

Unlocking the Vault

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News from Special Collections

Danelle Moon, Director

Welcome to our second issue of *Unlocking the Vaults*. Some of the highlights of this issue include new acquisitions, new inventories available on the OAC, current project work, and outreach activities for 2007. Of note, SLIS student, Erin Louthen has contributed an interesting article on the SJSU 150th celebration and exhibit, which will be unveiled during the gala celebration on January 26. The exhibit will be on display until December 2007. In addition, Special Collections will have a series of exhibits focused on the history of SJSU. The first exhibit will highlight male and female athletics from the early normal schools days through the 1970s. In addition, History San Jose has a new exhibit on Speed City and SJSU Athletics.

The Spring First Thursday Program line-up includes a performance by John Khouri, readings and lectures from the Steinbeck Fellows, James D. Houston, and Nancy Newlin.

Collection News

We have a wide range of secondary and primary sources documenting the diverse history of San Jose, the Santa Clara Valley, California, and SJSU. The primary sources include personal papers, organizational records, photographic collections, and the records of SJSU. The secondary sources include rare books, first edition, fine press, artist books, and faculty publications.

We are actively collecting political papers and the records of non-profit bi-partisan groups and grassroots organizational records. We are also interested in building collections that document under represented groups, especially records from local ethnic communities.

New SJSU Special Collections & Archives Additions to the Online Archive of California (OAC):

- ❖ [Edwards \(Don\) Congressional Papers](#)
- ❖ [Flaherty Collection: Japanese Internment Records 1921-1966, 1942 bulk](#)
- ❖ [Markham \(Edwin\) Collection](#)
- ❖ [McKenna, Dianne papers](#)
- ❖ [San Jose State University Archives Photograph Collection](#)
- ❖ [San Jose State University Women's Studies Program Records](#)
- ❖ **Ted Sahl Collection**-local journalist and photographer, Sahl documented the San Jose gay community, farm worker's strike, and the anti-nuclear strike.

You can view the finding aids by going to the OAC website at <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/>

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New Acquisitions:

- ❖ **Diane Solomon Civil Rights & Viet Nam Button Collection**
Diane is a graduate of SJSU; BA Psychology 1976, BS Business Administration, 1982
- ❖ **Florene Stewart Poyadue Collection**
Florene is a graduate of SJSU: BA Education, 1985; Founder Parent's Helping Parents
- ❖ **Jeanne Rose Pop-Up Book Collection**
Jeanne is graduate of SJSU; BA in Zoology, 1960; Aromatherapy expert and author
- ❖ **Mayor Ron Gonzales—Administrative Papers, 1998-2006**
Mayor of San Jose, 1998-2006

Collection Donation Footnote:

A substantial donation from Moreland Stevens provided the funding to purchase the deluxe edition of a landmark book in photography, Ansel Adams' *Sierra Nevada: The John Muir Trail*. Produced by Arion Press, the book features fifty photographic plates printed by Meridian Printing, representing a fine selection of Adams' photographs of the High Sierra.

Current Processing Projects:

- ❖ **Alfred Alquist Papers**—California State Senator, 1966-1996
- ❖ **Janet Gray Hayes Papers**—San Jose City Council & Mayor, 1975-1982
- ❖ **Susan Hammer Papers**—San Jose City Council & Mayor, 1980-1987
- ❖ **YWCA of Silicon Valley Records**—1915-2005

SJSU Celebrates 150th Anniversary: Unveils Library Exhibit in January 2007

San Jose State University turns 150 in 2007, giving our college the distinction of being the oldest public institution of higher education on the West Coast. In honor of the university's sesquicentennial, SJSU's yearlong celebration kicks off in January with a gala opening of the exhibit "Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow," located on the 2nd floor of the King Library.

Working closely with the 150th Committee throughout the summer and fall of 2006, Special Collections located numerous items of historical and popular interest from our University Archives collection, all of which will be highlighted in the 150th Exhibit, including:

- ❖ Materials detailing early requirements for teacher education at the Normal School, including course catalogues, entrance examination questions, and student notebooks from the late 1800s.
- ❖ Autographed photographs, poems and personal correspondence of Charles Edwin Markham, acclaimed 19th century poet and graduate of the San Jose Normal School in 1872.
- ❖ A scrapbook depicting the events of "The Nightingale and the Rose," a drama production performed on campus in 1926 featuring over 1,000 cast members, including students and local members of the community.
- ❖ Student publications chronicling the college's formative years, such as *The Normal Pennant* (early 1900s), the *Spartan Spanker* (circa 1920s), and *El Toro* (1930s).
Erin Louthen, SLIS Graduate Student

