



Champaign County Historical Archives

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Inclusive Dates: 1970-2008, bulk 1985-2007

Physical Description: 14 record boxes, 1 half-vertical box (21.5 linear feet)

Provenance: Items in this collection were donated in November 2014 by Jeff Machota, a core member of the Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative and the Divest Now Coalition.

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Historical Note:

The Divest Now Coalition (DNC - 1985-1987) emerged from the Student Government Association OffCenter slate and the Champaign-Urbana Coalition Against Apartheid (CUCAA). The focus of the DNC was to join the national and international movement to get major institutions— like the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign—to divest their funds from and sever ties with corporations that financially supported the racist South African Apartheid regime.

The Peace Resource Center (PRC - 1985-2007) was formed out of the Illinois Disciples Foundation Peace and Justice Library in 1986, to be a resource center for the progressive community. In 1989, the Peace Resource Center was renamed the Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative (PRC), in order to focus on progressive, multi-issue, grassroots organizing, as well as being a resource center.

The PRC was a leader in local opposition to the first Gulf War (1990-1991) and a major contributor to the anti-"Chief" movement (1989-2007), which saw the eventual end of the use of a racist mascot at the University of Illinois

The PRC also supported and participated in many local and international social justice issues, including developing anti-violence vigils, women's rights campaigns, and anti-war demonstrations. Additionally, one of the organization's goals was to develop activists and the PRC served as a valuable local resource for leadership development in activism through workshops and resource collections that taught activists how to organize, advocate, and mobilize campaigns around various social justice causes.

Collection Scope and Content Note: The PRC and Divest Now Collection records are comprised of materials that demonstrate the history and work of the Divest Now Coalition and the Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative. The PRC Records consist of documents, photographs, correspondences, newsletters, press releases, posters, flyers, memorabilia, and audiovisual materials that relate to the activities of the PRC and social justice causes that the organization supported. Materials related to the local activities supporting anti-apartheid in South Africa are found in the Divest Now Coalition portion of the collection that consists of documents, publications, flyers, and t-shirts.

Arrangement:

The collection is divided into 5 series: PRC Records, Campaigns, Clippings, Ephemera, and Photographs. Materials are arranged alphabetically within each series.

Subjects Terms:

Africa, South
Apartheid
Apartheid—South Africa—20th Century
Anti-apartheid movements
Anti-war demonstrations
Disinvestment
Divestment
Native Americans
Peace movements
Social justice
Solidarity—Middle East
South Africa
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Veterans

Names:

Alan, Lian
Anderson, Brooke
Apotheker, Steve
Barclay, John
Chynoweth, Danielle
Dixon, Lisa
Donnely, Theresa
Drury, Rich
Everitt, Greg
Garla, Sanjay
Garreton, Monica
Gerstein, Marvin
Haber, Laura
Haley, Katie
Holiman, Jim
Kelly, Mary
Kirts, Rhonda
Lange, Karin
Machota, Jeff
Miller, Joe
Miller, John
Neimark, Ron
Palmieri, Nanda
Pecciotto, Carlos
Savage, Bryan
Smith, Aaron
Stewart, Mike

Tayabji, Jen
Teters, Charlene
Welch, Harvey

Container List:

Series I: PRC Records

Series II: Campaigns

Subseries I: Divest Now Coalition

Subseries II: Anti-Chief Movement

Subseries III: Other Campaigns

Series III: Clippings

Series IV: Ephemera

Series V: Photographs

Series I: PRC Records, 1970-2006, bulk 1987-2000

Box 1

Administrative Records, 1987-2005 (26 folders)

Box 2

Administration Records, continued

 Anti-Racism Committee, 1996-1999 (5 folders)

