

**Finding Aid for the Office of the
President, Youngstown State University,
John J. Coffelt
Records, 1973-1984**



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: This collection contains documents and publications relating to the presidency of John J. Coffelt, Ed.D. Dr Coffelt served Youngstown State University in this capacity from 1973 to 1984.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Information

John J. Coffelt was born on December 26, 1924, in Neosha, Missouri. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of Denver in 1948 and a Master of Arts degree from Colorado State College in 1951. Coffelt received his Doctoral in Education from the University of Colorado in 1962.

Prior to coming to Youngstown State in 1968, Coffelt served in several public educational administrative positions in Colorado. Afterward, he was made Vice Chancellor for Research and Planning by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

In 1968, Coffelt was appointed Vice President of Administrative Affairs at Youngstown State University. In 1973, he was chosen to succeed Albert L. Pugsley as President of YSU.

Under President Coffelt, the College of Fine & Performing Arts was founded in 1974 and took up residence in the newly-constructed Bliss Hall three years later. New facilities were constructed for the College of Applied Science and Technology (Cushwa Hall, 1978) and the College of Arts & Sciences (DeBartolo Hall, 1979). A new library was dedicated in 1976 and an enrollment record was set in 1981, with 16,100 students registered for classes.

Due to ill health, Coffelt was granted medical leave in 1983 and retired the following year. He died in a Houston, Texas hospital on September 1, 1988 following surgery for an aneurysm. He was 67.

Scope and Content

The archival material preserved herein includes memoranda generated by President Coffelt. Also included are a few pieces of his correspondence generated during his last days as Vice President for Administration. At present, the collection is small; however, as related materials come to light, it is expected that it will grow.

Series Description

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