Overview of the Collection

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Historical Note:
San Diego State Teacher's College established the Associated Women Students (AWS) in May of 1922, after three students attended the Intercollegiate Association of Women Students by invitation the previous March. The organization's original goals included promoting education among women, organizing women on campus, and educating the public on women's suffrage rights. AWS's goals changed numerous times throughout its existence, to those aimed at promoting "friendship and cooperation among members" and participating "in matters of student interest," in the 1950s, to acting as a "coordinating force for the women students of San Diego State," providing leadership for all women on campus, and promoting growth in cultural, social, service, and educational areas by the early 1970s. AWS accomplished its goals through a series of special events, awards, lecture series, and other activities for campus women. Members included all registered women students at San Diego State.

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San Diego State University. Associated Women Students.

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Organizational Records

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Scope and Contents
The Associated Women Students Collection documents the growth and development of AWS at San Diego State, as well as many of the activities and lectures it organized on campus. Also documented are some of the controversies involving women on campus in the early 1970s. The collection includes two scrapbooks, correspondence, meeting minutes, flyers, and budget information, as well as copies of the ever-changing AWS constitution.

The scrapbooks in the collection date from 1965-1967 and from 1937-1965. The 1965-67 scrapbook includes photographs of AWS Council representatives, documentation of the State AWS Convention, press clippings on annual elections, lectures, AWS's organization of All-Women's Week, its role in Freshman Orientation, the AWS Retreat, and issues of the AWS Newsletter. The 1937-65 scrapbook includes copies of the AWS Handbook, the AWS Forecast newsletter, photographs of officers, and press clippings on AWS-sponsored events across campus, including the Frosh Orientation Party, the Femme Fashion Show, the Best-Dressed Co-Ed competition, Catch-a-Man Week, the annual award for AWS Woman of Achievement, AWS Week, and John F. Kennedy's visit to campus in 1963. The majority of this book documents 1961-1965, with a few scattered materials at the back dating from 1937 to the 1960s.

Box 1, Folder 1  Constitution / Codes 1954-1970
Box 1, Folder 2  Judiciary Procedures 1969-1970
Box 1, Folder 3  Finance Board 1972-1973
Box 1, Folder 4  Budget 1958, 1972-1973
Box 1, Folder 5  Minutes 1957-1959, 1971-1973
Box 1, Folder 6  Handbooks, "Privileges & Regulations" ca. 1960-1967
Box 1, Folder 7  Correspondence, Memoranda, Event Info and Flyers 1936-1977
Box 2  Associated Women Students Scrapbook 1965-1967
Box 3  Associated Women Students Scrapbook 1937-1965