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Descriptive Summary

Title: Steve Graf Papers, 1975-2010

Creator: Dr. Steve Graf

Extent: 5 Cubic feet

Abstract: This collection contains the documents related to Dr. Graf's professional work as a Youngstown State University psychology professor, and dedicated member of the fields of Behavioral Psychology and Precision Teaching. His papers were donated after his death by his family. His brother-in-law and colleague, Jack Auman, with which he created some of the included papers and software programs, sorted through and organized the collection before its donation. The collection focuses mostly on Dr. Graf's work with Standard Celeration Charting (SCC), Say All Fast Minute Every Day Shuffle (SAFMEDS), and his extensive participation in many professional conferences.

Administrative Information

Provenance: Dr. Steve Graf

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Restrictions: Three documents containing Social Security numbers were redacted and placed in the Restricted Folder at the end of the collection.

Processing: Processed by Tracey Hughes, 2013

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Historical Background

Dr. Steve Graf was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1943. After obtaining a Bachelor of Art degree from Miami University, he went on to earn a Master of Art and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Experimental Psychology from The Ohio State University. While attending graduate school in 1967, he came into contact with Ogden Lindsley, a psychologist who inspired Dr. Graf to experiment with SCC, SAFMEDS, and other elements of Precision Teaching he had developed.

Dr. Graf began teaching at Youngstown State University in 1970, became an associate professor in 1977, and a full professor in 1983. During this time he began to participate in yearly conferences hosted by the Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA) and the Standard Celeration Society (SCS), teaching workshops and giving talks on new methods of education and learning involving charting and SAFMEDS, as well as instituting the ABA's Chart Share program held during its conferences. He was also active in non-traditional organizations, including the Professional Division of The Monroe Institute which was

concerned with the extent of the human consciousness, and the Buckminster Fuller Institute focused on design science to solve global problems such as education and poverty.

Also during this time, the relationship with Ogden Lindsley developed into a partnership, also involving Dr. Graf's brother-in-law, Jack Auman. The three men shared interests in computer programming, education and sports, which they combined to create computer software to analyze and chart behavior. Dr. Graf's other interests included what he termed the "UFO problem," Buckminster Fuller's idea of "World Game," and the Lone Ranger character. He frequently referred to these ideas in his papers and presentations and used them to explain concepts in behavioral psychology and analysis through charting, which the extensive use of over 30 years led to his nickname "the Graffer."

To emphasize the concepts he felt more strongly that students should understand from his courses, and to better align with the theories of Precision Teaching, Dr. Graf wrote his own textbooks titled *Monitoring Relationships: Psychology of Marriage and Family*, and *Monitoring Behavior: An Introduction to Psychology*. He disapproved of standard psychology and teaching methods, which led him to wear Star Trek uniforms signifying his wish that YSU would step into the future of Precision Teaching. Most of his publications and lectures focused on a SAFMEDS- and SCC-supplemented education.

In 2005, Dr. Graf retired after having taught for 35 years at YSU, and in 2010, he was awarded the Ogden R. Lindsley Lifetime Achievement Award from the Standard Celeration Society. The following year on May 31, Dr. Steve Graf passed away.

Scope and Content

This collection contains documents collected or written by, and awards honoring Dr. Steve Graf dating from 1975 to 2010. Mostly papers, the collection focuses on Dr. Graf's professional work at YSU and in the conferences of professional organizations. The awards are plaques and certificates, and include a photograph of Dr. Graf receiving one of the included awards.

The collection is organized alphabetically by series except for awards, which comes last since these items are less likely to be consulted before the papers. Within series, the titles are organized alphabetically, then chronologically within title.

Series I contains documents relating to the various conferences and workshops Dr. Graf attended, including program guides, his notes on other presentations, and his own presentation materials. These are organized by conference name and year. Series II consists of the documents relating to his lectures and presentations either not associated with specific conferences or pertaining to miscellaneous events outside of his usual sphere of conventions where the emphasis has been placed more on the individual lecture over the entire event. Series III contains the mostly self-published works of Dr. Graf, including his textbooks, software user's manuals and related software. This series is further divided into subseries to keep books and manuals separate from the one paper not readily associated with a conference or workshop. Dr. Graf's plaques and certificates comprise Series IV. These are mostly professional awards, including some for years of service to YSU, but there are also some for volunteer work.

Colophon

This collection was processed in 2013 by Tracey Hughes, a graduate student from Kent State University performing a practicum as required by the master's degree program for Library and Information Science.

She has seven years of experience working in libraries and is focusing on metadata and cataloging, and digital preservation of local history materials.

These files were donated in November of 2011.

Series Description

Series I: Conferences

Series II: Lectures/Presentations

Series III: Publications

Subseries A: Books/Manuals

Subseries B: Papers

Series IV: Awards

Index Terms

Behavior analysis

Precision Teaching

Psychology

SAFMEDS

Standard Celeration Charting

Youngstown State University

BOX 1

SERIES I: Conferences

This series consists of documents related to specific conferences arranged by conference title and by year within title between the years of 1977 and 2003. It may be important to note that the Midwestern Association for Behavior Analysis dropped "Midwestern" from its name starting around 1980, and the Precision Teaching Conference was also called the Precision Learning/Precision Teaching Conference between 1984 and 1988, after which it returned to its original name. Some of the documents are Dr. Graf's applications for workshops, letters from conference associations in relation to his workshop proposals, and presentation notes and transparencies.

