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Summary information

Repository:	Concordia University Records Management and Archives
Title:	Ken Whittingham fonds
Reference code:	P0253
Date:	1967 - 2005 (creation)
Physical description:	0.42 m of textual records 26 photographs : prints 3 objects
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Ken Whittingham attended Loyola College and worked on its weekly newspaper, the Loyola News, first as a reporter in 1967, then as desk and news editor in 1968-69, and associate editor in 1969-70. He became editor-in-chief in the fall of 1970. He graduated with a BA (Cum Laude) in Political Science in 1971. From 1970 to 1979 he worked for the Montreal Star as a reporter and re-write editor covering the fields of education, health and social services. From 1978 to 1980, he was subsequently the Québec and Canadian correspondent for Washington D.C's Chronicle of Higher Education. As such, he edited a weekly column on political, scientific and research developments and wrote articles about university and junior college education. During that period he also taught political science courses in the Continuing Education Department at Dawson College and worked as a story editor for CBC television Public Affairs programs. In 1980 he became a Public Relations Officer at McGill University, leaving in 1982 to join Concordia University's Public Relations department as Assistant Director.

Ken Whittingham was named Concordia's Public Relations Interim Director in 1984 and became Director in 1987. He developed marketing and communications strategies and co-chaired several key committees that oversaw the university's communications and public relations activities.

After leaving Concordia in 1996, Whittingham became the Director of Communications and Research at Development and Peace, a position he held for ten years. In 1997, he received the Distinguished Service Award at Concordia's Alumni Recognition Awards Banquet for his ongoing commitment to the Concordia Alumni Association and to the University.

Since 2006, he has been the Communications Officer at the McGill University Faculty of Engineering.

- Ken Whittingham received a Distinguished Service Award from the Concordia University Alumni Association (CUAA) at their Alumni Recognition Awards banquet held January 30, 1997.

Scope and content

The fonds provides information on Ken Whittingham's student life at Loyola College, his work as a journalist and his professional career in the field of public relations at Concordia University.

The EDUCATION subseries is comprised of student records including a Loyola College commemorative degree Whittingham received in 2005, some student papers produced during his studies, a file on the controversy about the Loyola of Montreal Students' Association (LMSA) Gamut Magazine and records related to his involvement with the Loyola News.

The JOURNALISM subseries includes records related to Whittingham's employment at the Montreal Star. It contains press clippings of articles he wrote between June 1970 and May 1979, including an activity summary in the form of an index produced by his father John Hurst Whittingham, a notebook and a file about the closing of the newspaper in 1979. The subseries also includes a sample of articles Whittingham wrote for various publications, including the Chronicle of Higher Education, the University of Waterloo Gazette, among others.

The PUBLIC RELATIONS subseries includes a file testifying of Whittingham's work as a Public Relations Officer at McGill University between 1980 and 1982 but mostly records related to his position as Interim Director and then Director of the Public relations Department of Concordia University. They include correspondence, press clippings, event brochures and transcriptions of radio interviews, materials related to the tragic events of August 24, 1992, the Concordia institutional marketing campaign of 1995 and Whittingham's work as an external consultant.

The CONFERENCE, SEMINARS, TALKS subseries is comprised of records related to presentations or workshops given by Whittingham to the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAÉ), the Conférence des recteurs et principaux des universités du Québec (CREPUQ) and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in between 1993 and 1994.

The DISTINCTIONS series includes a file on the Distinguished Service Award Whittingham received from the Concordia University Alumni Association (CUAA) in 1997.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

The documents were donated to Concordia University Records Management and Archives by Ken Whittingham in 2014 and in 2016.

Restrictions on access

Access the files pertinent to Ken Whittingham's employment is restricted.

Finding aids

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Accruals

No further accruals are expected

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)