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Records of the Provost's Office (Papers of John A. Barone)

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John A. Barone

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Creator: Office of the Provost / John A. Barone**Title:** Records of the Office of the Provost under Dr. John A. Barone**Dates:** July 1970 – June 1981 (missing: 7/1975 – 6/1977)**Quantity:** 1.5 linear feet; 5 boxes**Processed by:** Archives staff**Origin:** Office of the Provost**Repository:** Fairfield University Archives and Special Collections**Historical Note / Biographical Note**

In 1970, Dr. John A. Barone was appointed the first Provost of Fairfield University, a newly created position focusing on policy making, long-range planning, and community relations. This appointment made Dr. Barone the highest-ranking lay administrator at any Jesuit university or college. Under his leadership, Fairfield University experienced great growth and transformation from a small regional school to a nationally ranked university. During his tenure, the university became coeducational, formed three new schools, organized the Center for Financial Studies, and established the Upward Bound Program for minority students. Dr. Barone also oversaw the building of several campus buildings, including numerous residence halls, the Bannow Science Center, the School of Nursing, and the Donnaruma faculty office building, as well as the renovation of the Bellarmine Hall.

Dr. Barone joined the Fairfield University faculty as a chemistry instructor in 1950 after finishing his doctoral studies at Perdue University, and rose quickly through the ranks to be named a full professor in 1962. He was the recipient of the first competitive research grant at the young university and he published the first article from Fairfield University in a refereed scientific journal, both with his work on cancer research. In 1966 he was named Vice President of Planning, making him the first layperson to be named in such a role at Fairfield University.

Dr. Barone retired from the Office of the Provost in June 1992 with emeritus status and received an honorary doctorate from Fairfield University. With Dr. Barone's retirement, the Office of the Provost transitioned into that of Vice President for Administration. In recognition and appreciation for his years of service as a teacher, leader, and visionary, the John A. Barone Campus Center was named in his honor. Dr. Barone passed away in June 2007.

Sources:

- *John A. Barone, obituary*, Fairfield University website, <http://www.fairfield.edu/pressroom/inmemoriam/johnbarone/>;
- "Fr. McInnes Names Provost." *The Stag*, March 4, 1970, p. 1;

Additional Sources:

- The Fairfield University Oral History – Dr. John A. Barone in either DVD or transcript format, which includes a brief biography of Dr. Barone. As of 2018-04 the DVD was available in the University Archives or at the Circulation desk under call# LD1771.F2 O723.
- John A. Barone folders #1 and 2 in the Office of Public Relations files
- Rose Marie Barone scrapbooks (Dr. Barone's wife)

Additional Note:

The Office of the Provost was reinstated in 2014 with the appointment of Lynn M. Babington, PhD, RN, as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Babington served in this role until January 1, 2017 when she was appointed Interim President of the University. Also effective January 1, 2017, Christine Siegel, PhD assumed role of Interim Provost. As of July 1, 2018, the Office of Provost was further organized to include additional Vice and Associate Vice Provost positions, all of which report to the Provost.

Scope and Content of Papers

The Records of the Office of the Provost contain the business and personal communications of Dr. John A. Barone, University Provost from 1970 to 1992. The papers cover the period through June, 1981 and are organized chronologically from 1970 through 1981. The strength of the collection lies in the correspondence which gives a written picture of the daily life of the Provost and the issues with which he dealt.

Inventory of the Records of the Provost's Office**BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

Box #	Folder #	Folder Title
1	1	Correspondence July 1970
1	2	Correspondence August 1970
1	3	Correspondence September 1970
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1	6	Correspondence December 1970
1	7	Correspondence January 1971
1	8	Correspondence February 1971
1	9	Correspondence March 1971
1	10	Correspondence April 1971
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1	12	Correspondence June1971
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1	14	Correspondence August 1971
1	15	Correspondence September 1971
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1	17	Correspondence November 1971
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1	19	Correspondence January 1972
1	20	Correspondence February 1972
1	21	Correspondence March 1972
1	22	Correspondence April 1972
1	23	Correspondence May 1972
1	24	Correspondence June1972
2	1	Correspondence July 1972
2	2	Correspondence August 1972
2	3	Correspondence September 1972
2	4	Correspondence October 1972
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2	13	Correspondence June- July 1973
2	14	Correspondence July – September 1973
2	15	Correspondence September – November 1973
2	16	Correspondence November 1973 – January 1974
3	1	Correspondence January – March 1974
3	2	Correspondence March 1974
3	3	Correspondence April 1974
3	4	Correspondence May 1974
3	5	Correspondence June – August 1974
3	6	Correspondence September – October 1974
3	7	Correspondence November – December 1974
3	8	Correspondence December 1974
3	9	Correspondence January – March 1975
3	10	Correspondence April – June 1975
4	1	Correspondence June – September 1977
4	2	University Evaluation by NE Association of Schools and Colleges – October 1977
4	3	Correspondence January - March 1978
4	4	Correspondence April – June 1978

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4	5	Correspondence April and May 1978
4	6	Correspondence July – September 1978
4	7	Correspondence October – December 1978
4	8	Correspondence January – March 1979
4	9	Correspondence June – August 1979
4	10	Correspondence September – November 1979
5	1	Correspondence December 1979 – February 1980
5	2	Correspondence March – April 1980
5	3	Correspondence May – June 1980
5	4	Correspondence July 1, 1980 – July 18, 1980
5	5	Correspondence July 21, 1980 – August 26, 1980
5	6	Correspondence August 26, 1980 – October 23, 1980
5	7	Correspondence October 24, 1980 – December 18, 1980
5	8	Correspondence December 22, 1980 – February 19, 1981
5	9	Correspondence February 19, 1981 – March 27, 1981
5	10	Correspondence March 30, 1981 – April 30, 1981
5	11	Correspondence May 1, 1981 – May 21, 1981
5	12	Correspondence May 21, 1981 – June 30, 1981
5	13	Provost Office Miscellaneous Papers 1981 - 1991