Folder No.	Contents
1	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1980-1981, Undated
2	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1982
3	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1982-1983, Undated
4	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1984, Undated
5	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1985, Undated
6	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1987, Undated
7	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1989, 2004, Undated
8	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1990
9	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1990-1991, Undated
10	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1991-1992, Undated
11	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1992

12	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1993
13	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1994
14	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1994-1995
15	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1995-1996
16	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1997
17	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1998
18	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1998-1999
19	Association for Behavior Analysis, 1999-2000
20	Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan, 1991
21	Behavior Analysis in Education, 1982
22	Behavior Analysis in Education, 1992
23	Midwestern Association of Behavior Analysis, 1977, Undated
24	Midwestern Association of Behavior Analysis, 1978, Undated
25	Precision Teaching, 1980-1981, Undated
26	Precision Teaching, 1983, Undated
27	Precision Teaching, 1983-1984, Undated
28	Precision Teaching, 1984-1985, Undated
29	Precision Teaching, 1986-1987
30	Precision Teaching, 1987-1988, Undated
31	Precision Teaching, 1988-1989
32	Precision Teaching, 1990, Undated
33	Precision Teaching, 1992, Undated
34	Precision Teaching, 1993
35	Precision Teaching, 1996
36	Precision Teaching, 1997
37	Precision Teaching, 1999
38	Precision Teaching, 2003

BOX 2

SERIES II: Lectures/Presentations

This series contains speeches and talks given outside Dr. Graf's usual professional conference arena, and includes lecture notes, transparencies, presentation transcripts, and some supporting news articles. The papers cover the years of 1981-2008.

Folder No.	Contents
1	Do Basketball Coaches Make Data-Based Decisions?, 1985-1986, Undated
2	Futurology; can technology solve our problems?, 1983, Undated
3	A Look at the Radiant Energy Research of John Bedini, 2008
4	Miscellaneous transparencies, 1988
5	Presentation on the Standard Celeration Chart, 1989-1990
6	Reorganization of "AA" Baseball, 1981
7	Solve Problems with Reliable, Thorough, and Fluent Behavior, 1995-1996
8	The 3 Ss of Skill: Sweat, Statistics, and Solutions: Practice, Count & Chart, and Try Something New (if not improving), 1990
9	Transforming a Crisis, 1991

SERIES III: Publications

This series covers books/manuals, and papers written or co-written by Dr. Graf, and the accompanying software when applicable. Dates included are 1984-2008.

Subseries A: Books/Manuals

This subseries consists of mostly self-published works designed as user's manuals for computer programs and Precision Teaching methods. The related software is included: 2 – 5 ¼ in. floppy disks, 1 – 3 ½ in. floppy disk, and 2 compact discs.

Folder No.	Contents
10	ComboCoach brochure, Undated
11	ComboCoach Program Disk and Team Disk (2 – 5 ¼ in. floppy disks), 1984
12	ComboCoach User's Manual, 1986
13	Dpmin Standard Celeration Chart, 2008
14	How to Develop, Produce and Use SAFMEDS in Education and Training, 2001
15	How to Develop, Produce and Use SAFMEDS in Education and Training (1 – 3 ½ in. floppy disk), 1994
16	Intro to Learning: Text, 1990
17	Monitoring Behavior: An Introduction to Psychology, Edition 6.0, 2001
18	Monitoring Behavior Workbook for Monitoring Behavior 6.0, 2001
19	Monitoring Relationships: Psychology of Marriage and Family, 1994
20	The One Year Standard Celeration Chart, 2007
21	The One Year Standard Celeration Chart (2 compact discs), 2007
22	PracticeSheeter User's Guide, 1989
23	SAFMEDS: A Tool to Build Fluency, 2005
24	SAFMEDS Template (1 compact disc), 2005
25	Standard Celeration Charting 2002, 2002

Subseries B: Papers

This subseries is one paper not easily related to a particular conference, and not otherwise indicated as a lecture or presentation.

Folder No.	Contents
26	Measuring Inner and Outer Behavioral Effects of Hemi-Sync, Undated
27	Restricted Folder

BOX 3

SERIES IV: Awards

This series, covering between 1975 and 2010, is comprised of plaques, framed certificates, and a framed photograph. It represents the various achievements Dr. Graf made in both his professional and personal life.

Contents

Christmas Seals Volunteer of the Year, 1975

Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education Award for Teaching Excellence, 2004

Standard Celeration Society Recognition, 1997

The Monroe Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 2004

YSU Resolution Congratulating Recipients of NOCHE and *Ohio Magazine* Teaching Excellence Awards,
2004

BOX 4**SERIES IV: Awards (Continued)****Contents**

Dr. Port Bulldog Spirit Award, 2005

Ogden R. Lindsley Lifetime Achievement Award, 2010

YSU 30 Year Service, 2000

YSU 35 Year Service and Retirement, 2005

YSU 35 Year Service and Retirement (1 framed photograph), 2005