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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State University Scrapbook Collection

Dates: 1884-1999

Bulk Dates: 1931-1971

Collection number: MSS-2010-03-04

Creator: San José State University

Collection Size: 78 Boxes (89.42 Linear Feet)

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The San José State University Scrapbook Collection 1884-1999 (bulk 1931-1971) consists of over two hundred scrapbooks documenting one hundred and fifteen years of the university's history. Created by entities such as the Spartan Marching Band, the Foreign Students Club, and Greek letter organizations, the scrapbooks are comprised primarily of newspaper clippings, photographs and ephemeral items chronicling campus athletics, clubs and organizations, academic programs and departments, events and celebrations, and general activities of the student body. This collection is arranged into seven series: Series I. Clubs & Organizations, 1884-1975 (bulk 1953-1974); Series II. Diamond Jubilee Celebration, 1937; Series III. Executive Dean's Office, 1954-1971; Series IV. General University History, 1928-1999; Series V. Library, 1934-1966; Series VI. Sports, 1933-1939, 1981-1999; and Series VII. Summer Session, 1931-1939, 1949-1967.

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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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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Related Material

San José State University Campus Events Collection, MSS-2010-02-04, San José State University Special Collections & Archives.

San José State University Student Organization Records, MSS-2009-03-09, San José State University Special Collections & Archives.

San José State University Public Relations and Publications Records, MSS-2009-03-11, San José State University Library Special Collections & Archives.

San José State University Office of University Relations Records, MSS-2009-03-06, San José State University Library Special Collections & Archives.

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 José State Normal School -- History

San José State Teachers College -- History

San Jose State College -- History

California State University, San José -- History

San José State University -- History

Box 10	SJSU Class Officers, Ladies of the Mary George House 1945-1949
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Box 11	Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Beta Data, Homecoming Committee, Mendel Society 1952-1975
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Box 12	San Jose State College President John Thomas Wahlquist Inauguration Committee 1953
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Box 13	Kappa Tau Fraternity 1953-1955
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Box 14	Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Chi Epsilon 1953-1964
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Box 15	Foreign Students Program 1955-1974
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Box 16	Elk's Lodge, Foreign Students Program, Blood Drive 1956-1959
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Box 17	Foreign Students Program 1958-1963
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Box 18	SJSU President Robert D. Clark Inauguration - Congratulatory Correspondence 1965
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Box 19	SJSU Office of the Academic Vice President 1972-1974

Series II: **Diamond Jubilee Celebration 1937**

Physical Description: 1 Box

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains scrapbooks documenting the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, the 75th anniversary of San Jose State College. The scrapbooks consist of newspaper clippings and print materials chronicling the planning and execution of the Diamond Jubilee. The Diamond Jubilee was held May 20th - May 22nd, 1937. Some of the events covered in the scrapbooks include the planning and performance of the play *Peer Gynt*, newspaper articles promoting the Diamond Jubilee, letters from public officials such as the State Board of Education indicating whether or not they will attend the Jubilee, and financial reports detailing the cost of the Diamond Jubilee. This series also includes photographs of Jubilee events, such as the swimming extravaganza and the student art exhibition.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 20	Diamond Jubilee 1937
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Series III: Executive Dean's Office 1954-1971**Physical Description:** 2 Boxes**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains scrapbooks created by the Executive Dean's Office. The scrapbooks consist of newspaper clippings documenting such issues as campus administration, policies and personnel, as well as general news related to the University. Some of the subjects included in the scrapbooks include articles on the growth of San Jose State College and campus expansion in the 1960s, construction of the first campus parking garage, the closing of 7th street through campus, and the San Jose State College Master Plan for Education. Researchers interested in the history of Tower Hall will find documentation on the "Save Tower Hall" movement, which was organized to protest the slated demolition of the Tower due to structural deficiencies. Students and alumni testified before the College Board of State Trustees to save the Tower from demolition. As a result, Tower Hall was refurbished and reopened in 1966. In 2007, Tower Hall was restored once again, and is now registered with the California Office of Historic Preservation as a historical landmark.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Boxes 21-22

Executive Dean's Office 1954-1971**Series IV: General University History 1928-1999****Physical Description:** 25 Boxes**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains scrapbooks documenting San José State University history from several different sources, such as the San José Mercury News and student publications. The scrapbooks chronicle events and news concerning the University, and include topics such as performances and events, crime statistics, and campus unrest. Some subjects include purchasing and relocating the University Library into the Carnegie building owned by the City of San José, a series of kidnappings of students by rival colleges during senior sneak days, the closing of San Carlos Street through campus, the arrest of SJSU student Charles Ng for 12 counts of torture and murder, the Coach Zimmerman wrongful termination/gender discrimination suit, presidential candidate Bill Clinton's 1992 visit to Silicon Valley, and the investigation of former military base Fort Ord as a potential site for the CSU, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Boxes 23-65

General University History 1928-1999**Series V: Library 1934-1966****Physical Description:** 2 Boxes**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains scrapbooks documenting the history of the University Library. The scrapbooks consist of newspaper clippings chronicling library events, general information, and collection development, and also include ephemeral items from special events held at the library. Subjects in the scrapbooks include the hiring and retiring of library personnel, planned book talks, the addition of materials such as music, film, and microfilm to the library's general collections, the donation of poet Edwin Markham's materials to the SJSU archives, and the adoption of the Library of Congress classification system. In addition, there is some documentation on the Library censoring access to adult materials in the 1960s. The Library responded to the accusation of censorship by claiming that the materials were behind locked doors for their protection.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Boxes 66-67

San José State University Library 1934-1966

Series VI: **Sports 1933-1939, 1981-1999**

Physical Description: 9 Boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains scrapbooks documenting University sports during the 1930s, 1980s, and 1990s. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings chronicling games, athletes, and department personnel, as well as departmental issues such as athletic funding. Some stories mentioned include the hiring and performance of football coach Dave Baldwin in the 1990s, the proposed elimination of men's gymnastics and tennis from the athletics program, and various articles covering Spartan games, matches and tournaments.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Boxes 68-76

San José State University Sports 1933-1939, 1981-1999

Series VII: **Summer Session 1931-1939, 1949-1967**

Physical Description: 2 Boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains scrapbooks documenting the university's Summer Session program. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings and other print materials documenting events, lectures, and art performances, as well as campus news. This series also includes newspaper articles published during the summer months, which feature topics such as changes in the University administration, merit pay, campus expansion, and San Jose State College obtaining university status. Of note, there is an interesting account of San Jose State College student Margret Aley's summer in Mississippi where she and other black civil rights activists were jailed and harassed, various other civil rights-related news stories, the appointment of Robert D. Clark as president of San Jose State College in 1964, and the successful movement to save Tower Hall from demolition in the 1960s.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Boxes 77-78

San José State University Summer Session 1931-1939, 1949-1967