Guide to the Peter Bohmer Collection 1964/1979

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Overview of the Collection

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Biographical Information:
Peter Bohmer was an assistant economics professor at San Diego State University during the 1960s. During his time at SDSU, he was known for his activism, participating in many campus demonstrations. In 1971, Bohmer was charged with unprofessional conduct and eventually fired by Chancellor Glenn S. Dumke. In December of 1971, a hearing was held behind closed doors in downtown San Diego to determine Bohmer's future with the university. More than 100 people testified on Bohmer's behalf. On December 19, he was cleared of all charges. However, he was not recommended for rehire and the university President, Donald Walker, immediately called for a new set of hearing based upon new evidence. Bohmer was eventually recommended for rehire by Chancellor Dumke, but would never work at SDSU again.

In 1972, Bohmer was arrested and convicted of staging a protest against the Santa Fe Railroad in Del Mar, CA. He and several others placed timber on the railroad tracks, setting fire to it in order to protest the railroad's practice of shipping war materials through San Diego. He was sentenced to Chino State Prison and ordered to undergo psychological observation for 90 days. After his release from prison, Bohmer left California. He returned to MIT to finish his doctorate. He later went to Pennsylvania State University for further studies. He eventually moved to Washington where he taught public administration. He also married and had 3 children.

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Scope and Contents
The Peter Bohmer Collection dates from 1964-1979 with some undated materials. The collection documents Bohmer’s personal and professional life, including legal issues during his time as an assistant economics professor at San Diego State University as well as his arrest and conviction for staging a protest against the Santa Fe Railroad Company in 1972. The collection includes memos on planning for campus disruptions; Associated Student Council meeting minutes; billing information for damages done to university property during student demonstrations; numerous flyers promoting campus protests against chemical companies, military recruiting on campus, and war; publications on discrimination and rebellion; information on the campus wide strike in 1969; correspondence regarding campus resolutions, demonstrations, and university policy; university memos on disciplinary procedures for both students and faculty; newspaper clippings about The Phoenix, a student publication, being blocked from distribution; and memos and policies regarding student conduct and discipline. The collection is arranged alphabetically.

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Box 1, Folder 2  Daily Aztec May 19 - May 25, 1972
Box 1, Folder 3  Daily Aztec September 28 - December 14, 1972
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Box 1, Folder 5  Daily Aztec January 4 - January 14, 1972
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Box 1, Folder 7  Daily Aztec Reports on Peter Bohmer October 21 - November 3, 1971
Box 1, Folder 8  Daily Aztec February 24 - March 7, 1972
Box 1, Folder 9  Daily Aztec April 4 - April 26, 1972
Box 1, Folder 10  Daily Aztec May 2 - May 16, 1972
Box 1, Folder 11  Daily Aztec December 1 - December 17, 1971
Box 1, Folder 12  Other Newspaper and Clippings of Peter Bohmer Trial 1971 - 1972
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Box 2, Folder 1  Administration: Planning for Campus Demonstrations 1965 - 1972
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Box 2, Folder 4  Bohmer, Peter
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