**Ernest Kretschmer Collection**

**Collection Summary**

**Collection Number:** 0026

**Inclusive Dates:** 1978 - 2000

**Bulk Dates:** 1981, 1992

**Extent:** .5 Linear Feet

**Alternate Extent:** 1 Box

**Creator/Collector:** Ernest Kretschmer

**Abstract:** The Ernest Kretschmer Collection contains materials which document honors and dedications bestowed on Ernest Kretscher in Michigan and California.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown

**Accruals:** No further accruals expected

**Language:** English

**Processed by:** Emily Koelzer, 2020

**Use Restrictions:** Collection is open for research. Materials do not circulate

**Preferred Citation:** [item], folder, box, Ernest Kretschmer Collection, Aquinas College Archives (Grace Hauenstein Library), Aquinas College

**Biography/History:** Ernest T. “Bud” Kretschmer (1914 – 2009) grew up in Saginaw, Michigan and earned his associate of fine arts degree in 1935 from Aquinas College (then Catholic Junior College). After earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Michigan State University in 1938, Kretschmer established a wholesale frozen food business. Kretschmer enlisted in the United States Army in February of 1941. He earned a master’s degree from the Columbia Graduate School of Business in 1951 while serving as an Air Force medical administrator. After his retirement in 1962, he and his wife Jean settled in Santa Cruz, California where Kretschmer operated several nursing homes. Kretschmer was affectionately known as “Mr. Music” in the Santa Cruz community for his fundraising and board leadership positions on many Santa Cruz County Musical groups. In 1981, Krestchmer gifted a nine-foot Knabe concert grand piano to Aquinas College under the stipulation that it would be played and enjoyed by as many in the Aquinas community as possible.

**Subject Terms:**

Kretschmer, Ernest T., 1914-2009

**Scope and Content:**

The Ernest Kretschmer collection contains materials related to honors bestowed onto Ernest “Bud” Kretschmer. Honors documented in this collection include Kretschmer’s 1991 induction into the Saginaw Nouvel hall of fame and the proclamation of “Bud Krestchmer Day” in Santa Cruz, California. This collection also contains materials which evidence concerts sponsored by Aquinas College which honored Krestchmer and the dedication of the Krestchmer recital hall.

**Container List:**

Box Folder Description

1 1 Honors and Dedications – Michigan, 1978 – 1994

2 Saginaw Nouvel Hall of Fame, 1991 – 1992

3 Honors and Dedications – California, 1992 - 2000

Arrangement Note:

This collection was originally part of the Alumni Office collection but was deemed large and significant enough for its own collection. The contents in this collection are sorted by location.