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Reid Blackburn
Guide to the Reid Blackburn Collection
1971-1976

Creator: Reid Blackburn
Title: Reid Blackburn Collection
Dates: 1971-1976
Quantity: 4 linear feet

Summary: This collection contains photos taken by Reid Blackburn during his time at Linfield University and spans from 1971 to 1976.

Repository

Jereld R. Nicholson Library
Linfield University
900 SE Baker Street
McMinnville, OR 97128
Reference Number: 503-883-2734
Reference Email: archives@linfield.edu

Language: English

Biographical Note

Reid Blackburn was born in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 11, 1952. His family moved to Oregon in 1962. He attended Wilson High School in Portland. His time there was when he first became interested in photography. By the time he started at Linfield University, then College, he had already chosen photojournalism as his career.

Reid loved the outdoors and could often be found backpacking, bicycling, mountain climbing, and cross-country skiing. He had climbed Mount St. Helens at least 3 times. Reid also loved music and taught himself how to play the guitar, the mandolin, and the flute.

Reid met his wife, Fay (Mall) Blackburn, where they both worked at The Columbian in the 1970's. They were married in 1979 and spent a week hiking around the perimeter of Mount Hood to celebrate.

At the age of 27, Reid was killed in the unexpected eruption of Mount St. Helens. Reid agreed to camp at a site above Coldwater Creek to capture photos of the mountain for a collaboration between National Geographic magazine and Geological Survey. The mountain's conical top had collapsed in the largest landslide in recorded history that let loose a lateral blast that devastated 150 square miles of forest on the mountains northwest side. Reid was found in his car after it was uncovered 4 days after the explosion.

Content Description

This collection consists of photo negatives taken by Reid Blackburn during his time at Linfield University. The collection spans from 1971 to 1976. It includes campus candid, photos of faculty, sports, and more.

Restrictions on Access

Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

Preferred Citation

Reid Blackburn Collection. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield University, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Fay Blackburn, 2019.

Provenance

Fay Blackburn donated the Reid Blackburn collection to the Linfield University Archives on July, 2019.

Location of Originals

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield University

Processing Information

Processed by archives technicians Sofia Zielinski and Olivia Rogers-Koch, with the assistance of archivist Rich Schmidt.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into # series:

Series 1: Reid Blackburn Photo Slides, 1971-1976

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Box 1

Folder 1: A-

Folder 2: B

Folder 3: C (Crook, colloquium, childcare), D (Dance, daniels, doty)

Folder 4: Campus candida

Folder 5: March '73 – May '73

Folder 6: F & G & H

Folder 7: December '72 – February '73

Folder 8: September '72 – November '72

Box 2

Folder 1: P (Portland, etc.)

Folder 2: P-W

Folder 3: M, N, O

Folder 4: I, K, L, M

Folder 5: V (Elliot, faculty), H (Homecoming, hatfield, etc.)

Folder 6: Sports (Football, track, volleyball)

Box 3

Folder 1: October '71 – November '71

Folder 2: September '71

Folder 3: '72

Folder 4: Sports (Football and baseball)

Folder 5: Ecology and faculty

Box 4

Folder 1: C

Folder 2: Candida

Folder 3: '74

Folder 4: '74

Folder 5: Misc.

Folder 6: Misc.

Folder 7: Misc.

Folder 8: Misc.

Box 5

Folder 1: Sports

Folder 2: July bulletin and April '74

Folder 3: Yearbook and others

Folder 4: Sports

Folder 5: '72 (Spring break, etc.)

Box 6

Folder 1: Football

Folder 2: '74 9-

Folder 3: '74 5-8

Folder 4: '74 1-4

Folder 5: January '74

Folder 6: '73 – '74

Folder 7: Misc. ('73)

Folder 8: Misc. ('73 – '74)

Box 7

Folder 1: Misc.

Folder 2: Misc.

Folder 3: Misc.

Folder 4: Misc.

Folder 5: Misc.

Folder 6: Misc.

Folder 7: Misc.

Folder 8: Misc.