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Name and Location of Repository:

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Title: NWHSU Collection on University History

Dates: 1950s-2016

Extent: 2 boxes, plus 2 separated items

Name of Creator(s)/Collector(s): Unknown. Bulk of collection likely collated by former library technician Corinne Florin at time of processing in July 2015; some materials added by archivist Monica Howell when archives was surveyed in 2017-2018.

Administrative History

Northwestern College of Chiropractic was founded in 1941 in Minneapolis, MN, by John B. Wolfe, Sr., D.C., to teach the principles, philosophy, and practice of chiropractic. The school has been located at 608 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1941-1948; 2222 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, in 1949-1973; 1834 Mississippi River Boulevard, St. Paul, in 1974-1984; and 2501 West 84th Street, Bloomington, from 1985-present. Graduates receive a doctorate of chiropractic (D.C.) degree, and may also earn a bachelor's degree in human biology.

In 1999, NWCC merged with the Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies (MIAHS; founded in 1990 by Edith Davis, Lac, DiplAc), to form Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU), located in Bloomington, MN. MIAHS then became the Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MCAOM) within NWHSU, teaching acupuncture, Oriental medicine principles and practices, and Chinese herbal medicine. Graduates receive a master's degree in acupuncture (M.Ac.), a master's degree in Oriental medicine (M.Om.), or a graduate-level certificate in herbal medicine. MCAOM students may also earn a bachelor's degree in human biology.

The School of Massage Therapy was founded at NWHSU in 2000, teaching relaxation and clinical therapeutic massage. Graduates receive an undergraduate-level certificate in relaxation massage or therapeutic massage, or an associate of applied science degree (A.A.S.) in massage therapy.

The College of Undergraduate Health Sciences was established at NWHSU in 2011, teaching classes for a bachelor of science (B.S.) in human biology completion program, as well as for post-baccalaureate pre-health/pre-medicine students beginning in 2013. The three non-chiropractic colleges and schools were re-organized into the College of Health and Wellness in 2015, which also began offering a program in Applied Clinical Nutrition that year. Graduates from this program receive one or both graduate-level certificates in Nutrition Intervention in Health and Disease or in Health, Wellness, and Human Performance, or a master of health science degree (M.H.S.) in applied clinical nutrition.

According to NWSU's University Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

NWSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). The NCA was founded in 1895 as a membership organization for educational institutions. The association is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States. Through its commissions, it accredits and grants membership to educational institutions in the 19-state North Central region. The Higher Learning Commission is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education and by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1988, and was renewed in 1993, 2001, and 2010.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education has authorized us to award degrees in Minnesota, for the academic programs offered.

The Minnesota State Approving Agency for Veterans Education approves Northwestern Health Sciences University for veterans education benefits.

Northwestern Health Sciences University is a not-for-profit corporation under articles and bylaws registered with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The university is qualified as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with the Internal Revenue Services of the United States Department of Treasury. 501(c)(3) status is reserved for organizations operating for educational, religious or charitable purposes.

According to the College of Chiropractic Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Doctor of Chiropractic program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). The Council on Chiropractic Education is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education as the official accrediting body for chiropractic education. Northwestern has been a member of CCE since the Commission's inception in 1965. Accreditation was extended to Northwestern in 1971, and renewed in 1974, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1991, 1998, 2005 and 2014. The next regularly scheduled comprehensive evaluation site visit is scheduled for Spring 2022.

According to the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Master of Acupuncture and Master of Oriental Medicine programs offered by the University are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), which is the accrediting agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the approval of programs preparing acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners. Program accreditation was extended in 2005 and 2010.

According to the Applied Clinical Nutrition Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The University is approved by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) to offer the Master of Health Science (MHS) degree and certificate programs in Applied Clinical Nutrition. The NCA is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and professional degrees.

According to the Massage Therapy Program Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):
Massage Therapy Certificate Program offered by the University is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA), which is an agency recognized by the United States Secretary of Education for the accreditation of institutions that award post-secondary certificates, post-secondary diplomas, and academic Associate degrees in the practice of massage therapy and bodywork. Program accreditation was extended in 2014. The next program evaluation is scheduled for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The AAS [Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy] degree program is included in the University's [HLC] accreditation.

According to the Undergraduate Health Sciences Accreditation webpage (last accessed December 19, 2016):

The Bachelor of Science in Human Biology degree completion program is recognized as an accredited degree program by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

NWHSU is governed by a Board of Trustees, made up of representatives from the academic, professional, and business communities. The university's senior leader is the president, Christopher Cassirer, Sc.D., M.P.H. Information on past presidents can be found in the finding aid for NWHSU Archives Collection #13 – NWHSU Presidents.

Scope and Content: Includes materials related to the history of Northwestern Health Sciences University, including Northwestern College of Chiropractic and Minnesota Institute of Acupuncture and Herbal Studies. Most materials are paper records and marketing and event materials (brochures, postcards, booklets), but the collection also includes some photographs, correspondence, and realia. Most materials are originals. Provenance of most materials is unknown.

