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Abstract: The James P. Walsh papers document the professional work of San José State University Emeritus Professor of History. The collection consists of chapter drafts, subject files, photographs and draft copies of his books; San José State University: An Interpretive History 1950-2000 and One and the Same: The History of Continuing Education at San José State University 1857-2007, which document the history of SJSU.

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Acquisition Information
Donated to the San José State University Library by James Walsh, 2006 and 2007.

Biographical History
James P. Walsh was born in 1937 in San Francisco, California, the younger of two sons of Irish immigrant parents. His father, Patrick Walsh managed and maintained a Catholic men's club in San Francisco. His mother, Nellie Murphy Walsh was a homemaker. During his youth, James Walsh attended Catholic schools in San Francisco, graduating from Sacred Heart High School in 1955. From there he attended the University of San Francisco, where he received his bachelor's degree in history in 1959, and his master's degree in history in 1962. He married Ann McKinnon, also a University of San Francisco graduate, in 1962. They have three children.

In 1960 Walsh accepted a position teaching history in a Marin County high school. While his winters and springs were spent teaching history to high school students, his summer months were spent teaching military subjects at The Sixth US Army Intelligence School in Monterey, California, as partial fulfillment of his US Army Reserve obligations. There, he met several members of the San José State College faculty including Charles Burdick, George Moore, Benjamin Hazard, Bert Brazil, and Fredrick Weed. The teaching and academic examples provided by these professors encouraged Walsh to pursue a higher degree. In 1964 Walsh left his teaching position to pursue a Ph.D. in history at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1966, he joined the history department at San José State College and in 1970 received his doctorate degree from Berkeley. Walsh's career spanned 35 years at San José State. During that time he served as chair of the history department (1982-1986), associate dean of the College of Social Sciences (1987-1988), Dean of the College of Social Sciences (1988-1994), and academic vice president [renamed Provost] (1995). During his career he received three foreign research and teaching appointments and published eight books. In recognition of his contributions to the historical profession, the California Historical Society honored Walsh with the J.S. Holliday Award.

San José State University: An Interpretive History 1950-2000 is the result of James Walsh's recommendation to University President Robert L. Caret that the previous university history, Washington Square, 1857-1979, San José State University, was out of date and that a new history was needed. Since the previous history's publication in 1980, the campus, faculty, student body, and educational mission of San José State University had changed significantly. In addition, Washington Square's co-author and Walsh's mentor, Charles Burdick, encouraged him to reassess that work if given the opportunity.

He spent one additional year researching and writing the history of Continuing Education as well as International Studies SJSU (2005). Continuing Education Since 1857: San José State University, chronicles the connection between the development of San José State University as a modern institution and the continuing education programs that existed at the beginning of its institutional life.
Walsh's other major works include: Ethnic militancy; an Irish Catholic prototype, The Irish: America's Political Class, The San Francisco Irish and San Francisco's Hallinan : toughest lawyer in town, The Irish in the American West, Legacy of a Native Son. A more complete list of his publications and a retrospective on their meaning are available in Essays on Good Fortune by Donald Jordan and Timothy J. O'Keefe.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection consists of the research files collected and created by Professor Walsh in the production of his books, San José State University: An Interpretive History 1950-2000 and One and the same: The History of continuing Education at San José State University 1857-2007. The collection contains manuscripts, research and subject files as well as photographs.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 3 series. I. Manuscripts; II. Photographs and Ephemera; III. Subject Files.

University Archives Collection

Record Group: 6.5.17

Subjects and Indexing Terms

San José State University -- History -- 20th century


Physical Description: 12.0 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

The content in this series consists of literary manuscripts in different stages of development.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by date and title. The first draft of San José State University: An Interpretive History 1950-2000 is further broken down into chapter titles.

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Continuing Education Since 1857: San José State University/ Book Draft 2006
Photographs and Ephemera Series II: 1950-2000

Physical Description: 20.0 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series is comprised of contact sheets, reprints, slides and ephemera. These items were collected by James Walsh while conducting research for his book *San José State University: An Interpretive History 1950-2000* and visually document the history of San José State University between 1950 and 2000. Included are a variety of photographs of student life, faculty and administrators from throughout the years, construction projects and political activism on campus. Notable images of political figures include Stokley Carmichael (Kwame Ture), Governor Ronald Reagan, President Bill Clinton and commentator William F. Buckley; while visiting SJSU.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

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Campus Art and Architecture

- Buildings and landscapes circa 1960-2000
- Construction circa 1960-2000

Campus Life circa 1950s-1980

- Activities/Miscellaneous circa 1950s-1970
- Classroom Lectures circa 1960s
- Dinners and Awards circa 1960s
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- Fraternities and Sororities circa 1950s
- Miscellaneous circa 1965 - 1970s
- Parties, dances and recreation circa 1950 - 1970s
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- Politicians circa 1960s-1992
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- Miscellaneous circa 1960-1970s
- Sports circa 1950 - 1960s
- Student Residences circa 1950 - 1970s
- Students circa 1965 - 1970s
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- University Lectures circa 1970s

Ephemera circa 1970s-2000

Negatives circa 1950s-2000

Subject Files Series III: 1973-2005 bulk 1990-2005

Physical Description: 10.0 folders

Series Scope and Content Summary

The content in this series is comprised of a variety of materials gathered by Walsh during his research for *Continuing Education Since 1857: San José State University*; including brochures, reports, class schedules and interviews concerning the history of continuing education and extended education programs at San José State University.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject.

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Continuing Education

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