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**ROBERT GOODSPEED**  
PAPERS, 2000-2004

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### **Abstract**

The collection contains materials collected and created by Robert Goodspeed during his time as a student at the University of Michigan from 2000 to 2004. The bulk of the papers come from his investigative reports written for *The Michigan Daily*. Other documents include his history honors thesis and the supplementary documentation, a large collection of BAM-N (By Any Means Necessary) propaganda, and a copy of *Inside the Daily* which chronicles his relationship with *The Michigan Daily*.

### **Biography**

Robert Goodspeed is from Maine and graduated from Greely High School in 2000. He attended the University of Michigan from 2000 to 2004 and graduated with high honors in history. His honors thesis was titled “Urban Renewal in Postwar Detroit: The Gratiot Area Redevelopment Project.” He also taught a mini-course in the “History of Student Activism at the University of Michigan” during the winter semester of 2004.

Goodspeed was highly involved while at the University of Michigan serving on student government, writing for *The Michigan Daily*, and participating in College Democrats and the U of M chapter of the ACLU. He also worked at the Blue Nile Restaurant, served on the *Cool Cities Task Force*, and founded the Ann Arbor news and civic website ArborUpdate.com.

He currently lives in Washington D.C., editing [Dcist.com](http://Dcist.com) which is a city-based weblog. Goodspeed also works for the the Internet Coordinator for [People For the American Way Foundation](http://People For the American Way Foundation)'s Department of National Programs and Outreach. More information about Goodspeed can be found at his frequently updated blog:

[Goodspeedupdate.com](http://Goodspeedupdate.com)

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Goodspeed collection is divided into two series: **Academics** and **Journalism Topics**. The collection consists primarily of printouts of reports and e-mail correspondence, flyers for campus events. There are also police reports, decisions from court cases, and material acquired through Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests.

The **Academics** series contains materials related to the Honors program, the course pack for the course on student activism at Michigan taught by Goodspeed in winter 2004, and the final draft of his honors thesis “Urban Renewal in Postwar Detroit: The Gratiot Area Redevelopment Project” and related background materials.

The **Journalism Topics** series contains the source materials for many of Goodspeed's stories for *The Michigan Daily*. Much of the material was acquired through FOIA requests. Topics range from stories written for the crime beat to investigations of campus secret societies, particularly Michigamua and Vulcans. Stories cover campus and Ann Arbor news. Of note is material on affirmative action and the group BAMN (By Any Means Necessary).



**Box No. Description**

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**Box 1**

**Academics**

Honors Program  
Honors Thesis: "Urban Renewal in Postwar Detroit: The Gratiot Area  
Redevelopment Project" and Materials Gathered for the Thesis  
"Student Activism and Social Change"- Course Taught in Winter 2004

**Journalism Topics**

Academic Integrity  
Affirmative Action  
Ann Arbor Historic Districts  
Ann Arbor Police Department/Department of Public Safety  
Ann Arbor Transit Authority  
Athletes and Crime  
BAMN (By Any Means Necessary)  
Beta Theta Pi Rape Allegations  
Chetly Zarko v Regents  
City Hall  
Department of Defense Research  
Digital Millennium Copyright Act  
Dining Services  
Dining Services- Freedom of Information Act  
Drug Use  
Freedom of Information Act  
[Michael] Grass Privacy - Freedom of Information Act  
LS&A Organizational Studies  
LS&A Religion Studies  
*Michigan Daily* (includes "Inside the Daily")  
Michigamua and Vulcans  
Michigamua and Delta Kappa Epsilon  
Miscellaneous Materials  
Naked Mile  
Net PD  
Primate Research  
Professor William Kauffman Plagiarism Case  
Regents  
Residence Hall Security  
Student Neighborhood Association  
Student's Rights Coalition  
"The Student Agenda"