

# Alson, Roy Papers

Roy Alson papers

1970-1983

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### Unit ID

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1970-1975

### Language

English

### Creator

Alson, Roy L.

### Extent

.65 Cubic Feet 3 photograph 3-ring clamshell boxes, 1 half-width legal document box

### Condition Description

good

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was gifted by Roy Alson to the Small Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia on 31 May 2024.

## Preferred Citation

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# Biographical / Historical

Roy Alson graduated from the University of Virginia's College of Arts and Sciences in 1974 with a B.A. in Biology. During his time at UVA, he was a photographer for The Cavalier Daily and a photo editor for Corks and Curls. The Cavalier Daily was founded in 1890 under the name, "College Topics" and is currently a student-run volunteer organization. Corks and Curls, first published in 1888, was a UVA yearbook depicting student life that ended in 2008. Roy Alson entered the University of Virginia at the time the University admitted its first cohort of women students. The first official coeducational class at the University of Virginia in 1970 saw 450 women enrolled, making up 39% of the admitted class. The number of first-year women would exceed that of men for the first time in 1980 and in 1995. After attending UVA, Alson went to medical school at Wake Forest University. He is currently professor emeritus at Wake Forest University School of Medicine where his areas of interest and expertise were in pre-hospital and disaster medicine.

# Content Description

This collection contains black-and-white negatives, color slides, and photographic prints, taken and collected by Roy Alson, as well as a few photographs by other photographers, and some printed materials. Alson, who graduated from the University of Virginia's College of Arts and Sciences in 1974, the same year as the first cohort of women to be admitted to the University, was a photographer for The Cavalier Daily and a photo editor for Corks and Curls.

The photographs, slides, and negatives document student life at the University of Virginia from 1970-1974 when the first cohorts of women attended UVA. The prints include photographs of UVA basketball, football, and lacrosse sporting events, photos of school social events (such as UVA Happy Day in 1971), school theater productions, music concerts, close-up portraits of students, photos of UVA buildings, and several contact sheets of photograph negatives. Most negatives and some photographs have notations of the event or person depicted.

The printed materials include a first year directory for the class of 1974, copies of the 1974 UVA graduation exercises, an interfraternity council booklet (1973), event programs for the 1973, 1974, and 1975 Restoration Balls, a copy of the 1975 Founders Day Exercises, a 1976 Cavalier daily special issue on the Rotunda, and a 1972 April Fool's Day edition of Cavalier Daily.

# Keywords

Student life  
University of Virginia -- Co-education  
photographs

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# Description of Subordinate Components

## Photograph prints

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/254869

**Unit Date** 1970-1983

**Mixed Materials [X032668459]** 1 (box)

## Photograph slides

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/254870

**Unit Date** circa 1971

**Mixed Materials [X032668459]** 1 (box)

## Photograph negatives

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/254871

**Unit Date** 1970-1975

**Mixed Materials [X032668460]** 2 (box)

**Mixed Materials [X032668461]** 3 (box)

## Printed materials

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/254872

**Unit Date** 1972-1976

**Mixed Materials [X032668463]** 4 (box)

**Container** 1-2 (folder)