



**FINDING AID TO
THE COLLECTION OF STUDENT
NEWSPAPERS AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY,
1939-2008**

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Descriptive Summary

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Administrative Information

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Subjects and Genres

Organizations

Purdue University
Bauls of the Brickyard Incorporated
Purdue University--Students

Topics

Nineteen sixties
Purdue Memorial Union
Underground newspapers
Greek letter societies
Satire

Form and Genre Types

Student newspapers and periodicals

History of Underground, Political, and Alternative Student Newspapers at Purdue University

The earliest known satirical newspapers at Purdue University appeared on campus in the 1930s. In the 1960s-1970s, the Greater Lafayette underground press produced several different newspapers and magazines of varying content focuses. Most of the 1960s-1970s underground newspapers featured content consistent with the counterculture movement of that era. The newspapers *Tobacco Road*, *Red Brick*, *Hard Times*, and *Bauls* all promoted aspects of the counterculture including: opposition to the war in Vietnam, the use of illegal drugs—marijuana in particular, civil rights, women's liberation, political activism, socialism, sexual liberation, spiritualism, and opposition to police brutality. Some newspapers, such as *Tobacco Road*, advocated violent revolution. Several of the underground newspapers faced legal challenges and controversy. Among those challenged was *Bauls*, the history of which illustrates the nature of legal controversy surrounding the underground press at Purdue University.

History of *Bauls*

Bauls was an underground student newspaper published by Bauls of the Brickyard Incorporated and sold at Purdue University Memorial Union, among other places, by the Peace Union, a student organization. The *Bauls* staff included Marty Simon, Jeff Brandt, Will Peters, Carole Scheiber, George Stavis, Scott Dobberstein, Mary Louise Hickman, Stanley Addicks, Margaret McKritrick, Lee Koch, Laurie Hunt, and Noel Beasley. Articles in *Bauls* covered a range of topics including resistance to the Vietnam War, marijuana, racial equality, and religion. In addition, it also published poetry and artwork, including drawings and photographs of people in the nude. It was a member of the Underground Press Syndicate and the Liberation News Service.

The first issue of *Bauls* went on sale in the Union on January 6, 1969. In this issue, articles covered a variety of topics, but of particular concern to the administration was a nude photo of John Lennon and Yoko Ono. The following day, Deans Scott and Zissis banned the Peace Union from selling *Bauls* in the Memorial Union building, but the group continued to distribute the newspaper and extended their solicitation to the dorms, fraternities, and other areas on campus. Campus police did not arrest students, but photographs were taken of students distributing the paper so that they may be identified later. On January 11, 1969, students George Stavis, William Peters, Carol Scheiber, and William Davenport contacted William Erbecker, a lawyer in Indianapolis, regarding the *Bauls* controversy. Erbecker notified Dean Donald Mallet, Vice President of Student Affairs, that he was investigating whether Purdue had violated the rights of students in suspending the selling of *Bauls* on campus. Concurrently, Deans Scott and Zissis conferred with Purdue legal counsel on the matter of allowing *Bauls* to be sold on campus. The legal counsel affirmed the right of students to sell *Bauls* on campus because it did not meet the state criteria for obscenity.

On January 30, 1969, *Bauls* staff used the *Exponent* office in the Union building to produce some of the second issue, hiring a typist and renting *Exponent* equipment. The *Bauls* staff were asked to leave by Mr. Smalley, as they did not have permission to work on the newspaper in the Union. On February 3, the second issue went on sale. This issue chronicled the controversial events following the publication of the first issue and included an unflattering comment allegedly made by Mr. Bredemier, the assistant to the Dean of Men. The third issue was sold on February 18 and featured nude photographs on the front and back covers, photos of nude students, and a sexually-explicit masthead. This issue prompted the Purdue legal counsel to reverse its opinion, declaring the issue of *Bauls* legally obscene. President Hovde sought to ban the issue from campus but did not find support with the Chairmen of Faculty and Student Senate Committees and the student body President and Vice-President. As a result, he requested recommendations from the aforementioned committees regarding the matter.

