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Finding Aid to the Memorial Union Print Materials

Memorial Union

Print Materials, 1950s-Present

1 linear ft.

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

The Memorial Union officially opened on Thursday, October 29, 1953, as a part of the Homecoming activities. The idea for the Union was conceived in 1943 when a group of students proposed such a building. On June 5, 1947, the student body voted overwhelmingly to support a proposal recommending that all students be assessed a quarterly fee of \$5.00 toward the building fund. After the Board of Higher Education approved the measure, Articles of Incorporation were drawn up and approved and a board of directors was formed. As fund raising continued, a "1000 Club" was begun, with each member donating \$1,000.00. Fargo businesses were also contacted, as well as alumni. As the fund drive reached its goal, a director for the Memorial Union was hired, an architect contracted, and bids let out for construction of the 50,000 square foot facility. When completed, the building included the Bison Room (food service), eight bowling alleys and a small game room, the Varsity Mart, Meinecke Lounge and Main Lounge, a

barbershop, placement service, Alumni Office, Spectrum and Bison Annual offices, studios for the campus radio station, checkrooms, facilities for meetings and social functions, and a small clothing store leased by Straus Company.

In 1958 the bowling alleys were relocated in an addition and the space was converted into a cafeteria – the States Room. As the student body increased in size, it became evident that the Memorial Union had to grow as well. On November 5, 1964, an addition was dedicated, bringing the total square footage to 100,000. Remodeling and expansion continued through the 1990s.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

BOX 1

- 1/1 Finding Aid
- 1/2 History/Background Material & Brochures (1950, 1960s, 1989, 1999); Spectrum - Grand Opening Issue – October 29, 1953; *Spectrum* Listings
- 1/3 Constitution and By-Laws of Memorial Union – June 1957

Art Gallery (See Also: Fine Arts Print Series & NDSU Ephemera Collection)

- 1/4 Art Gallery - Exhibits – 1975/1976
- 1/5 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1977
- 1/6 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1978
- 1/7 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1979
- 1/8 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1980
- 1/9 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1981
- 1/10 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1982
- 1/11 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1985
- 1/12 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1986
- 1/13 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1987
- 1/14 Art Gallery – Exhibits - 1988
- 1/15 Art Gallery - Exhibits – 1989
- 1/16 Art Gallery – Exhibits - 1994
- 1/17 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1997-1998
- 1/18 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1998-1999
- 1/19 Art Gallery - Exhibits - 1999 –2000
- 1/20 Art Gallery – Exhibits – 2000-2001
- 1/21 Art Gallery – Exhibits – 2001-2002
- 1/22 Art Gallery – Exhibits – 2002-2003
- 1/22a Art Gallery – Exhibits – 2003-2004
- 1/23 Art Gallery - Clippings - 1974 (Clyfford Still controversy), 1977, 1981
- 1/24 Art Gallery - Student Exhibits

- 1/25 Memorial Union Gallery – newsletter – Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000, Spring 2001,
Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring & Summer 2004
- 1/26 Season's Greeting photo card – 2001, 2002, 2003
- 1/27 Barber Shop (Kampus Kuts)
- 1/27a *This Week at State* - 1979
- 1/28 Calendar, Master – forms 7 memos – n.d.; 1991-1992; March-May 1995
- 1/29 Christmas Programs - 1981, 1982, 1984, 1997
- 1/30 Family Fun Night – flyers - 1997
- 1/31 4-H Foundation & NDSU Memorial Union - Memorandum of Agreement - c.1967
- 1/32 Guide to Student Involvement - 1994-1995
- 1/33 Guide to Student Involvement - 1997-1998
- 1/34 Guide to Student Involvement - 1998-1999
- 1/35 Guide to Student Involvement - 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003
- 1/36 Hotline Helps - poster - n.d.
- 1/37 Idea Breaks - Spring, 1998; Fall, 1998

BOX 2

- 2/1 NDSU Student Art Collection – descriptive listing – c.1979 (2 copies)
- 2/2 *The Junction* – Fall 1999, Spring 2000
- 2/3 Program – Conference Planning Guides - c.1960s-1970s
- 2/4 Recreation and Outing Center - Activities - 1970s-1980s
- 2/5 Scandinavian Christmas Buffet – flyers – 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
- 2/6 Student Involvement Transcripts - 1997

Skill Warehouse/MU Breaks

- 2/7 Skill Warehouse - 1975-1979
- 2/8 Skill Warehouse - 1981
- 2/9 Skill Warehouse - 1982
- 2/10 Skill Warehouse – 1983
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- 2/25 Skill Warehouse - 1998
- 2/26 Skill Warehouse – 1999
- 2/27 Skill Warehouse – 2000
- 2/28 Skill Warehouse – Spring 2001
- 2/29 MU Breaks (formerly Skill Warehouse) – Fall 2001

- 2/30 MU Breaks – 2002
- 2/31 MU Breaks – Spring 2003, Fall 2003
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- 2/34 Summer Activities - 1970s-1980s
- 2/35 T.A.P.E Services (Telephone Access Program Exchange) - 1970s-1980s
- 2/36 Union Briefs - Fall, 1984
- 2/37 Union Briefs - Winter, 1984
- 2/38 Volunteer Network – 2001, 2002
- 2/39 Walking Tours - 1990s