

MS-564: Wilbur Wright High School Alumni Collection

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Title: Wilbur Wright High School Alumni Collection

Dates: 1925-2012

Creator: Wilbur Wright High School (Dayton, Ohio). Alumni Association

Summary/Abstract:

This collection contains materials assembled by the Wilbur Wright High School, Dayton, Ohio, covering the history of the school, focusing primarily on student and alumni activities. The majority of the collection is comprised of photographs and newspaper clippings, as well as programs, school newspapers, and other items. Of particular note are the large mounted class portrait collages, which date from 1947-1982.

Quantity/Physical Description: 26.5 linear feet (8 oversize drawers & 6 boxes)

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
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Restrictions on Access:

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries, in November 2011, with an additional donation in March 2013. The donation was facilitated by Diana Lee Riddlebaugh Schwieterman, Class of 1962 and President of the Wilbur Wright High School Alumni Association.

Sponsor:

Processing of the Wilbur Wright High School Alumni Collection was made possible through the generous support of Ronald D. Patrick, Class of 1972.

Accruals: No additional accruals are anticipated.

Custodial History:

Much of the material in this collection, particularly Series II-IV, was collected by individual alumni who then donated the materials to the Alumni Association's memorabilia room.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries website at: <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms564.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at: <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, September 2017.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into four series and three subseries:

- Series I: Official Portraits, Circa 1932-1982
 - Subseries I-A: Class Portrait Collages, 1947-1982
 - Subseries I-B: Sports Team Portraits, 1940-1955
 - Subseries I-C: Faculty Portraits, Circa 1932-1982
- Series II: Class Boards and Student Life, 1925-2012
- Series III: Alumni Activities, 1978-2012
- Series IV: Wilbur Wright High School History, 1929-2010

Biographical/Historical Note:

Wilbur Wright School stood at 1361 Huffman Avenue on a hill overlooking Dayton's East End neighborhood for more than 80 years. The building, designed by Hermann and Brown architects, opened in the mid-1920s as a junior high and elementary school. It was named for aviation pioneer and Dayton native Wilbur Wright, one of the famous Wright Brothers. The school's mascot of the "Pilot" further honors the Wright Brothers' legacy.

When Dayton's Steele High School closed in 1940, its faculty and staff, including principal Jay W. Holmes, were transferred to the Wilbur Wright building, and the school became Wilbur Wright High School. Among the notable graduates of WWHS are: Vic Cassano (1941), pizza businessman; Don "Monk" Meineke (1948), UD and NBA basketball player; artist Bing Davis (1955); Stanley Pottinger (1958), U.S. Assistant Attorney General under Nixon; and actor Ken Jenkins (1958), who is perhaps best known for his role on the TV comedy *Scrubs*.

In 1982, the school was converted back to a junior high, serving in that capacity until the spring of 2009, when the school was closed permanently. In 2010, most of the old Wilbur Wright

building was demolished to make way for the new Wilbur Wright PK-8 School built on the same site; only the auditorium of the old school was preserved for use with the new building.

Scope and Content Note:

Series I: Official Portraits, consists of extremely large class portrait collages, sports team portraits, and faculty portraits, which previously hung framed in the hallways of the school building. The class portraits and team portraits are mounted on heavy cardstock. This series spans from about 1932 to 1982.

Subseries I-A: Class Portrait Collages, consists of one collage per graduating class year, made up of individual oval head shots for each graduate, with the person's name underneath his or her photo. Photos are listed in chronological order. The full span for this subseries is 1947 to 1982. The class portraits 1947-1972 are black and white; 1973-1982 are in color.

Subseries I-B: Sports Team Portraits, consists of group photographs of the team members, as well as, in most cases, the schedule and score, as well as the names of the team members. Photographs are separated by sport and then listed in chronological order. This subseries spans 1940 to 1955, and all portraits are black and white.

Subseries I-C: Faculty Portraits, consists of professional "head shot" portraits of school principals and some assistant principals. The portraits themselves are not dated; however, the individual's name, position, and dates of service are included with each photograph. Photos are listed in roughly chronological order. This subseries spans circa 1932 to 1982.

Series II: Class Boards and Student Life, consists primarily of materials that were displayed on the "Class Boards" in the Alumni Association's memorabilia room, as well as other materials related to student life, which may not have been posted on the boards themselves. This series consists heavily of photographs and newspaper clippings, as well as programs, school newspapers, and other items. Although subject matter is varied, there is a large amount of drama-related materials (including photographs and programs), many of which were donated to the memorabilia room by Charles Scott, WWHS drama teacher from 1957 to 1982. Materials in this series are arranged in chronological order by decade, which is how the class board materials were originally organized and displayed. The overall span date for this series is 1925-2012.

Series III: Alumni Activities, consists primarily of newspaper clippings and obituaries concerning WWHS graduates, as well as photographs, particularly of reunion groups and alumni cruises. Materials in this series are organized according to format, such as clippings or photographs, then chronologically. Clippings are separated according to class year by decade, similarly to the class boards in Series II. Materials in Series III span from 1978-2012.

