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### **Gustavus Adolphus College Archives St. Peter, Minnesota**

**Young, Evelyn Sponberg. Evelyn Young Collection, 1938-2005.**

**GACA Collection 82**

**Young, Evelyn Sponberg. Evelyn Young Collection, 1938-2005. GACA Collection 82. 1 ½ Hollinger boxes and 1 flat box.**

**ABSTRACT:**

The Evelyn Young collection consists of a variety of materials that provide information about Young's personal activities while other documents indicate her interests and friendships. Young ran Dining Services at Gustavus Adolphus College from the late 1940s to the early 1980s. The collection contains photographs of various formal dining services along with images of the fine arts center, other campus buildings, and some events. Artifacts in the collection include t-shirts, a coaster, a mug, Young's eyeglasses, a school pennant, and a sorority paddle. Young was active with the Golden Oldies and helped organize reunions for Minnesota College following her retirement. Numerous campus publications are included dealing with other employees along with general promotional materials.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Evelyn Sponberg was born in Richland, Minnesota on 25 July 1912. She graduated cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1933 and became an English teacher. Her career as an educator was in various high schools in southern Minnesota. In 1941, she married Verl "Gus" Young. She returned to Gustavus in 1949 when he was hired as men's basketball coach. After coming back to Gustavus, she became director of Dining Services, a position she held until her retirement in 1981. She died at her Edina home during September 2005. During the 1990s the school's cafeteria was named the Evelyn Young Dining Room.

*Information obtained from the collection and a November 2005 Class Letter from the Class of 1971*

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

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**ACQUISITION:**

Dean Wahlund, Director of Communication Services and Special Events, donated this collection on behalf of the Evelyn Young estate during summer 2007.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Jeff A. Jenson processed this collection and developed the finding aid during November 2008.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Young, Evelyn Sponberg, 1912-2005.  
Gustavus Adolphus College.

<b>GACA Collection 82</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Alumni Banquet, Audio Recording, 25 May 1968 (Dual Track Monophonic)	1	1
Chapel, "The Gustavus Pulpit," Booklet of Chapel Sermons, undated	1	2
Clippings and Papers concerning Evelyn Young, George Myrum, Richard Elvee, and Raymond Sponberg, Reuben K. Youngdahl, 1938-2005	1	3
Gloria Tew, Sculpture Booklet, c. 2000	2	6
Golden Oldies, Correspondence and Financial, 1987-98	1	4
Melva Lind, Miscellaneous Clippings and Correspondence, 1980-87	1	5
Minnesota College, Picayune Sr. Newsletter and Related Correspondence about Alumni Reunions, 1988-92	1	6
Miscellaneous Papers, 1938-68 (from a folder labeled Speech Material-Austin High School)	1	7
Notecards and Stationary Cards, undated	1	8
Paul Granlund, Transcript of Memorial Service and unrelated materials, 1998, 2000, and 2003	2	6
Plaque, The Greater Gustavus Award to Mrs. Harold L. Schaefer, June 1974	3	4
Photographs of Christmas Events, 1966-74 and undated	1	9
Photographs, 1953 Commencement Alumni Banquet and unidentified, 1953 and undated	3	2
Photographs from Scrapbook, Campus Buildings and a Formal Event, undated	1	10
Swedish King, Publications, 1982 and 1987	1	11
Publication, "Building a Greater Gustavus," c. 2000	3	1
Publications, "The Bugles Are Calling!" an Address by Dr. Edgar M. Carlson, 1951; "Published Essays and Poems" by Mildred Holcomb, undated	1	12
Publications, "Finding Gold in the Golden Years" by Eric J. Gustavson, Sr., 1988; "Great Swedish Heritage Awards Night," 9 November 1982	1	13
Publications, Greater Gustavus Quarterly, Miscellaneous Issues, 1950-84	1	14
Publications, Gustavus Promotional Materials, 1950 and 1986	1	15
Campus Publications, "Greater than Arms: The Story of the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Foundation at Gustavus Adolphus College," undated; "In Memoriam: Dr. Ernest Conrad Carlton, 1877-1955," 1955; "The Rite of Naming Harold and Ruth Schaefer Fine Arts Center," 1973; School Song, "The Alma Mater," undated; "Centennial President's Report," February 1963	1	16
Publications, "Recollections and Observations from 38 Years of Service at Gustavus Adolphus College" by Robert A. Peterson, October 2003	1	17
Tribute DVD, undated	2	7

Artifacts		
Evelyn Young, Eyeglasses, undated	2	3
Gustavus Drink Coaster, undated	2	1
Gustavus Mug, undated (made by the W.C. Bunting Co.)	2	4
Gustavus Pennant, undated	2	5
Gustavus T-Shirts, undated (2 versions)	3	3
KΣX, Spring Formal, Paddle, 1951	2	2