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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - CLEAR LAKE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES & JOHNSON SPACE CENTER HISTORY COLLECTION

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Finding Aids:

Paper Database Other _____ **Web-based:** EAD HTML Database

Comments on Access:

The University Archives and JSC History Collection is available to researchers. We recommend you call to schedule an appointment to assure that the office will be open.

COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

The UHCL Archives shall serve as the repository for those historically valuable materials which document the origins, development, activities, and achievements of the University of Houston-Clear Lake and its affiliated centers and subunits. UHCL also houses and provides reference to the JSC History Collection.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

Strengths:

The University Collection contains the records of the original Chancellor, Dr. Alfred R. Neumann, and the second chancellor/first President, Dr. Thomas Stauffer. The School of Human Sciences and Humanities is well documented. There is a sizeable photograph collection of early construction, people and events. The first fifteen years of publications, such as the school newspaper and Chancellor's newsletter, have been indexed to a card catalog. The collection also includes a subject file, broadsides collection, and complete run of the UHCLidian.

The JSC History Collection covers the programs: Apollo, ASTP, Skylab, Shuttle (design and early missions), and the Space Station (Freedom). Also included is a General Reference and Center Series. The Center Series contains over 35 subseries donated by a particular person or office. It crosses program lines and looks at administrative and engineering aspects.

Another strength of the JSC History Collection is the Oral History Series. In addition to the current programs interviews and transcripts, which are available on the JSC History web site, the series includes oral histories

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conducted by historians during the Apollo program.

Weaknesses:

In the University Collection, there is still a backlog to be processed. Also, the School of Education is represented slightly, yet the School of Business and the School of Science and Computer Engineering (formerly Natural and Applied Sciences) are not represented at all. The files from the Provosts office are also scarce.

The JSC Collection does not include the Mercury or Gemini programs. Those materials have been retired to the National Archives Southwest Regional facility in Fort Worth, Texas. The early material in the Oral History Series is not available in all formats. Some are available in audio only, others in transcript only.

Additional Comments:

The JSC History Collection is indexed in two databases available on the jsc.nasa.gov/history website. The History Search Index contains the Oral History Collection, all Apollo series, a majority of the ASTP and Skylab series, and a portion of Shuttle series correspondence indexed to the document level. The Archive Search Index contains the Center, Reference, Station, bulk of the Shuttle series, and a portion of the ASTP and Skylab series indexed to the folder/box level.