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Biographical/Historical Sketch

In the late 1960s, The University of Toledo began to plan for its centennial celebration. In 1968, the Faculty Senate organized a committee to foster cooperation by the faculty in planning a centennial year. Several administrators were added to the committee to facilitate university-wide planning. The committee’s brief final report recommended seven possible activities, including a general theme and slogan; a series of conferences aimed at producing a learned publication; a series of events to generate publicity; a fund raising campaign; a published history; the acquisition of official university regalia; and dramatic and musical presentations. Most of these recommendations were ultimately implemented.

In 1972, President Carlson appointed a steering committee and larger general committee to carry out the centennial events. Dr. Harold Oyser, Vice President for development, chaired the steering committee. Most of the events took place between 1972 and 1973. The Centennial Fund Drive, a major capital campaign, continued on for several years and resulted in the construction of Centennial Hall (now Savage Hall) and Centennial Mall.
Scope and Content Note

Collection consists of correspondence, reports, memoranda, and publications documenting the celebration of the University of Toledo’s centennial in 1972. The collection was organized by unknown individuals, and includes materials from many sources. Included is documentation on the planning of the centennial, including information on the Faculty Senate’s 1968 committee and the subsequent Centennial Steering Committee and Centennial Committee of 1972. Also included is publicity on centennial events, information on special events, publications produced with a centennial theme, and correspondence of Harold Oyser and Jesse Long on their work on the project. Of particular note is a file documenting attempts to get President Richard Nixon to speak at the University in 1972. Also included are three folders of materials collected from other universities that were used to develop ideas for celebrating UT’s centennial.
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