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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** San José State University Office of the President, J. Handel Evans Records

**Dates:** 1986-1994

**Bulk Dates:** 1991-1994

**Collection number:** MSS-2009-07-01

**Creator:** San José State University. Office of the President

**Collection Size:** 44 boxes(55.25 linear feet)

**Repository:** San José State University. Library.

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**Abstract:** The Office of the President is the highest administrative office for the campus, reporting to the California State University (CSU) Chancellor and Board of Trustees, respectively. As such, the Office of the President records document the overall policies, practices, and procedures of the daily operation of the campus, as well as the interaction with other CSU campuses and with the CSU administration. The Office of the President, J. Handel Evans Records, 1986-1994 (bulk 1991-1994), document Evans' tenure as acting university president (1991-1994). The records consist of administrative files, correspondence, records of the development of the CSU, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus, located on the former grounds of military base Fort Ord, as well as records relating to the San Carlos Street closure on the SJSU campus. This collection is arranged into three series: Series I. Administrative Records, 1991-1994; Series II. Fort Ord/CSU, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), 1988-1994; and Series III. San Carlos Street Closure, 1986-1994.

**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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#### **Processing History**

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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.

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J. Handel Evans (1991-1994) served under SJSU President Gail Fullerton (1978-1991) as vice-president from 1978-1991. Following President Fullerton's retirement, Evans was appointed acting university president, a position he held from 1991 to 1994. During his tenure, Evans concentrated on advancing the university's influence beyond established relationships by building on town and gown opportunities. Evans also played a key role in the development of the CSU, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus, located on the former grounds of military base Fort Ord. Acting-President Evans left San José State University in 1994 to become a vice-chancellor for the CSU system. From 1995 to 2001, he served as the planning president for CSU, Channel Islands in Ventura County.

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#### **Related Material**

SJSU Office of the President, Gail Fullerton Records, MSS-2009-04-03, San José State University Library Special Collections & Archives. <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt096nd8b1/>

#### **Scope and Content of Collection**

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#### **Arrangement**

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Box 32                                    **President's Task Force, Administrative Files 1992-1994**

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Box 34                                    **Board and Committee Meetings 1993**

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Box 35                                    **Administrative and Services 1993**

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Box 36                                    **University Management 1993**

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Box 37                                    **Administrative Files, Academic Senate 1993-1994**

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Box 38                                    **General Meetings 1994**

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Box 39                                    **Meetings and Events 1994**

**Series II: Fort ORD/CSU, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) 1988-1994**

**Physical Description:** 4 boxes

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

The Fort Ord military base, located in Monterey Bay, was marked for closure in 1991 after decades of service. Acting President Evans (1991-1994) played a significant role in developing a new college in the CSU system on this site. As result, the CSU, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus opened in July 1994.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

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Boxes 40-42                                **Fort Ord 1988-1994**

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Box 43                                    **Creation of CSUMB at Fort Ord 1991-1994**

**Series III: San Carlos Street Closure 1986-1994**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

Acting President Evans (1991-1994) continued the work of his predecessor, President Gail Fullerton (1978-1991), to complete the street closure of San Carlos Street which originally ran through the university, bisecting the campus in half. The San José City Council initially wanted to downgrade San Carlos Street to a smaller road, but President Fullerton and then-Executive Vice President J. Handel Evans persuaded the Council to close the portion of the road running through campus. The project began in 1994 and was completed in 1996. Today, San Carlos Street is a decorated walkway through the campus, with the street existing in two segments on either side of San José State University.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

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