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## Overview of the Collection

**Title:** University of San Diego Construction records

**Dates (inclusive):** 1905-1999

**Dates (bulk):** 1946-1999

**Creator:** University of San Diego

**Quantity:** 3 boxes, 1 map case drawer (4 linear feet)

**Summary:** This collection contains construction records for the University of San Diego. Records include architectural drawings, correspondence, photographs, planning information, and reports.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** [University of San Diego, Archives and Special Collections](#)

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## Historical Note

Construction for the College for Women and College for Men began in December 1949 and continued through the 1950s. The earliest campus buildings included the College for Women (now Camino Hall and Founders Hall), the Immaculata, the Seminary (now Maher Hall), the Administration building, the School of Law, and the Law Library. Construction on the Arts and Sciences building was

completed in 1959. It was then dedicated as Serra Hall. In 2019, it was renamed Saints Tekakwitha and Serra Hall.

Additional construction and University planning occurred in the 1970s. Construction on the School of Nursing was completed in November 1976 and increased student housing was added in 1979 and 1981 with what was then called Mission Crossroads. In 2019, the housing area was rededicated Mata'yuum Crossroads.

As the University grew through the 1980s, extensive construction continued on campus. Buildings erected included the Manchester Executive Conference center dedicated on February 26, 1984, the Helen K. and James S. Copley Library dedicated April 8, 1984, the School of Business' Olin Hall dedicated October 19, 1984, Alcalá Vista housing and the Ernest Hahn University Center in 1987, the Law Library completed in late 1988 and the Manchester Family Child Development Center completed in 1989.

Master planning in the mid-1990s sought to address the needs of the continually growing University. The 1994 Master Plan included expansion of parking areas, sports center complex, additions to Harmon Hall, Olin Hall, Hughes Administration Center, and renovations to student housing.

The 2000s brought further growth with the Jenny Craig Pavilion completed in Fall 2000, the Joan B. Kroc Center for Peace and Justice dedicated in December 2001, Shiley Center for Science and Technology in Fall 2003, the Degheri Alumni Center in 2004, and Mother Rosalie Hill Hall in 2007. A new Master Plan was developed in 2016.

See bibliographic references for additional historical information.

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## **Scope and Content Note**

These records document various construction activities at the University of San Diego, primarily construction of the University Center, the Seminary building, and the Arts and Sciences building. The majority of the records date to the early construction of the University of San Diego and the College for Women in the 1950s to the early 1970s. Records include correspondence, plans, contracts, photographs, reports, and architectural drawings.

These records also include planning materials for the growth of the University of San Diego pertaining to new buildings and campus expansion. Among these records are publications of the USD Master Plan, Environmental Impact Report Archaeological and Historical Reports, and photographs associated with the Master Plans. Records consist of the Master Plans of 1970 and the mid-1990s. Master Plans include overviews of campus areas as they existed at the time and projections for future developments. These plans show stages of campus growth and changing priorities over the decades. The archaeological and historical

studies were conducted by Dr. Raymond Brandes for various buildings and plans. Research materials gathered in preparation for these reports are also included.

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## **Arrangement**

The University of San Diego Construction records are organized into two series:

[Series I. General Construction](#)

[Series II. Master Plan](#)

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## **Restrictions**

This collection is open for research.

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## **Related Material**

Information on building dedications can also be found in the University Relations records.

Video footage of building dedications including the Degheri Alumni Center, Jenny Craig Pavilion, Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, and Shiley Center for Science and Technology are available.

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## **Index Terms**

University of San Diego  
(San Diego, Calif.)  
buildings design and construction  
architectural drawings (visual works)

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

[Folder Title], Box # Folder #, University of San Diego Construction records, Copley Library, University of San Diego, Archives and Special Collections.

### Processing Information

This collection was processed by Ashley Toutain in 2019.

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## Bibliography

Historical information about the early construction of the University of San Diego can be found in the following texts.

Boudoin, Burt J. *Fortress on the Hill - Founding the University of San Diego and the San Diego College for Women, 1942-1963*. Mission Hills, CA: Saint Francis Historical Society, 2001.

Engstrand, Iris Wilson, and Clare White. *The First Forty Years: A History of the University of San Diego, 1949-1989*. San Diego: University of San Diego, 1989.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: General Construction records, (inclusive) 1905-1999 (bulk) 1946-1999

These records document various construction activities at the University of San Diego, primarily construction of the University Center, the Seminary building, and the Arts and Sciences building. Records include correspondence, plans, contracts, photographs, reports, and architectural drawings.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Accounts for Accounting University Construction, 1956-1960
	2	Administration Building Construction - Sinner Brothers, 1949-1954
	3	Administration Building Construction - Miscellaneous, 1951-1952
	4	Administration Building Construction Contractor Statements, 1953-1954
	5	1969 Appraisal Report, 1954-1969 [Includes correspondence.]