Series IV: Wilbur Wright High School History, consists of materials concerning the WWHS faculty, the history of the school building, and the history of the Wright Brothers. There is also a

small amount of memorabilia, including a bumper sticker, lanyard, and bookmarks/ribbons. Materials in this series span from 1929-2010.

Subject Terms

Organizations/Corporate Names

Wilbur Wright High School (Dayton, Ohio). Alumni Association
Wilbur Wright High School (Dayton, Ohio)

Places

Dayton (Ohio) -- Public Schools -- Alumni and Alumnae

Material Types

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Photographs – 20th century

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I: Official Portraits			Circa 1932-1982
Subseries I-A: Class Portrait Collages			1947-1982
OS 145	1	Class Portrait Collage	1947
OS 145	2	Class Portrait Collage	1948
OS 145	3	Class Portrait Collage	1949
OS 145	4	Class Portrait Collage	1950
OS 145	5	Class Portrait Collage	1951
OS 145	6	Class Portrait Collage	1952
OS 145	7	Class Portrait Collage	1953
OS 145	8	Class Portrait Collage	1954
OS 146	0 ¹	Class Portrait Collage	1955
OS 146	1	Class Portrait Collage	1956
OS 146	2	Class Portrait Collage	1957
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OS 146	5	Class Portrait Collage	1960
OS 146	6	Class Portrait Collage	1961
OS 146	7	Class Portrait Collage	1962
OS 146	8	Class Portrait Collage	1963
OS 146	9	Class Portrait Collage	1964
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OS 147	6	Class Portrait Collage	1974
OS 148	1	Class Portrait Collage	1975
OS 148	2	Class Portrait Collage	1976
OS 148	3	Class Portrait Collage	1977
OS 148	4	Class Portrait Collage	1978
OS 148	5	Class Portrait Collage	1979
OS 148	6	Class Portrait Collage	1980
OS 148	7	Class Portrait Collage	1981
OS 148	8	Class Portrait Collage	1982

¹ Items located in oversize locations with folder "0" are in individual folders on top of the map case, as these were too large to fit inside. A redirect slip indicating this should also be present in the oversize drawer indicated.

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Subseries I-B: Sports Team Portraits			1940-1955
OS 149	1	Football Team Photo	1940
OS 149	2	Football Team Photo	1942
OS 149	3	Football Team Photo	1943
OS 149	4	Football Team Photo	1944
OS 149	5	Football Team Photo	1945
OS 149	6	Football Team Photo	1950
OS 149	7	Football Team Photo	1951
OS 149	8	Football Team Photo	1952
OS 149	9	Football Team Photo	1953
OS 149	10	Basketball Team Photo	1940-1941
OS 149	11	Basketball Team Photo	1941-1942
OS 149	12	Basketball Team Photo	1942-1943
OS 149	13	Basketball Team Photo	1943-1944
OS 149	14	Basketball Team Photo	1945-1946
OS 150	1	Basketball Team Photo	1946-1947
OS 150	2	Basketball Team Photo	1947-1948
OS 150	3	Basketball Team Photo	1949-1950
OS 150	4	Basketball Team Photo	1952-1953
OS 150	5	Basketball Team Photo	1953-1954
OS 150	6	Baseball Team Photo	1948
OS 150	7	Baseball Team Photo	1949
OS 150	8	Baseball Team Photo	1950
OS 150	9	Baseball Team Photo	1951
OS 150	10	Baseball Team Photo	1952
OS 150	11	Baseball Team Photo	1953
OS 150	12	Baseball Team Photo	1955
OS 150	13	Track Team Photo	1941
OS 150	14	Track Team Photo	1942
OS 151	1	Track Team Photo	1943
OS 151	2	Track Team Photo	1944
OS 151	3	Track Team Photo	1945
OS 151	4	Track Team Photo	1950
OS 151	5	Track Team Photo	1951
OS 151	6	Track Team Photo	1952
Subseries I-C: Faculty Portraits			Circa 1932-1982
OS 151	7	Willard H. Marquardt, Principal, 1932-1936	Circa 1932-1936
OS 151	8	Norman B. Wine, Principal, 1936-1938	Circa 1936-1938
OS 151	9	Jay William Holmes, Principal, 1940-1962	Circa 1940-1962
OS 151	10	William Holloway, Principal, 1962-1972	Circa 1962-1972
OS 151	11	Edgar M. Norris, Principal, 1972-1982; Assistant	Circa 1972-1982

