

Guide to the Yale Political Union Records

RU 248



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SUMMARY: The records consist of correspondence, published materials, minutes, press releases, membership lists, memorabilia, and videotapes documenting the activities and operations of the Yale Political Union.

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f. folder

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Related Materials Note

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

Biographical / Historical

The Yale Political Union was founded in 1934 by A. Whitney Griswold, Max Millikan, and August Heckscher II. Its purpose is to stimulate interest and give training in public affairs. The Political Union is modeled somewhat after the Oxford University and Cambridge University unions, but is organized as a legislature under congressional rules, with floor leaders, honorary guest speakers, and voting on national issues.

Scope and Contents

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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 19ND-A-487: Yale Political Union correspondence, 1946-1962

The materials are open for research.

Correspondents

b. 1, f. 1	Acheson, Dean
b. 1, f. 1	Allen, George V.
b. 1, f. 1	Alpert, George
b. 1, f. 1	Anderson, Robert B.
b. 1, f. 1	Austin, Warren
b. 1, f. 1	Baldwin, Raymond
b. 1, f. 1	Baldwin, Roger N.
b. 1, f. 1	Ball, George
b. 1, f. 1	Barden, Graham
b. 1, f. 1	Barkley, Alben W.
b. 1, f. 1	Beck, Thomas H.
b. 1, f. 1	Benn, Anthony Wedgewood
b. 1, f. 1	Benson, Ezra Taft
b. 1, f. 1	Berle, Adolphe
b. 1, f. 1	Bernard, Harold
b. 1, f. 1	Bevan, Aneurin
b. 1, f. 1	Bevis, Howard L.
b. 1, f. 1	Bicks, Robert A.
b. 1, f. 1	Biddle, Francis
b. 1, f. 1	Block, Herbert L.
b. 1, f. 1	Blusztajn, Mieczyslaw
b. 1, f. 2	Booher, Edward E.
b. 1, f. 2	Boothby
b. 1, f. 2	Boren, Lyle H.
b. 1, f. 2	Bowles, Chester
b. 1, f. 2	Bradley, J. Kenneth

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b. 1, f. 2	Brannan, Charles
b. 1, f. 2	Bredhoff, Elliot
b. 1, f. 2	Bricker, John W.
b. 1, f. 2	Bridges, Styles
b. 1, f. 2	British Information Services
b. 1, f. 2	Browder, Earl
b. 1, f. 2	Brownell, Herbert
b. 1, f. 2	Budenz, Louis F.
b. 1, f. 2	Bunche, Ralph
b. 1, f. 2	Bush, Prescott
b. 1, f. 2	Byrnes, James F.
b. 1, f. 3	Callejon, Don Eduardo Propper de
b. 1, f. 3	Canhan, Erwin D.
b. 1, f. 3	Cannon, Clarence
b. 1, f. 3	Capehart, Homer
b. 1, f. 3	Carey, James
b. 1, f. 3	Chang, John M.
b. 1, f. 3	Chang, P. H.
b. 1, f. 3	Chapman, Oscar L.
b. 1, f. 3	Chingyu, Hu
b. 1, f. 3	Clark, Tom C.
b. 1, f. 3	Cole, W. Sterling
b. 1, f. 3	Communist Party
b. 1, f. 3	Conant, James B.
b. 1, f. 3	Connor, John T.
b. 1, f. 3	Conway, George
b. 1, f. 3	Cooper, John Sherman
b. 1, f. 3	Costello, John A.
b. 1, f. 3	Coudert, Frederic
b. 1, f. 3	Cousins, Norman

