

Finding Aid for the Washington University Students for a Democratic Society Records

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Students for a Democratic Society and Terry Koch, Treasurer.

Title: Students for a Democratic Society Records.

Dates: 1956 – 1969.

Quantity: 14.5 linear feet.

Language: English, French, Spanish, Vietnamese.

Historical Note

The Washington University chapter of Students for a Democratic Society was formed in June 1965. In their formation statement, the Society stated “We share with the national organization the definition of our organization as ‘an association of young people on the left, [seeking] to create a sustained community of educational and political concern; one bringing together liberals and radicals, activists and scholars, students and faculty. We maintain a vision of a democratic society where at all levels the people have control of the decisions which affect them and the resources on which they are dependent. We seek a relevance through continual focus on realities and on the programs necessary to effect change at the most basic levels of economic, political and social organization. We feel the urgency to put forth a radical democratic program...” They also stated “we seek power for the students, education of them, and action by them, in order to establish a democratic society at Washington University.”

Membership in the Society was open to any student of Washington University and to any other person approved by the members.

Scope and Content Notes

The collection contains Washington University Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) material, including information from conferences and meetings, newsclippings, publications, membership lists, minutes of meetings of St. Louis chapter, and unclassified letters, as well as various publications collected by Terry Koch.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into the following two series:

Series 01: Students for a Democratic Society Material (in original order)

Series 02: Publications Collected by Terry Koch and other Personal Materials
(Arranged by type of material, with publications described in a separate document.)

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

Material in Series 01 was donated to the University Archives by Terry Koch, Washington University Students for a Democratic Society Treasurer on October 28, 1966 with additional material added in subsequent years. Material in Series 02 was donated to the University Archives by Terry Koch on June 12, 2009.

Accruals

Accruals are interfiled with the collection.

Processing Information

Initially compiled by Rachel Wigen-Toccalino, Adam Rothman, and Sonya Rooney in September 2008. Series 02 processing by Elizabeth Baldwin in April 2011 and Ashley Eckhardt in May 2011.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions to access.

Use Restrictions

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Collection Contents

Series 01: Students for a Democratic Society Material

Box No.	Folder
01	<p>Unclassified letters, Dec. 1966 – Aug. 1968 (Folder #1)</p> <p>Includes: Mainly political and radical group material, letters informing recipients of convocations, rallies, demonstrations and election campaign arrangements. Some sample literature is also included.</p> <p>Letters from SDS National and Regional chapters, May 1966 – Jan. 1968 (Folder #2)</p> <p>Similar in content to previous folder.</p> <p>National SDS Election, ca. 1966 (Folder #3)</p> <p>Includes: Flyers, political attacks on George Wallace and Warren Hearnes, advice on writing for SDS membership referendum and various background working papers concerned with the SDS and Vietnam activities.</p> <p>National SDS, Vietnam War (Folder #4, 2 folders)</p> <p>First part contains material in chronological order from April 1, 1965 to May 1, 1968 and includes copies of <i>Congressional Record</i>, flyers, leaflets, information on teach-ins, seminary and actor groups, essays, newspaper articles and various newsletters, all concerned with the Vietnam War.</p> <p>Second part contains similar material which is not possible to date. There is no material or correspondence relating to St. Louis SDS.</p> <p>DuBois Club, St. Louis (Folder #5)</p> <p>Includes: DuBois Club newsletter May 1956, a flyer of a speech by Dr. James O’Conner, and a flyer of a rally for freedom of opinion/expression.</p> <p>SDS National Organization (Folder #6A)</p> <p>Includes: Memoranda and lists of various SDS members and council members, National convention agendas and resolutions, and program proposals including</p>

proposal on the National Political Committee.

SDS National Organization (Folder #6B)

Contains similar material as previous folder which is impossible to date.

