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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator:	State University of New York at Albany. Downtown Campus Coordinator
Title:	Downtown Campus Coordinator
ID:	ua333
Date [inclusive]:	1973-1976
Physical Description:	0.4 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	Materials are located onsite in the department
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Box]:	1
Abstract:	The Downtown Campus Coordinator Collection is made up of materials created by former Coordinator Mildred Cunningham. The materials detail the various changes made from 1973 to 1976 such as the rehabilitation of buildings for classrooms, curriculum changes, and restoration of pieces like the Hawley Library murals.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, The Downtown Campus Coordinator Records, 1973-1976. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Downtown Campus Coordinator Records.).

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Administrative History

Mildred Cunningham held the position of Downtown Campus Coordinator from 1973-1976. During this time she began many improvements to the campus. During her tenure at the University at Albany there were various changes being made in response to the growth of the school with the construction of the Uptown Campus. Curriculum changes were made and various schools within the University

shifted location. One major curriculum change was a shift to create more night classes for part-time and adult students who worked during the day and wanted to attend college at night. With the growing campus population changes were made within the buildings downtown to accommodate a more modern classroom. Interiors of the buildings were remodeled, creating larger classrooms to accommodate more students. According to the documents there was also a plan to expand the campus across Western Avenue by purchasing Thurlow Terrace. This plan never came to fruition due to a lack of funds to meet the desires of the community. One more major change evident in this collection is the restoration of the Hawley Library murals. This was done in cooperation with the Cooperstown Public History Program. Students learning preservation were housed in the dorms in the summer of 1975 and worked on the murals, restoring them to their original condition.

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Scope and Contents

This collection holds a variety of materials created by the Downtown Campus Coordinator from 1973-1976. The records document the changes that occurred on the old campus of SUNY Albany as the needs of students changed in the 1970s. There is a great deal of correspondence and meeting minutes surrounding the introduction of more night classes to the curriculum. This is typically between the Coordinator Mildred Cunningham and the heads of various academic departments. There is also correspondence concerning the rehabilitation of the downtown campus through the modification of the interior of buildings to create more suitable classrooms. There are also reports and meeting minutes of the committee that oversaw this project, which Cunningham was a member of. Plans for expansion of the downtown campus across Western Avenue at Thurlow Terrace is evident through a series of communication with SUNY administration. There is also a significant amount of documents related to the restoration of the Hawley Library murals. This includes a collection of photos documenting the project and the work being done by Cooperstown students, as well as applications for housing on campus during the summer the murals were restored. Lastly there is correspondence and records pertaining to income gathering plans such as renting out space on campus and a chamber music series.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged in the order it was received in.

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Acquisition Information

All items in this collection were transferred to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Campus planning -- New York (State)
- Mural painting and decoration - Conservation and restoration
- Curriculum planning

- Curriculum evaluation

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Rehabilitation of Downtown Campus, 1974-1975 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 1
Operation Outreach, 1974 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 2
Personnel, 1973-1975 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 3
Chamber Music Series, 1975-1976 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 4
Hawley Library Murals, 1974-1975 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 5
Rental Space Downtown, 1975 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 6
Downtown Campus Units, 1973 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 7
Space, 1973-1976 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1 (Downtown Campus Coordinator)	Folder 8