 Anti-War, Anti-Racism Effort, 2001

 Contact Lists & Sign-up Sheets, 1991-1999

 Correspondence, 1990-2004

 Correspondence, Congress & U.S. President, 1990-1991

 Education Committee, 1991

 Financial Records, 1990-2004

 Illinois Disciples Foundation, 1997-2000

 Logo and Letterhead Designs, undated

 Outreach Committee, 1997-2003

 Outside Tactical Packet, undated

 Peace Resource Center, 1987-1997 (5 folders)

 Prairie Free Press, 1989-1990

 PRC Activist Skills Manual, 2002

 Press Releases and Media Contacts, 1990-2006

 Progressive Community Conference, 1989

 Progressive Community Directory, 1989

 UIUC Report, Building a More Inclusive Community, 1994

 UIUC Code of Conduct, 1999

 Visiting Lecturers, 1993-1999

 Who Runs the U of I?, publication draft, 2000 (2 folders)

 Workshops (6 folders)

 Desktop Publishing, 1999

 Direct Action, 1999

Facilitation, 1985-1997
 FOIA, 1999
 Security, 1996-1999
 Spokesperson, 1995-1999
 Yearly Reports and History Statements, 1988-1997

Box 3

Collected Publications (22 folders)

Campus Guardian (UIUC), 1991-1992
 Champaign-Urbana Peace, Justice, and Citizen Diplomacy Community Newsletter, 1987-1988
 Chicago Illini, 1986
 CIDSA Update (Coalition for Illinois Divestment from South Africa), 1984-1985
 Divestment Times, 1986
 East Central Illinois Voice, 1989
 Full Disclosure, 1990
 The Herald Voice, 1989
 The Illini Journal, 1989-1991
 The Illini Review, 1985-1991 (2 folders)
 The National Alliance, 1987-1992
 The Orange and Blue Observer, 1993-1997
 PACA News (People's Alliance on Central America), 1985-1992 (2 folders)
 The Public Eye (published by Citizens in Defense of Civil Liberties), 1984
 The Public Eye (published by Political Research Associates), 1998-2001
 The Public i (project of Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center), 2002-2003
 Student Anti-Apartheid Newsletter, 1986-1987
 South Africa Perspectives, 1983-1985
 The Veteran (Vietnam Veterans Against the War), 1999-2002
 The Voice (Illinois Disciples Foundation), 1996-2004
 Various, 1990-1998, and undated

Conferences (4 folders)

Midwest Radical Scholars & Activists, 1990-1993 (2 folders)
 Student Environmental Action Coalition, 1990
 Students Together Against Racism, 1989

Flyers, 1987-1999, and undated (15 folders)

Box 4

Flyers, continued

Related Campus Groups (9 folders)

Grassroots Group of Second Class Citizens, 1988-1990 (Women's rights)
 La Casa Cultural Latina, 1989-2000
 United Progressives, 1987-1989
 United Progressives Calendar, 1989-1991 and undated (4 folders)
 University of Illinois Watch, 1986-1990
 Women Direct Action Collective, 2000

Off-Campus Groups, Flyers & Newsletters, 1993-1994

Subject Files (14 folders)

- Activism
- Activism Training, 1981-1989
- African-Americans, 1970-1993
- Anti-War
- Bosnia, 1993
- Columbus Day, 1990-1992
- History of Activism at UIUC
- Homelessness and Housing, 1989-1991
- Jesse Jackson, 1988-1991
- Kosovo, 1999
- Labor Unions, 1992-1998
- Latino/Latina Issues, 1991-1999
- Racist Mascots (non UIUC)
- Socialism/Postmodernism/Post-Marxist, 1984-1990
- Third Parties, 1987-1993

Box 5

Study Groups (18 folders)

- Animal Rights undated
- Deep and Social Ecology, undated
- Farrakhan, undated
- Feminism, undated
- Feminism & Spirituality, undated
- Native Americans, undated
- Central America, 1989
- Miscellaneous, 1990
- CIA, Academic Freedom, & First Amendment, 1990
- Eastern Europe, 1990
- Environmental, 1990
- Feminism & Pornography, 1990
- Media, 1990
- Militarism, 1990
- Study Group, 1991
- Activism, 1992
- Summer 1994
- Activism, 1995