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b. 1, f. 3	Cretella, Albert
b. 1, f. 3	Cruikshank, Nelson
b. 1, f. 3	Cuban Embassy
b. 1, f. 3	Culbertson, Ely
b. 1, f. 3	Curley, James M.
b. 1, f. 4	Dawson, Donald S.
b. 1, f. 4	Dejany, Aouney W.
b. 1, f. 4	Democratic Party
b. 1, f. 4	Dewey, Thomas E.
b. 1, f. 4	DeWitt, Nicholas
b. 1, f. 4	Diggs, Charles C.
b. 1, f. 4	Dilworth, Richardson
b. 1, f. 4	Dobbs, Farrell
b. 1, f. 4	Donner, Frank J.
b. 1, f. 4	Douglas, Paul
b. 1, f. 4	Dubinsky, David
b. 1, f. 4	Du Bridge, L. A.
b. 1, f. 4	Duff, James
b. 1, f. 4	Duncan, Paul
b. 1, f. 5	Eastland, James
b. 1, f. 5	Eastman, Max
b. 1, f. 5	Edwards, Alfred
b. 1, f. 5	Eisenhower, Dwight D.
b. 1, f. 5	Ernst, Morris
b. 1, f. 5	Ewing, Oscar R.
b. 1, f. 5	Fast, Howard
b. 1, f. 5	Flemming, Arthur S.
b. 1, f. 5	Fong, Hiram L.
b. 1, f. 5	Gaitskell, Hugh
b. 1, f. 5	Gallup, George

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b. 1, f. 5	Garrison, Lloyd K.
b. 1, f. 5	Gavin, James
b. 1, f. 5	Gerson, Simon W.
b. 1, f. 5	Gitlitz, Carl
b. 1, f. 5	Graham, Frank
b. 1, f. 5	Griffin, Robert P.
b. 1, f. 5	Griswold, A. Whitney
b. 1, f. 6	Hall, Gus
b. 1, f. 6	Hallinan
b. 1, f. 6	Hammarskjold, Dag
b. 1, f. 6	Han, Ryo Wook
b. 1, f. 6	Harper, Fowler
b. 1, f. 6	Hart, Thomas C.
b. 1, f. 6	Heckscher, August
b. 1, f. 6	Hersey, John
b. 1, f. 6	Hickenlooper, Rourke B.
b. 1, f. 6	Hill, Lister
b. 1, f. 6	Hoegh, Leo A.
b. 1, f. 6	Hoey, Clyde R.
b. 1, f. 6	Hoffa, James R.
b. 1, f. 6	Holden, Reuben
b. 1, f. 6	Hook, Sidney
b. 1, f. 6	Hoopes, Darlington
b. 1, f. 6	Hoover, Herbert
b. 1, f. 6	Howe, Walter
b. 1, f. 7	Ickes, Harold I.
b. 1, f. 7	Iserman, Theodore
b. 1, f. 7	Ives, Irving
b. 1, f. 7	Jackson, Colin
b. 1, f. 7	Jackson, Robert H.

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b. 1, f. 7	James, Edwin L.
b. 1, f. 7	Johnston, Eric
b. 1, f. 7	Judd, Walter
b. 1, f. 7	Kaiser, Philip
b. 1, f. 7	Kennan, George
b. 1, f. 7	Kennedy, Robert
b. 1, f. 7	Kennedy, Thomas
b. 1, f. 7	Kerr, Robert S.
b. 1, f. 7	Kilgore, Harley M.
b. 1, f. 7	Killian, James R.
b. 1, f. 7	Kirchwey, Freda
b. 1, f. 7	Kirk, Russell
b. 1, f. 7	Laird, Melvin R.
b. 1, f. 7	Lamont, Corliss
b. 1, f. 7	Lane, Mark
b. 1, f. 7	Laski, Harold
b. 1, f. 7	Lawrence, David L.
b. 1, f. 8	Lee, Richard C.
b. 1, f. 8	Lehman, Herbert
b. 1, f. 8	Lewis, Fulton, Jr.
b. 1, f. 8	Lewis, John L.
b. 1, f. 8	Libby, W. F.
b. 1, f. 8	Lie, Trygve
b. 1, f. 8	Limb, Ben C.
b. 1, f. 8	Lippman, Walter
b. 1, f. 8	Lodge, Henry Cabot
b. 1, f. 8	Lodge, John Davis
b. 1, f. 8	Logue, Edward
b. 1, f. 8	Long, Russell B.
b. 1, f. 8	Lord, Oswald B.

