

## Milligan College Artifacts: Sweater and Letters, circa 1937

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### INTRODUCTION

**Title:** Milligan College Artifacts: Sweater and Letters, circa 1937

**Collection Number:** 07

**Physical Description:** 1 box

**Creator:** unknown

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Provenance:** Chandrea Shell (public relations) sent this collection to the Archives and Special Collections in 2004.

**Access:** These artifacts are open for research.

**Processing Information:** Ginger Dillon finished processing these artifacts on May 27, 2005.

### HISTORICAL NOTE

First organized in 1925, Milligan's "M Club" was an exclusive organization for athletes who had distinguished themselves above their peers at Milligan College. In 1926, the Club formed a group for the campus' women athletes. Every year, the M Club announced its officers and latest initiates in *The Stampede*, as well as any social events they may have held for their members. Those invited to join the M Club were permitted to wear monogrammed sweaters as a privilege and display of membership.

In later years, the M Club extended membership to lettermen and the women's club disbanded. The M Club ceased to exist after the 1963 – 1964 school year.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains a black sweater bearing the orange Milligan "M" on the front. This is most likely one of the sweaters sported by a member of the M Club.

The collection also contains two embroidered Letters. One of the letters is a plain Milligan "M," the other is an "M" with wings and the words "Smokey Mtn. Champs

1937.” The archives has made the assumption that the other two artifacts in this collection come from approximately the same year as this Letter, we have therefore dated this collection circa 1937. Each of the artifacts in this collection has been placed with acid-free tissue paper. The Letters have been placed into unsealed polyester bags with archival paper identifiers as well. This collection has not been divided into Series.