

Guide to the Gerald E. Tanner Collection

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Title: Guide to the Gerald E. Tanner Collection

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Creator or Collector: Tanner, Gerald E. 1936- .

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Abstract:

This collection consists of memorabilia that was collected by Gerald Tanner while he was a student or faculty member at the University of Northern Colorado

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of memorabilia that was collected by Gerald Tanner while he was a student or faculty member at the University of Northern Colorado, including one CSC beanie, one empty glass frame that originally held a CSC beanie, one painting by John W. Hancock, two ash trays, two Bru-Inn menus, Blue Key Honorary plaque, one C Club cloth letter, a small replica of Totem Teddy.

Biography of Gerald Tanner:

Gerald E. Tanner was born in Eaton, Colorado in 1936 to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tanner. He graduated from Galeton High School in Galeton, Colorado in 1953. He received his Bachelor, Masters, and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Northern Colorado.

While a student at the University, Tanner served as President of the Associated Students at Colorado State College of Education (now the University of Northern Colorado) for 1957-1958. He was active in campus activities, including Choral-Aires, Intercollegiate Knights, the C-Club, Distributive Education Club, Blue Key, Sigma Chi, and Phi Delta Kappa. In addition, he lettered in football. Tanner was listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* in the fall of 1956.

He was an associate professor of psychology, counseling and guidance. He was named Vice President for Student Services in 1980 and Emeritus Faculty in 1996.

Publications by Gerald E. Tanner:

Tanner, Gerald E. Legal Aspects of Student-institution Relationships, 1960-1974: Implications for College Student Personnel Work. Thesis (Ph.D.). Greeley, CO: University of Northern Colorado, 1975.

Tanner, Gerald E. "Legal Aspects of Student Personnel Functions," pp. In *The Legal Foundations of Student Personnel Services in Higher Education*, Edward H. Hammond and Robert H. Shaffer, eds. Washington: American College Personnel Association, c1978.

Sources:

"Tanner Elected Colo. State Student Prexy." *Greeley Tribune*, Apr. 11, 1957, n.p. Photograph on page 20.

"Tanner Vice President." *The Mirror*, Jan. 21, 1980, n.p.

"Tanner has new Ideas as Vice President for Student Services." *The Mirror*, July 16, 1980, p. 3.

RG S7 F1 -- Faculty Clippings: Tanner, Gerald

UNC Catalog 2000-2001. Emeritus Faculty, 2000-2001. < http://catalog.unco.edu/2000-2001_Output/2000-2001-15-3.html#wp1014594 >.

Biography of John William Hancock:

Jon William Hancock was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin in 1901. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Iowa in 1925, where he had been an outstanding football player and was name All-Big Ten tackler for 1922 and 1923 as well as All-American squad in 1924.

John W. Hancock originally came to the University of Northern Colorado in 1925 as an assistant coach and then coached at Mississippi State College for 1927-1929 and Marquette University for 1930-1931.

He returned to Colorado State College as head coach of football in 1932. He also taught physical education classes at the college. He served as athletic director at the University of Northern Colorado from 1932 until his retirement in 1966. He also served as head coach of football, wrestling, and track and field.

Hancock received a Masters Degree from Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado) in 1935. He did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin in 1931 and University of Southern California from 1939 to 1940.

Hancock was known as the "Father of Colorado High School Wrestling in Colorado" and "Mister Wrestling of the Rocky Mountain Region." He organized the Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association and served as president of the American Wrestling Association in 1963.

He was inducted into the Helms Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1958 Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 1968 and became executive secretary of the Mountain Intercollegiate Wrestling Association in 1970.

The Butler-Hancock Hall at the University of Northern Colorado was dedicated on February 4, 1975 in honor of Pete Butler and John W. Hancock.

Publications by John W. Hancock:

Hancock, John William. *The Personnel of Physical Education and Athletics in the Rocky Mountain Conference*. Thesis (M.A.). Greeley, CO: Colorado State College of Education, 1936.

Sources:

RG S7 F1 -- Faculty Clippings: Hancock, John

Epperson, Terry. "Hancock: Splendid Coach; Teachers; Fine Gentleman." *M [Mirror?]*, Oct. 21, 1960, p. 15.

Moss, Irv. "Colorado Hall of Fame Inductee: 'Mr. Coach' Wrote his John Hancock in Capital Letters," *The Denver Post*, Feb. 26, 1969, n.p.

Dedication Butler-Hancock Hall, February 4, 1975, University of Northern Colorado. Official dedication program.

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Acquisition Information (if applicable):

Donated by Gerald Tanner on 2006 October 13 with additional items donated on April 15, 2010.

Documentation relating to the acquisition is on file in Archives, RG 13 S1.

The faculty clippings files for Gerald Tanner and John W. Hancock are on file in Archives, RG6 S7 F1.

Subjects:

Tanner, Gerald E.. 1936- .

Hancock, John William, 1901-1993.

Rayburn, Samuel Taliaferro (1882-1961)

Beanies.

College students – Clothing and dress – Colorado – Greeley.

Totem poles.

University of Northern Colorado – Art – Totem Teddy.

University of Northern Colorado. Blue Key Club.

University of Northern Colorado. Blue and Gold Club.

University of Northern Colorado. C-Club.

Bru-Inn (Greeley, Colo.).

Colorado State College of Education -- Buildings -- Gray Hall.

Colorado State College of Education -- Restaurants -- Bru-Inn.

Colorado State College of Education. Student Center.

Student unions -- Colorado -- Greeley.

