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### Description

This collection consists of correspondence and college papers from Donna Osterhoudt Schaper, who graduated from Gettysburg College in 1969. As a student, she was part of the student protest movement against the Vietnam War, and she interned for the College Chapel before attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

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### Keywords

Gettysburg College, Vietnam War, Student Protest, Anti-War Protest, Gamma Phi Beta, Lutheran Theological Seminary, College History

### Disciplines

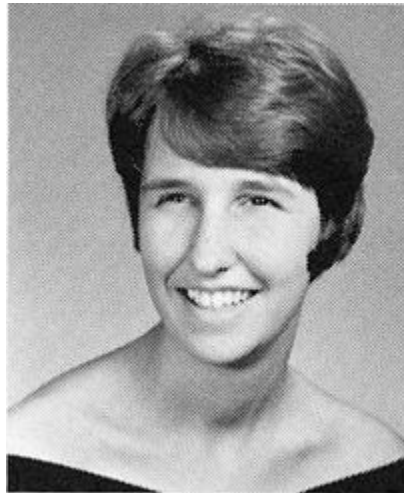
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Guide to MS-057:

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### Size

10 boxes, 2.29 cubic feet

### Dates

Inclusive: 1965-1975

### Provenance

Donated by Donna Schaper in January 2001.

### Biographical Note

Donna Osterhoudt Schaper grew up in Martinsburg, West Virginia and entered Gettysburg College during the fall of 1965. As an advocate for peace, she joined the student protest movement against the Vietnam War. In addition, Schaper was active in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority as well as the College Chapel. After graduating with a BA in English in 1969, she worked as an intern with the College Chapel before entering the Lutheran Theological Seminary, where she earned her Masters degree in divinity. She has worked with churches in both the collegiate and public setting and has published a number of works on spirituality, including *Sabbath Keeping*, *Mature Grief: When a Parent Dies*, *Sabbath Sense: A Spiritual Antidote for the Overworked*, and *The Art of Spiritual Rock Gardening*.

### Scope and Content Note

The first of many series of Schapers' papers, The Gettysburg Years, includes four boxes of processed papers, as well as six scrapbooks (3.25 cubic feet total). This Series is arranged into three sub-series: Correspondence, College Papers, and Scrapbooks. Most of the material is original.

#### **Series I: Correspondence**

This Sub-Series contains letters—many of which were addressed to Donna and Bob Schaper—arranged by sender. Most of the correspondence consists of original, autographed letters signed. Researchers should note that the letters received by Donna while at Gettysburg College are located in this series, rather than in Sub-Series B of Series I.

#### **Series II: College Papers**

Sub-Series B documents Donna (Osterhoudt) Schaper's undergraduate years. It includes original, handwritten lecture notes from Schaper's coursework in history, sociology, literature, contemporary religious thought, and drama. In addition, box two of the collection holds her college research papers, written between 1967 and 1970. For a complete inventory of the titles to these manuscripts, consult the list that is located in box two, folder six.

In addition to these materials, researchers may find other parts of this sub-series to be useful. For instance, one will discover anti-Vietnam manuscripts in this part of the collection, as well as protest publications that students circulated at Gettysburg College during the late-1960s. Furthermore, the researcher will discover materials about campus activities and organizations, such as Gamma Phi Beta and "Peace Week," and Schaper's role in them.

One should consult the subject file entitled "Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary" to find Donna Schaper's papers that document her coursework at the Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Photocopies of Schaper's scrapbooks (originals located in series three) can be found in this series as well (box three, folders eight and nine and box four, folder twenty-one).

### Series III: Scrapbooks

This series contains six of Donna Schaper's scrapbooks that were conserved during the processing of this collection. They cover Schaper's middle school, high school, and college years. Additionally, two of the scrapbooks include materials from her early years as a pastor.

Inventory, 4pp.

### Series Description

The series is divided into three series. **Series I:** Correspondence; **Series II:** College Papers; **Series III:** Scrapbooks.

### Box List

#### Box 1

##### Series 1: Correspondence

- 1-1 Corresp. from "Dick" to Bob Schaper, 1973 – ALS, 15pp. (original)
- 1-2 Corresp. from "Dick" to Bob & Donna Schaper, 1973 – ALS, 22pp. (original)
- 1-3 Corresp. from "Dick" to Mr. & Mrs. Schaper, n.d. – ALS, 12pp. (original)
- 1-4 Corresp. from "Cathy, Won & Jean", 1973 – ALS, 11pp. (original)
- 1-5 Corresp. from Donna to Bob, Chiapas, Mexico, 6/9/72-7/20/72 – ALS & TLS, 22pp. (original)
- 1-6 Corresp. from Donna to Bob, Chiapas, Mexico, 6/21/73-7/9/73 – ALS & TLS, 18pp. (original)
- 1-7 Corresp. from Donna to Bob, Chiapas, Mexico, 7/13/76-7/22/76 – ALS & TLS, 7pp. (original)
- 1-8 Corresp. from Bob, Mexico, to Donna, Ortanna, PA, n.d. – ALS, 14pp. (original)
- 1-9 Corresp. from Ann Russell to Donna & Bob, 1972-1973 – ALS, 8pp. (original)
- 1-10 Corresp. from Mrs. Schaper to Bob, 1972 – ALS, 6pp. (original)
- 1-11 Corresp. from Mrs. Schaper to Donna & Bob, 1973-1974 – ALS, 63pp. (original)
- 1-12 Corresp. from Mr. Louis Schaper to Donna & Bob, 1973-1974 – ALS, 11pp. (original)
- 1-13 Corresp. from Bob's Grandmother to Donna & Bob, 1973-1974 – TLS & TMs, 28pp. (original)
- 1-14 Corresp. from Osterhoudts to Donna & Bob Schaper, 1974 – ALS, 2pp. (original)