SDS National Labour Movement, 1963-1968 (Folder #7)

Includes:

Newsletters, essays, policy statements, and strategy proposals. The first half of the folder is in date order, the second half contains similar material that is undated.

National SDS Meeting and Rally, Dec. 1968 (Folder #8)

Includes:

Material from the Dec. 1968 SDS Convention and other conventions including one in Cleveland in 1965, which includes essays, policy statements, draft resolutions, questions and polemical tracts.

Mostly undated.

National SDS propaganda & news materials, 1962-1968(Folder#9A)

Includes:

Newsletters, essays, notes on conferences, newspaper clippings, quotes from Mao Tse Tung, leaflets on strategy after the King assassination, summer research projects, an editorial opposing SDS from WILs radio of Lansing, Michigan, an SDS literature list, solidarity appeal with the French students.

National SDS propaganda and news materials (Folder #9B)

Contains similar but undated material.

Mid City Community Congress, 1968 (Folder #10)

Includes:

Curriculum of organizers school of National County Union, MCCC press releases concerning police brutality in St. Louis. Undated material includes "Nothing" magazine, instructions from "St. Louis Committee on a New Party" on how to vote in 1968, and a flyer welcoming members to the Human Relations Club of Clayton High School.

Journal of YMCA (the Bear) Journal of Young Republicans,

Journal of Young Democrats (Washington University)
(Folder #11)

Recruitment on campus (WU) by the Dow Chemical Co. Feb. 14
1968 and subsequent reaction (Folder #12)

Includes:

Petition draft article for New Left Notes and SDS and flyer for
a November 1968 rally.

Radical Organization Committee (Folder #13)

Includes:

Two letters to Terry Koch dated Aug. 10 and 16, 1968
containing flyers on the Radical Organizing
Committee and others concerning strategy in
connection with the Democratic Party Chicago
Convention.

National Mobilization Committee, April 1968 – June 1969 (Folder
#14)

Includes:

Responses to October 1968 in Chicago, a call to come to
Washington, June 18-20, 1969, letters and
information on demonstrations.

Student Mobilization Committee (Folder #15)

Includes:

Letter, January 1967 and flyers
Convention flyers, undated

Spring Mobilization Committee (Folder #16)

Includes:

Flyers from the Spring Mobilization Committee on the war in
Vietnam and similar letters dated March 24, 1967
Similar flyers and letter (progress report), May 5, 1967
Motions and resolutions approved at the final plenary
session of Spring Mobilization Committee, National
Workshop Conference, Washington, D.C., May 20-21,
1967 and a resolution on Puerto Rico

St. Louis Citizens for Peace in Vietnam (Folder #17)

Includes:

Flyers from June 1965 and Feb. 1966

New Left Federation & Notes, Miscellaneous papers of SDS, 1965-
1966 (Folder #18)

Includes:

new left notes, newsclippings, and miscellaneous flyers

Membership list of SDS on Wash U, 1965-1966 (Folder #19)

Student Peace Union, 1966-1967 (Folder #20)

Includes:

Newsletters, pamphlets, flyers, letters to Terry Koch, copies of Draft Action News, referendum on dissolution of SPU.

Most chronological, some undated.

Financial record of SDS (National), 1965-1966 (Folder #21)

Includes:

Balance sheets, budget, debt.

SNCC, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (Folder #22)

Includes:

SDS resolutions, SDS position paper on the indivisible struggle against Racism, Apartheid and Colonialism

Citizens Amicus Brief in support of H. Rap Brown appeal for his bail restriction and communique.

