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Lake Forest College:
A History of Protest (1967-75)
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ake Forest College has often been characterized as a small and
sleepy school, largely disconnected from the larger political context
of the world around it. Complaints about the apathy of the students and
their disinterest in activism have resounded around campus since the
early 1960s.1
 Despite this perception, Lake Forest College has a rich
legacy of protests, community action, and struggles for student rights.
This semester, I’ve been researching these protests and curating an
exhibit for the Lake Forest College Archives and Special Collections.
The second half of the 1960s and the 1970s saw an explosion
of student action and involvement at Lake Forest College. Groups like
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to the exhibit with a scrolling slideshow of bonus pictures. This exhibit
and the research that went into it barely scratches the surface of the
resources available in the Lake Forest College Archives and Special
Collections, the school’s art collection, and its strong alumni network.
There’s so much more to learn and uncover, and my hope is that this
exhibit will inspire other students to do some of their own digging into
the school’s past. Especially in today’ political environment, the visibility
of this history is very important. Lake Forest College is very much a part
of the world around it.
Lake Forest Archives and Special Collections, Photograph
Collections, Box 92, Folder 8.