

Jerome H. Supple collection

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Summary Information

Repository	University Archives, Texas State University
Title	Jerome H. Supple collection
Date [inclusive]	1988-2004
Extent	4.3 Linear feet 7 document boxes, 2 slide boxes, and 2 artifact boxes
Location note	Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice may be required for use.
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Jerome H. Supple was born April 27, 1936, in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Supple came to Texas State from the State University of New York System, where he had progressed through the academic ranks from chemistry faculty member to acting president, serving at campuses in Plattsburgh, Fredonia and Potsdam. He held degrees from Boston College and the University of New Hampshire and served a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley. He became the eighth president of Texas State in April 1989.

During his presidency, Supple raised admission standards several times, improved student retention from 57 percent to 75 percent, established several new enrollment records, began offering Texas State's first doctoral degree programs in geography and education, and laid the groundwork for doctoral proposals in other academic fields, successfully completed the university's first major gifts capital campaign, raising more than \$74 million in the process, increased private gifts to the university from a half million dollars a year to more than \$8 million, and the endowment from \$15 million to \$53 million, increased the amount of research funding from \$5 million annually to \$32 million, and acquired the former Aquarena Springs theme park and began its conversion to a research and public education center focused on water resources and environmental issues.

Scope and Contents note

The collection was primarily created and compiled by the University News and Information Service and the Office of Media Relations and Publications. The materials collected were used by the offices to produce, manage, and disseminate information internally and externally about the president and the university. The collection is divided into four series: Series I: Chronological Files, 1988-2004; Series II: Photographic Material, 1989-1998, undated; Series III: Video, 1995-2004; and Series IV: Artifacts, 2002. Due to the absence of a usable original order, the arrangement was artificially imposed during processing.

The Chronological Files series consist of memoranda, correspondence, meeting minutes, agendas, schedules, news clippings, news releases, reports, photographs, speeches, brochures, and media packets. The materials span 1988 to 2004, and document events from the Regents' interviews of candidates and selection of Supple to his death in 2004. Speeches and news clippings make up the majority of items. President Supple delivered most of the speeches which include outlines, talking points, and remarks. The memoranda and correspondence come from Supple, the University News and Information Service and the Office of Media Relations and Publications. The topics mainly concern the president's media appearances and publications. The series is further divided into subseries arranged by year.

The Photographic Materials series range in date from 1989 to 1998 and include undated items. The series is comprised of photographs, contact sheets and slides. The photographs are mainly portraits, but

candids of Supple at various events are included. Contact sheets also consist of portraits and candids. Sheets of candids covering Supple's first day and Investiture are included. The slides are of portraits and candids. The slides cover events such as the Investiture, 1989 Convocation, and the Science Building groundbreaking.

The Videos series includes a short segment of President Clinton mentioning Supple, a clip of Supple delivering the Fall Convocation, and coverage of Supple's funeral.

The Artifacts series contains three champagne glasses from Supple's Retirement celebration.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Archives, Texas State University

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restriction.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Transferred by the University News and Information Service and the Office of Media Relations and Publications between 2007-2010.

Related Materials

Separated Materials note

Separated:

Materials pertaining to Supple's Presidential Inauguration moved to 11.100.100.Inaugurations (Seven folders)

Two football programs (November 4, 1989 and September 29, 1990) were moved to Media Guides.

Film Negatives were moved to the Negatives Collection.

Discarded:

Scholarship application containing confidential information was discarded.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Southwest Texas State University.

Personal Name(s)

- Supple, Jerome H.

