Overview of the Collection

Title: Larry Kennedy Inauguration

Collection Number: A2012-003, RG5.4.1

Dates: 1998-1999

Abstract: This collection consists of items from Dr. Larry Kennedy’s Inauguration as 8th president of William Carey College in 1999. It includes documents, stationery, and correspondence associated with planning and executing the huge William Carey College Inauguration event. This event also included several receptions for Dr. Kennedy at all three campuses. It also included dedication ceremonies and a reception in honor of Dr. Kennedy’s wife, Sarah Kennedy.

Descriptive Summary

Biographical/Historical Note

Dr. Larry Kennedy was born to Wells Earnest Kennedy and Cecilia Johnson in 1942 in Ville Platt, Louisiana. He holds a degree in history, a Masters of Theology, a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. He has also had two of his books published by Broadman Press. Dr. Larry Kennedy served as the 8th president of the WCU from 1998-2007; he was originally tenured in 1991. He was known for his progressive leadership of the college specifically in regards to construction projects that expanded the Hattiesburg and New Orleans’ campuses. What’s even more remarkable is that he eradicated the college’s debt of $7.5m ten months before it was due. Under President Larry Kennedy’s term, William Carey College became a university.

Dr. Kennedy was very active in the Hattiesburg community; he was named Distinguished Young Man of the Year by the Armory Jaycees and Outstanding Young Man of America, Board Member of the United Way, and Board member of BankcorpSouth. He was also awarded the Hattiesburg Hub Award as well as the Executive of the year by SMEI. He is survived by his wife Sarah Johnson and their son, Stephen Kennedy.
Sources Consulted:


Arrangement:

This collection consists of two boxes, .50 cubic feet. Items are arranged in alphabetical order according to type of document. All document types filed are in chronological order.

Box 1: Inauguration documents regarding the planning of the event
- Correspondence
- Expenses
- Guest Lists
- Inauguration Committee
- Newspaper
- Photographs
- Speeches

Box 2: Inauguration stationery, programs, and announcements
- Napkins
- Programs
- Stationery

Scope and Content:

Box I:

Folder 1: Correspondence  
Folder 2: Expenses  
Folder 3: Guest Lists-Other Receptions  
Folder 4: Guest Lists-Officials  
Folder 5: Guest Lists-Merged Lists  
Folder 6: Inauguration Committee  
Folder 7: Newspaper  
Folder 8: Photographs  
Folder 9: Speeches  

Box II:

Folder 10: Napkins
Folder 11: Programs-Coast Campus Reception       September 21, 1999
Folder 12: Programs-Dedication Ceremony          September 22, 1999
Folder 13: Inaugural Convocation                 October 23, 1999
Folder 14: Stationery-Reception NOLA             September 20, 1999
Folder 15: Stationery-Coast Reception Invitations September 21, 1999
Folder 16: Stationery Coast Reception            September 21, 1999
Folder 17: Stationery-SBLA Luncheon Invitations September 22, 1999
Folder 18: Stationery-Invitation                 September 23, 1999
Folder 19: Stationery-Announcement               September 24, 1999

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Administrative Information:

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