Guide to the Evelyn Lockman Papers

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Biographical Information:
Evelyn Elizabeth Lockman, professor of dance at San Diego State University from 1948-1977, was instrumental in establishing the dance major at SDSU. Lockman was an internationally known dancer and choreographer, who promoted dance arts, and received many awards for her performances and teaching.

She was born in Bolivar, Tennesse and began her dance career at an early age. She graduated with an undergraduate in English Literature from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in Physical Education from the George Peabody College for Teachers. She continued teaching in New York, Bowling Green University in Ohio, University of Southwestern Louisiana as chair of the dance department, and eventually at San Diego State University in 1977. She was later approved for full professorship at SDSU after completing her dissertation, "A Manual on the Teaching of Creative Dance" and retired from academia.

Lockman was deeply committed to reviving and advocating for international dance forms, spending time educating and performing in Bolivia, China, India, Thailand, and Korea. Even after her retirement, she continued teaching mainly in the international dance areas. She was very involved with the International Dance Association and World Congress of the the International Society for Education through Art. She also was appointed to the dance committee for the Asian Games and the Korean Olympic Committee for the 1986 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea.

The National Dance Association reorganized in the 1970s and Lockman became the first president of the organization. She initiated the publication of the newsletter, "Spotlight on Dance." Because of her many achievements abroad, she was recognized by the National Dance Association with the 23rd Heritage Honoree award in 1986. Her accomplishments and mentoring were also celebrated in the town of Lafayette, Louisiana, as the mayor of Lafayette proclaimed April 11th as Evelyn Lockman Day.

Evelyn Lockman died at the age of 81, in San Diego, CA on September 4, 1991.

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Lockman, Evelyn Elizabeth

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Arrangement of Materials:
I. Biographical Materials
II. Correspondence
III. Writings
IV. Professional Activities
V. Teaching Materials
VI. Photographs

Scope and Contents
The Evelyn Lockman Papers document the career of an internationally recognized modern, jazz, and world dance performer and teacher. The collection includes correspondence, San Diego State University Department of Dance and Theatre materials, international and national professional activities, professional writings, teaching material, photographs, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings. The papers are arranged in six series: Biographical Materials, Correspondence, Writings, Professional Activities, Teaching Materials, and Photographs.

Series I: Biographical Materials
The Biographical Materials series contains curriculum vitae, interviews, news articles about Evelyn Lockman, and various scrapbooks.

Series II: Correspondence
The Correspondence series includes letters from colleagues, students, and administrative contacts from 1943-1974. Correspondence also includes letters from Mansell Brooks Lockman, Evelyn’s mother.

Series III: Writings

Series IV: Professional Activities
The files in the Professional Activities series are administrative and conference related organizations which Evelyn Lockman participated in between 1974-1986. The materials include conference materials, scrapbooks, and correspondence.

Series V: Teaching Materials
Evelyn Lockman taught at San Diego State University in the dance department from 1948-1977. The Teaching Materials represent teaching syllabus and performance activities during her tenure at SDSU.

Series VI: Photographs
The Photographs series includes black and white, color, and negative photographic materials of portraits of Evelyn Lockman, performances with Lockman and students, photographs of instruction both in the United States and internationally, and events. The photographs date mainly from the 1930s-1960s.
"What is the State's Responsibility for Effective Recruitment of the Most Promising High School Graduates and for the Selective Admission of an Appropriate Number to Teacher-Preparing Institutions?"

**Professional Activities**

**Box 4, Folder 3**

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- American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation - Conference materials 1973
- American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation - 88th Anniversary Convention 1973
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, 97th Anniversary National - Southern District Convention April 22-27, 1982
- International Council on Health, Physical Education and Recreation - Correspondence, bulletin 1971-1988
- International Council on Health, Physical Education and Recreation - Correspondence, bulletin 1989
- National Dance Association 1974-1986
- General activities 1952-1978

**Box 8**

- Evelyn Lockman, Heritage Honoree Scrap Book, Cloth bound 1986

**Teaching Materials**

**Box 5, Folder 1**

**ArchonID:** id107995

- San Diego State University - Dance Department and Modern Dance Club 1949-1974
- San Diego State University - Modern Dance Club 1955-1965
- Syllabi, class notes, and bibliographies 1947-1967
- Dance programs 1950-1965
- Untitled poem to Evelyn Lockman from dance students

**Photographs**

**Box 5, Folder 6**

- Coaching photographs
- International students
- Evelyn Lockman, portraits
- Evelyn Lockman, performances
- Stand-up black and white picture of Evelyn Lockman
- Performances
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- Recognitions and conferences
- Teaching photographs
- Negatives
- Oversize photographs, including: portraits of Evelyn Lockman and performances

**Box 10, Folder 1**

Oversize photographs, including: portraits of Evelyn Lockman and performances