Guide to the Records of the

Michael Knipfing Collection

Record Group 3: Alumni

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Donated to Rhoads Memorial Archives by Michael Knipfing, college class of 1971, the collection contains items related to his time at the Mount.

Knipfing was on John Whelley’s student government presidential campaign and thus much of the materials in the collection relate to this campaign and their subsequent time in office. Knipfing served as Executive Secretary of the Student Government in 1969 and Vice President (Chairman of the Student Assembly in 1970).

Of note is the letter dated April 16, 1969 from John Whelley to the Academic Council. As the Student Government Presidential Representative, Knipfing hand delivered this letter to Dr. John Dillon as the faculty meeting was taking place during the boycott week in the Coad Science Building lecture hall. Through some inadvertence, he gave Dillon a copy of the letter, and he held onto the other which is here in the collection. The collection contains numerous other items related to the boycott and non-boycott items related to general Mount student life.

PROVENANCE

This collection of materials was donated to Rhoads Memorial Archives in June, 2015 by Michael Knipfing, college class of 1971.

PROCESSING

Flat materials were placed in acid-free folders and stored in chronological order with the artifacts and oversize materials inside an acid-free box.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of 1.3 feet ranging in date from 1968 to 1971. This collection includes posters, stickers, and position papers related to the student government presidential campaign of John Whelley. It also contains letters and a black arm band from the 1969 student boycott. Finally, the collection also holds non-boycott related artifacts including a freshmen beanie and laundry bag.

This collection is arranged in three series:

Series I: Whelley Campaign
Series II: Student Government
Series III: Oversize Materials
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Whelley Campaign, 1969 (2 folders)

This series contains a Whelley/Delehanty campaign sticker and “Tommorow is Now,” papers describing Whelley positions and topics related to the campaign’s theme.

Series II: Student Government, 1968-1971 (0.29 feet)

This series contains agendas and meeting minutes from the student government, student government’s executive council and its religious council. The series also contains letters exchanged with the student government and administration, faculty, and parents during the 1969 boycott. In addition, this series holds proposals for improvements to housing and college regulations.

Series III: Oversize Materials, 1969-1971 (1 foot)

This series contains the following materials: a campaign poster from John Whelley’s student government presidential campaign; a black armband from the 1969 student boycott; a blue freshmen beanie, which was worn during hazing week; and a blue laundry bag.
BOX INVENTORY

Box 1

Series I: Whelley Campaign

Whelley/Delehanty Campaign Sticker, 1969
Tomorrow is Now, 1969

Series II: Student Government

Statement for Amnesty for Students, 04/14/1968
Student Government Executive Board Religious Council Roster, 1969
Student Government Executive Board Religious Council Meeting Minutes, c.1969/1970
Constitution of the Religious Council, 1969
Student Government Proposed Budget, Spring 1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 02/03/1969
Student Government Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 02/04/1969
Student Government Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 02/13/1969
Letter from Admissions at St. Joseph’s College and MSM College to Msgr. Phillips, 02/14/1969
Student Government Meeting Agenda, 02/17/1969
Student Government Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 02/20/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 02/25/1969
Student Government Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 03/05/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 03/10/1969
Student Government Meeting Agenda, 03/18,1969
Student Government Executive Council Meeting Minutes, 03/27/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 04/15/1969
Letter from John G. Whelley to Faculty Members, 04/16/1969
Letter to Parents from Student Government regarding protests, 04/18/1969
Letter from Rev. Daniel Nusbaum to John Whelley, 04/17/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 04/22/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 04/28/1969
Student Government Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 04/30/1969
Letter from John G. Whelley to Members of Student Government, 07/26/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 09/06/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 09/22/1969
Student Government Meeting Minutes, 10/20/1969
Proposal of Student Government for Visitation Privileges for Women, 1970
Proposed Housing Improvements for A + B Deck (Brute), 1970
Proposed Charter for MSM, St. Joseph’s College Group Action Plan (GAP), 1970
Proposed Student Government Budget, Sept. 1970
Student Government Executive Board Religious Council Meeting Minutes, 11/13/1970
Proposed Student Government Constitution, 03/31/1971

Box 2

Oversize Materials

Freshmen Beanie, 1971
Black Armband, 1969
Mt. St. Mary’s Laundry Bag, 1971
Whelley/Delehanty Campaign Poster, 1969