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Summary Information

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Biographical Note / Historical Note / Administrative History

Dr. Robert O. Foster came to Ball State University in 1968. Serving initially as director of the Office of Special Programs, Dr. Foster was instrumental in the formation of the Office of Multicultural Affairs or OMA in 1970. With Dr. Foster now serving as its Director, the OMA became a potent voice for black students at Ball State throughout the 1970's. Foster would for a time act as an instructor of Higher Education at the university. He served as an advisor to the Black Student Association throughout his years in the OMA. He worked intimately with the National Pan Hellenic Council at Ball State which represents the traditionally Black Green Letter organizations.

Foster was always very involved with his students successes. He was responsible for the Minority Student Recognition banquets held at the end of every academic year. While working with Foster, the Black Student Association at Ball State was responsible for sponsoring numerous lectures and visits by a wide range of black leaders. The OMA planned, coordinated, and executed the annual Unity Week and Black Culture Week at Ball State. Dr. Foster was also involved with the Miss Black Ball State Pageant that was held annually during the 1970's. The pageant sought to develop the leadership skills of its participants.

The Special Programs House on McKinley Ave. would be acquired for OMA usage during the 1970's.

Foster was very concerned with minority enrollment and academic performance during his years with the OMA. This is reflected by the large amount of research collected by Foster about Minority student academic performance. Dr. Foster retired from his position as Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs in 1986.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains Dr. Foster's files regarding OMA programs throughout the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's. These files contained 4 boxes.

There are several boxes of photographs in Foster's collection. All were taken from the numerous events sponsored by the OMA over the years. Many of the photos are of African-American figures during their visits to Ball State in the 1970's. The photo collection is contained in 7 boxes.

Dr. Foster travelled extensively during the 1950's and 1960's. He was an avid photographer and used his pictures in the courses he taught. From his several dozen worldwide excursions there are approximately 1000 slides. He made trips to various African, Asian, European, Arabian, and South American cities and locales. Foster's slide collection numbers 7 boxes. Individual slides can be located using the tray/slide charts in the container list folder.

Also contained in the collection are publications published by or involving minority students. These publications are contained in one box.

The final two boxes contain motivation audiotapes and film strips.

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Subject files

Series 2: Photographs

Series 3: Travel slides

Series 4: Scrapbook materials, publications, and newsclippings

Series 5: Motivational lecture cassettes and booklets

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Series 1: Subject files, 1966-1987

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Subject files, 1966-1987		
Subseries 1.1: Minority student event records		
	Box	Folder
Miss Black Ball State records, 1978	1	1
Miss Black Ball State records, 1980	1	2
Miss Black Ball State records, 1981	1	3
Miss Black Ball State records, 1982	1	4
Miss Black Ball State records, 1983	1	5
Black History Activities Week records, 1969-1972	1	6
Black Culture Week records, 1971	1	7
Black History Week records, 1972	1	8
Black History Week-MLK Theme records, 1973-1975	1	9

Subseries 1.1: Minority student event records

Rep. Shirley Chisholm Muncie Visit records, 1974	1	10
Black History Week-Sam Greenlee records, 1975	1	11
Eldridge Cleaver Visit records, 1977	1	12
Black History Week Activities records, 1977-1978	1	13
Black Student Association Unity Week -Fauntroy Visit records, 1979	1	14
Black Student Association unity Week- Dick Gregory records, 1980	1	15
Black History Week records, 1981	1	16
Black Student Association Unity Week records, 1981	1	17
Black Student Association Unity Week records, 1982	1	17.1
Black History Week Activities records, 1982	1	18
'Cotton Club' Performance at Emens promotional materials, 1982	1	19
Unity Week- Dick Gregory records, 1983	1	20
Unity Week records, 1986	1	21
Unity Week -MLK Day records, 1989	1	22

Subseries 1.1: Minority student event records

Celebration- Minority Freshman welcoming records, 1981	2	1
MLK Day Proclamation Lunch, 1986	3	7
Black Student Association-Agendas/Minutes, 1976-1983	3	15
Pre-Orientation records, 1986	3	21
Black Alumni Homecoming records, 1979-1980	4	1
Minority Student-Orientation records, 1981	4	3
Black Student Association Atlanta March Planning records, 1981	4	4
Alcohol Awareness Day flyers w/recipes, 1980	4	8
Office of Special Programs Recognition Dinner records, 1974-1979	4	10
Office of Special Programs Recognition Dinner records, 1980	4	11
Office of Special Programs Recognition Dinner records, 1981	4	12
Office of Special Programs Recognition Dinner records, 1983	4	13
Office of Special Programs Recognition Dinner records, 1985	4	14
Black Alumni Reunion records, 1981	4	18

Subseries 1.2: Minority student development records.

