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Maggie Benston fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Maggie Benston fonds
ID:	F-126
Date:	1966 - 1972 (date of creation)
Physical description:	77 cm of textual records 18 newspapers
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Maggie Benston (1937-1991) was a Professor of Chemistry, Computing Science, and Women's Studies at SFU. A respected feminist and community activist, she was a founding member of the Vancouver Women's Caucus.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records reflecting the academic and personal interests of Maggie Benston. The fonds is arranged in 5 series: Research files, Women's Caucus, Subject files, Publications, and Personal documents.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title of fonds based on its provenance.

Immediate source of acquisition

The papers in this fonds were brought to the Archives by a graduate student who had used them for her research. The papers are made available for research with the permission of Dr. Marian Lowe, Dr. Benston's sister.

Arrangement

The materials were arranged by the Archivist.

Restrictions on access

Some files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked 'pending review' must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release, and as a result of the review access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the archivist for more details.

Finding aids

Series descriptions and file lists are available. An item is list has been produced for the periodicals in series 4.

Biographical information is included in the appendix.

Related material

Also see the inventory for Maggie Benston Collection / Sue Cox (collector), F-69.

Accruals

All accessions have been processed as of March 2006. No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Revised

Access points

- Science and technology (subject)
- Women (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F-126-1: Research files

Date: 1967 - 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to Maggie Benston's research interests on feminist topics including her seminal paper, "On the Political Economy of Women's Liberation." Includes correspondence regarding the publication of this paper, drafts of the paper, manuscript notes for a follow-up article and book, daily notebooks and other documents.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-126-1-0-0-1	File - Manuscript notes 1/2	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-1-0-0-2	File - Manuscript notes 2/2	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-1-0-0-3	File - Drafts - The Political Economy of Women's Liberation	[ca 1967] - [ca 1969]	Open	126-1
F-126-1-0-0-4	File - Correspondence	1969	Open	126-1
F-126-1-0-0-5	File - Correspondence	1970	Open	126-1
F-126-1-0-0-6	File - Daily notebooks	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-1-0-0-7	File - News clippings about Maggie Benston	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1

Series F-126-2: Women's Caucus

Date: 1966 - 1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to the history, organization, and activities of the Vancouver Women's Caucus. This group, which started at Simon Fraser University in 1968, moved off campus in 1969 in order to focus on broader community interests. Most active until 1971, the group eventually divided into issue oriented organizations. Includes minutes, membership lists, discussion papers and other documents.

Physical description: 22 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Vancouver Women's Caucus

Restrictions on access:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-126-2-0-0-1	File - Berkeley and Bay Area	[ca 1969] - 1971	Open	126-1
F-126-2-0-0-2	File - Conferences	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-2-0-0-3	File - Discussion papers	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-2-0-0-4	File - History and activities	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1

F-126-2-0-0-5	File - Minutes	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-2-0-0-6	File - Membership	1969	Open	126-1
F-126-2-0-0-7	File - News clippings - Vancouver and Canada	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-2-0-0-8	File - Newsletters	1969 - 1970	Open	126-1
F-126-2-0-0-9	File - PSA (Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology) Department	1969	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-10	File - Press Releases	1970	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-11	File - Socialism and politics	[ca 1967] - 1971	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-12	File - Students	1969	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-13	File - Vietnam	1966	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-14	File - voice of the women's liberation movement news	1969	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-15	File - Women academics	1968	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-16	File - Women in the labour and work force	1969 - 1970	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-17	File - Women's liberation for teachers	1971	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-18	File - Women's liberation for teachers: questionnaire	1971	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-19	File - Women's liberation - US and elsewhere	1969 - 1970	Open	126-2
F-126-2-0-0-20	File - Women's liberation - Berkeley (S.P.A.Z.M.)	1969 - 1970	Open	126-3
F-126-2-0-0-21	File - Women's liberation - Toronto	1970	Open	126-3
F-126-2-0-0-22	File - YS/LSA split (Young Socialists and the League for Socialist Action)	1970	Open	126-3

Series F-126-3: Subject files

Date: 1967 - 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to Maggie Benston's many personal and professional interests such as the women's movement, environmental issues and socialism. Includes publications, reports, clippings and other documents.

Physical description: 10 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-126-3-0-0-1	File - Abortion	1969 - 1970	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-2	File - Beauty contests	1969 - 1970	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-3	File - Channeling of women	1968 - 1969	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-4	File - Child care	1969 - 1970	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-5	File - Hogtown Press and other publishers	1969	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-6	File - Men	1969	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-7	File - Pollution	1967 - 1968	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-8	File - Pollution clippings	1969 - 1970	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-9	File - Pollution clippings - Chemistry 101	1969	Open	126-3
F-126-3-0-0-10	File - Socialism - international	1970	Open	126-3

Series F-126-4: Publications collected by Maggie Benston

Date: 1969 - 1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of various publications relating to women's issues as collected by Margaret Benston. See item list for complete list of all periodicals.

Physical description: 35 cm of textual records
18 newspapers

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-126-4-0-0-0-1	Item - Guardian - independent radical newsweekly	February 1969	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-2	Item - Workers World, vol. 12 no. 4	March 1970	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-3	Item - It Ain't Me Babe, vol. 1 no. 3	February 1969	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-4	Item - It Ain't Me Babe, vol. 1 no. 2	January 1969	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-5	Item - Le journal jaune, vol. 1 no. 9	October 1970	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-6	Item - Leviathan, vol. 2 no. 1	May 1970	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-7	Item - Off Our Backs, vol. 1 no. 9-10	July 1970	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-8	Item - RAT Subterranean News, vol. 2 no. 28	February 1970	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-0-9	Item - Sisterhood: A special edition of The Ubysey, vol. 52 no. 29	February 1971	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-1	File - The Pedestal, published by Vancouver Women's Caucus	1969 - 1970	Open	126-5
F-126-4-0-0-1-10	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 1 no. 1	1969	Open	126-5
F-126-4-0-0-1-11	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 1 no. 2	1969	Open	126-6
F-126-4-0-0-1-12	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 2 no. 4	May 1970	Open	126-6
F-126-4-0-0-1-13	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 2 no. 5	June 1970	Open	126-6
F-126-4-0-0-1-14	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 2 no. 6	July 1970 - August 1970	Open	126-6
F-126-4-0-0-1-15	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 2 no. 7	September 1970	Open	126-6
F-126-4-0-0-1-16	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 2 no. 8	October 1970	Open	126-5
F-126-4-0-0-1-17	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 2 no. 9	October 1970	Open	126-6
F-126-4-0-0-1-18	Item - The Pedestal, vol. 2 no. 10	December 1970	Open	126-6
F-126-4-0-0-2	File - Various publications	1969 - 1971	Open	126-4
F-126-4-0-0-3	File - The Pedestal, Vol 1, no 1, Vol 2, no 4-7	1966-1970	Open	126-7
F-126-4-0-0-4	File - Publications re Women's Liberation Movement, 1969-1972	1969-1972	Open	126-8

Series F-126-5: Personal documents

Date: 1966-1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of Benston's personal correspondence with relatives, Louis Feldhammer, as well as information regarding a libel suit and salary pay scales from 1966.

<u>Physical description</u> : 4 cm of textual records				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-126-5-0-0-1	File - Personal correspondence	1969-1970	Open	126-8
F-126-5-0-0-2	File - Correspondence with Louis Feldhammer	1970	Restricted until December 31, 2027	126-8
F-126-5-0-0-3	File - Mitzman v Benston et. al libel suit	1970	Open	126-8
F-126-5-0-0-4	File - Faculty salary and map of Saltspring Island	1966	Open	126-8