Descriptive Summary
Title: College Elementary School (CES) Collection
Dates: 1920-1991
Collection Number: 1999.25
Creator/Collector: Virginia Anderson Shaffer, Patsy Givins, Charlotte Cooper, Helen Macpherson, Ellen Givins, Gail A. Williams, CES Reunion Committee
Extent: 4 cubic feet (2 boxes and 6 scrapbooks)
Repository: Humboldt State University Library
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Abstract: The collection consists of various historical and administrative materials that were both gathered and generated by the June 1991 reunion of Humboldt State University's College Elementary School (CES) members. The documents reflect both the unique and shared experiences of CES members while simultaneously helping to frame an understanding of the program's operations and its impact on campus.
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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the Library in 1991 by the CES Reunion Committee.
Biography/Administrative History
The CES program at HSU started in 1914 as part of the teacher training program at what was then Humboldt State Normal School. The program continued to grow in size and curriculum throughout HSU's development, becoming an integral part of both the Education and Psychology departments. Relocated in 1933 to what is now Gist Hall, CES functioned as a prominent feature on campus until 1978 when the elementary school was closed, along with other laboratory schools in the State.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection primarily consists of donated materials from past CES faculty, staff, and students from the 1920s until 1978 when the program was discontinued. Photographs, biographical information, memorabilia, scrapbooks, student work, and student records make up the bulk of this section and help to establish the significance of CES to both the HSU campus and the local community. Items found within the donated materials illustrate the day-to-day operations of the elementary school as well as highlighting some of the unique features of the program, including Camp Ravencliff. The CES collection also includes administrative materials related to the 1991 reunion including name lists, invitations and responses, receipts, photographs, and VHS tapes documenting the event. One of the strengths of this collection can be found in the invitation responses, where a significant number of people sent back letters to the Reunion Committee recounting their experiences at CES along with personal information about their current lives.
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