

Research Guide:

History of *The Brown Daily Herald*

This guide describes publicly available resources for researching the history of [The Brown Daily Herald](#), the student-run newspaper at [Brown University](#). These include published material such as books and magazine articles, unpublished manuscripts such as dissertations, oral-history interviews, and archival records preserved at the [John Hay Library](#) and other repositories.

This is not a comprehensive list of everything published about *The Brown Daily Herald* in all venues. It does not include any material published by *The Herald*, such as special anniversary issues or history-focused feature articles. Nor does it include articles published by Brown-affiliated periodicals, such as the [Brown Alumni Magazine](#). It does not describe internal records that may be maintained by the organization, or official filings with the Internal Revenue Service and the Rhode Island Secretary of State's office. Materials are omitted if they do not focus on *The Herald* as an institution, e.g., a biography of an alum that mentions *The Herald* only in passing, or an archival collection with a finding aid that doesn't describe *Herald* content.

For general information on Brown University history, see the Brown University Library's research guides at <https://libguides.brown.edu/sub-archives>.

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Background

The Brown Daily Herald, typically shortened as *The Herald* or (more informally) the BDH, published its first issue in December 1891. It is operated entirely by Brown University students.

It published five issues a week during the school year for most of its history. It reduced print frequency during World War I, World War II, and the COVID-19 pandemic. As of March 2023, it printed three issues each week and published news daily on [browndailyherald.com](https://www.browndailyherald.com).

The Brown Daily Herald Inc., a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation, has operated *The Herald* since 1975.

The Herald's digitized print archives are available in the Brown Digital Repository at https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/collections/id_919.

Published Material

"Brown Daily Herald" in *Encyclopedia Brunoniana* by Martha Mitchell (Providence, RI: Brown University Library, 1993), pp. 84-87.

A detailed history of *The Herald* from its beginnings to the early 1990s appears in Martha Mitchell's essential reference work on Brown University. The text of the article is available on Brown University's website at

https://www.brown.edu/Administration/News_Bureau/Databases/Encyclopedia/search.php?serial=B0400. A digitized version of the print encyclopedia is available from the Internet Archive at <https://archive.org/details/encyclopediaBrun00mitc>.

M. Charles Bakst, "BDH Editor Soars, Stumbles, Snags a Wife" in *The Brown Reader: 50 Writers Remember College Hill*, ed. Judy Sternlight (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014), pp. 56-60.

In his contribution to this collection of essays, M. Charles Bakst '66 recalls his time as *The Herald's* editor-in-chief: "I was an American Civilization major, but to me, studies ranked second to the newspaper."

Anthony Bagues, Cass Cliatt, and Allison Levy (eds.), *Brown University's Slavery and Justice Report, with Commentary on Context and Impact*, 2nd ed. of the *Report of the Brown University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice* (Providence, RI: Brown University, 2021).

The *Slavery and Justice Report*, published in 2006 and re-released in an expanded edition 15 years later, discusses the controversy over activist David Horowitz's 2001 advertisement in *The Herald* on reparations for slavery, which led to a campus backlash against the newspaper, on pp. 206-207. Two companion essays also discuss the incident: James T. Campbell's "Slavery and Justice at Brown—A Personal Reflection" (see pp. 14-16) and Seth Rockman's "The Dialectics of Racism and Repair" (see pp. 36-37). The full report is available on the Brown University website at

<https://slaveryandjustice.brown.edu/sites/default/files/reports/BRW321-SlaveryandJustice-10-22-21.pdf>.

Contemporary news coverage of the 2001 Horowitz controversy includes:

- Andrew Brownstein, "Race, Reparations, and Free Expression," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, vol. 47, no. 29 (March 30, 2001), pp. A48-A50, available online at <https://www.chronicle.com/article/race-reparations-and-free-expression>.
- Pamela Ferdinand, "Free-Speech Debate Splits Liberal Brown," *The Washington Post*, March 21, 2001, p. A3, available online at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/2001/03/21/free-speech-debate-splits-liberal-brown/a4b383f0-283c-4198-a19a-7bd76de0a98d>.
- Diana Jean Schemo, "Ad Intended to Stir Up Campuses More Than Succeeds in Its Mission," *The New York Times*, March 21, 2001, p. A1, available online at <https://www.nytimes.com/2001/03/21/us/ad-intended-to-stir-up-campuses-more-than-succeeds-in-its-mission.html>.

The Horowitz advertisement that appeared on page 6 of *The Herald's* March 13, 2001 edition is available from the Brown Digital Repository at <https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/item/bdr:40830>.

