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Descriptive Summary

Repository: Lamar Soutter Library, Office of Medical History and Archives
University of Massachusetts Medical School

Identification: SC 14

Creator: Schell, A. Robert

Title: A. Robert Schell Papers

Dates: 1970-1978

Quantity: One document box containing photographs, drawings, news clippings, publications, and documents.

Abstract:



The A. Robert Schell Papers chronicle A. Robert Schell's time as a student in the first class of the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Access Restrictions: Access to most material in the collection is unrestricted. Access to restricted material may be requested by completing a "Restricted Records Access Request" form.

Preferred Citation: The proper citation format for any item from this collection is:

The A. Robert Schell Papers, University of Massachusetts Medical School Archives, Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Processing Information: Initial processing and arrangement of this collection was done by Emily Tricco in December 2015. Collection description and finding aid completed by Kristine Sjostedt in November 2016.

Biographical Note:

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Avram Robert Schell grew up in nearby Newton, Massachusetts with his parents and three older brothers. Schell graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon in 1969 and in 1970 entered the newly opened University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) in Worcester, Massachusetts as a member of its first class. He graduated from UMMS in 1974 and that year began a residency in internal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1977

Schell began a one year fellowship in neuro-immunology at Children's Hospital of San Francisco and in 1978 started a three year residency in neurology at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. Schell was attending physician in the Division of Neurology at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, New York from 1981 until 1994 when he became attending physician in the Department of Neurology at Brooklyn Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital. He held that position until 2012 when he was named Acting Chief, Department of Neurology at Brooklyn VA Hospital. In January 2014 Schell was named Chief, Department of Neurology at Brooklyn VA Hospital, a position he currently holds.

Scope and Content:

This collection documents Dr. A. Robert Schell's time as a student in the first class of UMMS and consists mainly of documents relating to UMMS admission, campus life, and school schedules, tests, and papers. There are also photographs, drawings, publications, and news clippings.

Series and Subseries in the Collection:

The collection is housed in one box, and arranged into seven series, one of which is arranged into two subseries. The arrangement of series is loosely based on Dr. Schell's original order. The series and subseries of the collection are as follows:

Series I. Photographs

Series II. Drawings

Series III. Publications

Series IV. News Clippings

Series V. Admissions Paperwork

Series VI. Campus Life

Series VII. School Work

A. Schedules

B. Exams and Papers

Series I. Photographs

Scope and content: This series contains photographs of the first students during their time at UMMS and at a reunion ten years after graduation.

Folder 1.1: 1972, 1984

Series II. Drawings

Scope and content: This series contains drawings of some of the members of the first class of students. The drawings are done in ink on linen fabric and are samples of the drawings featured on a pair of suspenders presented as a gift to Lamar Soutter, M.D., founding dean of UMMS.

Folder 1.2: May 1974

Series III. Publications

Scope and content: This series contains catalogs, a newsletter, programs, invitations, and publications.

Folder 1.3: 1970-1974

Series IV: News Clippings

Scope and content: This series consists of newspaper clippings relating to the opening of UMMS.

Folder 1.4: 1970

Series V: Admissions Paperwork

Scope and content: This series contains an acceptance letter and other correspondence, a tuition bill, Dean Soutter's welcoming address, a schedule, and map of the building.

Folder 1.5: 1970

Series VI: Campus Life

Scope and content: This series comprises correspondence and documents relative to students, student health services, a medical honor society, and committees.

Folder 1.6: 1970-1978

Series VII: School Work

Subseries A: Schedules

Scope and content: This sub-series contains student class schedules.

Folder 1.7: 1970-1974

Subseries B: Exams and Papers

Scope and content: This sub-series consists of exams and papers completed by Schell.

Folder 1.8: 1970-1971