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Collections by Subject: Vietnam-Era Protest Activities on the University of Maryland, College Park, Campus

A Selected List of Holdings in the Archives and Manuscripts Department, University of Maryland Libraries

United States universities experienced a period of unrest during the late 1960s and early 1970s, as students protested against U.S. military involvement in Vietnam and elsewhere in Southeast Asia. Students at the University of Maryland protested throughout this period against the Vietnam War, but their outrage against the conflict peaked in a series of violent protests between 1970 and 1972. On three occasions during this period, Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel declared a state of emergency on campus and sent in National Guardsmen to restore and maintain order.

The main conflict on campus occurred in May 1970, when students reacted violently to the U.S. invasion of Cambodia. Thousands of students and protestors occupied and vandalized the university's Main Administration building and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) offices, set fires around campus, blocked Route 1, and fought running battles with riot police. Students threw bricks, rocks, and bottles, while police fought back with teargas, riot batons, and dogs.

The violent disorder led to a toughening of student disciplinary procedures and regulations, as well as a tightening of professional codes of behavior for faculty. The administration also began to make an effort to be more open to the views of students and faculty and to involve them increasingly in the operation of the university.

This resource guide describes holdings in the Archives and Manuscripts Department which document the protests against the Vietnam War at the University of Maryland College Park, campus. It also lists other potential sources outside the Archives and Manuscripts Department.

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University Archival Record Groups

Records of the Alumni Office, 1937-1989. Unprocessed. Acc. 91-257. 28.50 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

The functions of the Alumni Office include the maintenance of alumni records, sponsorship of special programs for alumni, liaison with the alumni association, and

representation of alumni interests within the campus community. The collection consists of the office's operating records and includes committee files, memorabilia and photographs. During the time of campus unrest, the Alumni Office monitored events and responded to various communications from alumni about the administration's handling of the situation. Not all negative reaction was related to protests; alumni were also concerned about the behavior of basketball fans. Portions of the collection are restricted and must be screened before release to researchers.

Box 16

File: Adverse Press Notices

File: Skinner Incident, Transcript Proceedings 1971

File: Student Unrest & Alumni Support **RESTRICTED**

Records of the Board of Regents, 1916-1990. 132.50 linear feet.

Location: University Archives

The Board of Regents is the highest-level governing body of the University of Maryland System, and, in the wake of the on-campus demonstrations during the Vietnam era, was responsible for creating and updating university policy on such matters. The records of the board include minutes of board meetings at which the disturbances were discussed, official files of materials related to those meetings, and a revised copy of UMCP Disciplinary Rules and Regulations. One set of records are processed; Acc. 93-90 is unprocessed and must be screened before release to researchers.

Processed Records:

Series IV, Boxes 11 and 12

Volumes 24-26: Minutes, June 20, 1969 – September 21, 1973. Of particular interest are the following meetings:

June 20, 1969 (President's Annual Report discussing student unrest generally);

May 15, 1970 (need for stronger action to protect the university from disruptive students and faculty);

June 26, 1970 (a report by Dr. Elkins on student protests);

August 7, 1970, special meeting (revision of disciplinary regulations);

September 2, 1970, special meeting (application of disciplinary procedures);

January 22, 1971 (application of disciplinary procedures);

March 19, 1971 (application of disciplinary procedures);

June 18, 1971 (President's Annual Report discussing student unrest on campus); and

June 22, 1973 (President's Annual Report reflecting on the impact of campus unrest on the university).

Acc. 93-90:

Boxes 24-26

Material supporting and in addition to the official minutes of the meetings listed above. Of particular interest are the following documents: the May 15, 1970 statement by the University Community for Rational Action on how to restore order on the campus, the June 26, 1970, Statement of the Democratic Radical Union of Maryland (D.R.U.M.), and the President's Annual Report presented on June 23, 1972 (not included in minutes), that discuss campus unrest .

Records of the Chancellor's Office, 1967-1978. 104.50 linear feet.

Location: University Archives

From 1970 to 1988, the Chancellor was the highest-ranking administrator on the College Park campus, and as such the office's files contain a large amount of material either directly or indirectly related to the disturbances on campus from 1970 to 1972. Included are correspondence, speeches made by Chancellor Bishop regarding the protests, reports to various bodies on changes in disciplinary procedures, and the report of the Aylward Committee, which was established in April 1970 to investigate campus unrest concerns. There are two relevant accessions: Acc. 78-6 (97.00 linear feet), which has been processed, and Acc. 72-249 (7.50 linear feet), which is unprocessed and must be screened before release to researchers.

Acc. 78-6:

Series I, Box 2

File: "Correspondence/Charles E. Bishop. July 1970 – June 1971."

Correspondence from faculty and students discussing the May 1970 riots on campus. Chancellor's statement regarding the use of sound amplification equipment on campus. Chancellor's May 5, 1971, statement about the blocking of Route 1 and the return of the National Guard to campus.

File: "Correspondence/Charles E. Bishop. July 1971 – June 1972."

A variety of correspondence referring to student protests.

Series I, Box 5

File: "Speeches/Charles E. Bishop. Apr. 1971 – Aug. 1971." A May 5, 1971, statement by Chancellor Bishop in memory of the killing and wounding of students at Kent State University the previous year. Text of Chancellor Bishop's May 12, 1971, speech to students and faculty from the steps of the administration building.

Series I, Box 6

File: "Speeches/Charles E. Bishop. May-June 1972." May 17, 1972, speech by Chancellor Bishop noting that recent protests have been quieter than in the past.

Series III, Box 4

File: "Aylward Committee (student unrest) Aug. 1970 – Jan. 1971." Dr. Elkins established the Aylward Committee, chaired by Dr. Thomas J. Aylward, in April 1970 to investigate student unrest on campus. A draft report (7 pp.) suggests that there is a divide between the university administration and faculty, staff, and students, with an adversarial relationship between the university and its students, and also includes a number of possible solutions to bridge this divide.

Series III, Box 8

File: "Campus Senate. Student Discipline, Committee on. Testimony re: Student Disciplinary Procedures and Regulations. 5 Jan. 1971." Report of a Senate Committee on student discipline (133 pp.). Includes the testimony and submissions of faculty and students.

