Guide to the Dwight Bentel Papers MSS.2004.04.02

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Abstract: Dr. Dwight E. Bentel was a noted professor of journalism at San Jose State University from 1934 through 1974, as well as the acknowledged founder of the school’s Department of Journalism. Dr. Bentel also had a lifelong passion for Death Valley, and spent many hours visiting, studying and researching the Valley and the people who inhabited it. The majority of the collection pertains to Death Valley, its inhabitants and its history. Death Valley related materials include articles from various publications, photocopies of books, and notes and manuscripts written by Dr. Bentel. Other materials in the Dwight Bentel Papers include notes and texts for talks on various topics, honors and recognitions, news clippings, personal and professional correspondence, and other memorabilia.
Biographical / Historical
Dr. Dwight E. Bentel was a noted professor of journalism and the acknowledged founder of the San Jose State College (later San Jose State University) Department of Journalism. The son of educators, Dr. Bentel was born in Walla Walla, Washington in 1909, relocating shortly afterward with his family to the San Francisco Bay Area. Dr. Bentel got his start in journalism as a copy boy and reporter for the San Jose Mercury News in 1928. He later worked for the Associated Press and the San Francisco Call-Bulletin while completing bachelor’s and master's degrees at Stanford University in the early 1930’s.
Dwight Bentel was hired by San Jose State College President T. W. MacQuarrie in 1934 and given one year to establish a journalism program. Dr. Bentel accepted the challenge and developed a department that became one of the largest of its kind in the nation, with six of its graduates winning Pulitzer Prizes in journalism. Except for a three year period (1942-1945) during which he worked on his doctorate at Columbia University and reported on the war effort, Dr. Bentel remained at San Jose State University until his retirement in 1974.
Dr. Bentel had broad interests, which included the subjects of freedom of the press, libel, photography, and the history of SJSC. Death Valley was another passion, and Dr. Bentel spent many hours touring, photographing, and studying the area and its inhabitants.
Dr. Bentel died on May 16, 2012 at the age of 103.
Related Materials
Stone Photographic Collection, MSS-2014-02-28
Professor Gordon Greb Papers, MSS-2014-09-27
Preferred Citation
Dwight Bentel Papers, MSS-2004-04-02, San Jose State University Library, Special Collections & Archives.
Arrangement
The Dwight Bentel Papers are arranged into four series: Series I: Professional Materials, Series II: Personal Materials, Series III: Death Valley, and Series IV: Slides and Plate Glass Negatives. Series I is arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically. Series II is arranged alphabetically by format and then by subject followed by a chronological order. Series III is arranged by format and then alphabetically by subject. Series IV is arranged by format.
Scope and Contents
The Dwight Bentel Papers document portions of Dr. Bentel’s professional and personal life, as well as provide insight into his thinking and methods of writing. Materials pertaining to his professional life include awards and honors, articles, news clippings, notes and texts for talks, and correspondence.
Materials pertaining to Dr. Bentel’s personal life include personal correspondence, greeting cards, vital documents, and news clippings. Together, these items document the relationship between Dr. Bentel and various family members. Due to their personal nature, the Personal Materials are available by permission only.
The bulk of the collection is composed of Death Valley materials, including personal notes, news clippings, magazine articles, and copies of books. Outlines and manuscripts for a planned book by Dr. Bentel on Death Valley are also included.
A small portion of this series contains correspondence with and/or pertaining to George E. Stone, an Assistant and Associate Professor in Journalism from 1934 through 1956. Although this correspondence is mostly personal in nature, it was included with the professional materials due to professional relationship between Dr. Bentel and Professor Stone and the position both men held as members of the SJSC faculty. Materials relating to Professor Stone date from 1951 -1964 and include a portion of an autobiographical manuscript.

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With the exception of Series II: Personal Materials, the collection is open for research. Access to Series II: Personal Materials is by permission from the Director of Special Collections and Archives only.

**Separated Materials**

Included in the Dwight Bentel Papers were a number of complete, unphotocopied publications pertaining to Death Valley. There were also several promotional publications directed at San Jose State College or the San Jose Unified School District. These materials, listed below, were separated from the collection and transferred either to the King Library or to the San José State University Archives Publications Collection, as noted.


Transferred to the San José State University Archives Publications Collection, MSS-2010-01-01:

San Jose State College. Impact! The dynamic effect of San Jose College on the community it serves. c. 1961.

