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## INTRODUCTION

The papers of Carla Weitzel, a sociology graduate student at the University of Missouri-Columbia, consist of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, correspondence, posters, pamphlets, photographs, and miscellaneous materials. The materials document civil rights issues, particularly the anti-apartheid and divestment movement that occurred on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus during the mid-1980s.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The Weitzel papers were donated by James Kamp to the University of Missouri on 2 June 2004 (Accession No. 6038).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Carla J. Weitzel was born on June 29, 1953 in Clinton, Missouri to Charles and Shirley May Weitzel. She graduated from Buffalo High School in Buffalo, Missouri and studied veterinary medicine at the University of Missouri in 1971. She left school after three semesters and hitchhiked across the country. After a short marriage, she joined the Army and served for two years. In 1979, she began studying sociology at Southwest Missouri State University. After graduating, she enrolled in the University of Missouri's doctoral program for sociology. While a graduate student, Weitzel became one of the primary leaders in the divestment movement on campus.

The divestment movement at the University of Missouri began in April 1978, when Doug Liljegen, Missouri Student Association president, wrote a letter to the board of curators notifying them that the University had investments in 54 companies which were doing business in South Africa. A month later a rally was held to persuade the curators to pull their investments out of South Africa.

By 1985, C. Peter Magrath, University president, had formed a task force on the University's South African investment policy which investigated the advantages and disadvantages of divestment. In November of that year the task force recommended that the University partially divest and limit investments to companies that signed the Sullivan Principles, a fair employment agreement for blacks in South Africa.

Anti-apartheid activists were not satisfied with partial divestment and decided to erect a shantytown on Francis Quadrangle in observance of Anti-Apartheid Day on October 10, 1986. The shantytown was built to emulate how black South Africans lived under apartheid. The construction of the shantytown began a year long fight between the activists and University administrators. On October 13th, Weitzel and 16 other protestors were arrested at the shantytown for trespassing. University officials decided to drop the charges and Chancellor Barbara Uehling gave the activists a permit to keep the shantytown in place until January 1987.

Interim Chancellor Duane Stuckey ordered the shanties dismantled in February and placed new facilities guidelines in place. The shantytown activists ignored the guidelines and rebuilt the shanties. On February 6, 1987, after refusing to leave the shantytown, 41 protestors

were arrested and jailed. Weitzel and several other protestors chose to stay in jail and began a hunger strike. Under an agreement with the University, one of the protestors went to trial for the trespassing charges and was acquitted in December 1987. In August 1987, the state of Missouri divested and strongly urged the University to do the same. The University of Missouri approved complete divestment in January 1988 and had divested by January 1993.

Carla Weitzel received her doctorate in sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia and continued to work as a civil rights activist. She married James Kamp in 1990 and resided in Columbia until her death on July 4, 2000.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Carla Weitzel Papers consist of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, correspondence, posters, pamphlets, photographs, and miscellaneous materials that are organized into four series: **Clippings**, **University of Missouri Divestment Movement**, **Organizations**, and **Audio Materials**.

The **Clippings** series consists of newspaper clippings and magazine articles dating from 1970 to 1999 that focus on various civil rights issues, including apartheid and divestment. The series is arranged in chronological order.

The **University of Missouri Divestment Movement** series consists of papers from various student groups, faculty groups, and University administrators which focus primarily on the University's financial investments, the issue of divestment, and the shantytown. The series is arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.

The **Organizations** series consists of materials from various national and global organizations concerned with issues such as equal rights, apartheid, and world peace. The series is arranged alphabetically and the documents therein arranged chronologically.

The **Audio Materials** series is arranged chronologically and consists of audio cassettes containing recordings of speeches and lectures, radio news shows, and state divestment hearings.

#### FOLDER LIST

##### **Clippings Series**

The **Clippings** series is arranged chronologically and consists of newspaper clippings and magazine articles dating from 1970 to 1999. The clippings and articles primarily focus on issues such as the anti-apartheid movement, divestment, civil rights, and equal rights. Most of the newspaper clippings are from local newspapers, including the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, *The Maneater*, *Columbia Missourian*, and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Although the majority of the clippings describe local activities, there are numerous articles that focus on national and global issues.

The newspaper clippings from 1986 to 1987 are of particular interest because they detail the history of the shantytown movement and the apartheid protests that occurred on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. The shantytown movement and subsequent University divestment was a local event that had significance on a global level. There is also a great deal of information pertaining to racial tensions in Columbia, especially in the Douglas Park area.

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### **University of Missouri Divestment Movement Series**

The **University of Missouri Divestment Movement** series is arranged by type of material and chronologically therein. The series consists of papers from various student groups,

faculty groups, and University administrators and focus primarily on the University's financial investments, the issue of divestment, and the shantytown. Several student groups, including the Shantytown Activists and the Missouri Students Association, joined together in the divestment cause and succeeded in forcing the University to withdraw its investments from companies associated with apartheid in South Africa. Included in the series is a list of the articles written about the shantytown that were published in *The Maneater*.

The correspondence included in this series concerns various aspects of the divestment movement at the University of Missouri. The correspondence includes several 1978 letters that detail the beginnings of the divestment movement when Doug Liljegren, president of the Missouri Students Association, first wrote to University administrators urging them to stop investing money in businesses involved with South Africa. Also included in the correspondence are legal papers concerning illegal strip searches of the Shantytown Activists by the Boone County Sheriff's Office.

The petitions included in this series primarily pertain to the issue of University divestment. Also included are notes from organizational meetings regarding the construction of the shantytown. The contact lists contain phone numbers and contact information for students involved in the shantytown demonstrations, as well as curators and department chairs. The photographs included in this series consist of student protestors building shanties on the quadrangle or cleaning up debris from destroyed shanties. The students in the photographs are unidentified and it is undetermined who took the photographs or if they were published at any time.

The posters and fliers included in this series primarily advertise shantytown and anti-apartheid demonstrations held on the campus during 1986 and 1987. Also included in the series are statements and speeches made by students, faculty, and the University administration on the divestment and shantytown issues. Of particular interest in the administration's statements are documents released in 1987 responding to the facilities policies established after the shantytown was constructed. These policies prohibited protesting in areas such as Francis Quadrangle and the South Jesse Quad. Peter Magrath, the University president, and other administrators established Conley Plaza as a speaker's corner so that students could protest without applying for a permit.

The financial reports included in this series contain itemized lists of the endowment and retirement funds for the University. These reports show how much money in each fund was invested in companies that dealt with South Africa. Also included in this series are the South Africa Now Symposium program and Carla Weitzel's notes from the various lectures.

In 1987, Weitzel was invited to speak about the shantytown and divestment movement before a special committee on apartheid at the United Nations. Her speech and general information about the hearing are included in this series. Also included in this series are personal notes on various lectures and classes kept by Weitzel. The miscellaneous folder consists of a short story on apartheid, faculty council meeting notes, and an outline for a proposed ethnic studies program at the University of Missouri.

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### **Organizations Series**

The **Organizations** series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the organization and the documents therein arranged chronologically. The documents consist of form letters, flyers, pamphlets, and newsletters from various national and global organizations concerned with issues such as equal rights, apartheid, and world peace.

Of particular interest is *The African-American Experience at the University of Missouri, 1950-1994*, published by the University of Missouri-Columbia Black Alumni Association. This book offers a detailed history of African-Americans at the University, from the 1938 Lloyd Gaines vs. Canada court case to the 25th Anniversary of the Legion of Black Collegians.

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