Guide to the University of California, Irvine, Vietnamese Student Association records AS.135

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Physical Description: 1 Linear Feet (2 document boxes) and 0.25 unprocessed linear feet
Date (inclusive): 1979-2019
Abstract: This collection comprises the records and publications of the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) from 1979 to 2019. Some materials document activities that were co-sponsored with other Vietnamese American associations.
Language of Material: Vietnamese, English.
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Acquisition Information
Processing History
Historical Background
Since 1979, the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) at the University of California, Irvine has striven to educate both the student body at UCI and the local community about the Vietnamese American culture. VSA continually provides students with the opportunity to learn and to participate in community efforts. In addition to its dedication to the UCI community, VSA also works with the Vietnamese community at large. VSA at UCI has a long and rich tradition within the UCI campus, as well as the community, as they are one of the oldest VSAs in the area. VSA prides itself in its involvement in an array of community-based programs such as a mentorship program with local high schools, participation in the annual Lunar New Years Festival, and numerous activities with other Vietnamese organizations throughout Southern California.
VSA strives to preserve and promote the Vietnamese culture at UCI through creative and entertaining weekly meetings, as well as by offering a wide range of social and cultural activities geared towards varying member talents and interests. VSA members can partake in various activities such as intramural sports, modern dance, traditional dance, lion dance, choir, acting, and much more. Major events hosted annually include the annual Rose Pageant and Vietnamese Culture Night, open to all students and surrounding communities.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
This collection comprises the records and publications of the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) from 1979 to 2019. Some materials document activities that were co-sponsored with other Vietnamese American associations. Included are correspondence, photographs, publications, event programs, ephemera, journals and newsletters, and audio and video recordings.
Collection Arrangement
This collection is arranged into three series:
1. Administration, 1990-2002
2. Publications, 1979-2005
Audiovisual materials, 2004-2008
The collection also contains three unprocessed additions:
1. Accession 2019-031. Brochures, flyers, and funding requests, 1993-2013. 0.1 linear feet
2. Accession 2020-015. Fliers, 2013. 0.1 linear feet
3. Accession 2019-037. Booklet, 2019. 0.1 linear feet

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Programs -- California -- Irvine -- 21st century.
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Sound recordings -- California -- Orange County -- 21st century.
College students -- California -- Irvine -- Societies, etc.
Vietnamese students -- California -- Irvine -- Archives
Asian American college students -- California -- Irvine -- History -- Sources.
Photographic prints -- California -- Orange County -- 21st century.
Photographic prints -- California -- Orange County -- 20th century.
Video recordings -- California -- Orange County -- 21st century.
Vietnamese Americans -- Archives
University of California, Irvine. Vietnamese Student Association

**Administrative records**
Series Scope and Contents Summary
Includes event proposals, descriptions, fundraising strategies, and a dramatic script.
Series Arrangement
Alphabetically by folder title.

- box 1, folder 1: Correspondence 1990
- box 1, folder 2: Event plans 1996-2002
- box 1, folder 3: Outline of organization and events 1995-1996

**Publications**
Series Scope and Contents Summary
This series contains VSA's flyers, invitations, journals, newsletters, and event programs.
Series Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

- box 1, folder 5: Conference packet: Vietnamese American Student Conference 1994
  Scope and Contents note
  This annual event is held in memory of "Black April" (the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975).
- box 1, folder 7: Cultural celebrations 1997-2009
- box 1, folder 8: Fliers and invitations 1979-2005, undated
- box 1, folder 9-17, box 2, folder 1-4: Journals and newsletters
  - Tieng ta 1996
  - Van Tap (Literary Journal) 1981
  - Voice 1999
Audiovisual materials

Conditions Governing Access note
Access to archival originals is restricted; a listening copy must be made prior to researcher use.

Series Scope and Contents Summary
This series includes photographs and audiovisual recordings of various VSA events including UCI VSA Culture Night.

Series Arrangement
Alphabetically by title.

box 1, folder 4
Photographs of VSA undated

box 2, folder 9, item D001-A
Video recording: The First Course: Culture is Served 2008
Archival original
General Physical Description note: 1 DVD

box 2, folder 10, item A001-A
Sound recording: UCI VSA Culture Night on VNCR radio 2004
Archival original
General Physical Description note: 1 CD-ROM

Unprocessed addition 2017 Accession 2019-031 1993-2013
Physical Description: 0.2 Linear Feet(4 folders)
Access
This addition to the collection is not yet processed. It may contain restricted materials. Please contact the Department of Special Collections and Archives in advance to request access.

Series Scope and Content Summary
This accretion contains a Vietnamese American Student Conference brochure (1994), and material related to events including flyers and funding requests (1993-2013).

Unprocessed addition 2017 Accession 2020-015 2013
Physical Description: 0.1 Linear Feet(1 folder)
Access
This addition to the collection has not been processed but is open for research. Please contact the Department of Special Collections and Archives in advance to request access.

Series Scope and Content Summary
This accretion comprises 2 fliers related to Vietnamese Student Association Welcome Week 2013.

Unprocessed addition 2019 Accession 2019-037 2019
Physical Description: 0.05 Linear Feet(1 folder)
Access
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Series Scope and Content Summary
This accretion contains a booklet for the 40th Annual Vietnamese Culture Night in May 2019.