

Guide to the Harold Shively Collection

Bunker Hill Community College Archives

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Collection Overview

Title: Harold Shively Collection

Record Group Number: RG046

Creator: Harold Shively and Beverley Anderson (Note that Beverley Anderson is spelled as both Beverley and Beverly throughout archival materials)

Date: 1972-2000

Extent: 16 boxes (~17.74 linear feet)

Language: Materials are largely in English, with some items in German and Chinese

Administrative Information

Access and Restriction Information: This collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Harold Shively was born in 1918 in McComb, Ohio. There is not much information on his life prior to his career in community colleges, but it is known that he had a background in agriculture and earned his undergraduate degree in Meat Science. Shively was a pilot for the Army Air Corps during World War II from 1942 to 1946. He left the military to run the Meat Processing Program at Ohio State University. Shively also began teaching agricultural training programs through the federal government at Orange County Community College, where he eventually became Dean of the Evening Division of the college.

Orange County Community College was the beginning of Shively's involvement with community colleges, and he would soon establish and become president of North Shore Community College (NSCC) in 1965 in Massachusetts. Shively's tenure at NSCC ended in 1972 when he accepted the offer of the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges to be the president of a new community college in Boston, Bunker Hill Community College.

Bunker Hill Community College opened its doors in 1973, and Harold Shively remained its president for fifteen years until his retirement in 1988. Shively founded the college on the philosophy of a flexible and individualized learning experience that meets the needs of a variety of students while also encouraging the growth of technical skills and professions in the Boston area.

Another aspect of education that Shively emphasized during his time at BHCC was international education. Shively wanted to establish bonds between community colleges globally, leading him to become a co-founder of Community College's for International Development (CCID). During his tenure at BHCC, Shively traveled to other community colleges to consult and establish sister school connections. After his retirement, Shively continued to contribute to developments in international education through consulting work. Harold Shively passed away in 2000 at the age of 82.

Scope and Contents

The Harold Shively Collection was donated to the Bunker Hill Community College Archives by the family of President Harold Shively. This collection consists of documents, newspaper clippings, photographs, and memorabilia related to the life and tenure of the first president of BHCC, Harold Shively. Materials in this collection date from 1972 to 2000, but a majority date between 1973-1988 during Shively's presidency. The collection includes materials on Shively's time as president and involvement in the college community in addition to items related to his personal life, such as his marriage, family members, and role in his local community. In terms of his time at the college, popular topics in the collection include Shively's role in international education and his trips to Taiwan, commencement ceremonies during his tenure, and Shively's interactions with both the college and wider Boston communities. The formats of most items are newspaper clippings and articles, communications, and photographs

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into sixteen boxes, with nine box binders, two Hollinger boxes, one card box, and four oversized boxes. The nine box binders are arranged chronologically across boxes, while the other seven boxes are organized chronologically within each box.

Collection Inventory

Box 1: 1972-1976

The first box binder includes items from Harold Shively's early years at Bunker Hill Community College, dating between 1972 and 1976. These items document the naming of Shively as the first president of the college, the opening years of BHCC, Shively's personal life and role as Town Moderator of Ipswich, and

Shively's early achievements as president. This box primarily consists of newspaper clippings, but there are also letters, a document, and an invitation.

Box 2: 1977-1978

The second box binder contains items from 1977 and 1978, documenting the fifth and sixth years of Shively's presidency. A large portion of the 1978 materials relate to Shively's trip to Taiwan, where he collaborated with international educators. This trip spawned exchanges between universities in China and Taiwan and Bunker Hill Community College. This box also includes items about BHCC's collaborations with other educational institutions and Shively's personal achievements and role as Town Moderator. These items are primarily newspaper clippings and letters, but there are also some photographs, name tags, business cards, illustrations, pamphlets, and invitations.

Box 3: 1979-1981

The third box binder consists of items from the middle of Shively's presidency between 1979 and 1981. These materials are divided between news and events from both Shively's time at BHCC and his personal life. Multiple 1980 articles cover Shively's decision not to run for re-election as Town Moderator of Ipswich. Other topics include a superintendent election Shively was involved in, the proposed merger among Massachusetts community colleges, and awards bestowed upon Shively and the college. The formats of the items include newspaper clippings, letters, cards, programs, and photographs.

Box 4: 1982-1985

The fourth box binder includes items from 1982 to 1985. The topics of this box include Shively's wedding in 1982, educational work the president did in Germany, BHCC commencement and anniversary events, faculty and staff appointments at the college, and the significance of BHCC's mission and work both locally and internationally. Some examples of the college's importance in both the local and international scene include Governor Michael Dukakis's visit to

the college, the hosting of a delegation from China to BHCC, and the creation of committees aimed to assist individuals in the Boston area. These items are largely newspaper clippings, but there are also letters, invitations, programs, and photographs.

