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### **Gustavus Adolphus College Archives St. Peter, Minnesota**

**Commencement Programs and Related Materials, 1877-Ongoing.**

**GACA Collection 146**

**Commencement Programs and Related Materials, 1877-Ongoing. GACA Collection 146. 3 Records Center Cartons, 1 Hollinger box, and 2 cassette tape boxes.**

**ABSTRACT:**

The Commencement Programs and Related Materials collection contains programs, invitations, and recordings from Commencement and Alumni Weekends. Commencement weekend is comprised of the Baccalaureate service and the Commencement ceremony. There are programs and invitations along with audio and video recordings of these events. Alumni weekend takes place at the same time and includes a banquet and vespers evening service. There are programs, invitations, and audio recordings for these events.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

The first students at the school, when it moved to St. Peter in 1876, were considered academy students and did not receive bachelor's degrees. The first Bachelor of Arts degrees to be awarded at Gustavus Adolphus College were in 1890. The first Bachelor of Arts degrees awarded to women were in 1895.

Some documents in this collection come from Gustavus Adolphus Academy. The Academy was a preparatory school located on the same grounds as Gustavus Adolphus College. Students graduated from the academy with a degree roughly equivalent to a high school diploma. The final Academy graduating class was in 1931.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection has been divided into six categories: programs and invitations; Baccalaureate recordings; Commencement recordings; Alumni Banquet recordings; Alumni Vespers recordings; and Miscellaneous.

**Programs and Invitations** holds programs and invitations for commencement and alumni weekend activities.

**Baccalaureate Recordings** consists of audio recordings on reel-to-reel and audio cassette of the Baccalaureate services during commencement weekend. The Baccalaureate service is also sometimes known as the Sacred Service.

**Commencement Recordings** encompasses audio and video recordings of the commencement ceremonies. These are on reel-to-reel, audio cassette, and VHS and DVD.

**Alumni Banquet Recordings** has audio recordings of alumni banquets on reel-to-reel and audio cassette.

**Alumni Vespers Recordings** consists of audio recordings of alumni vespers services on reel-to-reel and audio cassette.

**Miscellaneous** involves audio recordings of Alumni Weekend on reel-to-reel and Alumni Programs on audio cassette. Also, there are some transcripts of commencement addresses.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

There are no restrictions on use of this collection for research purposes. The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

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**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Commencement.  
Commencement ceremonies -- Gustavus Adolphus College.  
Graduation (School) -- Gustavus Adolphus College.  
Programs -- Gustavus Adolphus College.  
Invitations -- Gustavus Adolphus College.  
Baccalaureate addresses -- Gustavus Adolphus College.  
Vespers.  
Speeches, address, etc. American -- Minnesota -- St. Peter.

<b>GACA Collection 146</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
<b>Programs and Invitations, 1877-Ongoing</b>		
1877, 1886, and 1889	1	1
1890	1	2
1891 and 1892	1	3
1893 and 1894	1	4
1895	1	5
1896	1	6
1897	1	7
1898	1	8
1899	1	9
1900 and 1901	1	10
1902	1	11
1903	1	12
1904 and 1905	1	13
1906	1	14
1907	1	15
1908 and 1909	1	16
1910	1	17
1911 and 1912	1	18
1913 and 1914	1	19
1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920	1	20
1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925	1	21
1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, and 1936	1	22
1937, 1938 and 1939 (includes a poster for a music program)	1	23
1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1949	1	24
1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, and 1959	1	25
1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969	1	26
1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, and 1979	1	27
1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989	1	28
1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994	1	29
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999	1	30
2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004	1	31
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009	1	32
2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014	2	3
<b>Baccalaureate Recordings, 1968-Ongoing</b>		
1968 and 1969 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	1
1970 and 1971 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	2
1972 and 1974 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	3
1975 and 1976 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	4
1977 and 1978 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	5
1980 and 1981 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	6
1983 (Audio Cassette)	5	1
1984 [1 of 2] (Audio Cassette)	5	2

1984 [2 of 2] (Audio Cassette)	5	3
1985 (Audio Cassette)	5	4
1986 (Audio Cassette)	5	5
1987 (Audio Cassette)	5	6
1988 (Audio Cassette)	5	7
1993, 9am (Audio Cassette)	5	8
1993, 10:30am (Audio Cassette)	5	9
<b>Commencement Recordings, 1950-Ongoing</b>		
1950 [1 and 2 of 6] (Reel-to-Reel)	3	7
1950 [4 and 5 of 6] (Reel-to-Reel)	3	8
1950 [6 of 6] and 1967 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	9
1968 and 1969 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	10
1970 and 1971 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	11
1972 and 1973 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	12
1975 and 1976 [1 of 2] (Reel-to-Reel)	3	13
1976 [2 of 2] and 1977 [1 of 2] (Reel-to-Reel)	3	14
1977 [2 of 2] and 1978 [1 of 2] (Reel-to-Reel)	3	15
1978 [2 of 2] and 1979 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	16
1980 and 1981 (Reel-to-Reel)	3	17
1982 and 1983 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	1
1984 (Audio Cassette)	5	10
1985 (Audio Cassette)	5	11
1986 [1 of 2] (Audio Cassette)	5	12
1986 [2 of 2] (Audio Cassette)	5	13
1987 (Audio Cassette)	5	14
1988 (Audio Cassette)	5	15
1994 (Audio Cassette)	5	16
1995 (Audio Cassette)	5	17
1991 and 2002 (VHS)	4	17
2009 and 2011 (DVD)	2	2
<b>Alumni Banquet Recordings, 1950-Ongoing</b>		
1950 [1 and 2 of 4] (Reel-to-Reel)	4	2
1950 [3 and 4 of 4] (Reel-to-Reel)	4	3
1956 [1 and 2 of 2] (Reel-to-Reel)	4	4
1961 and 1968 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	5
1969 and 1970 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	6
1971 and 1972 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	7
1973 and 1975 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	8
1977 and 1979 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	9
1980 and 1981 [1 of 2] (Reel-to-Reel)	4	10
1981 [2 of 2] and 1982 [1 of 2] (Reel-to-Reel)	4	11
1982 [2 of 2] and 1983 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	12
1984 and undated (Reel-to-Reel)	4	13
1978 (Audio Cassette)	6	1
1985 (Audio Cassette)	6	2

1987 [1of 2] (Audio Cassette)	6	3
1987 [2of 2] (Audio Cassette)	6	4
1988 (Audio Cassette)	6	5
1992 [1 of 2] (Audio Cassette)	6	6
1992 [2 of 2] (Audio Cassette)	6	7
1994 (Audio Cassette)	6	8
<b>Alumni Vespers Recordings, 1977-Ongoing</b>		
1977 and 1978 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	14
1983 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	15
1980 (Audio Cassette)	6	9
1981 (Audio Cassette)	6	10
1982 (Audio Cassette)	6	11
1985 (Audio Cassette)	6	12
1994 (Audio Cassette)	6	13
<b>Miscellaneous, 1976-Ongoing</b>		
Alumni Night, Alumni Reunion Weekend, and Alumni Vespers Programs, 1963-96 and 2000-01	2	5
Alumni Weekend, 1976 (Reel-to-Reel)	4	16
Alumni Program, 1979 (Audio Cassette)	6	14
Commencement Address Transcripts, 1931, 1994, 1995, 1996	2	1
Honorary Degree and Speaker Correspondence, 1972-76, 1987, and undated	2	4