Inventory:

Box 1

Folder 1 -- Totem Teddy Replica

One small replica of Totem Teddy, 13" tall on a base $4\frac{5}{8}$ " in diameter and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " high. The Totem pole is about 8" high and approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, totem teddy is about 4" high and $2\frac{1}{4}$ " across. The initials CM are engraved on the right hip of Totem Teddy. The statue appears to be made of plaster and painted in gold.

Folder 2-- Ash Tray, Library

One black glass ash tray $6\frac{3}{4}$ "x5". Engraved in gold is a drawing of what is now the James A. Michener Library, and the following lettering, "Library, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado."

Folder 3 -- Ash Tray, McKee Hall

One black glass ash tray $8\frac{1}{4}$ "x $3\frac{3}{8}$ ". Engraved in gold is a drawing of McKee Hall and the following lettering, "McKee Hall of Education, Colorado State College."

Box 2

Folder 4 -- CSC Beanie, ca. 1950s.

One CSC beanie. The frame is 9 "x $11\frac{1}{8}$ ". The beanie has been removed from the glass frame. The beanie is folded in half and measures approximately $8\frac{3}{4}$ ". The beanie is made of gold felt with a purple felt insert with the letters CSC. Date of the beanie is unknown but probably dates from the late 1950s when Tanner was a student at the college.

Folder 5 -- John W. Hancock Painting

One 18"x22" framed painting by John W. Hancock done in 1976. The painting itself is approximately $15\frac{3}{8}$ "x $11\frac{3}{8}$ ". The frame was made in Mexico. The metal plaque attached to the front of the painting reads, "John W. Hancock, Director of Athletics, 1932-1966." The back of the painting shows a photograph by Ansel Adams that Hancock used to make the painting, "Winnowing grain, Taos Pueblo, New Mexico, c. 1929." There is nothing to indicate where the photograph came from other than from page 27 of a book or magazine.

Folder 6 -- C-Club Cloth Letter, ca. 1950s.

One cloth C Club letter 5 "x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " in the shape of the letter "C." The bottom layer of cloth is made of purple felt. On top of the purple felt is gold loop fabric embroidered with a small purple "M." Tanner was a member of the C Club.

Folder 7 -- Bru-Inn Menu with Cover. ca. 1943

The blue cover has a cartoon drawing of Totem Teddy, the school's mascot, and lettering that reads, "Bru-Inn, Colorado State College of Education." 5 "x 8 " folded. Mounted on foam board.

Folder 8 -- Bru-Inn Menu Minus Cover. ca. 1943

8 "x 10 " flat. Mounted on foam board.

The top of the menu reads, "Bru-Inn. Colorado State College of Education."

The left side of menu lists items and prices for Breakfast Specials, Sandwiches, while the right hand side lists "At the Bru-Inn Fountain," including Ice Cream, Aides and Juices, Soups and Chili, Beverages, Double Dip Ice Cream Sodas, Fancy Sundaes, and Pie.

A notice at the bottom of the menu reads, "All prices listed are at or below our ceiling prices as of April 4-10, 1943."

Box 3

Folder 9-- Empty Glass Frame

One empty glass frame that originally held a Colorado State College (CSC) beanie.

Folder 10 -- Blue Key Honorary Plaque

One glass framed Blue Key Honorary plaque 9"x11 $\frac{1}{8}$." The paper note at the bottom of the plaque reads, "Blue Key Honorary (Leadership Recognition) Given 1940 through 1960."

Box 4

11). Two Selective Service System certificates dated Nov. 26, 1974 and Apr. 1, 1975 and signed "Colorado State Director of Selective Service, Gerald E. Tanner, Registrar.

12). "Gerald Tanner Student Council 1958-57." Award. Two handle brass cup sitting on a black/brass base. 7"x7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

13). "Gerry Tanner, Pres. A. S. 1957-59 C.S.C." Footed round bowl (brass?). Approx. 6 5/6" in diameter.

Tanner served as President of the Associated Students at Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado) 1957-1959.

14). "Jerry Tanner for Associated Students President." Small election placard. 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

15). "The Retreat at Keystone East. March 14-15, 1982. UNC Board of Trustees and Administration." Tablet. 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x8 $\frac{3}{8}$ "x3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ".

The retreat was originally scheduled for Keystone in Summit County, Colorado. However, when the Greeley Tribune began an investigation, it was decided to hold the retreat on campus, hence the name Keystone East.

16). "Gerald E. Tanner. Associated Students. 1957-1959." Wood gavel with an inscribed silver plate. Handle screws off: 10 long. Head : 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ "x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Handle: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

17). "Used by Speaker Sam Rayburn, in congress, February 10, 1958. Presented to Colorado Schoolmasters Club by Schoolmaster Wayne N. Aspinall, Member of Congress." Wood gavel with an inscribed gold plate (schoolmaster information) and another metal plate (copper?) inscribed "Original White House Material Removed in 1950."

This gavel was presented to William Robert Ross, President of Colorado State College. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long. Head: 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x2". Handle: 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Wayne Norviel Aspinall, a Colorado Democrat, served as in the United States House of Representatives from 1949-1972.

18). "University of Northern Colorado Blue and Gold Club. Coaster.

19). Inscribed pen and base: "To Mr. Gerald Tanner for His Outstanding Service to Blue Key," n.d.

20). Copper cup with insignia.

21). [Metal business card holder]. 1889 University of Northern Colorado.

22). "Intramurals and Student Recreation University of Northern Colorado. Unopened deck of playing cards.

23). 1976 dance trophy inscribed: "MDA U.N.C. Dance for Those Who Can't.
2nd Place."