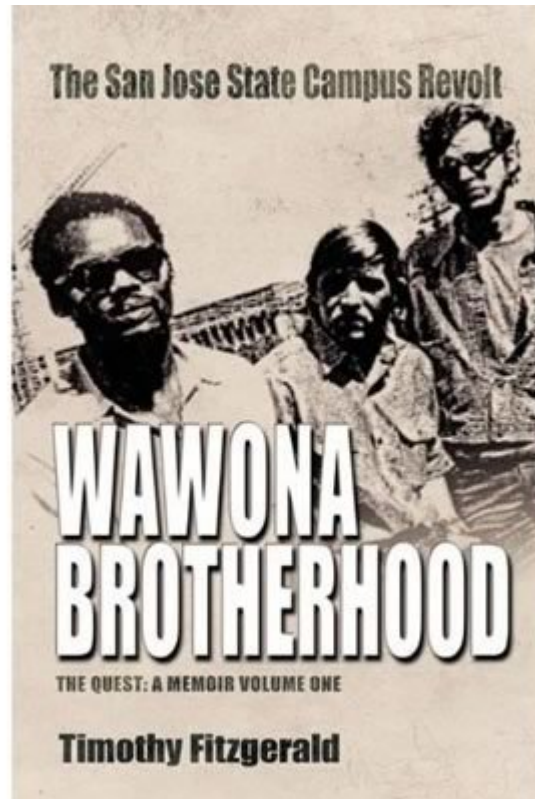


Memoir revisits 60s anti war, civil rights



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### **Wawona Brotherhood: The San Jose State Campus Revolt**

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Timothy Fitzgerald, formerly a mountaineer in the Yosemite Valley, has published a memoir written over a five year period in Mammoth about his time as a student during the Sixties at San Jose State University.

"Wawona Brotherhood: The San Jose State Campus Revolt," documents the author's experiences during the anti-war and civil rights movement years. Now 63, he is a self-described scholar and lifelong academic living in San Jose again, but will be in Mammoth for an Oct. 9 book signing at Booky Joint.

He landed in Mammoth in 1985 originally to work at the ski area as a lift operator. More than a decade later, he returned to buy property in June Lake and joined Georgia Lowe's writer's workshop at Cerro Coso Community College.

"They were the ones that encouraged me to turn some of my short stories into a memoir. It was at their urging that I embarked on the project," he said in a recent interview. "My book is the first successful effort of what was several efforts that came out of that writer's workshop."

Lowe, who lives in Bishop, was a member of the Democratic Central Committee in Mono County and a key figure in launching the writer's workshop at the community college.

The anti-war years fostered numerous activist groups throughout America. San Jose was dominated by machine politics, bigotry and segregated off-campus housing, according to Fitzgerald, who gives an account of how the civil rights movement unfolded in the Bay Area. San Jose State was the first in the history of California state college system to cross the racial divide by electing an African-American as student president.

"Tim Fitzgerald's work reminds all of us that the basic issues which divided our nation then – a questionable war in a foreign land and the fight for equality at home – continue to haunt our society," stated Jim Beall Jr., California State Assembly, District 24.