



## **Descriptive Summary:**

*Title:* The Diane Evans Collection

*Repository:* Northern State University Archives & Special Collections, Beulah Williams Library

*Creator:* Diane Evans

*Dates:* 1952-1959, 1990-1995

*Extent:* 1 linear foot

## **Administrative Information**

*Acquisitions Information:* This collection was donated by the family of Diane Evans

*Processing Information:* This collection was processed by Stephanie Cossette

*Access Restrictions:* None

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## **The NSU Athletics Collection**

Beulah Williams Library Archives and Special Collections

Note: This collection contains a subseries about softball at Northern State University.

### **Biographical Note**

Diane Lucille Evans was born June 15, 1934 to Ernest and Camille (Dickinson) Evans in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She attended Aberdeen schools and graduated from Northern State University. She taught school in Rochester, MN; Upsala, MN; Yankton, SD; and Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD. Diane was later employed with Avera St. Luke's Hospital, working with Home Health and Physical Therapy until retiring.

She coached track, basketball, volleyball, field hockey and softball, where she coached her team to three National Tournaments. Diane also taught swimming and lifesaving. She was instrumental in setting up Women's Intercollegiate sports programs at Northern State University, where she was also the first coach for women's athletics.

Diane was inducted into the South Dakota Softball Hall of Fame in 1990, Northern State University Hall of Fame in 1994, and was the Women of the Moose International Novice Co-Worker of the Year in 2006. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Aberdeen Family Moose Lodge, where she served as a Past Senior Regent.

Diane passed away August 15, 2007 at her home.

[Taken from the Aberdeen American News Obituaries, August 19, 2007.]

### **Scope and Content**

This collection contains notable items from Diane Evan's life. Most noteworthy include her diplomas and awards. This collection is arranged into three series: Education, Awards, and Miscellaneous. Each series in arranged chronologically. The entire collection is in English.

### **Series Descriptions:**

Series Title: Education

Boxes: 1

Dates: 1952-1959

This series includes Diane's high school and college diplomas, as well as some correspondence and her graduation cap and tassel.

Series Title: Awards

Boxes: 1

Dates: 1990-1995

This series includes Diane's awards related to her time spent coaching softball at Northern State College.

Series Title: Miscellaneous

Boxes: 1, OS1:DR6

Dates: n.d.

This series contains miscellaneous items from Diane's life, including a sketchbook, necklace chain of charms, a tin box of dance instructions, a canvas bag, and a painting.

## **Detailed Description of the Collection**

### 1. Series Title: Education

Box #1

Item 1 Central High School diploma, 1952

Item 2 Northern State Teachers College Bachelor of Science in Education diploma, 1956

Item 3 Northern State Teachers College Master of Science in Education diploma, 1959

FF1 Correspondence, 1959

NSTC Commencement and Baccalaureate program, 1959

Reception Invitation card, n.d.

Item 4 Graduation cap and tassel, n.d.

2. Series Title: Awards

Box #1

Item 5 South Dakota ASA Softball Hall of Fame award, 1990

Item 6 Northern State University Fall of Fame award, 1994

Item 7 Recognition plaque, c. 1995

3. Series Title: Miscellaneous

Box #1

Item 8 Sketchbook, n.d.

Item 9 Northern State University canvas bag, n.d.

Item 10 Necklace chain with charms, n.d.

Item 11 Tin box with recipe cards of dance instructions, n.d.

OS1: DR6

Painting by Diane Evans, n.d.