

Gadfly

The Gadfly Records
1962-1972, undated

Title Statement

GadflyA Guide to The Gadfly Records RG 37-17A

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1962-1972, undated

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Language

English

Abstract

The Gadfly was a student literary magazine published between the years 1962 to 1972 at Old Dominion College.

Creator

Gadfly

Extent

0.80 Linear Feet

Extent

2 Hollinger document cases boxes

Repository

ODU University Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Source of Acquisition

Dr. James McNally

Method of Acquisition

Gift.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Box [insert number], Folder [insert number and title], The Gadfly, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Biographical or Historical Information

The Gadfly was a student literary magazine published between the years 1962 and 1972 at Old Dominion College. It featured artwork, poetry, satire, essays and photography by students, for students. There was no set format, each issue was different than the last, with one issue the size of a poster, with its mascot, the gadfly on the front. Their motto, found on the inside front cover of each issue reads as such:

"I am the Gadfly which God has attached to the state, and all day long and in all places am always fastening upon you, arousing and persuading and reproaching you."--Plato

Throughout its run, The Gadfly featured articles and poetry that pushed the envelope and created tension between the administration and the students who felt that their freedom of speech and publication was being censored.

Note written by Special Collections Staff

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of print copies of the Gadfly dating from 1962-1972 as well as correspondence and miscellaneous papers.

Related Materials

Oral Histories in the Perry Library: [Leland D. Peterson](#)

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Keywords

Gadfly literary magazine (Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.)

College publications--Virginia--Norfolk

Old Dominion University

Arrangement Note

The collection is organized into three series: Series I: The Gadfly; Series II: Correspondence; and Series III: Miscellaneous.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: The Gadfly

Unit ID Series I

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71552

Unit Date 1962-1972

Scope and Contents

This series contains print copies of The Gadfly literary magazine.

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71553

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 1: Volume 1, No. 1

Unit ID Folder 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71557

Unit Date 1962 December

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Volume 1, No. 1, 1962 December, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 2: Volume 1, No. 2

Unit ID Folder 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71566

Unit Date 1963 May

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Volume 1, No. 2, 1963 May, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 3: Volume 2, No. 1

Unit ID Folder 3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71568

Unit Date 1964 May

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Volume 2, No. 1, 1964 May, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 4: Volume 3, No. 1 (Fall)

Unit ID Folder 4

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71569

Unit Date 1964

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Volume 3, No. 1 (Fall), 1964, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 5: Volume 3, No. 2 (Spring)

Unit ID Folder 5

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71572

Unit Date 1965

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 5, Volume 3, No. 2 (Spring), 1965, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 6: Volume 4, No. 1 (Fall)

Unit ID Folder 6

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71573

Unit Date 1965

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Volume 4, No. 1 (Fall), 1965, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 7: Volume 4, No. 2 (Spring)

Unit ID Folder 7

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71574

Unit Date 1966

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, Volume 4, No. 2 (Spring), 1966, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 8: Volume 5, No. 1 (Fall)

Unit ID Folder 8

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71575

Unit Date 1966

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, Volume 5, No. 1 (Fall), 1966, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 9: Volume 5, No. 2 (Spring)

Unit ID Folder 9

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71576

Unit Date 1967

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 9, Volume 5, No. 2 (Spring), 1967, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 10: Volume 7, No.1 (Fall)

Unit ID Folder 10

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71577

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 10, Volume 7, No.1 (Fall), 1968, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 11: Volume 7, No. 2 (Spring)

Unit ID Folder 11

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71578

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 11, Volume 7, No. 2 (Spring), 1969, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 12: Volume 7, No. 3 (Summer)

Unit ID Folder 12

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71579

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 12, Volume 7, No. 3 (Summer), 1969, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Box 2

Unit ID Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71562

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Folder 1: Volume 8, No. 1 (Fall)

Unit ID Folder 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71563

Unit Date 1969

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 1, Volume 8, No. 1 (Fall), 1969, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 2: Volume 8, No. 3 (Spring)

Unit ID Folder 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71564

Unit Date 1970

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 2, Volume 8, No. 3 (Spring), 1970, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 3: Volume 11, No. 1 (Winter)

Unit ID Folder 3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71567

Unit Date 1971

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 3, Volume 11, No. 1 (Winter), 1971, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 4: Volume 12, No. 1 (Winter)

Unit ID Folder 4

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71570

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 4, Volume 12, No. 1 (Winter), 1972, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 5: Volume 12, No. 2 (Spring)

Unit ID Folder 5

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71571

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 5, Volume 12, No. 2 (Spring), 1972, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Oversize Folder 1: Volume 8, No. 2, (Winter)

Unit ID Oversize Folder 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71565

Unit Date 1970

Mixed Materials 1 (Oversize Folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Series I, Oversize Folder 1, Volume 8, No. 2, (Winter), 1970, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Series II: Correspondence

Unit ID Series II

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71554

Unit Date 1965-1967

Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence with the editor of The Gadfly literary magazine.

Box 2

Unit ID Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71555

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Folder 6: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 6

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71556

Unit Date 1965-1967

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 6, Correspondence, 1965-1967, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Series III: Miscellaneous

Unit ID Series III

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71558

Unit Date undated

Scope and Contents

This series consists of miscellaneous notes and a lecture by Peter Melnick for The Gadfly staff.

Box 2

Unit ID Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71559

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Folder 7: Miscellaneous Notes

Unit ID Folder 7

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71560

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 7, Miscellaneous Notes, undated, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 8: Peter Melnick Lecture for Gadfly Staff

Unit ID Folder 8

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/71561

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 8, Peter Melnick Lecture for Gadfly Staff, undated, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.