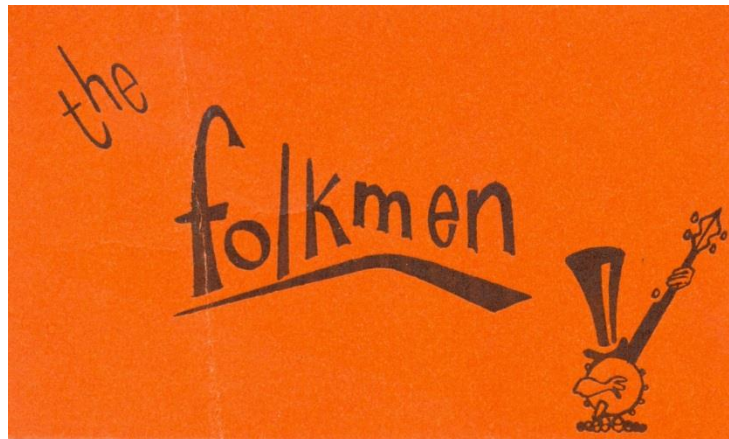




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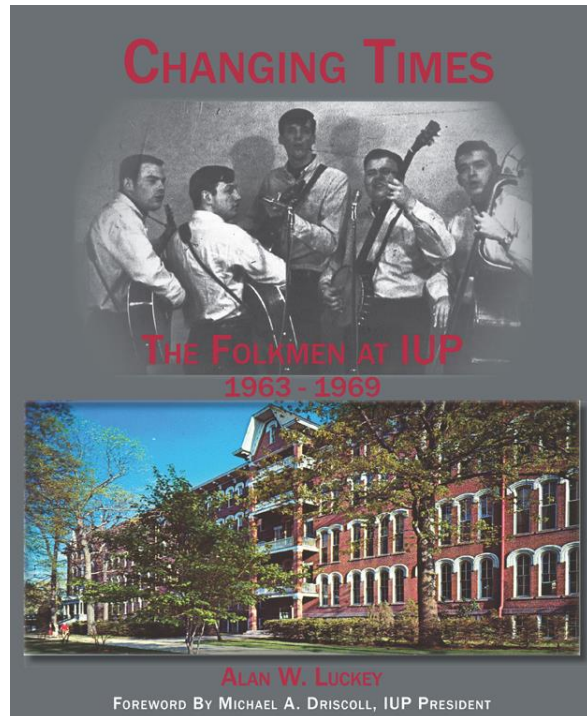
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The Folkmen Collection, Manuscript Collection 171
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3 boxes; 6 linear feet

Historical Note

The Folkmen, an award-winning folk music group, were primarily based out of Indiana, Pennsylvania at Indiana State College (ISC) and later Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) between 1964 and 1969. During this time, there were ten musicians who played in the Folkmen at various times including the band's founder David Frye '68; Warren Allen '68; Bruce Bly; Larry Carter; Fred Danzinger; Mike Dubois '68; D.C. Fitzgerald; Jeff Kelley '69; Alan Luckey '87, M'89; and George "Woody" Woodbury. The Folkmen ranged between three and five band members who performed together at any given point during this time. Between 1964 and 1969, the Folkmen performed on and off campus throughout the Indiana community, and they participated in regional band competitions, winning awards in 1966 and 1967.



Color photograph of the Folkmen (1967): Jeff Kelley, Bruce, Bly, Warren Allen (seated), and David Frye
 2014 book cover (top photograph): David Frye, Mike DuBois, Alan Luckey, Warren Allen, and D.C. Fitzgerald in 1967.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Folkmen, Alan Luckey published *Changing Times: The Folkmen at IUP* (2014), which chronicles the 1960s as experienced by the Folkmen band members in Indiana, Pennsylvania. According to IUP President, Dr. Michael Driscoll, "In his carefully crafted telling of the stories of a group of young musicians, Luckey places the experiences of normal human beings in the context of the most unusual of times ... The shared experience of folk music knits together the stories of the times and of each of the Folkmen."

Changing Times: The Folkmen at IUP (Call Number: ML 421 .F64 L82 2014) can be viewed in the IUP Special Collections and University Archives (302 Stapleton Library), and the Orendorff

Music Library (101 Cogswell Hall), and it can be checked out from the Circulating Collection in Stapleton Library. Alan Luckey's book is available for purchase from the [Co-op Store](#), and all proceeds benefit the [Folkmen Scholarship](#) for music majors at IUP.

Scope and Content

The Folkmen Collection includes albums, awards, correspondence, interviews, memorabilia, photographs, publicity, audio/visual recordings, and scrapbooks of the band.

