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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives
Yale University Library
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New Haven, CT 06520-8240
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http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/

**CALL NUMBER:** RU 861

**TITLE:** Yale student diary collection

**DATES:** 1838–2002

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.31 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The materials consist of diaries of Yale students.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ru.0861

Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:
- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

**Conditions Governing Access**
The materials are partially restricted. See Collection Contents for information.

**Preferred Citation**
Yale Student Diary Collection (RU 861). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

**Scope and Contents**
The materials consist of diaries of Yale students.
General note
Forms part of Yale Record Group 41 (YRG 41), Material documenting Yale student life.

Arrangement
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Brinsmade (1824-1884) entered Yale as a junior in November 1843, and graduated in 1845. He was a member of Scroll and Key and the Linonian Society, for which he served as president. After graduation Brinsmade studied law and became a lawyer.

The two-volume diary primarily documents Brinsmade’s junior and senior years at Yale and richly describes campus life. Subjects include prayer meetings, excursions, baseball (the first known reference to baseball at Yale), football, wicket, and an incident of violence toward a local man. William B. Woods, Carter Henry Harrison, and Leonard Bacon are mentioned in the diary. The regular entries end on August 31, 1845, but continue sporadically until February 3, 1853.

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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

Genres / Formats
Diaries

Corporate Bodies
Yale College (1718-1887) -- Students
Yale University -- Students