

Finding Aid for the Black Manifesto Collection

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Washington University in St. Louis.

Title: Black Manifesto Collection.

Dates: 1968 – 1998.

Quantity: 2.0 linear feet.

Language: English.

Historical Note

In 1968, the Association of Black Students submitted a *Black Position Paper* to the University administration outlining the areas of Washington University they urgently felt needed improvement as regarded black students. The student group urged change in black student enrollment, treatment of blacks on campus, and the introduction of a Black Studies program to the curriculum. These points were expanded in the *Black Manifesto* of 1968. Protests in Brookings Hall in 1968 led to more discussion of these topics between students and faculty and gradually changes occurred. The Association of Black Students (ABS) continued to support and work towards change, prompting awareness in 1978 and 1998 that more modifications of the status quo were necessary to complete the goals originally proposed in 1968.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection contains the Black Position Paper of 1968, the Black Manifesto of 1968, and correspondence with Chancellor Thomas H. Eliot concerning these documents and goals. Also included are documents relating the Brookings protest and other documents created by the student group. The collection also contains documents detailing action taken in 1978 and 1998 by the Association of Black Students and the administrators of Washington University.

Arrangement

This collection is divided by chronological order.

Related Materials

Further materials related to this topic can be located in the Student Union Records, also held in University Archives.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was transferred to the University Archives at various times.

Accruals

Accruals are interfiled.

Processing Information

Compiled by Hadley Holm Davis in October 2010.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions to access.

Use Restrictions

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Collection Contents

Box No.	Folder
Box 01	<i>Black Position Paper, 1968</i>
	<i>Black Manifesto, 1968</i>
	Correspondence with Chancellor Thomas H. Eliot, 1968
	Brookings Protest Documents, 1968
	Racial Discrimination – Olin Library, 1968
	The Association of Black Collegians Supports the Slate
	Letter from Chancellor Eliot, 1969
	“Agenda for Future Action on Black Issues, 1978” (copy)

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*[Response To Manifesto Of Black Concerns And Issues, An
Agenda For Future Action, Chancellor William H. Danforth (1978) –
SEE Archive Reference books (call number LC2803.S2 D3 1978)]*

Action Proposal – Association of Black Students, 1998

Miscellaneous (undated)