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Summary information

Repository:	University of Toronto Scarborough Library, Archives & Special Collections
Title:	A.F.W. Plumptre fonds
Reference code:	009
Accession [alternative]:	2009-001
Date:	1964-1974 (date of creation)
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Arthur Fitzwalter Wynne Plumptre, referred to as A.F.W. or Wynne, was the second principal of Scarborough College, a subordinate college of the University of Toronto. Plumptre was born in 1907 and raised in Toronto, the son of Rev, Canon Henry Pemberton Plumptre and Adelaide Mary Wynne-Willson. He graduated with a degree in political science from University College, University of Toronto in 1928 and studied for two years at King's College, Cambridge. At Cambridge, Plumptre was in contact with British economist and King's College lecturer John Maynard Keynes. He gained an appointment as lecturer at the University of Toronto in 1930. Plumptre was involved in economics at the national level during the Great Depression, assisting on the 1933 Royal Commission on Banking and Currency in Canada and co-edited, with University of Toronto professor Harold Innis, *The Canadian Economy and Its Problems* (1934). He married Beryl Alice Rouche of Heidelberg, Australia in 1938, with whom he had three children — Barbara, Judith, and Timothy. In 1949 Plumptre became the head of the Economics Division of the federal Department of External Affairs, followed by an appointment as deputy representative on the North Atlantic Council and the Organization for European Economic Co-operation.

In 1954 Plumptre became the director of International Economic Relations, and from 1955 to 1965 served as an assistant deputy Minister of Finance.

In 1965 Plumptre was appointed as second principal of Scarborough College, following University of Toronto vice president D.C. Williams. Plumptre oversaw the formal opening of the College in October 1966. The College developed rapidly, soon outpacing many established universities in the province in enrolment growth. In 1971, Plumptre established the Committee on the Status and Future of Scarborough College, which recommended in its final report that the college move towards a more autonomous governance model within the university, which was supported by two-thirds of the college council. He retired as principal in 1972, and in 1974 was made an honorary member of the college. Following this, Plumptre returned to the study of economics and took on the mantle of governor of the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, Ontario. His magnum opus, entitled *Three Decades of Decision: Canada and the World Monetary System, 1944-75*, was published posthumously in 1977.

Scope and content

The fonds serves as a representative sample of the activities carried out, and the relationships engendered, during A.F.W. Plumptre's tenure as principal of Scarborough College from 1965 to 1972. Both official papers and personal documents are included. Official documents include: reports, correspondence, transcripts of speeches, and seating plans. Personal documents include: invitations, cards, photograph albums, clippings, publications, books, and artifacts.

Notes

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Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was mailed via courier to the Office of Development at the University Toronto Scarborough in 2009 by Timothy Plumptre, A.F.W. Plumptre's son. The materials were transferred to the UTSC Library, under the care of the Digital Scholarship Unit, in 2012. The materials were accessioned as 2009-001.

Arrangement

Due to the small amount of material in the collection, no further arrangement has been carried out beyond the collection level.

Restrictions on access

Material may be restricted for privacy reasons.

Conditions governing use

Copyright is retained by the owner. Permission is required to publish material part of this fonds.

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Box list available.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Revised

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs and art (documentary form)
- Publications (documentary form)
- Objects (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
009-1-1 2009-001	File - Appointment to Principal <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes a letter from University of Toronto President Claude Bissell to Plumptre indicating that the board of governors has voted in favour of his nomination, a telegram from Plumptre to his wife stating that the board has approved his election, and several clippings regarding the election.	1965	0.01 m of textual records.
009-1-2 2009-001	File - University records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes several documents produced by or for Plumptre during his tenure as principal: Scarborough College Council opening meeting speech, thank-you letter from V.W. Bladen, finance and policy report for 1965-1966, formal opening of Scarborough College speech, seating plan for formal opening dinner, seating plan for board of governors dinner, 1969 progress report to the Senate, and certificate of honorary college membership. Also includes two copies of registration guidelines (n.d., c. 1970).	1965-1974	0.02 m of textual records.
009-1-3 2009-001	File - Invitations <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes four invitations: formal opening of Scarborough College (4 October 1966); reception for opening of exhibition of sculpture by Sorel Etrog (6 October, no year); retirement of A.F.W. Plumptre (25 April 1972); reception for graduating class (9 May 1972).	1966, 1972	0.01 m of textual records.
009-1-4 2009-001	File - Cards <i>Scope and content:</i>	1968, 1972	0.01 m of textual records.

