Thomas A. Brady Papers
(C2273)

Collection Number: C2273

Collection Title: Thomas A. Brady Papers

Dates: 1947-1964

Creator: Brady, Thomas A., 1902-1964

Abstract: Papers of University of Missouri administrator Thomas A. Brady, including copies of speeches, programs from speaking engagements, and correspondence regarding such events.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
(26 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the University of Missouri, Office of Dean of Extra-Divisional Administration in August 1964 (Accession No. CA3580). An addition was made in June 1989 by Thomas A. Brady, Jr. (Accession No. CA4891).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Thomas A. Brady Papers can be found in the following collections:

Thomas A. Brady Papers, 1910-1959 (C0033)

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Historical Note:

Born in Richmond, Ray County, Missouri, Thomas Allen Brady (1902-1964) received his B.A. from the University of Missouri in 1924 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1926 and 1931, respectively. He was an instructor at the University of Missouri from 1926-1929 and then an assistant professor and professor from 1930 to 1946. Within that time period, he became the first University of Missouri faculty member to be awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship, a prestigious grant to further scholarly development and research, in 1936. His publications as a historian of classics include *The Reception of Egyptian Cults by the Greeks 330-30 B.C.* (1935) and *The Gymnasium in Ptolemaic Egypt* (1936).

Soon thereafter he married Mary Elizabeth Leslie and switched his religious allegiance to Catholicism, and remained devoted to this conversion as made apparent in his speeches as a university administrator. In 1946 he became the Vice President in Charge of Extra-Divisional Educational Activities, a position later renamed Dean of Extra-Divisional Administration in 1955. Throughout his tenure he created counseling and vocational programs for WWII veterans and expanded student services and degree programs. He retired from the position in 1964 and died shortly thereafter in Columbia. In 1966, the University of Missouri Board of Curators chose Brady as the namesake for the new student center that had been completed in 1963.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Miscellaneous
Speeches

Scope and Content Note:

Miscellaneous Papers

This series contains two 1951 lists of acquisitions of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, including "Major Acquisitions" and "Other Acquisitions," as well as correspondence and ephemera regarding the Jesse E. Wrench Memorial Fund. Further, this series includes speech reports from Thomas A. Brady listing his speaking engagements from 1949-1958 for use by the University Speaker's Committee.

Speeches

This series includes copies of speeches given by Thomas A. Brady between 1947 and 1964, programs for many of the speaking engagements which he attended, and correspondence regarding such events. His speeches were given at a variety of banquets, commencements, conferences, and ceremonies on the University of Missouri campus, the surrounding area, and even internationally. Topics covered include teaching, higher education, philosophy, sociology, politics, academic freedom and scholarship, and religion. Many of the speeches regarding religion revolve around Catholicism and Christian leadership, including presentations to and about the Knights of Columbus and the St. Thomas More Newman Center.
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