Box	File	Description	Date
		Principal, 1962-1972	
OS 151	12	Thomas B. Herrmann, Assistant Principal, 1946-1968	Circa 1946-1968
OS 151	13	Mr. Goodrich, Principal, Lincoln Elementary, undated	Undated
Series II: Class Boards and Student Life			1925-2012
3	1	1920s/1930s Athletics Team Photographs	1925-1935, Undated
3	2	1930s Theatre Photographs	Circa 1930-1939
OS 144	1	1930s Oversize Photographs: Student Life	1934-1935
3	3	1940s Class Board: Photographs	Circa 1940-1949, circa 1960-1995, Undated
OS 151	14	1940s: Perce Welcome, classroom scene	Circa 1940-1949
1	1	1940s Class Board: Programs	1940-1949, 1969, 1985
1	2	1940s Class Board: News Clippings	1941-1944, Undated
1	3	1940s Class Board: Other Materials	1941-1947, Undated
OS 144	5	1940s Class Board: Oversize Materials	1941-2002, Undated
OS 144	3	1940s, Program: First Annual Dayton Public High School Football Premiere (Stadium Building Fundraiser)	1947 Sept. 5
OS 144	9	1940s, School Newspaper: <i>Wilbur Wright</i> and <i>Wright Pilot</i> (scattered issues)	1943-1945
OS 144	10	1940s, School Newspaper: <i>Wright Pilot</i> (photocopy)	1949 Feb 25
3	4	1950s Class Board: Photographs	Circa 1950-1959, Undated
1	4	1950s Class Board: Programs	1954-1959, Undated
1	5	1950s, Football Programs	1958 Sept
1	6	1950s Class Board: News Clippings	1950-1959, Undated
1	7	1950s Class Board: Other Materials	1950-1955, Undated
OS 144	11	1950s, Football and Basketball Schedule Posters	1955-1956
4	1	1960s Class Board: Photographs	1959-circa 1969, 1985, 2012, Undated
1	8	1960s Class Board: Programs	1959-1968, Undated
1	9	1960s Class Board: News Clippings	1960-1969, Undated
1	10	1960s Class Board: Other Materials	1960, Undated
OS 144	6	1960s Class Board: Oversize materials	1960-1963, Undated
5	1	1970s Class Board: Photographs	Circa 1970-1979, Undated
5	2	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Wait Until Dark"	Undated

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5	3	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Monique"	1972
5	4	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Mad Woman of Chaillot"	1972
5	5	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Our Town"	1973
5	6	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Don't Drink the Water"	1973
5	7	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "A Night of One Acts"	1974
5	8	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Diary of Anne Frank"	1974-1975
5	9	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Hester's Scarlet Letter"	1975
5	10	1970s Class Board: Photographs, "Cyrano de Bergerac"	Undated
6	1	1970s/1980s Class Board: Photographs	Circa 1970-1979, Undated
6	2	1970s/1980s Class Board: Photographs, "My Fair Lady"	1974
6	3	1970s/1980s Class Board: Photographs, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"	1976
1	11	1970s/1980s Class Board: Programs	1971-1975, Undated
1	12	1970s/1980s Class Board: News Clippings	1970-1973, Undated
1	13	1970s/1980s Class Board: Other Materials	Undated
OS 144	12	1970s/1980s Class Board: Oversize Materials	1972, 1976
6	4	Mixed Years Class Board: Photographs	1960-1997, Undated
1	14	Mixed Years Class Board: News Clippings	1941-2003, Undated
1	15	Mixed Years Class Board: Other Materials	1965, 1978, Undated
OS 144	2	Mixed Years, Oversize Photographs: Student Life	Undated
6	5	Photographs of the Class Boards	2011 Nov 2
Series III: Alumni Activities			1978-2012
2	1	1940s Classes: Alumni Clippings and Obituaries	1984-2008, Undated
2	2	1950s Classes: Alumni Clippings and Obituaries	1986-2012, Undated
2	3	1960s Classes: Alumni Clippings and Obituaries	1983-2007, Undated
2	4	1970s Classes: Alumni Clippings and Obituaries	1991-1997, Undated
2	5	1980s Classes: Alumni Clippings and Obituaries	1989
2	6	Class Year Unidentified: Alumni Clippings and Obituaries	1978-2005, Undated
2	7	Alumni Clippings: Bing Davis	1996-2010, Undated
2	8	Diploma Presentation: William Genner (Class of 1942)	1992
6	6	Alumni Photographs	Circa 1990-1995
2	9	Alumni Cruise: Monarch of the Seas	1992 Nov-Dec

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6	7	Alumni Cruise: Monarch of the Seas, Photographs	1992 Nov-Dec
2	10	Alumni Correspondence	1994-1995
2	11	Reunions: Class of 1943, 1952, 1962	1992-1993
OS 144	4	Reunion Photograph: Oversize	Undated
Series IV: Wilbur Wright High School History			1929-2010
2	12	Faculty Clippings, Obituaries, and Memorials	1958-2003, Undated
2	13	Faculty Clippings: Jay William Holmes	1962, 1968, 1999, Undated
6	8	Faculty Photographs	1941-1982, Undated
6	9	Wright Brothers Commemoration Photographs with Orville Wright	1929
6	10	WWHS Building Photographs	1952, Undated
2	14	Stories about Wilbur Wright High School	1979 Feb
2	15	WWHS History Clippings	1948-2003, Undated
2	16	Crucifix Controversy	1960
2	17	Memorabilia	Undated
2	18	Correspondence to/from Roz Young regarding WWHS History	1999-2000
OS 144	7	Rules: "Welcome to Wilbur Wright High School"	Circa 1980
2	19	Wright Brothers History and Clippings	1991-2010, Undated
OS 144	8	Wright Brothers History and Clippings, Oversize	2003, Undated