

Guide to the Party of the Right, Yale University, Records

RU 1101



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RU 1101

CREATOR: Yale University. Party of the Right

TITLE: Party of the Right, Yale University, records

DATES: circa 1955-2011

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The materials consist of party correspondence, minutes, articles, research papers, debate materials, and a whip list. There are also research papers, debate web sheets, party constitution, event ephemera, speeches, and news articles.

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Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Manuscripts and Archives reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ru.1101>.

To order reproductions from this collection, please go to http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/ifr_copy_order.html. The information you will need to submit an order includes: the collection call number, collection title, series or accession number, box number, and folder number or name.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The materials were transferred from the Party of the Right, 2004 and the Federalist Party, 2012.

Conditions Governing Access

Records of the Party of the Right is closed. Researchers must secure in writing a statement from the sitting Chairman of the Party of the Right to access these materials.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Party of the Right, Yale University, Records (RU 1101). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Processing Information

Yale University records are arranged and described at the accession level by the creating office. The University Archives creates collection level descriptive records, but typically does no further arrangement and description at the accession level.

Related Materials Note

Yale Political Union Records (RU 248). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

One of the seven parties of the Yale Political Union, the Party of the Right was founded in 1953 by dissatisfied members of the original Conservative Party (later re-christened as the Independent Party) after that Party had endorsed Adlai Stevenson as "the conservative candidate for President." By the end of the 1950s many of the Party's enduring traditions had already been established, although it was not until the 1960s that the party really began to understand itself as "Conservatism reborn in Brotherhood." Due to a membership that included conservatives of every stripe, the Party found a dynamic tension between Libertarians and Traditionalists in the early 1970s that has been its hallmark for decades.

Membership in the Party of the Right is elective and lasts "for life at least." Despite this promise, certain members disaffected by the political process left to form both the Tory and Conservative Parties of the Yale Political Union in 1971 and 1996 respectively.

Scope and Contents

The materials consist of party correspondence, minutes, articles, research papers, debate materials, and a whip list. There are also research papers, debate web sheets, party constitution, event ephemera, speeches, and news articles.

General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

Arrangement

The records are arranged by accession.

Collection Contents

Accession 2004-A-169: Party of the Right records, Circa 1955-2004

Restricted until January 1, 2040.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Correspondence to P.H. Burr | |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Whip list | |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Magazine | |
| b. 1, f. 4 | History | 1973 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Special Committee Minutes | 1976 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Calliopean Society | |
| b. 1, f. 7 | "The Conservative Answer To Pollution" by Frank S. Meyer & John C. Meyer | 1966 |

Accession 2012-A-084: Additional Material, 1975-2011

Accession 2012-A-084 contains one box of organizational records of the Federalist Party which includes a copy of the party constitution and associated materials documenting its creation, event ephemera of various political parties of the Yale Political Union, research papers, web sheets announcing debates and debate topics, meeting minutes, speeches, correspondence, and news articles.

Restricted until January 1, 2046.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Event ephemera - Yale Political Union parties | 2010-2011 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Federalist Party Constitution - correspondence and meeting minutes | 2010 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | News articles | 2010-2011 |
| | Research papers | |
| b. 1, f. 4 | <i>A History of the Party of the Right</i> by Peter Haskell Burr and John Cornford Meyer | 2003 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | <i>A History of the Tory Party at Yale University, 1973-1978</i> by W.A. Smith, Jr. | Undated |
| b. 1, f. 6 | <i>A History of the Tory Independent Party, 1969-1973</i> by Kevin McKeegan | 1975 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | <i>Reflections of a Tory Legacy Part I: A Recounting of The Glory Days and War, Fall 1985-Fall 1990</i> by Joseph M. Ditkoff | 2003 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | <i>The Tory Party: From Pre-History to Independence</i> by Thomas Edward Veal | 1986 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | <i>The Unmaking of a Political Union President</i> by Robertson Morrow | 1987 September 21 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Speeches and correspondence | 2010-2011 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Tory Party/Federalist Party - Meeting minutes, debate caucus sheets, speeches and correspondence | 1985, 2007-2010 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Web sheets | 2010-2011 |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

College students -- Societies, etc.

Corporate Bodies

Yale University. Party of the Right
Yale University. Yale Political Union
Yale University -- Societies, etc.
Yale University -- Students