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Administrative note: The Office of News and Public Information is the administrative unit responsible for the university's relationship with the news media, and to a certain extent, with the content of certain university publications. James Wiley was the first Director of Public Relations & Publications at UMD's predecessor school, Southeastern Massachusetts University, from 1971-1986. Greg Stone served in the position of Director of Community Relations from the academic years of 1984-1985 through 1995-1996. Beginning with the 1983-1984 academic year, Linus Travers served as Publications Coordinator for University Relations. Linus Travers continued to serve as Staff Associate in the years following until academic years 1988-1989. In 1986, Maeve Hickok was appointed to News Office coordinator under the auspices of President John Brazil. In 1990, President Brazil appointed Maeve to the position of News Office director. In 1993, Maeve Hickok was appointed to the position of Executive Director of News and Public Information by Chancellor Peter Cressy. James Mullins came on board as Assistant Director for Sports and Daily News. In 1997, Chancellor Cressy combined the News and Publications offices, and promoted Maeve Hickok to Executive Director of Information/News/Publications. Under Chancellor Jean MacCormack's reorganization in 2002, the News and Publication offices was re-assigned to a new entity, University Relations reporting to interim Vice Chancellor Donald Ramsbottom. The staff members under Maeve Hickok were Kathy Beals, Rachel Cocroft, Diane Hartnett, and Mike Mahoney.

Scope and contents note: The collection consists of press releases, newspaper articles, and scripts of television reports dealing with issues pertinent to the university. These include student activities, commencements, and politics that impacted the university. The collection is divided into 3 series: 1) Press releases, and 2) Newspaper clippings and 3) Biographical and subject files. There are indexes for 1963-1987, which list article titles in chronological order. Clippings files have always been maintained as an administrative function at UMD's predecessor schools; examples are the clippings in this collection that date from 1964. For earlier clippings, from Bradford Durfee College and New Bedford Textile Institute, see URC 18 (1902-1964) and URC 23 (1910-1948). The third series consists of biographical and subject files kept by the director of the Office, who left the university in 2002.

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