COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:  

Manuscript Materials: 4 manuscript boxes  
Visual Materials: 1 cold storage color photograph box, 4 photograph folders, 4 cold storage color OVA folders, 2 envelopes 35mm polyester negatives, 5 DVDs  
Artifacts: 10 Artifacts

COLLECTION DATES:  
1955–2013

PROVENANCE:  
Jamia Jacobsen, 2013

RESTRICTIONS:  
Items listed as being in cold storage need at least four hours to acclimate, so patrons are advised to call ahead of their visit if they wish to view those items to allow for thawing time.

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RELATED HOLDINGS:  

ACCESSION NUMBERS:  
2013.0256 & 2013.0395

NOTES:
HISTORICAL SKETCH

Broad Ripple High School (BRHS) was originally built in 1886 in the emerging town of Broad Ripple, located north of Indianapolis, Indiana. The high school started out with seven students after the building was completed. Broad Ripple High School developed its first athletic programs in the early 1900s, first with a football team, and eventually expanding to having a boy’s basketball team in 1903.

By 1923, Broad Ripple High School was incorporated into the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) system as the town of Broad Ripple was annexed into Indianapolis. The high school continued to grow and expand during the first half of the twentieth century, building new gymnasiums and athletic tracks and fields. There were also several additions made in 1948 including new instrumental music rooms, industrial art classrooms, and rooms for the new ROTC unit. Expansions and renovations of the building continued during the second half of the twentieth century, but an even greater change occurred with the school's population.

In 1956, North Central High School opened as part of the newly created Metropolitan District of Washington Township (located in northern Marion County). Prior to the school's creation, students from this community attended either Shortridge High School or Broad Ripple High School. After North Central opened, BRHS saw a temporary reduction in its population as students who lived in Washington Township transferred to this new high school. Several of these students were originally part of BRHS Class of 1958. These individuals spent their first two years (1954–56) as Broad Ripple Rockets but graduated as North Central Panthers.

About a decade after the Class of 1958's graduation, another major change occurred at Broad Ripple: integration. While a handful of black students attended the school in the 1950s, proper integration did not take place until the late 1960s and early 1970s. The main response to desegregation was white flight from Broad Ripple and other IPS schools to suburban ones. By the time of BRHS's Centennial Anniversary in 1986, the school's population had transformed from majority white to majority black.

The IPS system experienced a severe decline in enrollment and funding throughout the 1980s and 1990s as white and upwardly mobile black families chose to live and educate their children in suburban districts. Several IPS schools consolidated or closed as a result. IPS leaders considered closing Broad Ripple twice during this period but selected other schools instead.

These enrollment and budget issues continued into the 21st century. In 2017, Broad Ripple's population was less than 600 students. The building, meanwhile, could accommodate 2,400. Because of these ongoing struggles, IPS leaders decided to close Broad Ripple High School after the 2017–2018 school year.

Sources:
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of documents, photographs and artifacts related to the various reunions held by the Broad Ripple High School (BRHS) Class of 1958.

Series One contains items from the class's senior year including Riparian articles, a Ripples performance book and graduation programs.

Series Two through Ten cover the reunions. Each series corresponds to a specific reunion year: 1968 (10th), 1978 (20th), 1983 (25th), 1988 (30th), 1993 (35th), 1998 (40th), 2003 (45th), 2008 (50th) and 2013 (55th). Items in this section include reunion committee minutes, correspondence, financial records, classmate contact information, reservation forms and reunion yearbooks, photos, DVDs and souvenirs.

Series Eleven includes additional reunion photographs and a Ripple Round-Up program from May 1982. Jamia Jasper Jacobsen (Class of 1958) received the BRHS Annual Distinguished Alumni Award at this event.
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