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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State University Continuing Education Program Records

Dates: 1954-1998

Bulk Dates: 1971-1981

Collection number: MSS-2009-02-08

Creator: San José State University Continuing Education Department

Collection Size: 20 Boxes 16.29 linear feet

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The San José State University Continuing Education Records (1954-1998 [bulk 1971-1981]) consist of general files, newspaper clippings, fliers, posters, brochures, and handbooks. The materials in the collection offer a glimpse into the activities, classes, and events offered through the Continuing Education program, which also includes Distance Learning, Special Session, and ESL programs. This collection is arranged into a single series: Series I: Continuing Education, 1954-1998 (bulk 1971-1981).

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 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.

San José State University's Continuing Education program can trace its origins to Professor Charles Mills Gayley, who proposed applying the British model of university extension to California colleges in the early 1890s. In addition, San José Normal School principal James McNaughton foresaw the advantage of a continuing education track during his administrative tenure (1899-1900). However, it was McNaughton's successor, Morris Elmer Dailey (1900-1918), who was responsible for the inception of continuing education at the Normal School via the implementation of a summer session program. Under Dailey's direction, the first summer session occurred in 1903 and enrolled 107 students for a 12-week semester. In 1901 the International Travel Study began as a result of the earthquake damage, which forced the cancellation of summer session at the Normal School. President Dailey organized and led a summer trip to Europe for the students and faculty. The program is known today as International and Extended Studies (IES), and supports such educational extensions as eCampus, professional development, and global studies.

Throughout its history, SJSU's Continuing Education program has contributed significantly to the overall curriculum, including Distance Learning, Special Session and ESL programs. Targeting college-age students as well as young adults and adult learners, the program continues to offer high quality programs that meet the diverse needs of the community.

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Scope and Content of Collection

The San José State University Continuing Education Program Records (1954-1998 [bulk 1971-1981]) consist of brochures, pamphlets, class descriptions, schedules, and posters pertaining to the Continuing Education program. The records also include materials advertising classes, various student movements and campus events.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into a single series: Series I. Continuing Education, 1954-1998 (bulk 1971-1981).

Indexing Terms

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--Continuing Education--History

San José State University--History

Education--Higher--California--San José

Education--California--San José
California State University, San José--History
San José State College--History

Series I: **Continuing Education 1954-1998 (bulk 1971-1981)**

Physical Description: 21 Boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of brochures, pamphlets, class descriptions and schedules for the Continuing Education program.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

Box 1 **Scrapbooks, Pamphlets, Schedules 1954-1976**

Boxes 2-3 **Pamphlets 1957-1965**

Box 4 **Bulletins, Handbooks 1962-1973**

Box 5 **Brochures, Courses, General Files 1964-1979**

Box 6 **Reports, Schedules 1970-1992**

Box 7 **Pamphlets, Schedules 1971-1972**

Box 8 **Questionnaires, Schedules 1972**

Box 9 **Schedules, Bulletins 1973-1996**

Box 10 **Brochures, Schedules 1974**

Box 11 **Brochures, Pamphlets, Catalogues 1976-1977**

Boxes 12 **International Travel Study 1975-1991**

Box 13 **Brochures, Pamphlets, Posters 1975-1979**

Class Schedules 1976-1981

Box 14 **Class Schedules 1976-1981**

Box 15 **Brochures, International Travel Study 1977-1978**

Box 16 **Brochures 1977-1979**

Box 17-19 **Schedules 1981-1995**

Box 20 **Newsletters 1994-1998**

Box 21 **Schedules 1995-1998**

Box 22 **Catalogs 1935-1989**