

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name:	Gobrecht, Lewis (1933-2008)	MC 2012.5
Material:	Papers (1951-1998)	
Volume:	0.5 linear feet (1 Document Box)	
Donation:	Gift of Lewis Gobrecht, 2005	
Usage:	These materials have no restrictions on usage.	

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Lewis Daniel Gobrecht was born on May 19, 1933, in Hanover, Pennsylvania, to Edward J. and Cora Mae Reichart Gobrecht.

Gobrecht attended Dickinson College, where he received his A.B. degree in 1955. His curriculum included concentrations in history and political science. Gobrecht served as the president of the Benjamin Rush Chapter of Future Teachers of America in 1954 and pledged with the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity on Oct. 11, 1951. He also received invitations to events with Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honors society.

Gobrecht's strong interest in music and theatre led him to participate in College Choir, Glee Club, and the Dickinson Follies theatrical group. He played one of the title roles in the *The Sphinx Wins*, portraying Caesar in the 1952 Follies production. As an alumnus, Gobrecht continued to return for a variety of College Choir and Follies performances.

After graduating from Dickinson, Gobrecht went on to attend Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) for his master's degree in education. He then taught eighth-grade history from 1955 to 1986 at Lamberton Middle School on South Hanover Street in Carlisle. He also taught adult education classes on local history for the Carlisle Area and South Middleton School Districts in the late 1960s through 1970s. Bosler Library, and later the Cumberland County Historical Society (CCHS), sponsored his classes until 2000.

Following his retirement in 1986, Gobrecht worked as a courier for the Morgan, Lewis, and Bockius Law Firm, and also served on the CCHS board. In 2002, the CCHS awarded him the Milton E. Flower Historian of the Year award. In 2004, he was named a finalist in the "Carlisle's Finest" educator category. He also enjoyed collecting historical artifacts.

Gobrecht died on May 18, 2008.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Lewis D. Gobrecht Papers Collection encompasses his time as a student at Dickinson, as well as some of the materials he received and collected as an alumnus. The collection spans a date range of 1951 to 1998, with the majority of materials dating to Gobrecht's education at Dickinson from 1951 through 1955. The collection is divided into four main series: Personal Correspondence, Student Academics, Student Life, and Alumni Materials.

The Personal Correspondence series consists of a variety of letters from family members and friends written to Gobrecht while he was a Dickinson student. The mail includes a graduation card from his Aunt Frances, as well as a wedding invitation and a number of post cards.

The Student Academics series covers Gobrecht's education-related activities, including letters and notes from staff, and a variety of expense lists and receipts. The student records and information folder contains his student certificate, student ID cards, and other assorted information, while the course materials/notes folders contain assorted essays, exams, and notes from Gobrecht's education, English, French, and history courses. The Benjamin Rush Chapter, Future Teachers of America folder includes invitations and meeting announcements sent by Gobrecht during his time as chapter president.

The Student Life series highlights Gobrecht's many extracurricular activities, including his participation in the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, trips to the United Nations and Washington D.C., and formal dances. This series also contains a Freshman Manifesto calling the "exploited" freshmen class to rise up against the "oppressive" upper classmen. Gobrecht's strong interest in the arts is evident from the theatre and music folders containing papers, programs, and tickets from the College Choir and Dickinson Follies performances, as well as his script from the 1952 performance of *The Sphinx Wins*.

Lastly, the Alumni Materials series emphasizes Gobrecht's continuing involvement with Dickinson after his graduation. The folders contain correspondence thanking him for his participation in alumni activities, as well as alumni memorabilia and programs collected from performances he attended as a graduate.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2012.5

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 01)	Ada, Aunt, letter from – 1951
	Ada, Aunt, postcards from – 1952
	Cornelius, Jr., A., letter from – 1952
	Ed, Dottie, and John, thank you card, post card from – 1953
Folder 02)	Emory, Uncle, birthday card and letter from – undated
	Emory, Uncle, I.O.U. to – undated
	Feeser, Ethel, wedding invitation from – 1953
	Feeser, Shirley, letter from – 1953
	Frances, Aunt, graduation card from – 1955

