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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State College Patrons Association Collection

Dates: 1933-1966

Collection number: MSS-2010-06-02

Creator: San José State University

Collection Size: 1 box,1.25 linear feet

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The San Jose State College Patrons Association Collection, 1933-1966, a division of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, documents the history of the organization over a thirty-year period. The collection consists of history and publicity scrapbooks pertaining to the organization. This collection is arranged into one series: Series I: San Jose State College Patrons Association Scrapbooks, 1933-1966.

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

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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 Jose, 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.

Established in 1933, the San Jose State College Patrons Association was a division of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, The college-level equivalent of the Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.). The San Jose State College Patrons Association fostered educational and social events for San Jose State College students, maintained close relations with the College administration and faculty to promote student welfare on campus, and sponsored a wide variety of campus activities and events, including annual dinners and potluck luncheons. The Student Emergency Fund and the Welfare Fund were the two major projects of the Patrons. In 1954, the SJSC Patrons Association withdrew from the P.T.A. and became a free-standing club on campus. New by-laws were created, but the Association retained its original philosophical tenet of being continually dedicated to the support and welfare of San Jose State College students.

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement

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Indexing Terms

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

San Jose State College -- Patrons Association -- History

San Jose State College -- Funds and scholarships

San Jose State College -- Philanthropy -- History

San José State University -- History

San Jose State Teachers College -- History

San Jose State College -- History

Education, Higher -- California -- San José

Series I: **San Jose State College Patrons Association Scrapbooks 1933-1966**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of five San Jose State College Patrons Association scrapbooks documenting the history of the organization. The scrapbooks contain annual history reports, black and white photographs of various SJSC individuals and campus buildings such as former presidents and Tower Hall, newspaper clippings from the *Spartan Daily*, *Mercury Herald* and the *Evening News*. The scrapbooks document the activities and events of the organization, and include by-laws, meeting minutes, programs, as well as certificates issued by the California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 1 **Patrons Association Scrapbooks 1933-1966**