

# Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

## Curtis L. McCray Papers

**Collection Number:** 3.13.100

**Inclusive Dates:** 1992 – 1998

**Bulk Dates:** 1993-1996

**Quantity:** 12 folders making up 4 series within 2 boxes.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown.

**Access Restrictions:** This collection is open for research.

**Copyright:** Millikin University, Los Angeles Times, Taylorville Breeze Courier, Charleston Times Courier, DuQuoin Evening Call, Daily News-Tribune, Rock Island Argus, Springfield State Journal Register, Decatur Herald and Review, Press-Telegram, Decatur Tribune, Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity Cross and Crescent Magazine

**Photographs:** No.

**Condition Notes:** Papers are in good condition. Some minor wear and discoloration of some newspaper clippings.

**Processed by:** Lisa Hill, May 2018.

### Biographical Note

Before becoming president of Millikin University, Dr. Curtis L. McCray was the president of California State University at Long Beach. He graduated from Knox College with a degree in psychology, received a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study in psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, and earned a Ph.D in English from the University of Nebraska. McCray accomplished much during his five-year presidency from 1993 to 1998, including the creation of the Millikin Institute, the opening of the Oakland Hall dormitory and The Woods residential complex, the construction of Pilling Chapel, an upgrade of track and field facilities, and the start of major renovations and an addition to the School of Music. Additionally, McCray started working with the Decatur Park District to create a joint use facility, which would later be called the Decatur Indoor Sports Center (DISC). McCray left Millikin to become president of National-Louis University in Evanston, Illinois, this location being closer to his children.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection primarily focuses on McCray's time as Millikin president. Very little personal information is present within this collection.

**Series Notes**

*Series 1: Administrative Papers*

2 folders

Administrative papers relating to McCray's time as president.

*Series 2: Correspondence*

6 folders

Series of communications between President McCray and the board of trustees, committees, collegiate organizations, and the campus community.

*Series 3: Addresses*

1 folder

Contains the typed address given by President McCray in 1993.

*Series 4: Clippings*

3 folders

Collection of assorted newspaper clippings from McCray's career.

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Folder/Item Title</b>	<b>Container #</b>	<b>Folder/Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>
Administrative papers	A-0015	1-2	This series contains lists and outlines of the presidential goals and objectives for 1993-1998. Also within this series is a campus community report.
Correspondence	A-0015	3-8	Monthly Trustee Newsletters, presidential goals, faculty memos, and communications between president McCray and other organizations.
Addresses	A-0016	9	This series contains the typed draft of a speech given by President McCray on August 1, 1993 titled: "The University's Future: 2001."

Clippings	A-0016	10-12	Collection of newspaper clippings from McCray's time in California, and his time as Millikin president. Op-ed typed by McCray is also present in this series.
-----------	--------	-------	---