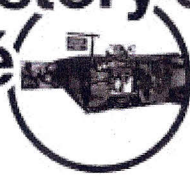


a concise history of the ché café



1966 — 1979

Three wooden buildings are relocated from Camp Matthews Marine base to the UCSD campus, with the intention of converting them into a coffee house, fast food joint and student center.

Due to continuous neglect and deferment of repairs by Food & Housing, the administration allowed for the fairly popular 'Coffee Hut' to incur \$50,000+ dollars of debt. Subsequently, the administration, under the guidance of Chancellor William D. McEroy, announced plans to convert the Coffee Hut into a lounge exclusive to members of the faculty.

1980

Now under student control, the Coffee Hut announced that, with help from the Food Co-Op, it would transform itself into a fully functioning restaurant.

Angered by this, Associated Students began to assert that the Coffee Hut belonged to the students and should be rendered under student control. Eventually, the administration relented and turned over control of the space directly to the student body.

Horrified by the prospect of a campus eatery owned and operated by students themselves, the administration issued a report detailing repairs that they had deemed 'necessary', totalling \$18,500.

Coffee Hut volunteers, along with labor donated by other student co-operatives, complete all of the 'necessary' repairs at a total cost of \$4,000 (22% of the administration's initial estimate).

Later that year, after passing all health inspections, the Coffee Hut officially changed its name to the C.H.E. Café - providing 'Cheap Healthy Eats' to the students of UCSD.

1983

University Centers, under the direction of Tom Tucker, orchestrated a plan to eliminate the Ché, stating that it had 'fallen into disrepair' and would be far too costly, citing the fact that the university was in a budget crisis due to the construction of the new student center (Price center). The administration's estimate for Ché renovations came to \$47,100.

1988

Administration uses the guise of 'security and health issues' to close the doors to Ché. Their efforts are again fended off by the co-operative.

Entirely aware that this number was extremely inflated, members of Ché assembled an alternate package for repairs, totaling \$6,000. SCB (now known as UCAB) signed off on the expenditure and repairs were made - passing inspection.

2000 — 1993

Citing a 'fight between patrons' UCSD administration, in the middle of the night, changes the locks on the Ché. The Ché collective responds by staging a 'lock in'; entering the space and refusing to leave. The administration eventually caves and allows the locks to be changed back.

Ché Café and other campus co-operatives enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between themselves and the University.

Ché Café begins to receive international recognition as a music and art space.

2010-14

Between 2010 and 2014, UCSD has again attempted to close the Ché on a number of occasions, even going so far as to removing the gas line to the kitchen without the collective's consent. Most recently, the administration has issued a report necessitating more repairs using an astronomically inflated estimate, while refusing to allocate funding for them, instead threatening to shut the Ché Café down.

2002

In association with the Groundwork Bookstore Co-operative, the Ché collective agrees to help finance the BURN! collective website - a directory page for radical resources. UCSD administration claims that Ché is allocating funding for a terrorist organization and files charges against members of the collective. The charges are quickly dropped after administration realizes it has no substantial basis for the charges.