

Andrew Silk '76 Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
Creator	Silk, Andrew
Title	Andrew Silk '76 Papers
Date	1976-1981
Extent	2.0 Boxes
Language	English
Abstract	Papers dating 1976-1981 relate to Andrew Silk's interests and writings, especially about South Africa, but also about employment of underemployed youth in America. They begin while Silk was a student at Haverford College and conclude with the Silk journalism internship, established after Silk's death in 1981.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Andrew Silk (1953-1981) was a 1976 Haverford College Phi Beta Kappa alumnus and an editor of the college student newspaper, *Bryn Mawr and Haverford News*, who died of cancer in December 1981. He won a Watson Fellowship for journalistic studies in South Africa in 1976-77 which resulted in the publication of his work written there, *A South African Shantytown -- the Modderdam Story*. Ravan Press, Spring 1981. During his journalism career, Andrew had worked for Greenwich Time in Greenwich, Connecticut and the Virginian-Pilot Ledger Star in Richmond, Virginia. In Andrew's memory, his parents, Bernice and Leonard Silk, established a fund for summer internships for Haverford and Bryn Mawr students at those papers. The fund also supports the Andrew Silk Journalism Panel, which is held every spring for Haverford and Bryn Mawr students. Participants have included several alumni and other journalists from major news organizations around the country discussing issues related to the media.

Scope and Contents note

The collection may be viewed chronologically, beginning with Andrew Silk's work as an undergraduate at Haverford College: "For a White South Africa, Politics and the Mines, 1902-1925;" letters to Silk as editor of the *Bryn Mawr and Haverford News*; establishment of the Silk award. (1 folder)

"Modderdam: the Story of an African Shanty Town" TS (4 folders)

Modderdam: notes, letters and clippings (1 folder)

Interviews collected in South Africa (1 folder)

Writings about South Africa, 1974-75; 6 photographs of South Africa taken in 1972-73 (1 folder)

Writings about South Africa, TSs and published, correspondence, 1975-76 (1 folder)

Published articles, primarily on South Africa; one article about Andrew Silk, 1976-1982 (1 folder)

Photographs: Primarily portraits of Black and white South, also some landscapes. At least one photograph taken by Andrew Silk, though they are mostly unsigned, ca. 1974-76 (1 folder)

"Programs and Payoffs: Notes from the Youth Depression:" a report written for the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation for a grant program to assist the young in the nation's cities who are hard to employ, 1978

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Haverford College.

Geographic Name(s)

- South Africa -- History

Personal Name(s)

- Silk, Mark

Subject(s)

- Interviews -- South Africa

Collection Inventory

	Box
Haverford College and biographical information, ca. 1972-1982 1.0 Folder	1
A South African Shantytown: the Modderdam Story, 1981 4.0 Folders	1
Modderdam: Notes, letters and clippings ca. 1975-1982 1.0 Folder	1
Interviews collected in South Africa, 1976-77 1.0 Folder	2
Writings about South Africa and photographs 1972-75 1.0 Folder	2
Writings about South Africa; correspondence 1975-76 1.0 Folder	2
Published articles 1976-82 1.0 Folder	2
Photographs of South Africa, ca. 1974-76 1.0 Folder	2
"Programs and Pay-Offs: Notes from the Youth Depression" 1978 1.0 Folder	2
Materials placed in Magill Library	

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1) African National Congress, South Africa: A Short History. 1969 2) Forward to Freedom: Strategy, Tactics, and Programme of the African National Congress. 3) P. A. C. in Perspective: Sobukwe the Man who Still Walks Tall. 1973 4) Tenth Anniversary of Sharpeville. 1970 5) Torture in South Africa. 1977

1) Bulletin One: A Journal of Student Critique. [From the University of the Witwatersrand] 2) Comment and Opinion: A Weekly Survey of the South African Press and Radio May 28, 1975 through June 4, 1976 with missing issues