

U DX240

Student sit-in, the 'Clearway Campaign'

1968-1969

Historical Background:

Sparked by student Tom Fawthrop (aged 21) ripping up his exam paper in protest against the University examination and education system (28 May 1968), a sit-in by around 300 students lasting 4 days (9-12 Jun 1968) was staged in the University of Hull's administration building.

Backed by the Student Union and the Socialist Society, up to 1000 students and staff gave their support for greater representation. This came amidst unrest concerning 'student power' in other areas of the country, and particularly in France. Negotiation was entered with senior members of the University, and in Feb 1969 Hull University was reportedly one of the first colleges to have their grievances assessed by officials from the House of Commons Select Committee on Education and Science.

Custodial history:

Donated by Prof. Edwin Dawes, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Hull, 10 January 1995

Description:

File of press cuttings regarding the student sit-in at the University of Hull (later known as the 'Clearway Campaign'). Coverage mainly May – Nov 1968.

Extent: 1 file

Related material:

File. 'Students'1966-1970 amongst the Papers of Philip Corrigan [Ref U DPC/13]

File. 'Left-wing lecturer v. Ald [Alderman] Science' Oct 1968 amongst the Papers of Tony (Anthony John) Topham. Cuttings from the Hull Daily Mail regarding the public denunciation of a University of Hull lecturer for supporting the student sit in [Ref U DTO/9/3]

Papers relating to student life, 1968-1971 [Ref U DX312]

Access conditions:

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Press cuttings regarding the student sit-in at the University of Hull (later known as the 'Clearway Campaign')
Mostly from 'The Daily Mail' with many of the articles including photographs. Coverage mainly May – Nov 1968.
3 copies of Torchlight from 1968 are included.
1 file

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