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Lady's stick

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Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 16.3

Item Number: 1

Item Number Range: 1

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1923-1966

Physical Description: 90 cm

History /

Biographical:

Lady and Senior Stick were honorific positions that existed during the Brandon College era. The offices of Senior Stick and Lady Stick were replaced by the offices of President and Vice-President of the Brandon College Students' Association on January 29, 1966. The change was the result of proposed changes to the B.C.S.A. constitution passed almost unanimously by the student body; the office of President enabled a co-ed to hold the highest student office, which was impossible under the previous system. Following the change in 1966, the Class Presidents were renamed faculty Sticks. At some point during the Brandon University era the faculty Stick positions were renamed faculty commissioners. The use of "stick" appears to be a particularly Canadian one.

The stick of office was carried by the incumbent as a symbol of his or her position.

Like the sticks of office at other universities and colleges in Canada, the Brandon Lady's stick is composed of an elongated wooden rod, painted or stained dark, with a metal bottom cap and an ornamental metal top in silver. The Brandon College Lady's stick also contains silver rings dating from the 1923-1924 school year, each ring containing the name of the Lady Stick chosen for that year.

It was also customary to attach a ribbon(s) in the college colours (blue and gold) to the stick. The ribbons attached to the Brandon College Lady's stick were donated by the 1954-1955 Lady Stick Verda Peden (McDonald) in 2006.

Scope and Content:

Item is the Brandon College Lady's stick.

Notes:

Information in the History/Bio field was adapted from Wikipedia at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senior_Stick (October 2006). Additional History/Bio information was taken from the March 1966 issue of Alumni News.

The Lady's stick was previously displayed in a glass fronted display case donated by the Class of 1966. Unfortunately, two holes were drilled in the stick to anchor it to the display case. The Senior stick was also displayed in the same case, however at some point prior to 1997 it disappeared from the display case.

The silver rings and crown on the stick easily tarnish, but can be shined with any silver polish.

Part of BU 16.3 Artifacts - other.

Name Access: Aleta Stewart (1923-1924)
Kathleen Kenner
Rose J. Vasey
Ruth Buement
Doris M. Cochrane
Bertha Clark
Mary Dunkin
Lois Gainer
Phyllis Blandford
Ruth Thornton
Eileen Metcalfe
Marion I. Thomson
Ruth J. Bell
Doris M. Fraser
Mary S. Murray
Elva L. Way
Gwen E. Dobbie
Ruth H. Hunter
Alix A. Meadows
Doreen J. Bolstad
Iva J. Delamater
Lenore G. Gusdal
F. Elizabeth Northcott
Doreen M. Rowse
Eunice M. Hunter
Marjory E. Flemming
Margaret L. Gerow
Patricia A. Magnacca
F. Joan Garnett
Mary Jane McLachlan
Olga A. Evaskow
Verda Peden
Jean Hannah
Barbara Mills
Elaine Fraser
Barbara Russell
Regina Armstrong
Penelope Smith
Florence English
Verna Moore
Poppy Cumming
Anne Franklin
Terry Moore (1965-1966)

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Related Material: Biographical information for Aleta Stewart can be found in the November 1970 issue of Alumni News, p. 23.