

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Literary shield program costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10095>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.2

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of (L to R): Dorothy Webb (?), Dorreene McGuinness and Ruth Wade in costume for the Class of 1933's program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Dorothy Flora Webb

Dorreene Louise McGuinness

Ruth Alverda Wade

Literary Shield

Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities

drama

costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page three of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Literary shield program costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10096>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.7

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.5" x 3.25" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of (L to R): Marionne Scott (?), Agnes Lund and Ruth Thornton in costume for the Class of 1933's program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Marionne Scott  
Agnes Merle Lund  
Ruth Thornton  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Related Material: Marionne Scott fonds (MG 2 2.29)

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Literary shield program costumes

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10097>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item



Series Number: MG 2 2.33  
Item Number: 23-2009.4  
Accession Number: 23-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1932-1933  
Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)  
Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of (L to R): Dorothy Webb (?), Dorreene McGuinness and Ruth Wade in costume for the Class of 1933's program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Dorothy Flora Webb  
Dorreene Louise McGuinness  
Ruth Alverda Wade  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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Class of 1933 girls in costume for the literary shield



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10098>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2003.5

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the girls from the Class of 1933 in costume for their program in the Literary Shield competition. Back Row (L to R): Viola Olmstead or Margaret Strachan, Marionne Scott (?), Agnes Lund, Dorothy Webb (?), Ruth Wade, Elenanor McKinnon (?), ? and Dorreene McGuinness. Front Row (L to R): Ruth Thornton, Grace Armstrong, ?, Grace Hopkins and Florence Simpson.

Name Access: Edith Louise Batho  
Dorothy Flora Webb  
Dorreene Louise McGuinness  
Ruth Alverda Wade  
Viola Olmstead  
Margaret Evelyn Strachan  
Agnes Merle Lund  
Eleanor Madeleine McKinnon  
Ruth Thornton  
Grace Armstrong  
Grace Darling Hopkins  
Florence Simpson  
Literary Shield  
Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities  
drama  
costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer  
23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Class of 1933 girls in costume for the literary shield

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10099>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.6

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1932-1933

Physical Description: 2.25" x 3.5" (b/w)

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the girls from the Class of 1933 in costume for their program in the Literary Shield competition.

Name Access: Literary Shield

Class of 1933

Subject Access: student activities

drama

costumes

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page five of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Cast of The Swan

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10102>

Part Of: Ruth and Archie MacLachlan fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: MG 2 2.33

Item Number: 23-2009.10

Accession Number: 23-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1933-1934

Physical Description: 3.5" x 2.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

The Swan is a three-act comedy written by Ferenc Molnar. The production was staged during the 1933-1934 academic year and directed by Miss Marjorie B. McKenzie. For additional information about the production see page 32 of the 1934 Sickle.

Custodial History:

See fonds level description for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Photograph of the cast of The Swan. Front Row, second from the left: Archie MacLachlan as Father Hyacinth. Front Row, second from the right: Ruth Wade as Princes Maria Dominica.

Name Access: The Swan

Marjorie McKenzie

Subject Access: student activities

drama

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer

23-2009

Arrangement:

Photograph is from page seven of Ruth MacLachlan's scrapbook.

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## Gordon Lindsay collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10247>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series



Series Number: MG 2 2.36  
Accession Number: 7-2010  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1943-1946  
Physical Description: 2.5 cm  
Physical Condition: Generally good. Some tears. Issues located first and last in the folders Lindsay stored them in are missing sections where the page stuck to the folder.

#### History /

##### Biographical:

James Gordon Lindsay was born June 16, 1925 in Minneapolis, Minnesota where his father, James Lindsay, a Brandon pioneer from Northern Ireland, had been working for the Coca Cola Bottling Company. In November 1925, the Lindsay family moved back to Brandon where they lived at 547 16th Street.

Lindsay attended Park School, Earl Oxford Junior High School and Brandon Collegiate. In September 1943, he entered 2nd Year at Brandon College, joining the Class of 1946. Due to past experience in publishing the BCI yearbook, he was drafted into The Board of Publications and named Co-editor of the Quill along with third year student Genevieve Fuloski. Lindsay and Fuloski held their positions for two years. Because of the war, money and supplies were in short supply and the Quill at one point was reduced to mimeographed pages. While Editor Lindsay wrote The eggshell-Slightly Cracked column.

