Guide to the University of California, Santa Barbara, El Centro Collection

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Abstract: The collection contains documents relating to the Chicano Studies movement on campus, including correspondence with the administration on concerns, reports on progress of various units of El Centro, and space relocation.

Physical location: Del Sur, University Archives, 24A.
Languages: English

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Undetermined.

Scope and Content of Collection
El Centro refers to the linkages between the Chicano Studies Institute (research), the Department of Chicano Studies (teaching), the El Congreso, Building 406 (that houses the El Congreso, some EOP counseling offices, and some offices of the CSI), and the Coleccion Tloque Nahuaque (library collection). One of the demands of the last hunger strike to which the campus administration agreed was to recognize and preserve the integrity of the 'El Centro' concept (that includes an identifiable library collection). Students also often refer to Building 406 behind the library as 'El Centro.' El Congreso is the student organization that resides there, and itself is made up of various sub-organizations such as Los Curanderos (pre-med), Los Inginieros (engineering students), and MUJER (women's group)." - Sal Guerena, director of the California Ethnic and Multicultural Archives (CEMA), Dept. of Special Collections, UCSB Library.
The collection contains documents relating to the Chicano Studies movement on campus, including correspondence with the administration on concerns, reports on progress of various units of El Centro, and space relocation. Covers Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Center for Chicano Studies, and Department of Chicano Studies issues. Collection is arranged chronologically.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

- University of California, Santa Barbara. El Centro
- University of California, Santa Barbara. Center for Chicano Studies
- University of California, Santa Barbara. Dept. of Chicano Studies
- University of California, Santa Barbara. Chicano Studies Institute
- University of California, Santa Barbara. Educational Opportunity Program
- Congreso (Student organization : Santa Barbara, Calif.)

**Related Material**

- Department of Chicano Studies collection, UArch 15.
- Center for Chicano Studies records, UArch 25.
- Affirmative Action Office records, UArch 35.
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) records, UArch 20.
- UCSB Ethnic Studies Protests collection, CEMA 93.
- MEChA collection, CEMA 36.
- El Congreso collection, UArch 104.
- College of Letters and Science, Isla Vista Riots collection, UArch 39. Includes files on ethnic studies protests.
- Office of Public Information Isla Vista / Student Unrest subject files, UArch 36. Includes files on ethnic studies protests.
- *Si Se Puede* (El Congreso publication) in University Archives Serials.
- Department of Chicano Studies website: [http://www.chicst.ucsb.edu/](http://www.chicst.ucsb.edu/)
- Chicano Studies Institute website: [http://research.ucsb.edu/ccs/](http://research.ucsb.edu/ccs/)

**Separated Material**

Separated from collection to University Archives Serials: copies of *Centro News*, *Encuentro*, *EOP News*.

| Box 1: 2 | Center for Chicano Studies reviews, 1982-1985 |
| Box 1: 3 | EOP move to Building 477, 1983-1984 |
| Box 1: 4 | Correspondence, reports, etc., 1983-1984 |
| Box 1: 5 | Chancellor Barbara Uehling briefing, 1987 |
| Box 1: 6 | Correspondence, reports, etc., 1987-1990 |