

Finding Aid for the Washington University Second Century Convocation Collection (1955)

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Washington University in St. Louis.

Title: Washington University Second Century Convocation Collection.

Dates: 1952-1955.

Quantity: ca. 13 items.

Language: English.

Historical Note

Washington University was founded in 1853. One hundred years later, the University celebrated its centennial and in 1954, Chancellor Ethan A.H. Shepley and the University privately launched a three-year, \$20 million Second Century Campaign, the second-largest capital fund drive conducted by any U.S. university at the time. When the campaign went public with a four-day convocation in February 1955, it was thought that some of the campaign funds should be used for a new library. These funds led to the construction of John M. Olin Library. Speakers at the convocation included Chief Justice Earl Warren, Abram Leon Sachar, Robert E. Wilson, and Grayson Kirk.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection is comprised of materials relating to the centennial of Washington University and its Second Century Convocation. Included are programs of various events, invitations, addresses, and publications relating to the celebration. The items in this collection are arranged alphabetically.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to University Archives.

Accruals

There are no accruals.

Processing Information

Compiled by Sarah Pabarcus in November 2005. Updated by Ashley Eckhardt in July 2011.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions to access.

Use Restrictions

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Collection Contents

Box No.	Folder
01	Program, Centennial Cavalcade, 21 February 1953
	Program, Centennial Convocation, 1 October 1952
	Program (condensed), Second Century Convocation, February 1955 (3 copies)
	Program, Second Century Convocation, February 1955 (5 copies)
	Program, Second Century Convocation Announcement Dinner, 2 November, 1954 (5 copies)
	Program, Special Sabbath Service, 8 May 1953
	Progress Report on Accomplishments to Date and Plans for the Second Century Convocation and the Second Century Development Program, 14 October 1954
	Purpose of the Washington University Convocation, February 1955 (2 copies)
	Second Century Convocation Addresses, February 1955 (4 copies)
	Second Century Convocation Invitation and Ticket Order Form
	Silver Jubilee Reunion, June 1953

“There is no Finer Way”

Washington University Bronze Tablet, July 1955

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Correspondence, 1955