Series II: Campaigns, 1975-2007, bulk 1985-1995

Subseries I: Divest Now Coalition (DNC), 1982-1993

Box 5

Divest Now Coalition

- American Committee on Africa, 1985-1987 (2 folders)
- Anti-Apartheid Activist Resources, undated
- Champaign-Urbana Committee Against Apartheid (CUCAA) and Divest Now Coalition (DNC) history, undated
- Champaign-Urbana Committee Against Apartheid (CUCAA) and Divest Now Coalition (DNC)

- membership, 1986-1987
- Corporations in South Africa, 1983-1986
- DNC arrests, 1985-1986
- DNC correspondence, 1985-1987
- DNC meetings, 1986-1987
- DNC songs and chants, undated
- Ephemera: Banner, 1986
- Ephemera: Flyers, 1985-1993 (2 folders)
- Ephemera: Pamphlets, 1980s
- Legislation, undated
- National mobilization for Justice and Peace in Central America and Southern Africa, 1987-1988
- Newsletters, 1982-1986
- Newsletter, Amandla, newsletter of the Champaign-Urbana Coalition Against Apartheid, 1982-1987
- Subcommittee on Undergraduate Student Conduct hearing, May 15, 1986 (3 folders)

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Divest Now Coalition (DNC), continued

- University of Illinois: Board of Trustees voting, 1986
- University of Illinois: Discussions on apartheid and divestment, undated
- University of Illinois: Review of Issue Concerning University Investments in U.S. corporations doing Business in South Africa, 1985 (2 folders)
- University of Illinois: Senate meetings, undated
- University of Illinois: Student Code of Conduct handbooks, 1984-1987
- University of Illinois: Student Government Association (SGA), 1985-1986
- University of Illinois: Student Government Association (SGA) retreat, 1985-1986 (2 folders)

Series II: Campaigns

Subseries II: Anti-Chief Movement, 1975-2007

Box 6

Anti-Chief Movement

- Advocacy Resources, 1989-1997
- Anti-Chief Campaign Administrative Files, 1993-2003 (2 folders)
- Anti-Chief Flyers, undated
- Anti-Chief Marketing and Publicity, 1989-1994, undated
- Anti-Chief Publications, Dis-Orientation, 1992, 1997-2006
- Artwork Produced to Support the Anti-Chief Movement, 1993
- Bryan Savage, Attorney, 1991-1995
- Charlene Teters, 1991-1994, undated (founder of the Anti-Chief Movement)
- The Chief Debate, hosted by the UIUC Law School, February 1995
- Chief Illiniwek Dialogue report, 2000
- Clippings re: Anti-Chief Movement, 1975-2007, and undated (20 folders)

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Anti-Chief Movement, continued

- Clippings re: Anti-Chief Movement, continued

Conference on the Elimination of Racists Mascots (CERM), 1997-1998 (6 folders)
 Depictions of 'Chief Illiniwek' in the Illio, 1928-
 Essays and Student Reports re: 'Chief Illiniwek,' 1995, 1997, and undated
 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to UIUC, 2004
 FOIA request, documents received, 2004
 Higher Learning Commission Report re: UIUC's Board of Trustees' Efforts Addressing 'Chief Illiniwek,' 2004
 Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR), Charge #1993SP0431 Filed by Michael Haney, 1992-1993 (9 folders)
 Legislation: Illinois General Assembly, 1991, 1995
 Legislation: Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990
 Legislation: Wisconsin Statutes, 1992
 Legislation: U.S. Code, Title 18, Chapter 53 (Indians), undated
 Office for Civil Rights (OCR), United States Department of Education, case #05942104 (5 folders)
 PRC Binders: Anti-Chief Newspaper Articles, vol. 1, 1988-1993 (4 folders)