Civil Rights and Racism (Wash U), 1967-1968 (Folder #23)

Includes:

Various flyers and pamphlets distributed by SDS On Washington University campus

Rally and meeting petition, 1964-1968 (Folder #24)

Includes:

Petitions and notices of meetings 1966-1968

Various statements, including Preliminary Statement "Toward an experimental American unity"

Vietnam War, 1964-1966 (Folder #25)

Includes:

Vietnam War examination

Demonstration against VP Humphrey,

Essays

Newsclippings

"The Spark" SDS journal, 1966-1967 (Folder #26)

Curriculum and Student Affairs (Folder #27)

Includes:

Flyers explaining how to vote on University Propositions
Material regarding student affairs

Aims of SDS at Wash U, 1965-1968 (Folder #28)

Includes:

Statement of formation, 1965
KMOX TV editorial
Clipping from National Guardian
Resolution on Oct. 21, 1967 mobilization, handwritten
Minutes, flyers, open letters to the faculty
Washington University SDS Constitution

SDS. Regional Office (Folder #29)

Includes:

Flyers from S.F. Mime Troupe
1965 flyer from action committee to increase opportunities
for Negroes
1968 "Save our City" coalition flyer

Vietnam Summer, 1967 (Folder #30)

Includes:

National contact list as of July 5, 1967
PR material: "How To" sheets, instructions for organizations
Questionnaire
Lists of trade union schools
Clipping from "The Christian Century" on Vietnam summers
Vietnam reading list

New University Conference, Chicago, 1968 (Folder #31)

Includes:

Flyers
Registration form

Personal record of Terry Koch, 1964-1968 (Folder #32)

Includes:

Receipts
Personal letters
Minutes of SDS 1965-1968
Notes and newsclippings

News, materials – personal, 1964-1968 (Folder #33)

Includes:
Mainly journals such as Independent Social
Newsletter
Letter from China Challenge, China Report

- 02 Periodicals and publications, 1964-1968
 Includes:
 PEL magazine (in English and Spanish)
 El Malcriado (the voice of the farm worker, English edition)
 New Politics News and Monthly Review
 Flyers and pamphlets and newsletters published by various
 SDS chapters in the USA
 Copies of the working papers from the "University and the
 Military" conference held Nov. 1967 at University of
 Chicago and issued by the Radical Education Project
 of Ann Arbor, Michigan)
 Membership cards and Vietnam information
 Newsletters
 Statement of the Tricontinental Committee of Support to
 Vietnam on the International Campaign of Unity with
 Vietnam...
 SDS Resolution at Austin, National Conference, March 1969
 Political education project – working papers
 Photos: demonstration outside Olin Library against Danforth
- 03 Civil rights (Folder #1)
 Includes:
 Material relating to the Mississippi Freedom Democratic
 Party
 Minutes of first meeting of Washington University Friends of
 SNCC
 Flyers
 Special Report of SNCC on the new voting bill, 1965
- Mailing stickers and telephone lists (Folder #2)
- Current bulk literature, flyers etc., 1965 (Folder #3)
- File copies of everything printed up, sent out from Saint Louis office
(SNCC) (Folder #4)
- Newspaper clippings on books Negroes, trading, Shanpsek (Folder
#5)

Press release (SNCC St. Louis) (Folder #6)

Clothing pick-ups (Folder #7)

St. Louis Friends of SNCC. Committees, Sept. 1965 (Folder #8)

Volunteer workers. SNCC (Folder #9)

Correspondence with Southern projects. SNCC (Folder #10)

Lobbying correspondence – governmental personnel, SNCC (Folder #11)

Includes:

Letters personally signed by Gov. Wallace, Tom Curtis (Missouri Congressman in Washington), and John Doar

Financial obligations, SNCC, 1965 (Folder #12)

Fundraising memos and ideas, SNCC, 1965 (Folder #13)

Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, MFDP challenge, 1965 (Folder #14)

Correspondence with Atlanta 1965 concerning meaning of St. Louis office and replacement for D. Finke, Saint Louis office manager (Folder #15)

MFLU Mississippi Freedom Labor Union Cotton Workers Strike (Folder #16)

Includes:

Flyers, memos and one letter of thanks to Finke

Bail (Folder #17)

Includes:

Memos to Northern SNCC offices to set up procedures for creating bail funds

J.P. Coleman Appointment, SNCC background (Folder #18)