Series III, Box 11

File: "Concerned Faculty, Committee of. Oct. – Dec. 1971." A number of professors refused to recognize the summary suspension of students who were awaiting criminal trials relating to protest activity. The administration responded by withholding promotions of uncooperative faculty. A group of faculty formed a committee to express their concerns about this and other issues. The committee was critical of the administration's handling of the ROTC issue, maintaining that the campus ROTC should be either abolished or made a non-credit program.

Series III, Box 13

File: "Crisis Response and Prevention, Committee on. 1970." Draft report of the University Housing Office Committee on crisis response and prevention.

RESTRICTED

File: "D.R.U.M. [Democratic Radical Union of Maryland]. May 1970-Apr. 1971" Correspondence between the administration and members of D.R.U.M. regarding various issues of student discipline on campus. Included is coverage of the case of Greg Dunkel, who was given a restraining order preventing him from coming on campus in the aftermath of the May 1970 disturbances, and a petition to "free the Maryland 10," ten students who were arrested and charged, supposedly "arbitrarily."

Series III, Box 37

File: "Public Safety, Department of. Aug. 1970 – June 1972." General campus security issues, such as the shortage of police officers, police reports, and lists of names of students awaiting trial. **RESTRICTED**

Series III, Box 39

File: "Safety and Security, Division of. Spring 1970 – July 1972." A variety of documents relating to campus safety, including a checklist for defense against civil disorder and correspondence discussing ways to increase campus security and improve communications in the face of campus protests, such as issuing

paggers to key personnel, diversifying the telephone system, and circulating a daily security memo. This file also includes a memo describing 64 bomb threats on campus between November 1969 and November 1970; intelligence reports about protest group activities, including an April 6, 1971, confidential intelligence report of a meeting of radical groups on campus to plan coordinated protests which includes names of alleged radicals; discussion of the "Maryland 10" – a group of students facing criminal charges after the May 1970 riots; the campus police firearm policy; and protest group leaflets. **RESTRICTED**

Series III, Box 40

File: "Student Discipline, Committee on. Sep. 1970 – Mar. 1971." Interim procedures for administering current rules governing student conduct, including a list of students and faculty members potentially affected by these changes (5 pp.). The procedures include the establishment of a committee on student discipline at each of the university's campuses. Various items of correspondence related to student discipline.

Series V, Box 12

File: "Demonstrations, Sept. 1970-June 1971" and "Demonstrations, Oct. 1971-Sept. 1972." Correspondence between the chancellor and various members of the community with divergent viewpoints on student demonstrations, ROTC, use of the National Guard, and scheduling of rock concerts on campus, among other related topics.

Series VII, Box 5

File: "Board of Regents. University Disciplinary Procedures and Regulations. Sep. – Dec. 1970." Draft revisions of the university's disciplinary procedures. Correspondence related to the proposals, including some letters from faculty critical of the changes. Testimony to the Board of Regents regarding the proposed changes.

File: "Board of Regents. University Disciplinary Procedures and Regulations. Jan. 1971 – May 1971." Approved copy of new disciplinary rules and procedures and related correspondence. Included is a letter from the Attorney General's Office expressing disapproval with an earlier version of the document.

Series VIII, Box 20

File: "Young Americans for Freedom. Sep. 1970 – May 1971." Correspondence from the right-wing group Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) criticizing the radical activities of groups such as DRUM. Warning about an upcoming protest by DRUM on campus. YAF threatens to sue the university if they cave in to radical pressure by canceling classes.

Acc. 72-249:

Box 3

File: "Committee to Defend the Maryland 10, 1970."

File: "Court Orders [1970.]" Legal documents related to injunction filed by three students to prevent the administration from using sound amplification equipment to "placate a minority of active and vocal radicals" at the expense of the majority who wish to further their education.

Records of the College Park Campus Senate, 1971-1993. Acc. 72-71. 23.00 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

Established in 1971, the College Park Campus Senate replaced the Interim College Park Senate as a quasi-governing body comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators. One of the first tasks of the College Park Campus Senate (CPCS) was to address issues relating to student protests and discipline. The main item of interest in the collection is a report from the Adjunct Committee on Student Conduct on temporary suspension procedures. An index to the CPCS minutes is available in the Maryland Room.

Series IV, Box 21

File: "Committees--Student Conduct, [1971-1983]." (6f)

These folders include copious information about changes in suspension hearings and procedures, which were deemed necessary in light of the May 1970 events.

Records of the College Park Faculty Assembly, 1971-1983. Acc. 72-256. 0.50 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

The College Park Faculty Assembly was established in 1970. Its dual purpose was to provide faculty at the University of Maryland a voice in the administration and to impress upon them the importance of assuming their responsibilities within the university community. This collection of minutes, correspondence, committee files, and news clippings constitutes the operating records of the Faculty Assembly.

Series III, Box 1

File: "Committees-Professional Ethics, Responsibilities and Academic Freedom – Discussion Papers, 1971-1972." A discussion paper on academic freedom issued by the Hornyak Committee in late 1971 and a harsh critique drafted in response.

History of the University of Maryland-Campus Unrest Collection, 1970 and undated. Unprocessed. Acc. 2002-137. 0.25 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

This collection consists of several drafts of a report titled "Chronology of Student Dissent on University of Maryland Campus – May 1970," created for the Department of the Physical Plant, as well as related source material. Portions of the collection may be restricted and must be screened prior to use.

File: Folder 1 (of 2) contains an original manuscript (73 pp.) detailing the events on campus during from Friday, May 1, 1970 to Thursday, May 14, 1970. It includes citations to newspaper articles, unpublished sources and interviews of students, faculty members, campus administrators, and College Park officials. Notes on the sources are included, as well as a partial handwritten draft.

File: Folder 2 (of 2) includes a photocopy of the same manuscript with handwritten edits, as well as copies of unpublished sources, notes on footnotes, and a preface. A handwritten title page says "Chronology of Student Dissent on University of Maryland Campus - May 1970"; the author is Michael Fincham for the Department of the Physical Plant, University of Maryland. The preface reveals that the purpose of the document was to "provide the Office of Physical Plant and the Administration with an in-house record" for "preparing insurance claims and planning for future contingencies."