Lindsay was named Senior Stick in 1945 and graduated from Brandon College with a B.Sc. in 1946. He obtained both his MSc (1948) and PhD (1951) in Physical Chemistry from McMaster University.

During his time in Hamilton, Lindsay met Shirley Woolmer and the couple married on September 2, 1950. They moved to Arvida, Quebec in 1951 where Lindsay accepted an offer from Aluminium Laboratories Limited, the research arm of Alcan Aluminium Ltd. The couple remained in Arvida for twenty-two years, during which time they had four children: Sharon, Heather, Geoffrey and David.

In 1973, Lindsay was transferred to Alcan's head office in Montreal where he spent the next three years co-ordinating alumina research in Alcan plants around the world. In 1976, he accepted a transfer to Alcan Jamaica as Chief Technical Officer and Manager of Technical Development. He and Shirley spent nearly eight years in Jamaica before returning to Canada in 1984. After a year at Alcan's Research Centre in Kingston, ON Lindsay took early retirement.

During their years in Jamaica Lindsay had been introduced to Rotary and he continued his association with the organization in Kingston where for fifteen years he was Bulletin editor of the Kingston-Frontenac Rotary Club. In addition to Rotary, Lindsay (along with his wife) took up genealogy in his retirement and after fifteen years of extensive travel and research he became his Lindsay family's historian and author of The Lindsays of Dundonald.

For three years in the late 1980s Lindsay served as a representative on the Brandon University Alumni Executive for Eastern Canada. Along with his wife he attended two class reunions at Brandon University including his 50th Re-convocation in 1996.

At present (June 2010) Gordon Lindsay continues to live in Kingston, ON with his wife.

##### Custodial History:

Materials remained in Gordon Lindsay's possession from time of creation until he donated them to the Archives on September 4, 2009.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of copies of the Quill, including:

1942-1943: No. 11 (January 26, 1943)

1943-1944: Nos. 2, 12, 14 (October 20, 1943, February 2, 1944, February 16, 1944)

1944-1945: Nos. 1-5 and 7-12

1945-1946: Nos. 1-10 (11 issues as there are two labelled No. 4)

Notes: History/Bio information provided by Gordon Lindsay. Description by Christy Henry.

Subject Access: **newspapers**  
**student activities**

Storage Location: Incorporated into RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
14.5.3.1 The Quill editions



## Anniversary card contest

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10986>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: 11-2010.A11b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c. 1960  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

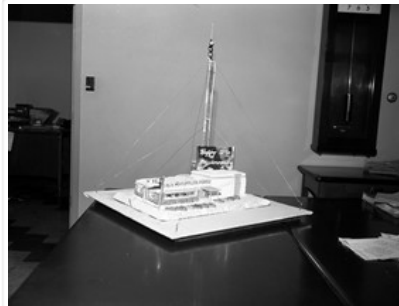
Image of an anniversary cake in the shape of the CKX TV studio building, compliments of the Prince Edward Hotel.

Name Access: CKX Television  
Subject Access: television broadcasting  
displays  
contests  
anniversaries  
cakes

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Mr. and Mrs. (Pop) Summers (50th anniversary)

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13220>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S44  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of Mr. and Mrs. Summers.

Name Access: CKX  
Subject Access: persons  
anniversaries  
house interiors  
cakes  
Food

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Robert Troy Blair fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13300>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Accession Number: 18-2013  
GMD: multiple media

Date Range: September 1950 - June 1954

Physical Description: 2 scrapbooks (7.5 cm)

Physical Condition: Excellent

History /

Biographical:

Robert (Bob) Troy Blair was born on March 11, 1930 in Brandon, MB. His first six years were spent in Alexander, MB, where his father and uncle operated a grocery store. In 1936, his family moved to Souris, MB, where his father ran a grocery store. Blair received his primary and high school education, with the exception of Grade 12, in Souris.

Blair remembers his school years in Souris as mainly happy years. He was involved with both piano and organ music lessons. He was never interested in physical sports with the exception of golf. World War II broke out in September of 1939. Souris became the site of #17 SFTS and home base for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Many of the service men came from England, Australia and New Zealand. Blair's mother always entertained at least two for dinner every Sunday. Rationing of sugar, tea and coffee, butter and meat became a way of life. Blair had the job every Saturday of pasting the ration coupons into booklets. It was also when he was in Grade 6, that Blair realized he was more attracted to boys than to girls. Perhaps it was because so many attractive airmen surrounded him!

