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Introduction to the Collection

David R. Carr, a professor of History at USF St. Petersburg, donated this collection of political ephemera to the Poynter Library on 27 November 2007. The buttons focus primarily on Democratic Party candidates for the 1968 and 1972 presidential campaigns. Carr, a member of the USF St. Petersburg faculty since 1971, teaches in the fields of European History, Historic Preservation, Early Urban History, and Philosophy of History. He serves as editor of The Historian, a quarterly journal of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

Preservation Note

The pins in this collection occupy one acid-free envelope. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of such items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves should be worn when handling all items. No restrictions limit access to this collection. Patrons using this collection must adhere to copyright and fair-use guidelines and provide proper citation of sources appearing in their research.

Provenance of the David R. Carr Collection of Political Ephemera

This collection falls under the Humanities provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy one archival envelope (approximately 0.15 linear ft.). Date of origin for items ranges from the mid-1960s through 2000.

Other Sources of Information

Other archival collections at USF St. Petersburg with notable political ephemera holdings include: Amity House Collection of Ruth Uphaus, Papers of Gabriel Cazares, Papers of Hazel A. Talley Evans, Aurora “Le!” Kellman Collection of Political Ephemera, and the Gary R. Mormino Collection of Political Ephemera.

Container Description

Format: “[Text on Button],” (shape, size, condition at time of donation, year of campaign)

Conditions: Excellent, Good, Medium, Fair, Poor
“I’m bullish on America” (oval, large, good, 19__)  
“HELP!” (round, medium, good, 19__)  
“Bill Bradley For President” (round, large, excellent, 2000 campaign)  
“IMPEACH NIXON” (round, small, fair, 1972-1974)  
“Support Your Local Planet Earth” (round, medium, fair, 19__)  
“McCarthy” (round, medium, fair, 1968 or 1972 campaign)  
“Peace on Earth” (round, small, fair, 19__)  
“McGovern/Shriver” (round, small, fair, 1972 campaign)  
“I Belong McGovern MMM Million-Member Club: How about you?” (round, small, fair, 1968 or 1972 campaign)  
2 - “McCarthy” (round, small, fair, 1968 or 1972 campaign)  
“Believe Muskie” (round, extra extra small, fair, 1972 campaign)  
“Work for Peace Nov 13 & 14 [1971]” (round, small, fair, 1972 campaign)  
“McGovern” (round, small, fair, 1972 campaign)  
“McGovern/Shriver ‘72” (round, small, fair, 1972 campaign)  
2 - “HH Humphrey” (round, extra small, fair, 1968 or 1972 campaign)  
“McGovern” (round, extra small, fair, 1972 campaign)  
“Carter/Mondale in ’76” (round, small, good, 1976 campaign)  
“Clean Water” (round, extra extra small, poor, late 1960s/early1970s)  

Bumper Sticker: “Impeach Nixon – American Civil Liberties Union of Florida”  
(~12”x3” – 3 folds, fair condition, 1972-1974)