On March 23 and May 1, issues four and five were published comparable to the others. At the beginning of the following semester, *Bauls* published a "Freshman Disorientation Issue" on September 15. It is currently unknown if any further *Bauls* issues were published.

Underground and Political Newspapers

Other underground newspapers at that time, such as *Black Hurricane*, focused on specific audiences within the counterculture. *Black Hurricane* was published by the Black Student Union and published content related to African-American issues, most notably civil rights. Others, such as *Agapao* and *Student Action*, contained content about Christianity and were evangelical in nature. More general newspapers that covered the counterculture included *Lux Verite*, *Parallax*, *Horrendum Dictu*, *SRL Sisyphus*, and *Phree Phones*. In addition, during the same period, several newspapers were published that included primarily satirical content. These included *Bar Rag*, a seasonal paper published by Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalism society, and *The Reek*, which contained content on Greek life, and *The Purdue Exposer*.

Later political newspapers included varying types of content. *Hard Times* continued the counterculture content, but also included commentary and news about social class, capitalism, and socialism. In the 1990s and 2000s, political newspapers included *The Gulf War*, *The Purdue Eudaemonist*, *Agitator*, and *Purdue Review*. These newspapers included political content different from those in the 1960s-1970s. For example, the *Purdue Review* was distributed by the University Conservative Action Network and featured primarily news and conservative commentary on current events.

Alternative Independent Student Newspapers

The *Purdue Exponent* has been a major newspaper for the Purdue University community since 1889. However, other student newspapers have also provided information about general current events happening in the Greater Lafayette area. In the 1960s-1970s, *The Purdue Omen*, *The International Reporter*, and *Venture* covered news events of interest to different audiences. *The Purdue Omen* published content of interest to off-campus and married students. *The International Reporter* published content of interest to international students. *Venture* published content related to student cooperative housing.

Sources:

Material Gathered from Collection

Cook, Barbara. "Bauls." *Year of Confrontations: 1968-1969*. Barbara Cook papers, 1975-1976. Acc. # 20080423.3. Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University Libraries.

Collection Description

Scope

The Collection of alternative student newspapers at Purdue University (1942-2008; 41.8 linear feet) is an artificial collection of newspapers produced by students at Purdue University and the Greater Lafayette area. It primarily features underground newspapers that reflect the counterculture of the 1960s-1970s. Other newspapers, primarily from the 1990s-2000s, feature varying political perspectives, such as the conservative *Purdue Review*. The collection also includes independent student newspapers that focus on apolitical audiences, such as international students. Some issues of newspaper runs are missing, and some newspaper runs were limited to a single or a few issues. Types of materials include newspapers, news clippings, and broadsides. The Collection is organized into two series:

Arrangement

1. Underground and Political Student Newspapers, 1942-2008, (36.7 linear feet)

The Underground and Political Student Newspapers consists of student newspapers with content that is socially subversive or political in nature. It documents several controversial newspapers of the 1960s-1970s and various legal issues that arose in conjunction with the newspapers' publication and distribution in the Greater Lafayette area and the Purdue University West Lafayette Campus in particular. The various legal controversies are documented in the *Bauls* and *Red Brick* newspapers. The later 1990s-2000s political newspapers feature commentary and current events. The largest run of political newspapers is the 12 issues of the *Purdue Review*, which was distributed by the University Conservative Action Network.

Materials are arranged chronologically.

2. Alternative Independent Student Newspapers, 1967-1971, (5.1 linear feet)

The Alternative Independent Student Newspapers consist of newspapers that focus on current events in the Purdue University and Greater Lafayette area. They do not provide substantial political commentary or subversive content. Instead, they target particular subgroups of the Purdue University student body. *The Omen* was published for off-campus students as well as married and graduate students, *The International Reporter* was published for international students, and *Who Cares?* was a student government publication aimed at informing the student body of student government news.

Materials are arranged chronologically.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials have been housed in acid-free folders and acid-free boxes.

