Guide to the Camino's First Years: Camino, Mesa Court, UCI, 1965-1966(bulk 1965-1966)

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**Biography**
Camino Hall, one of the ten halls of Mesa Court, was built on the only natural mesa on the campus. The other nine halls include Lago, Loma, Bahia, Sierra, Ciudad, Viento, Cielo, Arroyo and Cuesta. These halls comprise Mesa Court and were the first Residence Hall Community at UCI, opening its doors to 500 students, in 1965. Mesa Court, as of 2002, houses 1200 undergraduate students in 19 residence halls. Each residence hall accommodates between 55 and 70 residents and one Residence Advisor, in suite-style layout. Although Mesa Court is a popular choice among continuing students, the majority of the population is freshmen. Each hall in Mesa Court is coeducational with single-gender suites. Each suite has a living room, bathroom, and four or five bedrooms. Most bedrooms are doubles; the few singles attract long waiting lists and are usually assigned to returning students. In addition to centralized laundry facilities, each hall has its own coin-operated laundry facilities and small kitchens available for resident use. Every residence hall has its own government and elects a representative to the Mesa Court Community Council, which sponsors activities such as dances, seminars, student-faculty parties, sports events, and the like. Originally, each house within Mesa Court was given a Spanish name based on the view from its individual balcony. Currently, many of the halls in Mesa Court have special interest themes and academic courses that are associated with them; the twenty-six residence halls provide students the opportunity to meet others with similar interests.

1965 · On September 26, 500 students moved into Camino Hall and the other halls of Mesa Court.
1966 · An added home was built for the Resident Advisor, Mrs. Margaret Setzer. Mesa Commons opens.
1971 · First Annual Open House (April)
1985 · UCI hosts PACUHR (part of NUCURH) a conference to aid Residence Hall governments.
2002 · Expansion of halls completed.

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**Related Collections**
AS-004. Central Records Unit Records. These documents contain related information regarding the construction, budget and preliminary plans for student housing.
AS-016. Student Activities Office Records. These documents contain related information regarding the history of student activities on campus, the students actively involved in creating programs from and for other students, and changes in the focus of student groups.

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| Box: 1 : 1 | Cover |
| Box: 2 : 1 | Preservation photocopies |
| Box: 2 : 2-4 | Original pages |