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Guide to the

Student Federalists records

1942-2003 (bulk 1942-1952)

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Summary

Creator: Young World Federalists

Title: Student Federalists records, 1942-2003 (bulk 1942-1952)

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Abstract: The records of the Student Federalists contain and are arranged into four series: correspondence; files on conventions and other meetings held or attended by the organization; speeches, articles, and other writings by 1944-1945 president Thomas Hughes; and other general information about the members and activities of the Student Federalists. Materials date primarily during the years of the organization's existence (1942-1951), with a few documents of reminiscences falling at later dates.

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Creator history

The Student Federalists organization was established in 1942 by Harris Wofford, then a high school student in Scarsdale, New York. Wofford's Student Federalists group was based on the ideas Clarence Streit (author of *Union Now* and founder of the Federal Union, Inc.) was advocating at that time, primarily the post-World War II formation of a federal world government--a union that Wofford, Streit, and others envisioned as a peaceful resolution to world conflicts. The Student Federalist movement grew quickly in the final years of World War II and the years immediately following, with chapters in hundreds of high schools and colleges, and an office in Washington, D.C. to oversee the chapters and distribute materials to members. At a 1947 conference in North Carolina, the Student Federalists merged with four other similar organizations, becoming the youth division of the newly-formed United World Federalists. Membership in the Student Federalists began to decline in the years immediately following the merger, and by late 1951 had dropped so low that the organization was disbanded. Many remaining Student Federalists then became part of World Order Realized through Law and Democracy (WORLD), which was established in October of 1951.

Scope and content note

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Arrangement

The Student Federalists records are organized into the following series:

Series I. Correspondence, 1942-1949, 1970, 2003

Series II. Meetings, 1942-1948

Series III. General, 1943-1952

Series IV. Thomas Hughes, 1942-1947, 1997

IV.A. Articles and Speeches, 1944-1947

IV.B. General, 1942-1947, 1997

Key terms

Subjects

International organization -- Societies, etc

Student movements

Names

Hughes, Thomas Lowe, 1925-

Streit, Clarence K. (Clarence Kirshman), 1896-1986

Student Federalists

United World Federalists (U.S.)

Wofford, Harris

World Order Realized through Law and Democracy

Young World Federalists

Container list

Series I. Correspondence, 1942-1949, 1970, 2003 (1.5 boxes)

Correspondence in this series is largely that received by Thomas Hughes, president of the Student Federalists 1944-1945 (though correspondence is not strictly from his term as president); primarily dealing with issues related to the Student Federalists, though some personal correspondence is also present. Files are named and arranged by correspondent.

- b.1 f.1 Austin, Margretta, 1946
- b.1 f.2 Ball, Helen, 1946-1947
- b.1 f.3 Benedict, Steve, 1944-1945, 2003
- b.1 f.4 Blumenstiel, Margaret, 1943-1947
- b.1 f.5 Crane, Wilder, 1944-1947
- b.1 f.6 General, 1943-1947
- b.1 f.7 Johnson, Olga, 1943-1946
- b.1 f.8 Lang, Rex, 1944-1970
- b.1 f.9 Lastayo, Virgie; Shane Riorden, 1945-1946
Lindgren, Emmy Lou
- b.1 f.10 1943
- b.1 f.11 1944
- b.1 f.12 1945
- b.1 f.13 1946
- b.1 f.14 1947
- b.2 f.1 Miscellaneous, 1943-1947
- b.2 f.2 Officers (Olson, Eshman, Miller), 1944-1945
- b.2 f.3 Prentice, Coke, 1946-1947
- b.2 f.4 Scarsdale chapter (Bache, Friedlander, Canno, Krout, Morgan, Purdy), 1943-1946
- b.2 f.5 Streit, Clarence, 1942-1949
- b.2 f.6 Washington, D.C. office (Meade, Reynolds), 1944-1945
Wofford, Harris
- b.2 f.7 1943
- b.2 f.8 1944
- b.2 f.9 1945
- b.2 f.10 1946-1947

Series II. Meetings, 1942-1948 (0.5 box)

The Meetings series contains files on conventions, congresses, and other meetings which the Student Federalists either hosted or participated in. Files include correspondence, schedules, clippings, publicity fliers, and transcripts of addresses given by Student Federalist members (primarily Thomas Hughes) at these events. Materials are arranged chronologically and range in date from 1942 to 1948.

