

Alumni Association records

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Summary Information

Repository	University Archives, Texas State University
Title	Alumni Association records
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1940-1944
Date [inclusive]	1900-1949
Extent	0.5 Linear feet
Location note	Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice may be required for use.
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

The Ex-Student's Association was an early name for Texas State University's Alumni Association.

Dudley R. Dobie served as secretary of the Ex-Student's Association during the 1940s. Former students wrote to Dobie and the Ex-Student's Association to receive issues of the College Star newspaper by mail for a \$1 fee. The College Star newspaper served as a means of connecting with fellow students, faculty, friends and family members; this was especially important during the tumultuous years of World War II.

In their letters to Dobie, many former students shared personal accounts of their lives, and many related their experiences serving in the U.S. military during World War II. Southwest Texas State alumni were stationed in various locations including Africa, Europe, and the South Pacific, and in various sites around the United States. Some female alumni served in roles such as the Women's Army Auxilliary Corps (WAACS) and the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. Former students living and working on the homefront were also among those corresponding with Dobie.

During this period, the Ex-Student's Association sought to raise funds for the purchase of a new pipe organ for the campus auditorium.

Scope and Contents note

The Alumni Association records are comprised of correspondence, photographs and ephemera dating from the early 1900s to the 1940s. The records consist primarily of handwritten and typed correspondence from former Southwest Texas students during the 1940s, including those serving in the U.S. military during World War II. Items such as newspaper articles and military press releases are enclosed with some of the letters.

Two of the three ephemera items are World War II-related--a radio script and sheet music dating from 1944.

A small quantity of photographs of college presidents, faculty, buildings and campus scenes from this period also are included.

Dudley Dobie served as secretary of the Ex-Student's Association during the 1940s. Dobie received and managed requests for newspapers to be sent to service members and ex-students; simple changes of address and other administrative correspondence are also among the materials found.

Arrangement note

Materials are arranged by format and chronologically within each format.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Archives, Texas State University

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restriction.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See the University Museum Collection, 80.300.UnivMuseum, and the Dudley R. Dobie, Sr. Papers, 90.200.Faculty.2016.Dobie, for additional materials relating to Dudley R. Dobie.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Southwest Texas State Normal College.
- Southwest Texas State Normal School.
- Southwest Texas State Teachers College.

Correspondence

Collection Inventory

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Scope and Contents note

Contains correspondence related to the first band uniforms, the College Star, Homecoming, and the military service of alumni.

	Box	Folder
1934, 1949	1	1
1940s	1	2
1942	1	3
1943	1	4-7
1944	1	8-9
Photographs 1900-1946	Box	Folder
	1	10

Scope and Contents note

Images include: souvenir cards with images of campus; portrait of Thomas Green Harris and Mrs. Harris; campus building; images of various campus faculty or administrators, circa 1946, including President John Garland Flowers and Dean H.E. Speck.

Ephemera

Ephemera circa 1944**Box****Folder**

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Scope and Contents note

Radio script of college program, station KTBC, Jan. 12, 1944; sheet music, "Please Don't Cry: Dedicated to All Our Absent Soldier Boys" by A. T. Rumsey, Austin, Texas, 1944; card embossed with Southwest Texas State Teachers College emblem.