In November of 1947, the Blair family relocated to Alexander where Bob Blair finished his Grade 11. This was not a good year due to bullying. In September of 1948, Blair moved to Winnipeg to attend United College for his Grade 12. Upon completion of Grade 12, Blair remained in Winnipeg until June 1950. He worked at a number of businesses - Gestetner, Eaton's Mail Order shoe department, Maple Leaf Milling, and the drug store in the Medical Arts Building. In September 1950, he entered Brandon College. Blair was very active in extra-curricular affairs while at Brandon College; particularly drama. Following his B.A. he enrolled in the Education Faculty, having decided to become a teacher.

Blair's teaching career spanned 34 years. All but one year was spent in the Brandon School Division. On his first day of teaching in the Division he met the man with whom he would spend the next 46 years. He was primarily a teacher of English and Music. A highlight of his career was exchange teaching in Sacramento, California in 1961. Orientation for exchange took place in August in Washington, D.C., where Blair had the opportunity to meet President J.F. Kennedy. He vividly recalls the morning that JFK was assassinated on November 22, 1963. In September 1965, Blair assumed the principalship of Park School and in September of 1969, the same position at George Fitton School where he remained until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Brandon Principals' Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and served as President of the Brandon Teachers' Association. Among his major accomplishments during his time as principal were the introduction of a centralized school library in both Park and George Fitton Schools and the integration of special needs students into regular classroom situations wherever possible. He was made a Life Member of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (Brandon) in June 1990. Following his retirement Blair worked as a Library Automation Consultant (1989-1993).

Blair also had numerous community involvements during his time in Brandon. He was active in the Brandon Little Theatre (Best Actor Award, Manitoba Drama Festival for One Act Plays in 1963), the Brandon Festival of the Arts, the Eckhardt-Gramatte National Music Competition, and Arm Industries to name a few.

Following the death of his partner in 2001, Blair moved to Saskatoon to live with a younger gay couple. He has been active in volunteerism: as an Ambassador for the Saskatoon Airport Authority, assistant with the Saskatoon Health Region's Immunization Clinics, information clerk for the Festival of Trees, data entry clerk for the Saskatoon Music Festival, on the Board of the Saskatoon Jazz Society, and Hospitality Coordinator for the Saskatoon Jazz Festival.

Robert Troy Blair died on July 2, 2024 in Saskatoon, SK. He is buried in Brandon, MB.

Custodial History:

Records were in Blair's possession until he donated them to the McKee Archives on Homecoming weekend October 2013.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of two scrapbooks containing 145 photographs and ephemera (play and graduation programs, tickets, pins, newspaper clippings) documenting Bob Blair's days at Brandon College. Social events and extra-curricular activities are heavily featured in the two scrapbooks. Also included are graduation portraits for the Classes of 1951, 1952 and 1953. Of the 145 photographs all are black and white except for two photos of the Class of '53 reconvoation (May 1993), and one from the Class of '53 reunion (2003).

Notes: History/Bio provided by Bob Blair (October 2013).

Name Access: Brandon College  
Angus Jackson  
Pat Magnacca  
Freshie Week  
Senior Stick  
Lady Stick  
Harvest Cabaret  
Sigma Mu  
Glee Club  
Bob Blair  
Jack Yeomans  
Walter Dinsdale  
Don Cronk  
Bob McPherson  
Lorne Watson  
Marg Sanderson  
Hazel Turnbull  
Claudia Dickey  
Gordon Bradley  
Terry Prysiazniuk  
Diane Lissaman  
Joan Garnett  
Doris Penstock  
Dianne Macdonald  
Ivey Graham  
Joyce Pickard  
Cathy Crawford  
Roberta Wilkie  
Marie Kullberg  
Isabel Lyon  
Shirley Pryce  
J.R.C. Evans  
Marjorie Kyles  
Jo Thordarson  
Ross George