- 1-15 Corresp. from Tuscon to Donna & Bob, 1975 – ALS, 3pp. (original)
- 1-16 Corresp. to Donna Osterhoudt; Letters received while in Gettysburg, Pa., n.d. – TLS & N (typed), 3pp. (original)
- 1-17 Corresp. – drafts of letters from Donna Schaper – TL, 2pp. (original)
- 1-18 Corresp. – Lutheran, 1969-1976 – ANS, TLS, & ALS, 124pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 1-19 Corresp. – Wedding cards & letters, 9/1/68 – 91 items (original)
- 1-20 Corresp. – Graduation & birthday cards, Donna Osterhoudt Schaper, 1964 – 25 items (originals)

## Box 2

### Series 2: College Papers

- 2-1 History 335, 1967 – mostly handwritten notes, 279pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 2-2 Sociology, notes & outlines – handwritten notes, 126pp. (originals)
- 2-3 Sociology, paper & research, 1969 – TMs & MS, 157pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 2-4 Theories of Literature, notes, Spring 1968 – mostly handwritten notes, 115pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 2-5 World Lit./Contemp. Religious Thought/Intro.Drama, 1968-1969 – mostly handwritten notes, 230pp. (originals)
- 2-6 College research papers, 1967-1970 #1 (includes list for folders 2-6 – 2-9) – TMs, 105pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 2-7 College research papers, 1967-1970 #2 – TMs, 119pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 2-8 College research papers, 1967-1970 #3 – TMs, 135pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 2-9 College research papers, 1967-1970 #4 – TMs, 108pp. (originals & photocopies)

## Box 3

### Series 2 continued

- 3-1 Gettysburg College: transcript, newspaper clippings, and anti-Vietnam manuscripts, n.d. – TDS & TMs, 6pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 3-2 Internship, Gettysburg College Chapel: evaluations, n.d. – TMs, 22pp. (originals) & 1974-75 *Chapel Report* – TMs, 70pp. (original)
- 3-3 Biographical mentions of Gettysburg College/G-burg Lutheran Seminary – TMs, 30pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 3-4 Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1969 – TLS, TMS, & TMs, 38pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 3-5 Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary, various dates (early 1970s) – TDS, TMs, 39pp. (originals)
- 3-6 Gettysburg College memorabilia: *The Way We Were*, by Anna Jane Moyer (July 1982, 35pp.), pocket folder, TLS from John Vannorsdall to “Friends” (2/2/76, 1p., original), & “The In: A Tribute” (n.d., TMs, 1p., original)
- 3-7 Gettysburg College – Protest Publications, n.d. – TMs & TMS, 85pp. (originals)
- 3-8 Scrapbook Items – 1965 & 1969, miscellaneous items & dates, 17 items (originals)
- 3-9 Donna Schaper Scrapbooks (photocopies), 118pp.—**see also Sub-Series C: Scrapbooks**

## Box 4

### Series 2 continued

- 4-1 Campus Activities/Advertisements, 11/16/[?] & 12/15/[?] – 2 items (originals)
- 4-2 *Gettysburgian* Articles, n.d. & 12/10/65, 2pp. (photocopies)
- 4-3 Gettysburg College Protests, n.d. – TMs & TLS, 11pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 4-4 Orientation, 1966, 9/22/66 – TMs, 1p. (original)
- 4-5 Gamma Phi Beta-Donna Osterhoudt-Pledge, 1966 – ALS, L (typed), TMs, 7pp. (originals)
- 4-6 Civil Rights Newsletters sent to Bob Schaper, 1965 – TMs, 10pp. (originals)
- 4-7 Dossier, Donna Schaper, 1974 – TDS, TLS, ANS, 12pp. (originals & photocopies)
- 4-8 Peace Week, April 20-27: newspaper clipping & program – 2 items (original & photocopy)
- 4-9 Owl & Nightingale Theatre Programs, n.d. & 1967 – 2 items (originals)
- 4-10 Records of Archive Donations, 1968-1969 – TDS & TLS, 2pp. (originals)
- 4-11 Adams County National Bank, 1965: envelope & deposit slip – 1 item (original)
- 4-12 Notes received by Donna Schaper, n.d. – NS & ANS, 3pp. (originals)
- 4-13 College Motel (Gettysburg) – 2 match books (originals)
- 4-14 Gettysburg College Chapel, n.d. – TLS, 3pp. (original)
- 4-15 Martinsburg, West Virginia High School Graduation, 1965: high school assignments, 1961-1965 – TMs & AMsS, 59pp. (originals) & report card, commencement program, photograph, newspaper clipping & reunion program, 1965 – 4 items (originals & photocopies)
- 4-16 Personal Planner, 1970 – handwritten, 122pp. (original)
- 4-17 Autobiographical Letter from Donna Schaper, 1973 – typed, 3pp. (copy of original)
- 4-18 Graduation cards & wishes/Commencement Program, 1969 – ANS, 4 items (originals)
- 4-19 Gettysburg College Bulletin/Alumni Directory, 1969 – 36pp. (original)
- 4-20 *Mercury*-1966, 1968, 1969 – 3 items (originals)
- 4-21 Scrapbook, 1968-1969/Donna & Bob's last year at Gettysburg College and first year of marriage – 30pp. (photocopy)—**see also Scrapbook #4 (Series III)**

### Series 3: Scrapbooks

- #1 Middle School/High School/Gettysburg College
- #2 Gettysburg College
- #3 Gettysburg College/1970s
- #4 Gettysburg College/First Year of Marriage to Bob Schaper
- #5 Personal/Pastoral Life/Martinsburg, West Virginia
- #6 Pastoral/Personal Life

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