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KENNETH L. MADDY INSTITUTE

RECORDS, 1999-2003  
5 linear inches

ACCESS: The records are open for research.

AUDIOVISUAL: Videocassettes in box 1.

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## **History**

Kenneth L. Maddy was born in Santa Monica, California, in 1934. He attended Fresno State College (now California State University, Fresno) and graduated in 1957 with a B.S. in agriculture. He served in the State Assembly for Fresno County from 1970 to 1979. In 1979, Maddy was elected to the State Senate and served there until 1998. He served as the chairman for the State Senate Republican Caucus from 1979 to 1983 and was the Republican Leader of the State Senate from 1987 to 1995. Maddy received numerous awards during his lifetime, including the CSU Alumnus of the Year Award in 1981 and the CSU Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999.

To honor all of the contributions that Maddy made during his term in the Senate, SB 733, otherwise known as the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute for Public Policy bill, was established. SB 733 was introduced to the Senate on February 24, 1999. The bill passed unanimously each time it was voted on. SB 733 established the Institute at California State University, Fresno. The mission of the Institute is to provide training for students who aspire to leadership roles in government and help to prepare students and elected officials for public service. The faculty of the Public Administration Program and the Political Science Department will teach the courses for the Institute. California State University, Fresno received a \$1.1 million endowment from the state legislature for the start up of the Institute.

The Kenneth L. Maddy Institute was formally dedicated on October 4, 1999. The dedication ceremony was held in the courtyard of the Social Science Building. President John D. Welty hosted a dinner reception following the ceremony in honor of Maddy, who was the guest of honor.

Kenneth L. Maddy passed away on February 19, 2000.

Former university president and political science professor Harold Haak became the first Kenneth L. Maddy professor named to the Institute. In 2001, he was succeeded by Daniel K. Whitehurst, a former mayor of Fresno and a well-known local politician. Sharon Herron served as the first executive director for the Institute and was succeeded by Jeanette Ishii in 2003.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Kenneth L. Maddy Institute records measure 5 linear inches and date from 1999 to 2003. The collection predominantly covers the history of the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute, but also touches briefly on Maddy's life.

The binder on the Institute (1999) gives the history and background of SB 733. Included are copies of the bill as it progressed through revisions and a press release about the establishment of the Institute at California State University, Fresno. Co-author forms for SB 733

**Scope and Content Note** (cont.)

signed by the senators of California are also included in the collection. These materials were removed from the original binder, but are in the same order as they were in the binder.

The dedication ceremony (1999) includes the invitation to the ceremony dedicating the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute. Also included is an invitation to the dedication dinner.

The newspaper clippings (1999 and undated) include articles from the *Fresno Bee*, the *Daily Collegian*, and the *University Journal*. These articles are about the dedication ceremony of the Institute and the accomplishments of Kenneth L. Maddy.

There are three videocassettes (1999-2000) in the collection. The videocassettes show the Senate and Assembly floor sessions of SB 733 and the Senator Kenneth L. Maddy inaugural panel discussion at the university.

**Related Collection**

Kenneth L. Maddy papers, Central Valley Political Archive

**Box no. Description**

Box 1

- Binder on the Institute, 1999
- Brochure, [2001]
- Costa, James
  - Articles, 2003
- Dedication ceremony, 1999
- Great Valley Leadership Institute brochure, [2002]
- List of activities, [2002]
- Maddy interns, 2003
- Newspaper clippings, 1999 and undated
- Panel discussion, 2000
- Press release, 2003
- Videocassettes
  - Kenneth L. Maddy inaugural panel discussion, 2000
  - Senate and Assembly floor sessions, 1999
  - Senate floor session, 2000
- Whitehurst, Daniel K.
  - Memorandum, 2002
  - Newspaper clipping, 2001