Philip Weiss, "Hello Sweetheart, Get Me Mergers and Acquisitions: The Rise of Steven Rattner," *Washington Monthly*, vol. 18, no. 4 (May 1986), pp. 28-41.

This magazine profile of Steven Rattner '74, who served as *The Herald's* editor-in-chief, includes a description of his time at the newspaper.

Ted Widmer, *Brown: The History of An Idea* (New York: Thames & Hudson, 2015).

Ted Widmer's history of Brown University includes a section about Richard C. Holbrooke '62 and his time on *The Herald's* staff, on pp. 202-204.

In 1933, a *Herald*-sponsored survey on pacifism sparked broad interest and controversy. In addition to the account in Mitchell's *Encyclopedia Brunoniana* (see above), contemporary news coverage includes:

- "R.I. House Hunts Reds at Brown," *The Boston Daily Globe*, March 30, 1933, p. 1.
- "Students of Nation to Vote on Peace," *The New York Times*, April 11, 1933, p. 21.
- "Yes, Brown is Quite Safe; No Russian Reds There," *The Boston Daily Globe*, April 21, 1933, p. 9.
- "Student War Poll Strongly Pacifist," *The New York Times*, May 25, 1933, p. 21.

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education included *The Herald* in its coverage of (the lack of) diversity at college newspapers, including:

- "The Student Newsroom: The Most Segregated Place on Campus," *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, no. 7 (Spring 1995), pp. 12-13.

- "Hold the Presses! Blacks Now Making Gains on Editorial Boards of Student Newspapers," *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, no. 18 (Winter 1997-1998), pp. 33-34.
- "Almost No Blacks in the Student Newsrooms at the Nation's Highest-Ranked Universities," *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, no. 42 (Winter 2003-2004), pp. 22-23.

Herald staffers have written in other outlets about issues facing *The Herald* and its peer newspapers, including:

- Justin Elliott, "The Racial Politics of College Newspapers," *Campus Progress*, September 7, 2007, available on the Center for American Progress website at <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/the-racial-politics-of-college-newspapers>.
- Kate Talerico, "When Student Activists Refuse to Talk to Campus Newspapers," *The Atlantic*, June 30, 2016, available online at <https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/06/when-student-activists-refuse-to-talk-to-campus-newspapers/486326>.

Unpublished Manuscripts

Bernhard Adolph Aaen, "Interaction Between Administrators and Students in the Decision Making Process as Practiced in Selected Colleges and Universities" (PhD diss., University of Nebraska, 1971).

This dissertation includes a discussion of *The Herald's* relationship with Brown University and the broader community, on pp. 121-124. Its library catalog record is available at https://unl.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01UON_LINC/i970hq/alma991022200719706387.

Sophie D. Culpepper, "The Role of Student Journalists in the Sixties: How The Brown Daily Herald's Journalistic Identity, Priorities, and Values Endured and Evolved 1960-69" (bachelor's thesis, Brown University, 2021).

A copy of this senior thesis is available in the Brown Digital Repository at <https://doi.org/10.26300/j95g-5b22>.

Stephen DeLucia, "The Student-Patriot: Shaping the Protagonist of the Great War Narrative in the Brown Daily Herald, 1916-1918" (bachelor's thesis, Brown University, 2010).

A copy of this senior thesis is available at the John Hay Library. Its Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://brown.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01BU_INST/8j6vgc/alma991024782719706966.

Linda M. Eisenmann, "Women at Brown, 1891-1930: 'Academically Identical, But Socially Quite Different'" (PhD diss., Harvard University, 1987).

This dissertation discusses *The Herald's* role in debates over the place of women at Brown University. Its Harvard Library catalog record is available at https://hollis.harvard.edu/permalink/f/1mdq5o5/TN_cdi_proquest_journals_303469457.

Sarah Gibson, "War Against War: The Story of Brown Daily Herald's National Peace Movement," *Chronicles of Brunonia*, Brown University Library, 2008.

This work is part of the Brown Digital Repository's *Chronicles of Brunonia* collection. A copy is available at <https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/item/bdr:115289>. Additional information about the collection is available at <https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/collections/bdr:26162>.

John Wymond French, "A Survey of College and University Newspapers (An Analysis of Their Problems and Policies)" (master's thesis, Indiana University, 1923).

This century-old manuscript includes information collected via survey about contemporary operations at *The Herald* and its peer student newspapers. A digitized copy is available in the HathiTrust database at <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011813569>.

