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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State University Industrial Arts Department Collection

Dates: 1942-1980

Bulk Dates: 1960-1964

Collection number: MSS-2009-12-01

Creator: San José State University

Collection Size: 2 boxes, 1.75 linear feet

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The San José State University Industrial Arts Department Collection, 1942-1980 (bulk 1960-1964), includes a variety of materials pertaining to the department's course curriculum, awards received, and works created by students. The collection consists of print and type-written materials along with photographs, postcards, and a handcrafted booklet. Also included is a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings from the years 1960-1964 chronicling the Industrial Arts Department's move into its new building on campus, photographs of teacher training events, *Epsilon Pi Tau* (*Rho* chapter) event programs, and several complete issues of the *Spartan Daily* newspaper from 1966 and 1979. This collection is arranged into two series: Series I. Industrial Arts Department Miscellany, 1942-1980; and Series II. Industrial Arts Department Scrapbook, 1957-1979.

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.

The Industrial Arts Department has a long-standing history at San José State University. The *San José State College Bulletin* for the 1941-1942 school year described the department's primary goal to be the preparation of teachers of industrial arts for elementary and secondary school positions. Special emphasis was placed on training for general shop teaching, as well as the training of students with trade experience for positions that mandated highly specialized instructors. Degree options included a Bachelor of Arts with a major in the field of Industrial Arts, as well as a secondary teaching credential, and a limited credential based on previous experience. During the 1960-1961 semester break, the Industrial Arts Department moved to its new, two-million dollar building on the corner of Ninth and San Fernando Street. The new facility provided ample space and was equipped with the latest advancements in technology.

In 1966, the Industrial Arts Department came under the umbrella of the Division of Sciences and Applied Arts. While the department's main focus remained unchanged, degree options were extended to include majors of Bachelor of Vocational Education, Business and Industry, and Industrial Design. Additionally, a Master of Arts degree was offered with four graduate program majors, leading to specializations in industrial arts teaching, business and industry careers, industrial design, and supervision or administration in industrial education. Today, the Industrial Arts Department is part of San José State University's School of Art and Design. The department strengths lie in combining traditional training with computer-based professional skills, as well as providing education in integrative design theory and related knowledge. Over the last 30 years, due to its location in Silicon Valley, the program has contributed to the development of the Bay Area as a major international center of Industrial Design.

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series: Series I. Industrial Arts Department Miscellany, 1942-1980; and Series II. Industrial Arts Department Scrapbook, 1957-1979.

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 -- Industrial Arts Dept. -- History.

San José College -- History.

California State University, San José -- History.

San José State University -- History.

Education -- Higher -- California -- San José.

Art -- California -- San José -- Exhibitions.

Industrial arts -- Study and teaching (Higher) -- California -- United States.

Series I: **Industrial Arts Miscellany 1942-1980**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series includes information about various awards the department received, as well as announcements for Industrial Arts courses at San Jose State University. Also included is a booklet hand-crafted by students of the department.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in its original order.

Box: 1

Industrial Arts Miscellany 1942-1980

Series II: **Industrial Arts Department Scrapbook 1957-1979**

Physical Description: 1 box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains a scrapbook chronicling the Industrial Arts Department's move into its new building, documented by newspaper clippings and photographs, as well as several related events.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in its original order.

Box: 2

Industrial Arts Department Scrapbook 1957-1979
