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Abstract: The San Jose State College Patrons Association Records, 1933-1990, a division of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, documents the history of the organization over a sixty-year period. The collection consists of history and publicity scrapbooks pertaining to the organization, as well as administration and membership records.

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Processing Information

Project Information
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Organizational History
Established in 1933, the San Jose State College Patrons Association was a division of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, The college-level equivalent of the Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.). The San Jose State College Patrons Association fostered educational and social events for San Jose State College students, maintained close relations with the College administration and faculty to promote student welfare on campus, and sponsored a wide variety of campus activities and events, including annual dinners and potluck luncheons. The Student Emergency Fund and the Welfare Fund were the two major projects of the Patrons. In 1954, the SJSC Patrons Association withdrew from the P.T.A. and became a free-standing club on campus. New by-laws were created, but the Association retained its original philosophical tenet of being continually dedicated to the support and welfare of San Jose State College students.

Scope and Content of Collection
The San Jose State College Patrons Association Records, 1933-1990, documents the history of the organization over a sixty-year period. The first series consists of history and publicity scrapbooks pertaining to the organization. Documents in the second series primarily relate to the administration of the organization, and includes records from the treasurer, the historian, and the membership director. Other materials in this series include newspaper clippings and memorabilia.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged into two series: Series I: Scrapbooks, 1933-1966 and Series II: Administration and Membership Records, 1956-1990.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
National PTA (U.S.) -- California
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Series I. Scrapbooks 1933-1966

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of five San Jose State College Patrons Association scrapbooks documenting the history of the organization. The scrapbooks contain annual history reports, black and white photographs of various SJSC individuals and campus buildings such as former presidents and Tower Hall, newspaper clippings from the Spartan Daily, Mercury Herald and the Evening News. The scrapbooks document the activities and events of the organization, and include by-laws, meeting minutes, programs, as well as certificates issued by the California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically by type of scrapbook.

Box 1, Folder 1  History 1933-1956
Box 1, Folder 2  History 1956-1966
Box 1, Folder 3  Publicity Records 1934-1935
Box 1, Folder 4  Publicity Records 1945-1946
Box 1, folder 5  Publicity Records 1946-1947

Series II. Administration and Membership Records 1956-1990

Scope and Contents
This series consists of members lists, financial records, by-laws, memorabilia, historian reports, meeting notes, membership fees, and newspaper clippings from 1956-1990.

Arrangement
This series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Box 2, Folder 1  Donations 1980-1988
Box 2, Folder 2  Financial Reports (1 of 2) 1956-1990
Box 2, folder 3  Financial Reports (2 of 2) 1956-1990
Box 2, Folder 4  Historian's Report 1966-1985
Box 2, Folder 5  Meeting Records
Box 2, folder 6  Membership Fees Records
Box 2, Folder 7  Memorabilia
Box 2, folder 8  Newspaper Clippings
Box 2, Folder 9  Patron Association Correspondence
Box 2, folder 10  Patron Association Scholarship Fund Correspondence
Box 2, Folder 11  Patron By-Laws
Box 2, Folder 12  Patrons Members: Faculty
Box 2, folder 13  Patrons Membership Records 1972-1975

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