San Jose State College. Pioneers for one hundred years. San Jose State College. 1957.

One camera box was separated from the collection and placed with artifacts to be used in displays. The leather trimmed, wooden box is 11"hx8.8"dx19.5"w. The interior is trimmed in pig skin and appears to have been modified to include compartments and a shelf.

**Bibliography**


Rosenberg, Mike. "Dwight Bentel, founder of San Jose State University journalism department, dies at 103." San Jose Mercury News [San Jose, CA] 16 May 2012. Web.


**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Correspondence

Death Valley -- California and Nevada

Education -- Higher -- California -- San Jose

San Jose State College -- History

San José State University -- History

Twentieth century

Bentel, Dwight E. (1909 - 2012)

Bentel, Dwight

Lundstrom, Charlie Mack
SERIES I: Professional Materials 1928 - 2005 (Bulk 1934 - 1974)

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Scope and Contents

Series I includes materials pertaining to Dr. Bentel’s professional life, including awards and honors, articles, news clippings, notes and texts for talks, and correspondence. The majority of the correspondence and news clippings center around Dr. Bentel’s accomplishments as a professor of journalism and the success of the SJSU Department of Journalism.

A small portion of this series contains correspondence with and/or pertaining to George E. Stone, an Assistant and Associate Professor in Journalism from 1934 through 1956. Although this correspondence is mostly personal in nature, it was included with the professional materials due to professional relationship between Dr. Bentel and Professor Stone and the position both men held as members of the SJSC faculty. Materials relating to Professor Stone date from 1951 -1964 and include a portion of an autobiographical manuscript.

Arrangement

Dr. Bentel arranged his professional materials by subject and included notes, correspondence, news clippings, and other materials generally surrounding a particular theme in the same folder. The materials in this series were left in original order within each folder. The folders are labeled with either a title supplied by Dr. Bentel or with a title that suggests the subject of the majority of its contents. Notes and texts for talks are headed with the term “Talk” followed by the subject of the talk. The folders are arranged within each box alphabetically by subject followed by a chronological order.

Box 1, Folder 1  Cavanagh, Daniel 1987 - 1997
Box 1, Folder 3  Collier’s Encyclopedia 1946 - 1967
Box 1, Folder 2  College Union 1960 - 1964
Box 1, Folder 4  Community Service 1936, 1975
Box 1, Folder 5  Correspondence - Hutchins, Robert 1955
Box 1, Folder 6  Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous (includes first published article by D. Bentel) 1928 - 1972
Box 1, Folder 7  Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1935 - 1991
Box 1, Folder 8  Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1941 - 1982
Box 1, Folder 9  Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1943 - 1991
Box 1, Folder 10  Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1945 - 1987
Box 1, Folder 11  Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1956 - 1978
Box 1, Folder 12  Correspondence - Special letters 1967 - 1987
Box 1, Folder 13  Correspondence - Thank you notes 2005 - 2007
Box 1, Folder 14  Directories - Emeritus organizations 1985 - 2003
Box 1, Folder 15  Directories; Professional Associations 1989 - 2005
Box 1, Folder 16  NCCPA Review (newsletter) 1952 - 1961
Box 1, Folder 17  Photographs undated
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Box 1, Folder 24  San Jose State College history undated
Box 1, Folder 25  Santa Cruz Sentinel News 1953-06
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SERIES II: Personal Materials 1909 - 2003

Scope and Contents

Series II contains items of a personal nature belonging to Dr. Bentel and/or members of his family. Included are personal letters, notes and commentary, divorce papers, birth certificates, and news clippings of interest to Dr. Bentel. Due to the potentially sensitive nature of the materials, permission from the Director of Special Collections and Archives will be required for access.

Arrangement

Dr. Bentel arranged his personal materials by subject and placed notes and commentary, rough drafts, and correspondence to and from a particular correspondent or surrounding a particular theme in the same folder. The materials in this series were left in original order within each folder. With the exception of correspondence, the folders are arranged alphabetically by the predominant format of the material within the folder followed by the subject of the materials.

Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by sender/recipient followed by date. When the general topic of was indicated by Dr. Bentel, that topic is provided in parentheses after the sender/recipient's name. For example: correspondence between Dr. Bentel and his brother Dr. Carr Bentel regarding the care of their mother is labeled “Bentel, Carr (Care of Katherine Bentel).” Correspondence is placed behind the other formats.

