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Carter Burden Harvard College notebooks

1956-1960

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Summary

Creator: Burden, Carter

Title: Carter Burden Harvard College notebooks, 1956-1960

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Abstract: Carter Burden (1941-1996) was a progressive New York City Councilman, publisher, and media magnate. The Carter Burden Harvard College notebooks consist of 12 volumes of class notes taken by Burden as an undergraduate, primarily in Philosophy lectures.

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Creator history

Carter Burden (1941-1996) was a progressive New York City Councilman, publisher, and media magnate. He was the son of photographer Shirley Carter Burden. While at Harvard, he majored in English, wrote his senior thesis on Henry Miller, and graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in 1963.

Starting in 1969 he served three terms on the New York City Council. While in office, he served as chairman of the committee on health, lobbied for changes in laws about lead-based paint, fought for better health and housing of the elderly, and introduced one of the first gay rights bills in the country. The same year he won his city council seat, he became the part owner of *The Village Voice*. After his political career, he founded Commodore Media in 1980.

Scope and content note

The Carter Burden Harvard College notebooks consist of 12 volumes of class notes taken by Burden as an undergraduate, primarily in Philosophy lectures. Also included are French notes and tests, handouts and notes from a course called "Character and Social Structure," and Ancient World History notes.

Arrangement

Alphabetical

Key terms

Subjects

French language
Philosophy, European
World history

Names

Burden, Carter, 1941-1996
Harvard College, (1780-)

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Notebooks

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