Edward Perry  
Ernest Birkinshaw  
Barney Thordarson  
Fall Formal  
Variety Night  
Installation Night  
Paul McKinnon  
The Saga of Brandon  
Bill White  
Ron Bell  
Jerry Jerret  
Rosa Ziolkowski  
Murray Smith  
Class of 1951  
Harold Moffat  
Bill Sutherland  
Murray Coulthard  
Frank Adamski  
John McLean  
Jack Medd  
Jack Muir  
Bill Fraser  
Ken Morrison  
Clifford Kitson  
Ray Brown  
Mike Doig  
Ernie Shaw  
Jack Scott  
Doreen Dennison  
Lois Kennedy  
Lorna Prokaska  
Ferne Henderson  
Doreen Fedoruk  
Marg Leckie  
Freshie Parade  
Helen Batho  
Fred Calverly  
Jim Crawford  
Verda Peden  
Olga Evasko  
Betty Finch  
Fred Schwarok  
Jim Struthers  
Muriel Bedford  
John Brown



Freshie Royalty  
Booster Night  
Mary Jane Sexton  
Marilyn Rust  
Mildred McMurray  
Mary-Jane MacLachlan  
George Leask  
George Jakubowski  
Jack Purvis  
My Sister Eileen  
Edith Laycock  
Ivey Robbins  
Ken Campbell  
Mac Andrews  
Marion Simmons  
Arnold Minish  
Madeline Irving  
Ernie Criddle  
Don Dillistone  
Gordon Hunter  
Cathy Nelson  
Jim Kelleher  
Anne Kelleher  
Neil McKellar  
Ron Doupe  
Bruce Watson  
Neil MacKay  
Peter Prokaska  
Roger Ramsden  
Bill Bridgett  
Graham Hunt  
John Muirhead  
David Brodie  
Murray MacDonald  
Dr. Kidd  
Cam Finlay  
Blair MacRae  
Donna McPhail  
Louise Hoey  
Agnes Nicholson  
Jean Allan  
Joan Urie  
Royce Richardson  
Don Rousell  
Bill Black

Ken McNeeley  
Rosalie Prokopchuk  
Jean Morrison  
Jacice Forrest  
Fuzz Fedoruk  
Brian Davison  
Joan MacLachlan  
First International Relations Club Conference  
Minot Teachers' College  
International Peace Gardens  
Bruce McLroy  
Jean Shingfield  
Campaign Week  
Sigma Mu Dance  
Arnold Wawruch  
Jack Meyers  
Jack Hilton  
Bev Francis  
Bert Gogol  
Dick McDonald  
Frank McKinnon  
Stuart Craig  
John Blackwood  
Norman Hedison  
Bob Hilton  
John Minions  
Kay Oliver  
Mary Jane MacLachlan  
Ben Ward  
Ken Gunning  
Trevor McNeely  
Hilton Stewart  
Jerry Graham  
Bette Mitchell  
Joan Curlock  
Faye Myers  
Jean Hannah  
Mary Babuick  
Mr. College Spirit  
John Augustus McGee  
Don Dillstone  
Flora Johnson  
Del Gusdal  
Color Night  
Don Burrows

Jim Casey Trophy  
Marj Kyles  
Prince Edward Hotel  
Class Day  
Dahl Harvey  
Shirley Mitchell  
Al Burton  
Irving Bateman  
Joyce Marie Thordarson  
Eileen McFadden  
Patricia Pope  
Louise Astle  
Ariel Genik  
Western Canada Student Teacher Conference  
Brandon College Glee Club  
Be Your Age  
Ike Prokaska  
Joan Hilton  
Fred Lynch  
Garth Kidd  
Ivy Robbins  
Joyce Dunham  
Shirley Poppo  
Grand March  
Westley Wong  
Stewart Perdue  
H.V. Kidd  
J.E.M. Young  
Adelene Bailey  
Mrs. Evans  
Dennis Anderson  
Stanley Knowles  
Edward Schreyer  
Lou Visentin

Subject Access: Student government  
initiations  
student activities  
dances  
basketball  
talent shows  
drama productions  
major productions  
Hockey  
graduations  
programs  
parades  
dorm rooms  
student housing  
literary "B's"  
college letters  
class flags  
banquets

Storage Location: 2013 accessions



## Dilys Collier collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14286>

Part Of: MG 2 Brandon College students  
Description Level: Collection  
Accession Number: 14-2016  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1954-1959, 1983  
Physical Description: 14 cm textual records  
1 artifact  
Physical Condition: Some pages in the scrapbooks have fallen out and some of the glued pieces are no longer attached to pages

## History /

### Biographical:

Dilys Collier (nee Pearce) was born 4 December 1937, in the Rural Municipality of Daly near Rivers, MB. Before studying at Brandon College, Collier was educated in Bradwardine, MB. Collier graduated from Brandon College with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Pedagogy in 1958 and 1959 respectively. In 1961, Collier married a Brandon College classmate, Clare Coburn. She spent much of the next two decades working as a homemaker and mother to her three children.

