

Guide to the Herman van Betten Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Betten, Herman van, 1931-
Title:	Herman van Betten Papers
ID:	MS-00805
Date [inclusive]:	1973-1984
Physical Description:	1.20 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Herman van Betten Papers contain correspondence, campaign fliers, photographs, conference papers, and newspaper articles regarding his involvement in education, mental health matters, regional planning, and political issues in Nevada.

Preferred Citation

Herman van Betten Papers, 1973-1984. MS-00805. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Herman van Betten served for 15 years as an English professor and Director of Freshman English at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). In 1982 he took an administrative position at the Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN), where he served for 13 years as Director of the Division of Arts and Communication, Executive Director and later Dean of the Henderson Campus and as Dean of the Division of Business and Industry. Both at UNLV and CCSN, van Betten developed a number of new courses, including Black Literature, Ancient Mythology, Classical Literature in Translation, Latin, Dutch, and the Literature of the Holocaust.

Herman van Betten was a founding member of the Nevada Humanities Committee. In 1974 he was elected to the Clark County School Board, in 1975 he became a member of the Clark County Regional Planning Council, and from 1975-1978 he served as Chairman of the Clark County Housing Advisory Committee. In 1978 he was appointed to the Executive Committee of the College Board, representing 12 western states.

Nevada Governors Miller and Bryan appointed van Betten to the Commission on Health/Mental Retardation, where he served for four years as its chairman. He was a contributing editor of *Las Vegas Magazine* and wrote political columns for that magazine from 1978-1983.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Material was donated in 2016 by Patricia van Betten; accession number 2016-024.

Processing Note

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Related Materials

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Van Betten, Pat and Herman. Interview, 2007 February 07 and February 20. OH-01864. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Community College of Southern Nevada
- Public schools -- Clark County -- Nevada
- Public health -- Nevada -- Clark County
- Urban Planning -- Las Vegas -- Nevada
- photographs
- Clark County School District (Nev.)

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Scrapbook, newspaper clippings, 1970s	oversized box 01
Correspondence, political fliers, programs, newspaper articles, and conference papers, 1973-1986 Physical Description: 2 Files	oversized box 01