



Descriptive Summary:

Title: The Pat Fors Collection

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

Creator: Pat Fors

Dates: 1951-2009

Extent: 4 linear feet

Administrative Information

Acquisitions Information: Donated over a period of 6 years by Pat Fors.

Processing Information: This collection was processed by Sarah Jones

Access Restrictions: None

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Related Collections: For related collections please refer to:

The NSU Athletics Collection

Beulah Williams Library Archive and Special Collections

Biographical Note

The history of golf at Northern State begins with Pat Fors. The professor emeritus of health and physical education at NSU guided the Wolves' first golf team in 1975 to a perfect 6-0 record. Fors coached the team the next 21 years before retiring in 1996. Her dedication to athletics and physical education doesn't end with being a coach and teacher. She was inducted into the Northern State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

Fors, who received her master's degree from Northern in 1957, didn't have the opportunity to

participate in competitive sports while in college as women do today. At the time, women interested in sports could join the Women's Recreation Association. Fors made the most of that organization, participating in volleyball, basketball, softball and tennis. As a teacher fresh out of college with her bachelor's degree in 1953, she formed a modern dance group with high school students. Since then, she has presented numerous instruction aerobic or social dance programs for use in physical education classes. Fors has also promoted the importance of physical education since the 1950s through presenting programs, clinics and research, as well as researching and writing articles for journals and newspapers. She helped organize NSU's first Women's Golf Classic in 1990, a fund-raiser for women's athletic scholarships. In 1992, she was appointed Northern State's first NCAA Senior Women's Athletic Administrator.

Fors was honored with the South Dakota Association for Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Honor Award in 1994, the Central District AHPERD Honor Award in 1995, and was the Royal Order of the Gyps' Coach of the Year in 1995. She has also received an American Red Cross appreciation award.¹

Scope and Content

This collection is divided into two series, *Music* and *Northern*. The formats in this collection include Northern Alumni pins and ribbons, a freshman beanie, magazines, newspaper clippings, photographs, dance programs, records, scrapbooks, sheet music, and slides. This collection is entirely in English.

Note on *Sheet Music Magazine*:

Pat Fors also donated Sheet Music Magazine. These issues have been removed and catalogued into the Archives Collection. They can be found by searching for Pat Fors in the library catalog and are located in the Archives Reading Room.

Series Descriptions:

Series 1: Music

Boxes: 1,2

Dates: 1977 – 1996

This series includes miscellaneous music albums and sheet music. This series is unarranged.

Series 2: NSU

Boxes: 3,4

Dates: 1951 – 2009

This series includes items related to Pat's time as a student at Northern in the 1950s, as an alumnus, and as a professor of health and physical education. Much of the series is focused on the dance club in the 1970s. The formats include Northern Alumni pins and ribbons, a freshman beanie, newspaper clipping, photographs, dance programs, scrapbooks, and slides. The freshman beanie is an item of interest. This series is unarranged.

¹ <http://www2.nsuwolvesathletics.com/hof.aspx?hof=109&path=&kiosk=>

Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Series 1: Music

Box #1 - Albums

Copland's Greatest Hits
The Essential O'detta
New Sounds (Pete Rugolo)
The Great Artie Shaw
Desafinado
Music of France
Percussion in hi-fi (David Carroll)
Tschaikovsky (Herman Schivertmann)
Grieg, Rachmaninoff, Entremont
Music Treasure of the World (2 copies)
Vivaldi (Guido Cantelli)
Gayne Ballet Suite/The Comedians
Mozart

Box #2 - Sheet Music

Lullaby (Cyril Scott)
Magic Melodies
All time Song Favorites
Johann Sebastian Bach
Liebestraume (Franz Liszt)
Deux Arabesques
Prelude Rachmaninoff
Selected Concert and Educational Music
Warsaw Concerto (Richard Addinsell)
Country Style Square Dance
Tell Laura I Love Her (Barry and Raleigh)
First Name Initial (Schroeder and Kalmanoff)
El Paso (Mary Robbins)
Sabre Dance (Adam Khachaturian)
Piano Compositions by French Composers
59 Piano Solos
If I could Tell You (Idabelle Firestone)
My Hero from the Chocolate Soldier (Oscar Straus)
Wedding Prayer (Fern Glasgow Dunlap)
Bach Preludes and Fugues
Classic Italian Songs

30 years-30 hits

Clippinger Class-Method of Voice Culture (D.A. Clippinger)

Vienna, My City of Dreams

Cream Binder (*All Time Standards* (1977), *Today's Top Pops* (1977))

Blue-Reynolds Binder with Articles and Music (1977-1996)

2. Series 2: NSU

Box #3

Northern Alumni pins (3)

NSU Alumni/Alumnus ribbons (3)

Misc. Photos

NSU Women's Golf Scrapbook

Correspondence to Mary Amacher from Ed Pesaresi (2009)

Forevermore: Nuclear Waste in America – Reprinted from a Philadelphia Inquirer series published November 13-20, 1983

NSC Doll made of yarn

Yellow Freshman Beanie

Box #4

Northern Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, photos, and misc.

Pasque (1957)

Gypsy Day Class Reunion Photos (1990)

Gypsy Day Photos (1999)

Newspaper Clippings about Pat Fors (1951)

Dance Programs and Photos (1950s, 1970s)

Northern State Slides – Central Fire, Gypsy Day, Clubs (1955-1965)

Northern State Dance Club Scrapbooks (4) (1970s)