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Descriptive Summary

Title: Pete Zidnak Collection of San Jose State University Sports History

Dates: 1890-1995

Collection number: MSS-2009-11-04

Creator: Zidnak, Pete, 1917-2000

Collection Size: 5 archival binders: 2 duplicates(1.04 linear feet)

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: Pete Zidnak Collection of San Jose State University Sports History, 1890-1995, documents the history of athletics at San José State University. The collection consists of two binders that represent the research of Emeritus Business Professor Pete Zidnak. This research includes historical information on the formation of athletics and the emergence of intercollegiate sports competition at SJSU. The bulk of the collection consists of photocopies from archival resources that document the early history of the State Normal School, statistics on student enrollment, tuition costs, information on the athletic logo and school colors, homecoming, parades and rallies, the school band, songs, cheers and yells, and game statistics. In addition, the research chronicles other activities related to athletic governance, college life, and events related to athletics. The collection also includes a timeline and complete bibliography for further research. This collection is arranged into one series: Series I. SJSU Sports History, 1890-1995.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research. However, patrons may not make photocopies from the binders on request of the donor.

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Project Information

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Organizational History

In 1857 the San Francisco Board of Education established Minns' Evening Normal School for current and prospective teachers in the city. Named after its principal, George W. Minns, the institution was formally established as the first California State Normal School by the State Legislature in 1862. A decade later, the Legislature voted to move the Normal School to San José, and the school relocated to its new home on Washington Square prior to the fall term of 1872. After a fire destroyed the Normal School building in 1880, the Legislature authorized \$200,000 to construct a new building on the same site. Completed in 1881, the building was commonly referred to as the Second State Normal School. After several names and curriculum changes, Minns' Normal School is now San José State University, offering more than 134 bachelor's and master's degrees with 110 concentrations, and is recognized as one of the top public universities granting such degrees in the West.

Dr. Pete Zidnak (1917-2000) received his M.S. (1950) and Ph.D. (1955) in Philosophy from the University of Southern California. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Purple Heart. Dr. Zidnak began his career at SJSU in 1957 as a Professor of Business, retired in 1982, and was awarded Emeritus status in 1983. Following retirement, he began compiling a history of intercollegiate athletics at SJSU. From 1991-1996, Dr. Zidnak gathered data and facts about campus sports by utilizing past school newspapers and other archival materials. Dr. Zidnak chronicled the development of the school's intercollegiate competition dating back to the 1890s, when San José State University was known as the San José State Normal School.

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Related Material

San José State University Football Programs Collection, MSS-2009-08-04, San José State University Library Special Collections & Archives. <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt3x0nf1kk>

Scope and Content

Pete Zidnak Collection of San Jose State University Sports History, 1890-1995, documents the history of athletics at San José State University. The collection consists of two binders that represent the research of Emeritus Business Professor Pete Zidnak. This research includes historical information on the formation of athletics and the emergence of intercollegiate sports competition at SJSU. The bulk of the collection consists of photocopies from archival resources that document the early history of the State Normal School, statistics on student enrollment, tuition costs, information on the athletic logo and school colors, homecoming, parades and rallies, the school band, songs, cheers and yells, and game statistics. In addition, the research chronicles other activities related to athletic governance, college life, and events related to athletics. The collection also includes a timeline and complete bibliography for further research.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series: Series I. SJSU Sports History, 1890-1995.

Subject Headings

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

San José State University -- Sports -- History.

San José State Normal School -- History.

San José State Teachers College -- History.
San José State College -- History.
California State University, San José -- History.
San José State University -- History.
College sports -- California -- San José.
Education, Higher -- California -- San José.

Series I: **SJSU Sports History 1890-1995**

Physical Description: 5 archival binders; 2 duplicates

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series represents the historical research of Pete Zidnak, Emeritus Professor of Business. The research includes historical information on the formation of athletics and the emergence of intercollegiate sports competition at SJSU. The bulk of the collection consists of photocopies from archival resources that document the early history of the State Normal Schools, statistics on student enrollment, tuition costs, information on the athletic logo and school colors, homecoming, parades and rallies, the school band, songs, cheers and yells, and game statistics. In addition, the research chronicles other activities related to athletic governance, college life, and events related to athletics.

The collection also includes statistics, records and important dates for various sports, from archery to wrestling, an autobiography of the career of Louis Duino, sportswriter/editor for San Jose newspapers during the period 1925-1975, as well as offering a general history of the university. In addition, the collection includes historical information about university club sports, such as aqua-skiing and hiking, and a complete bibliography for further research.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by sport.

Binders 1-2

SJSU Sports History 1890-1995