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**Western Kentucky University**  
**UA3 President's Office**  
**Series 4 Dero Downing**  
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**Biographical/Historical Note:** The president's office was created in 1906. The search for the fourth president of WKU began with Kelly Thompson's resignation announcement May 21, 1969. Vice President for Administrative Affairs Dero Downing indicated that he would serve if asked. The Board of Regents elected him president on August 22, 1969. He served until his retirement in 1979.

Dero Downing was born September 10, 1921 at Fountain Run in Monroe County, Kentucky, and grew up at Horse Cave in Hart County. He enrolled at WKU in 1939 where he played basketball and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree. After serving in the Navy in World War II, he returned to Western as a mathematics teacher and coach at the College's Training School. He later became director of the Training School, college registrar, dean of admissions, dean of business affairs, and vice-president for administrative and business affairs. Upon his resignation as president in 1979 Downing became president of the College Heights Foundation.

**Description:** Subject file regarding the Dero Downing administration.

**Dates:** 1958-1979

**Subject Analytics:**

Audio recording

Clippings

Downing, Dero Goodman, 1921-2011

Drug law enforcement

Football

Graduation ceremonies

Kentucky--Fiction

Motion picture industry

Motion picture producers & directors

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Description	Cook, Paul Cravens, Raymond Crumb, Glenn National Science Foundation U.S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare WKU. Grant & Contract Services. Grant Director's Handbook, nd.			
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Description	Bratcher, John. Difficulties Encountered and the Degree of Success Achieved in Implementing the Decrees of the 23rd Congress of the Communist Party, USSR Relating to the "Conditions & Measures for Further Improving the Work of the Secondary Compulsory Educational School," March 1972. Hardin, Henry U.S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare			
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Description	Kendall, Glenn Louisville Courier-Journal Minton, John			Subjects    Football



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 NCAA  
 National Collegiate Athletic Association  
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Description	Greek Week Interfraternity Council Minton, John Morehead State University. Division of Student Activities & Organizations			
Box 23	F24			Movie "The Town that OD'd"
Description	Brown, Joel Clark-Todd, Tom Complete first draft movie script Correspondence: Cotes, Charles Gaines, Sheriff Gover, Robert Green Acres Griffen, Judge Basil Huffman, Harold H. Kentucky Film Commission Kimball, Hank (fictional tv character) Lazarus, Rhea P. (2) Moore, Alvy Scogginsville Stahl, Harold Till, Geoffrey (author)			Subjects Narcotics Drug law enforcement Kentucky--Fiction Motion picture industry Motion picture producers & directors Motion picture production & direction Motion pictures Sheriffs
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