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Summary information

Repository:	York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)
Title:	York University Dept. of Communications fonds
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

The Department of Communication began life as the Office of the Director, Information and Development (1962) reporting to the Assistant to the President. In 1964, pursuant to the recommendations of the Woods Gordon Survey, the office reported directly to the President. In 1966 a separate Publication Office was opened to coordinate all publishing activity within the university.

By 1968 the Department of Information and Development was reporting through the Vice President (Finance). At this time the Department consisted of a Director (Wilfred Sanders) with assistant directors for Development (Kim Mcilroy) and Information (Stan Fisher) as well as editors of Communique (Penny Joliffe), Bulletin and Gazette (Judy Birchall), and a publications coordinator (Margaret Hodgson).

In 1969 a separate Department of Development was established and by 1972 there was a Department of Information and Publications reporting to the Vice-President, with S.M. Fisher as Director.

In 1975/76 the department was renamed Department of Communications and in June of 1976 it began reporting directly to the President. In 1983 the Department of Communications was transferred to the Vice President, External Relations and University Development, where it still remains.

The Department is responsible for promoting the interests of York University within the university, and in the wider community through a series of media publications, provision of information to Canadian news media, a Speaker's Bureau, etc. Much of this activity is handled by the Media Resources Bureau (formerly Media Relations Office). Among its publications are: 'York Daily Bulletin' (1964-1980) and its successor, 'York Bulletin' (1980), the 'York Gazette' (1962), Alumni News and the 'Highlights' published weekly in the Globe and Mail.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of the records of the Director's Office of the York University Department of Communications, 1960-1980; the Editorial Office, 1977-1981; the Gazette Office, 1974-1979; the Media

Relations Office, 1963-1987; and the Sports Information Office, 1975-1985. There are also series of Newspaper clippings files, 1960-1989; Publications, 1960-1992; and Audio reels, 1974-1975.

Notes

Other notes

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