Historical

Nudism, or naturism, has been practiced by various groups of people in various forms for centuries. In more recent times, the practice can be traced to Germany in the early 20th century. Most such groups espouse a philosophy that being clothed is an inherently un-natural state and that being nude promotes harmony with nature. The terms “nudism” and “naturism” are most often associated with social nudity, almost always without any sexual connotation. In fact, the naturist lifestyle is often promoted as a wholesome activity for the entire family. For more history and background on nudism and naturism, see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naturism

Scope and Content

The collection consists of mainly English-language nudist magazines from the dates 1951 to 1968. There are also several foreign nudist magazines from earlier dates. The magazine Sunshine and Health is cataloged separately from the rest of the collection and can be found in the library’s Rare Book collection.

Provenance

The collection was donated in 2006 by William B. Hull

**BOX 1.**

*American Sunbather*

- 1958
- 1959
- 1960 + Annual
- 1963 (March, June, July, Sept.)
- 1964 (Sept., Dec.); 1965 (Jan.); 1966 (May); 1966 (Dec.)

**BOX 2.**

*American Nudist*

- 1956 (Jan., April, June, July, August, Sept., Oct., Dec.)

*American Nudist Leader*

- 1957 (January, March – Dec.)

[Foreign Nudist Magazines- mostly Scandinavian Countries]

(Various Publications and Years, 1946, 1950)

*Nudism Today*

- ca. 1967-68

*Paradise*

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BOX 3

**Sunbathing Annual**

**Sunbathing Review**
(1957, 1958, 1963)

**Sun Love**
1964 (July – Oct),
1965 (March – April),

See also: