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Descriptive Summary

Identifier  ICU.SPCL.UCPOLITICS
Title  University of Chicago. Politics and Protest. Collection
Date  1935-1991
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Abstract  This collection documents political and protest movements at the University of Chicago throughout the mid and late-twentieth century. It contains articles, correspondence, event flyers, newspaper clippings, meeting agendas, reports, official statements, position papers, and unofficial student literature. Materials date from 1935 to 1991, with the bulk of the material dating between 1966 and 1970.

Information on Use

Access  This collection is open for research.

Citation  When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago. Politics and Protest. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Scope Note  The collection, has been organized into four series: Series I: Political and Protest Groups, Series II: Political and Protest Events, Series III: Marlene Dixon and the Sit-In of 1969, and Series IV: Oversized Newspapers.

Series I: Political and Protest Groups, organizes material as it relates to the specific groups operating at the University. The series is arranged alphabetically by organization name, with the one exception of groups backing specific political candidates which have been arranged in Subseries 2 alphabetically by candidate last names. Organizations of interest may include Chicago Area Draft Resisters (C.A.D.R.E), Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and Students for a Democratic Society. Materials date from 1939-1991.
Series II: Political and Protest Events, presents material relating to specific controversies, both global and local, and the events they inspired on campus. Subseries 1 is arranged chronologically by year of the material related to the event (e.g. “German Refugees, 1947-1949,” “Vietnam, 1969-1970,” “Fred Hampton and the Black Panthers, 1970”…). Subseries 2 details to the extended effort to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). It should be noted that the “Vietnam” in Box 2 Folder 13 includes materials relating the Kent State shooting and the reactions on UofC campus. Box 2 Folder 18 details protest efforts against systemic racism in University policies, specifically in the “urban renewal” efforts c.1969. Materials date from 1935 to 1970.

Series III: Marlene Dixon and the Sit-In of 1969, presents material related to the firing of Marlene Dixon, the subsequent sixteen day sit-in and the controversies from the wake of the demonstration involving The University Disciplinary Committee, political suppression, and the right to protest. The series is arranged chronologically. Materials date from 1969 and 1970.

Series IV: Oversized Newspapers, contains newspaper clippings from the 1950’s and 1960’s related to events found elsewhere in the collection.

Related Resources

Subject Headings

• Black Panther Party
• Korean War, 1950-1953
• Vietnam War, 1961-1975
• Socialist Party (U.S.)
• Young People's Socialist League
• Democratic Workers Party -- United States
• Radicalism -- United States
• Socialism -- United States
• Student movements
• Censorship -- Illinois
• Civil rights -- Illinois
• Freedom of speech -- Illinois

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Series I: Political and Protest Groups, 1939-1991

This series has arranged material from a variety of political and protest groups on campus alphabetically by organization name. It includes primary source material-- event posters, pamphlets, and the like published and distributed by the organizations. Subseries 2 includes
groups affiliated with particular political candidates and is organized alphabetically by candidate last name. Subseries 1 contains all other organizations.

