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SUMMARY

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| Size | 1 linear foot |
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| Inclusive Dates | 1970-1981 |
| Languages | English |
| Summary | These papers contain the working files of Dr. Donald G. Tarver from his time as the assistant to the chancellor at Louisiana State University. These files include correspondence and planning information on LSU's Bicentennial Convocation that was held on April 30, 1976. |
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Dr. Donald G. Tarver (1931-2002) was the son of George F. Tarver and Lena Dowden Tarver. He served in the US Army between August of 1951 and August of 1953. He was awarded the National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, and the UN Korean Service Medal for his service during this time. Tarver was the assistant to the chancellor at Louisiana State University and the director of LSU's Bicentennial Convocation. It was held April 30, 1976, and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the current LSU campus. This celebration was held the same year as the United State Bicentennial, a year-long celebration of the two hundredth birthday of the United States.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers contain the correspondence of Dr. Tarver in his position as assistant to the chancellor of Louisiana State University, including his time serving under Chancellor Paul W. Murrill. Also included are several folders of correspondence and records documenting his work as director of the LSU Bicentennial Convocation. The correspondence found in these papers include information pertaining to university policies and procedures, personnel and student concerns, and other university business during the 1970s. The files pertaining to Dr. Tarver's work as director of the LSU Bicentennial Convocation include correspondence and documentation that he collected prior to and immediately following the event.

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Series I. Correspondence, 1970-1981

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence, 1970-1981

This series contains the correspondence of Dr. Tarver in his position as assistant to the chancellor of Louisiana State University. This correspondence includes, but is not limited to, memos and letters pertaining to university policies and procedures, personnel and student concerns, and general university business. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and covers the years 1970 to 1981.

Series II. LSU Bicentennial Convocation, 1973-1977, undated

Series II contains all information and correspondence pertaining to the university's celebration of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the current LSU campus. Dr. Tarver was the director of this event and was tasked with planning the celebration. As these events happened to fall in the same year, the university decided to call the celebration the LSU Bicentennial Convocation. To celebrate, the university held a procession through campus on April 30, 1976, of more than 2,500 professors and visiting figures to what is now the Pete Maravitch Assembly Center. April 30 was the date the university's campus had been dedicated in 1926. This date also marked the day George Washington was sworn in as President of the United States in 1789, the day the Louisiana Purchase was signed in 1803, and when Louisiana was admitted as a state in 1812. The convocation was a huge success, with a larger turnout than was anticipated.

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