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Descriptive Summary

Title: San Jose State University Faculty Wives Club Records

Dates: 1929-1996

Collection number: MSS-2010-03-02

Creator: San José State University

Collection Size: 10 boxes(24.09 linear feet)

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The San José State University Faculty Wives Club Records, 1929-1996, document the history of the club over a 60-year period. The collection consists of meeting minutes, financial records, newsletters, and membership rosters. In addition, the collection includes scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, member biographies, photographs, and University Dames Club materials. This collection is arranged into four series: Series I. Administrative Files, 1938-1996; Series II. Subject Files, 1956-1996; Scrapbooks and Publicity Materials, 1929-1991; and Series IV. University Dames Club Materials, 1960-1974.

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

The collection is open for research.

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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.

The San José State University Faculty Wives Club organized in the late 1940s as a means of fostering friendship among the wives of SJSU faculty members. The Faculty Wives Club began by hosting monthly events and activities for its members, such as fashion shows, cooking, and handcrafting. In addition, club members also participated in fundraising efforts for student scholarships. Today, the Faculty Wives Club continues to award three student scholarships of \$2,000 each annually.

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement

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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 -- Faculty Wives Club -- History

San José State University -- University Dames Club -- History

San José State Teachers College -- History

San José State College -- History

California State University, San Jose -- History

San José State University -- History

San José State University -- Funds and scholarships

Women -- Societies and clubs

Education, Higher -- California -- San José

Series I: **Administrative Files 1938-1996**

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of Faculty Wives Club administrative records, including membership documents, newsletters, and financial records. The materials document special events focused on community service, cultural awareness, and philanthropy to promote student advancement.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by format.

Box 1

Membership Rosters, Financial Records 1938-1996

Box 2

Meeting Minutes, Reports and Newsletters 1956-1995

Series II: **Subject Files 1956-1996**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of Faculty Wives Club member biographies, newspaper clippings, photographs, scholarship information, and the publication *Reminiscing with Faculty Wives of San José State College* (1956), written by Evelyn Bell Settles, Chairman of the Faculty Wives Club History Committee.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by format.

Box 3

Member Biographies and History, Newspaper Clippings, Photographs, and Scholarship Information 1956-1996

Series III: **Scrapbooks and Publicity Materials 1929-1991**

Physical Description: 6 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of Faculty Wives Club scrapbooks and publicity materials focused primarily on community service, cultural awareness, and philanthropy. Fundraising events such as bake sales, fashion shows, and silent auctions are well documented in this series. These events supported student scholarships.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by format.

Boxes 4-9

Scrapbooks and Publicity Materials 1929-1991

Series IV: **University Dames Club Materials 1960-1974**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of University Dames Club administrative records, meeting minutes, financial records, scrapbooks, and publicity materials. The University Dames represents a group of wives of male students at San Jose State University that became the protégées of Faculty Wives. The University Dames and Faculty Wives co-sponsored many like minded events and activities.

Arrangement

This series is arranged by format.
