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### Biographical sketch

Geoffrey Buerger graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts in 1980. During his time at U of T, he took classes in history and classics and was an active member of the University of Toronto Debating Union. Buerger participated in various debating tournaments with the UTDU, throughout Canada, and the northern United States, as well as the Trans-Atlantic Universities Speech Association Tournament hosted by the University of London.

### Scope and content

Textual, Publications 1968-1981, 0.22m

Correspondence, notes, memoranda, ballots and score sheets, flyers, brochures, posters, booklets, and related material documenting Geoffrey Buerger's activities with the University of Toronto Debating Union and tournaments in Hart House at the University of Toronto, the University of Western Ontario, Dalhousie University, McGill University, Brown University, and the University of London.

**Access:** All files are open, with the exception of B2018-0006/002(02), which is restricted as it contains Personal Health Information. Contact University Archivist for further information.

### Series 1: Correspondence

1977

0.01m of textual records

Textual, 1977 0.01m

This series contains correspondence regarding Buerger's application to the Campus Co-operative Residence Housing.

Accession/box(file)	Description	Date(s)
B2018-0006/001(01)	Campus Co-operative Residence Housing Application Letter	1977

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**Series 2: Debates/Tournaments**

1974-1981

0.11m of textual records

This series contains material relating to the various debating tournaments the University of Toronto Debating Union took part in at U of T and other universities. The material includes, posters, judging ballots, rules, and ads in U of T newspapers such as *The Varsity*.

Accession/box(file)	Description	Date(s)
B2018-0006/001(02)	U of T Debating Union. Judging ballots	197-
B2018-0006/001(03)	Champlain College debate. 'Resolved that a University Education is Totally Impractical' Poster	197-
B2018-0006/001(04)	University of Toronto Debating Tournament score cards	197-
B2018-0006/001(05)	Hart House Formal Debate Guidelines	197-
B2018-0006/001(06)	University of Toronto Debating Tournament score cards	1974
B2018-0006/001(07)	University of Chicago Parliamentary Debate Tournament	1974
B2018-0006/001(08)	Hart House Debating Tournament Ad, rates for advertising in <i>The Varsity</i>	1975
B2018-0006/001(09)	"Debating Duo Invited to England," "U of T Tops US Debating Match." <i>The Varsity</i> , Vol. 96. November 10, 1975	1975
B2018-0006/001(10)	Columbia Debate Society Tournament schedule, ballots	197-
B2018-0006/001(11)	"Hart House Debate – Resolved that this House deploras the scandalous iniquity of a secular university." <i>The Varsity</i> , Vol. 97, No. 60, March 14, 1977	1977
B2018-0006/001(12)	The Brown Forensic Society Parliamentary Debate between U of T and Brown University poster	1978
B2018-0006/001(13)	University of Toronto Sesquicentennial Celebrations. "Problems of Participatory Democracy" Public Debate. Ad in <i>The Varsity</i> , Vol. 97, No. 40, January 17, 1977	1977
B2018-0006/001(14)	UTDU. Meeting Ad for Tuesday October 24, 1978. <i>The Varsity</i> , Vol. 99, No. 19. October 23, 1978.	1978

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Accession/box(file)	Description	Date(s)
B2018-0006/003	Exhibition Debates (Columbia vs. McGill, U of T vs. McGill) event poster [oversize]	1978
B2018-0006/001(16)	Trans-Atlantic Universities Speech Association Tournament. University of London results, judging ballots	1978
B2018-0006/001(17)	Mount Allison Debating Tournament Schedule	1978
B2018-0006/001(18)	Notes, speech drafts, correspondence regarding University of Western Ontario Debate Controversy	1978
B2018-0006/001(19)	'The Past as Prologue...A Century of Western Students'	1978
B2018-0006/001(20)	Judging ballots, notes regarding the University of Western Ontario Debate Tournament Controversy	1978
B2018-0006/001(21)	Canadian University Society for Intercollegiate Debate (CUSID) Tournament schedule, rules	1978-1979
B2018-0006/001(22)	Dalhousie University Debating Society Tournament schedule, instructions to judges	1979
B2018-0006/001(23)	Royal Military College Debating Tournament	1979
B2018-0006/001(24)	Pierce, Gretchen. "Dal wins debating contest." <i>The Chronicle-Herald</i> , Vol. 31, No. 18. January 22, 1979	1979
B2018-0006/001(25)	"The Great Pub Debate" Ad for debate between Hart House & Erindale College debating teams. <i>Medium II</i> , Vol. 5, No. 15 January 30, 1979	1979
B2018-0006/001(26)	Blythe, Scott. "Tournament debaters talk and talk..." <i>The Varsity</i> , Vol. 100, No. 17, October 17, 1979	1979
B2018-0006/001(27)	"UTDU Student Faculty Debate – That the Church of England is a Mistake" advertisement, <i>The Varsity</i> , Vol. 100, No. 27, November 9, 1979	1979
B2018-0006/001(28)	McGill Debating Tournament	1980
B2018-0006/001(29)	"Hart House Debate – That this House looks forward to the return of a Conservative government" ad in <i>The Varsity</i> , Vol. 100, No. 50, February 11, 1980	1980
B2018-0006/001(30)	Murray, Lorraine. "World Debating Competition" <i>Glasgow University Guardian</i> , January 22, 1981	1981

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**Series 3: UTDU/U of T admin**

1968-1979

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This series contains material relating to the administrative side of the University of Toronto Debating Union. It includes meeting notes, a list of past UTDU Executives, as well as other administrative material such as budget summaries and grant requests. It also contains UTDU Correspondence, including invitations to various university debating tournaments, as well as letters to UTDU members reminding them of meetings and upcoming events.

<b>Accession/box(file)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
B2018-0006/001(31)	Contact information for several Canadian and American University Debating Unions	n.d.
B2018-0006/001(32)	UTDU Executives	1968-1976
B2018-0006/001(33)	Notecards with names and some phone numbers	197-
B2018-0006/001(34)	North American Debate League Proposal	197-
B2018-0006/001(35)	UTDU. Correspondence	1973-1975
B2018-0006/001(36)	Hart House Information Booklet	1974-1975
B2018-0006/001(37)	UTDU. Meeting notes	1974-1976
B2018-0006/002(01)	University of Toronto Allocation of Rooms for Casual Purposes	1974
B2018-0006/002(02)	Woodsworth College Letter to Bill Mullerbeck's mother [Restricted]	1975
B2018-0006/002(03)	Letter from Larry W. Scott to Oscar Mullerbeck	1975
B2018-0006/002(04)	University of Toronto Debating Union constitution	1975
B2018-0006/002(05)	Student groups (including UTDU) grant requests	1975
B2018-0006/002(06)	UTDU. Summary of Activities	1975-1976
B2018-0006/002(07)	Special Occasion Liquor Permit	1976
B2018-0006/002(08)	University of Toronto Guide & Map	1976
B2018-0006/002(09)	UTDU. Correspondence	1976-1978
B2018-0006/002(10)	UTDU. Letters to Members	1976-1979
B2018-0006/002(11)	UTDU. Budget Summary, meeting agenda	1978-1979
B2018-0006/002(12)	Hart House Debates Committee Budget	1979
B2018-0006/002(13)	Letter from Judy Brant regarding tapes of UTDU Meeting	1979

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**Series 4: Education**

1979-1980

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This series contains material relating to Buerger's time at U of T as a student. Specifically, it includes a course schedule for an American history class.

<b>Accession/box(file)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
B2018-0006/002(14)	HIS 271: American History Since 1763 Schedule	197-