After she and her husband separated in 1979, Collier decided to go back to school. In the next ten years, Collier completed a Bachelor of Education degree (1980), a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Regina (1982) and a Master of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan (1987). Across her working career, Collier held many positions including public school teacher, adult educator, social worker, researcher and personal counselor. Along with her work, Collier volunteered extensively with the Knox United Church and the Brandon Cooperative Nursing School. Through the years, she worked for a variety of organizations, including The Saskatoon Family Service Bureau and the REGina John Howard Society. Collier has lived and worked in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Swansea, Wales.

Currently (January 2017), Collier is retired and lives in Mission, BC with her husband of thirty-four years, Kenneth Collier.

### Custodial History:

The records were created and collected by Dilys Collier during her years as a student and alumna of Brandon College/University. The records were stored in her home until they were donated to the McKee Archives in 2013.

### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records created and collected by Dilys Collier as a means to document her life as a Brandon College student in the 1950s.

Included are three scrapbooks and two folders containing: newspapers and newspaper clippings from The Brandon Sun and The Quill, dealing primarily with Brandon College students, faculty and events; Brandon College administrative records such as the Clark Hall Rules, Collier's proof of registration records, her Brandon College acceptance letter, class schedules and exam timetables; photographs and programmes that cover events such as Freshie Week, dances and other student functions on campus; records documenting campus student activities, including the words to Hail Our College and various College Yells performed after student dances and other functions; decorations from fall proms and Valentine's Day dances, as well as Convocation (1958); programmes from various College convocation ceremonies; various cards Collier received, including those for her birthday and Valentine's Day; election advertisements, primarily for those students running for Student Administration "Stick" positions.

The collection also contains a green taffeta, net and rhinestone gown purchased by Collier to wear to some of the formal dances held at Brandon's Prince Edward Hotel.

Notes: History/Bio information was provided by the donor in late 2016/early 2017. Information on the green gown can be found on prairiehistory.ca. Description by Brian Erixon (October 2016) and Christy Henry.

Name Access: Dilys Collier  
Dilys Pearce  
The Quill  
Brandon Student fund  
Hail Our College

Subject Access:        **student life**  
                             **college athletics**  
                             **student productions**  
                             **college music**  
                             **student activities**  
                             **student elections**

Storage Location:    2016 accessions

Related Material:    Verda McDonald collection (16-2016)  
                             Bob Blair collection (18-2013)  
                             Clare Coburn collection (6-2010 & 5-2014)

Arrangement:  
                             One scrapbook for each academic year



## Verda McDonald collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14293>

Part Of:                MG 2 Brandon College students

Description Level:    Collection

Accession Number:    16-2016

GMD:                    multiple media

Date Range:            1951-2005

Physical Description: 10.5 cm textual records  
                             18 loose photographs

Physical Condition:   Some of the pages and photographs in the scrapbooks have become loose

## History /

### Biographical:

Verda Joan McDonald (nee Peden) was born in Brandon, MB on May 2, 1934. She was the middle daughter of Bill, a school principal, and Phyllis Peden. McDonald attended school at King George, Alexandra (now Betty Gibson), Earl Oxford and Brandon Collegiate Institute.

In 1951, McDonald enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program at Brandon College. A fellowship program from the local YMCA enabled her to teach gym and swim programs after school and on Saturday for a small salary, which enabled her and some other students to finance their education. She graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During her graduating year, McDonald served as Lady Stick for Brandon College; the title of Lady Stick was an elected position and an honour, and gave McDonald and the person elected Senior Stick, Frank McKinnon, the responsibility of leading the student council for that year. In 1956, McDonald obtained her Bachelor of Pedagogy degree, also from Brandon College, which allowed her to teach grades 1 to 12 in Manitoba.

Verda married her college sweetheart, Dick McDonald, on August 25, 1956, and the couple moved to Dauphin to teach at the Dauphin Collegiate and Technical Institute for two years. They returned to Brandon in September 1958, and Verda proceeded to teach at Brandon Collegiate, Neelin High School and Vincent Massey until December 1960.

