

Athletic Department
Cuba Trip collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Title: Athletic Department, Cuba Trip collection

Dates: 1975-1977 (bulk 1977)

Creator: Athletic Department, South Dakota State University

Physical description: 0.21 linear feet—1 container, 4 audio reels, 1 audio cassette

Collection number: UA 46.1

Language: Collection material mainly in English with some in Spanish.

Repository: South Dakota State University Archives, Hilton M. Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.

Abstract: 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Provenance: The bulk of this collection was found in the archives stacks in the fall of 1997. There is no indication of where they came from or how they came to be here.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open to research without restriction. Items in this collection do not circulate and may be used in-house only.

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Processing information: The material was left in much the same order as found, although whether any preliminary processing occurred is questionable. The large numbers of newspaper clippings were copied and the originals discarded.

This collection was processed by Crystal J. Gamradt on May 8, 1998 with revisions on November 4, 2008 (cjb).

SELECTED SEARCH TERMS

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the subject guide. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Persons:

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

Subjects:

- Basketball—South Dakota State University.
- Cuba.

BACKGROUND NOTE

The 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.

SCOPE AND 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.

ARRANGEMENT of the RECORDS

Folders are arranged in alphabetical order.

Box 1.

Folder	Description	Dates
1	Audio Tape outline [Cuban Stories]	1977 April 4-8
2	Correspondence	1975-1977
3	Fidel Castro and George McGovern	1977
4	Granma - Havana, Cuba newspaper	1977 April 5
5	Miscellaneous memoranda	[n.d.]
6	Newspaper clippings - National	1977 April
7	Newspaper clippings - South Dakota	1977 March-April
8	Newspaper clippings - Unknown	[n.d.]
9	Press releases	1977
10	Rosters	1977