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Biographical Information:

A 43-year professor, administrator, and booster at the College of William and Mary, Dr. W. Melville Jones (1901-1992) joined the College's English faculty in 1928 after serving as an instructor at Ohio State University (1924-1925) and the University of Richmond (1925-1928). As a faculty member in the Department of English, Dr. Jones served first as an assistant professor and, after earning his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1953, was named full professor in 1954 and chancellor professor in 1963. Dr. Jones's career took on a new aspect in the last two decades of his employment at William and Mary, as he served as Dean of the Faculty from 1958 to 1964, and Dean of the College from 1964 to 1968. When Virginia recognized William and Mary as a full university in 1968, Dr. Jones became the College's first vice president. His final position with the university was as Vice President of Academic Affairs. Upon his retirement in 1971, he was named Chancellor Professor of English, Emeritus. Dr. Jones was on leaves of absence in 1931-1932, Fall 1956, Spring 1957, and Fall 1957. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/W._Melville_Jones.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents activities and events at the College of William and Mary during the career of W. Melville Jones. It is primarily composed of material collected in scrapbooks.

The first scrapbook was digitized and the original returned to the donor. For the digital scans of the first scrapbook, the papers are arranged as a model of the original volume. The papers are arranged chronologically with two loose photographs without a date filed at the end. Identification numbers are listed on the back of each photocopied page for association with the digital file. The digital files were printed and are available for use by researchers. A detailed description of each page is available in the inventory section of this finding aid.

The second scrapbook is maintained for the most part in its original order and format, though some blank

pages have been removed from the volume. All loose material in the scrapbook was rehoused in folders and can be found in box 1 along with the photocopied pages of the digitized scrapbook. Box 1 also includes five folders containing information related to Dr. Jone's personal and professional interests.

Keywords

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Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements:

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Arrangement of Materials:

The collection is arranged alphabetically and chronologically within each series.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Personal and Professional Interests

Unit ID id507

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174795

Unit Date 1949-1957

Scope and Contents

Series 1 consists of five folders. Materials in this series are related to the 350th anniversary commemoration events at Jamestown, along with documents related to the 1951 William and Mary football scandal, and information on studies undertaken by the College's Curriculum Committee.

Box 1

Unit ID id672

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174797

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Advent of English Common Law

Unit ID id509

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174800

Unit Date May 15, 1959

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Athletic Scandal, Football

Unit ID id510

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174801

Unit Date 1951-1952

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Curriculum Committee Studies

Unit ID id511

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174802

Unit Date 1949-1951

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Jamestown Festival 350th Anniversary, Part 1

Unit ID id512

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174803

Unit Date circa 1957

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Jamestown Festival 350th Anniversary, Part 2

Unit ID id513

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174804

Unit Date circa 1957

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Series 2: Scrapbooks

Unit ID id671

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174796

Unit Date 1930-1982

Scope and Contents

This collection includes two scrapbooks kept by former dean of the College of William and Mary, W. Melville Jones. The first scrapbook details a wide range of campus events and celebrations including the annual 18th century Christmas party, President Davis Paschall's inauguration, Charter Day celebrations, and various commencement ceremonies. In addition, the scrapbook highlights the personal and professional achievements of Dr. Jones, including his induction into the Draper's Company, an ancient English guild. This first scrapbook reflected Dr. Jones' efforts to strengthen the relationship between William and Mary and British universities. The second scrapbook primarily contains photographs from commencement ceremonies (1963-1971), Charter Day festivities (1963-1972) and the 1969 convocation. In addition, this scrapbook also includes newspaper clippings of both the inauguration and retirement of William and Mary President David Paschall, the inauguration of William and Mary President Thomas Graves, and Dr. Jones' own retirement.

