INVENTORY OF THE ROHWER HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK COLLECTION, 1943

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Rohwer High School Yearbook Collection  
Dates: 1943
Collection Number: Consult repository.
Creator: Rohwer Yearbook Staff Beasley, Wm. E.
Extent: 1 box. 20 linear ft.
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Abstract: This collection contains one Senior Class Yearbook or booklet from Rohwer High School inside Rohwer  
Incarceration Center. This yearbook from 1943 features images from each of the homerooms of students, and includes their  
names, their location of where they lived in the incarceration center, any clubs or groups they belonged to at school, and  
the name of their high school prior to being relocated to Rohwer.

Language: Collection material is in English

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Acquisition Information
Library acquisition

Rohwer Incarceration Center History
On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which gave the military the authority  
to exclude any citizen who posed a threat to national security. As a result, approximately 120,000 Japanese-Americans  
living on the West Coast were removed and incarcerated in concentration camps. One of these camps was Rohwer  
Incarceration Center located in Desha County in southeastern Arkansas- a heavily wooded and swampy area with high  
humidity. Most of the incarcerees imprisoned at Rohwer came from Los Angeles and San Joaquin counties in California. The  
living quarters in the main residential area was approximately 500 acres and was surrounded by barbed wire fences and  
eight guard towers that were staffed by military police. All incarcerees were housed within partitioned sections of 20’ by  
120’ barracks which were arranged in groups of 12 blocks. Each block housed approximately 200-300 individuals. Rohwer  
officially closed on November 30, 1945 making it the last WRA camp to close, except for the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

Scope and Content
The Rohwer High School Yearbook Collection contains one senior class yearbook from Rohwer High School from 1943.  
Created by students within Rohwer Incarceration Center in Rohwer, Arkansas, the yearbook contains images and class  
listings of all the students within each homeroom along with the name of each student’s location within the incarceration  
center, names of clubs or groups they belonged to at school, and the name of their high school prior to relocation. The  
yearbook also contains illustrations of classrooms, students, teachers, and events such as senior prom, Sadie Hawkins  
dance, and the senior farewell dance. Also included are class superlatives and a timeline of noteworthy events that took  
place throughout the 1942-1943 school year, such as inter-center sports games against Jerome Incarceration Center, and  
semester start and end dates.

Arrangement
Arranged in 1 box, five folders.

Subjects
Concentration camps—United States.
Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Rohwer Relocation Center (Ark.)
World War, 1939-1945 -- Arkansas

**Geographic Areas**
Rohwer Relocation Center (Ark.)
Rohwer (Ark.)

**Related Material**
This collection is part of the CSU Japanese American Digitization Project. Related materials can be found here: http://www.csujad.com.

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