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Summary information

Repository:	University of Toronto Scarborough Library, Archives & Special Collections
Title:	John Fox fonds
Reference code:	025
Date:	1979-1982; 2017 (creation)
Physical description:	739 photographs: b&w negatives 4 photographs: b&w prints 5 textual records 700 MB of digital records
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

John Fox was a Bachelors of Art in Social Sciences student at UTSC from [ca. 1979] – 1982. As a student he was a part of many different activities such as the Scarborough College 'B' Hockey team and the Scarborough College Cricket team. Most notably he was a student newspaper photographer and journalist with the "Balcony Square" team from 1979 until 1982. On March 3rd 1982 the "Balcony Square" was closed by the Scarborough College Student Council (SCSC). The core group of student journalists, whom John was apart of, created a petition, and John stood on the cafeteria tables every hour on the hour acting a town crier about the events occurring between the newspaper and student council. From this event, they created "The Underground", a student run newspaper, with the first publication circulating on March 9, 1982. Through John's time as a student journalist, he wrote and photographed many different student events, though he mainly focused on sports and the hockey teams at Scarborough College.

Scope and content

The fonds consists mainly of photographic images of student life, events, sports and student journalism at UTSC that were created by John Fox. A bulk of the material are photos of Scarborough College's Hockey teams playing various games. Many of these photos were taken with the intent to use them in the UTSC student newspapers, the "Balcony Square" and the "Underground." Images of different students involved in the newspaper are documented, and images of the first "Underground" newspaper team are among images in this fonds. Textual records included in this fonds also highlight John Fox's experience of being a student journalist

when the "Balcony Square" was closed by the Scarborough College Student Council (SCSC) and the creation of the "Underground" in response to this action.

Notes

Physical condition

Some of the photo negatives have suffered damage, specific damaged is detailed with file descriptions.

Immediate source of acquisition

Materials were donated by John Fox to the UTSC Library and were then transferred to the Digital Scholarship Unit and were uploaded to the UTSC Memories website. The materials were then transferred to the University of Toronto Scarborough Library Archive.

Arrangement

Materials were arranged based on order received by the Archive.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Status description:** Final

Descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
025-001	File - Miscellaneous photos <i>Scope and content:</i> This file contains 13 negatives depicting a giraffe and various student activities.	[ca. 1979] - [ca. 1982]	13 photographs: b&w negatives
025-002	File - Students and activities <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists of images of various students and some student activity in the newspaper room. Three images in this file depict Toronto around Mt. Pleasant Road.	[ca. 1979] - [ca. 1982]	23 photographs: b&w negatives
025-003	File - Newspaper activities and student life <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists of 62 images of general student life, the student dormitories, students working on the creating the newspaper and a performance that occurred in the Meeting Place.	[ca. 1979] - [ca. 1982]	62 photographs: b&w negatives

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025-004	File - Scarb B vs Forestry Finals (17/03/81) <i>Note [General] :</i> The title of this file was written on original photo negative file with the date of event. <i>Scope and content:</i> This file contains 11 images of the Scarborough College 'B' hockey team playing against the Faculty of Forestry in the finals on March 17, 1981.	17 March 1981	11 photographs: b&w negatives
025-005	File - Spring 1981 SCSC election candidates and student life <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists of 25 images that show some of the spring 1981 SCSC election candidates speaking at a podium, and other student activities. There is an image of Ted Grinstead running for SCSC president, and the image with the man standing next to a locker is labelled in the digital photographs as E. Camilleri.	1981	25 photographs: b&w negatives
025-006	File - Scarborough College 'A' and Faculty of Forestry hockey game <i>Note [General] :</i> Damage to some of the negatives. <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists mainly of images depicting a hockey game between Scarborough College and the Faculty of Forestry. There are also some images of a weightlifting competition, and other student life activities. There is also a print photograph of the Scarborough College 'A' team, with the caption "SCARB MEN'S A HOCKEY CIRCA 1982." The print was developed from one of the negatives in the file.	[ca. 1982]	27 photographs: b&w negatives 1 photograph: b&w print
025-007	File - Scarborough College versus Trappers hockey game <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists of mainly images from a Scarborough College hockey game against the Trappers team. There are also images of other general subjects.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	30 photographs: b&w negatives
025-008	File - First 1982 "Underground" Newspaper team and SCSC General Election <i>Scope and content:</i> The images in this file highlight the first "Underground" Newspaper team in March 1982, students voting in the 1982 SCSC General Election, and an event fighting against cutbacks. The textual record included in this file indicates the names of the core team members of the first "Underground."	1982	34 photographs: b&w negatives 1 textual record
025-009	File - Social event with students <i>Note [General] :</i> Some mild damage to one image. <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists of 23 images of a formal social event occurring in the meeting place.	[ca. 1979] - [ca. 1982]	34 photographs: b&w negatives