Provenance

After Alan Luckey published *Changing Times: The Folkmen at IUP* (2014), the Folkmen Collection was collectively donated by the Folkmen including Bruce Bly, Larry Carter, David Frye, Alan Luckey, and George "Woody" Woodbury. Five scrapbooks (see Box 2) about the Folkmen were compiled by Warren Allen between 1964 and 1969 and given to the Folkmen by his brother Stephen Allen who also donated [Manuscript Group 170: The Warren Allen Collection](#).

Restrictions

No restrictions, this collection is open for research.

Processed

This collection was processed by Harrison Wick and the finding aid was updated on July 25, 2024.



The Folkmen Collection on display in 2014 with instruments and memorabilia from the band

Content List

Box 1 Folkmen Publicity and Scrapbooks (3 folders, 1 LP, and 5 scrapbooks)

1. Scanned copy of the scrapbook created by Folkmen founder David Frye, 1964-1969 (print copy and CD-R)
2. CDs of five scanned scrapbooks (originals are listed below, items 5-9), the scrapbooks were created by Warren Allen, 1964-1969 (2 CD-R, 2015)
3. Newspaper Articles about the Folkmen Reunion Concert, Saturday, October 11, 2014:
 - a. Special supplement to the *Indiana Gazette*, IUP Homecoming, Thursday, October 9, 2014 (2 copies)
 - b. *The Penn* student newspaper, October 14, 2014
4. LP Record from the Sixth Annual Intercollegiate Music Competition, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, April 14-15, 1967 (The Folkmen won First Place, mentioned in the 1967-1968 Scrapbook listed below)
5. [Scrapbook created by Warren Allen: The Folkmen, Volume 1, 1964-1965](#) (scanned in 2015, see CD-R in Folder 2)
6. [Scrapbook created by Warren Allen: The Folkmen, Volume 2, 1965-1966](#) (scanned in 2015, see CD-R in Folder 2)
7. [Scrapbook created by Warren Allen: The Folkmen, Volume 3, 1965-1967](#) (scanned in 2015, see CD-R in Folder 2)
8. [Scrapbook created by Warren Allen: The Folkmen, Volume 4, 1967-1968](#) (scanned in 2015, see CD-R in Folder 2)
9. [Scrapbook created by Warren Allen: The Folkmen, Volume 5, 1968-1969](#) (scanned in 2015, see CD-R in Folder 2)

Box 2 (11 folders)

1. Book: Luckey, Alan W. (2014). *Changing Times: The Folkmen at IUP*. Indiana, Pennsylvania: Indiana University of Pennsylvania Press. (Call Number: ML 421 .F64 L82 2014). This copy is personally inscribed by the Folkmen: Alan Luckey, David Frye, Bruce Bly, Larry Carter, George "Woody" Woodbury, and Fred Danzinger; in addition to other signatures.
2. Information about Alan Luckey publishing *Changing Times: The Folkmen at IUP* (2014) with the IUP Print Center
3. Publicity including newspaper articles and from the [IUP website](#) about Alan Luckey's 2014 book *Changing Times: The Folkmen at IUP*, the Folkmen Scholarship, and the 50th Anniversary Concert, 2014 including photocopies of oversized newspapers in Box 1 Folder 2
4. Folkmen publicity photographs, circa 1967-1968
 - a. Photographs by Fred Maize near the Kintersburg Covered Bridge in Indiana County, Pennsylvania (includes Warren Allen, Alan Luckey, Jeff Kelley, D.C. Fitzgerald)
5. Folkmen stationery: documents and original Folkmen business cards, 1960s
6. [Folkmen Scholarship](#) for music majors at IUP (Foundation for IUP): Publicity and Contact information, 2014
7. Concert Program: 50th Anniversary Homecoming Concert – The Folkmen, Saturday, October 11, 2014, Gorell Recital Hall, John Sutton Hall (2 – one copy signed by performers)
 - a. Concert: The Folkmen 50th Anniversary Concert, Gorell Hall, IUP, October 11, 2014 (DVD produced by the IUP Communications Media Center for Media Production and Research, and edited by Bruce Bly, 2015)