Records of the Interim College Park Senate, 1970-1971. Acc. 72-263. 1.50 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

The Interim College Park Senate was established by referendum in October 1970 to carry out the functions of the University Senate until its replacement, the College Park Campus Senate, was approved in 1971. During its short existence, the Interim Senate produced a number of documents concerning Vietnam-related activities, mostly in the form of minutes discussing the disturbances and the possibility of a symbolic ban of the Maryland ROTC chapter. The files also include a report by the Adjunct Committee on Student Discipline.

Series I, Box 1

File: "Minutes 1970-1971 [A]."

File: "Minutes 1970-1971 [B]."

Minutes relating to the May 1970 events on campus, including immediate responses to the disturbances and discussion in subsequent sessions on revamping disciplinary procedures.

Series II, Box 2

File: "Executive Committee – Minutes, 1970-1971."

Series III, Box 3

File: "Committees--Student Conduct, 1970-1971"

File: "Committees--Student Discipline, [1970-1971]." (11f)

A series of files comprising the reports of the subcommittees on Student Conduct and Student Discipline to the Interim College Park Senate,

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including letters and memos in response to the official reports as well as clippings from the *Diamondback* covering and explaining the report of the Student Discipline Committee and its impact on students.

Hugo Keesing Collection, 1971-1981. Unprocessed. Acc. 2009-141. 2 items.

Dr. Hugo A. Keesing, a professor at the University of Maryland and a popular culture scholar, donated several items related to the Vietnam War protests: an audiotape of radio news coverage of the protests and a May 15-31, 1971, edition of the *Quicksilver Times*, an underground newspaper published in Washington, D.C., between 1969 and 1972.

Records of the Libraries – Nonprint Media Services, 1950-2001 and undated. Unprocessed. Acc. 2005-144. 3.5 linear feet and 1 item.
Location: University Archives

Nonprint Media Services, a department of the Libraries Special Collections Division, acquires audio-visual materials from a variety of sources including public television programs, documentaries, and independent and world cinema. In the past, it also collected audio-visual materials related to university activities; that material has since been transferred to University Archives.

Box 1

File: Audio Reels – Meeting of Dr. Elkins and Administration with Concerned Students and Faculty, BPA Auditorium, 4/17/1970 (2 reels)

Records of the Office of the President (UMS), Wilson H. Elkins Files, 1954-1978. Acc. 94-85 and Acc. 2003-117. 922.50 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

Wilson H. Elkins was president of the University of Maryland from 1954 to 1978, presiding over the University during the entirety of the Vietnam War years, the protest years in particular. His unprocessed papers within the records of the Office of the President contain a wealth of material relating to the Vietnam-era protests, including official statements by Elkins and then-Governor Marvin Mandel, excerpts from his memoirs, official and unofficial reports and surveys on the subject of the protests, and legal briefs. Acc. 94-85 is the larger accession and represents the core of Elkins' administrative files. Acc. 2003-117 is comprised primarily of speeches and working papers; although only several of the folder titles refer specifically to student unrest, it is likely that other speeches from that time period refer to events on campus. Files of note are listed below. Portions of the collection may be restricted, and all files must be screened before release to researchers.

Acc. 94-85:

Pre-1970

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File: "Vietnam Moratorium, [1969]." Correspondence regarding the University's participation in the "Vietnam Moratorium," a 1969 national event during which universities suspended classes for a period of time in protest of the Vietnam War.

File: "9/16/69 – Statement by the President to the Faculty Assembly."

Elkins requested that each department engage in self-examination and "answer pertinent questions that are being raised by reasonable people."

File: "Speeches – Elkins – University Convocation, March 26, 1969."

Correspondence before the event negotiating greater student involvement; Concern 3 of the speech was titled "Role of the Student in the University Power Structure;" letters to Elkins after the convocation expressed support for him and dismay at the behavior of student protesters.

File: "Elkins-Talks, Etc.-Nov. 12, 1968-Student Unrest-Panel NASULGC (Council of Pres.), [1968]." Copy of a speech given by Elkins to the Council of Presidents of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, regarding the wave of student unrest incidents on campuses across the country.

1970

Box 562

File: "Riots-May 1970, Misc." Approximately 13 folders of material related to the May 1970 disturbances, including official statements and correspondence; resolutions of campus groups; a large amount of correspondence from faculty, students, and members of the public expressing their support or disapproval for the university's handling of the protests; photos; leaflets; and newspaper clippings. Highlights include: Governor Mandel's state of emergency Proclamation; transcript of General Warfield's press conference, May 15, 1970; and the *University of Maryland civil disorders, after-action report, May, 1970*, which consists of a detailed report day-by-day protest activity between May 1 and June 6, 1970. **RESTRICTED**

Box 435

File: "Demonstrations-Cambodia (1970)." Fourteen folders containing official statements and orders, a list of damage to the administration building, and discussion of the grade ballot. Highlights include President Elkins's statement of May 20, 1970, orders from General Warfield to the campus community, and a statement by Governor Mandel. **RESTRICTED**

Box 243

File: "US Govt. [1970]." Three folders documenting communication with the White House and President Nixon regarding student unrest, including the answer to a survey of university presidents, a copy of J. Edgar Hoover's open letter to college students dated September 21, 1970, and President's Elkins's response to an article on campus violence sent by President Nixon.

File: "Pres. Commission on Student Unrest-Press Comments After Release of

Report, September, 1970." Clippings from the *Washington Post*, (Baltimore) *Sunday Sun* and *Evening Sun*, and the *New York Times*.

Box 262

File: "Review of New Disciplinary Rules, (Kaplan's Transmittal), Feb. 17, 1971."

File: "Ltr. of May 5, 1970 from C. Gregory Truitt-Re Riots & Answer, [1970]."

File: "Fishbein – C. Action File 70-1239K, Dunkel, Gregory M. Served November 4, 1970."

File: "May Riots-Gregory Dunkel Order to Vacate & Diamondbacks, May 18, 1970."

Legal documents related to barring of alumnus Gregory Dunkel from campus in May 1970 and Dunkel's complaint filed in response. Also included are clippings reporting on the dispute and an overview of the new disciplinary rules.

