

Jan de Bruyn fonds

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Fonds Description

Jan de Bruyn fonds. – 1954-1974.

6.5 cm of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

Jan de Bruyn was born in Abcoude, Netherlands in 1918. He obtained his B.A. from UBC (1949) and M.A. in English from the University of London (1951). He joined UBC's Department of English as a lecturer and remained there until his retirement in 1983. De Bruyn was founding editor of *Prism* and edited the departmental newsletter, *The Newsense*.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of correspondence and reports relating to de Bruyn's duties as a member of the Department of English at UBC. In addition, the fonds includes incoming personal correspondence from Roy Daniells (including verses), Earle Birney, Margaret Laurence, Dorothy Livesay and Ethel Wilson.

Notes

File list available.

File List

Box 1

Personal

- 1-1 Personal Correspondence - Incoming – Miscellaneous:
Earle Birney (17 January 1940)
Earle Birney (3 June 1940)
Ethel Wilson (1954?)
Margaret Laurence (20 March 1973)
Margaret Laurence (26 March 1973)
Margaret Laurence (21 May 1973)
Roy Daniells (10 January 1975)
Margaret Laurence (9 February 1984)
Earle Birney (23 April 1984)
Earle Birney (3 May 1984)
Earle Birney (1984)
- 1-1b Personal Correspondence - Incoming - Condolences on the death of de Bruyn's son Frank (1961):
Gordon Shrum (20 July 1961)
Ethel Wilson (21 July 1961)
Margaret and Jack Laurence (21 July 1961)
George Woodcock (21 July 1961)
Walter Gage (21 July 1961)
Norman MacKenzie (24 July 1961)
Earle Birney (30 July 1961)
Robert Weaver (21 August 1961)
Dorothy Livesay McNair (October 1961)
Dorothy Somerset (n.d.)
- 1-2 Copy of verse written by Roy Daniells (4 pp.) [ca. 1949/50]
- English Department
- 1-3 Visiting Lectures - Correspondence, printed material (1973/74)
- 1-4 "Fire and Brimstone File"
The file includes correspondence and a report which discuss two contentious

periods (1971, 1979) in the history of the English Department.

Correspondence (February 1971)

"A Report on a Study of Policy and Decision-Making Processes in the Department of English" by Peter Larkin (April 1979)

Correspondence (1979)

1-5 Correspondence Re: "The Newsense" (1969)
Conference on B.C. Writing (1956)

1-6 Program