Descriptive Summary

Creator: Schreiner Institute and Schreiner College staff, students, and contractors

Title: Schreiner Historical Photograph Collection

Dates: 1923-2000

Creator Abstract: Schreiner Institute opened its doors in Kerrville, Texas, in 1923, to boys only. Attendees earned high school diplomas and/or a junior college degree while receiving some military training. It opened its doors to female day students in 1932. In 1973 Schreiner phased out its high school and military training and strengthened its college curricula, changing its name to Schreiner College. In 2001 the Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the school to Schreiner University.

Content Abstract: The collection includes photographic prints and negatives, slides, and contact sheets. Its contents include activities on and off campus, sports events, military exercises, dorm life, social events, and academic activities. This collection comprises approximately 25,000 images.

Identification: SC 508

Extent: Approximately 40 linear feet or 25,000 images

Language: Materials are in English.

Repository: Schreiner University, Logan Library Special Collections

Organizational History

An independent and coeducational university, Schreiner has a colorful history rich with Texas heritage and traditions beginning in 1923. Schreiner was founded in that year when a Hill Country rancher, merchant and former Texas Ranger, Captain Charles Schreiner, asked the Presbyterian Church to help him put bricks, mortar, and people around a dream he had nurtured for many years. He donated land along the Guadalupe River and together they established "facilities for high grade instruction and military training to boys and young men as preparation for college and university work." Not a Presbyterian himself, it is said that Captain Schreiner chose to work with the Presbyterians because their charter most closely resembled the constitution of the United States.

Schreiner's first students came in 1923 from remote ranching communities. But news of the prep school and nurturing atmosphere spread quickly. Soon scores of young men from varied backgrounds, from the Southwest and several Central and South American countries, gathered in Kerrville to earn high school diplomas and junior college degrees.

By 1971 the military training was discontinued and the school became fully coeducational. In 1973 Schreiner phased out its high school and strengthened its college curricula. And in 1981 the college
became a four-year institution, graduating its first baccalaureate class three years later. Only a decade after, Schreiner College was listed as one of the top regional liberal arts colleges in the western United States by the prestigious U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges Guide. In February 2001, the Board of Trustees voted to change from Schreiner College to Schreiner University.

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions: None. This collection is open for research.

Usage Restrictions: The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

Index Terms

Organizations
  Schreiner Institute
  Schreiner College

Locations
  Kerrville (Tex.)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Items located in this collection were donated by.

Processing Information

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Inventory of the Collection

Contact the library for inventory and access