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Admissions Office and Acting Registrar Records
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WSR000028: Wayne University Admissions Division Records, 1937-1954, bulk 1951-1954.

WSR000197: Wayne State University Admissions, Records and Registration Director's Office Records, 1946-1971, bulk 1956-1969.

WSR000627: Wayne State University Registrar's Office Records, 1935-1971, bulk 1957-1969.

WSR000392: Wayne State University Admissions and Registrar Office Records, 1952-1975, bulk 1960s.

WSR000565: Wayne State University Enrollment Services Reports, 1981-2003.

Abstract:

The Admissions Office and Acting Registrar Records consist of documents concerning incoming veteran students. Enrollment listings, correspondence, reports, statistics, admission interviews, and studies comprise the majority of the records. Two folders relate to the admission and enrollment of relocated Japanese-American ("*Nisei*," meaning "second-generation") students at Wayne State during World War II.

After the passage of the G.I. Bill in 1944, Wayne University received an influx of incoming veteran students. Dr. Leslie L. Hanawalt was the Acting Registrar and Director of Admissions of Wayne University at this time. In his 1968 book *A Place of Light: The History of Wayne State University*, he writes about the veteran period: "The body of veteran students that enrolled in American colleges after World War II has often been written about. At Wayne University several generalizations are remembered: the veterans were too numerous and came upon the campus too rapidly; everyone felt an interest in them and desired to help them with counsel and special programs, if necessary; a good many of them were married; they were on the whole patient and easy to deal with; and they performed well as students, on the average probably better than if their formal education had not been interrupted by the war. For the most important fact about them was that they were two or three years older than the average student; they were often clearer about what they wanted, more serious, more used to working, more strongly motivated. These characteristics combined to make the veteran period a bright spot in academic history."

Nisei students were relocated to Detroit with the aid of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council and enrolled beginning with the fall 1943 semester. In the summer of 1943 there were five non-evacuee Japanese American students at Wayne State; in the fall of 1943 there were thirteen enrolled Nisei students; and by the winter 1944 semester there were thirty-five relocated Nisei students enrolled.

Important Subjects:

World War II

Veterans

G.I. Bill

Japanese internment

Nisei students

National Japanese American Student Relocation Council

Important Names:

Leslie L. Hanawalt

David D. Henry

John R. Moseley

Arrangement

Materials are grouped by subject and arranged chronologically thereunder.

Box 1

1. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1946
2. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1945
3. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1944
4. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1943
5. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1942
6. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1941
7. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1940
8. Conference of Principals and Freshmen, 1939
9. Nisei, Current, 1944-1945
10. Nisei, General, 1942-1945
11. Veterans: Lists, 1944
12. Veterans: Lists, 1945
13. Veterans: Lists, 1946
14. Veterans: Statistics, 1944
15. Veterans: Statistics, 1945 (Feb)
16. Veterans: Statistics, 1945 (Sept)
17. Veterans: Statistics, 1946
18. Veterans ending 2/45
19. Veteran Specials 2/45
20. Veteran Specials 6/45

Box 2

1. Veterans, 9/45
2. Veteran Specials, ending 2/46
3. Veterans, ending 6/46
4. Correspondence, Veteran Matters, 1943-1945
5. Correspondence, Special Veteran Form Letters, December 1946
6. Credit, High School for Armed Service Work, 1944
7. Credits, Evaluation, 1940
8. Education and Training of Veterans (Instructions of V.A.)
9. G.I. Subsistence, Approval of Michigan Colleges
10. Information (Given to Veterans), 1947
11. Labor Estimate for Record-Keeping of Veterans, 1945
12. Program, December 1944
13. Studies, 1944-1947
14. Studies of Wayne Veteran Admission, 1945-1946
15. Group Reports and Recommendations of the National Conference on the Education of Veterans in Colleges and Universities