For more information and a Calendar of Events, please visit SJSU's 150th Celebration website at <http://www.sjsu.edu/150TH/>

Outreach

Special Collections outreach activities include exhibits and events that are designed to highlight our collections. Exhibits in 2007 will focus on SJSU's 150th Anniversary Celebration, including such topics as:

- ❖ January – March:
Women's and Men's Athletics
- ❖ April – July:
History of Campus Literary Clubs
- ❖ August – September:
Student Life, from Normal School to Present-Day
- ❖ October – December:
Students' Response to Civil Rights & War

First Thursdays

In collaboration with the Beethoven Center, the Steinbeck Center, and the California Room, SJSU Special Collections & Archives is proud to present the First Thursday Lecture Series.



First Thursdays
a public lecture and presentation series
sponsored by the King Library Special Collections

Spring 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

F e b r u a r y 1st
Beethoven's English Connections: John Khouri on the Broadwood Forfeplano
A lecture/performance by John Khouri will feature works by John Field, Johann Baptist Cramer, and Muzio Clementi performed on the Beethoven Center's Broadwood forfeplano built in 1823
Sponsored by the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies

M a r c h 1st
Fiction Reading and Reception for 2006-7 Steinbeck Fellows
Syda Patel Day, Kara Levy, and Charles McLeod
Sponsored by the Martha Heasley Cox Center for Steinbeck Studies

A p r i l 12th
*Book Reading and Signing of *Bird of Another Heaven*
James D. Houston, novelist and nonfiction writer and the 2006 Lurie and Distinguished Chair in Creative Writing at SJSU
*Second Thursday, 7:30, Room 225/229,
Book Signing and Reception Special Collections, 5th Floor
Sponsored by SJSU Special Collections & Archives

M a y 3rd
The Gem of Edenvale: The Historic Hayes Mansion of San Jose, California
Lecture by Nancy Newlin, Local Historian
Sponsored by the California Room

Shiro Program Room, 5th Floor
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Library
150 E. San Fernando Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Free admission but seating is limited

2006/2007 Lecture Series Sponsored by
The Friends of the Library

For Parking information go to:
<http://www.sjdowntownparking.com/freepark.htm#freeparking>

Local Events

Spring First Thursdays Program:

SJSU 150th Celebration & Library Exhibit
January 26 thru December 2007
King Library, 2nd Floor, 5th Floor

Speed City: From Civil Rights to Black Power:
Athletics at San José College, 1940 to 1969
January 12 to November 30 2007
History San José

Public Service Hours

Special Collections provides a range of reference services in our reading room, which include providing in-person and distant patrons access to our holdings, department tours, and duplication services

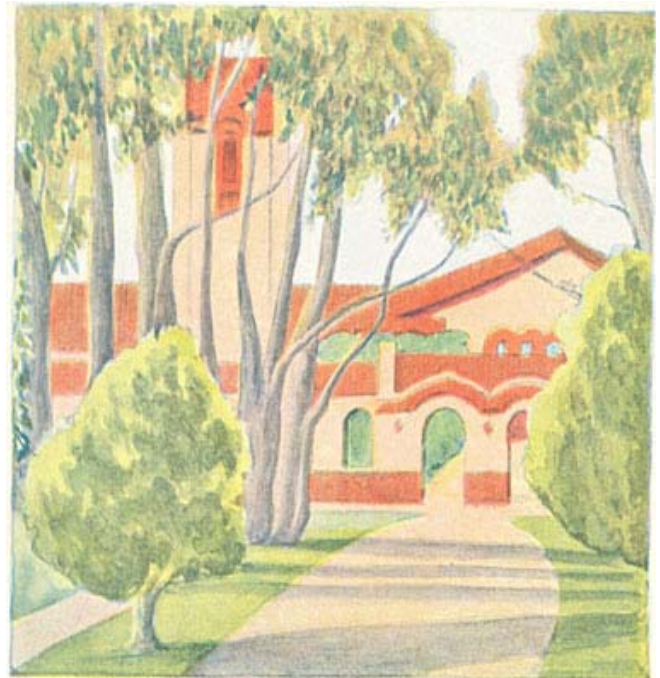
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 11 am – 6 pm
Wednesday: 11 am – 9 pm
Friday: 11 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 1 pm – 5 pm

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University Archives Photograph, 1924



*"I am not one of those who only seem,
Steadfast am I, and destined to endure;
And yet my greatest glory is to dream—
Dream of the youth who seeks the true and pure."*

—THE TOWER SPEAKS by Henry Meade Bland