Alumni Relations: Alumni Giving Council

Papers 1955-1978
(Predominately 1973-77)

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This collection mainly deals with fundraising, designation of funds, and the roles of the Wayne State Fund, Alumni Giving Council, alumni clubs, especially the School of Social Work in obtaining and use of monies, and campus beautification.

The Alumni Giving Council (c 1970s) was a unit of the Wayne State Fund consisting of select members of the Fund’s Board of Trustees. The Alumni Giving Council’s function was to directly oversee the telefund drives, fund raising campaign budgeting, scholarships, memorial funds, honor donation clubs, dedications, and various special projects. This part of the collection consists of correspondence, minutes from committee meetings, statistics of donor totals, plans for solicitation of potential donors, honor club lists, and interactions with matching gift companies.

The Wayne State Fund was responsible for overseeing the Alumni Giving Council, campus beautification, the Anthony Wayne Society, designation of monies to various scholarships and memorial funds, etc. It determined fund allocations and transfers for departmental needs, special projects, telephone drives, awards, and scholarships. The papers in this section of the collection cover various interactions between the Wayne State Fund and the organizations it was a parent to: campus beautification, the Alumni Giving Council, the alumni associations, funding issues for individual departments, and the Anthony Wayne Society. The records show how monies were allocated to various smaller fundraising committees, scholarships, and departments within Wayne State University. In addition to fund allocations, the materials consist of committee by-laws, correspondence, minutes, ledgers, and other materials documenting funding and fundraising organizations within Wayne State University.

The Wayne State University Alumni Associations representing specific colleges and the Michigan and out of state locations were responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the planning made by the larger Wayne State Fund and Alumni Giving Council. It was the local alumni chapters who volunteered for telephone fund raising campaigns, collected money towards the campus beautification project, and recruited new graduates. The information on this topic in the collection discusses membership dues, offers telephone fund raising strategies, fund raising brochures and pledge cards, literature and appeals for the campus beautification project, and alumni membership incentives and special discounts.
Campus beautification began during the late 1960s as a project to plant trees along Ferry Mall of the Wayne State University campus. Its leader was Mrs. Olga Dworkin whose job was to provide publicity and incentives to the Detroit community and to the various alumni clubs. The second phase of the project was to plant trees along Anthony Wayne Drive. The incentive Olga Dworkin offered to the individual alumni clubs was to present plaques in the Anthony Wayne Court honoring those clubs who donated money towards the tree planting along Anthony Wayne Drive. This area of the collection consists of the various records of individual Michigan area and out state alumni clubs, pledge drives, and programs used to fund and implement the campus beautification project.

The School of Social Work obtained funding from various sources for its projects. First of all, from 1956 through 1977 it sponsored an annual Forum. The Social Work Forum allowed for discussion of current social work topics and presented an opportunity to honor distinguished alumni. Secondly, they utilized the College of Lifelong Learning program by offering special seminars to their alumni. Third, the School of Social Work was also involved in the fight to award Professor Alex Efthim tenure after the provost denied his application. The collection covers this subject by including the budgets, menus, papers presented, and programs from various Social Work Forums between 1958 and 1977. It also has material about fundraising, brochures of the Lifelong Learning seminars offered to alumni, letters written between alumni and faculty that discuss the tenure of Professor Efthim, President Nixon’s federal cutbacks and what it meant for Social Work programs, the alumni association board meeting minutes and by-laws, and other correspondence.

**Important subjects in the collection:**

- Alumni Association
- Alumni Association-recruitment
- Alumni Association-Unified Dues Program
- Alumni Giving Council
- Alumni Giving Council-Board of Trustees
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- Anthony Wayne Court
- Anthony Wayne Drive
- Awards-Alumni
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- Campus Beautification
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- Committee of 200--Alumni Giving Council
- Council of Social Work Education
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Important correspondents in the collection:

Henry Bohm, Provost
Olga Dworkin
Alex Efthim
George Gullen, President

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