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b. 1, f. 8	Luce, Henry R.
b. 1, f. 8	MacArthur, Douglas
b. 1, f. 8	McBride, Katherin
b. 1, f. 8	McCarran, Pat
b. 1, f. 8	McCarthy, Joseph
b. 1, f. 8	McCloy, John D.
b. 1, f. 8	McCormack, John W.
b. 1, f. 8	McCormack, Robert
b. 1, f. 8	McGrath, J. Howard
b. 1, f. 8	McMahon, Brien
b. 1, f. 8	Macomber
b. 1, f. 8	Makarios (Archbishop), Ethnarch of Cyprus
b. 1, f. 8	Malone, George W.
b. 1, f. 8	Marcantonio, Vito
b. 1, f. 8	Martin, Joseph W., Jr.
b. 1, f. 8	Matthews, Herbert
b. 1, f. 8	May, Catherine
b. 1, f. 8	May, Edwin
b. 2, f. 9	Meir, Golda
b. 2, f. 9	Merriam, Gordon
b. 2, f. 9	Meyner, Robert
b. 2, f. 9	Middle East
b. 2, f. 9	Millikan, Max F.
b. 2, f. 9	Mitchell, James P.
b. 2, f. 9	Monroney, A. S.
b. 2, f. 9	Mora, Jose A.
b. 2, f. 9	Morgenthau, Henry
b. 2, f. 9	Morris, Robert
b. 2, f. 9	Murray, Philip
b. 2, f. 9	Murrow, Edward R.

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b. 2, f. 9	Nassar, Gamal Abdel
b. 2, f. 9	Neuberger, Richard
b. 2, f. 9	Nixon, Richard M.
b. 2, f. 9	Olds, Irving S.
b. 2, f. 9	O'Neill, J. M.
b. 2, f. 9	Oppenheimer, J. Robert
b. 2, f. 9	Palmer, Cecil
b. 2, f. 9	Parkinson, C. Northcote
b. 2, f. 9	Parsons, J. Graham
b. 2, f. 9	Paulding, Linus
b. 2, f. 9	Pearson, Drew
b. 2, f. 9	Peck, John Hamilton
b. 2, f. 9	Pelly, Thomas M.
b. 2, f. 9	Pepper, Claude
b. 2, f. 9	Percy, Charles
b. 2, f. 10	Pollack, Louis H.
b. 2, f. 10	Porter, Charles O.
b. 2, f. 10	Reed, Paul
b. 2, f. 10	Reisel, Victor
b. 2, f. 10	Republican Party
b. 2, f. 10	Reston, James
b. 2, f. 10	Reuss, Henry S.
b. 2, f. 10	Reuther, Walter
b. 2, f. 10	Rhodes, John J.
b. 2, f. 10	Ribicoff, Abraham
b. 2, f. 10	Rickover, Hyman G.
b. 2, f. 10	Robeson, Paul
b. 2, f. 10	Roosevelt, Eleanore
b. 2, f. 10	Roosevelt, Franklin D., Jr.
b. 2, f. 10	Rostow, Walter

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b. 2, f. 11	Saltonstall, Leverett
b. 2, f. 11	Sarnoff, Robert W.
b. 2, f. 11	Schlesinger, Arthur
b. 2, f. 11	Seely-Brown, Horace, Jr.
b. 2, f. 11	Smith, Howard W.
b. 2, f. 11	Smith, Margaret Chase
b. 2, f. 11	Socialist Workers Party
b. 2, f. 11	Stassen, Harold E.
b. 2, f. 11	Stevenson, Adlai
b. 2, f. 11	Stewart, Potter
b. 2, f. 11	Strauss, Lewis
b. 2, f. 11	Sukarno (President), Indonesia
b. 2, f. 12	Taber, John
b. 2, f. 12	Taft, Robert A.
b. 2, f. 12	Talmadge, Herman E.
b. 2, f. 12	Teague, Charles M.
b. 2, f. 12	Thomas, Norman
b. 2, f. 12	Thompson, Dorothy
b. 2, f. 12	Thomson, James C.
b. 2, f. 12	Tobey, Charles W.
b. 2, f. 12	Truman, Harry S.
b. 2, f. 12	Turkevich, John
b. 2, f. 12	Uhrie, L.
b. 2, f. 12	Velde, Harold H.
b. 2, f. 12	Wagner, Robert
b. 2, f. 12	Wallace, Henry
b. 2, f. 12	Wang
b. 2, f. 12	Whiteman, Harold B., Jr.