- b.2 f.11 National Student Congress, 1942 April
- b.2 f.12 Federal Union convention, 1943 November
- b.2 f.13 National Student Federalist Convention, 1944 March-April
- b.2 f.14 Canada tour, 1944 May
- b.2 f.15 Republican National Convention, 1944-1946
- b.2 f.16 American Forum of the Air, 1944 July 4

Series II. Meetings (cont.)

- b.2 f.17 Democratic National Convention, 1944 July
- b.2 f.18 Federal Union convention, 1944 September-October
- b.3 f.1 Northfield Lions Club, 1945 April 19
- b.3 f.2 Institute of International Relations, 1945 June-July
- b.3 f.3 Student Federalist Summer Institute, 1945 August
- b.3 f.4 Inauguration of President Gould (Carelton College), 1945 October
- b.3 f.5 Concord Conference on World Government, 1946 February
- b.3 f.6 Mississippi Valley International Relations Club, 1946 March 1-2
- b.3 f.7 World Federalists conference, 1946 April
- b.3 f.8 Student Federalist Institute on World Government, 1946 September
- b.3 f.9 Convention of World Government Organizations, 1947 February
- b.3 f.10 United World Federalists - Student Division, 1947 June
- b.3 f.11 United World Federalists Student Institute on World Federalism, 1947 August 25-29
- b.3 f.12 World Student Federalists Congress, 1948 September

Series III. General, 1943-1952 (0.5 box)

The General records of the Student Federalists contain biographical information on various members, records of travel related to organization activities, and information on the folding of the Student Federalists into WORLD in October of 1951.

- b.3 f.13 Biographical information, undated
- b.3 f.14 Clippings: Harris Wofford, 1944-1946
- b.3 f.15 General, 1946-1947
- b.3 f.16 Travel, 1943-1947
- b.3 f.17 World Order Realized through Law and Democracy (WORLD), 1951-1952

Series IV. Thomas Hughes, 1942-1947, 1997 (0.5 box)

Thomas Hughes was the second president of the Student Federalists, 1944-1945. This series contains speeches and articles he authored on topics of interest to the Student Federalists causes, as well as excerpts from his diary and other personal correspondence on issues related to the organization, and his reminiscences of the organization upon their fiftieth reunion.

IV.A. Articles and Speeches, 1944-1947 (0.25 box)

- b.3 f.19 "Last Best Hope on Earth", 1944
- b.3 f.20 Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorial speech, 1945 April
- b.3 f.21 "Century of Henry Wallace", 1945
- b.3 f.22 "They Make a Desert", 1946 May
- b.3 f.23 "A Flame From America", 1946 June-October
- b.3 f.24 "Division at Dublin", 1946 November
- b.3 f.25 "Student Federalists Policy and Purpose", 1946 November
- b.3 f.26 Review of David Bryn-Jones' *Toward a Democratic New Order*, 1946
- b.3 f.27 "Marxism & Federalism", 1947 February
- b.3 f.28 "Militant Collegians", 1947 April

Series IV. Thomas Hughes (cont.)

IV.B. General, 1942-1947, 1997 (0.25 box)

- b.3 f.29 Correspondence: Romantic excerpts between Emmy Lou Lindgren and Thomas Hughes, 1943-1947
- b.3 f.30 Correspondence to family regarding the Student Federalists, 1943-1947
- b.3 f.31 Diary references to Student Federalists, 1942-1946
- b.3 f.31 Reminiscences on Harris Wofford and origins of the Student Federalists, 1997