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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Brandeis University
<b>Creator:</b>	Kane, Lawrence J.
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<b>ID:</b>	10.MWalB01645A
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<b>Date:</b>	Date acquired: 2008-11-04
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.50 Cubic Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 manuscript box other_unmapped
<b>Abstract:</b>	Arranged chronologically, in one series (of 1 box). For more information about each series, please consult the series descriptions in the box and folder listing.

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## Biographical or Historical Information

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Lawrence (Larry) Kane was born May 19, 1928 in Waltham, Mass., where he attended Catholic grade school and eventually, college at Brandeis University. After graduating from St. Mary's in 1946, Kane worked at Potter Press while studying advertising and business at Boston University. Kane joined the U.S. Army in 1948 and served as a public relations non-commissioned officer and combat correspondent in the Korean War. While in North Korea, Kane worked on the first paratrooper newspaper ever published from behind enemy lines. He also wrote speeches for staff officers. Upon his return from Korea, Kane was named the New England Soldier of the Year and married Isabelle Monahan on June 28, 1952. In 1953, he began working as a reporter for the Waltham Tribune News while taking classes at BU for his new major, journalism. Later that year, Kane applied and received a scholarship to Brandeis University. Kane left his post at the Waltham Tribune News to serve as assistant to Waltham mayor Paul Shaughnessy. Shaughnessy hired Kane to help lobby the city council to enact a real estate reevaluation program, which had proved successful in several other Massachusetts towns and which Kane had reported on for the Tribune News. After his graduation from Brandeis in June 1957, Kane accepted a job working as the Assistant Director of Public Affairs at Brandeis, in charge of university publications and news releases. He also organized press conferences for important campus visitors and speakers including John F. Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson, Nelson Rockefeller, and Eleanor Roosevelt. In 1958, Kane was elected president of the Brandeis Alumni Association. Kane was promoted to Director of Public Affairs in 1961. Throughout the 1960s, he also served as head of the three chapels and university representative to the Archdiocese of Boston. Kane became Assistant to President Abram Sachar in 1965

and Director of Alumni Relations in 1968. In his last official act as Assistant to President Sachar, Kane purchased Potter Press, where he first worked after graduating from high school. The site is the current home of the University's Buildings and Grounds. Kane continued to play an active role in the Waltham community throughout his time at Brandeis, winning him several awards and recognition. He served on many boards and committees including the Waltham Boys Club, the Waltham Citizens Action Program and the Waltham Hospital. He also chaired the land resources committee of the Waltham Chamber of Commerce and the Waltham City Council. In 1957, Kane received an award from B'Nai B'Brith for his interracial and interfaith activities. In 1959, he was elected Waltham's Man of the Year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Kane also became the third recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award and was the first former Brandeis employee to be elected as Fellow of the University. Kane left Brandeis in 1969 to become executive director of the Human Life Foundation established by Catholic bishops following Pope Paul VI's request for investment and research to make natural methods of family planning more popular among Catholic families. He served as director into the 1980s. Kane served as a consultant to Brandeis through his retirement. He had nine children. Lawrence Kane passed away on July 21, 2013. Note written by Alexandra Wagner-Lough

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## Scope and Contents

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Materials collected from 1957-2011, mostly during Mr. Kane's years as an alumnus and in his various roles within the University. Additional materials relating to Mr. Kane's work with Brandeis can be found throughout the University archival collections.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Source of Acquisition**

Donated by Lawrence J. Kane.

## **Accruals and Additions**

Files removed from University Alumni and put into this collection 2/10/11.

## **Custodial History**

Most recently from the home of Lawrence Kane; previously from Mr. Kane's Office in Ford Hall.

## **Processing Information**

Needs some preservation work.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Kane, Lawrence J.
- Brandeis University -- Alumni and alumnae
- Brandeis University -- Employees
- Waltham (Mass.) -- History
- Waltham (Mass.) -- Social conditions
- Catholic Church -- Massachusetts
- Human Life Foundation, Inc.
- Brandeis University

## Other Descriptive Information

Addenda to this collection may not be listed in the finding aid, but may be available for research use. Please contact us for more information.

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## Collection Inventory

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Alumni Association, undated <u>Date:</u> undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Fundraising, undated, ~1960s <u>Date:</u> undated, ~1960s	Box 1	Folder 2
History of Middlesex University, unknown author, undated <u>Date:</u> undated	Box 1	Folder 3
Brandeis engagement calendar & correspondence, 1952, 1999 <u>Date:</u> 1952, 1999	Box 1	Folder 4
Newman Club, 1955-61 <u>Date:</u> 1955-61	Box 1	Folder 5
Three Chapels, 1955, 1965, undated <u>Date:</u> 1955, 1965, undated	Box 1	Folder 6
Public Relations, 1957-1963, undated <u>Date:</u> 1957-1963, undated	Box 1	Folder 7
Newsclippings on Eleanor Roosevelt and Brandeis, 1959 <u>Date:</u> 1959	Box 1	Folder 8
City of Waltham, 1963, 1969? <u>Date:</u> 1963, 1969?	Box 1	Folder 9
Land acquisition and land sale, 1964-69 <u>Date:</u> 1964-69	Box 1	Folder 10
Cardinal Cushing, 1966-1968 <u>Date:</u> 1966-1968	Box 1	Folder 11
Edward Hanify, 1966-1998	Box 1	Folder 12

Date: 1966-1998

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Essay: "The Community in the University/The University in the Community", 1968

Box 1

Folder 13

Date: 1968

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News releases, 1968

Box 1

Folder 14

Date: 1968

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Ford Hall, 1969

Box 1

Folder 15

Date: 1969

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Biographical material, 1969-2007

Box 1

Folder 16

Date: 1969-2007

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Natural Family Planning, 1981-2011

Box 1

Folder 17

Date: 1981-2011