Additions and Revisions

Collection identifier OS M1 and OS M18 removed as of February 21, 2017.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1. Underground Student Newspapers, 1939-2008

Box 1, *Underground and Political Student Newspapers, 1939-1990s*

Folder

1. Purdue Exposer, December 8, 1939
2. Stabbed (by Cary Club), 1947
Stabbed, 1947
3. Horrendum Dictu, 1966
Horrendum Dictu, November 1966
Horrendum Dictu, December 1966
4. SRL Sisyphus, 1969
SRL Sisyphus, May 1969
SRL Sisyphus, May 1969
5. Agitator, circa 1980s-1990s
Agitator, circa 1980s-1990s
Agitator, circa 1980s-1990s
Agitator, circa 1980s-1990s
6. Clippings about Bauls, 1969
"Bauls' Sellers Warned of City Soliciting Law" newsclipping,
February 25, 1969
"Bauls Discussion Cut in Half By Widening Generation Gap"
newsclipping, March 18, 1969
"Bauls Discussion Cut in Half By Widening Generation Gap"
newsclipping, March 18, 1969
"Student Newspaper Banned" newsclipping, June 1969
"Governor Clears Way for 'Bauls' Action" newsclipping, 1969
"Governor Clears Way for 'Bauls' Action" newsclipping, 1969
7. Materials Related to Tobacco Road, 1970
"West Side Police Fail to Find Underground Press Offices"
newsclipping, September 24, 1970
Editorial Supplement (sic) to Tobacco Road [2 copies]
"Mid America Blues" broadside

Box 2, *Underground and Political Student Newspapers, 1942-1971*

Folder

1. Dirty Greek, 1942
Dirty Greek student newspaper, October 31, 1942
Color facsimile of Dirty Greek Newspaper, October 31, 1942
2. Phree Phones, circa 1960s-1970s
Phree Phones, circa 1960s-1970s [2 copies]
Phree Phones photocopy, circa 1960s-1970s

3. Bar Rag, 1964-1979
 - Bar Rag, April 23, 1964
 - Bar Rag, April 24, 1965
 - Bar Rag, Fall 1969
 - The Sexponent / The Perdoo Stupid (The Bar Rag), Fall 1970
 - Bar Rag, Spring 1974 [2 copies]
 - Bar Rag, November 13, 1979
4. Lux Verite, 1967-1968
 - Lux Verite Volume 1 Number 1, November 1, 1967
 - Lux Verite Volume 1 Number 2, December 1967
 - Lux Verite Volume 1 Number 3, February 1968
5. Bauls, 1969
 - Bauls Volume II Number 1, January 6 – February 2, 1969 [3 copies]
 - Bauls Volume I Number 2, February 3 – February 17, 1969 [3 copies]
 - Bauls Volume I Number 3, February 18 – March 4, 1969 [2 copies]
 - Bauls Volume I Number 4, March 23 – April 7, 1969 [2 copies]
 - Bauls Volume I Number 5, May 1 – May 14, 1969 [2 copies]
 - Bauls Volume II Number 1, September 15 – September 24, 1969
6. Student Action, 1969-1970
 - Student Action, circa 1969
 - Student Action, circa 1970
7. Parallax, 1970
 - Parallax, Volume 1 Number 1, February 16, 1970 [2 copies]
 - Parallax, Volume 1 Number 2, February 23, 1970 [2 copies]
 - Parallax, Volume 1 Number 3, March 2, 1970 [2 copies]
 - Parallax, Volume 1 Number 5, March 16, 1970 [2 copies]
8. Tobacco Road, 1970
 - Tobacco Road, Volume 1 Number 1, September 1970 [3 copies]
 - Tobacco Road, Volume 1 Number 2, September 28 – October 4, 1970 [3 copies]
 - Tobacco Road, Volume 1 Number 3, October 4-11, 1970 [2 copies]
9. Tobacco Road, 1970
 - Tobacco Road, Volume 1 Number 4, October 11 – October 18, 1970 [2 copies]
 - Tobacco Road, Volume 1 Number 5, October 23 – November 1, 1970 [2 copies]
 - Tobacco Road, Volume 1 Number 6, October 30 – November 6, 1970 [2 copies]
 - Tobacco Road, Volume 1 Number 7, November 1970 [2 copies]
10. Tobacco Road, 1971