Accession 1989-A-079: Records, circa 1935-1987

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b. 1, f. 1	50th Anniversary	1983-1984
b. 1, f. 2	1988	
b. 1, f. 3	Awards	1969-1979
b. 1, f. 4	A History of the Party of the Right A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1973
b. 1, f. 5	Nathan Hale Award	1969
b. 1, f. 6	Kennedy, Edward	1970
b. 1, f. 7	Liberal Party Publications	1967-1975
b. 1, f. 8	Miscellaneous	1937-1987
b. 1, f. 9	Miscellaneous Speakers	1973-1984
b. 1, f. 10	On the Left	1964-1966
b. 1, f. 11	Progressive Party, The Progressive Platform	1965
b. 1, f. 12	The Rostrum	1964-1967
b. 1, f. 13	Shockley-Innis Debate	1974
b. 1, f. 14	Swan/Griswold Correspondence	1935-1939
b. 1, f. 15	Tory Party Handbook A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1985
b. 1, f. 16	The Union House	1937-1980
b. 1, f. 17	The Yale Conservative	1965
b. 1, f. 18	Yale Independent and A History of the Yale Political Union and the Independent Party	1984
b. 1, f. 19	The Yale Political Journal	1975
b. 1, f. 20	Yale Political Union Leaflets A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1973-1979

Accession 1995-A-051: Records and memorabilia, 1940-1993

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b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence	1946-1968
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	1969-1992
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence	undated
b. 2, f. 5	Ejection of the Party of the Right	1988
b. 2, f. 6	Lists, Memberships and Officers	
b. 2, f. 7	Lists, Topics and Speakers	
b. 2, f. 8	Minutes of the Executive Board	
b. 2, f. 9	Minutes of the Executive Board, continued	
b. 2, f. 10	Minutes of Meetings	
b. 2, f. 11	Party Publications	
b. 2, f. 12	Press Releases	
b. 2, f. 13	Publications	
b. 2, f. 14	The "Tory Incident"	1989 December 10
b. 2, f. 15	Various Posters and Broadsides	

Accession 1996-A-083: "History of the Tory Independent Party"; interviews with various people, 1977-1978

This accession is closed. Researchers must secure written permission from a current elected or voting member of the Executive Board of the Yale Political Union to access these materials.

b. 1, f. 1 History of the Tory Party, vol. 1
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Interviews

b. 1, f. 2	Richard Stark Brookhiser	1978 August 26
b. 1, f. 3	John Cornford Meyer	undated
	Lawrence Albert Uzzell	
b. 1, f. 4	no date	
b. 1, f. 5	1977 Oct 8	
b. 1, f. 6	1977 Oct 16	
b. 1, f. 7 - 8	David Zincavage	undated

Accession 2003-A-136: Spring Organizational meeting, circa 2000

Item missing since 2012 and is unavailable for research.

Accession 2007-A-217: Newsletters and election materials, 1955-1968

The materials are open for research.

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Newsletters and election materials

1955-1968

Accession 2023-A-0032: Records, 1948-2012

b. 1, f. 1	Advisory Committee reports	2005
	Ballots	
b. 1, f. 2	1975-1978	1975-1978
b. 1, f. 3	2004	2004
b. 1, f. 4	2004	2004
b. 1, f. 5	2014-2016	2014-2016
b. 1, f. 6	2017	2017
b. 1, f. 7	Bylaws and meeting minutes	1987-1989
b. 1, f. 8	City internship program	1969-1970
b. 1, f. 9	Constitution	2006
	Correspondence	
	General	
b. 1, f. 10	A	1952-1976
b. 1, f. 11	B	1963-1967
b. 1, f. 12	D	1966
b. 1, f. 13	E-F	1959-1967
b. 1, f. 14	G	1963-1967
b. 1, f. 15	H	1965-1967
b. 1, f. 16	I-J	1962-1967
b. 2, f. 1	K	1965-1966
b. 2, f. 2	L	1960-1966
b. 2, f. 3	Mc	1965-1966
b. 2, f. 4	M	1964-1967
b. 2, f. 5	N	1963
b. 2, f. 6	O	1965-1966
b. 2, f. 7	P	1964-1966
b. 2, f. 8	Q-R	1963-1966
b. 2, f. 9	S-Sa	19521-1967
b. 2, f. 10	Si	1949-1966

