Stan Shaw Collection
1963-1976

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## Summary

### Title:
Stan Shaw Collection, 1963-1976

### Dates:
1963-1976

### Extent:
1 linear foot

### Creator:
Shaw, Stanley

### Language:
English

### Abstract:
Stan Shaw was Chairman of the Student Help Project at Queens College from January 1963 through January 1964. The Student Help Project provided free tutoring services to schoolchildren in South Jamaica, Queens (circa 1962-1968) and Prince Edward County, Virginia (summer of 1963). In South Jamaica, Queens College volunteers assisted children functioning below grade level. In Prince Edward County, they tutored African American children who had been denied formal schooling since 1959, when Prince Edward County shut down their public schools rather than comply with court-mandated integration. The collection contains newspaper and magazine articles, reports, photographs, press releases, and a diary documenting the Student Help Project in New York and Virginia. Also included is a poster created by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

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Controlled Access Terms

Organizations: Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)

Places: Prince Edward County (V.A.) - - History

People: Shaw, Stanley

Subjects: Civil rights movements - - Virginia - - Prince Edward County

Segregation in education - - Virginia - - Prince Edward County
Biographical Note

Stan Shaw was born on August 18, 1943 to Sue and Leonard Shaw in Utica, NY. He grew up in Cambria Heights, Queens, and studied at Queens College, City University of New York, where he received his B.A. in Sociology and Education in 1965. During the 1962-1963 school year, Shaw served as Chairman of the Queens College Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)\(^1\); he went on to serve as Chairman of the Queens College Student Help Project from January 1963 through January 1964.

The Student Help Project was established by Queens College CORE, the Queens College Chapter of the National Student Association (NSA), and Queens College education majors and professors. The Project comprised two initiatives: the provision of free tutoring services to schoolchildren in South Jamaica, Queens and in Prince Edward County, Virginia. Shaw was a founder of the Jamaica program and one of several coordinators of the Virginia project.

Prince Edward County, Virginia was a focal point in the fight for racial equality in education. In 1951, Barbara Johns, a black student in Prince Edward County, led her classmates in a strike for a better school. With the help of the NAACP, Johns and her classmates filed a desegregation lawsuit that became one of four cases that made up the historic Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954). In 1959, Prince Edward County de-funded and closed their public schools rather than comply with court mandated integration. This development was part of Virginia’s policy of "Massive Resistance" to desegregation. The Prince Edward County public school system would not re-open until 1964.

During the spring of 1963, Shaw tutored students in South Jamaica, Queens; by the fall of 1963, over 220 Queens College students had volunteered in the program. During the summer of 1963, the Virginia Student Help Project, under the direction of faculty members Dr. Rachel Weddington and Dr. Sidney Simon, sent sixteen student tutors, including Shaw, to Farmville, the Prince Edward County seat. Stan Shaw and Michael Wenger were awarded the B’nai B’rith Human Relations Award in May 1964 for their work with the Student Help Project.

Shaw enjoyed a distinguished career in special education, serving as a researcher, professor, and policy advocate. He received an M.A. in Special Education from the University of Northern Colorado (1968) and an Ed.D. in Special Education and Disadvantaged Youth from the University of Oregon (1971). He is a Professor Emeritus of the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut and a Senior Research Scholar and Associate Director at the Center on Postsecondary Education and Disability.

\(^1\) Shaw began as Chairman of the Queens College Chapter of the NAACP, but decided to change the group's affiliation to CORE part way through the year.
Scope & Content Note

The Stan Shaw Collection documents his experiences as a coordinator and tutor with the Queens College Student Help Project. The bulk of the collection dates from 1963 to 1964 and includes a diary, press releases, reports, printed material, photographs and a poster. The collection provides evidence of the Student Help Project’s tutoring initiatives in Queens, New York and Prince Edward County, Virginia. More broadly, the collection documents the 1960s civil rights movement and the fight for racial justice in the United States.

Arrangement Note

The collection is arranged topically and by format.

Series I: Personal

Series II: Student Help Project

Series III: Printed Materials
  Subseries A: New York
  Subseries B: Virginia
  Subseries C: Other

Series IV: Photographs

Series V: Posters
Series Description & Container List

Series I: Personal
This series contains a diary documenting Shaw's impressions of living and teaching in Prince Edward County, Virginia between July 15 and August 8, 1963. This series also includes a letter addressed to Shaw and colleague Mike Wenger from Carolyn and Robert Goodman, parents of Andrew Goodman. Goodman, a Queens College student, was murdered with two other civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi in 1964.

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Series II: Student Help Project
This series contains press releases and reports documenting the organization's activities and publicizing its successes.

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Series III: Printed Material
This series is divided into three subseries. New York consists of articles from New York City, Long Island, and Queens College newspapers on the Student Help Project. Virginia is comprised of Virginia-based newspaper articles on the Prince Edward County school closings and civil rights movement. Other includes a 1963 Time Magazine article and coverage in the Congressional Record.

Subseries A: New York

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Series IV: Photographs

This series consists of two 8 by 10 photographs. The first shows Shaw instructing three students in Prince Edward County, Virginia. The second documents Shaw and colleague Mike Wenger receiving the B’nai B’rith Human Relations Award.

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Series V: Posters

This series consists of a Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) poster with a picture of a black sharecropper and the words “One Man, One Vote.” Shaw was supporter of SNCC throughout the 1960s and obtained the poster at one of their New York meetings.

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