Laws Hall Time Capsule collection

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Creators: Delaware State College

Date: 1962-1963

Location: Row 8, Bay A, Shelf 1

Extent: 0.5 linear feet

Language: English

Source of Acquisition: JD Bartlett, Capital Planning & Environmental Sustainability

Conditions Governing Access: This collection is open to public viewing. No restrictions.

Physical Access: WARNING. Please be advised that the box is believed to be lead lined and the solder may additionally contain lead. The items within the collection are extremely fragile and tear easily. Please wear gloves at all times and do not remove contents from their polypropylene sleeves.

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Scope and Content:
This collection is comprised of seven items found within a time capsule taken from the cornerstone of the Lydia P. Laws residence hall. The capsule was removed and opened on May 21, 2018, a week prior to the demolition of the building. The collection additionally includes the metal capsule container and reference materials. The reference materials are copies of the university’s published announcement regarding the capsule, and Lydia P. Law’s birth and death certificates courtesy of the Delaware Public Archives.

Biographical History:
Laws Hall was built in 1962 and dedicated on May 25, 1963. It was the first construction project undertaken during the Luna I. Mishoe presidential era. It traditionally housed 156 freshmen women, however it is known to have housed men for two years at some point in the 1970s. Demolition began on May 24, 2018.

Arrangement:

Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1:
Reference materials, 2018
Baccalaureate program, May 26, 1963
Dedication of the Lydia P. Laws residence hall, program, May 25, 1963
Delaware State College course catalog, 1961-1962
Echo Vol. 6, No. 2, May 1963
Commencement program, May 27, 1963
The Hornet, Vol. XVIII, No. 4, April 9, 1963

Box 2:
Time capsule container, 1963