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Some 200 students gathered at the Ethnic Studies Program rally Friday. The rally's purpose was to get permanent and separate unit status in the College of Arts and Sciences. There will be a public hearing on the issue Oct. 20 in the CCB at 3 p.m.
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Program rallies for life

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About 200 students gathered on the Campus Center steps October 8 in a rally for the Ethnic Studies Program.

The program is seeking permanent and separate unit status in the College of Arts and Sciences.

ADELE SUGAWARA, Ethnic Studies lab instructor, charged UH administrators of trying to "suppress" community oriented programs or UH organizations which service community struggles.

Herb Lee, student, said the program "didn't teach history for history's sake" but taught skills and offered experiences which could be related to "present-day problems."

Lee said that Ethnic Study

courses increased his awareness of the community.

A FACULTY MEMBER of the political science department said at the rally that the reason for the possible deletion of the Ethnic Studies program could be that "academic disciplines have become conservative."

UH administrators have criticized the program's involvement in community projects and political conflicts.

Administrators have also questioned the academic content and quality of the Ethnic Study program.

MANOA CHANCELLOR Douglas Yamamura, whose office is conducting a review to determine the status of the program, has indicated he would not object to offering

Ethnic Study courses on a non-credit basis if the University budget could afford it.

It has been suggested by administrators that the program could be dispersed into established departments.

Ethnic Studies Program acting Director Daviana Alegado delivered a letter to Yamamura inviting him and other UH administrators to a public hearing Oct. 20 in the Campus Center Ballroom at 3 p.m.

A SECRETARY in Yamamura's office said the letter is being considered and a response will be made directly to Alegado.

The program is presently being run on a provisional basis with funds scheduled to run out in June 1977.

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