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COLLECTION SUMMARY

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Collection title: Fitchburg State University Memorabilia Collection
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

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Related collections: The following collections contain additional Fitchburg State Memorabilia:
   UA RG 13-06-01 - Fitchburg State University Class Banner Collection

Separated material: None
Published descriptions: url
Location of originals: Not Applicable
Location of copies: url
Publication note: Not Applicable

Subject headings: Fitchburg State College (1965-2009)

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The State Normal School in Fitchburg was established in 1894 by an act of the Massachusetts Legislature. Principal John G. Thompson, aided by a teaching staff of three, implemented a two-year teacher training program for women in a temporary location on Academy Street. In December 1896, the school expanded into a new building, known as Thompson Hall, and set up the State Schools of Observation and Practice in city buildings on Day Street and Highland Avenue. In 1910, the Edgerly School, a model and practice school for 8th grade became one of the first junior high schools in the United States. The following year the school initiated the first practical arts teacher training course in the country for men.

In 1930, the State Normal School was authorized to offer a bachelor's degree in practical arts, and in 1932, when it became the State Teachers College at Fitchburg; four-year degrees were offered in all areas of education. In 1935, the college was also authorized to establish graduate programs and in 1954 the first evening courses were offered.

In 1960, the institution changed its name to the State College at Fitchburg and diversified its programs to include undergraduate and graduates degrees in disciplines other than education. In 1965, its name was officially changed to Fitchburg State College. On July 28, 2010, the institution again changed its name to Fitchburg State University after state legislation established a State University system in Massachusetts.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains memorabilia and other artifacts produced for and used in various school-related functions. The collection is organized by name of the institution at the time the memorabilia was created and the type of artifact.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Box 1: University Artifacts: Fitchburg State College (1965-2009)

Table Covers (4): 35” x 70” Green cloth with gold embroidered lettering reading “Fitchburg State College”. College seal in white. Circa 200_.

Table Cover (1): 35” x 70” White cloth with green embroidered lettering reading “Fitchburg State College”. College seal in gold. Circa 200_.

**Felt Banner (1). 56” x 33” Green background with gold border; gold felt lettering across bottom reading “Fitchburg State College”. College seal in gold and white. Exact date unknown.

Flag (1). 59” x 34” Green background with light green college seal and white lettering reading “Fitchburg State College”. Design is identical on both sides of flag. 2009

Box 2: University Memorabilia: Fitchburg Normal School (1894-1931), State Teachers College at Fitchburg (1932-1959), Fitchburg State College (1965-2009)


Felt Beanies (2): 8”, round. Cap made from alternating triangles of white and green felt. White number 58 attached to one green section on each cap. Inside one of the caps inscribed with the name James, G. 1958.

Burlap Banner (1): 84” x 57” Red border; white field in center with blue and gold stars surrounding the number 400. Exact date unknown.

**Burlap Banner (1) 70” x 160”. Off-white background, double-sided, images hand-painted on both sides. Seal on one side is a black shield design with a gold image of a Native American man carrying a bow and arrow; ribbon design beneath shield contains the motto “Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem”. Reverse side of flag contains black shield design with an evergreen tree in the center. Above the shield design on both sides of the flag is a gold image of an arm holding a sword. Exact date unknown.


**item is located in Class Banner collection, inside box labeled “Year of the Student 1995/96.

Box 3: Miscellaneous Items

Norwegian Flag circa World War II. Donated 2012 by Shane Franzen, alumni, class of 1999.

Oversized

**University Seal (1). Round, wooden, 48” diameter. Originally displayed in Recreation Center. Gold and white shield on green background in center; outside edge is a gold border with the inscription “Fitchburg State College – Fitchburg, Massachusetts – Perseverantia 1894 A.D.”

**item is located in reading room (S03)