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David F. Pearson Papers

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ABSTRACT

David F. Pearson began his career as a professor of Economics at South Dakota State College in 1957. In 1959, President Briggs appointed him Special Assistant to the president. In 1973, he was named to the newly created position of Vice President of Administration. The collection contains files from the office of David F. Pearson while serving as Vice President for Administration and consists mainly of correspondence and files dealing with the F. O. Butler Foundation, the engineering controversy of the early 1970s, and material dealing with the celebration of the United States Bicentennial celebration on the campus of South Dakota State University.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

David Pearson received a law degree from the University of South Dakota and returned to South Dakota State University in 1957 serving as an Assistant Professor of Economics. In 1959, President

Briggs appointed him Special Assistant to the President. He retained his teaching position, attaining Professor status in July, 1965. In 1973, President Briggs named him to the newly created position of Vice President for Administration. In reality, many of the duties Pearson was assigned from 1959 to 1973 were essentially the same as those formally given to him after 1973. In addition, he headed the Greater State Fund, which has grown into what we now know as the SDSU Foundation. David Pearson retired in August, 1980. He died July 10, 1990.

David Pearson's career at SDSU:

- September 1957 Assistant Professor of Economics
- May 1959 Assistant Professor of Economics, Special Assistant to President Briggs
- July 1961 Associate Professor of Economics
- July 1965 Professor of Economics
- July 1973 (effective date) Resigned as Assistant to President Briggs
- February 1973 Vice President for Administration, Professor of Economics
- August 1980 Retired from VP of Administration, Professor of Economics, Emeritus Status.

CONTENTS NOTE

This collection is composed of files from the office of David F. Pearson while serving as Vice President for Administration. Folders consist mainly of correspondence and files dealing with the F. O. Butler Foundation, the engineering controversy of the early 1970s, and material dealing with the celebration of the United States Bicentennial celebration on the campus of South Dakota State University.

The correspondence is composed of correspondence sent and received by David F. Pearson while service was Vice President for Administration.

The F.O. Butler Foundation files are composed of material dealing with the organization of the F.O. Butler Foundation at South Dakota State University. Folders contain approved requests, Articles of Incorporation, campus enrichment, and correspondence files.

Engineering controversy files are composed of material dealing with the controversy surrounding the possible removal of the College of Engineering from South Dakota State University in the early 1970s. Folders contain correspondence, analysis, departmental actions, clippings, and master plan material.

The bicentennial celebration files are composed of material dealing with the celebration of the United States Bicentennial on the campus of South Dakota State University. Folders consist of budget and proposal material, committee minutes, calendar of events, and correspondence.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

- Pearson, David F., -1990
- South Dakota State University -- Administration
- South Dakota State University -- Bicentennial celebrations (U.S.)
- South Dakota State University -- Engineering controversy
- South Dakota State University -- F.O. Butler Foundation
- South Dakota State University -- Vice President for Administration
- University administrators

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2	18	Correspondence	1979 December 13-31
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2	20	Correspondence	1980 January 15-31
2	21	Correspondence	1980 February 1-14
2	22	Correspondence	1980 February 15-28
2	23	Correspondence	1980 March 1-18
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3	1	Correspondence	1980 April 1-14
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4	7	F.O. Butler Foundation: Campus enrichment-West River Seminar	1973-1977
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4	9	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1942
4	10	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1943
4	11	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1944
4	12	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1945
4	13	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1946

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4	18	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1952
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4	41	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1974
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5	1	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1977
5	2	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence	1978
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5	4	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence-Financial	1975-1977
5	5	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence-Financial	1944-1959
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5	9	F.O. Butler Foundation: F.O. Butler story	1975-1977
5	10	F.O. Butler Foundation: Financial report	1953-1962
5	11	F.O. Butler Foundation: Financial report	1958-1977
5	12	F.O. Butler Foundation: Financial report	1964-1969
5	13	F.O. Butler Foundation: Historical	1945
5	14	F.O. Butler Foundation: Income & expenses	1947
5	15	F.O. Butler Foundation: In-house Fellowship	1970-1978
5	16	F.O. Butler Foundation: Investment company	1955
5	17	F.O. Butler Foundation: Investments	1972-1977
5	18	F.O. Butler Foundation: Legal descriptions	1969
5	19	F.O. Butler Foundation: Legal documents	1947-1949, 1959
5	20	F.O. Butler Foundation: Meeting minutes, agendas	1948-1977
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5	24	F.O. Butler Foundation: Restated Articles of Incorporation	1977
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5	31	Engineering Controversy: Academic programs and roles for each institution	1970
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5	33	Engineering Controversy: Correspondence	1969
5	34	Engineering Controversy: Correspondence	1970
5	35	Engineering Controversy: Correspondence	1971
5	36	Engineering Controversy: Correspondence	1972
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6	2	Engineering Controversy: Departmental action	1971
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6	9	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Costs/enrollment	1969-1971
6	10	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Editorials & credibility/historical	1969-1971
6	11	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Effects on other areas/EROS/Agriculture	1970-1971
6	12	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-General information	1969-1970
6	13	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Industrial Development/previous studies	1953-1969
6	14	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Legal	1886-1891, undated
6	15	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Miscellaneous	1966-1978
6	16	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-News clippings	undated
6	17	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-News clippings	1969
6	18	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-News clippings	1970
6	19	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-News clippings	1971
6	20	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-News clippings	1971
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6	22	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-News clippings	1973
6	23	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Pearson's notes	1971
6	24	Engineering Controversy: Master Plan-Pugsley compilation of the land grant colleges	undated
6	25	Engineering Controversy: Meeting the post-secondary education needs of SD	1974
6	26	Engineering Controversy: Prospectus in bioengineering	1964-1968
6	27	Engineering Controversy: Report on Committee D of the Academic Master Plan for the State of South Dakota	1970
6	28	Engineering Controversy: Research	1970
6	29	Engineering Controversy: Scholarships and financial aid	1970-1972
6	30	Engineering Controversy: SDSU Engineering Alumnus look at his college and finds...	undated
6	31	Engineering Controversy: Student Association handouts	undated
6	32	Engineering Controversy: TV news script	1971

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6	34	Bicentennial Celebration: Budget proposal	1973-1974
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6	36	Bicentennial Celebration: Commemoration book	1976
6	37	Bicentennial Celebration: Committee meeting	1973-1974
6	38	Bicentennial Celebration: Committee meeting	1974-1975
6	39	Bicentennial Celebration: Committee meeting minutes	1973-1976
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6	41	Bicentennial Celebration: Correspondence	1974-1976
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7	4	Bicentennial Celebration: Proposal	1973
7	5	Bicentennial Celebration: Proposal	1973-1974
7	6	Bicentennial Celebration: Proposal	1973-1975
7	7	Bicentennial Celebration: Proposal	undated
7	8	Bicentennial Celebration: Sculpture contest	1974
7	9	Bicentennial Celebration: SDSU College of Nursing	undated
7	10	Bicentennial Celebration: State Bicentennial Commission-correspondence	1973-1975
7	11	Bicentennial Celebration: Suggested events	1976
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8	12	F.O. Butler Foundation: Approved requests [oversize]	1977
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8	18	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence [oversize]	1952
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8	31	F.O. Butler Foundation: Correspondence [oversize]	undated
8	32	F.O. Butler Foundation: In-house fellowship	1971-1973
8	33	F.O. Butler Foundation: Investments	1972, 1976
8	34	F.O. Butler Foundation: Legal documents	1932-1969
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8	36	F.O. Butler Foundation: Trust agreement	1968
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8	39	Bicentennial Celebration: Correspondence [oversize]	1975
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