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History

The University of South Dakota (USD) was established as the first university in the Dakota Territory, when the Legislature authorized its existence in Vermillion in 1862. It was not until 1882, with the added support of the citizens of Clay County, that the first classes were held in the Clay County Court House and construction began on University Hall (Old Main). Construction was completed on Old Main in 1883, and the University moved into its new building. Ephriam Epstein was the first president of the University and the first public board governing it was appointed in 1883.

USD has grown into a major University with both undergraduate and graduate programs, including South Dakota’s only Law and Medical Schools. The University began its 1882-1883 school year with 69 students, and enrollment had increased to 7,000 by the 1990s. The first academic unit at USD, the College of Arts and Sciences, was established in 1883. Academic areas were added over the course of the next several years: the School of Law was established in 1901, the School of Medicine in 1907; Continuing Education in 1916; the Schools of Education and Business in 1927; the Graduate School in 1927; and the College of Fine Arts, 1931.

Scope and Content Note

The USD Photograph Collection represents the visual history of the University of South Dakota, from the 1880’s to the present. The majority of the photographs in the collection are black and white, with a small number of color photographs. Though most of the photographers are unidentified, identified photographers included student photographers, professional companies, and campus photographers. Alumni have also donated additional photographs to the collection.

The USD Photograph Collection is divided into nine series: Alumni, Athletics, Buildings, Departments, Events, Persons, Student Organizations, Miscellaneous/Non-Campus, Oversize, and Photograph Album.

The Alumni series contains pictures from class reunions, commencement participants, and several folders of both identified and unidentified alumni. Also included are images of USD graduates who became Governors, politicians as well as notable graduates such as Tom Brokaw, Allen H. Neuharth, and Joe Robbie. Also included in this series is an 1893 photograph of Charles Barkl, who discovered the fire in Old Main.

The majority of photographs in the Athletics series are devoted to football. There are images of coaches, games and individual players along with team photos from 1895-1948. Other sports included in the Athletics series are: Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Rugby, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, and Volleyball.

The Buildings series contains photos of all buildings on the USD Campus. Also included in this series are aerial shots of campus, postcards, souvenir views and buildings that are no longer a part of campus, such as the Science Hall and West Hall.

The Departments series is composed of photographs of administration, faculty and student activities within various departments. Many areas of the University are represented, and the series also includes photographs from the W. H. Over Museum.

The Events series is comprised of photos from various USD events. Included in this series are photos of Bad Days, Charity Events, and Commencement. This series includes photographs of Dakota Days, USD’s homecoming celebration, beginning in 1910. Photographs of Strollers, the yearly fraternity and variety show, date from 1947.

The Persons series contains photos of Deans organized by school. Photographs of Faculty are organized by department, and include three folders of unidentified faculty photographs. Photographs of Presidents are organized alphabetically by the name of the president. Also included in the Persons series are student candid shots, class photos, images of student life and student portraits, and layout sheets from the 1980, 1983 and
1984 yearbooks. In the Miscellaneous sub-series, Josephine Raish’s donated collection of class photographs and football photographs are kept together as a distinct folder of materials within the collection.

The Student Organizations series contains images of several of the University’s student organizations. Among these are photos of fraternities, sororities, APES, SAA, Student Senate, Volante and other student organizations.

The Miscellaneous/Non-Campus series contains images that have a tenuous connection to the University of South Dakota. This series includes views of Vermillion and miscellaneous images of people.

The Oversize series contains campus photos including aerial views, graduating class photos circa 1889-1912, theatre, ROTC, music, commencement, Greeks, Miss Dakota, Dakota Days 1954, Strollers, sports team photos, and USD Presidents portraits.

The Photograph Album series contains one album of black and white photographs ca. 1910-1915 titled USD College Memories and with the name C.A. Clemens on the inside cover.

The USD Photograph Database provides more information about images, and allows for searches of the materials.

Subjects

University of South Dakota – History.

Additional Resources

Cummins, Cedric Clisten 1908-1980
Circulating Collection and USD Archives LD5073 .C85x

As it was in the beginning: the University of Dakota. Vermillion, S.D.: College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Dakota, 1966. Harrington lecture ; 14.
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Commencement Participants  
Governors, South Dakota (USD Grads) (1 Folder)  
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Jensen, L., 1938 SD  
Norbeck, Peter, 1893 SD  
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Box 5

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   Arthur M. Pardee Lab—Chemistry
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   Churchill-Haines Laboratories
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   Dakota Dome
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Box 6

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**Box 7**

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        Medicine Lommen, Christian P--1891-1926
        Medicine/Nursing/Applied Health
    Faculty
    Administration
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    Anthropology
    Art
    Astronomy
    Athletic Directors
    Audiology
    Biology
Box No. Description

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  History
  I.D. Weeks Library Staff
  Identified—No Department Information
  Mass Communication (Contemporary Media and Journalism)
  Mathematics
  Mechanical Engineering
  Military Sciences
  Modern Languages
  Music
  Native American Studies
  Nursing/Dental Hygiene
  Philosophy
  Physical Education
  Physics
  Political Science
  Psychology
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  School of Law
  School of Medicine/Biochemistry
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  ca 1889-1959
  ca 1960-1980
  ca 1989

Presidents
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  Bowen, Richard L.—1968-1976
  DeZonia, Robert H. —1976-1977
  Droppers, Garrett—1899-1906
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  Gault, Franklin B. —1906-1913
  Grose, Howard B. —1890-1891
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- Studying
- Unidentified Groups

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  - 1887
  - 1888 (First Graduating Class)
  - 1889
  - 1890
  - 1891
  - 1893
  - 1895
  - 1899
  - 1900
  - 1902, 1904, 1905
- Four Women with cannon - - 1950
- Photo Album Pages - 1889-1900
- Raish, Josephine Collection Class of 1902-1907 & Football 1939

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35mm SLIDES
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USD College Memories by C.A. Clemens ca. 1910-1915 |