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1972

Box 273

File: "C.P. Campus – Judicial Code – Report on Action." Report on Judicial Code, September 11, 1972; summary of cases from the two previous years and recommendations for refinements to the process.

File: "C.P. Campus, April & May 1972 Demonstrations." Eight related folders dealing with the 1972 demonstrations on campus. Included is information about the student protest against Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) recruiting on campus, university statements about April 1972 student protests, and arrest statistics for May 1972.

Acc: 2003-117

Box 1

File: "1971-Elkins' Statement of May 6, 1971 – University Remaining Open"

File: "Speeches-Elkins-Statement on ROTC 5/20/71"

Box 2

File: "Elkins – President's Statement on C.P. Disturbances, Joint – April 20, 1972"

Records of the Division of Student Affairs, 1947-1970. Acc. 73-14. 12.50 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

The Division of Student Affairs is responsible for overseeing university functions related to student life and making policy recommendations for the same. The Division's records include a number of files related to the activities and publications of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), a national campus-based organization largely organized around opposition to the Vietnam War. Also included are more general files dealing with on-campus demonstrations and protests. Portions of this collection may be restricted.

Series V, Box 1

File: "Demonstrations, [1967-1969]." Clippings relating mostly to the May 1970 disturbances but also including reports of disturbances at other times between 1968 and 1971.

Series V, Box 2

File: "S.D.S., 1965-70" **RESTRICTED**

File: "S.D.S.-- Clippings," [1969-1970]

File: "S.D.S.-- Reports and Pamphlets," [1966-1969]

Three folders on the activist student group, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). SDS was a national, campus-based activist organization that promoted a liberal agenda for change, including racial equality, disarmament, employment, civil liberties, and liberal education. The University of Maryland SDS was active from the mid-1960s to the early 1970s. The university administration kept a close watch on SDS, both at the local and national levels. Three copies of *The Spark* (1967-1968), the national SDS newsletter, are included in the files, as well as pamphlets outlining military-related research being conducted on campus and anti-war leaflets. **RESTRICTED**

Records of the Student Union, 1948-1993, Acc. 2008-97. 3.00 linear feet.

Location: University Archives.

The current student union building was constructed in 1954 as a center for student activities and the focal point for social and cultural events. Named the Adele H. Stamp Union in 1983, the union was renamed Stamp Student Union in 1988. The records of the Student Union consist of administrative files and photographs documenting the facilities and operations of the union.

Box 2

File: [Correspondence, Stamp Student Union and Students for Democratic Society (SDS), April-May 1967] Request from SDS to the administration to repeal regulations that prohibited the display of signs in Stamp Union; request was denied.

Records of the University Faculty Assembly, 1956-1970. Acc. 72-265. 0.50 linear feet.

Location: University Archives.

The University Faculty Assembly was the precursor of the College Park Faculty Assembly and consisted of full-time administrative staff and faculty of the University of Maryland at Baltimore and College Park campuses. The assembly's records contain minutes of meetings, correspondence, membership lists, and the plans of operation under which the group functioned.

Series I, Box 1

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File: "Minutes, 1954-1971." Special meetings held in the Spring and Summer of 1970 centered on academic freedom, faculty freedom of expression, and accountability.

Series II, Box 2

File: "Correspondence, 1956-1970." 1970 documents include a resolution condemning violence on campus, consideration of a one-day cessation of classes to permit discussion of developing events, and fliers about "the grading problem" and the re-opening of the university.

Records of the University Senate, 1920-1970. Acc. 86-338. 12.50 linear feet.
Location: University Archives.

Until its dissolution in 1970, the University Senate had responsibilities for formulating and recommending educational and student life policies, as well as advising the president on employment policies for faculty and other matters of concern to the university. It was replaced in October 1970 by the Interim College Park Senate. The most significant records documenting the demonstrations relate to a June 1970 meeting called to review the recent student protests on and around campus, and later discussions about strengthening student disciplinary procedures and regulations.

Series I, Boxes 5 and 6

File: "Senate Minutes, March – June 1970." (8f) The May 21 meeting agenda listed discussion about the policy toward use of amplification equipment on campus during demonstrations, but there are no minutes. Two folders contain the minutes of the Senate's June meeting and committee reports, including extensive discussion of the May protests. Several students were allowed to speak at the meeting. The Senate's proceedings were recorded, and a 50-page transcript exists for the June meeting.

Series III, Box 1

File: "Minutes of the Executive Committee 1970."

In a reaction to the student protests in May, the minutes include discussion of potential methods for increasing student participation in development of university policy and in university life.

Series IV, Box 15

File: "Student Activities" and "Student Discipline," [1968-1972].

Nine folders on disciplinary matters, containing such documentation as the university's policy towards demonstrations; minutes of the Committee on Student Discipline; a proposal to strengthen disciplinary procedures and regulations and written comments from faculty, staff, and students about the proposal. Also includes newspaper clippings about the proposal and students in court because of protest activity.

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Records of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 1970s-1990s. Acc. 84-52.
Unprocessed. 191.00 linear feet.
Location: University Archives

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs was responsible for a wide range of functions related to the administration of academic affairs at the University of Maryland from 1970 to 1988. Relevant files in the records include correspondence and reports on the spring 1970 protests, a list of anti-riot legislation in the state of Maryland (c. 1969), and reports on reform of the Student Judiciary committee. The files in this record group must be screened before release to researchers.

Box 1

File: "Student--Spring Disturbances [1969-1973]." Documents mostly relating to anti-ROTC agitation and activities, 1969-1972.

Box 108

File: "Campus disturbances: General—1969." A list of legislation regarding campus disturbances in the state of Maryland.

File: "Skinner Sit-in—1970." Correspondence relating to the March 1970 "takeover" of the Skinner building, during which student and faculty radicals barred themselves in the facility to protest the firing of philosophy department faculty.

University Publications

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The university publications collection includes a variety of printed materials produced by and about various administrative and academic units and student groups on the College Park campus. Within this grouping are a range of official publications and releases, along with student publications, protest fliers, and posters.

Office of Alumni Affairs. (UPUB A.42) This office published the *Alumni Bulletin* from 1964 until 1972. Two issues in 1971 made references to student unrest: articles highlighting student volunteerism (April 1971) and the Alumni Association's formal recognition of two students who defended the American flag flying at the Main Administration Building during a campus disturbance (July 1971).