Alumni Reunion/Black Expo records, 1984	4	27
Conference on Civil Rights records, 1981	4	30
Vivian Gordon Symposium records, 1981	4	31

Subseries 1.2: Minority student development records.

	Box	Folder
Career Workshop Black Students records, 1977	1	23
Career Workshop Black Students records, 1978	1	24
Career Workshop Black Students records, 1979	1	25
Career Workshop Black Students records, 1980	1	26
Career Workshop Black Students records, 1981	1	27
Career Workshop Black Students records, 1982	1	28
Continuing Education Programs for Women pamphlets, 1974	2	2
Community Workshop on Human Rights records, 1981	2	3
Cooperative Recruiting Planning Meeting records, 1973-1974	2	4

Subseries 1.3: Office of Multi-cultural Affairs administrative records

Mays Scholarship Awardees at BSU, 1986	2	8
Minority Student Development lists of goals, 1985-1987	3	18
Upward Bound assistance program proposal, 1977	3	25
Upward Bound assistance program proposal, 1978	3	26
Office of Career Analyst flyers, undated	4	5
Sensitivity Workshop records, 1985	4	29
Minority Student Development pamphlets, undated	4	33
Evaluation of Workshop on New Directions for Minority Learners, 1975	22	18
Evaluation of Blue Ribbon Leadership Workshop, 1975	22	19
Subseries 1.3: Office of Multi-cultural Affairs administrative records		
	Box	Folder
Photographic slide inventories, undated	1	0.1
Minority Graduation Stats, 1982-1986	2	9
Minority Graduation Stats, 1985	2	10

Subseries 1.3: Office of Multi-cultural Affairs administrative records

Minority Enrollment Stats, 1986	2	11
Black Student Retention Stats, 1986	2	12
Shirley Simmons Correspondence, 1987	2	13
Special Programs Office Proposal, 1970-1974	3	1
Minority Student Topics, 1966	2	15
Minority Student Topics, 1970	2	16
Minority Student Topics, 1971	2	17
Minority Student Topics, 1972	2	18
Minority Student Topics, 1974	2	19
Minority Student Topics, 1975	2	20
Minority Student Topics, 1977	2	21
Afro American Student Union, 1970-1972	3	2
Minority Task Force Data, 1985	3	3
Minority Roundtable, 1985-1986	3	4

Subseries 1.3: Office of Multi-cultural Affairs administrative records

Black Student House Acquisition, 1971	3	5
Black Student House Remodelling, 1984	3	6
Minority Finacial Aid Protest records, 1986	3	8
Misc. Minority Issues clippings, 1972-1980	3	9
Office of Special Programs list of functions, 1974-1985	3	10
Black Student House Proposal, 1971	3	11
Malcolm X Library planning and purchase records, 1971	3	12
Minority Roundtable Meeting records, 1982-1986	3	13
Minority Student Taskforce records, 1982-1986	3	14
Office of Special Programs proposal records, 1971	3	16
EDHI 590: Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education Syllabus, 1986	3	17
Black Student Association constitution, 1986-1987	3	19
Minority Student Employment Stats, 1986	3	20

Subseries 1.3: Office of Multi-cultural Affairs administrative records

Counseling- Minority Student memo, 1986	4	2
Academic Opportunity Program flyers, 1980	4	6
Ball State University Affirmative Action Plan, 1970-1974	4	7
MLK Scholarship Committee applications, 1986	4	9
Ball State University Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, 1971	4	
Black African Student at BSU directory, 1976-1977	4	17
Campus Ministry for Blacks Proposal, 1980	4	20
Afro American Studies course records, 1979	4	21
Academic Probation policy records, 1971-1974	4	22
Retention Survey/ Spring Drop Outs, 1984	4	23
Minority Taskforce/Retention records, 1986	4	24
Minority Student Development annual report, 1985-1986	4	25
Black Student Association administrative records, 1986	4	26
Minority Student Development academic year budgets, 1985	4	28