SNCC lists of staff rallies in outfits in Saint Louis eg. JCCA, YNCA etc. plus lists of source members (Folder #19)

Photos (Folder #20)

Lists of projects and personnel in other areas (Folder #21)

Report of the Adhoc Committee on Student Conduct, Berkley, 1964
(Folder #22)

Follow up (Folder #23)

Open House preparations (Folder #24)

Includes:

List of participants, SNCC, 1965

Real Estate (Folder #25)

Includes:

Correspondence dealing with office properties

Voting and economic statistics, SNCC (Folder #26)

Includes:

Mainly of SNCC and others

Letter from John Doar to Joyce Ladner at

Washington University regarding Selma, May 1965

Special reports (Folder #27)

Includes:

Flyers, "The Student Voice," and citizenship pamphlets

Unplaceable civil rights flyers (Folder #28)

WATS incident summary reports. #125-168, July-Sept. 1965

(Folder #29)

Memos from Atlanta to Friends of SNCC and Northern SNCC
offices (Folder #30)

WU Correspondence, 1964-1965 (Folder #31)

Includes:

Correspondence

Canadian SNCC newsletter

Flyers for funds

SNCC buttons

WU SNCC newsletter

Vicksburg Citizen's Appeal – newspaper, March-June 1965 (Folder
#32)

Unsorted flyers, leaflets, etc. (Folder #33)

Includes:
Flyers
Leaflets
Petitions
Newsclippings relating to SNCC 1965 Selma campaign and subsequent problems

Freedom Driver flyers (Folder #34)

SDS convention material delegates folder, 1967 (Folder #35)
This file has been rehabilitated but has no particular order

Miscellaneous mail/flyers, 1967-1968 (Folder #36)
Mostly concerned with draft counseling draft evasion and Canadian immigration

Miscellaneous mail/flyers, 1967-1968 (Folder #37)
Similar to Folder #36

New Left notes, 1966 (Folder #38)

3rd world (Folder #39)
Includes:
Including grape strike
Letters, pamphlets, congressional record, Chinese publications including bills, 1964-1968

Selective service, 1965-1968 (Folder #40)
Includes:
Draft advice, pamphlets, literature lists etc. alternatives to military service

Media (Folder #41)
Includes:
Bills for books

SDS-Wash U Chapter Publications (Folder #42)
Includes:
Student's Life articles about URAP

Ephemera – Freedom Driver Buttons (Folder #43)
23 buttons in total

Series 02: Publications Collected by Terry Koch and Other Related Material

Scope Note: Additional descriptive information listing publication titles is available at the Archives and in a separate document online.

Box No.	<u>Box / Folder Title</u> (arrangement)
S02 B01	<u>Publications: American</u> (by title)
S02 B02	<u>Publications: American</u> (by title)
S02 B03	<u>Publications: American</u> (by title)
S02 B04	<u>Publications: United States</u> (oversized)
S02 B05	<u>Publications: St. Louis</u> (by title)
S02 B06	<u>Publications: St. Louis</u> (by title, includes <i>St. Louis Outlaw</i>)
S02 B07	<u>Publications: St. Louis</u> (by title, includes <i>St. Louis Outlaw</i>)
S02 B08	<u>Publications: Washington University in St. Louis</u> (by title)
S02 B09	<u>Publications: International</u> (by country, then title)
S02 B10	<u>Publications: International</u> (by country, then title)
S02 B11	<u>Publications: International</u> (oversized)
S02 B12	<u>Publications: Students for a Democratic Society, National</u> (by title)
S02 B13	<u>Personal materials of Terry Koch:</u> Activism I Includes: Newspaper articles, flyers, pamphlets, reports, and Terry Koch's handwritten notes related to protesting the Vietnam War, forms of nonviolent resistance, demonstrations, and the civil rights movement Activism II Includes: Articles and papers concerning nonviolent forms of resistance, SNCC, Marxism, socialism, and leadership Activism III Includes:

