William Paterson University:
Arcadia Campus History

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: William Paterson University

Title: William Paterson University — Campus History Series
Arcadia Press, 2005

Dates: 1855-2005

Abstract: Collection of over two hundred photographs of William Paterson University from 1855 – 2005. Most were published in the Arcadia Campus History Series book, William Paterson University, compiled by Prof. Vincent Parrillo, to commemorate the University’s 150th anniversary. Photos are arranged in folders per the chapters in the book, providing a comprehensive visual history of William Paterson University from its earliest stages as Paterson Normal School to its current status as a University.

Quantity: 8 folders
Sketch

The Paterson Normal School was created in April, 1855 to provide professional training to practicing teachers, and later expanded to include prospective teachers with a two year training period. Recognizing that teacher education was the responsibility of the State, NJ assumed control of the institution in 1923 when it changed its name to Paterson City Normal School. A four year curriculum was not introduced until 1937.

Beginning in 1936 the school offered general education courses to students not planning on a teaching career. The following year the school became the New Jersey State Teachers College at Paterson, a name that remained until 1958.

The college underwent its most rapid expansion in the period from 1954 until 1966. In addition to moving from Paterson to Wayne, the college instituted a new graduate Division, expanded the number of buildings, including resident halls, and gained accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In 1958 the school became Paterson State College. Enrollment went from 531 students and 35 faculty in 1955 to 2,672 students and 212 faculty and librarians in 1966.

In 1967, the college, by state mandate, was transformed into a multipurpose liberal arts institution and became William Paterson College, named after New Jersey’s patriot and statesman. In 1997, the school became William Paterson University of New Jersey, enrolling over 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students in twenty-nine departments taught by over 500 faculty.

Scope and Content Note

The photographs in this collection date from 1855-2005. Some of the photographs are original b/w, while others are photocopies and reprints. A CD disk contains scanned photographs of the collection used in the book. Information about the format is noted in the folders.

Arrangement Note

The photographs are separated into a series of eight folders, each corresponding to a chapter in William Paterson University. The contents of each folder is arranged by number, corresponding to the photograph number in the book. Example, the first photograph in the book is number 1, the last photograph in the book is 227 – each is labeled 1-227 in the folders.
Name and Subject Index Terms

Name Index Terms
   Arcadia Publishing
   Campus History Series, The
   Hyman, Seymour C.
   McKeefery, William J.
   New Jersey State Teachers College at Paterson
   Olsen, James Karge
   Parrillo, Vincent
   Paterson City Normal School
   Paterson Normal School
   Paterson State College
   Paterson State Normal School
   Speert, Arnold
   William Paterson College
   William Paterson University

Subject Index Terms
   Colleges and Universities
   Colleges and Universities-Cultural Events
   Colleges and Universities-Faculty
   Colleges and Universities-New Jersey History
   Colleges and Universities-Presidents
   New Jersey Educational History
   New Jersey History
   Paterson History
   Paterson History-Colleges and Universities