- b. Documentary: The Folkmen: 50th Anniversary Feature Story, October 11, 2014 (DVD produced by the IUP Communications Media Center for Media Production and Research, 2015)
- c. CD-R of Images: Folkmen 50th Anniversary, Gorell Hall, October 11, 2014
- 8. The Folkmen: Audio Recordings – CD copies of practices and performances, 1960s
Note: recordings were originally recorded on reel-to-reel tape by Warren Allen, donated to the Folkmen by his brother Steve Allen, and these CD copies are courtesy of Bruce Bly):
 - a. The Folkmen through the years with Warren Allen, Mike Dubois, Jeff Kelley, Alan Luckey, Dave Frye, D.C. Fitzgerald, and Woody Woodbury (CD and playlist), no date (1960s)
 - b. The Folkmen at Martinsburg High School, May 12, 1967 (2 CDs and playlist)
 - c. The Folkmen at the Tradewinds Coffee House in Indiana, November 3, 1967 (CD and playlist)
 - d. The Folkmen practice at the Wesley Foundation (Wesley House in Indiana), November 19, 1967 (2 copies of CD and playlist)
 - e. The Folkmen at the Indiana Country Club for the First Federal Savings & Loan, November 21, 1967 (CD and playlist)
 - f. The Folkmen in Concert at the IUP Student Union, December 3, 1967 (2 CDs and playlist)
 - g. The Folkmen Demo Tape with Warren Allen, Bruce Bly, D.C. Fitzgerald, and Jeff Kelley at the Wesley House in Indiana, March 6, 1968 (CD and playlist)
 - h. The Folkmen at the Flagstone Theater in front of John Sutton Hall at IUP, June 23, 1968 (CD and playlist)
 - i. The Folkmen in Concert at Mars High School in Mars, Pennsylvania, December 22, 1968 (CD and playlist)
 - j. The Folkmen at the Punxsutawney Coffee House, March 29, 1969 (2 CDs and playlist)
 - k. The Folkmen in Concert at the IUP Student Union, April 13, 1969 (2 CDs and playlist)
 - l. The Folkmen in Concert in Fisher Auditorium at IUP, April 26, 1969 (CD and playlist)
 - m. The Folkmen in Concert at the IUP Student Union, July 1969 (CD and playlist)
 - n. The Folkmen in Concert at the IUP Student Union, August 17, 1969 (2 CDs and playlist)
 - o. The Folkmen in Concert for Freshmen Orientation at the IUP Student Union, September 7, 1969 (CD and playlist)
 - p. Folkmen Interview and Reunion Concert practice (September 5, 2014): The Folkmen reunion: 2014 rehearsal music (MP3), photographs, interview (MP3) with Bruce Bly, Larry Carter, David Frye, Alan Luckey, and George “Woody” Woodbury. Recorded by Harrison Wick at Friendship Village Campground, Bedford, Pennsylvania, September 5, 2014 (1 CD)
 - q. The Folkmen 50th Anniversary Concert live at Gorrell Recital Hall in John Sutton Hall on October 11, 2014 (1 CD)
 - r. Recording of a student band (not the Folkmen) with Bruce Bly and David Hassler at IUP Student Union Building, Downstairs Session, 1967, recorded by Dave Schmidt (1 CD)
- 9. Alan Luckey donated his custom 12-string guitar and case stenciled with the Folkmen logo (on permanent display) on September 21, 2015 (see photograph on page 3)
 - a. Library News Item about Alan Luckey donating his guitar to the IUP Special Collections & University Archives
 - b. Provenance of the guitar written by Alan Luckey
- 10. Folkmen Concert: Trinity United Church of Christ, Wadsworth, Ohio, May 20, 2018
 - a. Program
 - b. DVD of Performance, May 20, 2018

11. Folkmen Interview and Music recorded by Harrison Wick in Bedford, Pennsylvania on September 5, 2014 (CD and MP3)

Box 3 Folkmen Memorabilia from Alan Luckey (1 item)

1. Suede vest jacket with satin lining handmade and worn by band member Alan Luckey for Folkmen concerts and publicity in the 1960s, as seen in the above photograph of the Folkmen in 1967.

Items on permanent display (IUP Libraries – Third Floor)

Representative items from the collection are [permanently on display](#) in the Patrick J. Stapleton, Jr. Library: 12-String Guitar played by Folkmen member Alan Luckey and guitar case with Folkmen logo on the front cover; Kraftsman Guitar donated by Folkmen founder David Frye; guitar stand donated by Folkmen member Bruce Bly; Trophies (2) – Third Place (1966) and First Place (1967), memorabilia, and photographs awarded to the Folkmen for winning at the Sixth Annual Intercollegiate Music Competition, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, April 14-15, 1967



The Folkmen (1967): Jeff Kelley, Alan Luckey, Warren Allen, and D.C. Fitzgerald
Kintersburg Bridge, Indiana County, Pennsylvania



The Folkmen: Jeff Kelley, Warren Allen, David Frye, and Bruce Bly



The Folkmen (2014): Standing L-R: Bruce Bly and George "Woody" Woodbury; Seated L-R: David Frye, Alan Luckey, and Larry Carter



Harrison Wick with Dr. Rhonda Luckey and Alan Luckey when he donated his custom 12-string guitar to the IUP Special Collections & University Archives (2015)