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#67 Longabach, Gordon (1936 -), Papers, 1954 - 2006
10 folders

INTRODUCTION

Papers of Gordon Longabach, a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College, now Pittsburg State University, located in Pittsburg, Kansas. The papers consist of correspondence, photographs, school memorabilia, R.O.T.C. memorabilia, certificates, newspaper articles, and miscellaneous items.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Gordon Longabach papers were acquired by Pittsburg State University from Mr. Longabach between June 27th 2006 and September 29th 2006.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gordon Longabach, from Arkansas City, Kansas, enrolled at Kansas State Teachers College (K.S.T.C.) in 1954. While a student, Mr. Longabach was extensively involved in Reserve Officer Training Corps, Pershing Rifles, Scabbard and Blade, Phi Lambda Chi, and the Industrial Arts Club. Longabach graduated from K.S.T.C. in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science in Technology degree. He retired from the U. S. Army at the rank of Lt. Colonel.

There is little information in the collection regarding Longabach's life or career after graduation, however, he has remained actively involved with Pittsburg State University and currently resides in Lawrence, Kansas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Gordon Longabach papers consist primarily of items and memorabilia collected while he attended Kansas State Teachers College (now Pittsburg State University). They provide insight to his experiences while enrolled at K.S.T.C. from 1954 through 1958. There are few materials in the papers collected after his graduation. The papers are arranged into seven series:

Newspaper, Photographs, Correspondence, School, R.O.T.C., Certificates and Cards, and Miscellaneous.

The **Newspaper** series consists of clippings and articles that contain specific mention of Gordon Longabach, as well as clippings and photos of campus events that took place while Mr. Longabach attended K.S.T.C. The items in this series is comprised of fraternity lists, dormitory information, industrial arts club events, football, and R.O.T.C. Few of the materials in this series contain dates so the items are grouped by subject area. This series also contains information about K.S.T.C. in the 1950s and about the experiences of the R.O.T.C. cadets.

The **Photographs** series contains pictures of the K.S.T.C. campus, R.O.T.C. events, class reunion photos, and a homecoming float. Most of the images in this series are undated. These photographs allow one to see the campus in the 1950s and include some pictures of Gordon Longabach during that time.

The **Correspondence** series contains letters and memorandums sent to Gordon Longabach and are arranged chronologically. The bulk of these letters are from R.O.T.C. commanders informing Longabach of his assignments and duties. Other letters regard fraternity awards, dormitory assignments, and a thank you note for Longabach's assistance with a class reunion.

The **School Events** series is comprised of programs, flyers, and pamphlets dealing directly with K.S.T.C. activities and events. This series is divided into two folders -- Programs and Activities -- each of which is arranged chronologically. The Programs folder contains programs for school musicals, plays, and orchestral performances. The Activities folder contains flyers for school events, commencement program contests and awards, pamphlets with school information, and commencement invitations.

The **R.O.T.C.** series is arranged chronologically. The series contains a folder of programs and invitations to military balls, informational pamphlets, a Scabbard and Blade convention program, and R.O.T.C. anniversary programs. Other items in this series are a copy of *The Journal* (a national R.O.T.C. magazine), items associated with the 47th anniversary of the R.O.T.C. program in Pittsburg, and two copies of the *Gorilla Gazette*, the Pittsburg State University R.O.T.C. magazine.

The **Certificates and Cards** series contains Longabach's ID cards, grade cards, membership cards, and certificates. The certificates include memberships, military promotions, initiations, and a citation. These materials are arranged chronologically.

The **Miscellaneous** series is comprised of items pertaining to Gordon Longabach or Pittsburg State University and is arranged chronologically. Included in the series are: campus maps, magazine articles that mention fellow alums, John Joseph Langford's obituary, personal items, and a President's Society Dinner program.

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