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025-010	File - Concert <i>Note [General] :</i> <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists of images depicting a concert and students at a party.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	17 photographs: b&w negatives
025-011	File - 1981 Watts Memorial Lecture and Athletic Association Award Ceremony <i>Note [General] :</i> Details of both of these events can be found in the "Balcony Square" April 8, 1981 (No. XXIV) publication, in the articles "On the College Front" by John Fox (this article discusses the Watts Memorial Lecture) and "Athletic Association Feast" by John Fox. Images in this file are used in the publication of these articles. <i>Scope and content:</i> Images depict the 1981 Watts Memorial Lecture (April 2, 1981), and the lecture's speaker J.M.S. (James Maurice Stockford) Carless talking about Canadian Federalism. The file also has images depicting the Scarborough College 1981 Athletic Association Award Ceremony (April 4, 1981) and different sports teams and student athletes receiving awards.	April 1981	53 photographs: b&w negatives
025-012	File - 1981 Student versus staff cricket game <i>Note [General] :</i> Details of this cricket game along with several published images can be found in the article "Students Win Match Against Staff" written by N.N Mangru in the "Balcony Square" - September 22, 1981 (Vol. XI, No. 2) publication. <i>Note [General] :</i> There is damage to some of the photo negatives. <i>Scope and content:</i> Images in this file depict the 1981 Scarborough College Cricket Team, which John Fox was apart of, playing against the staff team in the annual student versus staff game. There are also team photos of the respective teams. The file also consists of three images of people playing tennis.	September 1981	26 photographs: b&w negatives
025-013	File - Scarborough College 'A' hockey team versus MEDS (Faculty of Medicine) <i>Note [General] :</i> Date of images is recorded with the digital records, and circa 1981 is written on the scan of the negative contact sheet. <i>Note [General] :</i> There is damage to some of the photo negatives. <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists of images of the Scarborough College 'A' hockey team playing a game against the MEDS (Faculty of Medicine) team.	[ca. 1981]	22 photographs: b&w negatives

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025-014	File - Person with injured leg on crutches <i>Note [General] :</i> Some of the negatives have mild damage. <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists of images of a student in a cast with crutches, along with photos of student activities and other subjects.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	16 photographs: b&w negatives
025-015	File - Students wearing fake mustaches and glasses, and Celebrity Auction event <i>Note [General] :</i> Information about the Celebrity Auction and UTSC Library project in general, can be found in "Balcony Square" - March 26, 1981 ([No. XXII]) and "Balcony Square" - October 27, 1981 (Vol. X, No. 7) publications. <i>Note [General] :</i> There is some damage to the negatives in this file <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists of images of John Fox, Steve and Shona Nicholson all wearing fake glasses and mustaches on the Patio of UTSC. John is wearing the University of Toronto jacket. Steve has the camera around their neck and Shona is wearing the stripped shirt. Also included in this file are images depicting the Celebrity Auction, which was an event used to raise funds for the library at UTSC, and general photos of other subjects.	[ca. 1981]	35 photographs: b&w negatives
025-016	File - New York City trip <i>Note [General] :</i> Details about the New York trip can be found in the Balcony Square, "Art Tour to New York" in the newspaper published on September 29, 1981 (Vol. XI, No. 3), and "New York City - The Odyssey" written by Shona Nicholson published on November 17, 1981 (Vol. X, No. 10). <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists of 61 images from the Art Tour of New York City bus trip from November 5-8th, 1981 that was organized by the Fine Arts department, specifically by Professor Lona Carney and Terry Nicholson. The images mainly focus on Central Park and its surrounding areas.	Nov 1981	61 photographs: b&w negatives
025-017	File - Art gallery and cricket <i>Scope and content:</i> This file has nine images that depict an art gallery, and five images about a cricket game.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	14 photographs: b&w negatives
025-018	File - Scarb Girls Ice Hockey vs Erindale (17/3/81) <i>Note [General] :</i> The title was written on the original negative file. <i>Scope and content:</i> The images in this file present the Scarborough College girls hockey team playing a game against the Erindale team on March 17, 1983, and team photos of the Scarborough College team.	17 March 1981	23 photographs: b&w negatives

