



Descriptive Summary:

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Biographical Note

The Leadership Club was a group at Northern State University that was deeply involved with the campus community. As a club that focused on “service” as their motto, they participated in events and organizations that helped them to not only serve the Northern community, but other parts of the world as well. They were involved in a large number of plays, including sponsoring an annual play and a variety of rural plays, some of which were broadcast over the radio. The Leadership Club also encouraged its members to be involved in multiple campus organizations and clubs such as student government, musical groups, YWCA, YMCA, and American Women Society (AWS). Fundraising for various causes was also a core aspect of the leadership club. By hosting events such as the penny carnival, or creating fundraising competitions between club members where the losers had to host the next event, they were able to raise enough money to maintain their own student loan fund. These funds were available to Northern students at a low interest rate to help offset the cost of tuition. The Leadership Club was also involved in larger organizations such as the United States National Student Association (often abbreviated as U.S.N.S.A. or simply N.S.A.) and the World University Service (previously referred to as the World Student Service Fund).

The U.S.N.S.A. sponsored the World University Service, and promoted university student involvement not only in matters within their own country, but on a global scale as well. The U.S.N.S.A. also encouraged college students to establish strong student governments and to take action in their communities to further their goals. They hosted regional meetings where different student bodies could meet and discuss proposed plans such as student buying programs or study abroad programs.

The World University Service was an organization that promoted themselves as a way for university students to help other university students. A unique aspect of this organization was that they only worked with university campuses as donors, keeping all of the donations internal. To further their fundraising goals they sent interested universities instructional packets with sample fundraising campaign ideas such as table displays, creative donation boxes, and even instructions for how to set realistic donation goals to maximize donor contributions. In addition to monetary donations, they also ran drive for book and clothing donations, especially for medical and science textbooks. Their goal was to help foreign universities help themselves via a method they called “self-help”.

Their goal of self-help was to provide funds for projects that would generate profit for the receiving university such as medical facilities, allowing them to not only help themselves expand and prosper, but to later be able to give others that same assistance.

Scope and Content

This collection is divided into four series, *The Exponent*, *Leadership Club*, *United States National Student Association*, and *World University Service*. The series *The Exponent* is entirely comprised of issues of Northern State University's student newspaper, and details events hosted by the Leadership Club and its members. *Leadership Club* contains materials that are directly related to the functions of the Leadership Club, primarily meeting minutes and clippings about the club with a few event publications. *United States National Student Association* pertains to materials from the U.S.N.S.A. such as conference reports, booklets, and membership forms. The final series *World University Service*, contains informational materials about the organizations goals and fundraising methods, as well as a variety of pamphlets about the conditions at foreign universities and photographs. This collection is entirely in English.

Series Descriptions:

Series 1: Leadership Club

Boxes: 1,2

Dates: 1920-1942, 1956-1967

This series contains meeting minutes, membership rosters, event plans, play scripts, and article clippings relating to the Leadership Club and activities they were involved in or hosted. Note that the scrapbook in Box 2 also includes several pages of meeting minutes from the SD Literary Society dating 1919-1920. This series has been arranged chronologically, with undated items at the back.

Sub-series 1a: The Exponent

This sub-series is comprised of issues of Northern State University's magazine, *The Exponent*, relating to the various events and functions hosted by the Leadership Club. This series is arranged chronologically.

Sub-Series 1b: Meeting Minutes

This sub-series is focused on meeting minutes from the Leadership Club and other campus organizations that worked closely with them such as student council. This series is arranged chronologically.

Sub-Series 1c: Correspondence

This sub-series contains correspondence concerning the Leadership Club in both letter and telegram format. This series is arranged alphabetically.

Sub-Series 1d: Northern State University

This sub-series includes items relating to the Leadership Club's events and programs at Northern State University. Formats include play scripts, yearbooks, membership and event rosters, and event plans. This series is arranged alphabetically.

Series 2: United States National Student Association Boxes: 1 Dates: 1949-1950, 1956-1957

This series focuses on materials from the United States National Student Association. Formats within this series include booklets, conference texts, and membership materials. These items have been arranged chronologically, with undated items placed at the back. Items that are dated the same year have been further arranged alphabetically.

