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ABSTRACT

Dr. James L. Johnson was a professor in the Department of Communication Studies and Theatre and directed more than 100 performances of State University Theatre and Prairie Repertory Theatre. The collection consists of files related to teaching and the SDSU Theatre Program.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A native of O'Neill, Nebraska, Dr. James L. Johnson has a long association with higher education in South Dakota. He logged 38 years of dedicated services, 28 of those at South Dakota State University, where he has been a member of the Department of Communication Studies and Theatre in the College of Arts and Science since 1973.

Dr. Johnson directed more than 100 performances. His work with Prairie Repertory Theatre and State University Theatre provided real world experience.

He has received many awards and recognitions, including: Outstanding Teaching Award at Kansas University; Outstanding Educator Award at Dakota State University; Outstanding Graduate Teacher at South Dakota State University; and the Governor's award in the Arts 2001 for Distinction in Creative Achievement by South Dakotans for the Arts and the South Dakota Arts Council.

CONTENTS NOTE

Collection consists of files relating to the SDSU Theatre program, productions by State University Theatre and Prairie Reparatory Theatre, slides and photographs, programs, course material, news clippings, and posters.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

- Johnson, James L.
- College theatre – South Dakota – Brookings
- Theatre – Production and design
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