



**FINDING AID TO
THE WILLIAM WHALEN PAPERS, 1943-1991**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Whalen, William, 1926-2008
Title	William Whalen papers
Collection Identifier	MSP 100
Date Span	1943-1991, predominant 1943-1947
Abstract	The William Whalen papers consist of a series of letters that document the military service and career of former Purdue University Press Director William Whalen. The papers contain personal correspondence from Whalen's young adulthood and a variety of documents related to the operations of the Purdue University Press.
Extent	0.8 cubic feet (2 mss. boxes)
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Languages	English
Repository	Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research. Some material has been restricted to protect confidentiality.
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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Whalen, William Joseph, 1926-2008

Organizations

Purdue University Press

United States. Dept. of the Navy

Topics

Family Life—United States

World War 1939-1945

Form and Genre Types

Flower (Plant material)

Correspondence

Memoranda

Newsletters

Clippings (Information artifacts)

Photographic prints

Postcards

Occupations

United States Navy—Officers

Purdue University—Faculty

Authors, American—Indiana

Biography of William Whalen

William “Bill” Whalen (1926-2008) was born in Michigan City, Indiana. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Marquette University and a master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern University. He also attended the University of Notre Dame, where he joined United States Navy in 1943. He married Mary Beth Sell in 1954, with which he had five children. Whalen joined Purdue University in 1950, where he directed publications and taught journalism. In 1960, he helped to create the Purdue University Press, serving as its director until his retirement in 1992. Whalen also authored or co-wrote a dozen books and several hundred articles during his career.

Source:

Whalen, William J. *Lafayette Journal and Courier*. March 26, 2008. Retrieved online May 8, 2008.

Collection Description

Scope

The William Whalen papers (1943-1991; 1.5 cubic feet) includes many personal materials shared during Whalen's service during and after World War II, as well as a small number of assorted documents related to his time as director of the Purdue University Press.

Arrangement

The William Whalen papers are organized into three series, all chronologically within each:

1. **Correspondence, 1943-1949, 0.4 cubic feet:** Series 1 is comprised entirely of personal correspondence, primarily between Whalen and his mother. He also writes to other family members, friends, and past acquaintances. The correspondence contains letters, newspaper clippings, photographs, postcards, and a still-intact rose petal.
2. **Naval Service, 1943-1946, 0.1 cubic feet:** Series 2 contains materials related to Whalen's time in the service, including hymns, reports, newsletters, and war crimes documents.
3. **Purdue University, 1955-1991, 0.1 cubic feet:** Series 3 includes items relating to Whalen's time as a faculty member and director of the Purdue University Press. Documents include memoranda, budget reports, staff reports, and publication information.

Descriptive Rules

Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition and Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

The original order of the materials has been retained whenever possible. Letters have been removed from envelopes and most envelopes have been discarded. All newsprint has been photocopied and original newspaper clippings have been discarded.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1. Correspondence, 1943-1949

(0.4 cubic feet)

Box 1

Folder

1. July-August, 1943
2. September-October, 1943
3. November-December, 1943
4. January-February, 1944
5. March-April, 1944
6. May-June, 1944
7. July-August, 1944
8. September-October, 1944
9. November-December, 1944
10. January-February, 1945
11. March-April, 1945
12. May-June, 1945
13. July-August, 1945
14. September-October, 1945
15. November-December, 1945

Box 2

Folder

16. January-February, 1946
17. March-April, 1946
18. May-June, 1946
19. 1947, 1949

Series 2. Naval Service, 1943-1946

(0.1 cubic feet)

Box 2

Folder

5. Naval Service, 1943-1946
Prayer program – “For the Catholic student at Notre Dame”, undated
“Prayer at the Time of Invasion” by Bartholomew Eustace, Bishop of Camden New Jersey, undated
General Summary of Saipan Island, Marianas, with map, dated July 6, 1945
Program of *The Messiah* from Saipan University, dated December 23, 1945
Welfare and Recreation legend – Naval Operating Base, Saipan

Saipan Beacon newsletter, dated November 28, 1945
Saipan Beacon newsletter, dated December 25, 1945
Navy News newspaper, dated February 2, 1946
Record of Charges (war crimes) against members of Japanese Imperial Navy,
dated April 16, 1946

Series 3. Purdue University, 1958-1991 (0.1 cubic feet)

Box 2

Folder

6. Purdue University, 1958-1991

Purdue Executive Memorandum No. A-90, dated July 18, 1955 (marked copy)
Letter to President Hovde – Technical Advise [sic] for Student Publications, dated
May 15, 1958
Letter from A. Schlegel in regards to Newman Club, dated July 16, 1958
Memorandum – To Deans, Directors, and Department Heads, *Monday Memo*,
dated September 8, 1967
Maudlin Memo Newsletter, a W.J.W. Quarterly Issue (comic newsletter), dated June
27, 1975
Memorandum – To VP Leonard W. Bucklin, Ten Proposals, dated September 9,
1976
Purdue Press Organizational Hierarchy Chart, dated July 26, 1982
Memorandum – To Mike Ferin, Re: Summer Session, dated March 12, 1984
Memorandum & APSAC materials – To Joe Bennett, APSAC – September 14, 1989
Committee Report – To Joe Bennett, Committee to Study Purdue Press –
December 11, 1989
Congratulations Note – From Charles J. Stewart, dated May 20, 1991
Purdue University Press Financial Report for year ended June 30, 1991
Memorandum – To Joe Bennett, Responsibilities of PUP Director, dated September
10, 1991
Minutes of Special Meeting of the PUP Editorial Board with VPs Ringel and
Bennett, dated November 26, 1991