Tobacco Road, Volume 2 Number 1, February 9 – February 23,
1971 [2 copies]

Box 3, *Underground and Political Student Newspapers, 1970-2008*

Folder

1. Black Hurricane, 1970
Black Hurricane, Volume 1 Number 1, November 17 – 30, 1970 [2
copies]
Black Hurricane, Volume 1 Number 2, December 13 – 31, 1970 [2
copies]
2. Agapao, 1971-1972
Agapao, Volume 1 Number 1, October 1971
Agapao, Volume 1 Number 2, November 1971
Agapao, Volume 2 Number 1, January 1972
Agapao, Volume 2 Number 3, March 1972 [2 copies]
3. Red Brick, circa 1971
Red Brick Volume 1 Number 1, Fall 1971 [2 copies]
Red Brick Volume 1 Number 2, Fall 1971
4. Hard Times, 1975-1977
Hard Times, Spring 1975
Hard Times, June, 1975
Hard Times, July/August, 1975
Hard Times, November, 1975
Hard Times, December, 1975
Hard Times, January, 1976
Hard Times, March, 1976
Hard Times, April, 1976
Hard Times, May, 1976
Hard Times, June, 1976
Hard Times, July/August 1976
Hard Times, September, 1976
Hard Times, October/November, 1976
Hard Times, January/February, 1977
Vietnam: Whose Victory? Whose Defeat?, published by San
Francisco People's Press, 1975
5. The Reek, 1982
The Reek, Issue 1, December 6, 1982 [2 copies]
6. The Gulf War, circa 1990
The Gulf War: An Independent Student Publication, circa 1990
7. The Purdue Eudaemonist, 1990
The Purdue Eudaemonist, Volume 1 Issue 1, February 1990
The Purdue Eudaemonist, Volume 1 Issue 2, April 1990
The Purdue Eudaemonist, Volume 2 Issue 1, October 1990
The Purdue Eudaemonist, Volume 2 Issue 2, December 1990
8. Purdue Review, 2006

- Purdue Review, Volume 1 Number 1, February 16, 2006
- Purdue Review, Volume 1 Number 2, March 28, 2006
- Purdue Review, Volume 1 Number 3, April 2006
- Purdue Review, Volume 2 Number 1, September 2006
- Purdue Review, Volume 2 Number 2, November 2006
- Purdue Review, Volume 2 Number 3, December 2006
- 9. Purdue Review, 2007-2008
 - Purdue Review, Volume 3 Number 1, March 2007
 - Purdue Review, Volume 3 Number 2, April 2007
 - Purdue Review, Volume 4 Issue 1, September 2007
 - Purdue Review, Volume 4 Issue 2, October 2007
 - Purdue Review, Volume 5 Issue 1, January 2008
 - Purdue Review, Volume 5 Issue 2, April 2008

2. Independent Student Newspapers, 1967-1971

Box 3, *Independent Student Newspapers, 1967-1971*

Folder

- 10. Purdue Omen, 1967-1969
 - Purdue Omen, Volume 1 Number 1, September, 1967 [2 copies]
 - Purdue Omen, Volume 1 Number 2, December 1967 [2 copies]
 - Purdue Omen, 1969
- 11. The International Reporter, 1967-1971 (by Student Government International)
 - The International Reporter, Volume 8 Number 3, November 1967
 - The International Reporter, Volume 9 Number 5, February 16, 1970
 - The International Reporter, Volume 11 Number 1, October 1971
- 12. Venture (by Student Cooperative Association), 1969-1970
 - Venture, Volume 1 Number 1, April 21, 1969
 - Venture, Volume 1 Number 2, October 27, 1969
 - Venture, Volume 1 Number 3, April 17, 1970
- 13. Who Cares, 1970
 - Who Cares, Volume 1 Number 1, September 30, 1970 [2 copies]
 - Who Cares, Volume 1 Number 2, October 1970