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### Overview of the Collection

<b>Title:</b>	Sister Agnes Schmit collection
<b>Date</b>	1960-1995
<b>Creator:</b>	Schmit, Agnes
<b>Quantity:</b>	1 oversize box, (1 linear foot)
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection contains a photograph album and scrapbook that belonged to San Diego College for Women and University of San Diego Professor of Chemistry Sister Agnes Schmit, RSCJ.
<b>Identification:</b>	USDSC_2019_003
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">University of San Diego, Archives and Special Collections</a> Copley Library 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110 Telephone: 619-260-2730 <a href="mailto:spcoll@sandiego.edu">spcoll@sandiego.edu</a>

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### Biographical Note

Sister Agnes Schmit, RSCJ was born in South Dakota in 1912. She attended the University of South Dakota for her BA, St. Louis University for her MS, and completed her Ph.D. at Stanford University in 1947. She became a professor in the San Diego College for Women Department of Chemistry in 1956, and later became the chairman of the department. In 1968, Schmit was named a Fellow of the Chemist's Institute and in 1970 she was awarded a Clarence L. Steber Foundation grant. She continued as Professor of Chemistry until her retirement in 1978. At that time, she was conferred as Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus.

Sister Schmit retired to the RSCJ retirement community in Atherton, California and passed away on October 3, 1997.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a scrapbook and photograph album compiled for Sister Agnes Schmit upon her retirement from the University of San Diego. The album consists of photographs of Sister Schmit's retirement party held on May 7, 1978. These photographs include what appears to be Sister Schmit receiving the scrapbook as a gift. The scrapbook contains photographs of Sister Schmit's former students and their families, and of Sister Schmit with the students. Photographs also include members of the Schmit family and Sister Schmit's farewell from Johns Hopkins University. Most of the photographs are identified with typed or handwritten notes. Postcards and photographs of various locations are also included. Included at the end of the scrapbook is a letter written by Sister Schmit documenting the events of her retirement party.

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## Arrangement

All contents remain in original order.

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## Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Index Terms

Schmit, Agnes, 1912-1997  
San Diego College for Women  
University of San Diego  
San Diego (Calif.)

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Folder Title], Box # Folder #, Sister Agnes Schmit collection, Copley Library, University of San Diego, Archives and Special Collections.

### Acquisition Information

Gift of Sister Patricia Shaffer, College for Women alumnus and Chemistry Professor Emeritus.

### Processing Information

This collection was processed by Ashley Toutain in October 2019.

.TIFF and .PDF copies of these scrapbooks have been made.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Box Folder

- 1 1 Photograph Album 1978  
Album containing photographs of Sister Schmit's May 7, 1978 retirement party.
- 2 Scrapbook 1960-1995  
Photographs suggest that this scrapbook was given to Sister Schmit during her retirement party. Additional photographs and notes were then added through the years.