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UA3/8 Thomas Meredith
Series 8 Speech File

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Biographical/Historical Note: The president's office was created in 1906. The search for a new president began with Kern Alexander's resignation announcement on April 11, 1988. The Board of Regents elected Thomas Meredith as president August 5 and installed September 21, 1988. Under Meredith's leadership, the campus expanded with the purchase of the Bowling Green Center, creation the Institute of Economic Development and the implementation of the first strategic plan Western XXI. He also hired WKU's first female vice president, Barbara Burch. Meredith had served the university for a little over eight years when he announced his resignation February 5, 1997.

Thomas Carter Meredith was born in Owensboro December 7, 1941. He obtained his BS from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1963, his MS from WKU in 1966 and his PhD from the University of Mississippi in 1971. His early career was spent teaching high school in Owensboro, Kentucky and LaHarpe, Illinois. From there he moved into administrative positions in Jeffersonville, Indiana and the board of trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi. Meredith was vice chancellor for executive affairs at the University of Mississippi when he came to WKU in 1988.

Description: Speeches written and delivered by Thomas Meredith.

Dates: 1988-present

Subject Analytics:
Audio recording
Banquets
Budget
Employment interviewing
Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-
Speeches, address, etc.
Video recording
Western Kentucky University

Accession Information: These records were transferred to the WKU Archives from the President's Office in accordance with the records retention schedule.

Access Restrictions: Films, BetaSP and Beta versions have to be converted to a viewable medium before they can be accessed by the public.

Film – cannot be viewed in house

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Beta – cannot be viewed in house
VHS – can be viewed in house
DVD – can be viewed in house
Audiocassettes – can be listened to and digitized in house

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Finding Aid Report

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UA3.8.8	**Records**	**Date**	
Level	**Subseries**	**Linked to**	**UA3.8**
Title	**UA3 President's Office Series 8. Thomas Meredith Subseries 8. Speech File**		
Collection	**WKU Archives**		
Scope & Content	**Speeches written and delivered by Thomas Meredith.**		

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 7		WKU President's Office	1988-1997	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description: 3/4 inch (2) Beta (1) and VHS tapes (18)

Budget Cuts, 1992 vhs
Christmas Messages, 1998, 1988-90 (2), 1993, 1996 vhs
Christmas Message nd beta
Convocation, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992 (2), 1993, 1994 vhs
In Owensboro, 1996 vhs
Press Conference 1988 3/4 in.
Reception, 1997 vhs
Roast, 1997 vhs
Role of Alumni Association, nd vhs
Speeches - commencement, convocations & press conferences, 1996-1997 vhs
Thomas Meredith named president, 1988, 3/4 in.

Subjects: Speeches, address, etc.; Video recording; Budget.

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Tape Box 1	Drawer 3	President's Office	1988	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description: Audiotapes - 3 digitized

Address to Faculty/Staff during interviews, 8/4/1988 m134.mp3, m134.wav
Press Conference re: presidential selection, 8/4/1988 (2)

Bond, Thomas m132.mp3, m132.wav
Collins, Martha Layne m129.mp3, m129.wav
Frederickson, George m128.mp3, m128.wav
Meredith, Thomas m133.mp3, m133.wav

Subjects: Audio recording; Press conferences; Employment interviewing

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Tape Box 1	Drawer 4	President's Office	1992	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description: Audiotape - 1 digitized

Higher Education is Good Business for Kentucky, 1992, m148.mp3, m148.wav, transcript available in UA3/8/1 box 2, folder 8 and online at: http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/552

Subjects: Audio recording; Speeches, address, etc.

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Tape Box 1	Drawer 2	President's Office	1989	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description: Audiotape - 1

Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, 7/28/1989

Subjects: Speeches, address, etc.; Audio recording; Banquets

Tape Box 1	Drawer 5	President's Office	1995	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description Audiotapes - 2

Subjects Audio recording

Moving to a New Level forum, 1/10/1995; 2/10/1995 (2)

Tape Box 4	Drawer 32	President's Office	1988	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description Audiotape - 1 - digitized

Subjects Audio recording

Address to Chamber of Commerce 8/26/1988 - m91.mp3, m92.wav

Tape Box 4	Drawer 23	President's Office	1988-1997	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description Audiotapes - 13 - digitized

Subjects Audio recording
Speeches, address, etc.
Interviews
Radio broadcasting

Budget Reduction presentation to WKU Faculty/Staff Thomas Meredith 4/17/1992, m160.mp3, m160.wav, m161.mp3, m161.wav
Chancellor of Alabama System visits with Hilltopper Network Dr. Thomas Meredith 10/04/1997, m150.mp3, m150.wav
Convocation Dr. Thomas C. Meredith 9/15/1988 m154.mp3, m154.wav, 8/16/1989, m153.mp3, m153.wav, 8/15/1990 m147.mp3, m147.wav, 8/23/1994 (3), m162.mp3, m162.wav, m163.mp3, m163.wav
Council on Higher Education Meeting Dr. Meredith 5/20/1991, m151.mp3, m151.wav
Departure of Dr. Thomas C. Meredith WKU President 1988-1997, nd, m152.mp3, m152.wav
Doctoral proposal by WKU Dr. Meredith comments to Council on Higher Education 5/20/1991
Thomas Meredith Interview 9/25/1992 m143.mp3, m143.wav
Higher Education is Good Business for Kentucky Dr. Thomas C. Meredith 8/26/1992, m148.mp3, m148.wav, transcript and audio available in UA3/8/1 and online at: http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/552
Interview with Dr. Thomas Meredith on his resignation Dan Modlin WKYU-FM m156.mp3, m156.wav
Meredith cuts Western Edition 11/1992, m165.mp3, m165.wav
Meredith to Faculty and Staff 4/27/1990 m144.mp3, m144.wav

Tape Box 4	Drawer 24	President's Office	1988-1997	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File

Description Audiotapes - 8 - digitized

Subjects Audio recording
Speeches, address, etc.

Big Red tape from 1988 with red label stuck on side 1: Matt Meredith MASTER, m159.mp3, m159.wav
Convocation - Thomas Meredith 8/17/1993, m157.mp3, m157.wav, m158.mp3, m158.wav; 8/19/1992, m166.mp3, m166.wav, m167.mp3, m167.wav; 8/15/1996 (2), m171.mp3, m171.wav, m172.mp3, m172.wav, m173.mp3, m173.wav, m174.mp3, m174.wav
Meredith and Glasgow 5/02/1995, m165.mp3, m165.wav
President's Budget Proposal for 1996-97 Fiscal Year 4/26/1996 (2), m168.mp3, m168.wav, m169.mp3, m169.wav, m170.mp3, m170.wav