Guide to the James K. Staley papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: James K. Staley papers
Dates: 1969-1983
Bulk Dates: 1974-1978
Collection number: MS0050
Creator: Staley, James K.
Collection Size: 2 linear feet (3 boxes + 4 oversized signs)
Repository: Center for Sacramento History
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Abstract: The James K. Staley papers are made up of two linear feet of records documenting the Mailer and Typographical International Union labor strike in the mid to late 1970's. The series of documents is one cubic foot organized chronologically with dates ranging from 1969 to 1983 with the bulk of the material dating from 1974 to 1978. The series includes Printed Materials, Correspondence, Strike Negotiations, Personal Documents, Photos, Fliers, and Expense Reports. One linear foot of the collection is dedicated to artifacts. One and one-half linear feet of the artifacts contain T-shirts, Button Badges, and Bumper Stickers. The other one and a half linear foot consist of three picket signs.

Physical location: 4D3, 43, 48I1
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Acquisition Information
The papers were donated by James K. Staley, environmental reporter for the Sacramento Bee, to the Center for Sacramento History in 2005 (accession #2005/017).

Processing Information

Scope and Content of Collection

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James K. Staley and the Newspaper Guild, and is divided into two subseries: Personal, and Guild Correspondence. The second series, Strike negotiations consists of seven subseries: Notes, Negotiation Notes, Negotiation Notes, Negotiation Bulletins, Contract and Bylaw, Proposals and, Bargaining Manuals. Negotiation Bulletins, Contract and Bylaw, Proposals and, Bargaining Manuals are arraigned chronologically. Negotiation bulletins give updates to the status of negotiations at the bargaining table. Contracts and Bylaw provide a glimpse into the final results of the strike settlement. The Proposals give direction to the main concerns of the negotiations while the Bargaining manuals give direction to the operations of the strike committees. Unfortunately many of the plentiful hand written notes lack sufficient dates except for a few that go from 01/26/1975 to 03/04/1981. The third series, Personal, contains three subseries Identification, Pamphlets, and Writing Guides. Items are arraigned chronologically and include union membership cards, a welfare food stamp card, termination notice, medical benefit pamphlets, and writing guides for reporters. The Personal subseries include personal correspondence between James K. Staley, Sacramento Bee Staff, and personal acquaintances. Most personal correspondence address union and guild matters, and a small amount pertains to James K. Staley’s life beyond the newspaper trade. The second subseries, Guild correspondence consists of updates to union members of negotiations and procedures on conduct during the strike. Both subseries are extremely valuable as documentation of the mood of striking members. The fourth series contains photographs. The photographs are undated black and whites of exceptional quality. The photographs are undated photographs of striking union members, and their supporters on the picket line. The fifth series contains fliers of legal size, and good quality that solicit support for the strike. The sixth series contains expense vouchers, expense reports receipts pertaining to private vehicle use for company business. The seventh series, Printed material is divided into four subseries: Magazines, Newspapers, Newsletters, and Articles. These documents chronicle the Sacramento Bee Strike and concerns to the newspaper trade. The two magazines are trade journals discussing the newspaper trade. Guild newspapers address newspaper guild guidelines and union news during the strike. Newsletters document the state of union and guild affairs before and after the strike. The newspaper articles give prominent view to the reader of companies and employees concerns of the strike viewable by the public in the Sacramento and Fresno newspapers. The eighth series contains Artifacts and contains four subseries Picket signs, Button badges, Bumper stickers, and T-shirts referenced by separation sheets within the main collection. There are four Picket signs consisting of one-half cubic foot. The Picket signs have forty eight inch wooden handles one of which is broken leaving it thirty-six inches in length. The signs themselves are 21 by 14 inches of heavy paper. Two are scripted front and back with “Central California Newspaper Guild backs the Mailers Against the Bee.” The other two Picket signs read, “This Guild Member Supports Mailers.” Button badges, Bumper stickers, and T-shirts consist of one and a half cubic feet. The three Button Badges all portray a picture of Scoopy the Sacramento Bees’ mascot with the words “I cancelled the Bee how about you” and are of exceptional quality. The bumper Stickers are in fair condition and colored orange with “Boycott the Bee Unfair to Everyone” scripted in large print. Three printed cotton T-shirts are also included with two Saying “Boycott the Bee” while the other states “The Sacramento Bee, You’ll love us in the morning.”

Arrangement


Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Sacramento Mailers Union Local 31 Sacramento bee (Sacramento, Calif.) Newspaper employees--Labor unions Strikes and lockouts--California Strikes and lockouts--Newspapers International Typographical Union. Local 46 (Central Valley, Calif.)

Other Finding Aids

McClatchy Company records, Center for Sacramento History Daniel F. Buckley papers, Center for Sacramento History Sacramento Mailers Union No. 31 records, Center for Sacramento History
Series 1. Correspondence

Physical Description: 2 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

Series contains the correspondence of James K. Staley and the Newspaper Guild, and is divided into two subseries: Personal, and Guild Correspondence.