Articles, flyers, posters, and Terry Koch's handwritten notes concerning lead poisoning, creating false identities, and women's rights

Activism: Promotional Materials

Includes:

Posters and flyers related to boycotts, protests against the Vietnam War, and civil rights issues

African American Book Lists

Chemical and Biological Warfare Research

Material concerning chemical and biological warfare research at American universities

China: Foreign Policy, Economic Development, Cultural Welfare
Packet of information sent by the Student Union for Peace Action analyzing China's political, economic, and social policies

Civil Rights

Includes:

Flyers, articles, and newspaper clippings mostly related to the civil rights movement, but also including notices of demonstrations and materials about the Selma march, House Unamerican Activities Committee (HUAC), and labor rights

Civil Rights: News Clippings

Includes: Mostly *New York Times* articles concerning civil rights issues and the Selma March from 1964 to 1965

Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)

Includes:

Newsletters, correspondence, handwritten notes, talks, articles, pamphlets, and flyers related to the organization's efforts to enact racial equality in America

CORE: Long Island CORE Ledger

CORE: Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party I

Includes: Information on Louisiana summer programs, articles and pamphlets about rural America, and newspaper articles

CORE: New York Area Conference

Includes: Folder of materials and handwritten notes from the CORE New York Area Conference, November 22-23, 1963

Conscientious Objectors

Includes: Articles about being a conscientious objector of the Vietnam War and correspondence, applications, and statements from Terry Koch's appeal for conscientious objector status

Ephemera

Includes: Membership cards, a ticket to a civil rights rally with Martin Luther King, Jr., and other items related to CORE and Terry Koch's involvement with the civil rights movement

Farm Workers

Includes:
Publications, pamphlets, flyers, and reports related to farm workers' rights and the Schenley/Delano strike and boycott as well as English issues of *El Malcriado*

General Electric Strike

Newspaper articles about the General Electric strike

"Housing, Schools, Voting, and Employment": Civil Rights Act of 1963 I

Includes:
Articles, pamphlets, and publications that discuss fair housing, education, voting, and labor laws, especially regarding desegregation

Labor

Includes:
Reports, publications, and newspaper articles regarding fair labor practices

Manuscripts

Includes: Handwritten notes, drafts, and final copies of speeches and papers written by Terry Koch

March on Washington: News Clippings

Includes: Mainly *New York Times* and *Long Island Press* articles about the March on Washington led by Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28, 1963

Miscellaneous

Photograph

One unlabeled photograph of a demonstration taken by Terry Linhardt

Product Lists

Includes: Lists of publications, films, and posters from organizations specializing in left-wing materials, especially the Radical Education Press

Right-wing Material

Includes: Publications and pamphlets produced by right-wing organizations

ROTC

Includes:
Newspaper articles, publications, and statements regarding the student protests against ROTC programs on university campuses, including materials from the Washington University protests

Seattle Liberation Front

Includes:
Pamphlets, publications, and posters produced by the Seattle Liberation Front

Selma March

Includes: Materials from the Selma-Montgomery March of 1965, including Terry Koch's article "Selma to Montgomery—A Marcher's Report"

St. Louis Demonstrations

Includes: Materials regarding demonstrations in St. Louis, including the World Series demonstration

Student Activism

Includes: Pamphlets, flyers, and articles about American university student activism, mostly against the Vietnam War

Student Demonstrations

Includes:
Newsletters, flyers, and protocols regarding the Youth International Party and student demonstrations at American universities, including legal documents, correspondence, and flyers from the Washington University demonstrations

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)

Includes:
Pamphlets, articles, publications, flyers, and correspondence produced by the SNCC, mostly relating to their work with the civil rights movement

S02 B14 Personal materials of Terry Koch

Student Peace Union

Includes:
Correspondence, pamphlets, newsletters, and flyers from the Student Peace Union of New York

