INTD 194-02 “Crisis of the 70’s”: Macalester plays host to the National Student Association Congress

From August 9-19, 1970, Macalester was host campus for the National Student Association (NSA) annual congress. The theme was “Crisis of the 70’s,” and spaces were used all over campus with the likes of Ramsey Clark, Marian Wright Edelman, Betty Friedan, and many other social justice, civil rights, and labor rights luminaries on campus as the 1000 or so attendees wrestled with the war in Vietnam, social inequity, women’s liberation, ecological justice, police reform, etc. This course will engage research methods using primary and secondary sources to develop a clearer picture for future scholars of what went on at the conference. What questions were attendees (including some Mac Students) wrestling with? How have those issues changed or not changed in 50 years? How did the media cover the conference? How did film screenings and musical acts play into the overall events and themes? Final projects will collectively tell the story of the conference in a digital timeline format.

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