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Guide to the Athletics Department records

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Overview of the Collection

Title:	Athletics Department records
Dates:	1956-1993
Creator:	University of San Diego Athletics Department
Quantity:	1 box (.5 linear feet)
Summary:	This collection contains the historical records of the University of San Diego Athletics Department. Records include administrative materials, and newspaper clippings.
Identification:	USDA_2008_018
Language:	English
Repository:	University of San Diego, Archives and Special Collections Copley Library 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110 Telephone: 619-260-2730 spcoll@sandiego.edu

Historical Note

Fon Johnson served as the first athletic director and the first basketball coach for the College for Men in 1955. He oversaw the creation of the football field which was completed in 1955. Gil Kuhn formed the USD Booster Club to help support the football program and coached the inaugural year of football. Desire for a football program was lackluster, however, and the program was discontinued in 1961. USD continued to compete in intercollegiate basketball, baseball, tennis, and golf. The athletic program reintroducing football in 1973 with an anonymous donation of \$115,000 also adding soccer around that time. With the advent of Title IX in 1972, the athletics program grew to include female sports. Wendy Gilchrist competed in Tennis in 1971, and Terry Fowler competed as the first female

swimmer in 1973. In 1978, the athletics program began moving from NCAA Division III to NCAA Division I, with the exception of the football program which remained Division III until 1993.

USD athletes were initially known as the Pioneers, but in 1961 the mascot changed to the Toreros. Torero is the Spanish word for bullfighter, and was chosen in part as a signifier of courage, honor, and fidelity.

Shortly after the College for Men and College for Women merged, emphasis was placed on the Recreation component of the Athletics Department. The aim was to provide extra-curricular activities for students as well as recreational activities for faculty, staff and alumni.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the historical records of the University of San Diego Athletics Department. Records include administrative memos, meeting minutes, correspondence, programs, and historical information, as well as newspaper clippings related to USD athletics. The records document the advancement of the athletics program, including budget planning, notable events such as the reintroduction of the football program and the move to Division I, and documentation of the recreation program that served the broader campus community.

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Arrangement

The Athletics Department records are arranged into two series:

[Series I. Administrative Records](#)

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Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Baseball uniforms of John Cunningham, a Torero Cheerleader uniform, signed basketball, and athletics scrapbooks can also be found in the University Archives and Special Collections.

Additional Athletics Department records such as Media Guides, and a 1997 Self Study Report can be found via the [Copley Library website](#). 2003-present Rosters, Schedules and Media Guides can be accessed online by clicking on the "Archives" section of each sport on the [Athletics Department website](#).

Photographs of Paula Mascari have been separated from the collection and moved to photo storage.

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Index Terms

Cahill, Patrick
Eagan, Brent
Jones, Alan M.
Maher, Leo T.
Mascari, Paula
University of San Diego
San Diego (Calif.)
Athletics
Baseball
Basketball
Football
intercollegiate athletics
Rowing
sports
student life
Tennis

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Administrative Information

Preferred citation

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Processing Information

This collection was processed by Tessie Camina in November 2008. Further processing was conducted by Ashley Toutain in 2016.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Administrative Records, 1956-1993

Records in this series pertain to the early administrative matters of the Athletics Department. This includes intercollegiate athletics as well as the university recreation program which oversees events and campus-wide recreation activities. Among these records are memos, meeting minutes, and correspondence regarding the Athletics Department budget deficit and need to raise funds.

Records in this series are arranged in alphabetical order.

Box Folder

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| 1 | 1 | Administrator - Cahill - Correspondence, 1979-1983
[Correspondence with Rev. Leo T. Maher and Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagan regarding passes for University of San Diego basketball and football games.] |
| | 2 | Athletic Committee - Meetings, 1969 April-May
[Memos, agendas, and meeting minutes.] |
| | 3 | Athletic Committee - Memoranda, 1968-1971
[University of San Diego Athletics budget information regarding the Athletics Committee's charge to address the budget deficit in the Athletics Department.] |
| | 4 | Athletic Fund - Pledge Forms, undated |
| | 5 | Baseball Alumni List, 1993 |
| | 6 | Basketball, Women's - Mascari, Paula, 1990
[Articles about Mascari's selection as the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. Includes photographs of Mascari.] |
| | 7 | Booster Club - Directory, 1960-1972 |
| | 8 | Correspondence, 1969 |
| | 9 | Director - Job Description, 1973 |
| | 10 | Events - Mad Jack's 5 or 10 Mile Run, 1978 |
| | 11 | Events - Meet the USD Coaches, undated |
| | 12 | Events - Sports Banquet [program], 1987 |
| | 13 | Events - West Coast Athletic Conference (WCAC) Visit, 1978 |
| | 14 | Football - Official Brochure, 1957 |

- 15 Fund Raising, 1973
- 16 Goal/Sports Summary, 1973-1974
- 17 Grid Index, 1959
[Football Guide for Southern California. Includes article about University of San Diego Football program.]
- 18 Inter-Collegiate Athletics, 1970
- 19 Recreation Information Sheet, 1974
- 20 Game Day Programs - Basketball, 1959, 1960, 1961
- 21 Game Day Programs - Football, 1956-1958
- 22 Game Day Programs - Football, 1959-1961
- 23 Souvenir Programs - Israeli Olympic Team vs. USD, 1957 February 23
- 24 Tennis Brochure, 1992
- 25 USD Crew, 1977-1991
[Includes information about the Torero Power Ten Club which was created to support the Crew program.]
- 26 USD Sports Center - Regulations, 1973
- 27 USD Sports Center - News Release, 1977-1980
- 28 Athletics Schedules, 1978-1980

Series II: Newspaper Clippings, 1960-1982

This series of newspaper clippings, largely from San Diego area newspapers, include articles highlighting University of San Diego Athletics from the 1960s to the 1980s. The bulk of the clippings document game results. Also included are articles pertaining to the growth of the Athletics Department, particularly the decision to become an NCAA Division I program in 1978 as well as to add football, soccer, crew, and women's basketball to the intercollegiate athletic program. Records in this series are arranged in chronological order.

Box Folder

- 1 29 Advertisements, undated
- 30 Newspaper Clippings ("New Nickname: Forget Pioneers - They're Toreros," Southern Cross, 1961 September 21), 1960-1961
- 31 Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1973
- 32 Newspaper Clippings, 1977-1978
- 33 Newspaper Clippings, 1979
[Includes a series of articles about Alan (Captain America) Jones.]
- 34 Newspaper Clippings, 1980
- 35 Newspaper Clippings, 1981-1982