Series 3: World University Service Boxes: 1 Dates: 1948-1956

This series contains photographs, informational packets, forms, and promotional papers about the World University Service. This series has been arranged chronologically, with undated items placed at the back. Items with the same year have been further arranged alphabetically.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Series Title: Leadership Club

a. Sub-Series 1a: The Exponent

Box # 1

FF1 The Exponent Dec. 2, 1937- Jan. 13, 1938

FF2 The Exponent January 25, 1961

FF3 The Exponent September 19, 1961

FF4 The Exponent October 26, 1961

FF5 The Exponent November 2, 1961

FF6 The Exponent November 16, 1961

FF7 The Exponent November 21, 1961

FF8 The Exponent November 30, 1961

FF9 The Exponent December 14, 1961

FF10 The Exponent December 21, 1961

FF11 The Exponent January 11, 1962

FF12 The Exponent January 18, 1962

FF13 The Exponent February 1, 1962

FF14 The Exponent February 8, 1962

FF15 The Exponent February 15, 1962

FF16 The Exponent February 22, 1962

FF17 The Exponent March 1, 1962

FF18 The Exponent March 15, 1962

FF19 The Exponent March, 22, 1962

FF20 The Exponent March 29, 1962

FF21 The Exponent April 5, 1962

FF22 The Exponent April 12, 1962

FF23 The Exponent April 18, 1962

FF24 The Exponent May 3, 1962

FF25 The Exponent May 10, 1962

FF26 The Exponent May 17, 1962

FF27 The Exponent May 24, 1962

FF28 The Exponent November 9, 1962

FF29 The Exponent Oct. 13, 1966

FF30 The Exponent Oct. 20, 1966

FF31 The Exponent Oct. 27, 1966

FF32 The Exponent Nov. 3, 1966

FF33 The Exponent Nov. 10, 1966

FF34 The Exponent Nov. 17, 1966

FF35 The Exponent Dec. 1, 1966

FF36 The Exponent Dec. 8, 1966

FF37 The Exponent Dec. 15, 1966

FF38 The Exponent Jan. 6, 1967

FF39 The Exponent Jan. 12, 1967

FF40 The Exponent Jan. 19, 1967

FF41 The Exponent Feb. 9, 1967

FF42 The Exponent Feb. 16, 1967

FF43 The Exponent Feb. 23, 1967

FF44 The Exponent March 2, 1967

FF45 The Exponent March 9, 1967

FF46 The Exponent March 16, 1967

FF47 The Exponent March 31, 1967

FF48 The Exponent April 6, 1967

FF49 The Exponent April 28 1967

b. Sub-Series 1b: Meeting Notes

Box #1

FF50 Meeting Notes and Correspondence, 1928-1929, 1933-1934

FF51 Leadership Club Meeting Minutes and Articles, 1929-1932

FF52 Leadership Club Meeting Minutes 1932-1939

FF53 Meeting Notes Nov. 17, 1937, 1937

FF54 Student Council Meeting Minutes, 1956

Box #2

Item #2 Scrapbook of Meeting Minutes and Article Clippings, 1920-1925

c. Sub-Series 1c: Northern State University

Box #1

FF55 Gypsy Day Brochure, 1930

FF56 Leadership Club Loan Fund and Receipts, 1930-1934

FF57 Leadership Club Membership Rosters and Penny Carnival, 1937-1942, 1957

FF58 King of Kane County Play, n.d.

Item #1 The Pasque, 1922

d. Sub-Series 1d: Correspondence

FF59 Correspondence, 1933, 1938

FF60 Letter From Samuel French Inc., 1935

FF61 Telegrams, n.d.

2. Series Title: United States National Student Association

Box #1

FF62 "Study Travel Work Abroad" United States National Student Association, 1949

FF63 "Human Relations in the Educational Community" U.S. National Student Association, 1950

FF64 Student Government Administration and Techniques U.S.N.S.A., 1950

FF65 "A Look at Education" National Student Association, 1956

FF66 Letter from United States National Student Association to Northern State Teachers Collect Student Body President, 1956

FF67 Student Leader Conference Presentation Texts, 1956

FF68 United States National Student Association Affiliation Kit, 1956-1957

FF69 The Handbook of Administration U.S. National Student Association, n.d.

3. Series Title: World University Service

Box #1

FF70 World University Service Informational Publications and Application Forms, 1948

FF71 A Program of Action World Student Service Fund, 1950-1951

FF72 World University Service Program Manual and Officer Form, 1953

FF73 World University Service Booklets and Program Manual, 1953-1954

FF74 World University Service Information and Forms, 1953-1954

FF75 W.U.S. Papers, 1953-1954

FF76 World University Program Materials, 1953-1954

FF77 Education Students Magazine, 1956

FF78 World University Service Photographs, n.d.