

**New Bedford Institute of Technology
Newspaper clippings, 1902-1964**

University Record Collection – URC 18

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Administrative background: The New Bedford Textile School was chartered in 1895, to provide “instruction in the theory and practical art of textile and kindred branches of industry.”¹ The first building was completed in 1899 at 1213 Purchase Street in downtown New Bedford. The city of New Bedford matched construction funds with those provided by the state. Classroom instruction emphasized both the theory and practice of all phases of manufacturing, finishing and distribution of textiles, and was intended to refine the skills of local mill workers by offering both day and evening classes. At the time the school opened, textile workers were being imported from England to handle the more skilled jobs within the industry and the school was seen as a way of correcting this situation. The first course offered was the “General Cotton Course”. The curriculum later expanded to include knitting technology, chemistry of textiles, dyeing and finishing and fashion and textile design. After World War II the school began offering degrees in engineering, chemistry, and business administration, in response to a growing need for broader technological educational opportunities in southeastern Massachusetts. The name of the school was changed briefly to the New Bedford Textile Institute (1949-1955), the New Bedford Institute of Textiles and Technology (1955-1957) and later to the New Bedford Institute of Technology (1957-1964) to reflect the change in curriculum. Physical facilities continually expanded beginning in 1902 and ending with the construction of a science building across from the main building on Purchase Street in 1956 (for a more detailed chronology of structures, see **URC 12**).

In 1960 the New Bedford Institute of Technology merged with the Bradford Durfee Institute of Technology to form SMTI (Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute), which in 1970 was renamed SMU (Southeastern Massachusetts University). The trustees of both schools maintained separate campuses in New Bedford and Fall River until the first phase of the present campus in North Dartmouth was completed in 1964.

Scope and Contents note: the collection consists of photocopies of original newspaper clippings of articles about NBIT and its faculty, staff, students and alumni. The origin of each clipping is not recorded, however, most were from the New Bedford Standard Times. It is not know who compiled the collection. The originals were photocopied and discarded.

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Box list

<u>Box#</u>	<u>Folder#</u>	<u>Dates covered</u>
1	1	June 21, 1902- August 24, 1913
	2	September 7, 1913 – December 20, 1914
	3	Jan. 5, 1915 – June 4, 1916
	4	June 16, 1916 – May 8, 1918
	5	May 24, 1918 – June 7, 1923
	6	June 1, 1923 – May 3, 1925
	7	Sept. 11, 1925 – Oct. 13, 1929
	8	Oct. 11, 1929 – June 24, 1931
	9	June 14, 1931 – June 9, 1935
	10	June 9, 1935 – June 9, 1937
	11	June 1937 – Oct. 28, 1941
2	12	Nov. 11, 1941 – Aug. 30, 1946
	13	Sept. 26, 1946 – Jan. 15, 1950
	14	Feb. 8, 1950 – May 14, 1951
	15	May 18, 1951 – June 7, 1952
	16	June 1952 – Nov. 1, 1953
	17	Nov. 2, 1953 – March 31, 1955
	18	April 8, 1955 – Sept. 1956
	19	Sept. 19, 1956 – May 22, 1957
	20	May 23, 1957 – Oct. 24, 1959
	21	Oct. 8, 1959 – Nov. 8, 1960
14	22	Nov. 10, 1960 – Nov. 31, 1961
	23	Nov. 16, 1961 – May 12, 1963
	24	May 25, 1963 – July 14, 1964
	25	Sports clippings, Dec. 1957 – Dec. 1958
	26	Jan. 1959 – May 1959
	27	May 1959 – Feb. 1960
	28	Feb. 1960 – April 1961
	29	April 1961 – April 1963
4	(binder)	Sports Clippings, Dec. 1, 1957 – May 16, 1963 (copies of same)