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Descriptive Summary
Title: San Jose State College Football Film Collection
Dates: 1968-1972
Collection number: MSS-2010-07-09
Creator: San Jose State College
Collection Size: 12 boxes, 11.2 linear feet
Repository: San José State University. Library.
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Abstract: The San Jose State College Football Film Collection, 1968-1972 documents the games the San Jose Spartans played against rival universities in the intercollegiate bowls during the 1968-1972 seasons as well as scrimmages. The records consist of reel-to-reel film and DVDs. The DVDs are open to research, but the original reel-to-reel film is restricted. The collection is arranged into two series: Series I. Football DVDs, 1968-1972; and Series II Football Reel-to-Reel Tapes, 1968-1972.

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

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Publication Rights
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 Jose, 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.

Scope and Content of Collection

Early accounts indicate that the San Jose State Normal School football program organized as early as 1893, with the first intercollegiate game taking place in 1895. The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) defeated the Normal School 18-0 in 1893, when male enrollment numbered about 40. In 1935, San Jose Normal School was renamed San Jose State College. By the 1930s and 1940s, the Spartans became a powerhouse, winning eight conference championships over an 18-year span. In addition, the San Jose State College team had just arrived in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. The team subsequently volunteered to assist the Honolulu Police Department maintain order on the island, as there was fear of an invasion by Japanese armed forces. The first bowl game was in 1947, when the team defeated Utah State 20-0 in the Raisin Bowl. The SJSU football team’s most recent bowl game was in 2006, when they defeated the University of New Mexico at the New Mexico Bowl, 20-12. In 2004, SJSU installed the Jeff Garcia Hall of Champions near Spartan Stadium in San Jose. The Hall of Champions includes the memorabilia of SJSU Hall of Fame athletes and coaches such as Bill Walsh, the three-time Super Bowl winning coach for the San Francisco 49ers and former player and coach of the San Jose State College Spartans. SJSU celebrated its intercollegiate centennial in 1995, and is a Division I member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, participating in the Western Athletic Conference.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series: Series I. Football DVDs, 1968-1972; and Series II. Football Reel-to-Reel Film, 1968-1972.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

San Jose State University -- Football -- History
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Education, Higher -- California -- San Jose
Film -- Football

Bibliography

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Box 1

Series: Football DVDs 1968-1972

Physical Description: 1 box

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The material in this series documents the games that were transferred from the reel-to-reel film to DVD format. See Series II for the list of games and scrimmages played between SJSU and other universities from 1968-1972. The following is a list of the games played between the San Jose Spartans and other Division I football teams: Arizona State University (ASU), University of the Pacific (UoP), University of California, Berkeley (CAL), University of Utah (Utah), University of Wyoming (UW), Stanford University, Oregon State University (Oregon), University of New Mexico (UNM), University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), Long Beach State University (LBSU), Brigham Young University (BYU), Fresno State University (FSU), San Diego State University (SDSU), West Virginia University (WVU), University of Memphis (UM).

Arrangement

This series is arranged by date.

Boxes 2-12

Series: Football Reel-to-Reel Film 1968-1972

Physical Description: 1 box

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This series of reel-to-reel film captures the SJSU intercollegial football games from 1968-1972. This portion of the collection is permanently restricted. The following is a list of the games played between the San Jose Spartans and other Division I football teams: Arizona State University (ASU), University of the Pacific (UoP), University of California, Berkeley (CAL), University of Utah (Utah), University of Wyoming (UW), Stanford University, Oregon State University (Oregon), University of New Mexico (UNM), University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), Long Beach State University (LBSU), Brigham Young University (BYU), Fresno State University (FSU), San Diego State University (SDSU), West Virginia University (WVU), University of Memphis (UM).

Arrangement

Reel-to-reel film is arranged by date.

Box 2

SJS vs Arizona State, University of the Pacific (UoP), Oregon, University of California, Berkeley (CAL), San Diego State University (SDSU) 1968-1969

Physical Description: 1 box
Box 3  
SJS vs University of the Pacific (UoP), University of Utah (UU), Stanford University, University of Wyoming (UW), Arizona State University (ASU) 1969  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 4  
SJS vs Brigham Young University (BYU), New Mexico University (NMU), University of California, Berkeley (CAL), University of the Pacific (UoP) 1969  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 5  
Scrimmages 1970  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 6  
SJS vs Long Beach State (LBSU), University of California, Berkeley (CAL), University of the Pacific (UoP) 1969  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 7  
SJS vs Arizona State University (ASU), Fresno State University (FSU), San Diego State University (SDSU), University of Utah 1970  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 8  
SJS vs Arizona State University (ASU), University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), Stanford University, New Mexico University (NMU) 1970  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 9  
SJS vs New Mexico University (NMU), Oregon State University (OSU), University of the Pacific (UoP), University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) 1971  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 10  
SJS vs Arizona State, University of California, Berkeley (CAL), Long Beach State University (SBSU), San Diego State University (SDSU), Fresno State University (FSU), Arizona State University (ASU) 1970  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 11  
Scrimmages 1971-1972  
Physical Description: 1 box

Box 12  
SJS vs Utah, Memphis, Arizona State University (ASU), San Diego State University (SDSU), New Mexico University (NMU), West Virginia University (WVU) 1970  
Physical Description: 1 box