Subseries 1.3: Office of Multi-cultural Affairs administrative records

Experimental Program for Women records, 1975	4	32
Misc. Clippings- Black Athletes, 1970-1973	4	33
Minority Student Report, 1972-1973	22	1
Minority Student Report, 1973-1974	22	2
Minority Student Report, Spring 1974	22	3
Minority Student Report, Fall 1974	22	4
Minority Student Report, Spring 1975	22	5
Minority Student Report, Spring 1976	22	6
Minority Student Report: Three Year Summary, 1976-1978	22	7
Minority Student Report: Four Year Summary, 1976-1979	22	8
		Box
Office of Special Programs Annual Report, 1978-1979		23
Office of Special Programs Annual Report, 1981-1982		23
Minority Student Development Annual Report, 1984		23

Subseries 1.4: Student and faculty research

Minority Student Development Annual Report, 1986		23
	Box	Folder
Special Programs Survey, 1979	22	23
Adult Basic Education curriculum guide, undated	22	27
Application for post-secondary education improvement funds, 1984	22	32
McBain Books catalog of rare books on black america, race, and racism, undated	23	1
		Box
Special Programs grant proposal, 1980		23
Office of Special Programs handbook of duties, 1971		23
Office of Special Programs study skills handbook, undated		23
Subseries 1.4: Student and faculty research		
	Box	Folder
Drugs and Drugs Abuse in the Black Community, 1971	2	5
Alternative Schools -Minority Ed., 1973	2	6
Minority High School Students-Case Studies, 1974	2	7

Student Personnel Administration Selected Bibliography, 1977-1978

Elementary Research Project, 1971	2	14
Student Personnel Administration Selected Bibliography, 1977-1978	Box 22	Folder 9
Student Personnel Administration Selected Bibliography, 1979-1980	22	9
Student work, 1975	22	10
Robert Foster dissertation proposal, 1978	22	11
Robert Foster disseration proposal final draft, 1975	22	12
Robert Foster disseration abstracts and digest, 1978	22	13
Robert Foster dissertation chapter 2, undated	22	14
Robert Foster dissertation outline and style materials, 1973	22	15
Robert Foster dissertation research data and correspondence, 1974	22	16
Robert Foster case study: 'Longitudinal Case Study of the Problems Experienced by a Special Group of Freshmen Students at Ball State University', undated	22	17
Robert W Meadows, case study: 'A Case Study in Pre-Student Teaching Laboratory Experience in Administrative Design for Experience Assignments', 1969	22	20

Subseries 1.5: Student publications

Evaluation report of Triton Elementary School's Year Round School Program, 1975-1976	22	21
Sondra S. Jenkins and Leslie G. Kepler student study: Non-Traditional Students at Ball State University Perceptions of Orientation and Awareness of Non-Traditional Student Programs and Services, 1980	22	22
Michael E. Leske graduate research paper: 'An Analysis of Progress Made by Directed Admission Students Experimental Program Group Number Three on General Intelligence, Achievement, and Attitudinal Indicators', 1971	22	24
Mary P. Egan graduate research paper: 'Identifying the Student Needs of Non-Resident Students at Ball State University', 1983	22	25
Michael S. Roorbach graduate research paper: 'Student Perceptions of the Campus Environment at Marion College', 1982	22	26
Cultural interviews with black students transcripts, undated	22	28
Black history selected biographies, undated	22	29
Robert Foster personal records, 1967-1975	22	30
David L. Muldrow course research paper 'The Physiological Aspects of Aging', 1980	22	31