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025-019	File - Scarborough College hockey team versus Victoria College <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists mainly of images which depict the Scarborough College hockey team playing a game against Victoria College. Other general subjects are also portrayed.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	17 photographs: b&w negatives
025-020	File - Scarb A (17/3/81) <i>Note [General] :</i> Title was written on original photographic negative file <i>Scope and content:</i> The images in this file depict the Scarborough College A team playing a hockey game, and spectators in the stands watching the game.	17 March 1981	25 photographs: b&w negatives
025-021	File - Scarborough College hockey team versus St. Michael's College <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists of images of Scarborough College hockey team playing against St. Michael's College, and images of the "Balcony Square" cover.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	19 photographs: b&w negatives
025-022	File - Student life activities <i>Scope and content:</i> The images in this file present various forms of student events and activities on campus and other general subjects.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	26 photographs: b&w negatives
025-023	File - Hockey game and student life <i>Scope and content:</i> Images depict a Scarborough College hockey game, and other general subjects.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	24 photographs: b&w negatives
025-024	File - Hockey photos and student activities <i>Note [General] :</i> There is mild damage to some of the images in this file <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists of images depicting a Scarborough College hockey game, and other various student activities. Some images are students at a bar.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	24 photographs: b&w negatives
025-025	File - Tropical trip <i>Scope and content:</i> The images in this file depict a tropical destination with images of a beach resort and palm trees.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	28 photographs: b&w negatives
025-026	File - Toronto City Hall and trip photographs <i>Scope and content:</i> Images in this file depict Toronto's City Hall in the Winter, along with some images from other trips. Some of the images also include Shona Nicholson.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	35 photographs: b&w negatives

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025-027	File - Student theatre performance and bus trip <i>Scope and content:</i> This file consists of images that depict a play and different performers backstage, along with images from students on a bus trip.	[ca. 1979 - 1982]	31 photographs: b&w negatives
025-028	File - Print photos <i>Scope and content:</i> The file consists of print photographs of student activities with captions on the back. The photographs in this file do not have corresponding negatives in the fonds.	1982	3 photographs: b&w prints
025-029	File - Textual records <i>Note [General] :</i> Some of the team members listed in this file do not match the spelling of their name in the "Balcony Square" or "Underground" publications. <i>Scope and content:</i> Records contain information about the closure of the Balcony Square, and the subsequent creation of the Underground Newspaper in March 1982. The records specifically detail the activities that John Fox participated in and his experiences being a newspaper team member when this occurred. Team members of the Balcony Square and the first Underground Newspaper team are highlighted in the records.	ca. 2017	4 textual records
025-030	File - Digital photographs <i>Note [General] :</i> Digital materials are stored on a USB-A thumb drive which is housed in a file folder in fonds. Images are stored in jpeg format. Some images have titles that indicate the name of the person in the photo. The thumb drive also has a Spotlight-V100 file downloaded on to it. <i>Note [General] :</i> Date of Creation references a likely digitization date for most of the photographic material of circa 2017 (some photographs are from 2017). Most photographs depict student life from 1979-1982. <i>Scope and content:</i> Records consist mainly of digital images of student life at UTSC during 1979-1982, and digital copies of textual records, some images from 2017 are also included. Many of the digital images have original negatives in this fonds.	[ca. 1979 - 1982], 2017	700 MB of digital records