Finding Aid for
Worcester State University
Anniversaries Collection

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number: WSU.0006

Repository: Worcester State University Archives (Worcester, MA)

Location: Learning Resource Center, L-328A

Title: Worcester State University Anniversaries Collection

Date Range: 1914-2013, bulk 1973-1999

Extent: 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

Creator: Worcester State University; Anniversary Committees; staff and faculty of Worcester State.

Language(s): English

Abstract: Published materials and meeting minutes detailing planning process and programming for university anniversary commemorations.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical access: Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room. Users must handle materials with clean hands.

Copyright and ownership: Materials published before 1923 are in public domain. Other materials are copyright to Worcester State University or their creators. Researchers are responsible for obtaining appropriate copyright permissions before republishing any works.

Citation format: [Box/folder] Worcester State University Anniversaries Collection. Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library, Worcester State University.
ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession Number
Acc.Pre.2015.0026/0028

Provenance
Materials were deposited by person(s) unknown at some point before 2015.

Processing information
Inventory completed by Alyssa Niford, archives student worker, and processed by Ross Griffiths, Archivist. Materials were placed into acid-free containers and arranged into series.

Biographical and historical information
Anniversary commemorations appear to have been observed from early in the University’s history: course catalogs and commencement programs frequently include historical details or enumerate the graduating class according to the university’s founding date. Larger, more formal programs were observed during the 50th, 75th, 100th, and 125th anniversaries.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Published pamphlets and booklets in this collection detail the University’s 40th, 50th, 100th, and 125th anniversaries. Also present are committee meeting minutes detailing event planning for the 100th (1974) and the 125th (1999) that include details about historical research such as references to historical documents housed in other repositories, and the WSU archives collection as it was in the 1990s. The 1974 committee meeting minutes are contained in a bound volume and include an array of documents detailing committee members, local and state officials involved in events, published materials, and other related items.
ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged 5 series.

Series I.  
40th Anniversary Events, 1914
Contains one pamphlet detailing the 40th anniversary events celebrated in 1914. These included musical performances, speeches, and a graduate’s reunion.

Series II.  
50th Anniversary Events, 1924
Contains one pamphlet detailing the 50th anniversary events celebrated in 1924. These included musical performances, speeches, and a graduate’s reunion at Worcester’s Hotel Bancroft.

Series III.  
100th Anniversary Events, 1973-1974
Contains published materials such as brochures and pamphlets detailing the University’s history and anniversary events as well as committee meeting minutes and related materials such as correspondence, directories, and published articles.

Series IV.  
125th Anniversary Events, 1998-2000
Contains published materials such as brochures and pamphlets detailing the University’s history and anniversary events as well as committee meeting minutes and related materials such as correspondence, directories, and published articles.

Series V.  
Other Anniversaries and Related Events, 2003-2013
Contains materials related to the 75th and the 130th anniversaries, a master list of dates, and information about related exhibits.

ACCESS POINTS
Terms below correspond to Library of Congress subject headings.

Organizations  
State Normal School at Worcester (Worcester, Mass)
Worcester State Teachers College
Worcester State College

Places  
Worcester (Mass)
General

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Worcester (Mass)—History

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