Directories. (UPUB D7) Directories of faculty, staff, and students at the university, which may be helpful in determining the names of students and personnel on campus at the time of the demonstrations for oral history purposes.

History of the University of Maryland. (UPUB H11) This category contains *Forty years as a college president: Memoirs of Wilson Elkins*, edited by George H. Callcott (1981), a transcript of various interviews of President Elkins conducted by Dr. Callcott about

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Elkins's academic career. In Chapter 8, *The Student Revolts, 1968-1972* (pp. 122-134), Dr. Elkins gives his view of the causes behind the student protests, the university's handling of the disorder, and the effects on him personally.

History of the University of Maryland, Campus Unrest. (UPUB H11) Publications, statements, press releases, a transcript of a press conference given by Governor Marvin Mandel, newspaper clippings and fliers relating to various groups involved with protest activity, covering the period 1965 to 1972. Also included are accounts of media coverage of the demonstrations and a *Guide for the Rational Student*, which provided advice to students on how to avoid trouble for rioting. Groups represented include the Vietnam Moratorium; National Action Party (NAP); the Democratic Radical Union of Maryland (DRUM); the University of Maryland Faculty Assembly; Student Lobby for Peace; University of Maryland Ramblers; University of Maryland Spring Action Coalition; and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

Office of the President. (UPUB P23.003) The annual reports of the President from 1969 to 1972 include substantial sections discussing the on-campus disturbances and what the university is doing in response to, and eventually quell, the illegal activity.

Student Handbooks. (UPUB S30.001) Known under various titles, including the *M Book*, the student handbook was designed to be a quick reference tool for the student body. The handbook contained information on student organizations and activities, and the rules and regulations governing student life. Originally published by the YMCA, students were responsible for its content by the 1960s. The 1968/1969 *M Book* listed the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) as a political organization, describing it as a "radical organization working for fundamental change," and it includes a picture of a protest at the Careers Convocation the previous year. SDS was listed again in the 1969/1970 *M Book*. By the next year, 1970/1971, the SDS was no longer listed, but the theme of the opening essay was "student power," and it harshly criticized the university on a number of issues. A picture of the Skinner protest appears on page four. A black and white graphic on the flyleaf included a hidden profanity that sparked controversy. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs published the guide the following year, 1971-1972; it was titled the "new student handbook."

Student Organizations. (UPUB S34) This grouping within the University Publications Collection brings together materials from an extensive number of student organizations at the university. Among the files are fliers and publications from the Student for a Democratic Society (SDS) (UPUB S34S11), the Democratic Radical Union of Maryland (DRUM) (UPUB S34D2), and the University Community for Rational Action (UCRA), a faculty-student group that supported rational persuasion as a method of social change (UPUB S34U8).

Student Publications. (UPUB S36) This category contains a wide variety of student publications, spanning much of the history of the university. Several publications contain extensive coverage of the Vietnam War protests.

Argus. (UPUB S36.032) Student feature magazine that was published from 1966 to the early 1970s and became increasingly radicalized. *Argus* published a number of stories and photographs relating to student protests on campus in its 1970 issues, including editorials, "postcards" commemorating the May 1970 protests, and interviews with faculty and staff radicals. The May and October 1970 issues contain significant pieces related to the protests.

Black Explosion. (UPUB S36.015) The only Vietnam War protest-related item that appeared in *Black Explosion* was a partial photograph from a peace demonstration. This image was included as part of a larger collage on the cover of the September 1971 issue.

Calvert Review. (UPUB S36.003) The student literary magazine includes several poems containing war-related themes in the following issues: Spring 1969, Spring 1970, Fall 1970, and May 1971.

Diamondback. (UPUB S36.005) The student newspaper of the University of Maryland includes extensive coverage of SDS activities and struggles with the administration, culminating in the publication of several front-page stories related to the events of March-May 1970.

Radical Guide to the University of Maryland. (UPUB S36) This one-time publication was issued by the Democratic Radical Union of Maryland (D.R.U.M.) in the fall of 1970 to provide guidance to the radical student and replace the *M Book* that had been censored by the administration. Included is advice on how best to handle being arrested.

Terrapin. (UPUB S36.002) The student yearbook began publication in 1897 and has had several titles. The 1970 *Terrapin* includes several articles and photographs covering with student protests.

US. (UPUB S36.002) Student magazine that replaced the *Terrapin* in 1971 and 1972. The 1971 issues contain articles detailing the views of student protesters on number of topics. The cover of volume one, number one is a dramatic color photograph of a daffodil obscured by a smoking teargas canister. Photographs of police and protestors appear throughout the issue.

University of Maryland University College, The Marylander. (UPUB UMUC I1.002) Newspaper for students of University of Maryland University College (UMUC.) One article (May 1970) notes that anti-war feeling had arrived at the University of Maryland in the form of student riots.

Office of University Relations. (UPUB U17) The Office of University Relations coordinates and releases official university communications to the public, students, faculty, and staff. The alpha files include a folder of "What they're reading about the

University of Maryland College Park campus," compilations of newspaper clippings about the university from 1964 to 1974. This office also published *University Record*, the University of Maryland faculty/staff newsletter before 1970, *Precís*, the post-1970 faculty/staff newsletter, and *Portrait*, a publication for alumni issued from 1968 to 1972, all of which contain protest-related articles. The files also contain copies of official press releases issued by the office detailing the university's response to the demonstrations.

Particular *University Record* issues of interest include:

May 4, 1970

Photographs of demonstrations and damage to campus buildings. Statement by university administration and faculty/student committee condemning violent protest.

May 6, 1970

Foreign Affairs study day, which was an opportunity to discuss contemporary issues as an alternative to regular classes. Account of protest activities, including statistics of arrests, injuries, damage, and police involvement.

May 15, 1970

Dr. Elkins's statement to the Board of Regents about the demonstrations in which he condemns the use of violence and blames a small group of radical revolutionaries for the disruptions. Further photographs of damage to campus buildings and updated statistics.

May 18, 1970

Dr. Elkins's statement to the university community, in which he vows to keep the university open, explains the presence of the National Guard, and discusses directives that bar certain individuals from campus.