Subseries 1.5: Student publications

Series 2: Photographs, 1976-1989

	Box	Folder
'Simba' Minority Newsletter, 1971-1972	3	22
Black Student Association Newsletter 'Black Voice' , 1977-1980	3	23
'Houselines' Minority Student Newsletter, 1984-1986	3	24
Baptist Student Union pamphlets, undated	4	16
Black Voice News staff correspondence, 1979	4	19
Series 2: Photographs, 1976-1989		
	Box	Folder
Christmas Party photographs, 1979-1986	5	1
Minority Athletes at Ball State University photographs, 1977	5	2
Outstanding Minority Student Applicants Award Winners photographs, 1977-1978	5	3
Freshman Honors Luncheon photographs, 1978, 1982-1983	5	4
Miss Black Ball State candidate photographs, 1976-1986	5	5
Miss Black Ball State pageant photographs, 1984-1986	6	0.1

Series 2: Photographs, 1976-1989

Black Student of the Month photographs, 1976	6	1
Black Student Association - Social Events photographs, 1977	6	2
Share Reception for Black Freshman Women photographs, 1977-1984	6	3
Minority student classroom photographs, 1984	6	4
Minority Student Brochure photographs, 1984	6	5
Alpha Phi Alpha- 'Angels' photographs, 1980	7	1
Minority workshops photographs, 1980	7	2
Special Programs Staff photographs, 1980	7	3
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Camp W minority women's workshop, 1981		7
	Box	Folder
Minority Back to School Get- Together photographs, 1982	7	5
Black Student Association Ice Cream Social photographs, 1982	7	6
'Happy Days' - Minority Student freshmen open house photographs, 1983	7	7
Amusement Park Band performance photographs, 1984	7	8

Series 2: Photographs, 1976-1989

Cultural Variety Show photographs, 1984	7	9
Soul Food Festival photographs, 1984	7	10
Black Student Association Fellowship Hour photographs, 1985	7	11
Black Student Association Tree Planting photographs, 1985	7	12
Indiana University Soul Review performances photographs, 1985	7	13
Black Student Association Social Events photographs, 1986	7	14
Freshman Honors Luncheon photographs, 1976	8	1
Special Programs House disrepair photographs, 1977	8	2
Gospel Ensemble photographs, 1977	8	3
Minority Career Workshop photographs, 1977-1981	8	4
Open House Photographs, 1980-1986	8	5
Minority Freshman Get Acquainted Days photographs, 1982	8	6
Senior Reception/Special Programs House photographs, 1977-1979	9	1
Freshman Honors Luncheon photographs, 1979-1985	9	2

Series 2: Photographs, 1976-1989

Minority Senior award reception photographs, 1985	9	3
Achievement Awards Brunch photographs, 1985	9	4
Benjamin Mays Award Photographs, 1986	9	5
Minority Students Awards Program photographs, 1986	9	6
Dr. Ralph Abernathy Visit photographs, 1982	10	1
Dr. Fred Davidson visit photographs, 1983	10	2
Ossie Davis/ Ruby Dee Visit photographs, 1978	10	3
Cogressman Walter Fauntroy Visit photographs, 1979	10	4
Coretta Scott King Visit photographs, 1979	10	5
Dick Gregory Visit photographs, 1980	10	6
Alex Haley visit photographs, 1976	10	7
Dr. Benjamin Hooks visit photographs, 1980	10	8
Emperor Jones visit photographs, 1976	10	9
Dr. Benjamin Matthews visit photographs, 1982	10	10

Series 2: Photographs, 1976-1989

Dr. Benjamin Mays visit photographs, 1983	10	11
Alice Jones Miller visit photographs, 1986	10	12
Raisin in the Sun performance photographs, 1976	10	13
Osma Spurlock visit photographs, 1982	10	14
Earnie Watkins visit photographs, undated	10	15
Nancy Wilson visit photographs, 1976	10	16
Unity Week photographs, 1978	11	1
Unity Week photographs, 1981	11	2
Black History Week photographs, 1982	11	3
Unity Week photographs, 1982	11	4
Unity Week photographs, 1983	11	5
Unity Week photographs, 1984	11	6
Unity Week photographs, 1985	11	7
Unity Week- Candlelight March photographs, 1986	11	8

