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Title: Gerald Grow photographs of student strike at San Francisco State College, 1968-1969.

Date (inclusive): circa 1968-1969

Creator: Grow, Gerald

Extent: 48 Photographic Prints (b&w; 3.5 x 5 in.)

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Abstract: Photographs of the San Francisco State College student-led strike taken by Gerald Grow, an English Department faculty member and striker.

Collection available on site.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English.

Availability
Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Contents
Photographs of the San Francisco State College student-led strike taken by Gerald Grow, an English Department faculty member and striker. Contains images of groups of students and faculty demonstrators, including members of the Black Student Union (BSU), Third World Liberation Front (TWLF), and American Federation of Teachers (AFT); flags, signs and puppets; police in riot gear standing in formation and riding on horseback; student medical volunteers, and members of the press. Includes a few photos of BSU leaders Nesbit Crutchfield and Bridges Randall, one photo of Ian J. Grand, coordinator of the Experimental College at San Francisco State College, and one photo of author, activist, and San Francisco State professor Kay Boyle.

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Historical note
The 1968-1969 San Francisco State strike was the longest campus strike in United States history. In November 1968, student groups led by the Black Student Union and the Third World Liberation Front went on strike with a list of fifteen demands, most requesting more minority representation in the curricula and the faculty. On November 13, after a week of conflict, police arrived in riot gear and the campus was shut down. On December 2nd, major confrontations occurred between students and acting University President, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa. Days later, the American Federation of Teachers, Local 1352 joined the students and set up picket lines. On March 20, 1969 an agreement was signed ending the five-month long strike. The negotiations laid the foundation for the establishment of the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State and led to the formation of numerous other ethnic studies programs at universities around the country.

Biographical
Gerald Grow taught in the English Department of San Francisco State College from 1968-1971. Grow recalls of the strike: "The leaders of the AFT asked for volunteers to circulate through campus and take pictures, as a way of signaling to all participants that their actions were being observed and recorded, with the explicit hope that this would reduce the chance of violence." (See case file)

General
Dates stamped on photographs are inaccurate.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
San Francisco State College -- Student strike, 1968-1969 -- Photographs.
San Francisco State College -- Faculty -- Political activity -- Photographs.
Student strikes -- California -- San Francisco -- Photographs.
Photographic prints.
Crutchfield, Nesbit -- Portraits
Randall, Bridges -- Portraits
Boyle, Kay, 1902-1992 -- Portraits
Grand, Ian J. -- Portraits