When Dick finished his degree at Brandon College and started teaching, Verda stayed at home to raise their three sons, Rick, Paul and Daren. During this time she began her many years of volunteering within the community. She served seven years on each of the following three boards: The Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association; The Brandon University Alumni Board; and The Board of Fairview Nursing Home. She became President of each board during her term.

McDonald supported her husband throughout his teaching and financial career, as well as his strong involvement in the Artillery Reserve Army with the 26th Field Regiment where he served as Commander and later Honorary Colonel. Both McDonald and her husband maintained strong ties with Brandon University and have contributed generously to funding campaign and scholarships. The Sports Wall of Fame in the Health Living Centre on the Brandon University campus is named in their honour.

In addition to their involvement with Brandon University, the McDonald's were members of the Kinsmen, K40 service club, golf and bridge clubs and enjoyed many years together in Brandon. They enjoyed going on cruise ship holidays and visited many countries together.

Since Dick's death in September 2015, Verda has tried to maintain her involvement in university activities. She continues to reside in Brandon, MB.

### Custodial History:

Records were created and collected by Verda McDonald during her years as a student and alumna of Brandon College/Brandon University. The records were stored in her home until their donation to the McKee Archives in 2015.

#### Scope and Content:

Collection consists of records dealing with Verda McDonald's experiences as a student and alumna at Brandon College/University. The majority of the collection contains records from the early 1950s during McDonald's college years (1951-1955). These records, which cover the social and athletic aspects of Brandon College in the 1950s, provide a detailed look at college student life during this time period. The collection also contains a small number of records (1955-2005), documenting McDonald's experiences as an alumna of Brandon College/University.

The collection consists of four scrapbooks, which contain photographs, newspaper clippings, graduation cards, lyrics for class songs, and programs for graduation banquets, school dances, graduation ceremonies and drama productions. The scrapbooks also contain ephemera such as sports emblems, table decorations, election paraphernalia. It also includes McDonald's oath of office from when she was sworn in as Lady Stick, as well as her acceptance speech from the same ceremony.

The three file folders in the collection include: a list written by Frank McKinnon, a classmate of McDonald's, outlining his reasons for coming to Brandon College and his recollections of being a student at Brandon College; the rules of Clark Hall residence hall; and pamphlets for various celebrations and events at Brandon University (Homecoming 2009, Homecoming 2006, Reunion Weekend 2005, Reunion Weekend 2004, Homecoming 1995 and 1995 Reconovocation program, Homecoming 1980, 1975 Open House).

Finally, the collection contains 18 loose photographs. A number of the photos document important reunions for the Class of 1955 (40th Anniversary in 1995, 50th Anniversary in 2005), while others were taken at alumni events over the years (1988-1997). There is one postcard of Brandon University buildings (Original Building and Clark Hall, McMaster Hall and the Queen Elizabeth II School of Music building). Some of the 1995 reunion photos include images of the Brandon College Building and Clark Hall under renovation. Also included are a composite portrait of the Class of 1955 and class portraits Arts and Science for the Class of 1960.

Notes: History/Bio information provided by Verda McDonald. Description by Emily Bate (October 2016) and Christy Henry.



Name Access: Verda McDonald  
Dick McDonald  
Brandon University Alumni Association  
Henry Champ  
Joan Garnett  
Eileen McFadden  
Norma Walmsley  
Ernie Criddle  
Jean Wilkie  
Jean Brown  
Frank McKinnon  
Hilt Stewart  
Lou Visentin  
Edward Schreyer  
Doug Adams  
Carla Eisler  
Shawna English  
Cindy Yacyshen  
Jim Minions  
Walter Huculak  
Ben Ward  
Elaine Cameron  
Elaine McCrorie  
Barrie McLeod  
Gord Williams  
Harvey Young  
George Strang  
Gerald Graham  
Helen Batho  
Helen Mitchell  
Allan Hattie  
Trevor McNeely  
Russ Roney  
Harold Woods  
George Gooden  
Harold Stewart  
Jack Meyers  
Ron McMurray  
Ken Adams  
Bill Keller  
Lorne Day  
Don Dillistone

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convocations  
homecomings  
reunions  
chancellors  
student productions  
residences  
college athletics  
college initiation  
Student government  
Lady stick

Storage Location: 2016 accessions

Related Material: Dilys Collier collection  
Bob Blair collection  
Brandon College fonds  
Brandon University fonds

Arrangement:

Two of the scrapbooks are in chronological order. The third scrapbook contains miscellaneous materials from the 1950s until 2005.



