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➤UT Centennial Collection, 1931 to 1974◀  
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**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

In the late 1960s, The University of Toledo began to plan for its centennial celebration. In 1968, the Faculty Senate organized a committee to foster cooperation by the faculty in planning a centennial year. Several administrators were added to the committee to facilitate university-wide planning. The committee's brief final report recommended seven possible activities, including a general theme and slogan; a series of conferences aimed at producing a learned publication; a series of events to generate publicity; a fund raising campaign; a published history; the acquisition of official university regalia; and dramatic and musical presentations. Most of these recommendations were ultimately implemented.

In 1972, President Carlson appointed a steering committee and larger general committee to carry out the centennial events. Dr. Harold Oyser, Vice President for development, chaired the steering committee. Most of the events took place between 1972 and 1973. The Centennial Fund Drive, a major capital campaign, continued on for several years and resulted in the construction of Centennial Hall (now Savage Hall) and Centennial Mall.

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**Scope and Content Note**

Collection consists of correspondence, reports, memoranda, and publications documenting the celebration of the University of Toledo's centennial in 1972. The collection was organized by unknown individuals, and includes materials from many sources.

Included is documentation on the planning of the centennial, including information on the Faculty Senate's 1968 committee and the subsequent Centennial Steering Committee and Centennial Committee of 1972. Also included is publicity on centennial events, information on special events, publications produced with a centennial theme, and correspondence of Harold Oyser and Jesse Long on their work on the project. Of particular note is a file documenting attempts to get President Richard Nixon to speak at the University in 1972. Also included are three folders of materials collected from other universities that were used to develop ideas for celebrating UT's centennial.

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**Folder List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
1	1	Athletics publications, 1972-1973
1	2	Business Administration activities 1972-1973
1	3	Centennial activities Budget 1973
1	4	Centennial "Alumnus" articles 1970-1973
1	5	Centennial College Catalogs 1972-1973
1	6	Centennial Committee, 1968-1974
1	7	Centennial Committee Minutes 1968
1	8	Centennial Convocations 1970-1973
1	9	Centennial Film 1972
1	10	Centennial Fund 1973-1975
1	11	Centennial Mall 1978
1	12	Centennial, misc. 1969-1973
1	13	Centennial plantings 1972-1973
1	14	Centennial publications 1972
1	15	Centennial publicity 1968-1972
1	16	Centennial publicity 1973-1974
1	17	Centennial Steering Committee 1972
1	18	Centennial Symbol 1972
1	19	Commercial Products 1971-1972
1	20	ComTech activities 1972-1973
1	21	Czech State Orchestra Concert 1971-1973
1	22	Education Activities 1972-1973
1	23	Engineering Activities 1973
1	24	Fundraising potential report 1972
1	25	Governor John Gilligan 1972-1973
1	26	History 1931
1	27	Homecoming and Alumni Activities 1971-1972
1	28	Hutchins, Robert M. 1972
2	1-3	Ideas from other Universities
2	4	Law Activities 1972-1973
2	5	Law Center 1973
2	6	Library Activities 1971-1973
3	1	Long, Jesse R. Files 1948-1972
3	2	Medallion, 1972
3	3	Music 1972-1973
3	4	Nixon, Richard M., 1972
3	5	Oyster, Harold M. Files 1972-1973
3	6	Pharmacy activities 1972-1973
3	7	Report of the Steering Committee 1972-1973
3	8	ROTC activities 1973
3	9	Schedules of Events 1972-1973
3	10	Student Government Activities 1972

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3	11	Student Union Addition 1972-1973
3	12	Theatre Department Activities 1972
3	13	Toledo Symphony Orchestra 1972
3	14	Television and Radio Announcements 1972-1973