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SUMMARY

Size	1.5 linear feet.
Geographic Location	Baton Rouge, La.
Inclusive Dates	1969-1970.
Summary	Correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, invitation lists, newspaper clippings, printed items, and flags pertaining to the celebration of Louisiana State University's 100 th Anniversary.
Access Restrictions	No restrictions on access.
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Related Collections	LSU Centennial Records, A4025 Office of the Chancellor Records, A0001 LSU Board of Supervisors Records, A0003 LSU System Records, A0002
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HISTORICAL NOTE

LSU celebrated its 100th year in Baton Rouge from October 1969 until March 1970. A committee was formed in June of 1969 to decide on a theme and coordinate events. Homecoming, held on October 23, 1969, was the kickoff event for the centennial featuring such events as a military review showing cadet uniforms worn from 1860 until the present, a student film festival, and a horse-and-buggy parade from campus to the Louisiana State School for the Deaf which served as LSU's first home in Baton Rouge. Mayor President W.W. Dumas proclaimed Homecoming week to be Centennial Week and said that LSU "has completed a century of achievement as a highly-respected citizen of Baton Rouge." Other events tied into the centennial celebration were the dedication of the Life Sciences building and the Law School addition.

The final event was the Centennial Dinner held in the Union's Cotillion Ball Room on March 16, 1970. The featured speaker was Barnaby Keeney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The centennial committee asked Wernher von Braun, director of the Marshall Space Flight Center, former vice president and 1942 alumnus Hubert Humphrey; and vice president Spiro Agnew, but scheduling conflicts prevented them from speaking at the dinner. Honored guests at the dinner included descendents of the graduating class of 1870, various state-level politicians, industry leaders, and university administrators.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, invitation lists, newspaper clippings, printed items, a photograph, and flags documenting the activities of the LSU Centennial Committee and events pertaining to the celebration. Correspondence includes letters and memoranda between committee chairman Robert Holtman and Chancellor Cecil Taylor and members of the Centennial Committee on committee activities; between Holtman and Wernher von Braun, Hubert Humphrey, and Spiro Agnew asking if they would speak at the Centennial Dinner; letters between Holtman, Cecil Taylor, and various members of the Louisiana congressional delegation asking them to speak to Agnew regarding speeches at the Centennial Dinner; letters between Holtman and descendents of members of the class of 1870 regarding their attendance at the Centennial Dinner. Meeting minutes document the activities of the Centennial Committee's preparations for events, having Centennial flags created to be flown at Tiger Stadium, publicity, and funding issues. Notes are informal handwritten notes on costs, invitations, menu, and other issues relating to Centennial events. Invitation lists outline various invitees to the Centennial Dinner. Newspaper clippings report on homecoming activities, LSU's history, and the Centennial Dinner. Printed items include stationery, newsletters, an invitation, a sheet

depicting the logos used on stationery and other printed items during the celebration, and programs for the Centennial Dinner. The photograph is a carte de visite depicting John Hickman Ransdell, class of 1870, given by his descendents who attended the Centennial Dinner. The flags carry the centennial logo and were flown at Tiger Stadium.

INDEX TERMS

Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce.
Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.)--Centennial celebrations, etc.
Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.). Centennial Committee.
LSU Foundation.

Baton Rouge.
For Your Information.
LSU Outlook.

Agnew, Spiro T., 1918-1996.
Boggs, Hale, 1914-1972.
Caffery, Patrick T.
Dumas, Woodrow W.
Edwards, Edwin W.
Ellender, Allen Joseph, 1890-1972.
Funchess, Lloyd V. (Lloyd Vance), 1908-1976.
Gremillion, Jack P.F.
Hebert, Felix Edward, 1901-1979.
Holtman, Robert B.
Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978.
Hunter, John Anderson.
Keeney, Barnaby C. (Barnaby Conrad), 1914-1980.
Long, Russell B.
Long, Speedy O.
Manship, Douglas L.
McKeithen, John J. (John Julian), 1918-1999.
Morton, Florinell Francis, 1905-
Rarick, John R., 1924-2009.
Richard, Oscar.
Sliger, Bernard F.

Stoke, Harold W (Harold Walter), 1903-
Taylor, Cecil Grady, 1909-1999.
Timm, Everett LeRoy, 1914-2004.
Von Braun, Wernher, 1912-1977.
Waggoner, Joe D., Jr.

Attendance lists.
Clippings (Information artifacts).
Correspondence.
Cartes-de-visite (Card photographs).
Flags.
Invitations.
Minutes.
Newsletters.
Notes.
Programs.
Stationery.

CONTAINER LIST

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		7	Newspaper Clippings	1969-1970
		8	Notes, Attendance List	1969-1970
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		--	Carte-de-visite of John Hickman Ransdell	
Range 43:45	2	--	Two Centennial flags	1969