May 20, 1970

A further statement by Dr. Elkins to the university community in which he outlines the official response to the demonstrations, including the barring of some individuals from campus and other disciplinary action.

Precís also includes a number of protest-related stories. Particular issues of interest are:

May 14, 1971

Chancellor Bishop addresses the campus, calling for an end to campus disturbances. Faculty Assembly statement calling for the resumption of normal university life.

May 28, 1971

College Park Interim Senate discussion about making ROTC an extra-curricular activity without credit.

April 20, 1972

Reports of two days of campus protest against the ROTC and the U. S. bombing of Vietnam.

April 27, 1972

National Guard commander, General Warfield, takes a conciliatory approach to protestors barred from campus and discusses the removal of the National Guard

from campus. A protesting university secretary gives her views, while another article describes the main enemy of the National Guard – boredom.

Issues of *Portrait* with relevant coverage are:

Summer 1969

Text of Senator Edmund S. Muskie's Commencement address on June 7, 1969, which touched on societal ferment and dissent spawned, in part, by the Vietnam War; and portion of President Elkins's Annual Report to the Board of Regents on June 20, 1969, which addresses student unrest generally and at the University of Maryland.

Spring 1971

Excerpt of President Elkins's Annual Report to the Board of Regents on June 28, 1971, noting relief at the close of the school year; and an article about Alice Morgan, a member of the Board of Regents, and her reflections on student activism.

Spring 1972

"Spring Protests Bring Firm Response at UMCP"

Highlights of particular university news releases issued between May and October, 1970 include:

May 1, 1970

"Discussion Day." Description of the April 29, 1970, event for students, faculty, and administrators to discuss campus concerns such as grading, education, and professional ethics.

May 5, 1970

"Campus Disorder Quelled." Discussion of Foreign Affairs Study Day, which was a one-day cessation of classes to discuss national and international events. Includes account of student protest activity at the administration building and on Route 1 and arrival of National Guard.

May 14, 1970

Discussion of faculty referendum on grading of students who had been striking from class. Such students are allowed to complete their classes without penalty by doing the required amount of work. No student is to be penalized for missing classes since May 1 for reasons of conscience.

May 22, 1970

Photo caption regarding damage to the campus.

June 19, 1970

"1000 Employees Protest." A large group of campus employees call on the university to condemn protest activities which are disrupting campus life.

June 30, 1970

"President's Report." Dr. Elkins's suggestions about toughening the university's disciplinary system in light of mass disorder.

July 1, 1970

- "Group Protests Methods." A group of students, faculty, and staff condemn violent campus protests and affirm principles of academic freedom.
July 2, 1970
- "Alumni Protest Disruption." Alumni Council condemns violent campus protests.
July 31, 1970
- Response to rumors of a student take-over of Route 1 during the first week of classes in September; the administration promises swifter action.
August 14, 1970
- Revised procedures designed to enable administrators to deal more effectively with large-scale disciplinary problems were submitted to the Board of Regents on August 7; Board also passed a resolution favoring the incorporation of student publications.
September 4, 1970
- The Board of Regents unanimously passed a proposal that allows the President of the University to expel or suspend a student or delegate such power to the Chancellor of each campus.
September 18, 1970
- "Chancellor's First Convocation." Dr. Charles E. Bishop speaks of the importance of self-government; peaceful dissent is an "inherent freedom," but destruction of property and interference with the rights of others will not be tolerated.
September 25, 1970
- "Regents' Commission/Student Publications." The Board of Regents appointed a special commission to study separation of student publications from the University in response to controversial content published in the spring.
October 1, 1970
- "Committee to Study ROTC;" appointment of faculty-student committee to study the role of ROTC at the University.

Vertical File

Location: University Archives

A collection of newspaper clippings (text and photographs) from the *Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Diamondback* and other papers grouped under subject headings. The following categories contain articles documenting the demonstrations:

Campus Unrest. Three folders containing newspaper clippings for the period 1960-1971, with the principal holdings for 1970. Detailed coverage of the large anti-war protests on campus in spring 1970 and 1971, particularly a three-week period in May 1970. Other campus protests are also reported here, such as those against the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and military-funded research. Reports also detail the student occupation of the Skinner Building to protest the dismissal of two popular philosophy instructors.

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC.) Newspaper clippings from the 1960s and 1970s dealing with student reaction to the ROTC presence on campus. Particular attention is given to the 1970 attack on the ROTC offices in the Armory and the subsequent re-evaluation of the status of the ROTC on campus.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS.) Newspaper articles (1966-1969) recording SDS protests against military recruiting on campus and President Elkins's belief that student radicals should be thrown off campus.

Veterans. Newspaper report (1969) of an anti-war protest organized by the University of Maryland Moratorium Committee (see below for a description of this anti-war group.)

Vietnam. Articles about the University of Maryland Moratorium Committee (UMMC), an arm of the National Vietnam Moratorium (NVM), which sought to educate people about the Vietnam War in an attempt to shorten the conflict. The NVM called for a national moratorium on October 15, 1969, during which people were encouraged to stop their usual business or study activities and discuss the war. The plan was to continue the moratorium each month, expanding it by a day each time, until the group's aims were met. Clippings in this file describe UMMC clashes with university administration over use of campus facilities and provide commentary on the censorship of military media.

Photographs

Location: University Archives.

Campus Photographic Services. A number of contact sheets contain photographs of various protest-related subjects, including SDS rallies, Black Student Union demonstrations, the Skinner Building takeover, and general pictures of campus unrest between 1968 and 1972. Files of particular interest include:

May 1968 to July 1968

Numerous photographs of SDS rallies and demonstrations.

September 1968 to November 1968

Photographs of various protest-related subjects, including SDS rallies and Black Student Union demonstrations.

March 1969-May 1969

SDS rallies, including the "Teach-In" on May 1, 1969.

June 1969 to July 1969

Photographs of SDS demonstrations disrupting the press day for the University's new cyclotron, July 1969.

July 1969 to August 1969

Numerous photographs of SDS rallies and demonstrations.

October 1969 to November 1969

Photographs of the "Peace Tree" demonstration, October 1969.

