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Finding Aid for Betty Bainbridge Pittman Papers

Title: Betty Bainbridge Pittman, Class of 1939, 1940

Administrative Information: Collection open to researchers. Special Collections. Lane Library. Armstrong Atlantic State University. 11935 Abercorn Street Savannah GA 31419-1997.

Preferred Citation: Betty Bainbridge Pittman Papers. Alumni Papers. Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Campus, Lane Library. Special Collections. Savannah GA, 31419-1997. Box/Folder number.

Physical Description: Two folders.

Accession Number:04-2 Location: Box 901 Alumni Papers files 17 and 18

Collection processed by: Brittany Holman

Latest revision of Finding Aid: November 2005, 2/2019, 3/2024

Biographical Note:

Betty (Elizabeth) Bainbridge was born in 1919. She attended the 49th Street School (Charles Ellis Elementary) and graduated from Savannah High School in 1937. Started Armstrong Junior College in September 1937. While attending Armstrong, Betty was involved in the Honors Society, the Home Economics Club, and the Delta Chi Sorority. She was also a member of the 1939 Women's Tennis Team and the 1939 and 1940 Women's Basketball Teams. Betty Bainbridge received two degrees from Armstrong Junior College: Associate in Liberal Arts (1939) and Associate in Commerce (1940).

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a two and a half page, hand-written autobiography of Betty Bainbridge Pittman's years at Armstrong Junior College. The autobiography gives details about the Delta Chi Sorority and their events, Armstrong's athletic teams and coach, the creation of the Student Senate and Honors Society, the Savannah Playhouse, the composers of the Armstrong pep song, fight song and alma mater, various faculty sponsors, and interesting remarks about student life.

Also included are programs for the First Commencement and Honors Day (1937), Sophomore Alumni Luncheon with Betty's photograph on cover (1940), First Annual Session of the Armstrong College Institute of Citizens, and the 1939 Armstrong Class 50th Reunion (1989). An admission ticket and invitation to the Fourth Commencement (1940) and both of her degree certificates are a part of the collection. Armstrong State College Short Course Bulletin of 1966, an information brochure about Armstrong State College (approximately 1966), and a page out of the Armstrong Magazine's Alumni section (mid-1990s) are pieces of memorabilia collected by Mrs. Pittman.

Photocopies of newspaper clippings are a main element of the papers. Articles from The Inkwell dating to 1937 through 1940 about social and athletic events as well as articles from the Savannah Morning News and Savannah Morning News Magazine featuring topics about the expansion of the downtown campus, the fate of the downtown campus after the move to the Southside campus, and the addition of 13 PhDs to the faculty all date to the early and mid 1960s.

The second folder exclusively contains the original newspaper clippings that are include in the first folder as photocopies.

Descriptors: Delta Chi, sororities, athletics, basketball, football, ping pong, tennis, student live, faculty sponsors, Honors Society, Student Senate, Home Economics Club, Associate in Liberal Arts, Associate in Commerce, Savannah High, Class of 1939, Class of 1940, athletic championships, commencement, Armstrong Mansion, Downtown campus, Southside campus, Institute of Citizenship, Geechees

Named Persons: Margaret Spencer Lubbs, Ivey M. Shivers, Jr., Stacy Keach, Mary Keach, Stacy Keach, Jr., John Tyre, Evelyn Nathan, Mrs. John Dyer, Claude Wilson, Doris Faulk Stillman.

Named Corporations:

Photographed Persons: Betty Bainbridge

Organization and Arrangement: By archivist. Two folders. (Second folder contains only the original newspaper clippings that are present as photocopies in the first folder)

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