2019

UA1C2/17 Cravens Graduate Center & Library Photos

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Administrative History: Artificial collection created by WKU Archives to group Cravens Graduate Center & Library images together. The majority of the photos are from WKU sources, but some donated by individuals.

Date Built - 1970
Cost of Construction - $2.4 million
Gross Square Feet - 104,723 (1973)
Architects - Frank Cain

Namesake - Raymond Cravens:
Born in St. Bernard, Ohio, Raymond L. Cravens obtained his A.B. in 1952 and his M.A. in 1955 from Western. During his college career he worked as business manager for The College Heights Herald where he was also a staff cartoonist. He earned his Ph.D. from University of Kentucky in 1958. Upon graduation he began teaching political science in WKU's History Department and continued up the ladder into administration being named Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1959. He served as Dean of Public Service & International Programs from 1977 to 1980 when he went back to teaching full time. The 1962 Talisman was dedicated to him and the Kentucky Junior Chamber of Commerce named him one of its "Outstanding Young Men in Kentucky" for 1963.

Building History:
"The 9 story building will house graduate library facilities, office of the dean of graduate college, areas for card catalogs and circulation counters, lobby areas and additional auxiliary and storage space." ["Permit Sought For WKU Center," Park City Daily News, August 27, 1969] The building was built of reinforced concrete and brick. It is connected at the fourth floor with the Margie Helm Library and was built on the site of the college swimming pool.

Description: Images of the Cravens Graduate Center & Library.

Dates: 1971-present

Extent: 5 folders, oversize folders, negatives, slides

Subject Analytics:
Buildings
Construction
Cravens Graduate Center & Library (WKU)
Helm-Cravens Library (WKU)

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Accession Information: These records transferred to WKU Archives upon its creation.

Access Restrictions: none

Allied Materials:
Images with UA1C2/17 prefix
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UA30/1/2 Planning, Design & Construction Building File
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# Finding Aid Report

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**Scope & Content**  

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