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Cuba Trip Collection

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Collection Summary

Identifier

UA 46.1

Title

Cuba Trip Collection

Creator

Athletic Department, South Dakota State University

Dates

1975-1977

Extent

0.21 linear feet -- 1 small document case, sound recordings

Language

English

Repository

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Abstract

Five members of the South Dakota State University [SDSU] basketball team took part in a 1977 trip to Cuba as part of a South Dakota Delegation. The collection composed of material related to a 1977 trip to Cuba arranged by Sen. George McGovern in which five members of the South Dakota State University basketball team were a part.

Historical Note

Five members of the South Dakota State University [SDSU] basketball team took part in a 1977 trip to Cuba as part of a South Dakota Delegation. The first mention of such a trip to Cuba came after Sen. George McGovern's 1975 trip to that country. Dave Martin, the SDSU sport's director, was in contact with Sen. McGovern almost immediately after his return from Cuba, interested in what sorts of sports exchanges would be possible with the broadening of relations with the communist country. Despite the numerous diplomatic troubles requisite in such an exchange, by March of 1977 plans for such a trip were well underway. Due perhaps to the continuing influence of Sen. McGovern and Sen. James Abourezk, the trip became a joint venture between the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University, and was finally taken on April. 4-8 1977. Twenty people were a part of the South Dakota delegation, among them five students and five advisors from SDSU.

Contents Note

This collection is composed of material related to the undertaking of such a trip. Much of the material contained here includes the media surrounding the event. There are numerous clippings and excerpts from radio spots highlighting the event. Some of the correspondence is interesting, as it shows the earliest stages of the trip. Much of the planning material for this event seems to be lost, however.

Key Words

Abourezk, James.

Cuba

McGovern, George S. (George Stanley), 1922-

South Dakota State University – Basketball

Administrative Information

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Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Audio Tape outline [Cuban Stories]	1977
1	2	Correspondence	1975-1977
1	3	Fidel Castro and George McGovern	1977
1	4	Granma - Havana, Cuba newspaper	1977

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	5	Miscellaneous memoranda	undated
1	6	Newspaper clippings - National	1977
1	7	Newspaper clippings - South Dakota	1977
1	8	Newspaper clippings - Unknown	undated
1	9	Press releases	1977
1	10	Rosters	1977