	File includes three cards: a thank-you note from Frank and Lilian Harbutt (1968), a retirement card from the Physical Services Department, and a retirement card from "Catherine (alias Christine)".		
009-1-5 2009-001	File - Photo album: Scarborough College 1965-1972	1965-1972	39 photographs : b&w
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes 39 black & white photos depicting Scarborough College while Plumptre was principal, 1965 to 1972. The first page includes the following dedication: "Scarborough College 1965-1972. dedicated to: Mr. & Mrs. A.F.W. Plumptre on their retirement from the College 1972. with sincere best wishes The Graphics & Photography Department". None of the photos have annotations.		
009-1-6 2009-001	File - Photo album: The Athletes [1/2]	1972	44 photographs : b&w and col.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes 27 black & white and 17 colour photos depicting student athletes at UTSC, as well as a letter from "The Athletes" thanking Principal Plumptre for his support, an article on UTSC architecture, and an unattributed drawing. Photos include athletic banquets, team photos, and action photos. Album given to Principal Plumptre on his retirement.		
009-1-7 2009-001	File - Photo album: The Athletes [2/2]	1972	File includes the original photo album, with photos removed (see file above). Album is covered in patterned silk and has an iron-on embroidered felt UTSC athletics logo on the cover.
009-1-8 2009-001	File - Photo album: Graduation Ball and Decennial Celebration	1975-1976	27 photographs : col.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes 27 colour photos depicting students and faculty attending the Graduation Ball and Decennial Celebration (exact date unknown). Also included are two letters regarding the celebration, the first from D.B. Allen to A.F.W. Plumptre and the second from D.B. Allen to Plumptre's successor, D.R. Campbell.		
009-1-9 2009-001	File - Photo album: Look Out My Window...	n.d.	9 photographs : b&w.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes 9 black & white photos of the UTSC campus. Also included are front and end papers that read "Look Out My Window..." "... Look Into My Heart".		
009-1-10 2009-001	File - Portraits of Beryl Plumptre	[ca. 1970]	5 photographs : b&w.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes 5 black & white photographs of Beryl Plumptre, A.F.W. Plumptre's wife, taken inside Miller Lash House.		
009-1-11 2009-001	File - Clippings	1964-1972	0.02 m of textual records.
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes clippings regarding the opening of the college, its architecture, Plumptre's appointment and retirement, as well as articles written by Plumptre.		
009-1-12 2009-001	File - Scarborough College publications	1964-1966, 1974	
	<i>Scope and content:</i>		

	File includes ten publications: Scarborough College Information Bulletin 1964-1965; Varsity News (October 1965); Varsity News (November 1966); Varsity Graduate (Christmas 1966); Scarborough College Bulletin (Vol. 2, Nos. 19-24).
009-1-13 2009-001	<p>File - Magazines 1966-1967</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes two magazines: The Architectural Forum (May 1966); artscanada (August/September 1967). Both magazines depict Scarborough College on their front covers and include extensive articles on the architecture of the college.</p>
009-1-14 2009-001	<p>File - Books 1965, 1971</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes two books: Test Pattern: Instructional Television at Scarborough College, University of Toronto by John A. Lee (1971); A History of Scarborough edited by Robert B. Bonis. The first is signed by Plumptre on the front end paper (1965). N.B. Books are not in a folder.</p>
009-1-15 2009-001	<p>File - Jewelry n.d.</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes three items of jewelry: 10K gold double-link charm bracelet; 10K gold charm displaying the old UTSC logo; ring (possibly silver) displaying UTSC logo. The bracelet and charm appear to be unworn, but the ring is heavily tarnished and has many scratches and other indicators of regular wear. N.B. these items are located in the office of the Head Librarian and may be accessed by request only.</p>