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Administration

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/descriptions6247>

Collection: Archives
Date Range: 1971-1987
Part Of: The Body Politic fonds
Fonds Number: F0002
Series Number: 1

Scope and Content:

The Administration series contains administrative records of The Body Politic. These include memos, datebooks, calendars, workflow documents, volunteer information, meeting minutes, subscription lists, HR records, planning documents, and grant writing among other records.

Arrangement: Series 1 is arranged into the following subseries:

- 1.1 Office Administrative Records: Minutes, Internal Communications, Notes
- 1.2 Technical and Technological Information
- 1.3 Donations, Mailings, Distribution, Grants
- 1.4 Writing Groups Administration: Planning, Meetings
- 1.5 Staffing and Human Resources

Description Level: Series



Advertising

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/descriptions18392>

Collection: Archives
Date Range: [ca. 1970-1988]
Part Of: The Body Politic fonds
Fonds Number: F0002
Series Number: 5

Scope and Content:

The Advertising series contains the records relating to the various types of advertising and promotion the newspaper engaged in. They both received ads to place in the newspaper from businesses, organizations, for events etc. as well as from individuals for advertisement in the classified section. Additionally, the newspaper exchanged ads with other organizations. The series also contains records of advertising probes, advertising orders, correspondence about advertising, and financials concerning advertising. Promotional and fundraising records, and administration from the promotions department, among others.

Access Restrictions: Classified ads may be accessed by researchers, but names must not be published. Bank account numbers and personal addresses may not be published.

Arrangement: The Advertising series is divided into the following subseries:
5.1 Classified Ads
5.2 Display Ads, Exchange Ads
5.3 Promotion Administration

The series has been arranged into subseries based on the functions of the advertising section of the newspaper. overarching subjects of research evident across the accessions. There will be cross over between the Advertising series and other series within individual files. What has been determined to fall under 'Advertising' sat throughout the accessions. Files were often combined with their neighbours by the archivist to conserve files usage, there were many instances when there was one piece of paper in a file. File titles in the finding aid indicate with a dash "-" whether files have been conflated. Files are also separated within a single folder with a paper separator around original file groupings.

Description Level: Series



Correspondence

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Collection: Archives
Date Range: 1970-1987
Part Of: The Body Politic fonds
Fonds Number: F0002
Series Number: 2

Scope and Content:

The correspondence series contains local, national, and international correspondence. Correspondence largely concerns subscriptions to the newspaper (generally divided by region), commentary about the newspaper, letters to the editor, correspondence from various activist groups, organizations, and prisoners (generally in the U.S.), international correspondence about international situations/events, as well as letters from writers concerning articles and research.

Access Restrictions: Specific restrictions are noted at the file level. All files may be accessed by researchers but pseudonyms should be used instead of correspondents names unless the researcher knows the correspondent to be 'out' publicly.

Arrangement: The Correspondence series is divided into the following subseries:
2.1 General correspondence
2.2 The Body Politic administration correspondence (internal and external)
2.3 Correspondence with external organizations
2.4 Correspondence with writers, writing groups, individuals
2.5 International correspondence
2.6 Subscription correspondence

Description Level: Series



Finance

<https://arquivos.andornot.com/en/permalink/descriptions18393>

Collection: Archives
Date Range: 1971-1987
Part Of: The Body Politic fonds
Fonds Number: F0002
Series Number: 6

Scope and Content:

The Finance series contains the financial operations of the newspaper, such as receipts, bank statements, financial projects, budgets, planning, money coming in and going out of the newspaper, bills, sustainer and donation records, cheques, Visa and Mastercard receipts.

Access Restrictions: This series is open to researchers, however personal information (addresses, SIN numbers), and banking account and Visa/Mastercard numbers are restricted from publication.