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PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- Folder 03) Gobrecht, Cora, postcard from – 1951
Gobrecht, Edward and Cora, letter from – 1951
Gobrecht, Edward and Cora, letter to – 1951
Gobrecht, Edward and Cora, letters from – 1953, undated
Gobrecht, Edward and Cora, postcards from – 1952
Gobrecht, Edward and Cora, birthday card – undated
- Folder 04) “Homzie,” postcard from – undated
Sallie and Sam, postcard from – 1952
Shirley, mail card from – 1951
Shirley and Elwood, letter from – 1952
Unknown, mail card and poem from – 1953, undated

STUDENT ACADEMICS

Correspondence

- Folder 05) Bowden, William R., letters from – 1952, 1953 (2)
Folder 06) Edel, William W., letters from – 1954, 1955 (3)
Folder 07) Finck, Edgar M., letter from – 1955
Gould, W.D., note from – 1953
Folder 08) Horlacher, Amos B., letters from – 1951 (3)
Folder 09) Ness, Frederic W., letter from – 1953
Shuman, Mr., letter to – undated

Student Records and Information

- Folder 10) Student identification cards – 1951-1954
College Qualification Test – 1951-1952
First semester final grades – 1951
Semester report – 1952
College student certificate – 1952
Fall semester final exam schedule – 1954

Financial Records

- Folder 11) Contributor’s Report receipts – undated
Mechanicsburg Laundry receipts – 1953, 1954
People’s Savings & Trust Company deposit slip – 1953
Postmaster’s receipts – 1953, 1954
Registered Article receipt– 1953
Royal Stationery Co. receipt – undated
Rue Chevrolet, Inc. receipt – 1953
- Folder 12) List of personal expenses before and during college – 1951-1952
List of college earnings – 1951-1952
List of college expenses – undated

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STUDENT ACADEMICS (cont.)

Course Materials / Notes

- Folder 13) Education 21 assignment
English essays, French vocabulary – 1951
- Folder 14) History 11 syllabus – 1951-1952
- Folder 15) History 11 class notes and study guides – 1951-1952
Source document – Account of Hadrian – 1951-1952
- Folder 16) History 11 exam book – 1951
History 11 blank exams, exam syllabi – 1952
- Folder 17) Written and graded history assignments – 1951-1952
Benjamin Rush Chapter, Future Teachers of America
- Folder 18) Guest lecture announcement from Frank C. Reichle, Jr. – 1954
Invitation to charter presentation – 1954
Meeting invitation sent by Gobrecht and Dr. E.A. Finck – 1954
“Future Teacher Ideals and Purposes” booklet – undated
Lecture invitation sent by Gobrecht – undated

STUDENT LIFE

Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity

- Folder 19) Dance card from formal – 1951
Exoteric Manual – undated
Financial records – 1951-1954
Inter-Fraternity Stunt night program – 1952
Inter-Fraternity Weekend programs – 1953, 1954
- College Choir / Music
- Folder 20) Programs and tickets – 1952, 1954
College Choir rehearsal schedule – undated
Song lyrics – undated
- Dickinson Follies
- Folder 21) *Antigone* and *It's the GREATEST* invitations – 1953, 1954
- Folder 22) *The Laughing Stock* program, casting info, and drawings – 1953
The Laughing Stock sheet music – 1953
- Folder 23) *The Sphinx Winx* issue of “Follies Facts & Fotos” – 1952
The Sphinx Winx song lyrics – 1952
The Sphinx Winx script copies – 1952
- Assorted Theatre
- Folder 24) List of theatrical roles – 1948-1952
An Evening with Charles Laughton program – 1953
Anne of the Thousand Days ticket – 1953
Napkin from Dickinson Dramatic Festival – undated

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STUDENT LIFE (cont.)

Class of 1955

Folder 25) Freshman Manifesto – 1952

Ephemera

Folder 26) Dance cards for assorted formals – 1952-1955
Department of Athletics tickets

Undergraduate Events / Trips

Folder 27) Eisenhower-Nixon Rally program – 1952
Brotherhood Week programs – 1953
Bus ticket, itinerary for UN trip and UN tickets – 1953
“Roadblocks of Faith” Program – 1954
Itinerary for Washington D.C. trip – 1955

Miscellaneous Writings

Folder 28) Assorted poems, speeches, etc. – c1951-1955

ALUMNI MATERIALS

Correspondence

Folder 29) Gaal, Natalie, letter from – 1986
Jones, J. Brooks, letter from – 1976

Theatre / Music

Folder 30) Assorted programs and bulletins – 1956-1957
Dickinson Follies’ “Shades of Hades” program – 1957

This collection register was prepared by Brittany Stoner, June 2012.