March 1970

Numerous photographs of the Skinner Building Lock-in.

April 1970 to June 1970

Photographs of the Skinner Building Lock-in, as well as photographs of the May 1970 disturbances.

May 1971 to June 1971

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Photographs taken during Dr. Bishop's speech to students, faculty, and staff amidst the period of campus disturbances, May 1971. Included are pictures of the crowd assembled at the east end of the mall, police guards, and Dr. Bishop addressing the crowd.

March 1972 to April 1972

Riot scenes, April 1972. Includes riot police and National Guard, tear gas in use, protestors, army vehicles, damage to campus buildings, and a sit-in (possibly in the administration building.) Most of the photographs are taken during the day, although some night-time shots are included.

History of the University of Maryland, Campus Unrest. Two collections of photographs relating principally to the series of protests between 1969 and 1972. The first collection, Acc. 88-274, is primarily comprised of photographs and negatives documenting the damage done to the interior of Main Administration after occupation by student protestors, c. 1971. A smaller number of photographs depict protest activity around campus. These images were taken by the university's communications office. Acc. 95-52, the second collection, is a grouping of negatives and contact sheets from the May 5, 1971, protest on campus, and also includes a copy of the *Diamondback* and a number of anti-ROTC posters. The photographs in this collection were taken and donated by Robert Wright, a student employee in the Campus Photographic Services office during the time of the disturbances.

Patrick Olmert Collection. Photographs of the 1970 riots, taken by Mr. Olmert during his undergraduate studies, including shots of police in riot gear, tear gas clouds and canisters, and K-9 units on campus.

Philip Geraci Collection. Philip Geraci, a University of Maryland alumnus and lecturer in the Journalism Department, taught news photography courses. In Box 1 of the Geraci Collection (mostly student photographs), folder "Problems – Student Work #2" is a large collection of images of protests against the Vietnam War on campus and in College Park, as well as in front of the U.S. Capitol and the Department of the Interior. There is also one shot of Testudo on McKeldin Mall being used as part of a protest. The collection must be screened prior to researcher use.

[University AlBUM](#), a digital collection of University of Maryland photographs, includes approximately 20 images of protest activities. You can browse the collection by decade or enter "Vietnam protests" or "Vietnam demonstrations" in the search box to locate them.

University Archives Slide Collection. This collection of slides covers the years 1944-1981, with most shots taken in the 1960s and 1970s. It includes a variety of campus scenes, athletic, theater and musical events, and buildings. Slides of particular interest include:

ED-1, ED-4, ED-8, ED-10, EE-3, EE-5, EE-8, EE-12, EE-17, EE-20, EG-1; color images of Students' Rights demonstrations, slides dated November 1967.

EG-13, EH-5, EH-7, EH-12; color images of outside gatherings, and one interior image of Memorial Chapel, possibly service for Martin Luther King, Jr., slides dated April-May 1968.

EN-5, EN-9, EN-15-16, EN-18 -20; black and white images of protest scenes, slides dated June 1970.

EO-2-3, EO-6-7, EO-10: color images of protest scenes, including plumes of tear gas, slides dated June 70.

Historical Manuscripts

Papers of Spiro T. Agnew, 1953-1977. Acc. 74-10. 406.50 linear feet.

Location: Historical Manuscripts

Spiro T. Agnew served in a number of capacities that put him in close contact with the University of Maryland, including Governor of Maryland and Vice President of the United States. His vice presidential papers in particular contain a wealth of material related to campus unrest during this time period, including disturbances at the University of Maryland. Documentation of the protests consists of clippings, essays, reports, pamphlets, and correspondence related to the causes of and governmental response to campus unrest. Some materials in this collection may be restricted.

Useful files include:

Series II, Subseries 2, Box 1

File: "Civil Disobedience [1968]."

File: "Civil Disobedience – Fortas [n.d.]."

File: "Civil Disorders [1968]."

File: "Civil Disorders--'66-68 [1967-1968]."

File: "Colleges--University--Student Dissent [1967-1968]."

Five folders containing contextual information regarding riots in Maryland during Agnew's term as governor, both on and off campus. Included are correspondence, reports, and public statements by Agnew or members of his staff. Particular attention is given to the 1967 riots that took place in Cambridge, MD. Also of interest is an internal memorandum analyzing Justice Abe Fortas's position on civil disobedience and laying out Agnew's position.

Series II, Subseries 2, Box 3

File: "Student Disorders--SDS, etc. [1968]."

Correspondence, reports, and other materials related to the presence and activities of SDS and related groups on campuses within the state of Maryland; some material on SDS activities at the University of Maryland.

Series III, Subseries 5, Box 36

File: "HU 3-1 Civil Disturbances--Riots--[Executive, 1969-1972]." (14f)

File: "HU 3-1 Civil Disturbances--Riots--[General, 1969]." (12f)

Series III, Subseries 5, Box 37

File: "HU 3-1 Civil Disturbances--Riots--[General, cont'd. 1970-1973]." (4f)

File: "HU 3-1/FG 106 Civil Disturbances--Riots--[Executive, 1969-1973]."

File: "HU 3-1/FG 106 Civil Disturbances--Riots--[General, 1969-1973]."

File: "HU 3-1/LG Civil Disturbances--Riots--[Executive, 1969-1970]."

File: "HU 3-1/LG Civil Disturbances--Riots--[General, 1969-1971]."

File: "HU 3-1/LG/Name Civil Disturbances--Riots/Local Government, Executive, 1969-1973."

File: "HU 3-1/ ST 1-20 Civil Disturbances--Riots/States-Territories, Executive, 1969-1972." (3f)

File: "HU 3-2 Press--Campus Disturbances--Executive, 1973."

File: "HU 3-2 Press--Campus Disturbances--General, 1970, 1972-1973."

A large amount of material related to campus disturbances all over the country, including at the University of Maryland. Comprised of reports, speeches and speech drafts, clippings, magazine articles, drafts of government policy, and correspondence. Folders labeled "General" consist primarily of letters and related material sent to Agnew's office by non-government citizens. Copies of and correspondence relating to articles that appeared in various national and local publications on the campus riot phenomenon. As before, the "General" folder is mostly comprised of correspondence from non-governmental persons and companies. Folders with FG in their class header relate to actions taken and correspondence received by the federal government, while folders with LG or ST in their class header relate to local or state government action or correspondence, respectively. Material in these files may be restricted and should be screened before researcher use.

