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Abstract: The Centennial Campus Events collection consists of newspapers and printed materials that document the centennial celebration of San Jose State College. The collection of newspapers include the *Spartan Daily* (college student newspaper) and the *San Jose Mercury News* (1949-1957). Also included are awards from the San Jose State College Centennial Year Convocation event, posters, a calendar, and event programs. The collection is arranged in one series: Series I, Newspapers and Printed Matter, 1949-1957 (bulk 1957).

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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 name 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.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Education -- California -- San Jose

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San Jose State Normal School -- History

San Jose State University (Calif.)

San Jose State University -- History

Series I: Newspapers and Printed Matter 1949-1957 (Bulk 1957)

Physical Description

3 Boxes

Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of newspapers and printed materials that document the San Jose State College Centennial Year Convocation Event. The bulk of the collection documents newspaper coverage of the Centennial Celebration. The *Spartan Daily* and the *San Jose Mercury News* recorded the ten-day celebration, which took place May 2-11, 1957. The *San Jose Mercury News* produced a Centennial Edition, "San Jose State College Centennial, 1857-1957; Pioneers of One Hundred Years, April 28, 1957." The Centennial Edition included articles on the early formation of the State Normal School, described the devastation of the 1880 fire, which completely destroyed the Normal School; a new building was constructed in 1881. Other articles present the list of famous lecturers who visited campus and included John Dewey, Jack London, David Starr Jordan, Frederick Jackson Turner, Mary Austin, Charles F. Loomis, among others. Other items in the collection include awards, posters, programs, and a calendar depicting the Centennial Celebration Event, local news, and events of San Jose State College.

The San Jose College Centennial Celebration started with an academic procession that included over 1000 participants, delegates representing over 200 colleges and universities in the U.S., presidents of other colleges, and over 500 faculty members and students. The President's Convocation Event held at the San Jose Civic Auditorium included national dignitaries. California Governor, Goodwin J. Knight addressed the students, faculty, and delegates. During the ceremony, the City of Sparta, Greece presented a replica of an ancient Spartan Shield to the President Wahlquist. Opera singer Irene Dalis, alumna from the class of 1946, received an honorary Master degree and she also performed at the college Symphony Orchestra Concert.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 1: Printed Materials, 1957

Box 2: *San Jose Mercury News*, 1951-1957

Box 3: *Spartan Daily News*, 1949-1957