Tuskegee University Political Button Collection

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**Collection Summary**

**Creator:** Tuskegee University

**Title:** Tuskegee University Political Button Collection

**Dates:** Circa 1960s thru 1987

**Quantity:** Four Artifact Boxes

**Identification:**

**Abstract:** Political and other buttons used during the civil rights movement and various political campaigns.

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**Administrative Information**

**Preferred Citation**

Tuskegee University Political Button Collection

**Acquisition Information**

Assumed that this was collected by Daniel T. Williams, Archivist at Tuskegee University until the early 1990s.

**Processing Information**

Not Applicable

**Index Terms**

The artifact collection is indexed under the following headings in the Tuskegee University Libraries online catalog. Researchers seeking materials about related subjects, persons, organizations or places should search the catalog using these headings.

###  Corporate Names

 Democratic Party (U.S.)

 Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

###  Topical Terms

 Political campaigns--United States.

 Political parties--United States.

 Presidential candidates--United States.

###  Form/Genre Terms

 Broadsides.

 Buttons.

**History**

Collection includes a variety of political and “other” buttons used to make a statement, promote a particular political candidate or agenda and advertise for a variety of places and things. Collection appears to have been made over a period of thirty years by a single individual, who is assumed to have been Daniel T. Williams, Tuskegee University archivist.

**Scope and Contents**

Tuskegee University Political Button Collection consists of four small archival

Boxes (often used to store prints and negatives). Each box has buttons stored in 3

Mil, zip-lock bags, clearly marked for identification.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into three series:

Series I: Black Pride Buttons

Series II: Miscellaneous Buttons

Series III: Political Buttons

Series IV: Tuskegee University Buttons

**Restrictions**

**Restrictions on Access**

See Tuskegee University archives and museum for proper forms.

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**Inventory**

**Series I:** Black Pride Buttons

**Box Bag**

1 1 Do Something New (Jan. 15, 1974) – Martin Luther King Jr.

1 2 Our Black Shining Prince Malcolm X

1 3 I’m Proud to be Black

1 4 All Power to the People Malcolm X

1 5 I Love Being Black

1 6 Here We Stand to Live Like Paul Robeson-YWLL

1 7 Remember Malcolm!

1 8 This button has a picture of Malcolm X on it.

1 9 Black is Beautiful- A Black Panther Button

1 10 Say it Loud: “I’m Black and Proud”

1 11 I’m Black and I’m Proud

1 12 This button has a picture of Marcus Garvey on it.

1 13 Black Power – Black Panther Button

1 14 This button has a picture of Bob Marley on it.

1 15 Black American Heritage

 **Series II: Miscellaneous Buttons**

**Box Bag**

2 1 What You Need is What You’ve Got

2 2 See You at the top

2 3 Fuck it all!

2 4 Tuskegee Institute Centennial

2 5 Turkey Day Classic Montgomery, Al

2 6 Turkey Day Classic Montgomery, Al

2 7 Just Say no

2 8 I Love my IBM Personal Computer

2 9 Tuskegee Institute Centennial

2 10 Shirley Chisholm for President

2 11 1977. 1981 Jupiter Saturn Voyager

2 12 You Come First

2 13 I’m a Virgin Island Rum Drinker

2 14 Make my Day Have Sex with Someone Else

2 15 I Do my Best

2 16 Thanks for Not Smoking

2 17 Help Remove Illiteracy in Alabama

2 18 Your Ass!

2 19 I promise I Won’t Come

2 20 You’re Entitled to Your Wrong Opinion

2 21 I Fight Poverty I work

2 22 Just Say No

2 23 Bitch Bitch Bitch

2 24 1890 Land Grant Institutes a Century of Progress

2 25 I’m a TICEN Giver

2 26 Give a Damn

2 27 No Excuses

2 28 Just When I Found I had Everything I Needed, Nobody Else Wanted It.

2 29 Horse shit

2 30 I Can’t Be Fired, Slaves - Must be Sold.

2 31 You Have Bad Breath

2 32 Student Power

2 33 1890 Land Grant Institutes a Century of Progress

2 34 Keep the Faith, Baby.

2 35 I am Conflict Free

2 36 To Go Together is Blessed, to Come Together Divine.

2 37 Victoryland

 **Series III: Political Buttons**

**Box Bag**

3 1 Jesse Jackson for President ‘84

3 2 Free Angela Davis

3 3 To Hell With Wallace

3 4 You Can’t Be First… But You Can Be Next

3 5 Re-Elect Our President

3 6 SAVE ATLNATA’S CHILDREN

3 7 Spirit of ‘76

3 8 George Wallace Jr. Congress

3 9 Reagan-Bush in ‘80

3 10 Ted Kennedy for President in 1980

3 11 Nobody for President

3 12 Our Time Has Come Jackson in “84”

3 13 A Picture of Jesse Jackson

3 14 Fritz & Titz in ‘84

3 15 Hell No, We Won’t Go!

3 16 Free Zimbabwe-U.S. Out of Southern Africa

3 17 Stop Apartheid in America

3 18 The Viet Cong Never Called Me a Nigger!

3 19 Free Nelson Mandela

3 20 A Badge That is Blue / White from 1984

3 21 No to Gulf War

3 22 By Any Means Necessary Malcolm X

 **Series IV: Tuskegee Buttons**

**Box Bag**

4 1 I Love Tuskegee University

4 2 I Attended the 100 Centennial Celebration

4 3 I Love Tuskegee University

4 4 Tuskegee Institute Alabama

4 5 This button has a picture of the Booker T. Washington Statue.

4 6 I Love Tuskegee Basketball

4 7 Picture of Booker T. Washington Statue

4 8 Say Yes to Tuskegee University

4 9 National Engineers Week 100 Feb. 22-28, 1981

4 10 Historian the Flesh Senate Rally TU SGA 1987

4 11 I Was There!! Greek Week ’81 100 Mar. 22-28 “Greek Unity”

4 12 I Attended the 100 Centennial Celebration

4 13 National engineers week 100 Feb. 22-28, 1981

4 14 I attended the 100 Centennial Celebration

4 15 I Love Tuskegee University

4 16 I attended the 100 Centennial Celebration

4 17 I attended the 100 Centennial Celebration