**Subseries 1: Campus Organizations - General, 1939-1991**

- **Box 1**
  - **Folder 1**
    - All Campus Peace Week - Committee, 1950
  - **Folder 2**
    - American Youth for Democracy, 1940’s
  - **Folder 3**
    - C.A.D.R.E, 1967-1969
  - **Folder 4**
    - Campus Committee against Conscription, 1948
  - **Folder 5**
    - Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, 1958-1963
  - **Folder 6**
    - Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties, 1962
  - **Folder 7**
    - Civil Rights Congress, 1949
  - **Folder 8**
    - Coalition against Racist Medical Care, 1970
  - **Folder 9**
    - Committee against Militarization, 1950
  - **Folder 10**
    - Committee against Military Intervention in the Middle East, 1991
  - **Folder 11**
    - Committee for a Student Strike against the War, undated
  - **Folder 12**
    - Committee for the “27”- Presidio Case, undated
  - **Folder 13**
    - Communist Club, 1948
  - **Folder 14**
Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), 1948-1962
Box 1
Folder 15
Faculty-Graduate Committee for Peace at UofC, 1951
Box 1
Folder 16
Hyde Park Anti-Draft Union, 1968
Box 1
Folder 17
Independent Coalition Party (IC), 1952
Box 1
Folder 18
International Socialists, undated
Box 1
Folder 19
Iranian Students’ Association, 1970’s
Box 1
Folder 20
Joint Campus Committee to Support the Ward Strike, 1945
Box 1
Folder 21
Keep out of War Congress, 1939-1940
Box 1
Folder 22
Labor Rights Society, 1944
Box 1
Folder 23
Labor Youth League, 1951-1954
Box 1
Folder 24
New University Conference, undated
Box 1
Folder 25
Non-Partisan Students League, 1950-1951
Box 1
Folder 26
NSO, undated
Box 1
Folder 27
People’s Action against Standard Oil, 1970’s
Box 1
Folder 28
Radical Libertine Alliance, 1964
Box 1
Folder 29
Religious Freedom Committee, 1962-1963
Box 1
Folder 30
  Robin Hood Club, 1954
Box 1
Folder 31
  ROTC, 1951
Box 1
Folder 32
  Socialist Club, 1935-1948
Box 1
Folder 33
  Socialist Youth League, 1952
Box 1
Folder 34
  Students Assembly Reform Coalition, 1949
Box 1
Folder 35
  Student Grievance Committee, 1950
Box 1
Folder 36
  Student Federalists, 1940’s
Box 1
Folder 37
  Students for a Democratic Society. I, 1968-1969
Box 1
Folder 38
  Students for a Democratic Society. II, 1969-1973
Box 1
Folder 39
  Student Mobilization Committee, undated
Box 1
Folder 40
  Student Political Action Committee (SPAC), undated
Box 1
Folder 41
  Students for a Political Alternative, 1968
Box 1
Folder 42
  UC Science for Vietnam, undated
Box 1
Folder 43
  United World Federalists, undated
Box 1
Folder 44
  World Federalist Party, 1940’s
Box 1
Subseries 2: Political Endorsements, 1942-1952

Box 1
Folder 48
Horner, Henry - Independent Horner for Governor Organization, 1940’s

Box 1
Folder 49
Kefauver, Estes - Ad Hoc Committee, 1952

Box 1
Folder 50
Krueger, Maynard C - Krueger for Congress Committee, 1942

Box 1
Folder 51
Mills, George D - Faculty and Alumni Sponsoring Committee, 1942

Box 1
Folder 52
O’Hara, Barratt - Faculty and Student Committee, 1952

Box 1
Folder 53
Stevenson, Adlai E - Stevenson for President Committee, 1952

Series II: Political and Protest Events, 1935-1970

This series contains material related to specific controversies and events at the University. This includes strikes, sits-ins, and various conferences; as well as material related to more general controversies such as Korea, systemic racism, and the abolition of the House of Un-American Activities Committee.

Subseries 1 includes the majority of the political and protest events and is arranged chronologically by date. Subseries 2: HUAC contains materials specifically related to the collective nationwide effort to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). The correspondence found in Folders 25 and 26 of Series 2 primarily concerns the film “Operation Abolition” as well as MSCLC activities at the University of Chicago and other American Universities.

Series III: The Marlene Dixon Case and the 1969 Sit-In, contains an extensive amount of material relating to the Marlene Dixon firing. It should be noted that much of the material found therein can and should be read in conjunction with the other controversies of 1969 found in this series.
Related newspaper clippings can be found in Series IV.

