

# Gadfly

The Gadfly Records  
1962-1972, undated

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## Title Statement

GadflyA Guide to The Gadfly Records RG 37-17A

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### Unit ID

RG 37-17A

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### Unit Date

1962-1972, undated

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Date acquired: 03/09/2004

### Language

English

### Abstract

The Gadfly was a student literary magazine published between the years 1962 to 1972 at Old Dominion College.

### Creator

Gadfly

### Extent

0.80 Linear Feet

### Extent

2 Hollinger document cases boxes

## Repository

ODU University Archives

# Administrative Information

## Conditions Governing Access

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## Source of Acquisition

Dr. James McNally

## Method of Acquisition

Gift.

## Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Box [insert number], Folder [insert number and title], The Gadfly, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

# Biographical or Historical Information

The Gadfly was a student literary magazine published between the years 1962 and 1972 at Old Dominion College. It featured artwork, poetry, satire, essays and photography by students, for students. There was no set format, each issue was different than the last, with one issue the size of a poster, with its mascot, the gadfly on the front. Their motto, found on the inside front cover of each issue reads as such:

"I am the Gadfly which God has attached to the state, and all day long and in all places am always fastening upon you, arousing and persuading and reproaching you."--Plato

Throughout its run, The Gadfly featured articles and poetry that pushed the envelope and created tension between the administration and the students who felt that their freedom of speech and publication was being censored.

Note written by Special Collections Staff

# Scope and Contents

This collection consists of print copies of the Gadfly dating from 1962-1972 as well as correspondence and miscellaneous papers.

# Related Materials

Oral Histories in the Perry Library: [Leland D. Peterson](#)

Oral Histories in the Perry Library: [Lewis W. Webb, Jr. \(Part 8\)](#)

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# Keywords

Gadfly literary magazine (Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.)

College publications--Virginia--Norfolk

Old Dominion University

# Arrangement Note

The collection is organized into three series: Series I: The Gadfly; Series II: Correspondence; and Series III: Miscellaneous.

# Description of Subordinate Components

**Series I: The Gadfly****Unit ID** Series I**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71552**Unit Date** 1962-1972**Scope and Contents**

This series contains print copies of The Gadfly literary magazine.

**Box 1****Unit ID** Box 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71553**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Folder 1: Volume 1, No. 1****Unit ID** Folder 1**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71557**Unit Date** 1962 December**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Volume 1, No. 1, 1962 December, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Volume 1, No. 2****Unit ID** Folder 2**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71566**Unit Date** 1963 May**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 2 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Volume 1, No. 2, 1963 May, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Volume 2, No. 1****Unit ID** Folder 3**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71568**Unit Date** 1964 May**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Volume 2, No. 1, 1964 May, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 4: Volume 3, No. 1 (Fall)****Unit ID** Folder 4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71569**Unit Date** 1964**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Volume 3, No. 1 (Fall), 1964, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: Volume 3, No. 2 (Spring)**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71572

**Unit Date** 1965

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

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**Folder 6: Volume 4, No. 1 (Fall)**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71573

**Unit Date** 1965

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Volume 4, No. 1 (Fall), 1965, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 7: Volume 4, No. 2 (Spring)**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71574

**Unit Date** 1966

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

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**Folder 8: Volume 5, No. 1 (Fall)**

**Unit ID** Folder 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71575

**Unit Date** 1966

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, Volume 5, No. 1 (Fall), 1966, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 9: Volume 5, No. 2 (Spring)**

**Unit ID** Folder 9

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71576

**Unit Date** 1967

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 9, Volume 5, No. 2 (Spring), 1967, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 10: Volume 7, No.1 (Fall)**

**Unit ID** Folder 10

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71577

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 10, Volume 7, No.1 (Fall), 1968, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 11: Volume 7, No. 2 (Spring)**

**Unit ID** Folder 11

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71578

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 11, Volume 7, No. 2 (Spring), 1969, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 12: Volume 7, No. 3 (Summer)**

**Unit ID** Folder 12

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71579

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 12, Volume 7, No. 3 (Summer), 1969, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71562

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Folder 1: Volume 8, No. 1 (Fall)**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71563

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 1, Volume 8, No. 1 (Fall), 1969, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: Volume 8, No. 3 (Spring)**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71564

**Unit Date** 1970

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 2, Volume 8, No. 3 (Spring), 1970, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 3: Volume 11, No. 1 (Winter)**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71567

**Unit Date** 1971

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 3, Volume 11, No. 1 (Winter), 1971, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 4: Volume 12, No. 1 (Winter)**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71570

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 4, Volume 12, No. 1 (Winter), 1972, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: Volume 12, No. 2 (Spring)**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71571

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 5, Volume 12, No. 2 (Spring), 1972, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Oversize Folder 1: Volume 8, No. 2, (Winter)**

**Unit ID** Oversize Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71565

**Unit Date** 1970

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Oversize Folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Series I, Oversize Folder 1, Volume 8, No. 2, (Winter), 1970, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Series II: Correspondence**

**Unit ID** Series II

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71554

**Unit Date** 1965-1967

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains correspondence with the editor of The Gadfly literary magazine.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71555

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Folder 6: Correspondence**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71556

**Unit Date** 1965-1967

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 6, Correspondence, 1965-1967, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Series III: Miscellaneous**

**Unit ID** Series III

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71558

**Unit Date** undated

**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of miscellaneous notes and a lecture by Peter Melnick for The Gadfly staff.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71559

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Folder 7: Miscellaneous Notes**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71560

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 7, Miscellaneous Notes, undated, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 8: Peter Melnick Lecture for Gadfly Staff**

**Unit ID** Folder 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/71561

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 8, Peter Melnick Lecture for Gadfly Staff, undated, The Gadfly Records, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.