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***CORN COB CURTAIN***  
**PUBLICATION, 1971–1975**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

The *Corn Cob Curtain* was started in 1971 by six Indianapolis Public School high school students Howe and Arsenal Technical high schools. The publication was an underground paper which was distributed to students on school grounds and contained stories critical of school administration and the current state of the country. It also contained informative and practical articles aimed to inform and benefit students and the community.

In all, ten issues were printed until it was shut down by school administrators, who objected to the publication being distributed on school property without the principal's approval. A legal battle ensued with the ACLU arguing that this was in violation of the First Amendment. The case reached the U. S. Supreme Court where it was ruled that the school was in violation of the First Amendment, but upheld the school's claim on a technicality since the publishers were not representing all Indianapolis Public School students.

Sources:

Information in Collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains four issues of the *Corn Cob Curtain*, vol. 2, no. 1 (Oct., 1972); vol. 2, issue 3 (Dec., 1972); another vol. 2, issue 3, (Jan.–Feb., 1973); and vo. 2, issue 5 (March, 1973). In addition there are photocopies of newspaper articles pertaining to the controversy over a student's right to publish an underground newspaper, 1971–1975.

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