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Summary information

Repository:	Victoria University Archives
Title:	Victoria University (Toronto, Ont.). Bob Revue fonds
Reference code:	2003
Category [alternative]:	Student/Alumni Organizations
Date:	1894-1997, predominant 1950-1977 (date of creation)
Physical description:	36 cm of textual records 2 sounds disks : 33 1/3 rpm, microgroove ; 12 in. 1 reel to reel audio tape 7 photographs
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Added by MO: June 1, 2016 Revised by ECN: April 25, 2017 Updated by JT July 26 2019; Oct 29 2019 Updated by JT: May 28 2021 Updated by JT: June 22 2022
Note [generalNote]:	See also the Student Organization Records Collection Fonds (Fonds 2014).
Note [generalNote]:	See also the Students' Administrative Council fonds (Fonds 2002, series 6 - Records relating to member organizations, commissions and committees).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Committee was formed to stage the Bob Revue, an annual presentation in honour of Robert Beare. Bob Beare was a janitor at Victoria and a friend to students. Beginning in 1874 he would invite the freshmen class to meet the rest of the college and out of this evolved the Bob Revue. The Revue was put on by the sophomore class and aimed its barbs at freshmen. It was considered as part of orientation to campus life.

The Bob Revue was traditionally an all male production and in 1949 the Scarlet and Gold revue was created as a co-ed musical revue. Scarlet and Gold co-existed with the Bob for two years (1949 and 1950) before it merged with the Bob in 1951 and the Bob officially became co-ed.

The Bob Revue operates under the Arts and Culture Commission, part of the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC).

Scope and content

Fonds consists of corporate records (minutes, a subpoena, correspondence, constitution, petition, reports, questionnaires - 1894-1981); Articles and reviews (1895-1981); Music, scripts, programs, posters, and other ephemera (ca. 1894-1997); Audio tapes and records (1954-1963).

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift/Transfer

1987.038V - Unaccessioned backlog compiled by Paul Anthony Wilson Wallace (see Fonds 2187 - Wallace Family fonds, for personal records).

1991.133V - Unaccessioned backlog. Unknown source.

1996.078V - Compiled and donated by Gwen Farrow.

1999.146V - Compiled and donated by David Bernhardt.

2006.115V - Transferred from Alumni Office. Originally given to that Office by various unknown alumni.

2012.14V - Compiled and donated by Andrew Ennals.

2018.14V - Compiled and donated by A. Phelps Bell. Contains photos.

2019.03V - Compiled and donated by Michael Clark.

2022.06V - Compiled and donated by Barb Janes.

Arrangement

Arranged by archivist.

Finding aids

Photographs are described in the photograph database. Search by accession number (example:

2018.14): <http://archival-photos.vicu.utoronto.ca/>

Most programs are described in the Ephemera Collection: <http://library.vicu.utoronto.ca/archives/ephemera>

Related material

Sound recordings of Bob revues, 1957, 1962, 1963, are held in the E.J. Pratt Library. Links to their record in the library catalogue are below.

1957 - Oh men! no women: https://librarysearch.library.utoronto.ca/permalink/01UTORONTO_INST/14bjeso/alma991106144935706196

1962 - Stillwater: https://librarysearch.library.utoronto.ca/permalink/01UTORONTO_INST/14bjeso/alma991106664039606196

1963 - Bonaparte's retreat: https://librarysearch.library.utoronto.ca/permalink/01UTORONTO_INST/14bjeso/alma991106664034606196

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Audio (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs and art (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Series 2003-1: Corporate Records

Date: 1894-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains administrative records of the Bob, including correspondence, meeting minutes, and similar.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2003-1-1991.133V-1	File - Minutes	1914	
2003-1-1991.133V-1	File - Subpoena	1905	
2003-1-1991.133V-1	File - Correspondence	1894	
2003-1-1991.133V-1	File - Petition in opposition to the Bob	1900	
2003-1-1991.133V-1	File - Correspondence, reports, questionnaires	1951	

2003-1-1991.133V-2	File - Miscellaneous records	n.d.
2003-1-2018.14V1-6	File - Lester Pearson Letter	1952
2003-1-2019.03V TR-3	File - VUSAC Letter	1982

Series 2003-2: Articles and Reviews

Date: 1895-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains newspaper articles and clippings that review or otherwise discuss the Bob.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2003-2-1991.133V-1	File - Articles, reviews, journal	1895-1953	
2003-2-2018.14V1-1	File - Scarlet and Gold Clippings	1949	
2003-2-2018.14V1-4	File - Clippings: Bob Revue and Scarlet and Gold Revue	1950-1951	
2003-2-2018.14V1-5	File - Clippings - The Varsity	1951	
2003-2-2018.14V1-7	File - Clippings - Various Publications	1952	
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Regarding the 1952 Bob Revue: The Orphan		
2003-2-2019.03V TR-2	File - Clipping - The Strand	1981	

Series 2003-3: Music, Scripts, Programs, Posters

Date: 1894-1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains music, programs, posters, scripts and other similar materials.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2003-3-1987.038V- TR	File - Notebook of scripts, drawings and notes	1912	

2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Bob songs	[ca.1894] - [ca.1947]
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1912
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script and notes	ca. 1913-1915
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script and notes	ca. 1913-1915
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1931, 1932
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1937, 1938
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1959
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1960
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1961
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1962
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - Script	1963
2003-3-1991.133V-1	File - "Bonaparte's Retreat" scripts	1963
2003-3-1991.133V-2	File - Script	1975
2003-3-1991.133V-2	File - Script	1977
2003-3-1991.133V-2	File - Script (various)	n.d.
2003-3-1996.078V TR-1	File - Scripts and Lyrics	1957
2003-3-1996.078V TR-2	File - Scripts and Lyrics	1958
2003-3-1996.076V TR-3	File - Scripts, song sheets, poster	1960 1956? n.d.
2003-3-1999.146V- TR-1	File - Bob script	1954
2003-3-1999.146V- TR-2	File - Bob script and song sheet	1956
2003-3-2012.17V- TR-1	File - "Bob Goes To Hell" drafts, notes, schedules and other material	1997
2003-3-2012.17V- TR-2	File - "Bob Goes to Hell" script	1997
2003-3-2018.14V1-2	File - Program: Scarlet and Gold	1949
2003-3-2018.14V1-3	File - Program: Scarlet and Gold	1950
2003-3-2018.14V1-5	File - Program: 79th Annual Vic Bob Revue	1951
2003-3-2018.14V1-8	File - Program: The Orphan	1952
2003-3-2018.14V1-9	File - Music Score	1952
2003-3-2019.03V TR-1	File - Scripts	ca. 1981-1982
2003-3-2019.03V TR-4	File - Posters and Programs	[1981?]

2003-3-2019.03V TR-5	File - [Loose Pages from Director's Book] [1981?] <i>Note [generalNote]:</i> Pages were loose and originally stored at the back of the Director's Book (2019.03V1). These were removed to ensure proper storage and conservation.
2003-3-2019.03V 1	File - Director's Book [1981?] <i>Note [generalNote]:</i> Loose pages originally stored at the back of the Director's Book have been re-located to 2019.03VTR-5. These were removed to ensure proper storage and conservation.
2003-3-2022.06V TR-1	File - Bob Revue Scripts 1976 1975-1976 1973-1974 <i>Scope and content:</i> Three typed Bob Revue scripts with annotations. Includes the script for the 100th anniversary Bob Revue.

Series 2003-4: Audio Tapes and Records

Date: 1954-1963 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains AV recordings of Bob Revues.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2003-4-1999.146V- AV-1	File - Reel to reel audiotape of Bob Revue 1954	1954	
2003-4-2006.115V- AV3-1	File - LP recording, "Vic College Bob Revue '62 presents 'Stillwater'"	1962	
2003-4-2006.115V- AV3-2	File - LP recording, "Vic Bob '63 presents 'Bonaparte's Retreat'"	1963	