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b. 2, f. 11	T	1966
b. 2, f. 12	U-V	1966
b. 2, f. 13	W	1960-1967
b. 2, f. 14	Y-Z	1960-1967
b. 2, f. 15	1969-1971	1969-1971
b. 2, f. 16	1968-1980	1968-1980
b. 2, f. 17	1982-1989	1982-1989
b. 2, f. 18	1983-1984	1983-1984
b. 2, f. 19	Faculty correspondence	1947-1961
	Presidential correspondence	
b. 2, f. 20	1953-1954	1953-1954
b. 2, f. 21	1969-1970	1969-1970
b. 3, f. 1	1969-1971	1969-1971
b. 3, f. 2	1981-1984	1981-1984
b. 3, f. 3	Treasurer correspondence	2003
b. 3, f. 4	Yale officials	1948-1967
b. 3, f. 5	Debate photographs	1969-1995
b. 3, f. 6	Event flyers	1981-1984
b. 3, f. 7	Exit memos	2006
b. 3, f. 8	Fan mail	1995
b. 3, f. 9	Fellows	1970-1971
b. 3, f. 10	Financial reports	1993-1995
b. 3, f. 11	Financial summaries	2004
b. 3, f. 12	Gay Rights Debate photographs	Undated
b. 3, f. 13	Guest invitations	1981-1982
b. 3, f. 14	Guest photographs	Circa 1980s
b. 3, f. 15	Membership and attendance	1984-1985
b. 4, f. 1	Membership forms	2007
b. 4, f. 2	New Haven media	1967-1968
	News clippings	

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b. 4, f. 3	1964–1975	1964–1975
b. 4, f. 4	1970–1989	1970–1989
b. 4, f. 5	1970–1995	1970–1995
b. 4, f. 6	1975–1978	1975–1978
b. 4, f. 7	1975–1986	1975–1986
b. 5, f. 1	Photographs	Undated
b. 5, f. 2	Press releases	1978–1979
	Publicity photographs	
b. 5, f. 3	1968–1975	1968–1975
b. 5, f. 4	1969–1979	1969–1979
b. 5, f. 5	1969–1979	1969–1979
b. 5, f. 6	1969–1979	1969–1979
b. 5, f. 7	Rejections	1978–1984
b. 6, f. 1	Speeches	2006–2007
	Speakers	
b. 6, f. 2	Abel, I.W.	1977–1984
b. 6, f. 3	Acheson, Dean	1969–1971
b. 6, f. 4	Astrue, Michael	1975–1977
b. 6, f. 5	Bingham, Jonathan	1976–1977
b. 6, f. 6	Cahill, William	1972
b. 6, f. 7	Calabresi, Steven	1971–1978
b. 6, f. 8	Campion, Sean	2003
b. 6, f. 9	Carter, Billy	1977
b. 6, f. 10	Carter, Chip	1979
b. 6, f. 11	Carter, Lillian	1977
b. 6, f. 12	Carter, Rosalynn	1979–1980
b. 6, f. 13	Cavanagh, Thomas	1971–1974
b. 6, f. 14	Christoforou, Steven	2003–2004
b. 6, f. 15	Kipnis, Laura	2003
b. 6, f. 16	Powell, Joseph	1977–1978

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b. 6, f. 17	Sanders, Harlan	1973
b. 6, f. 18	Thatcher, Margaret	1971-1977
b. 6, f. 19	Wisenthal, Simon	1984
b. 6, f. 20	Zarb, Frank	1975
Speaker photographs		
b. 6, f. 21	1964-1975	1964-1975
b. 6, f. 22	1970-1979	1970-1979
b. 7, f. 1	Teller reports	1999-2004
b. 7, f. 2	Travel reimbursements	2003-2004
b. 7, f. 3	Treasurer summary	Undated
b. 7, f. 4	Women's Caucus	1987-1988

Accession 2025-A-0029: Attendance books, 2024

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.
Debates and debating
Political clubs

Genres / Formats

Videotapes

Corporate Bodies

Yale University. Yale Political Union
Yale University -- Societies, etc.
Yale University -- Students