Science Forum of Mundelein College Reference Guide

Administrative History

Founded in 1934, the Mundelein College Science Forum was a popular student organization that provided an outlet for students to come together and plan lectures surrounding topics pertinent to math and the sciences. The Science Forum inaugurated the “annual lecture” in 1937 with the goal of enabling students of Mundelein College and guests to more “adequately appreciate the contributions that science and mathematics are making to modern civilization.” (1940.03.15) The organization grew so popular that the Science Forum split into divisions. One division for each of the four disciplines: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics, as well as general meetings for all.

The Science Forum’s Annual Lectures attracted many speakers of various topics of interest. Some notable examples include Dr. Arthur H. Compton, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1927; Lieutenant-Colonel A.M Prentiss, recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal; and Ruth Moore, author of Man, Time, and Fossils, as well as a former reporter of the Chicago Sun Times. Professors of note in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and botany also spoke for the Science Forum. One program, dated April 22nd 1948, stated “twelve hundred persons, many of whom were...from out of the city” planned on attending the lecture scheduled for that day. The Science Forum was a fixture of Mundelein College’s academic and social community for over 25 years.

Mundelein College Collection:

Organization Description:

- F.5.5.C1
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- O.12. (Box 13)

Science Forum Programs (Biology):

- F.5.5.C1

Science Forum Programs (Physics):

- F.5.23.d

Science Forum Programs (Mathematics):

- O.12. (Box 13)

Selected Science Forum articles in the Mundelein Skyscraper Newspaper:
• 1934-04-16: “Nobel Prize Winner Lectures on Chemistry” (PAGE 4)
  http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/178/rec/103

• 1936-11-06: “Science Classes Attract Largest Groups on Record: Over 300 Students Manifest Interest In Laboratory Investigation” (PAGE 1, 3, and 4)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/347/rec/57

• 1937-04-16: “Schedule Lectures” (PAGE 4)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/387/rec/15

• 1937-04-30: “Costly Orchids Bloom in Lecturer’s Exhibits” (PAGE 1)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/392/rec/59

• 1937-05-14: “Science Forum Plans Breakfast for May 23” (PAGE 3)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/397/rec/1

• 1937-10-22: “Expanding Science Forum Organizes Three Divisions” (PAGE 1)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/416/rec/16

• 1937-10-22: “Exhibit Science Equipment” (PAGE 4)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/416/rec/16

• 1937-11-05: “Scientists Sponsor Movie, Lecture, Tour” (PAGE 3)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/421/rec/17

• 1938-03-08: “Microchemistry Speeds Research Professor G. M. Schmeing Believes” (PAGE 1)

• 1938-04-05: “Dr. Arthur H. Compton Tells of Science Careers Open to Women” (PAGE 1)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/461/rec/63

• 1939-05-11: “Science Forum Plans Program, Club Breakfast” (PAGE 3)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/540/rec/19

• 1939-11-17: “Dr. Hopkins Speaks, Shows Movie Today” (PAGE 3)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/569/rec/5

• 1940-05-04: “Honor Graduates Merit Gold Key for Scholarship” (PAGE 1)
• 1940-05-04: “Honor Seniors at Club Parties” (PAGE 3)

• 1940-10-11: “Alumna Tells of Chemistry As A Career” (PAGE 4)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/633/rec/73

• 1940-11-29: “Clubs Present Plays, Program Parties, Plastics” (PAGE 3)

• 1941-12-05: “Tells of Mechanical Devices to Compute Chemical Problems” (PAGE 3)

• 1944-03-17: “Forum Fortells Many Wonders of Postwar Science” (PAGE 1)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/880/rec/2

• 1945-03-19: “Representatives of Four Departments Will Conduct Science Forum at Assembly” (PAGES 1, 3, 4)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/949/rec/22

• 1947-12-01: “Science Forum Presents Quarterly Seminar on Color” (PAGE 1)

• 1948-03-15: “Biologist Lectures to Science Forum” (PAGE 4)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/1156/rec/26

• 1948-12-15: “Science Forum Will Discuss Planets” (PAGE 4)
  http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/1210/rec/1

• 1949-11-07: “Science Forum Lecture Will Trace Eclipse” (PAGE 1)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/1264/rec/8

• 1950-11-01: “Faculty Members Attend U. of I. Science Conference” (PAGE 3)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/1328/rec/10

• 1951-04-23: “Forum Debates Place of American Women in Science” (PAGE 4)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/1368/rec/23

• 1951-05-07: “Cultivated Woman is Science Theme” (PAGE 1)
  o http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/coll3/id/1373/rec/11
There are more articles about the Science Forum of Mundelein College available in the Women and Leadership Archives’ Digital Collections:

http://content.library.luc.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/coll3