Oral Histories

More than a dozen interviews in the Pembroke Center Oral History Collection, in addition to the two listed below, include discussion of *The Herald*. The collection is available in the Brown Digital Repository at <https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/collections/bdr:224401>, and "Brown Daily Herald" is a tagged keyword.

Kristie Miller, interviewed by Jesse Mormon on May 29, 2006 in Providence, Rhode Island, Pembroke Center, Brown University, Providence, RI.

In an oral history interview, part of the Pembroke Center Oral History Collection, Kristie Miller '66 discusses her work at *The Herald*. Audio recordings and a written transcript are available in the Brown Digital Repository at <https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/item/bdr:712502>.

Katharine Pierce, interviewed by Bernicetine McLeod Bailey on May 25, 2012 in Providence, Rhode Island, Pembroke Center, Brown University, Providence, RI.

In an oral history interview, part of the Pembroke Center Oral History Collection, Katharine Pierce '62 discusses her work at *The Herald* and its culture at the time. A video recording and transcript are available in the Brown Digital Repository at <https://repository.library.brown.edu/studio/item/bdr:705179/>.

Wallace Terry, interviewed by Ted Gittinger on October 8, 1999 in Austin, Texas, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin, TX.

In an oral history interview with the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum, Wallace Terry '59, who served as *The Herald's* editor-in-chief and was the first Black person to lead an Ivy League newspaper, discusses his early career and 1957 interview with

Arkansas governor Orval Faubus. A transcript is available from the LBJ Presidential Library at <https://discoverlbj.org/item/oh-terryw-19991008-1-04-13>.

Archival Collections

These descriptions are based on information from finding aids and catalog records. Collections containing *Herald* clippings or limited *Herald*-related material are generally omitted.

Brown University

Institutional/Office Files

Brown Daily Herald files, 1946-1970 (OF-1P-B2).

This collection, a single box with eight folders, includes correspondence and Executive Committee meeting records.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of-1p-b2&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://brown.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01BU_INST/8j6vqc/alma991001990339706966.

Office of Student Activities files, 1938-circa 1951 (OF.1Q.1).

Correspondence, contracts, reports, and other records of *The Brown Daily Herald* from the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s are available in Boxes 2, 3, 4, and 5 (folders 64 through 108).

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1Q.1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://brown.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01BU_INST/8j6vqc/alma991032080909706966.

Brown University Dean of the College files, 1939-1986 (OF.1CA.1).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box I.14, Folder 175 (Herald, 1941-1942); Box II.1, Folder 11 (Brown Herald, 1947); Box III.2, Folders 18, 19, and 20 (Brown Daily Herald, 1951-1953); Box IV.2, Folder 30 (Brown Daily Herald, 1956-1958); Box IV.2, Folder 31 (BDH); Box VII.3, Folder 24 (Brown Daily Herald, 1961-1964); Box VIII.1, Folder 7 (Brown Daily Herald, 1965-); and Box IX.1, Folder 4 (Brown Daily Herald).

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1CA.1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991031994929706966.

Secretary's Office files, 1948-1972, bulk 1955-1970 (OF-1S-6).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 1, Folder 11.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1S.6&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032210959706966.

University Librarians' files, circa 1920-1987 (OF-1X-1).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 59, Folder 25; Box 119, Folder 56; and Box 167, Folder 32.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1X.1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032081909706966.

University Librarians' files, 1991-1993 (OF.1X.18).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 1, Folder 25.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1x.18&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991037676089706966.

University Presidents' Papers and Files

Henry Merritt Wriston files, 1915-1977 (OF.1C.11).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 7, Folder I.60; Box 80, Folder V.820; Box 105, Folder VIII.7; and Box 133, Folder XVII.3.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of.1c.11&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991016571759706966.

Barnaby Conrad Keeney papers, 1936-1980, bulk 1940-1966 (OF.1C.12).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 15, Folder 97.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of.1c.12&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991016571829706966.

Ray Lorenzo Heffner files, 1966-1969 (OF.1C.13).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 7, Folder 47.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1C.13&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991016571889706966.

Donald F. Hornig papers, 1970-1976 (OF.1C.14).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 9, Folder 55.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1C.14>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991016572029706966.

Howard Robert Swearer papers, 1973-1990, bulk 1976-1990 (OF.1C.15).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 2, Folder 27; Box 13, Folder 48; Box 26, Folder 37; Box 47, Folder 20; Box 70, Folder 39; Box 88, Folder 9; and Box 106, Folder 15.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-OF-1C-15&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991016572059706966.

