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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

UA 50.14

### *Title*

Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair Collection

### *Creator*

Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair faculty and participants; Science Services of Washington, D.C. for International Science and Engineering Fair; and SDSU Chapter of Sigma Xi, Scientific Research Society

### *Dates*

1975-2004

### *Extent*

4.0 linear feet -- 4 records center boxes, photographs

### *Language*

English

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### *Abstract*

The Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair allows students to showcase projects that exhibit not only scientific, but creative, ideas. This collection consists of information and materials of the Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair, such as programs, brochures, budgets, correspondence, participant information, awards, news stories, photographs, and a scrapbook; as well as information and materials of the International Science and Engineering Fair, such as rule books, books of research abstracts, and participant information.

## **Historical Note**

Started in 1955, the Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair is held annually, each spring, at South Dakota State University. Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair is an affiliated fair for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair put on annually by the Science Service of Washington, D.C. Students in grades 6-12 from area schools are eligible to submit scientific research projects, and each year, several Grand Champion winners receive an all-expense paid trip to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, which is hosted by a different city each year. Students are also competing for a wide variety of medals, trophies, and monetary awards.

The Science Fair is operated by a Fair Director and Committee, as well as the SDSU Chapter of Sigma Xi scientific research society. Sponsorship comes from Sigma Xi, South Dakota State University, the Division of Continuing Education (SDSU), The Greater State Fund, and the South Dakota State University Foundation.

## **Contents Note**

The collection is arranged by item type. Information on Sigma Xi is minimal, consisting of some proposals and planning notes. The information put out by SDSU for the Science Fair is quite comprehensive, including programs and brochures from a number of years, as are the budgets and expense records. There is a good amount of material relating to Science Fair winners and their projects, though the dates of this information are quite random. The publications for ISEF are also quite comprehensive, including rule books, participant forms, programs, touring and housing information, and books of abstracts of participant research.

## **Key Words**

Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

Science Fairs

Sigma Xi, Chapter 139

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*Arranged and Described by*

Ashley Van Maanen, 2006 November 7.

## Container List

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Date(s)</b> |
|------------|---------------|---|----------------|
| 2          | 16            | 26th International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts         | 1975           |
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| 2          | 18            | 28th International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts         | 1977           |
| 2          | 19            | 29th International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts         | 1978           |
| 2          | 20            | 30th International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts         | 1979           |
| 2          | 21            | 31st International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts         | 1980           |
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| 3          | 1             | 39th International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts         | 1988           |
| 3          | 2             | 40th International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts         | 1989           |

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| 3          | 3             | 41st International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts     | 1990                           |
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| 4          | 1             | 50th International Science and Engineering Fair Ball Cap      | 1999                           |
| 3          | 11            | 51st International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts     | 2000                           |
| 3          | 12            | 52nd International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts     | 2001                           |
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| 3          | 14            | 54th International Science and Engineering Fair Abstracts     | 2003                           |
| 1          | 4             | Eastern S.D. Science and Engineering Brochures (I)            | 1978-1999                      |
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| 4          | 2             | Eastern S.D. Science and Engineering Fair First Place Trophy  | 2001                           |
| 1          | 2             | Eastern S.D. Science and Engineering Fair Programs (I)        | 1994-1999                      |
| 1          | 3             | Eastern S.D. Science and Engineering Fair Programs (II)       | 2000-2004                      |
| 2          | 5             | Eastern S.D. Science and Engineering Fair Scrapbook           | 1987,<br>1994-2003,<br>undated |
| 4          | 3             | Eastern S.D. Science and Engineering Fair Second Place Trophy | 2001                           |

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| 4          | 4             | Eastern S.D. Science and Engineering Fair Third Place Trophy           | 2001                    |
| 2          | 14            | ESDSEF Bronze Medal (I)  | undated                 |
| 2          | 15            | ESDSEF Bronze Medal (II)   | undated                 |
| 2          | 7             | ESDSEF First Award Pins (2)  | undated                 |
| 2          | 10            | ESDSEF Gold Medal (I)  | undated                 |
| 2          | 11            | ESDSEF Gold Medal (II)   | undated                 |
| 1          | 6             | ESDSEF Information for Teachers and Students                           | 1992-2002               |
| 1          | 7             | ESDSEF Judging and Award Information                                   | 1996-2002,<br>undated   |
| 2          | 4             | ESDSEF Miscellaneous Planning and Budgets Packet                       | 1997-2000               |
| 2          | 1             | ESDSEF Planning and Budgets (I)  | 1977-1986               |
| 2          | 2             | ESDSEF Planning and Budgets (II)                                       | 1987-1992,<br>undated   |
| 2          | 3             | ESDSEF Planning and Budgets (III)                                      | 1993-2001,<br>undated   |
| 2          | 8             | ESDSEF Second Award Pins (2)   | undated                 |
| 2          | 12            | ESDSEF Silver Medal (I)  | undated                 |
| 2          | 13            | ESDSEF Silver Medal (II)   | undated                 |
| 2          | 9             | ESDSEF Third Award Pins (2)  | undated                 |
| 1          | 16            | International Science and Engineering Fair "Research of the Finalists" | 1991-1996,<br>1998      |
| 1          | 11            | International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist Packet             | 2003                    |
| 1          | 8             | International Science and Engineering Fair Lists of Affiliated Fairs   | 1993-1995,<br>1997-1998 |
| 1          | 12            | International Science and Engineering Fair Rule Books (I)              | 1993,<br>1995-1999      |
| 1          | 13            | International Science and Engineering Fair Rule Books (II)             | 2000-2003               |
| 1          | 14            | International Science and Engineering Fair Student Finalist Forms (I)  | 1997-1998,<br>undated   |
| 1          | 15            | International Science and Engineering Fair Student Finalist Forms (II) | 1999-2003               |
| 1          | 9             | ISEF Information for Affiliated Fair Directors                         | 1997-2002               |
| 1          | 10            | ISEF Information for Teachers and Student Finalists                    | 1993-2002               |
| 1          | 18            | ISEF Judging and Award Information                                     | 1996-2002               |
| 1          | 17            | ISEF Miscellaneous Programs and Brochures                              | 1993-2003               |
| 1          | 19            | ISEF Press Releases and Publicity                                      | 1993-1996,<br>1998-1999 |

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| 1          | 21            | ISEF Tour Information               | 1993-2003              |
| 1          | 20            | ISEF Travel and Housing Information | 1996-2001              |
| 1          | 22            | Miscellaneous Correspondence        | 1997-2001              |
| 2          | 6             | Photographs                         | 1987, 1996,<br>undated |
| 1          | 1             | Sigma Xi                            | 1979-1990,<br>undated  |