	6	Appraisal Report, 1969 August 15
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
Map	7	Architectural Drawing copies, 1950-1952, 1958
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		[Includes architectural drawings for the Administration, College for Women, Immaculata, Library, and Seminary buildings.]
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	7	Artwork Inventory, 1974
	8	Architect's Progress Report [Lyle Hallett Architect], 1973 May-June
	9	Art and Science Building Structural Corrections, 1956
	10	Art and Science Building Structural Engineering Calculations, 1957
	11	Art and Science Building Industries Supply Co Inventories, 1959
	12	Boiler House Correspondence, 1955-1958
	13	Building Bids and Numbers, 1949-1961
	14	Building Inspector's File, 1953
	15	Building Inspector's File, 1957-1959
	16	Building Permits [Wage Information], 1957-1959
	17	School of Business Administration Building Renovation Project, 1977 May 24
	18	Construction Correspondence, 1947-1951, 1954, 1960-1962
	19	Construction of Site Grading, Roadway Improvements, Water Mains, Sewer Lines, Drainage Structures, and Work Appurtenant thereto for San Diego University, 1949
	20	Copley Library Construction Newspaper Article San Diego Union, 1982 November 10
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
Map	5.1	Copley Library Blueprints, 1982 December 01
Case		
Drawer		
4		
	6.1	Copley Library Blueprints, 1996, 1998
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	21	Die Schlosser Mappe - German Wrought Iron Detail Drawings, 1981
	22	Elevator Information [Otis Elevator Company], 1955-1958
	23	Elevator Construction Various Buildings Otis Elevators, 1955-1958
	24	Main Elevator Panel Samples, circa 1958
	25	Emergency Communications Plan, 1979-1980
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
Map	4	Engineering Department City of San Diego Plan, 1987
Case		
Drawer		
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	3.2	Founders Hall Blueprint, 1984 April 02

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	26	Gymnasium Blueprints and Correspondence, 1957-1969 Record of Survey No. 4212, 1957 March 1 removed to Map Case.
	27	Gymnasium Correspondence, 1959-1971 Electronic Controls - San Diego University Girls Dorm and Gym, ca. 1961 removed to Map Case.
	28	Hall of Science Building Fund, 1958 February
	29	Heat and Power Equipment Company Correspondence, 1958
	30	The Immaculata: Donation of the Main Altar by Miss Mary U. Niepp, 1955
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
Map Case Drawer 4	8	Jenny Craig Pavilion and Eagen Memorial Plaza Renderings, circa 1999
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	31	Journal of the American Industrial Real Estate Association, 1966 [Includes Technical Drawings.]
	32	Land Sale Agreements, 1905-1906
	33	Law Building, Library Building, Arts and Science Building [Specifications Report], 1956
	34	Library Law School Calculations [structural], circa 1956
<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
2	1	Lease and Acquisition of Property, 1969-1974 [Also includes accounting and parking information.]
	2	Maher Hall Dedication, 1990 July 7
	3	Maintenance Department Correspondence, 1964-1968 [Includes maintenance department inventories and maintenance study.]
	4	Maintenance Department Correspondence, 1962-1966 [Includes gymnasium, building construction and Immaculata photographs.]
	5	Mission Housing Complex Dedication, 1979 [Includes dedication text, information on architecture, and information on the MH Golden company.]
	6	East Campus Housing, 1979-1980 [Mission Complex Includes news articles, news releases, drawings and MH Golden firm information.]
	7	Nash Engineering, 1952
	8	Nelson Bros. Asphalt, Paving and Grading, 1954
	9	Ninteman Construction Building Files, 1957-1962
	10	[Ninteman Construction] Building Construction Contracts, 1956-1961
	11	[Ninteman Construction] Building Contract, 1961 June 23

- 12 Ninteman Construction Materials and Correspondence, 1954-1960
- 13 Ninteman Construction Materials and Drawings - Seminary [and Library], 1955-1957  
Lighting Recommendations for Dormitory blueprint, revised January 13, 1956 Ruby Lighting Corporation removed to Map Case.
- 14 Ninteman Construction Project Memos, 1956-1959  
Art and Sciences Building Third Floor Rev of Classroom from Apartments / Architectural Drawings, 1958 July 09 removed to Map Case.
- 15 School of Nursing Complex, research Environmental Impact Report, and Historical Investigation Materials, 1975-1976
- 16 Nursing School Site Description Report and Dedication, 1975-1976
- 17 [School of Nursing Complex] Pueblo Lot 286, 1976
- 18 Construction of Nursing Building, 1993  
[Includes 1957 publication *University of San Diego A Development Program to Provide a New Arts and Sciences Building.*]
- 19 School of Nursing Construction, 1993  
Informational Lot Map - Pueblo Lots and Silver Terrace removed to Map Case.

