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Finding Aid to the Board of Student Publications Records

Board of Student Publications

Board of Student Publications records, 1950-1973 [Bulk Dates: 1966-1972]

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

Originally, student publications were overseen by the Committee on Student Publications, and this committee acted as censor “for the Spectrum, Junior Agassiz, and any other matter published by the student body; to insist upon adequate records and accounting in all publications.” (*North Dakota Agricultural College General Rules*, c.1910, p. 9) By 1924, student publications were under the supervision of the Publications Board, which consisted of six student members and two faculty members. (*Student’s Handbook of the North Dakota Agricultural College, 1924-1925*, p. 52) As of 1926, it was the Board of Publications Control. (1927 *Agassiz*) By 1938, the Board consisted of three faculty members and six students. “The board determines editorial and business policy, selects editors and business managers, determines their remuneration, passes upon nominations for staff appointments and supervises

expenditures.” (*General Information Revised Rules, Regulations and Practices that Govern the Conduct of Students*, NDAC, July-August, 1931, p. 21.) As of 1948, the Board of Publications exercised “its journalistic judgment on disbursements, appointments, and authorizations pertaining to the *Bison*, *Spectrum*, and *Bison Furrows*.” The Board consisted of four faculty members and ten students. (*Bison*, 1948, p. 100) The *Bison Boundaries (Student Handbook)* of 1958-1959, listed the following publications: *The Spectrum*, *The Bison*, *State Engineer*, and *Papyrus Ebers*, followed by: “(Any publications bearing the name of the College must be cleared through the Board of Publications)”, p. 30. In 1969 the Board of Publications became the Board of Student Publications, which still exists today. The purpose of the Board of Student Publications, as stated in the *97-98 Guide to Student Involvement* is: “Serves as the guardian of freedom of expression in student publications and fosters intelligent and responsible workmanship. Recruits and appoints editor-in-chief for all Student Activity Fee funded publications. Two student representatives are elected in the spring elections and three more are appointed by Student Government.”

SCOPE & CONTENT

The records consist primarily of meeting minutes (1966-1972), policy statements (1960s – 1970s), the *Bison Annual* (1967-1973), and *The Spectrum* (1966-1972).

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

- 1/1 NDAC Student Publications Style Sheet - c.1950
- 1/1A Board of Student Publications (BOSP) Correspondence - 1961-1972
- 1/2 BOSP - Clippings of Underground Newspapers - Censorship - 1967-1968
- 1/3 BOSP - Meeting Minutes - 1966-1967
- 1/4 BOSP - Meeting Minutes - 1967-1968
- 1/5 BOSP - Meeting Minutes - 1968-1969
- 1/6 BOSP - Meeting Minutes - 1969-1970
- 1/7 BOSP - Meeting Minutes - 1970-1971
- 1/8 BOSP - Meeting Minutes - 1971-1972

- 1/9 BOSP - Departmental Guidelines - March, 1972
- 1/10 BOSP - Policy Statements - 1960s
- 1/11 BOSP - Proposed Statement of Policy - January, 1969
- 1/12 BOSP - Statement of Policy - April, 1969
- 1/13 BOSP - Statement of Policy - January, 1972
- 1/14 BOSP - Statement of Policy - c. 1970s

- 1/15 BOSP - Financial Statements- 1967-1971
- 1/16 BOSP - Financial Committee - c.1970s

- 1/17 BOSP - Commission of Student Publications - 1960s
- 1/18 BOSP - Production Committee - 1972

- 1/19 BOSP - *Bison Annual* - Bids - 1967-1972
- 1/20 BOSP - *Bison Annual* - Budget Statements - 1957-1973
- 1/21 BOSP - *Bison Annual* - Invoices - 1967-1970
- 1/22 BOSP - *Bison Annual* - letters - 1969-1970
- 1/23 BOSP - *Bison Annual* - Memos - 1968-1972
- 1/24 BOSP - *Bison Annual* - c.1970

- 25 BOSP - *Spectrum* Committee - 1972
- 26 BOSP - *Spectrum* - Financial Reports - 1966-1971
- 27 BOSP - *Spectrum* - Letters - 1968-1969
- 28 BOSP - *Spectrum* - Obscenity Controversy - Fall, 1970