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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Office of Construction Manager Collection
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Date [inclusive]:	1950-1980
Physical Description:	46.19 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
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Abstract:	This collection is made up of a variety of materials related to the construction of the UAlbany Uptown campus, Brubacher Hall, and the President's House.

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Biographical History

The University at Albany has changed and expanded over time. Growth continued rapidly in the 1950s and 60s with the expansion of the Alumni Quad and the construction of the Uptown Campus. This huge expansion led to the institution gaining its university center status that it has maintained ever since.

The design for the Uptown Campus came on the heels of the purchase of a plot of land by the state for an expansion of the State Government as well as the construction of a University Center. The campus was designed by Edward Durell Stone, and was done in his signature modernist style. Construction began in 1962 and was completed in 1971. The vision of President Evan R. Collins to create a large

University Center in Albany was realized through this work. Use of the campus by students began before construction was finished.

The SUNY Construction Fund was instrumental in the planning and funding of the Uptown Campus. Richard H. Moody acted as a liaison between the various firms working on the campus and the Construction Fund. He spent many years working for the Construction Fund, acting as the Construction Manager, overseeing various projects at other SUNY campuses.

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Scope and Contents

The Campus Construction Collection is made up of various materials related to the design and construction of Brubacher Hall in Alumni Quad and the Uptown Campus. There are some basic plans of Brubacher Hall, including memos and correspondence. There are also materials related to the construction of what is now called the W. Averill Harriman State Office Building Campus.

The information related to the Uptown Campus takes up the majority of the collection. The materials encompassed within this section of the collection covers the entire range of the planning and execution of the construction. The records themselves come from the office of the architect, Edward Durell Stone, as well as the various construction firms Psaty and Fuhrman, Carter and Rapuano, Planetary Construction, and McManus, Longe, and Brockwell . All of these materials are gathered by Richard H. Moody, the Construction Manager employed by the SUNY Construction Fund which oversaw the day to day activities at the site.

Their papers contain reports on the progress in construction with individual buildings and aspects of the construction. There are also many change orders, requisitions, and punch lists from each construction firm. There are also monthly summaries from each construction firm as a report to the University. Included from all are blueprints of the land purchase and original golf course, plans for the State Office Campus and University at Albany Campus, as well as individual buildings, electrical and heating plans, and underground piping. There are also a long series of concrete tests performed at the Pittsburgh Concrete Testing Facility where samples of the material were taken stress tested to make sure they were up to code.

The series are broken down by the buildings they are related to, such as Dormitory 1 (Dutch Quad), or Academic Group 1, which encompasses the northern half of the Podium on the Uptown Campus.

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Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is organized into series based on the building or facet of construction they pertain too. Collections contain boxed documents as well as rolled architectural drawings. The number of rolled materials have been expanded as drawings were removed from boxes. Any drawings that did not fit in with established series were placed in series 17 and cover a variety of topics including general electrical wire planning, sewage and piping, and telecommunications plans. Some drawings are very vague with titles like "miscellaneous details."

Items found in the archive pertaining to the construction of the campus have been integrated into the collection. Some items related to grading specifications were for a man named Michael Clapp whose relation to the project is unknown.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Campus planning
- Architecture
- Building materials
- Blueprints
- Electricians
- Invoices
- Materials-Compression testing
- Albany, New York

Collection Inventory

Dormitory 1, 1964-1966

Physical Description: 10.0 cubic ft.

Physical Description: 209 Rolls

Roll 1

Roll 2

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to the construction of the first Dormitory, now known as Dutch Quad, on the Uptown Campus. Materials included are change orders, punch lists, reports from the construction firm, and concrete tests results for that building.

Roll 3

Roll 4

Roll 5

Roll 6

Roll 7

Roll 8

Roll 9

Roll 10

Roll 11

Roll 12

Roll 13

Roll 14

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Roll 16

Roll 17

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Roll 32

Roll 33

Roll 34

Roll 35

Roll 36

Roll 37

Roll 38

Roll 39

Roll 40

Roll 41

Dormitory 2, 1970-1971

Physical Description: 2.0 cubic ft.

Physical Description: 312 Rolls

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to the construction of the second Dormitory, now known as Indian Quad, on the Uptown Campus. Materials included are change orders, punch lists, reports from the construction firm, and concrete tests results for that building.