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) I

Includes:
Terry Koch's personal SDS files with materials such as flyers, publications, reports, and handwritten notes

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) II

Includes:
Terry Koch's personal SDS files with materials such as flyers, publications, reports, handwritten notes, and a petition to ban the ROTC from Washington University

Vietnam

Includes: Articles about American involvement in Vietnam

Vietnam Summer I

Includes: Organizational guides produced by Vietnam Summer

Vietnam Summer II

Includes:
Correspondence, organizational materials, and newspaper articles about Vietnam Summer

War Taxes

Includes: Information about how and which taxes helped fund the Vietnam War

Washington Demonstrations

Includes: Correspondence, flyers, and newspaper articles about demonstrations in Washington, D.C.

W.E.B. DuBois Club

Includes:
Newsletters and issues of *Insurgent* published by the national W.E.B. DuBois Club and a paper written by Terry

Koch entitled "The Role of the Mass Media in the Recognition of the DuBois Club at Washington U."

William F. Ryan for Mayor Campaign

Includes:

Correspondence, flyers, and newspaper articles about William F. Ryan and his mayoral campaign

Comics: A-B (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *All Girls Thrills*, *American Flyer Funnies*, *Armadillo*, *Balloon Vendor*, *Bijou Funnies*, and *Bogey Man*

Comics: C (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *Captain Guts*, *Choice Meats Comics*, *Class War Comics*, *Commie Comix*, *Conspiracy Capers*, and *Corn Fed Comics*

Comics: D (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *Dan O'Neill's Comics and Stories*, *Dopin' Dan*, and *Dr. Atomic*

Comics: F-I (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *Feds 'n' Heads Comics*, *God Nose*, *Happy Endings Comics*, *Hungry Chuck Biscuits*, and *It Ain't Me Babe*

Comics: L-M (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *Laugh in the Dark*, *Layoff Revue*, *Left Field Funnies*, *Merton of the Movement*, *Mickey Mouse Meets the Air Pirates Funnies*, *Mom's Homemade Comics*, *Mother's Oats Comix*, and *Myron Moose Funnies*

Comics: N-R (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *Notes from Underground*, *Our Army at War*, *The People's Comics*, *Plunge into the Depths of Despair*, and *Real Free Press*

Comics: S (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *San Francisco Comic Book*, *Skull*, *Slow Death Funnies*, *SMUT Comix*, and *Subvert Comics*

Comics: T (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)

Titles include: *Tales from the Behavioral Sink*, *Tales from the Ozone*, *Tales of Toad*, *Those Fabulous*, *Furry Freak Brothers*, *Three Fisted Tails*, *The Tortoise and the Hare*, *Trash Comix*, and *Trashman*

Comics: U-Y (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)
Titles include: *Unedda Comix*, *Wimmen's Comix*, *The X-Men*, and *Young Lust*

Comics: Z (Radical, left-wing comics published in the 1970s)
Titles include: *Zap Comix*

Comics: Correspondence
Includes: Correspondence with DC Comics and "The Salvation of Mankind from Unnatural Temptation (SMUT)"

Memorabilia
Includes: Cloth armbands, Katherine Court matchbook, and buttons from demonstrations and political rallies

S02 B15 Personal materials of Terry Koch [Legal-size files]
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
Includes: Materials related to working holiday projects and friendship visits to foreign countries organized by the National Youth Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

CORE: Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party II
Includes: Correspondence, pamphlets, and articles regarding the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and CORE's efforts to register African American voters

"Housing, Schools, Voting, and Employment": Civil Rights Act of 1963 II
Includes: Articles, pamphlets, and publications that discuss fair housing, education, voting, and labor laws, especially regarding desegregation, and a copy of the Civil Rights Act of 1963

Sing Out! Bumper Sticker

Grimm's Märchen [book from early 19th Century]