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Drawer  
4 6.2 President's Residence Patio Remodel Blueprints, 1999

**Box Folder**

2 20 Progressive Architecture Magazine, 1958 December

21 Professional Grounds Management Society Award Information; Building and Grounds Advisory Board; Staff Photographs, 1971-1975

22 Public Housing Administration Resolution and Plans Sewer Lines, 1949-1955

23 San Diego Testing Laboratories Materials Engineering, 1954

24 Seminary Architect's Notes, 1946, 1950-1958

25 Seminary Architect's Notes, 1956, 1963

26 Seminary Building Terrazzo Floor Drawings and Specifications, 1955

27 Major Seminary Building, 1956-1958  
[Ninteman Construction Project Information, work forms for Seminary, Law, and Library buildings]

28 Seminary Proposal for Plumbing and Lighting, 1954-1957

29 History of Serra Hall, undated

**Box Folder**

Map Case 6.3 Serra Hall Blueprints, 1996



Drawer

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**Box Folder**

2 30 Stadium Escrow and Quick Claim Deed, 1955-1960

[Includes Library, Arts and Sciences, and Catholic High School information.]

**Box Folder**

Map Case 1 Telephone Conduit Blueprints Major Seminary and Library, 1955, 1957

Drawer

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**Box Folder**

3 1 Student Center Architecture Renderings, 1979

2 University Center Architectural Renderings, circa 1983

**Box Folder**

Map Case 5 University Center Blueprints, 1985 May 05

Drawer

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[Includes 86 pages of 37 inch x 49 inch University Center Plans from Architects Mosher, Drew, Watson, Ferguson.]

**Box Folder**

3 3 University Center Dedication, 1983, 1986-1987

[Dedication held March 6, 1987.]

4 University Center Video Production Information, 1983

5 University Foundation, 1948-1951

**Series II: Master Plan, 1970-1996**

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**Box Folder**

3 6 USD Master Plan [Map Copies], 1970

7 A Master Plan for the University of San Diego, circa 1970

8 Space Utilization Planning, 1974 June 7 and 12

9 USD Excavation, New Town, Presidio, circa 1993

[Aerial photographs.]

10 USD Planning Proposal, 1993

[Includes negatives and photographs of campus.]

11 Archaeological and Historical Report for the University of San Diego Master Plan [Draft], 1993 December

- 12 Environmental Impact Report Archaeological and Historical Report, 1993
- 13 Environmental Impact Report Archaeological and Historical Report, 1993
- 14 USD Master Plan Photographs and Negatives, 1993-1994  
[Includes 3M 5" floppy disc. Access will require a 5" drive.]
- 15 USD Master Plan Environmental Impact Report, 1993-1994  
[Folder includes 3 1/2" floppy formatted for Macintosh computer. Files have been copied from floppy disc to digital preservation storage. All files should be normalized to Word format for access.]
- 16 USD Master Plan Environmental Impact Report, 1993-1994
- 17 Archaeological and Historical Report for the University of San Diego Master Plan [Draft], 1994 April
- 18 USD Master Plan Environmental Impact Report Draft, 1994 April  
Figure 4. Master Site Plan - Proposed New Construction, 1993 September removed to Map Case.
- 19 Archaeological and Historical Report for the University of San Diego Master Plan, 1994 April
- 20 USD Master Plan Vista article, 1994 November 3
- 21 USD Master Plan Revisions, 1994
- 22 USD Master Plan done by Lettieri-McIntyre and Associates, Inc. [Draft], 1995
- 23 Master Plan Report Responses, 1996
- 24 USD Master Plan Memorandum, 1996
- 25 USD Master Plan, 1996  
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**Oversize Materials**

The following is a content list of oversize materials removed from other areas of the collection. Separation sheets are associated with each item in order to accurately note their original location.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Map Case Drawer 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Record of Survey No. 4212, 1957 March 1  Removed from Gymnasium Blueprints and Correspondence 1.26.</li> <li>2.2 Electronic Controls - San Diego University Girls Dormitory and Gymnasium, circa 1961  Removed from Gymnasium Correspondence 1.27.</li> <li>2.3 Art and Sciences Building Third Floor Rev of Classroom from Apartments / Architectural Drawings, 1958 July 09  Removed from Ninteman Construction Project Memos 2.14.</li> <li>2.4 Lighting Recommendations for Dormitory blueprint revised Ruby Lighting Corporation, 1956 January 13</li> </ul>

Removed from Ninteman Construction Material and Drawings  
Seminary 2.13.

3.1 Informational Lot Map - Pueblo Lots and Silver Terrace, undated

Removed from School of Nursing Construction - 2.19.

3.3 Figure 4. Master Site Plan - Proposed New Construction, 1993  
September 13

Removed from USD Master Plan Environmental Impact Report  
Draft 3.18.