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Dormitory 3, 1966-1971

Physical Description: 7.0 cubic ft.

Physical Description: 274 Rolls

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to the construction of the third Dormitory, now known as Colonial Quad, on the Uptown Campus. Materials included are change orders, punch lists, reports from the construction firm, and concrete tests results for that building.

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Dormitory 4, 1966-1971

Physical Description: 6.0 cubic ft.

Physical Description: 422 Rolls

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to the construction of the fourth Dormitory, now known as State Quad, on the Uptown Campus. Materials included are change orders, punch lists, reports from the construction firm, and concrete tests results for that building.

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Academic Group 1, 1964-1968

Physical Description: 1.0 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of proposals, change orders, and architectural drawings related to the construction of Academic Group 1 which encompasses the northern half of the Uptown Campus.

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Academic Group 2, Undated

Physical Description: 418 Rolls

Arrangement

Series is arranged in its original order.

Scope and Contents

Series is made up of architectural drawings and blueprints for the southern half of the Podium section of the Uptown Campus. Collection is housed on 50 separate rolls consisting of approximately 357 individual drawings.

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Infirmery, 1965-1967

Physical Description: 2.8 cubic ft.

Physical Description: 67 Rolls

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contain materials related to the construction of the campus infirmary and includes daily reports and concrete tests.

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Service Buildings, 1963-1965

Physical Description: 6.0 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contains materials related to the construction of the service buildings on the Uptown Campus. Materials included are change orders, punch lists, reports from the construction firm, and concrete tests results for that building.

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Health and Physical Education and Linear Accelerator Building, Undated

Physical Description: 1.0 cubic ft.

Physical Description: 233 Rolls

Arrangement

Series is arranged in its original order.

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of drawings for the linear accelerator and the Health and Physical Education Building.

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Library, 1963

Physical Description: 158 Rolls

Arrangement

Series is arranged in its original order.

Scope and Contents

Collection is made up of architectural drawings for the design of the Main Library, both boxed and rolled.

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Planting and Landscaping, 1963-1966

Physical Description: 1.0 cubic ft.

Physical Description: 12 Rolls

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in its original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contains information related to the initial landscaping done on the Uptown Campus. Materials include daily reports on what was planted, change orders, and requisitions of new materials.

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Land Deeds and Easements, 1950-1980

Physical Description: 4.4 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series contains the land deeds and easements for property that New York State purchased in order to build the Uptown campus as well as the Alumni Quad. This includes correspondence, legal agreements, and maps of the land purchased.

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Daily Reports, 1963-1968

Physical Description: 1.0 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of the daily reports from the construction firms on the state of the work on the Uptown Campus.

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Concrete Compression Tests, 1963-1971

Physical Description: 0.33 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Series is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of concrete compression tests for Dormitory 1 (Dutch Quad) as well as test for the Library and Chemistry buildings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Concrete Compression Tests for Dormitory 1, Chemistry, and Library Building, 1964	Box 1 (14- Concrete Compression Tests)	Folder 1
Concrete Compression Tests for Dormitory 1, 1964	Box 1 (14- Concrete Compression Tests)	Folder 2
Concrete Compression Tests for Dormitory 1, 1964	Box 1 (14- Concrete Compression Tests)	Folder 3
Concrete Compression Tests for Dormitory 1, 1964	Box 1 (14- Concrete Compression Tests)	Folder 4

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Specifications, 1962-1971

Physical Description: 3.33 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Series is arranged in its original order.

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of the specification booklets related to the construction of individual building on the Uptown Campus, including the Dormitories, service buildings, and the landscaping. Each was submitted to the SUNY Construction Fund by Edward Durell Stone and Associates and cooperating construction firms.

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Shop Drawings, 1962-1968

Physical Description: 0.33 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Series is arranged in its original order.

Scope and Contents

This series is made up of transmittal sheets, shop drawings, and punch lists for the Uptown Campus.

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Blueprints and Architectural Drawings, Undated

Physical Description: 1267 Rolls

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in their original order.

Scope and Contents

Collection is made up of various blueprints and architectural drawings covering various aspects of the Uptown Campus construction.

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