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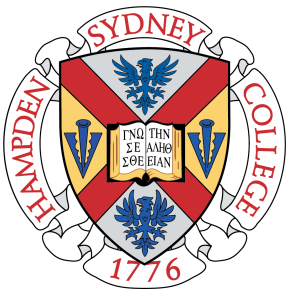
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Abstract

Published between the years of 1965 and 1969, the Voice of Prince Edward County was an independent, privately financed newspaper out of Farmville, Virginia. The stated intent of the paper, printed as an Editors' note in the July 26, 1965 issue, reads:

"The VOICE of Prince Edward County is dedicated to give a voice to all the people of Prince Edward County. We will try to create more interest in local government by showing how the people can become involved in solving our problems in education, health, welfare, and employment. We will report the news for the whole community and we will let our officials know how the community feels. We will publish your letters to us and look forward to hearing your views. Finally, we will serve as an outlet for the creative ability of people in the community and we hope that the pieces we publish will inspire others."

Though the editorial staff differed from issue to issue, most contributors to the paper were African-American residents of Prince Edward County, some of whom had suffered directly as a result of the 1959-1964 closure of the county's public schools. By 1969, Alphonso O'Neil-White, the first African-American student at Hampden-Sydney College, was the sole credited editor of the paper.

Extent

0.5 Linear Feet 11" x 17" x 3"

Extent

20 Digital Image Scans

Extent

82.5 Megabytes Five .mp4 audio files featuring five oral history interviews.

Repository

Hampden-Sydney College Archives & Special Collections

Administrative Information

Access to Materials

Collection is open for research; access requires at least 48 hours advance notice. Because of the nature of certain archival formats, including digital and audio-visual materials, access will require additional advanced notice. Copies of digital files will be provided for use upon request.

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Biographical / Historical Note

In 1951, students at Robert Russa Moton High School, the local high school for African-Americans, began a protest of inadequate school facilities that was eventually adopted in as one of the cases in the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court of the United States of America ruled that schools segregated by race were "inherently unequal," depriving Black students of "equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment." A later Supreme Court decision in May of 1955

ordered that public schools across the nation desegregate "with all deliberate speed." Rather than comply with these orders, the leaders of Prince Edward County chose to close all public schools, a decision that lasted from 1959 until 1964. The decision was well-publicized at the time, and was a source of tension throughout the county. Though the public schools were re-instated and county supervisors agreed to desegregate the schools beginning with the 1964-1965 school year, the process of public school integration was far from smooth. The Voice of Prince Edward County, published from the summer of 1965 until December of 1969, offers a unique community perspective on this post-integration time period.

Scope and Contents

The Voice of Prince Edward County collection houses all extant issues of the newspaper at Hampden-Sydney College from 1965 until 1969. It is not a complete run of the paper; there is only one issue each from the years 1968 and 1969. Contents include news articles related to local news events and pertinent political races, articles that highlight educational and job opportunities for African-Americans in the community, editorials, and creative writing.

The collection also contains digital audio files of oral history interviews conducted with contributors to the paper, performed by Hampden-Sydney Students in the spring of 2021.

Related Materials

[Prince Edward County Integration Collection \(SC 000106\)](#)

Keywords

Associations, institutions, etc.—African American membership

Race discrimination—United States

African American newspapers

Arrangement

The collection is organized into two series, the first being issues of the paper organized chronologically, and the second being oral history interviews conducted with contributors to the paper, performed by Hampden-Sydney Students in the spring of 2021.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Copies of the Newspaper

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1965/1969

Language English.

Extent 0.5 Cubic Feet 11" x 17" x 3"

Scope and Contents

This series features all extant issues of the newspaper at Hampden-Sydney College from 1965 until 1969. It is not a complete run of the paper; there is only one issue each from the years 1968 and 1969. Contents include news articles related to local news events and pertinent political races, articles that highlight educational and job opportunities for African-Americans in the community, editorials, and creative writing.

Vol 1, No 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1965-07-26

Text 1 (box)

Vol 1, No 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1965-08

Text 1 (box)

Vol 1, No 3

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1965-08-28

Text 1 (box)

Vol 1, No 4

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1965-10

Text 1 (box)

Vol 1, No 5

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1965-11

Text 1 (box)

Vol 1, No 6

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1965-12

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-03

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 2

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Unit Date 1966-04

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 3

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-05

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 4

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-06

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 5

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-07

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 6 "Special Election Issue"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-11-04

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 7 (1 of 3 copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-12

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 7 (2 of 3 copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-12

Text 1 (box)

Vol 2, No 7 (3 of 3 copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1966-12

Text 1 (box)

Vol 3, No 1 (1 of 2 copies)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1967-02

Text 1 (box)

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Unit Date 1967-02

Text 1 (box)

Vol 3 , No 2 (1 of 6 copies)

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Unit Date 1967-04

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Vol 3 , No 2 (4 of 6 copies)

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Unit Date 1967-04

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Unit Date 1967-04

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Vol 3 , No 2 (6 of 6 copies)

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Unit Date 1967-04

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Vol 4, No 1

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1968-02

Text 1 (box)

No 7

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 1969-12-08

Text 1 (box)

Series 2: Oral History Interviews Conducted with Contributors to the Paper

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2021

Language English.

Extent 82.5 MegabytesFive .mp4 audio files featuring five oral history interviews.

Scope and Contents

In the Spring of 2021, students in HIST285, "Building a Community Archive: The Voice of Prince Edward and the Moton Story" conducted oral history interviews with contributors to the paper. This series contains five interviews.

Griffin, Leslie "Skip"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2021-04-14

Language English.

Abstract Oral History Interview between Parker Mason and Leslie "Skip" Griffin, conducted on April 14, 2021.

Keywords

Segregation in education

Associations, institutions, etc.—African American membership

Race discrimination—United States

Prince Edward County (Va.)

Ghee, James

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2021-04-26

Language English.

Abstract Oral history interview between Aaron Moorer and James Ghee, conducted on April 26, 2021.

Keywords

Segregation in education

Associations, institutions, etc.—African American membership

Race discrimination—United States

Prince Edward County (Va.)

O'Neil-White, Alphonso

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2021-04-30

Language English.

Abstract Oral History interview between Aaron Moorer and Alphonso O'Neil-White, conducted on April 30, 2021.

Keywords

Segregation in education

Associations, institutions, etc.—African American membership

Race discrimination—United States

Prince Edward County (Va.)

Reid, Armistead "Chuckie"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2021-04-22

Language English.

Abstract Oral History Interview between Tyler Lohman and "Chuckie" Reid, conducted on April 22, 2021.

Keywords

Segregation in education

Associations, institutions, etc.—African American membership

Race discrimination—United States

Prince Edward County (Va.)

Robinson Jr., T. Burwell

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2021-04-13

Language English.

Abstract Oral History Interview between Carson Box and T. Burwell Robinson, Jr., conducted on April 13, 2021.

Keywords

Segregation in education

Associations, institutions, etc.—African American membership

Race discrimination—United States

Prince Edward County (Va.)