**Subseries 1: Controversies by Event - General, 1935-2012**

**Box 2**
**Folder 1**
  Armed Forces Day (Anti-War G.I. Rally), undated

**Box 2**
**Folder 2**
  All-Campus Anti-War Conference, 1935

**Box 2**
**Folder 3**
  All-Campus Peace Conference, 1936

**Box 2**
**Folder 4**
  Billings Hospital Discrimination, 1944-1948

**Box 2**
**Folder 5**
  German Refugees, 1947-1949

**Box 2**
**Folder 6**
  Korea, 1950

**Box 2**
**Folder 7**
  Bus Boy Strike, 1951

**Box 2**
**Folder 8**
  Kenwood Community Conference, 1955

**Box 2**
**Folder 9**
  Chicago Hiroshima Day, 1961

**Box 2**
**Folder 10**
  Midwest Student Civil Liberties Conference, 1961

**Box 2**
**Folder 11**
  Clyde Kennard Case, 1962

**Box 2**
**Folder 12**
  Wendell Phillips Case, 1962

**Box 2**
**Folder 13**
  Voter Registration in Mississippi, 1962

**Box 2**
**Folder 14**
  Vietnam, 1965-1969
Box 2
Folder 14
   Sit In, 1966
Box 2
Folder 16
   “Study-In” and the Ranking Controversy, 1967
Box 2
Folder 17
   Billings Hospital Strike, 1969
Box 2
Folder 18
   Childcare Controversy, 1969
Box 2
Folder 19
   Urban Renewal and Systemic Racism, 1969
Box 2
Folder 20
   Sex Discrimination, 1969-1970
Box 2
Folder 21
   Fred Hampton and the Black Panthers, 1970
Box 2
Folder 22
   Steve Kindred Material on UofC in 1960’s, 2012
Box 2
Folder 23
   Miscellaneous, undated
Box 2
Folder 24
   Miscellaneous Race Related, undated

Subseries 2: HUAC, 1953-1963

Box 2
Folder 25
   Articles and Publications, 1953-1962
Box 2
Folder 26
   Statements, Reports, and Case Summaries, 1958-1963
Box 2
Folder 27
   Midwest Civil Student Liberties Committee, 1962-1963
Box 3
Folder 1
   National Committee to Abolish HUAC, 1960-1963
Box 3
Folder 2
Students for Civil Liberties Organizations, 1960-1963

Box 3
Folder 3
“Operation Abolition Film,” c.1960

Box 3
Folder 4
Post Office and Propaganda Correspondence, 1960

Box 3
Folder 5
Correspondence. I, 1960-1961

Box 3
Folder 6
Correspondence. II, 1962-1963

Box 3
Folder 7
Miscellaneous, 1961

**Series IV: Marlene Dixon and the Sit-In of 1969, 1969-1977**

This series details the firing of Marlene Dixon, the subsequent student demonstrations and the year of internal turmoil within the University that followed.

On December 15, 1968, Dr. Marlene Dixon, Assistant Professor of Sociology, was notified that her three year appointment would not be renewed. The suspected reasons for this decision included both sex discrimination and Dixon’s radical political views. On January 9th, a student group known as “Committee of 85” demanded a more transparent process for reappointment, as well as the immediate rehire of, and a principle of student involvement in future hiring and firing decisions. Despite various efforts to avoid militant action, hundreds of students enacted a “sit-In” at the University Administrative Buildings on January 30th. The demonstration lasted sixteen days, ending on February 14th. In the months following, various smaller protests flared up under the leadership of “The Committee of the 500+,” Dixon was offered a one year extension which she denied, and the validity of the retributive actions of the University Disciplinary Committee were called into question. The series includes flyer and other protest material, daily summaries of unfolding events, official reports, and statements made by administration, faculty and academic departments.

Possible items of interest include “Spartacus, Vol 2” and “A Closer Look at Spartacus” in Box 4, Folder 8; the “Gray Report” on the Dixon Case in Box 4, Folder 4, as well as the official statements made by President Levi throughout the series.

For more on the Marlene Dixon Case, see “Women and Women’s Organizations. Collection” Box 3 Folder 1 and Box 5 Folder 6.

Related newspaper clippings can be found in Series IV, Box 5 Folder 3.

**Subseries 1: General and Undated Material, 1969-1977**
Box 3
Folder 8
   Reports and Positions - Administration and Students, 1969
Box 3
Folder 9
   Event Flyers, 1969
Box 3
Folder 10
   Principles and Tactics: A Study of the 1969 Sit-In at the University of Chicago by John J. Vail, 1977


Box 4
Folder 1
   January, 1969
Box 4
Folder 2
   February 1-4, 1969
Box 4
Folder 3
   February 5-9, 1969
Box 4
Folder 4
   February 10-13, 1969
Box 4
Folder 5
   February 14-28, 1969
Box 4
Folder 6
   March, 1969
Box 4
Folder 7
   April, 1969
Box 4
Folder 8
   May-December, 1969
Box 4
Folder 9
   1970

Series IV: Oversized Newspapers, 1952-1969

This series contains oversized newspaper clippings from the 1950’s and 1960’s related to the events in both Series II and Series III.

Box 5 Oversize
Folder 1
1930s-1950s
Box 5 Oversize
Folder 2
1960-1962
Box 5 Oversize
Folder 3
1969