Dudley Dillard Papers, 1948-1990. Unprocessed. 93.00 linear feet.

Location: Historical Manuscripts

Dudley Dillard was a professor of economics at the University of Maryland from 1942 to 1991. He served as chairman of the department from 1951 until 1975. He was also acting provost of the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences from 1976 until 1977. Dillard's papers consist of files from the Economics Department, correspondence, search committee files, and manuscripts. Major topics in the collection include day-to-day operation of the Economics Department, the Council of Economic Education in Maryland, Woodrow Wilson Fellowships, and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), for which he was serving as chapter president during the 1970 campus unrest period. The Dillard papers are unprocessed and must be screened before release to researchers. There are three relevant accessions: Acc. 85-22 (24.00 linear feet), Acc. 92-138 (6.00 linear feet), and Acc. 93-86 (63.00 linear feet).

Acc. 85-22:

Box 14

File: "May Daze 1970." (2f). A collection of Notes, Memos, and Correspondence, relating to Social Turbulence at University of Maryland (Vietnam, Civil Rights, Student Rights); it includes a summary of a "Meeting of Some Faculty Members with General Warfield, May 18, 1970," and minutes of an ad hoc meeting of the economics faculty to discuss the situation on campus held on the same day. The second folder contains loose papers related to the same period.

Acc. 92-138:

Box 2

File: "Dudley Dillard Personal – 1969-1970." Letter dated June 8, 1970, from Governor Mandel acknowledging Dillard's letter of appreciation for his appearance at the April 29, 1970, AAUP event with apologies for its delay (the governor received over 7,000 pieces of mail since the unrest began on May 1); letter from R. Lee Hornbake, Vice President for Academic Affairs, dated May 8, 1970, acknowledging the faculty's initiative at a meeting with General Warfield on May 5 that permitted the National Guard to withdraw from campus; draft letter, dated June 24, 1970, to Hornbake from Dillard, in response to the former's inquiry about the Economics faculty's holding of class during the May disturbances.

Acc. 93-86

Box 9

File: "Univ of MD Clippings 1969 Disturbances. Vietnam etc." File also includes a copy of the "Statement of Carl Oglesby, President of the Students for a Democratic Society – March on Washington, November 27, 1965."

Box 13

File: "AAUP -- 1970." Letter of appreciation, dated May 4, 1970, to Governor Mandel for his on-campus speech on April 29, 1970, with apologies for unruly student behavior; author's folder notes indicate that students threw marshmallows at the governor.

Theodore H. McNelly Papers. 1930-2007. Unprocessed. Acc. 2009-126. 49.50 linear feet.

Location: Historical Manuscripts

Theodore H. McNelly was an Associate Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park, from 1962-1991. The McNelly papers that cover his time at the university include a small portion of materials related to student unrest in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Box 6

File: "Caucus & CCAS (Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars) – Vietnam Moratorium." Undated letter from Vietnam Moratorium Committee to faculty, inviting them to join; statement of President Elkins to the faculty assembly; Freedom Leadership Foundation, University of Maryland Chapter, letter dated September 30, 1969; Q & A on the war and moratorium.

Other Potential Information Sources Outside the Archives and Manuscripts

Department

Newspapers—Other newspapers in the Baltimore-Washington region may have covered the demonstrations. Researchers are encouraged to consult the *Washington Post*, *Washington Star*, *Baltimore Sun*, *College Park Gazette*, and the *Prince George's Journal* for relevant articles.

Photographs—*Baltimore News American Photo Archives*. Photos from the *Baltimore News American*, a prominent Baltimore newspaper that ceased publication in 1986. A number of folders contain pictures depicting demonstrations, rallies, and protests from 1967 to 1972. This collection is held by the Marylandia and Rare Books Department of the University of Maryland Libraries and is served to researchers in the Maryland Room.

Relevant images may be found in the *BNA* photo archive in the following locations:

Box 316, Folder 1

One photograph of "Strike" graffiti on campus, August 1970. The strike refers to the student strike against study, designed to express student anti-war sentiment.

Box 328, Folder 1

Includes numerous photos of campus disturbances, 1967-1978. Special attention is given to the protests outside and inside Main Administration in April 1970 and to the May 1970 disturbances.

Box 328, Folder 2

Includes numerous photos of campus disturbances, 1970-1972. The bulk of the protest photos depict the campus disturbances in May 1970 and May 1971, particularly instances of police arresting or otherwise detaining students.

Box 356, Folders 35 and 36

Two folders comprised completely of photos from the 1970 and 1971 disturbances on the UM campus, primarily of events in 1970.

State Documents—Examples of potentially useful Maryland state documents held by the Marylandia and Rare Books Department include the annual report of the State of Maryland Advisory Council for Higher Education (MD Stacks LC175.M3A45).

State Records—Researchers should consult the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis to locate records relating to the operations of the Maryland National Guard on campus

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during the demonstrations. The papers of Governor Mandel are also at the Maryland State Archives.

Television News

The WMAR-TV News Collection is held by the University of Baltimore Langsdale Library Special Collections. The indices for Series I, Raw News Footage for 1970 and 1971, include entries for anti-war demonstrations at various locations around the state. The majority of footage has not been indexed; it is necessary to contact the archivist with specific dates to identify all holdings.

<http://archives.ubalt.edu/wmar/table.htm>

The Vanderbilt Television News Archives contains footage from major network news broadcasts, beginning with the year 1968. The holdings include ABC, NBC and CBS reports and/or footage from April 1972 on student protests at the University of Maryland. Free registration is required to search the database of news abstracts and broadcast. Fees are charged for borrowing.

<http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/>

Websites

University of Maryland Activists Reunite! <http://www.route-one.org/home/index.php>

This website developed as a result of a reunion of campus activists held in College Park in the summer of 2005. Although the focus is on the protests of the Vietnam War era, it includes information on other aspects of activism at the University of Maryland, College Park. A work-in-progress, it includes over twenty contributed memoir posts, links to primary documents, and approximately 200 photographs.