

Guide to the Bruce Cornelius Collection 20702

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Summary Information

Repository	Capital Area District Library/Forest Parke Library & Archives
Creator - Artist	Bruce, Cornelius
Title	The Bruce Cornelius Photography Collection
Date [inclusive]	1967-1978
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet 1 box
Location:	Downtown/Basement/Stacks/Bay D/Section 2/Shelf 1
Language	English

Citation:

[Item], the Bruce Cornelius Collection, Forest Parke Library & Archives, Capital Area District Library

Biographical Note

After working as a railroad yard brakeman, Bruce Cornelius was hired by the Lansing State Journal (LSJ) in Lansing, Michigan as a photographer in 1966 on the strength of some amateur photographs he had shown the paper. With only a diploma from Holt High School, he worked as a staff photographer (including some time as the chief photographer). He worked for the Lansing State Journal for 17 years, capturing important national figures who came to Lansing and local events with black and white film. After leaving LSJ, Cornelius worked as a news director at a local TV station and as an assignment editor at three stations. He retired from journalism in the 1990s and in 2004 he worked as a driving instructor for the Lansing Area Safety Council. (Taken www.lansingcitypulse.com/040707/coverstory/index.asp)

Collection Scope and Content Note

This collection contains contact sheets and negatives for black and white photographs taken in the late 1960's and the 1970's in or near Lansing, Michigan. Photograph subjects include several local and national politicians, along with several local events.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- East Lansing (Mich.)
- Lansing (Mich.)

Subject(s)

- Griffin, Robert P. (Robert Paul), 1923-
- Kennedy, Robert F., 1925-1968
- McCarthy, Eugene J., 1916-2005
- McGovern, George S. (George Stanley), 1922-
- Milliken, William G., 1922-
- Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994
- Peace movements United States
- Romney, George W., 1907-1995
- Vietnam War, 1961-1975
- Wonder, Stevie

Arrangement:

Records organized chronologically into files.

Usage Restrictions:

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Collection Inventory

Photographs -- Box 1

Senator Robert P. Griffin, Sept., 1967 Folder 1 -- Nine portrait images of Senator Robert P. Griffin (b. 1923) (with negatives), taken in September 1967. Griffin is seated (at a news conference?)

Stevie Wonder, ca. 1968 Folder 2 -- Five portrait images of Stevie Wonder (with negatives) in a graduation cap and gown. Wonder graduated from the Michigan School for the Blind in 1968.

Robert F. Kennedy, ca. 1968 Folder 3 -- 26 photographs on two contact sheets (with negatives) showing a Lansing campaign rally with Robert F. Kennedy. According to the donor, these were taken shortly before Kennedy was assassinated.

Eugene McCarthy, June 1968 Folder 4 -- 33 photographs on three contact sheets (with negatives), showing Eugene McCarthy speaking and at the Lansing airport.

Richard M. Nixon, August 1968 Folder 5 -- 33 photographs on three contact sheets (with negatives), showing Richard M. Nixon at a dinner, speaking at a podium, on the Michigan state senate floor with Geroge W. Romney, and crowd shots of a rally in front of the Michigan capitol building. Some photographs dated 8/19/1968.

George W. Romney, ca. 1968-1975 Folder 6 -- Four pages of contact sheets (with negatives), showing George W. Romney. There seems to be several settings and time periods represented. Some seem to be at a ceremonial signing with a group of people standing behind the seated Romney; some are Romney

sitting in front of set of several microphones with one gentleman; some with Romney speaking at a podium; and some with Romney seated on a couch in a residence.

Pigs & Freaks Football game, ca. 1969-1978 Folder 7 -- Three pages of contact sheets (with negatives) of a "Pigs & Freaks" football game. This game was played once per year from 1969 or 1970 until 1977 or 1978 (8 years) between East Lansing police and community "hippies." First played at East Lansing High School, after a couple of years the game moved to Spartan Stadium. Proceeds from the game went to St. Jude Children's Hospital. The photographs are from one game, no date is specified.

Governor William Milliken, ca. 1970 Folder 8 -- Four pages of contact sheets (with negatives) of Governor William Milliken. Photographs show Milliken speaking in front of a microphone, sitting at a table, taking an oath of office. Approximately half of the photographs are titled "Will run 1970" and show Milliken and his family, with Milliken speaking at a podium.

Anti-war (Vietnam) demonstration, May 1970 Folder 9 -- Six pages of contact sheets (with negatives) of an anti-war rally at the Michigan state capitol building. Photographs of the crowd at the rally as well as individual members of the crowd.

East Lansing High School riot, May 1972 Folder 10 -- Five photographs on one contact sheet (with negatives) of a broken window in a building and boarded up windows on Grand River in East Lansing. According to the donor, the damage was the result of students rioting in East Lansing after the U.S. had mined Haiphong Harbor on May 9, 1972.

George McGovern, May 1972 Folder 10 -- Five photographs on one contact sheet (with negatives) of a broken window in a building and boarded up windows on Grand river in East Lansing. According to the donor, the damage was the result of students rioting in East Lansing after the U.S. had mined Haiphong Harbor on May 9, 1972.

Marshall Music fire Folder 12 -- 42 photographs on 3 contact sheets (with negatives) of a fire at Marshall Music in downtown Lansing. No date is given. According to the donor, one firefighter died because of the fire.

Sexton High School Folder 13 -- 18 photographs on 2 contact sheets (with negatives) of rooms within Sexton High School, Lansing, Michigan. The photographs also show several African-Americans with police officers in and out of the building.