Vartan Gregorian papers, circa 1975-1998 (OF.1C.16).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 7, Folder II.26; Box 145, Folder XVI.32; and Box 154, Folder XVII.33.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1C.16&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991008529269706966.

Other Individuals' Papers and Files

M. Charles Bakst papers, 1927-2009, bulk 1962-2008 (MS-1U-B6).

M. Charles Bakst '66 served as *The Herald's* editor-in-chief. Series 2 (Education), Subseries B (Brown University), Box 1, Folder 16 (Brown Daily Herald) contains Herald materials from 1962-1966.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-ms-1u-b6&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://brown.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01BU_INST/8j6vgc/alma991014389369706966.

Richard Ramsden papers, 1967-1984, bulk 1977-1982 (OF.1CA.R1).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 13, Folder 3 and Box 14, Folder 9.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1CA.R1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991033098329706966.

Edgar J. Lanpher files, 1936-1939 (OF.1CA.L1).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 1, Folder 7.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1CA.L1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032060779706966.

Lloyd Cornell papers, circa 1943-1969 (OF.1D.C2).

Material related to the "Brown Daily Herald Scholarship Fund" can be found in Box 1, Folder 13.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1D.C2&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991036228759706966.

Zenas R. Bliss papers, 1952-1966 (OF.1CA.B2).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 6, Folder 33 and Box 43, Folder 2.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1CA.B2&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032085439706966.

Frank Durand papers, 1975-1984 (OF.1CA.D1).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 12, Folder 8.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1CA.D1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032085529706966.

F. Morris Cochran papers, circa 1939-1967, bulk 1945-1967 (OF.1D.C1).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 39, Folders 578 and 579.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1D.C1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032903579706966.

James Pickwell Adams papers, 1920-1969, bulk 1931-1945 (OF.1CA.A1).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 7, Folder I.44.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1CA.A1&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032005759706966.

Samuel T. Arnold papers, 1936-1957, bulk 1945-1957 (OF.1CA.A2).

Correspondence related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 2, Folder 26 and Box 15, Folder 22.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1CA.A2&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032007569706966.

Merton P. Stoltz files as provost of Brown University, 1959-1978 (OF-1CA-S2).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 55, Folder XIII.14.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of-1ca-s2&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991032051799706966.

Theodore R. Sizer papers, 1939-2009, bulk 1980-2001 (OF.1UF.S7).

Material related to *The Brown Daily Herald* can be found in Box 4, Folder I.21.

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.riamco.org/render?eadid=US-RPB-of1UF.S7&view=title>.
- The Brown University Library catalog record is available at https://bruknow.library.brown.edu/permalink/01BU_INST/9mvq88/alma991011090989706966.

Louisiana State University

John Hazard Wildman papers, 1849-1991, bulk 1932-1980 (Mss. 1966, 1967, 2010, 2095, 2169, 2237, 2249, 2371, 2437).

John Hazard Wildman graduated from Brown in 1933. Correspondence describing his work as *The Herald's* literary editor can be found in Series I (Personal Papers, 1849-1980, undated), Subseries 1 (Correspondence, 1929-1980, undated).

- A finding aid is available at <https://www.lib.lsu.edu/sites/default/files/sc/findaid/2437.pdf>.
- The LSU Libraries catalog record is available at [https://lsu.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/lsu/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\\$002f\\$002fSD_LSU\\$002f0\\$002fSD_LSU:2074083/one](https://lsu.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/lsu/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_LSU$002f0$002fSD_LSU:2074083/one).

Princeton University

Richard C. Holbrooke papers, 1912-2017, mostly 1968-2010 (MC296).

Richard C. Holbrooke '62 served as *The Herald's* editor-in-chief. *Herald*-related material can be found in Boxes 37, 38, 39, and 40.

- A finding aid is available at <http://n2t.net/ark:/88435/2227mt68w>.
- The Princeton University Library catalog record is available at <https://catalog.princeton.edu/catalog/99114462523506421>.

Syracuse University

David Dornstein family papers, 1963-2005 (Pan Am Flight 103/Lockerbie Air Disaster Archives). The papers of David Dornstein '85 include writings for *The Brown Daily Herald* in Box 10 and Box OS 1.

- A finding aid is available at https://library.syracuse.edu/digital/guides_pa103/html/pa103_dornstein_ds.htm.
- The Syracuse University Library catalog record is available at <https://catalog.syr.edu/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=5092797>.