

Student Protest Collection / Canadian Union of Students, UBC Chapter (collector)

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Collection Description

Student Protest Collection / Canadian Union of Students, UBC Chapter (collector). – 1968-1970.

65 cm of textual records.

Collector's Administrative History

The origins of the Canadian Union of Students can be tracked back to the late 1920s with the founding of an organization whose main objectives were to foster understanding and co-operation among students and to advance the legitimate interests of Canadian students. In the 1960s, C.U.S. continually found itself in a swirl of political controversy. Some have suggested that during this period the C.U.S. was transformed from a nondescript student bureaucracy by leaders of the student New Left who sought to arouse student consciousness about significant social problems on the local, national and international levels. The increasing political overtones in the organization led a number of universities, including the University of British Columbia to withdraw from the C.U.S. late in the decade. This action resulted in the transformation of the body in 1972 and its rebirth as the National Union of Students.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of C.U.S. working papers and studies sponsored by the organization, and subject files dealing with issues such as Vietnam, the New Left, Social Action and assorted education topics.

Notes

File list available.

Related records may be found in the [Alma Mater Society](#) fonds.

File List

BOX 1

- 1-1 Working Papers (background). Publications.
- 1-2 Working Papers. Publications.
- 1-3 Canadian Participation in Social Development. Publications.
- 1-4 World Student Unity and the Sino-Soviet Split - Publications.
- 1-5 History of National Unions of Students - Publications.
- 1-6 Guerilla, Newspaper, no.11, Oct. 30/70 ; UHURU, Newspaper, V.2 no.5, Nov. 9/70.
- 1-7 Prairie Fire, Nov. 1970 - May 1971.
- 1-8 Gramma, Newspaper, Dec. 3/67, Mar. 10/68, Apr. 7/68, Apr. 14/68.
- 1-9 Gramma, Newspaper, Apr. 21/68 - Jun. 9/68.

BOX 2

- 2-1 Gramma, Jun. 16/68 - Aug. 4/68 - incomplete.
- 2-2 Gramma, Aug. 11/68 - Sep. 22/68 - incomplete.
- 2-3 Gramma, Sep. 29/68 - Nov. 10/68 - incomplete.
- 2-4 Gramma. Jan. 5/69 - Feb. 16/69 - incomplete ; Rising up Angry.
- 2-5 Resolutions of the 30th Congress of the Canadian Union of Students and resolutions of the 33rd.
- 2-6 Various reports and studies prepared for C.U.S.
- 2-7 C.U.S. Office Organizations

BOX 3

- 3-1 International Student Conference Charter Commission Documentation and Commentary Board, May 1968.
- 3-2 American. Economic, Cultural, Political Comments and criticisms.
- 3-3 European New Left
- 3-4 Family Services Centre, Vancouver Inner-City Service Project and Neighbourhood and Community Centre.
- 3-5 Social Action.
- 3-6 Vietnam and C.U.S.
- 3-7 Vietnam: No. 1 in the Read-In Series.
- 3-8 National Federation of Canadian University Students.
- 3-9 Quebec and B.C.
- 3-10 Educational Reform.

BOX 4

- 4-1 U.B.C documents - enrolment. etc.
- 4-2 U.B.C. - C.U.S. Committee documents.
- 4-3 C.U.S.
- 4-4 Simon Fraser University
- 4-5 U.B.C. Left
- 4-6 Structural Reform of Educational Institutions.
- 4-7 University and Society and Uses of Social Sciences.

4-8 Canadian New Left.

4-9 Democratization within the University.

BOX 5

5-1 Humour

5-2 Campus Organizing

5-3 B.C.A.S. (B.C. Assembly for Students) documents, etc.

5-4 Social Unionism

5-5 Budgets - C.U.S. and Minutes

5-6 American New Left

5-7 Accessibility

5-8 Facts of Present Educational System and Academic Freedom (or lack of) '68.

5-9 High School Organizing; Human Rights and Quality.