Box 1

Unit ID id673

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174798

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Scrapbook I, Part I

Unit ID id674

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174805

Unit Date circa 1930-1966

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

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Page 7: Christmas Party "Boar's Head celebration" Page 8: Christmas Party "Students leading Boar's Head procession" Page 9: Christmas Party "Students carrying Boar's Head platter" Page 10: Christmas Party "Four stout fellows bring the Yule Log into the Great Hall" Page 11: Christmas Part "Yule Log ceremony" Great Hall, Wren Building Page 12: Christmas Party "unknown child" Page 13: Christmas Party "distinguished guests" Page 14: Letter from Lewis A. McMurrin Jr. to W. Melville Jones, April 17, 1956; concerns appointment to Director of Program Planning for Jamestown Festival 1957 Page 15: Lord and Lady Cacciz and Daughter "British Ambassadors to U.S. Jamestown Festival 1957" Page 16: Virginia Gazette, July 18, 1958 "W. Melville Jones appointed as acting Dean of Faculty"; also includes picture of Jones after flight in USAF Aircraft Page 17: "Teacher's Role Stressed in W-M Charter Day Talk" Page 18: Ezra Pound and Mel Jones looking at memorial to Captain John Smith's Jamestown 1958 Page 19: Ezra.. Pound "Palace", 1958 Page 20: Ezra Pound and Mel Jones at Jamestown, June 1958 Page 21: Dr. Davis Y. Paschall takes oath of office as President, 10/13/61 Page 22: W. Melville Jones speaking at inauguration of Dr. Paschall, 10/13/61 Page 23: "Greetings from the Queen." Sir Herbert Pooley reads greetings from Queen Elizabeth II at inauguration of Dr. Paschall Page 24: Dr. and Mrs. W. Melville Jones with John Castle, mace bearer for Sir Ernest Pooley Page 25: "Paschall inauguration" President Paschall, Adams, Sir Ernest Pooley, Dean W. Melville Jones Page 26: Letter dated 10/31/61 from Sir Ernest Pooley to W. Melville Jones Page 27: Speech of Sir Ernest Pooley at portrait presentation Page 28: Personal account of trip to Williamsburg for inauguration of Dr. Paschall by Sir Ernest Pooley, dated 17 November 1961 Page 29: Dudley Woodbridge, first recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award, 1963 Page 30: Charter Day 1963 "Dudley Woodbridge holds Thomas Jefferson Award certificate"; joined by President Paschall and Julian P. Boyd Page 31: "William and Mary Reorganization Takes First Step," Flat Hat, 10/16/64, Page 1B

Scrapbook I, Part II

Unit ID id675

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174806

Unit Date circa 1966-1982

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Page 32: Commencement 1966 "Dean Jones and President Paschall on Wren Porch" Page 33: Charter Day 1966 "President Paschall presenting Helen Jones with an orchid corsage"; Dean Jones holds Jefferson Award certificate Page 34: Paschall holding Jefferson Award; Helen Jones pinning corsage on Mrs. Paschall Page 35: Dean Jones and President Paschall hold birthday certificates; "birthday party," September, October 1967 Page 36: Initiation of the new 360 computer; Dean Jones at the keys; Ray Southworth, professor of computer science, and Bob English watch Page 37: Dean Jones welcomes the Southern University Conference to the Wren Building Page 38: Dr. Jones, Milton Class, Wren Building Page 39: Dean Jones poses in colonial scholar's attire, May 1968 Page 40: During 275th William and Mary anniversary celebration, Helen Jones discusses a problem with Sir Arthur Goodhart, professor, University College, Oxford Page 41: Commencement 1968 (l-r) Dean Jones, President Gerald Ford, speaker Walter Mason Page 42: News clippings concerning Dr. Jones' induction into Draper's Company Page 43: Draper's Hall, Livery Dinner, 25 March 1970, in honor of Dr. Jones Page 44: Dr. Jones in Draper's Hall Page 45: Draper's Hall, dinner table Page 46: Dr. Jones is congratulated by Master of the Draper's Company Page 47: Commencement 1970 (l-r) Dean Jones, Senator Edmund Muskie (Democratic Presidential Candidate and speaker), President Paschall Page 48: Commencement 1970 (l-r) President Paschall, Dean Jones, Senator Edmund Muskie Page 49: Guest list for retirement party in honor of President Paschall and Dean Jones, 7/15/71 Page 50: Party given by friends on the retirement of President Paschall and Dean Jones, Williamsburg Lodge, 7/15/71 Page 51: Dean Jones at retirement party Page 52: Buffet table at retirement party Page 53: "Mel Jones Pursued by Chapmen," Faculty Profile, Alumni Gazette, October 1971 Page 54: Press release announcing honorary degree conferred upon Dr. Jones by Allegheny College Page 55: Allegheny College, graduation program, June 12, 1972 Page 56: Certificate from Governor of Virginia appointing Dr. Jones to Advisory Committee to Virginia Research Center for Archeology, 7/21/75 Page 57: Livery Dinner program, March 23, 1977 Page 58: Invitation to attend inauguration of Governor of Virginia, John Nichols Dalton Page 59: Program for convocation for conferral of honorary fellowship upon the Prince of Wales, May 2, 1981 Page 60: Reunion 1982 "the hanging of President Paschall's portrait Page 61: Dr. Jones with President Thomas Graves Page 62: Dr. William Melville Jones Loose Photo1: House of W. Melville Jones at corner of Boundary St. and Richmond Rd., No longer standing Loose Photo 2: 2 apartment buildings used for temporary faculty housing. No longer standing. Was located at corner of Richmond Rd. and Armistead near Sorority Court.

Scrapbook II, Part I, Loose Materials

Unit ID id676

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174807

Unit Date circa 1963-1972

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scrapbook II, Part II, Photographs

Unit ID id677

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174808

Unit Date circa 1963-1972

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (folder)

Box 2

Unit ID id678

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174799

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scrapbook II

Unit ID id679

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/174809

Unit Date circa 1963-1972

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)