Guide to the San José State University Office of the President, John T. Wahlquist Records MSS.2009.04.04

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Abstract: The Office of the President is the highest administrative office for the campus, reporting to the California State University (CSU) Chancellor and Board of Trustees, respectively. As such, the Office of the President records document the overall policies, practices and procedures of the daily operation of the campus, as well as interaction with other CSU campuses and with CSU administration. The San José State University Office of the President, John T. Wahlquist Records, 1937-1976 (bulk 1952-1964), document Wahlquist's tenure as university president (1952-1964). Wahlquist was Dean of the School of Education at the University of Utah before becoming president of SJSU in 1952, succeeding President Thomas MacQuarrie (1927-1952). The records consist of correspondence, awards, personal diaries and scrapbooks. The records also contain historically significant documents such as master building indexes, the Stanton-Hutchinson court case files, and photographs of Richard Nixon at SJSU. This collection is arranged into seven series: Series I. Administrative Files, 1937-1976 (bulk 1952-1964); Series II. Awards, Certificates, and Photograph Albums, 1953-1969 (bulk 1953-1964); Series III. Correspondence, 1952-1964; Series IV. CSC Trustees Correspondence, 1961-1964; Series V. Diaries, 1952-1967; Series VI. Publicity, 1952-1964; and Series VII. Stanton-Hutchinson Controversy, 1959-1966 (bulk 1960-1962).
Access
The collection is open for research, with the exception of reel-to-reel tapes in Series VII, which are restricted.
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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.
Dr. John T. Wahlquist was Dean of the School of Education at the University of Utah before becoming president of SJSU in 1952, succeeding President Thomas MacQuarrie (1927-1952). During Wahlquist's twelve-year term, he took annual tours across America to recruit experienced teachers from prestigious colleges to keep pace with San José State's growing student enrollment. Over time, Wahlquist increased the faculty from 300 to 1,000 members. Wahlquist also organized the largest construction development in San José State's history, adding many buildings to the campus including Hugh Gillis.
Hall, Dudley Moorehead Hall, and Sweeney Hall.

Related Material
CSU Board of Trustees Records, MSS-2009-03-10
SJSU Office of the President, Robert D. Clark Records, 2009-08-03

Scope and Content
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Arrangement
This collection is arranged into seven series: Series I. Administrative Files; Series II. Awards, Certificates, and Photograph Albums; Series III. Correspondence; Series IV. CSC Trustees Correspondence; Series V. Diaries; Series VI. Publicity; and Series VII. Stanton-Hutchinson Controversy.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Education, Higher -- California -- San José
San José State University. Office of the President
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California State University. Office of the Chancellor -- Trials, litigation, etc.
San Jose State College
San José State University -- History
San José State University. President's Office -- History
San José State University. President's Office -- Records and correspondence
Wahlquist, John Thomas, b. 1899

Box 1-16

Series I: Administrative Files Series I: 1937-1976
Physical Description: 16.0 boxes
Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains the agendas and meeting minutes of the President's Council and the Chancellor's Council of State College Presidents. The series also includes master indexes for campus buildings and facilities, as well as annual financial and enrollment reports, including reports from the State Department of Education. It also contains a State College Administrative Manual documenting college organization and administration, student affairs and services, and facilities standards.

Arrangement
This series is arranged by subject.
Box 17-18  **Series II: Awards, Certificates, and Photograph Albums Series II: 1957-1965**

Physical Description: 2.0 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains awards and certificates achieved by President Wahlquist (1952-1964), mementos he collected, and photograph albums. Photographs of note include one of Richard Nixon giving a speech on campus.

Arrangement
This series is arranged by subject.

Box 19-26  **Series III: Correspondence Series III: 1937-1968**

Physical Description: 8.0 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series consists of correspondence to and from President Wahlquist (1952-1964) and SJSU administrators during his tenure, including correspondence sent by members of the State College Advisory Board and the Western College Association. This series also contains President Wahlquist's travel records.

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

Box 27-28  **Series IV: CSC Trustees Correspondence Series IV: 1961-1964**

Physical Description: 2.0 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains letters and directives from the Trustees of the California State Colleges (CSC), including requests for funds, budget reports and meeting minutes.

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically by date.

Box 29-32  **Series V: Personal Diaries and Scrapbooks Series V: 1953-1969**

Physical Description: 4.0 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains diaries and newspaper clippings collected and created by President Wahlquist (1952-1964) during his tenure at San José State University. It also includes Wahlquist's personal datebooks and appointment calendars.

Arrangement
This series is arranged by subject.

Box 34-40 and 45  **Publicity and Speeches Series VI: 1949-1964**

Physical Description: 8.0 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains materials relating to President Wahlquist's (1952-1964) inauguration in 1952, including newspaper clippings. The series also includes copies of Wahlquist's speeches delivered at events and organizations such as the Industrial Relations Institute and the California Teachers Association.

Arrangement
This series is arranged by subject.
Stanton-Hutchinson Controversy Series VII: 1959-1966

Physical Description: 4.0 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series documents the judicial hearings and campus unrest resulting from the wrongful termination suit brought by two SJSU professors, Dr. William F. Stanton and Dr. Bud R. Hutchinson, against the Chancellor of the State Colleges of California, Dr. Glenn Dumke. Stanton and Hutchinson believed the reason they were not re-hired for the fourth and tenure-granting year was non-academic. The professors claimed that the real reason was that they had discovered certain California State College presidents agreeing to exclude Southern students who participated in sit-ins, and also that Stanton and Hutchinson had attempted, as members of the Teachers Union, to obtain more democracy among college departments. Materials in this series document the Stanton-Hutchinson court case with newspaper clippings, legal reports, and petitions. This series also contains reel-to-reel audio tapes of former A.C.L.U. attorney Albert Bendich discussing the case. The tapes are restricted.

Arrangement
This series is arranged by subject and date.

Access Restrictions
Reel-to-reel tapes are restricted.

Box 40-42 Newspaper Clippings, Reports and Petitions 1959-1966

Box 43 (V2) Reel-to-Reel Audio Tapes 1961-1964