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Peabody Celebration

On March 10, the Archives participated in Winthrop's celebration of Peabody Gymnasium. Following a delicious lunch, we presented a PowerPoint of photographs on Winthrop's history and the Physical Education Department as well as a style show of Winthrop uniforms from the Archives. Faculty and students from the Health and Physical Education Department served as models. The assembled guests provided us with a lot of great memories from Winthrop's past and we all had a marvelous time and a lot of fun. Farewell to Peabody! Hello to the West Center!



Aimee Aytes in 1940s uniform



l. to r.: Professors Janet Wojcik, Debra Krotish, and Kristi Schoepfer in 1940s band uniforms

Alumni Reunion Weekend Display

On April 20 and 21 the Archives will have an exhibit of Winthrop memorabilia in the recently renovated Little Chapel for Alumni Weekend. We will be exhibiting uniforms from the 1890s, 1920s, 30s, 40s, and 50s; photographs from the early history of Winthrop, D.B. Johnson's pince-nez, early Winthrop documents, memorabilia of all kinds and much more. The exhibit will be open on Friday, April 20 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Archives staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Please come by to see the display and the Little Chapel.



Class of 1891



May Day 1929

Digitized Collections



Little Chapel Reconstruction 1936

The Archives has added eight more digitized collections to our Web site since December with eight more ready to be added within the next couple of months. We added images of The Little Chapel, The Swanks, James Pinckney Kinard, and Shelton Phelps. From the manuscript collection we have created new records and added images from the Robert H. Marett Papers and Matt Christopher Papers. Additional images have been added to the John R. Schorb Papers. We have added the complete texts of the Winthrop Catalogs for 1892-1893 and 1893-1894 as well as the “Prospectus of the Winthrop Normal and Industrial College” printed in 1895. By the end of June we should have digitized collections for Henry Sims, Winthrop Uniforms, Peabody Gymnasium, Carnegie Library, Winthrop Training School, the Canteen, the Laying of the Cornerstone at Winthrop [1895], and the Martha Thomas Fitzgerald Papers.

Trees on Campus

As the newsletter is being composed, the wind has blown over one of Winthrop’s noble oak trees, just across Oakland Avenue from the Library. The photograph on the left was taken about 1913 or 1914 not long after Winthrop Training School/Withers building was completed. The marked tree is the one we believe fell. The photograph on the right is the same tree about 70 years later (early 1980s). The ensuing twenty years added even more girth. These photographs illustrate how small trees can become majestic trees in just 90 years.



For information on the Archives’ collections and holdings, how to donate historical material, or how you can help, contact:

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