Arrangement

Arranged by subject

Box 1:12 Subseries 1.1 Personal correspondence 1969-1983

Box 1:13 Subseries 1.2 Guild correspondence 1970-1980

Series 2. Strike negotiations

Physical Description: 7 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

The second series, Strike negotiations consists of notes, negotiation notes, negotiation bulletins, contracts and bylaws, proposals and, bargaining manuals. Negotiation bulletins, contracts and bylaws, proposals, and bargaining manuals are arraigned chronologically. Negotiation bulletins give updates to the status of negotiations at the bargaining table. Contracts and bylaws provide a glimpse into the final results of the strike settlement. The proposals give direction to the main concerns of the negotiations while the bargaining manuals give direction to the operations of the strike committees. Unfortunately many of the plentiful hand written notes lack sufficient dates except for a few that go from 01/26/1975 to 03/04/1981.

Arrangement

Arranged by format

Box 1:14 Notes 1976-1981
Box 1:15 Negotiations 1975
Box 1:16 Negotiation notes undated
Box 1:18 Contract/Bylaws 1969-1978
Box 1:19 Proposals 1974
Box 1:20 Bargaining manuals undated
Box 1:17 Negotiation bulletins 1969-1978

Series 3. Personal

Physical Description: 3 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

The Personal subseries include personal correspondence between James K. Staley, Sacramento Bee Staff, and personal acquaintances. Most personal correspondence address union and guild matters, and a small amount pertains to James K. Staley’s life beyond the newspaper trade. The second subseries, Guild correspondence consists of updates to union members of negotiations and procedures on conduct during the strike. Both subseries are extremely valuable as documentation of the mood of striking members.

Arrangement

Arranged by subject

Box 1:21 Identification 1973-1983
Box 1:22 Pamphlets undated
Box 1:23 Writing guides 1964-1971
Series 4. Picket line photographs circa 1970s

Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Photographs include striking union members, and their supporters on the picket line.

Box 1:25

Series 5. Fliers circa 1970s

Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes fliers of legal size, and good quality that solicit support for the strike.

Box 1:26

Series 6. Expense vouchers circa 1970s

Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes expense vouchers, expense reports, and receipts pertaining to private vehicle use for company business.

Box 1:26

Series 7. Printed material

Physical Description: 11 folders
Series Scope and Content Summary
Printed material is divided into four subseries: magazines, newspapers, newsletters, and articles. The items are arranged chronologically within each subseries and include trade journals, guild news reports, guild journals, and news print articles. These documents chronicle the Sacramento Bee Strike and concerns to the newspaper trade. The two magazines are trade journals discussing the newspaper trade. Guild newspapers address newspaper guild guidelines and union news during the strike. Newsletters document the state of union and guild affairs before and after the strike. The newsprint articles give prominent view to the reader of companies and employees concerns of the strike viewable by the public in the Sacramento and Fresno newspapers.

Subseries 7.1 Magazines

Box 1:1
Sacramento Magazine 1978
Box 1:1
Typographical Journal 1978
Box 1:2
The Guild Reporter 1974-1978
Box 1:2
Suttertown News 1978-1981

Subseries 7.2 Newspapers

Box 1:3
Bay Guild News 1978
Box 1:3
Union Labor Bulletin 1978
Box 1:4
The Guild Journal 1974-1978
Box 1:5
The Worker Bee 1978

Subseries 7.3 Newsletters

Box 1:6
San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild undated
Box 1:7
Central California Newspaper Guild 1976-1982
Box 1:8
Chapel Chatter 1970
Box 1:9
General Newsletters 1975-1978
Box 1:10
Sacramento Mailers Union 1978

Box 1:11
Subseries 7.4 Articles 1974-1978
Series 8. Artifacts

Physical Description: 1 folder

Series Scope and Content Summary

The eighth series contains Artifacts and contains four subseries Picket signs, Button badges, Bumper stickers, and T-shirts referenced by separation sheets within the main collection. There are four Picket signs consisting of one-half cubic foot. The Picket signs have forty eight inch wooden handles one of which is broken leaving it thirty-six inches in length. The signs themselves are 21 by 14 inches of heavy paper. Two are scripted front and back with “Central California Newspaper Guild backs the Mailers Against the Bee.” The other two Picket signs read, “This Guild Member Supports Mailers.” Button badges, Bumper stickers, and T-shirts consist of one and a half cubic feet. The three Button Badges all portray a picture of Scoopy the Sacramento Bees’ mascot with the words “I cancelled the Bee how about you” and are of exceptional quality. The bumper Stickers are in fair condition and colored orange with “Boycott the Bee Unfair to Everyone” scripted in large print. Three printed cotton T-shirts are also included with two Saying “Boycott the Bee” while the other states “The Sacramento Bee, You’ll love us in the morning.”

- Box Aisle 43: Picket signs circa 1970s
- Box 2: Button badges circa 1970s
- Box 2: Bumper stickers circa 1970s
- Box 3: T-shirts circa 1970s