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MARGARET BELCHER

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**Biographical Sketch:** Margaret Belcher was born in Dilke, Saskatchewan on December 19, 1920. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French from the University of Saskatchewan in 1941 and a Certificate in Education in 1944. That same year she began her teaching career as Instructor of English and French at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina College, which she continued until 1946. She then taught English and French at Rosetown Collegiate for the 1947-1948 academic year, and in 1947 completed her Masters of Arts in French with the University of Toronto. In 1948 she returned to the University of Saskatchewan, Regina College as Assistant Professor of French and held position until 1956 when she became Associate Professor. Margaret Belcher was Dean of the Women's' Residence for the duration of its existence on campus, where she resided, from 1949 to 1963. She made numerous contributions to the development of the university, as Acting Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages; member of the Advisory Committee to the Bilingual Program; member of the Advisory Committee to the Extension; and of the Advisory Committee on the on-credit French program. She was author of several published papers and reviews that discussed a range of topics concerning seventeenth century French literature, an area specific to her expertise, seventeenth century feminism and seventeenth century literary perspectives on women. Margaret Belcher retired from the University of Regina in 1988 and was made Professor Emeritus.

Margaret Belcher is an avid birdwatcher and has a love for natural history. She was President for two terms of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. She served as Panel Chairman of "Roads, Ecology and the Qu-Appelle Valley".

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## Administration

## Committees

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| 1 | Humanities Standing ACAD Committee           | 1970-1975  |
| 2 | Special Committee on Divisional Organisation | 1963, 1964 |

## Correspondence

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| 3 | General | 1976, 1977 |
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## Department of French

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| 4 | French 100 Examinations (now French 102) | 1966-1971 |
| 5 | French 102 Examinations 1/2              | 1972-1979 |
| 6 | French 102 Examinations 2/2              | 1972-1979 |

## Regina College

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| 7 | Women's Residences Applications          | 1962, 1963 |
| 8 | Women's Residences Rules and Regulations | n.d., 1962 |