## Class of 1922 flag

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14752>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Creator: Photograph by: Trinity Nylen  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 16  
Item Number: 16.1.1  
Accession Number: 1-2024  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1922  
Physical Description: 68" x 53"  
Physical Condition: There are some holes and torn fabric. The flag also has some small stains.

### Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1922 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of a cotton based material, features the class colours of yellow and black, as well as the class motto "Virtus in Arduis" ("Courage in difficulties"). The flag has a pocket for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nylen/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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## Class of 1923 flag

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14753>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Creator: Photograph by: Trinity Nylen  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 16  
Item Number: 16.1.2  
Accession Number: 1-2024  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1923  
Physical Description: 53" x 65"  
Physical Condition: Some fraying and possible mouse holes. Staining on canvas.

### Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1923 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of wool and canvas, features the class colours of green and gold, as well as the class motto "Vincit qui patitur" ("The one who is patient wins"). The flag has a pocket for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nylen/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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## Class of 1924 flag

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14754>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Creator: Photograph by: Trinity Nylen

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 16

Item Number: 16.1.3

Accession Number: 1-2024

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1924

Physical Description: 52" x 69"

Physical Condition: Minor holes and fraying.

### Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1924 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of wool, features the class colours of green and white, as well as the class motto "Vincit qui patitur" ("The one who is patient wins"). The flag has no method for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nylen/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14755>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Creator: Photograph by: Trinity Nylen  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 16  
Item Number: 16.1.4  
Accession Number: 1-2024  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1925  
Physical Description: 54" x 85"  
Physical Condition: Minor deterioration along the edge.

### Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1925 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of wool and canvas, features the class colours of burgundy and grey, as well as the class motto "Ministrare est Vincere" ("To serve is to conquer"). The flag has a pocket for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nylen/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14756>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Creator: Photograph by: Trinity Nylen  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 16  
Item Number: 16.1.5  
Accession Number: 1-2024  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1926  
Physical Description: 52" x 7'  
Physical Condition: Holes from mice. Staining on some letters.

### Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1926 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of wool, features the class colours of green and orange, as well as the class motto "Non nobis solum" ("Not only for us" or "Not only for ourselves"). The flag has a pocket for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nylen/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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## Class of 1927 flag



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14757>

Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Creator: Photograph by: Trinity Nysten  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 16  
Item Number: 16.1.6  
Accession Number: 1-2024  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1927  
Physical Description: 55" x 5'  
Physical Condition: Discolouration/bleaching in the centre, mild tearing in the corner, missing fabric on some letters.

Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1927 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of wool, features the class colours of black and orange, as well as the class motto "In omnia paratus" ("Prepared for everything"). The flag has a pocket for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nysten/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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## Class of 1928 flag

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Part Of:	RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Creator:	Photograph by: Trinity Nysten
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	16
Item Number:	16.1.7
Accession Number:	1-2024
GMD:	multiple media
Date Range:	1928
Physical Description:	55" x 5'
Physical Condition:	Material is deteriorating around the edges, staining on canvas pocket, some letters are lifting, some with staining.

### Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1928 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of canvas, velvet and an undetermined woven material, features the class colours of purple and gold, as well as the class motto "Patet Omnibus Veritas" ("The truth is open to everyone"). The flag has ties for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nysten/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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## Class of 1930 flag

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Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds  
Creator: Photograph by: Trinity Nysten  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 16  
Item Number: 16.1.8  
Accession Number: 1-2024  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1930  
Physical Description: 40" x 4'  
Physical Condition: Fraying, the letters are peeling and there is mild glue residue left over from a peeled letter.

### Scope and Content:

Item was created by the Brandon College class of 1930 as part of their commencement activities. The flag, which is made of canvas and velvet, features the class colours of red and white, as well as the class motto "Age Quod Agis!" ("Do what you do!"). The flag has ties for hanging.

Notes: Loose translations for the class mottos were provided by Dr. Rosanne Gasse (Latin) and Dr. Steve Robinson (Greek), as well as from googling the mottos in October 2006. Description by Trinity Nysten/Jessica Old (February 2024) and Christy Henry.

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