

Archival revival

Who are these young women and why are they holding all of these stuffed animals? If you know, please tell us by going to Wheaton's Marion B. Gebbie Archives and Special Collections Web site (www.wheatoncollege.edu/archives). The site recently has been revamped, making it easier for students, educators, alumnae/i, outside researchers and others to explore the college's collections.


One of the new features is the "unidentified photograph chal-

lenge" in which viewers are asked to identify the year, event or people in rarely seen archival photos like this one (below). Other new features allow viewers to ask a Wheaton archivist a question; find out about whether their own history is included in the archives; search manuscripts; see a list of Commencement speakers dating back to 1851 and read some of their addresses; look at online exhibits like the one featuring the work of renowned photographer Walker Evans, who captured

the campus in images when he visited in the early 1940s; or just be amused by historical trivia (check out the Wheaton Female Seminary rules from 1875).

Established in 1980 with a donation from the Gebbie Foundation, the college's Archives and Special Collections houses rare books, manuscripts, documents and items related to Wheaton's rich history. Associate Archivist Deanna Hauck has been working on the Web site revamp since last summer, along

with the Web Strategy Team and students Joseph Donahue '10, Christopher Shane '11 and Chilungamo Kadzanja '10.

"The archives and collections are such a rich source of information," said Hauck. "We wanted to make it easier to share that information by making the Web site more interactive and user friendly. We also wanted to provide a way for alums and others to help us learn about some of the many unidentified images that we have." 



Courtesy of Marion B. Gebbie Archives and Special Collections

Check out the Web site and the "unidentified photo challenge" at www.wheatoncollege.edu/archives/.
E-mail the archives staff at archives@wheatoncollege.edu.