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Anti-Chief Movement, continued

PRC Binders: Anti-Chief Newspaper Articles, vol. 2, 1994-1999 (3 folders)
 PRC Binders: Old Press Clippings, 1989-1993 (3 folders)
 Pro-Chief: 1992-1988, undated
 Pro-Chief: publications: The Orange and Blue Observer, 1991-2000 (3 folders)
 Press releases, 1994-1997
 Related Groups: Alumni Against Racist Mascots (AARM), 1994-1997
 Related Groups: American Indian Movement (AIM), 1991-1995, undated
 Related Groups: Coalition for a New Tradition, 1989-1992
 Related Groups: National Coalition in Sports and Media, 1992, 1998-1999
 Related Groups: Native American Student Organization (NASO), 1996-1997, undated
 Related Groups: Native American Students, Staff, and Faculty for Progress, 1989-1994
 Related Groups: Women of All Red Nations (WARN), 1994, undated
 Statements in Support of Anti-Chief Movement, various organizations, 1989-1998, undated
 Student Government Association (SGA) re: 'Chief Illiniwek,' 1989-1992
 UIUC Administration and Board of Trustees re: 'Chief Illiniwek,' 1989-2003
 University YMCA re: 'Chief Illiniwek,' 1990

Series II: Campaigns

Subseries III: Other Movements, 1977-1993, bulk 1988-1993

Box 8

Other Movements

Committee Against the War in the Gulf (CAWG), 1988-1992 (7 folders)

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Other Movements, continued

Coalition Against State-Sponsored Terrorism (CASST)/Anti-CIA, 1977-1990, bulk 1989-1990 (9 folders)
 Domino's Boycott, 1989-1990

Palestine-Israel, 1979-1993, bulk 1987-1991 (5 folders)

Series III: Clippings, 1983-2008

Boxes 9, 10 & 11

Clippings, 1983-2008 (44 folders), undated (2 folders)

Box 12

Subject Clippings (21 folders)

- African-Americans
- Anti-War, 2001 (Binder)
- Boycotts
- Civil Rights
- Divestiture, 1982-1986
- Environment
- Health Care
- Latino/a
- LGBT ("Gay")
- Middle East
- Miscellaneous
- Police
- Political Resource Action Committee
- Reburial/Repatriation
- Student Government Association
- South Africa
- UIUC: Board of Trustees, Disciplinary & Miscellaneous
- War & Military (2 folders)
- Women

Series IV: Ephemera

Boxes 13 & 14

Buttons (currently in Box 15)

T-shirts (on loan as of 4/15/2017)

Series V: Photographs, 1991-2002

Box 15

Photographs

- Anti-Chief Encampment, 2001 (4 envelopes)
- Anti-Chief Events, 1998
- Anti-Racism Teach-In, 1999
- Anti-Racist Mascot March, 1996
- Anti-Racist Mascot March, 2000
- Anti-War Demonstration, 2001
- Anti-War Demonstration, 2002
- Ban Racist Mascots Event, 2002
- Bill Davis Event, 2001
- Conference on Eliminating Racist Mascots, 1998 (8 envelopes)

Homecoming, 1997 and Rally, undated
March to Stakel's House, 2001
UIUC Board of Trustees, ca. 1999
Vernon Bellecourt Event, 1994 (YMCA)

Other Formats:

Anti-Chief Encampment, 2001 Color Negatives (3 envelopes)
Anti-Chief Events, 1998 & Anti-Racist Mascot March, 2000 Contact Sheet & Color
Negatives (3 envelopes)
Anti-Racism Teach-In, 1999 APS Film Cartridge
Anti-War Demonstrations, 2001 & 2002 Color Negatives (3 envelopes)
Leonard Peltier Event, 1998 Contact Sheet & Color Negatives
March to Stakel's House, 2001 Color Negatives (3 envelopes)
UIUC Homecoming, 1991 Photocopies