Chronological files

Collection Inventory

Chronological files 1988-2004		
	Box	Folder
Regents interview candidates 1988	1	1
Regents meeting media packets 1988	1	2
Presidential announcement 1988	1	3
Supple first day interviews 1988	1	4
News clippings 1988	1	5
University News and Information Service 1988	1	6
Catherine Evans Supple 1988	1	7
Student media interviews 1989	1	8
Academic Convocation 1989	1	9
Community open house 1989	1	10
Supple meets with students 1989	1	11

Chronological files

Supple speeches 1989	1	12
Supple correspondence 1989	1	13
Supple meetings, agendas, schedules 1989	2	1
President's news release 1989	2	2
Supple vitas 1989	2	3
News clippings 1989	2	4
Supple meets legislators 1990	2	5
President's news release 1990	2	6
Supple speeches 1990	2	7-8
Supple correspondence 1990	2	9
Supple meetings, agendas, schedules 1990	2	10
University News and Information Service 1990	2	11
Supple media visits 1991	2	12
LBJ Lecture Series media packet 1991	2	13

Chronological files

Southwestern Writers Collection media packet 1991	2	14
OP-ED materials 1991	2	15
President's report 1991	2	16
Supple speeches 1991	3	1
University News and Information Service 1991	3	2
Supple correspondence 1992	3	3
President's report 1992	3	4
Supple speeches 1992	3	5
News clippings 1992	3	6
University News and Information Service 1992	3	7
Supple speeches 1993	3	8
Supple meetings, agendas, schedules 1993	4	1
Supple vitas 1993	4	2
News clippings 1993	4	3

Chronological files

University News and Information Service 1993	4	4
Supple speeches 1994	4	5
News clippings 1994	4	6
University News and Information Service 1994	4	7
News clippings 1995	4	8
News clippings 1996	4	9
University News and Information Service 1996	4	10
Supple cancer 1997	4	11
News clippings 1997	4	12
University News and Information Service 1997	4	13
Supple cancer 1998	4	14
News clippings 1998	4	15
Media relations and publications 1998	4	16
Supple cancer 1999	4	17

Chronological files

Supple speeches 1999	4	18
Supple correspondence 1999	4	19
News clippings 1999	4	20
Media relations and publications 1999	4	21
Supple award nomination 2000	4	22
Supple cancer 2000	4	23
Supple article 2000	4	24
News clippings 2000	4	25
Supple speeches 2001	4	26
Supple correspondence 2001	4	27
SWTSU name change 2001	4	28
Supple retirement announcement news clipping 2001	4	29
Southwestern Studies Endowment 2001	4	30
Reports 2001	4	31

Photographic material

Media relations and publications 2001	4	32
Supple retirement 2002	5	1
Retirement gala 2002	5	2
Supple legacy brochures 2002	5	3-4
News clippings 2002	5	5
Supple science building dedication 2003	5	6
Folk music series brochure 2003	5	7
Jerry's Jammers line art undated	5	8
Supple's passing 2004	5	9
Supple's passing news clippings 2004	5	10
Photographic material 1989-1998, undated		
	Box	Folder
Supple candid (1 of 2) 1999, undated	5	11
Supple candid (2 of 2) 1999, undated	6	1-2

Photographic material

Supple portraits 1989-1993, undated	6	3-4
Supple family portraits 1993, undated	6	5-6
Contact sheets Supple first day 1989	6	7
Contact sheets Supple investiture 9670 A-S 1990	6	8
Contact sheets Supple meets legislators 1990	6	9
Contact sheets Supple candid undated	6	10
Contact sheets Supple portraits undated	6	11
Contact sheets Supple family portraits 1993, undated	6	12
		Slide-Box
Supple first day 1989		1
Supple convocation 1989		1
Supple portrait 1989		1
Science building ground breaking 1990		1
Investiture 1990		1

Video

Supple portrait President's report 1991		1
Supple with Bobcat 1996		1
Supple portraits 1998		1
Supple interview undated		2
Supple at podium undated		2
Video 1995-2004		
	Box	Folder
President Clinton mentions Supple 1995	7	1
Faculty Staff Fall Convocation 1998	7	2
Supple wide shot 2001	7	3
Supple celebration of life 2004	7	4
Artifacts 2002		
		Box
Supple retirement champagne glasses 2002		8-9