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Western Kentucky University UA1C2 WKU Archives Building & Structures Photos Subseries 38 Helm Library Photos



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Administrative History: Artificial collection created by WKU Archives to group Helm Library and Physical Education Building images together. The majority of the photos are from WKU sources, but some donated by individuals.

Other Names - Health & Physical Education Building
Date Built - 1931
Cost of Construction - \$250,000
Architects - Brinton Davis, Wilk & Arrasmith, Bowling Green

Namesake:

Margie Helm was born in Auburn, Ky. "She received her B.A. degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1916, and the M.A. degree in 1933 from the University of Chicago Graduate Library School. Miss Helm became assistant librarian at Western in 1920, librarian in 1923, and Director of Library Services in 1956. She served in this capacity, and as Head of Library Science, until her retirement in 1965. Miss Helm is a member of numerous professional organizations and has contributed articles to various publications. She won the Business and Professional Women's Club award in 1950 as the Outstanding Business Woman of Bowling Green. She was honored in 1964 as the Outstanding College Librarian for Kentucky by the Kentucky Library Association" [Peaks of Progress]

History:

When the building was first opened in 1931, it was used as a gymnasium that could hold up to 5,000 people. During the last basketball season in the Health & Physical Education Building, the building was erroneously referred to as the "Big Red Barn" in several newspaper articles. Upon the completion of Diddle Arena in 1963, the building was renovated into a 70,000 square foot library to accommodate over a 1/2 million volumes on three floors with a seating capacity for 1,000 students. The building also housed the Library Science and Industrial Arts departments along with librarians. The library was dedicated on October 14, 1967.

For information on University Libraries see also: Recitation Hall, Cedar House Gordon Wilson Hall Kentucky Building and Cravens Graduate Center & Library.

Additions/Renovations:

1965 - renovation and conversion to a library, estimated \$1 million

Description: Images of Helm Library. The building was originally constructed and used as the Physical Education building 1931-1964. All images are in this series.

Dates: 1931-present

Extent: 16 folders, 3 oversize, glass plate, 2 negatives, 22 slides

Subject Analytics:

Athletics (WKU)	Libraries
Buildings	Physical Education (WKU)
Construction	University Libraries (WKU)
Gymnasiums	Western Kentucky University
Helm-Cravens Library (WKU)	

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Allied Materials:

Images with [UA1C2/38 prefix](#)
[UA30/1/2 Planning, Design & Construction Building File](#)

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Finding Aid Report

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UA1C2.38	Print, Photographic	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA1C2
Title	UA1C WKU Archives Photograph Collection	
Collection	Series 2 Buildings & Structures	
Scope & Content	Subseries 38 Helm Library Photos	
	WKU Archives	
	Images of Helm Library. The building was originally constructed and used as the Physical Education building 1931-1964. All images are in this series.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 2	GP18	WKU Archives		Helm-Cravens Library
Description	Physical Education (WKU)			Subjects Architectural drawings
MC7	Drawer 5	WKU Archives		Helm-Cravens Library
Description	Margie Helm Library, 1964, 19 1/2 x 10 mounted on board 25 x 15			Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums Architectural drawings
NC	N13124-N13125	WKU Archives		Helm-Cravens Library - Negatives
				Subjects Negatives
NC	N13744	WKU Archives	1930-1939	Helm-Cravens Library - Negatives
Description	ROTC			Subjects Negatives Soldiers
OS Box 2	F22	WKU Archives		Helm-Cravens Library
Description	"College Library, WKSC," W.S. Arrasmith, Louisville, KY & Joseph Wilk, Bowling Green, KY architects.			Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums Architectural drawings
OS Box 5	F27	WKU Archives		Helm-Cravens Library
Description	Donated by Jonathan Jeffrey.			Subjects Libraries Architectural drawings Drawings
	Belinda, J. "Renovation of Former Library," Joseph Wilk, Bowling Green, KY, architects, nd			

OS PC	FOS48	WKU Archives	Helm-Cravens Library
Description	Physical Education (WKU)		Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums
PC	F1199-F1206	WKU Archives	Helm-Cravens Library
			Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums Architectural drawings Snow Architectural decorations & ornaments Winter
PC	F1345-F1346	WKU Archives	Helm-Cravens Library
Description	F1346 - digitized Physical Education (WKU)		Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums
PC	F1343	WKU Archives	Helm-Cravens Library - Construction
Description	Physical Education (WKU)		Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums
PC	F1350	WKU Archives	Helm-Cravens Library
Description	digitized Physical Education (WKU)		Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums Postcards
PC	F1197	WKU Archives	Helm-Cravens Library
Description	UA2000-30 Nevline Higgason		Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums Architectural drawings Snow Architectural decorations & ornaments Winter
PC	F1198	WKU Archives	Helm-Cravens Library
Description	6		Subjects Libraries Gymnasiums Architectural drawings Snow Architectural decorations & ornaments Winter Construction
SC	S3971-S3992	WKU Archives	Slides
Description	Digitized		Subjects Western Kentucky University Libraries Libraries (Rooms)