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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

BetaSP – cannot be viewed in house

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 toUA3.8
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)			Subjects Speeches, address, etc. Video recording Budget.
	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.			
Tape Box 1	Drawer 3	President's Office	1988	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 3 digitized			Subjects Audio recording Press conferences Employment interviewing
	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			
Tape Box 1	Drawer 4	President's Office	1992	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 1 digitized			Subjects Audio recording Speeches, address, etc.
	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			
Tape Box 1	Drawer 2	President's Office	1989	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 1			Subjects Speeches, address, etc. Audio recording Banquets
	Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, 7/28/1989			

Tape Box 1	Drawer 5	President's Office	1995	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 2 Moving to a New Level forum, 1/10/1995; 2/10/1995 (2)			Subjects Audio recording
Tape Box 4	Drawer 32	President's Office	1988	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotape - 1 - digitized Address to Chamber of Commerce 8/26/1988 - m91.mp3, m92.wav			Subjects Audio recording
Tape Box 4	Drawer 23	President's Office	1988-1997	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 13 - digitized 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			Subjects Audio recording Speeches, address, etc. Interviews Radio broadcasting
Tape Box 4	Drawer 24	President's Office	1988-1997	Speeches - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 8 - digitized 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			Subjects Audio recording Speeches, address, etc.