

**Finding Aid for the Office of the  
President, Youngstown State University,  
Neil D. Humphrey  
Records, 1984-1992**



**RG 04/04**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

- Title:** Office of the President, Youngstown State University, Neil D. Humphrey, Records, 1984- 1992
- Record Group No.** RG 04/04
- Creator:** Youngstown State University. Office of the President
- Extent:** 1.5 cubic feet (1 box)
- Abstract:** This collection contains documents and publications relating to the presidency of Neil D. Humphrey, Ed. D. Dr. Humphrey served Youngstown State University in this capacity from 1984 to 1992.

## **Administrative Information**

- Provenance:** Unknown
- Preferred Citation:** Youngstown State University, Office of the President, Neil D. Humphrey, Records, 1984-1992, RG 0414, Archives & Special Collections, William F. Maag, Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Restrictions:** None
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## **Biographical Information**

Dr. Neil D. Humphrey succeeded Dr. John J. Coffelt as President of Youngstown State University on June 1, 1984. At the time of his appointment, Humphrey had been serving YSU as Acting President while Coffelt was on sick leave (from which he never returned to the University).

Humphrey first came to Youngstown State as vice president of financial affairs in 1978. Prior to that, he had served as President of the University of Alaska, Vice President of Finance (then Chancellor) of the University of Nevada System, and budget director for the State of Nevada. In terms of academic credentials, Humphrey holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Idaho State University, a master's

degree in government from the University of Denver, and a doctorate in education from Brigham Young University.

President Humphrey retired to Reno, Nevada in 1992 and was succeeded by Dr. Leslie H. Cochran. The "Humphrey Room" in Kilcawley Center was named in his honor and dedicated in 1998.

### **Scope and Content**

The archival material preserved herein includes memoranda generated by President Humphrey. Also included are biographical data, strategic plans, and other items of interest pertaining to Neil Humphrey's time at YSU. At present, the collection is small; however, as related materials come to light, it is expected that it will grow. In the meantime, files that may prove of particular interest include:

- The Faculty Strike of 1989 (File 10) in which the YSU chapter of the Ohio Education Association, representing the faculty, went out to the picket line when negotiations with the university administration failed to produce a new contract. Even though the strike lasted for one day, an agreement was produced and a precedent set for future industrial action on campus.
- The "Blue Sheets" (File 2), which President Humphrey used to disseminate information to the university community regarding the decisions and actions of the YSU Board of Trustees.
- "Strategic Plans" (Files 11 and 12), which reveal the Humphrey Administration's views of the future at YSU.

### **Series Description**

Series I: Correspondence

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### **Related Materials**

See also: Youngstown State University, Office of the President, John J. Coffelt, Records

Youngstown State University, Office of the President, Leslie H. Cochran, Records

## **Index Terms**

Humphrey, Neil D.  
labor unions  
university administrators  
university presidents  
Youngstown State University

## **BOX 1**

### **SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE**

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1. Memoranda, 1978- 1992

### **SERIES II: SUBJECT FILES**

#### **Folder No.**

2. Summary of Actions of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees (The Blue Sheets), 1986-1 990
3. Biographical sketch, Neil D. Humphrey, n.d.
4. Vita, Neil D. Humphrey, 1985
5. Biographical sketches of Neil D. Humphrey and Joseph F. Malmisur
6. Board of Trustees Resolution promoting Neil D. Humphrey to the Youngstown State University Presidency, 1984
7. Comments by Neil D. Humphrey to the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, 1984
8. Published congratulations by CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) to Neil D. Humphrey on his promotion to President of Youngstown State University, n.d.
9. Vacancy Posting, Vice President for Financial Affairs at YSU, 1977
11. Faculty Strike, 1989
12. The Strategic Plan, 1984-1 994 (YSU)
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