



University of Missouri-Columbia, National Education Association Records (C4774)

Collection Number: C4774

Collection Title: University of Missouri-Columbia, National Education Association Records

Dates: 1975-1978

Creator: University of Missouri-Columbia, National Education Association

Abstract: Correspondence, news clippings, printed material, faculty meeting papers, and miscellaneous material concerning the organization.

Collection Size: 0.8 cubic foot
(24 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the University of Missouri-Columbia, National Education Association Records can be found in the following collections:

[*Arthur L. Kalleberg Papers*](#), (C3597)

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Historical Note:

The University of Missouri-Columbia chapter of the National Education Association (UMC-NEA) was established in the fall of 1975. Prior to chapter establishment, prospective members gathered in a Sunday evening group – called “Faculty Study Group” and, informally, “the Five” – to discuss methods for making a meaningful impact on the UMC campus during the winter of 1975, although proposals offered to the Faculty Council were summarily rejected. The founding members of the Faculty Study Group were professors John Lankford, Paul Blackwell, James McCartney, and Robert Rowland. Ultimately, this group turned their efforts toward creating a collective bargaining unit, leading to their affiliation with the National Education Association (NEA). Later concerted efforts were directed towards the removal of University of Missouri President Charles Brice Ratchford in 1976 on grounds of no confidence.

This chapter was one of many affiliates of the Missouri National Education Association (MNEA), the state affiliate of the national association, which was established in 1973 after its predecessor, the Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA), was disaffiliated from NEA.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 4 series:

Administrative Files
Correspondence
Legal
Publications

Scope and Content Note:

Administrative Files

This series contains materials related to operations and activities of the organization, including membership records, constitutions, event and meeting materials, records of staff groups and committees, and financial records, 1975-1977.

Correspondence

This series consists of letters sent and received by the organization, including member resignation letters and correspondence from national and state education associations, 1975-1977.

Legal

This series contains materials related to legal proceedings in which UMC-NEA or its members were involved, including case files and correspondence from the organization's legal representatives in a 1976 court case against John Hall Dalton.

Publications

This series consists of materials pertaining to educational associations, tenure, university policies, and collective bargaining procedures as expressed in brochures, pamphlets, newsletters, and various organizational reports. Also included are issues of UMC-NEA's newsletter, "Faculty Perspectives," and news clippings regarding university politics and UMC-NEA activities.

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