers (1999)

Folder 24 NSOP Schedule Book: CU on the Road (2003)

Folder 25 NSOP Schedule Book for First Years: The Game of Life (2004) 2 copies

Folder 26 NSOP Schedule Book for Transfers and Visitors: The Game of Life (2004)

Folder 26 NSOP Guide to Social Events (2004)

Folder 27 NSOP Schedule Book for Transfers and Visitors: Time Out Barnard (2005)

Folder 28 NSOP Schedule Book for First Years: All Access Pass (2007)

Folder 29 Parents Handbook (1997)

Folder 29 Parent Handbook (2004)

Folder 29 Parent Handbook (2007)