Series 3: Travel slides, undated

Unity Week Dinner/Fashion show photographs, 1986	11	9
Unity Week Gospel Concert photographs, 1986	11	10
Unity Week-Proclamation Brunch photographs, 1986	11	11
		Box
Gospel Concert/Fashion Show, 1985		11
International Dinner, 1985		11
March and Memorial Service, 1985		11
Series 3: Travel slides, undated		
		Box
East Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Hawai'i		12
Moscow, Leningrad, Warsaw, Amsterdam, Egypt, Istanbul, India		12
Seine River, Venice, Capri, Rome		12
Rhine, Frankfort, W & E Berlin, Vienna, Budapest		13
Venice, Florence, Rome, Athens, Capri, Jerusalem, Bethelhem, Japan, Tehren		13
Paris, The Riviera		13

Series 3: Travel slides, undated

London	14
Luxembourg, United Kingdom, Bangkok, Hong Kong	14
Mexico City, Acapulco	14
Disneyland, Bullfights, Acapulco, Montreal	15
South Pacific, Australia, New Zealand	15
South America, Brazil, Peru	15
Columbia, South America, New Zealand	16
Rome, Greece, Turkey, Beirut, Cairo, The Holy Land	16
Kathmandu, Burma, Hawai'i, Manila, Bangkok	16
Macau, Hong Kong, Japan, Hawai'i	17
San Francisco, Hawai'i, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Baghdad	17
Bangkok, Ceylon, Bombay, Mombasa, Cape Town	17
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Black Student Association, BSA Events, OMA Events	18

Series 4: Scrapbook materials, publications, and newsclippings, 1969-1986

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	Box	Folder
Black Student Association scrapbook materials, 1975-1979	19	1
Dr. Foster Wall Photographs, 1971-1976	19	2
Black Students of the Month records, 1973-1978	19	3
Photos for Black Student Scrapbook, 1974	19	4
Miss Black Ball State Scrapbook photographs, 1973-1975	19	5
Upward Bound Project Scrapbook materials, 1974	19	6
Black Student Association Scrapbook materials, 1976-1987	19	7
Black Culture Week flyers and newsclippings, 1971	19	8
The Black Family and The Black Woman bibliography of resources, 1972	19	9
Multicultural Issues Newsclippings, 1969-1986	19	10
Office of Multicultural Affairs correspondence with students and faculty, 1973-1974	19	11
Multicultural Research and Survey materials (folder 1), 1969-1986	19	12

Series 4: Scrapbook materials, publications, and newsclippings, 1969-1986

Multicultural Research and Survey materials (folder 2), 1969-1986	19	13
Multicultural Affairs faculty research papers (folder 1), 1972-1974	19	14
Multicultural Affairs faculty research papers (folder 1), 1972-1974	19	15
Publications on Black Americans (folder 1), 1970-1974	19	16
Publications on Black Americans (folder 2), 1970-1974	19	17
Miscellaneous Event flyers from the Office of Multicultural Affairs, 1974-1985	19	18
Black Student Association Awards Committee records, 1985	19	19
Unity Week Planning records, 1986-1989	19	20
		Box
Unity Week Reports, 1987		19
	Box	Folder
Newspaper Clippings - Black Issues, 1976-1983	19	21
Indiana Affirmative Action Plan, 1976-1977	19	22
BSU Minority Student Handbooks, 1972-1986	19	23
Special Programs Pre-Application Materials, 1979-1980	19	24

Series 5: Motivational lecture cassettes and booklets, 1968-1978

Miss Black Ball State Pageant Program, 1981	19	25
Black Culture Week Scrapbook materials, 1972	19	26
Series 5: Motivational lecture cassettes and booklets, 1968-1978		
		Box
Earl Nightingale Toastmaster International Program- 'The Complete Speaker' ,		20
Earl Nightingale, Great Ideas Management Guide, 1973		20
Earl Nightingale, Great Ideas audio cassettes (12 tapes), 1972		20
Earl Nightingale, Lead the Field motivational audio cassette tapes (13 tapes), 1972		20
Dennis E. Waitley - ' Psychology of Winning: Ten Qualities of a Total Winner' cassettes, 1978		20
Robert Foster lecture: 'Creativity and Problem Solving' audio cassette, 1979		20
Robert Foster lecture: 'How to Approach a Problem' audio cassette, 1979		20
Robert Foster lecture: 'Problem Solving' audio cassette, 1979		20
Planning for Success: Job and Life Skills Series cassettes and slides, undated		21