Box 5: 1986-1987

The fifth box binder contains items from the final two years of Shively's presidency, 1986 and 1987. Items in this box from 1986 and the first half of 1987 describe awards given to the school and Shively, events at the college, community involvement, and matters in education. Examples of some recurring topics include Senator Kennedy's visit to BHCC, International Women's Week at the college, Shively's attendance at the U.S.S. Bunker Hill's commissioning ceremony, and the proposed tuition increases for international students. For the latter half of 1987, most of the items relate to Shively's announced resignation. The formats of items are predominantly newspaper clippings and letters, but there are also pamphlets, invitations, and programs.

Box 6: 1988-1992

The sixth box binder consists of items from the presidential transition in 1988 and the first few years of Shively's retirement from 1989 to 1992. A large portion of this box is letters and cards sent to Shively upon his retirement, in addition to materials on the events held at the college to honor his presidency. The items from after his retirement include awards, information on events Shively attended, and articles on consulting work he did in Germany. Most of the items are either newspaper clippings, letters, or cards, but there are also some programs.

Box 7: Undated (1)

The seventh box binder is the first of three boxes with undated items. This box includes a variety of topics and moments from Shively's presidency. Some reoccurring topics include Shively's engagement with students and staff at the college, commencement ceremonies, events the president attended, and

advertisements for the college. Almost all of the items are either newspaper clippings or photographs, but there are also some cards and a sticker.

Box 8: Undated (2)

The eighth box binder is the second of three boxes with undated items. This box also contains a range of materials. Similar to box seven, the topics include commencement ceremonies, photographs of Shively with students and visitors to BHCC, events on and off campus, and ceremonies held to honor the president. The formats of items in this box primarily include photographs and newspaper clippings, but there are also programs.

Box 9: Undated (3) [Photographs]

The final box binder is the third box with undated items, and all items within are photographs. Many of the events depicted in these photographs are not known due to a lack of captions or additional information, but the contents of these images can be grouped together. There are photographs of campus, Shively speaking at events on campus, Shively presenting awards, and commencement images. Out of the events depicted, there is one with Shively speaking to military personnel that has multiple images.

Box 10

The tenth box of this collection consists of other documents that did not fit within the box binders. These documents are dated between 1973 and 1997, covering all of Shively's years at BHCC and after he retired. The contents include news articles on the early years of the college, information on international trips and exchanges, copies of the Year in Review for three academic years, and publications featuring Shively. The formats of these items are primarily publications and communications, but there are also other documents, a card, and a folder.

- Folder 1: 1973
- Folder 2: 1977

- Folder 3: 1978
- Folder 4: 1980
- Folder 5: 1983
- Folder 6: 1985
- Folder 7: 1988
- Folder 8: 1989
- Folder 9: 1990
- Folder 10: 1991
- Folder 11: 1993
- Folder 12: 1996-1997
- Folder 13: Undated (1)
- Folder 14: Undated (2)

Box 11

The eleventh box contains two pieces of memorabilia belonging to President Shively. The first is a paperweight, which is undated. This paperweight is made of marble and has a decorative image of BHCC on the top with the name of the college. The second item is a name tag from Shively's attendance at the Conference on Junior College Education in the Republic of China. It is also undated, but it is likely from 1978 during Shively's trip to Taiwan.

Box 12

The twelfth box includes two items. The first item is a program for a memorial service in 2000 following the passing of President Shively. The second item is a plaque that was awarded to Shively from Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD). This plaque was awarded during the 25th anniversary celebration of the organization, and it has a wooden backing and engraved metal surface.

*Box 13 *oversized*

The thirteenth box contains one oversized item. This item is a plaque dated 1988, and it was presented from the Ethnic Affairs Committee to Shively. The plaque is an engraved metal surface set in a velvet background, and it is within a wooden frame.

*Box 14 *oversized*

The fourteenth box includes one oversized item. This item is an award presented by the Massachusetts House of Representatives to President Shively in 1988 to honor his work at BHCC and his commitment to education. The award is within a wooden frame.

*Box 15 *oversized*

The fifteenth box includes five oversized items. Three of these items are copies of the *Third Rail* with articles related to Shively, and these copies are from 1987, 1989, and 1990. There is also an award certificate that was presented by the City of Boston to Shively in 1980 at the Jubilee 350 Ball, and this award honored the president's role in making the city a better place. The final item in the box is an undated photograph of two adults and a child outside of the main entrance of the college. This photograph is in a cardboard frame.

*Box 16 *oversized*

The sixteenth box contains two oversized items. The first is a 1983 agreement between Bunker Hill Community College and Taipei Municipal Teachers College that established sister school relations between the two institutions. This agreement is enclosed within a protective folder. The second item is an award that Hwei-Sen Chu, the Minister of Education in the Republic of China, presented to President Shively in 1983. This award honored Shively's contributions toward strengthening the educational relationship between the U.S. and the Republic of China.

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