



Guide to the Duke Student Movement Scrapbook, 2001

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Summary

Collection Title:

Duke Student Movement scrapbook, 2001

Abstract:

In March 2001, students formed the group, Duke Student Movement, to protest racism and exclusion on Duke's campus. Student protests were sparked by the publication of a paid advertisement that argued against slavery reparations in the Chronicle. This scrapbook contains clippings, photographs, and Duke Student Movement papers documenting student activism and responses from alumni, faculty, and administration to these events.

Extent:

1.25 Linear Feet

Language:

Materials in English.

Collection ID:

UA.01.10.0002

Permalink:

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Preferred Citation

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Background

Scope and Content

This scrapbook was moved from the Black History at Duke Reference Collection where it was titled Black Student Movement scrapbook. It contains materials documenting the student protests that took place at Duke in March 2001. Items include a timeline of events, Duke Student Movement's statement of goals and demands, clippings and articles, photographs, and faculty statements on student protests. Also includes clippings on responses from the surrounding

community, and other institutions, such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Biographical/Historical

In March 2001, student activists organized to form Duke Student Movement in response to an advertisement published in the Chronicle, a student-run newspaper. The students advocated for more efforts towards making Duke University a more diverse and inclusive community. The paid advertisement titled, "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea and Racist Too" by David Horowitz was published in the newspaper's March 19, 2001, issue. Students and organizations spoke out against the advertisement disputing its historical inaccuracies and presentation of the enslavement of Black people as advantageous for the Black community. The response to this publication would spark discourse on issues of free speech, inclusivity, and racism on campus.

Two students sent out a mass email to the Duke community in a call to action following the publication of the advertisement. A forum attended by students, administrators, alumni, and the local press met on West Campus on March 21, 2001. Protesters organized committees, collected signatures for petitions, and developed a plan for action. Duke Student Movement presented Duke's president, Nan Keohane, with a list of demands and signed petitions on March 22, 2001.

This first list of demands highlighted the group's assertion that the Chronicle failed to address the offensive content and historical inaccuracies in the advertisement. The group demanded a published clarification from the Chronicle on its policy on paid advertisements. The list also included appeals for increased diversity recruitment, a dedicated cultural space for Black students, and a request to rename the African and Afro-American Studies program to African and African American Studies.

On March 25, 2001, Duke Student Movement members reconvened to discuss a new list of demands. With these revised demands, the group highlighted the university's failure to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for students of color.

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

Source is unknown.

Processing Information

The Duke Student Movement scrapbook was originally a part of the Black History at Duke Reference collection as the Black Student Movement scrapbook. It was moved to this collection and renamed Duke Student Movement scrapbook in March 2023. Scrapbook title devised by the archivist.

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Related Materials

Related Material

Black History at Duke reference collection, 1948-2001 and undated University Archives/David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library

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Names and Subjects

- African American college students -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Student activism
- African Americans -- Reparations
- Student movements
- Freedom of speech -- United States
- College student newspapers and periodicals -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Advertisements
- Duke University -- Students -- Societies, etc
- Duke University -- Students
- Chronicle (Durham, N.C.)
- Duke University -- Administration
- Duke Student Movement (Student organization)
- Black Student Alliance (Duke University)
- Duke University -- Faculty

Collection Inventory

Scrapbook, 2001 (online item available)

Box 1

Digital Object: [Duke Student Movement scrapbook, 2001](#)