Conditions Governing Access

This series is restricted. Permission from the Director of Special Collections and Archives will be required for access.

Correspondence 1934 - 2003

Box 3, Folder 1  Birth certificate and biography - Bentel, Dwight 1909, undated
Box 3, Folder 2  Birth certificate - Bentel, Genieva DiFiore 1941
Box 3, Folder 3  Bentel, David circa 1968 - 1994
Box 3, Folder 4  Bentel, Genieva undated
Box 3, Folder 5  Bentel, Katherine undated
Box 3, Folder 6  Diary - Services to Mom circa 1956 - 1959
Box 3, Folder 7  Divorce (Bentel, Dwight and Bentel, Edna) 1956 - 1957
Box 3, Folder 8  Family History 1927, 1946
Box 3, Folder 9  Misfortunes 1935 - 1947
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Box 3, Folder 25  Bentel, Carr (Katherine Bentel and Salem Lutheran) 1960 - 1961
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SERIES III: Death Valley 1905 - 2006
Scope and Contents
Dr. Bentel spent many hours touring, photographing, and researching Death Valley and its inhabitants. He planned to publish a book on the subject using Shorty Harris (1856-1934), a long time Death Valley prospector, as a focal point.
The bulk of Series III, Death Valley, consists of personal notes, news clippings, magazine articles, and copies of books pertaining to various aspects of Death Valley. Outlines and manuscripts for the proposed book are also included. The materials created by Dr. Bentel in this series are mostly undated. Dates supplied generally represent publication dates for books published by others and included in this collection.

Arrangement
Dr. Bentel arranged these materials by subject, placing notes and commentary, articles, and portions of manuscripts surrounding a particular theme in the same folder. The materials in this series were left in original order within each folder and the folder labeled with either a title supplied by Dr. Bentel or with a title that suggests the subject of the majority of its contents.
The materials in this Series are subdivided into four groups: Correspondence, Project organization, Research files, Manuscripts, and Publications by others, followed by an alphabetic arrangement within each box. Where both manuscript pages and research materials were contained in the same folder, placement was based on the predominant format within that folder.
Materials in the “Publications by others” group consist of complete, or nearly complete, photocopies of published books. Published articles from periodicals and other small publications used as research material by Dr. Bentel were left with the research files and are not included in this section.

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| Box 4, Folder 54 | Unknown. (Greenwater). Undated |
| Box 5, Folder 54 | Corle, Edwin. Death Valley and a creek called Furnace. 1941 |
| Box 5, Folder 55 | Edwards, E.D. The valley whose name is death. United States. 1940 |
| Box 5, Folder 56 | Gardner, E. S. The desert is yours. Wm Morrow & Co. 1963. |
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Chalfant, W. A. The story of Inyo. 1922.

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Coolidge, Dane. Death Valley prospectors. 1937

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Publications by others - Indexes. Undated.

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Latschar, John A. A History of Mining in Death Valley National Monument. Historic Resource study, National Park Service. 1954. (1 of 2)

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Newspaper articles, various authors 1905 - 1933

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Pyle, Ernie. Various articles undated

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Houston, Eleanor J. Death Valley Scotty told me. 1954 (excerpt)

SERIES IV: Slides and Glass Plate Negatives undated

Scope and Contents
This series contains 88 glass plate negatives, 109 projector slides, and 20 sleeved negatives. The glass plate negatives are predominantly scenes of college life and classroom activities. Most appear to date from around the 1940’s or 1950’s, although some show images from the Normal School or Teacher’s College period. A number of glass plates contain illustrations that may have been used in SJSC promotional materials such as Impact! The dynamic effect of San Jose College on the community it serves (San Jose State College, c. 1961) and Pioneers for one hundred years, San Jose State College (San Jose State College, 1957). Both publications are available in the San José State University Archives Publications Collection.

The majority of the slides were commercially produced by Castle Films and show scenes ranging from 1920’s automobiles to WWII era military maneuvers. Most of the Castle Films slides are titled. Slides not labeled with the Castle Films logo appear to be photographs that may have been taken by Dr. Bentel. These images include desert scenes and a few that may have been intended as pin-up shots. The sleeved negatives also may have been taken by Dr. Bentel and generally show a woman in a garden or the interior of a room.

Arrangement
The glass plate negatives remain in original order. The Castle Films slides are in numerical order as assigned by Castle Films. Dr. Bentel’s personal slides are arranged by subject.

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