

James Elwood Conner, (1962-1965)

**Archives, Wheelock College Library
Boston, MA 02215**

Title: Records of the Office of the President.

Date: 1962-1965

Term of Office: 1962-1965

Quantity: 5 folders

Collection ID Number: 1D

Biography

James E. Conner was the fourth President of Wheelock College. Conner graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1949 and received a Master's in Education at the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. at the University of Maryland with a major in Human Growth and Development. He was a specialist in early childhood and elementary education who came to Wheelock in 1962 after serving as Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Highland Park, Michigan and as a principal and teacher at elementary schools in Maryland. During his tenure, Wheelock faculty used academic rank for the first time, the number of electives increased, and the College celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a massive fund drive, culminating in the construction of the long-delayed Lucy Wheelock Memorial Auditorium and Multi-Purpose Building (now known as the Activities Building). Conner resigned the presidency of Wheelock in 1965.

Scope and Content

The collection documents the life and professional work of James Conner, fourth President of Wheelock College. A small portion of the collection is made up of biographical materials. The majority of the collection consists of Wheelock administrative records. The collection is organized in two series.

- I. Biographical**
 - II. Wheelock College Administration**
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Restrictions

Access:

Access to the collection is unlimited. Researchers are allowed to view all pieces of the collection. The archives is open by appointment only. Call the Reference Librarian at (617) 879-2222 to make an appointment.

Copyright:

Requests to publish material from the collection should be submitted to the Library Director.

Cataloging Entries

The following catalog entries provide controlled subject access to the collection. All these entries are searchable in the Wheelock College on-line catalog to find materials of related interest.

Conner, James E.
Wheelock College -- History
Early childhood education -- History

Administrative Information

Acquisition:

The collection was the donation of Wheelock alumnae, faculty, and staff.

Processing Information:

The collection was re-processed by Jill Snyder in April of 2002. The collection was initially organized by Laura Reade and Judy Ceven. The collection was rearranged based on archival principles. Accession correspondence as well as inquiries into information from the archives was removed from the collection. Acidic materials such as newsprint were photocopied onto acid-free paper and then discarded unless the original had some intrinsic value.

Series Description

Series I:

Biographical, 1962-1965

Contains newspaper clippings, press releases, board of trustees announcements, and a program for the 1965 dedication of the Lucy Wheelock Memorial Auditorium, signed by Conner.

Series II:

Wheelock College Administrative, 1962-1965

Documents some of Conner's work at Wheelock College. Consists of annual reports, correspondence, and memoranda, mainly dealing with administrative restructuring, plans for the 75th Anniversary, and the newly acquired President's House. There is also a reprint of Conner's 1962 convocation speech.

Container List

Series I: Biographical

- Biographical Material, 1962-1965, Box 10

Series II: Wheelock College Administrative

- "Dare You Paint a Fire Engine Green" or "Is Your Gyroscope Working?" by James E. Conner, 1962, Box 10 [speech read at convocation in 1962]
- Report of the President, 1962, Box 10
- Annual Report of the President, 1962-1963, Box 10
- Memoranda, 1962-1965, Box 10