Conditions Governing Access: none

Physical Access: Materials are housed in archival storage and may require advance notice for access. Older materials have sustained some damage and should be used with caution.

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Languages and Scripts of Material: English

Other Finding Aids: An older version of this finding aid is available upon request from the archivist. No other inventories or finding aids exist.

Custodial History: unknown

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Unknown for most materials; some materials collected and added by archivist on behalf of the archives

Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information: Collection was surveyed November 2017; no materials were de-accessioned at that time. Collection will be reappraised in the 2021-2022 academic year.

Accruals: none expected

Existence and Location of Copies: Copies of some materials are likely to be found in the collections listed under Related Archival Materials. Copies held elsewhere are unknown.

Related Archival Materials: Collections 2-3, 7-8, 10, 12-17, 19-22. The archives also houses yearbooks, catalogs, and bound materials from chiropractic Homecoming and acupuncture and Chinese medicine and massage therapy symposia in the special collections book stacks.

Publication Note: none known

Notes: Methods of initial processing are unknown. Folders were arranged alphabetically when initially processed and that arrangement was kept after the collection was surveyed in 2017. Dates for most folders are not identified but are included in the folder listing where available. The collection was surveyed, and loose, unprocessed materials related to the history of NWSU were foldered and added to the collection in November 2017 by the archivist. Most materials have not been preservation processed.

System of Arrangement: Materials in Box 1 are foldered and arranged alphabetically by topic as determined by Corinne Florin. Materials in Box 2 are realia and unusually-sized papers; these materials are not arranged.

Box 1 – Series I: Records, 1950s-2016

This series includes various types of documents recording the history of NWCC/NWSU and its colleges and schools. See folder titles for more information. This series also includes one item housed in Box 2 and two items stored separately, all due to size/shape. The separated items are tagged or labeled.

- Folder 1:* 608 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis
- Folder 2:* 2222 Park Avenue, Minneapolis
- Folder 3:* 1834 Mississippi Boulevard, St. Paul
- Folder 4:* 2501 West 84th Street, Bloomington
- Folder 5:* Admissions Brochures
- Folder 6:* Admissions Department
- Folder 7:* Alumni News
- Folder 8:* Archives
- Folder 9:* Beasecker Diploma, 1952
- Folder 10:* Board of Directors Meeting, 1978
- Folder 11:* Brochures
- Folder 12:* Building Plans
- Folder 13:* Campaigns
- Folder 14:* Capital Campaign Brochure
- Folder 15:* Certificate of Assumed Name
- Folder 16:* Clinics
- Folder 17:* College of Chiropractic Homecoming, 2016

Folder 18: College of Health and Wellness Symposium, 2016
Folder 19: Corporate Partnership
Folder 20: Correspondence: Agnes Palmer (Mrs. D. D. Palmer II)
Folder 21: Correspondence: Charles Schein, 1983
Folder 22: Correspondence: John Wolfe, Sr., 1973
Folder 23: Dinners and Luncheons
Folder 24: Displays
Folder 25: Emblems and Logos
Folder 26: Employee Information
Folder 27: Events, 2010 & 2015 [oversized, located on side of box]
Folder 28: Faculty and Staff
Folder 29: "The Giant Step" (article)
Folder 30: Greeting Cards
Folder 31: Health Club Partnerships
Folder 32: Higher Health Symposium, 2016
Folder 33: Homecoming
Folder 34: In Memoriam
Folder 35: Legislation
Folder 36: Library
Folder 37: Memories Publication
Folder 38: Miscellaneous
Folder 39: Miscellaneous Northwestern Brochures
Folder 40: Miscellaneous Notes
Folder 41: Northwestern College of Chiropractic Information Folder, 1988?
Folder 42: NWCC Songs and Music
Folder 43: NWCC Student Body Constitution, 1974
Folder 44: Office of the President
Folder 45: Photos
Folder 46: President's League
Folder 47: School History
Folder 48: School of Massage Therapy
Folder 49: Science Academy
Folder 50: Special Events
Folder 51: Sports
Folder 52: Stars Among Us Gala
Folder 53: Stationery
Folder 54: Student Clubs and Organizations Information, 2016
Folder 55: Student Senate
Folder 56: Surveys
Folder 57: Sweet Serenade at Sunset
Folder 58: Timelines
Folder 59: Vinnie the Vertebrate Mascot

Box 2 – Series I: Records, 1950s-2016; **Series II:** Realia, 1980s?-2010s

This box includes materials from two series, Series I: Records, described above, and Series II: Realia. The realia items have been collected from various unknown sources and are listed below.

Series I: Records, 1950s-2016

- Escrows and Abstract of Title to All Lots in All Blocks Included in the Plat of Penn Lake Highlands Second Addition, 1954-1956

Series II: Realia, 1980s?-2010s

- NWCC thumb drive in package, likely 2000s
- NWCC jacket buttons (2) in plastic box, 1980s?
- NWCC/NWHSU pins (3), 1990s?-2010s

Separated Items, Series I: Records, 1950s-2016

- NWCC Information Guide
- NWHSU admissions “case,” in paperboard suitcase, 2001-02

Finding Aid Description Information

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