Arrangement: The Finance series is divided into the following subseries:

- 6.1 Bank Statements
- 6.2 Financial Summaries: Projections, Budgets
- 6.3 Accounts Receivable (Money In)
- 6.4 Accounts Payable (Money Out / Services solicited)
- 6.5 Subseries: Donors
- 6.6 Petty Cash

The series has been arranged into subseries based on the overarching financial functions of the newspaper. There will be cross over between the Advertising series and other series within individual files. What has been determined to fall under 'Advertising' were accessioned at various points. Files were often combined with their neighbours by the archivist to conserve files usage, there were many instances when there was one piece of paper in a file. File titles in the finding aid indicate with a dash "-" whether files have been conflated. Files are also separated within a single folder with a paper separator around each original file grouping.

Description Level: Series



Legal

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Collection: Archives
Date Range: 1973-1986
Part Of: The Body Politic fonds
Fonds Number: F0002
Series Number: 7

Scope and Content:

The Legal series contains records relating to the newspaper's two major court cases, the police raid, as well as external legal cases they were participating in adjunctly, using for research, reference, and precedent. The series contains correspondence, trial proceedings, court notes, press packages, media coverage, legal donations and fundraising, seized records during the raid, summons, judgements, letters of support, and demonstration records, among others.

Arrangement:

The Legal series is divided into the following subseries:

7.1 Raid and 1977 Trial "Men Loving Boys Loving Men"

7.2 1982 Trial "Lust with a very Proper Stranger"

7.3 External Legal Cases

The series has been arranged into subseries based on the legal activities of The Body Politic. There will be cross over between the Legal series and other series within individual files. Files were included within subseries based on date, it was sometimes unclear if they belonged to the court case from the year they were created. Files were often combined with their neighbours by the archivist to conserve files usage, there were many instances when there was one piece of paper in a file. File titles in the finding aid indicate with a dash "-" whether files have been conflated. Files are also separated within a single folder with a paper separator around each original file grouping.

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Research

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Collection: Archives
Date Range: 1971-1988
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Fonds Number: F0002
Series Number: 4

Scope and Content:

The Research series contains clippings, notes, and records collected for activism, writing, and research purposes of the collective.

Arrangement: The Research series is divided into the following subseries:

- 4.1 Medicine, disease, bodies
- 4.2 Feminism
- 4.3 Systems of surveillance and violence
- 4.4 Legislation, Canadian government
- 4.5 Labour
- 4.6 Sex work
- 4.7 Children
- 4.8 Sexual abuse, intergenerational relationships
- 4.9 Bath raids
- 4.10 Municipal issues: politics, education
- 4.11 Censorship
- 4.12 LGBTQ Organizations: events, arts
- 4.13 Pornography
- 4.14 Religion
- 4.15 Right, Left
- 4.16 Miscellaneous clippings and publications
- 4.17 Press related to The Body Politic

Description Level: Series



Writing

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Collection: Archives
Date Range: [ca. 1970-1987]
Part Of: The Body Politic fonds
Fonds Number: F0002
Series Number: 3
Physical Description: 13 cassette tapes

Scope and Content:

The Writing series largely contains draft submissions for the newspaper, often accompanied by research, notes, interviews, newspaper clippings, and correspondence.

Arrangement: The Writing series is divided into the following subseries:

- 3.1 Early 1970s
- 3.2 Late 1970s
- 3.3 Early 1980s
- 3.4 Late 1980s

Writing was scattered throughout the accessions, with the original order demonstrating a variety of filing structures. The writing series has been divided into subseries roughly based on the half of each decade they originate from, this was determined to be most accessible for researchers, as writers often wrote many submissions over years. Files were often combined with their neighbours to conserve file usage, as there were many instances when there was one piece of paper in a file. Therefore, there will be records that are not necessarily "writing". The original files sometimes indicated the section of the newspaper the writing was being done for, this has been preserved. Often only author's names are listed as file titles, titles of articles are frequently left out, and not mentioned on the draft sheets/file contents.

File titles in the finding aid indicate with a dash "-" whether files have been conflated. File contents is divided with paper, distinguishing original file groupings.

Description Level: Series