Guide to the San José State University Office of University Relations Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State University Office of University Relations Records
Dates: 1957-1976
Collection number: MSS-2009-03-06
Creator: San José State University. Office of University Relations
Collection Size: 18 boxes,(22.5 linear feet)
Repository: San José State University. Library.
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Abstract: The SJSU Office of University Relations Records, 1957-1976, document noteworthy events, activities, and people on the San José State campus over a 20-year time period. The records consist of press and media releases, newspaper clippings, faculty biographical record cards, and photographs. This collection is arranged into two series: Series I. Media Releases and Newspaper Clippings, 1957-1976; and Series II. Faculty Biographical Record Cards, 1965-1971.

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
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Processing History

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.

The Department of Public Affairs is part of the Division of University Advancement, which also includes Alumni Relations, Development and Advancement Operations. Building pride in San José State University and promoting its mission, the public affairs department is committed to telling the university's story through marketing and public relations strategies, coordinated communications and publications, media relations and government and community outreach.

Bibliography
San José State University. About SJSU. http://www.sjsu.edu/about_sjsu/

Related Material
SJSU Office of the President, Robert D. Clark Records. SJSU Special Collections & Archives.

Scope and Content of Collection
The SJSU Office of University Relations Records, 1957-1976, document noteworthy events, activities, and people on the San José State campus over a 20-year time period. The records consist of press and media releases, newspaper clippings, faculty biographical record cards, and photographs.

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 University. Office of University Relations -- History
San José State University. Office of University Relations -- Records and correspondence
San José State University -- Faculty -- Biography
California State University, San José -- History
San José State University -- History
San José State College -- History
Series I: Media Releases and Newspaper Clippings 1957-1976

Physical Description: 16 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary
The Office of University Relations was responsible for publicizing events and stories pertaining to campus life. The materials in this series document such newsworthy issues as discrimination charges filed against the university in 1967, the 1968 American Federation of Teachers Strike, and the 1970 campus Survival Faire, as well as President Robert D. Clark’s (1964-1969) response to student unrest and campus controversies that occurred in the late 1960s. In addition, this series includes new hire press releases, information about department programs, and the university's Centennial Celebration, as well as how other media agencies viewed San José State campus activities during this particular time period.

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically by subject and date range.

Box 1 SJSU Centennial Celebration: Correspondence and Activities 1957

Boxes 2-3 Media Releases 1964-1977

Boxes 4 Media Releases 1964-1975

Boxes 5 Media Releases 1972-1975

Boxes 6-9 Media Releases 1973-1976

Boxes 10-11 Media Releases 1974-1976

Boxes 12-13 Media Releases 1975-1976

Boxes 14-16 Media Releases and Newspaper Clippings 1969-1970
Series II: Faculty Biographical Record Cards 1965-1970

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of record cards containing biographical information about San José State faculty members, including previous work experience, education, place of birth, and photographs.

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically by subject and date range.

Boxes 17-18 Faculty Biographical Record Cards 1965-1970