

Finding Aid for the Athletic Department Records

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Washington University Athletic Department.

Title: Athletic Department Records.

Dates: 1902 – 1990.

Quantity: 11.25 linear feet.

Language: English.

Historical Note

Washington University has a long and rich tradition of athletic achievement in men's and women's sports. As of 2003 WUSTL fielded 18 varsity sports teams, and numerous intramural and club sports.

The Washington University Athletic Association, begun in 1884, sponsored intramural matches until 1890 when the first intercollegiate football match took place between the University 'Varsity and the University of Missouri Tigers. After that successful Thanksgiving Day game Washington University entered into talks with Missouri and helped start the first state-wide Inter-Collegiate division, modeled on the Eastern league. Other early men's sports included handball, track, hockey, and an attempt at crew (rowing). Football remained the largest focus for men's sports until 1946 when Chancellor Compton embraced an amateur-only policy for athletics.

For University women organized sports began in 1907, with first tennis and then basketball teams. In the spring of 1911 the Women's Athletic Association (WAA) was formed. By 1918 women fielded interclass tennis, hockey, basketball, baseball, indoor track, swimming events. In 1948 the WAA became the Women's Recreational Association (WRA), and intercollegiate play was replaced with all intramural teams from sororities and academic classes. In the 1970s women returned to varsity level teams. In 1972 Carol Weston and two other women joined the previously all male varsity tennis team, and in 1974 Elli Richardson was the first women at WUSTL to run on the men's cross-country team.

Scope and Content Notes

The collection includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, minutes, programs, student lists, uniforms, scrapbooks, and other information compiled by various coaches and members of the Washington University Athletic Department and its predecessor departments.

Arrangement

This collection is divided into four series as follows:

- Series 01 Athletic Association Records [Men's], 1902 – 1946 (alphabetically)
- Series 02 Women's Athletics Department and Women's Athletics Alumni Association Records, 1930s – circa 1980s (alphabetically)
- Series 03 Washington University Uniforms and other memorabilia (by size)
- Series 04 Athletic Department Records, 1980s– [files not yet transferred]

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

Two 16mm films of women's athletics (including the WU Mermaids Synchronized Swimming team), donated by Lynn Imergoot, are held by University Archives. Numerous other films of various athletic events are also held by University Archives. Access is based on condition of items.

See also the Sports Information Files, available at University Archives.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was transferred to the University Archives by the Athletic Department in circa 1968 and circa 1995, and by Gertrude Knelleken and Lynn Imergoot in circa 1990s.

Accruals

Accruals are interfiled.

Processing Information

Compiled by Andrew Lin in November 2009.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions to access.

Use Restrictions

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Collection Contents

Series 01: Athletic Association Records [Men's] (1902 – 1946) (arranged alphabetically)

Box No.	Folder
01	Athletic Council Washington University (Constitution, 1917)
	Washington University Athletic Association (Minutes)
	Washington University Athletic Association Field Day [Bound]
	Washington University Faculty Committee on Athletics – Minutes [Bound]
	Washington University Football Scrapbook [Bound]
	Washington University Intercollegiate Athletic Records, compiled by AE Eilen [sic], 1903-1945 (folder 1 of 2)
	Washington University Intercollegiate Athletic Records, compiled by AE Eilen [sic], 1903-1945 (folder 2 of 2)

Series 02: Women's Athletics Department and Women's Athletics Alumni Association Records, 1930s – circa 1980s (alphabetical)

Box No.	Folder
01	Department Files – Archery Intergroup
	Department Files – Badminton
	Department Files – Badminton Intergroup
	Department Files – Basketball
	Department Files – Basketball Intergroup
	Department Files – Bowling

Department Files – Bowling Intergroup

Department Files – Budget 1944-1946

Department Files – Calendar

Department Files – Constitution – Points System

Department Files – Fencing

Department Files – Golf Intergroup

Department Files – Graduate School, Miscellaneous:
Correspondence, Application

Department Files – Graduate School, re: Specific Students

Department Files – Health and Physical Education Workshops
(1960, 1961, 1964)

Department Files – Hockey

Department Files – Hockey, Teaching Aids

Department Files – Ice Skating

Department Files – Initiates

Department Files – International Travel Seminar, Coors’
International Questionnaire

Department Files – List of Degree Recipients, Alumni Lists

Department Files – Minutes of Meetings, etc.

Department Files – Miscellaneous: Correspondence, Newspapers

Department Files – Miscellaneous Continued: Correspondence,
Newspapers, Sign-in Sheets

Department Files – NCATE and “Teacher Education”

Department Files – NCATE Department Guide: 1968/1969

Department Files – Olympics

Department Files – Peppers

Department Files – Photographs

Department Files – Physical Education Career

Department Files – Proposed Doctoral Program

Department Files – Riding I

Department Files – Riding II

Department Files – Rifle Shooting

Department Files – Softball

Department Files – Softball Intergroup

Department Files – Swimming

Department Files – Swimming and Diving

Department Files – Swimming Intergroup

Department Files – Tennis

Department Files – Tennis Intergroup

Department Files – Tramps

Department Files – Women’s Athletic Association 1941-1942

Department Files – Women’s Athletic Association 1949-1950

Department Files – Women’s Athletic Association Announcements

Department Files – Women’s Recreational Association

02 Lynn Imergoot’s Files - Athletic Department Minutes, 1986-1989

Lynn Imergoot’s Files - Drew Scholarship Award, 1985-1986

Lynn Imergoot’s Files - Faculty Notebook, 1972-1974

Lynn Imergoot’s Files - Writings and Correspondence 1979-1992

Lynn Imergoot's Files - Manley Award, 1947-1990

Lynn Imergoot's Files - Title IX, 1973-1980

03 Gertrude Knelleken's Files - Curriculum 1949-1973

Gertrude Knelleken's Files - Degree Requirements 1950-1970

Gertrude Knelleken's Files - Program Reports 1969-1983

04 WRA Files – Clippings

WRA Files – Clippings and Article re: Women and Athletics

WRA Files – Clippings: Washington University Annual May
Dance (undated) and Program, Indoor Field Meet, 1918

WRA Files – Clippings: Washington University Women Athletics,
1986

WRA Files – Facts of Washington University Athletics

WRA Files – Information from Reunion: A 40 Year Celebration
1947-1987, of the first graduating class of Physical
Education, 1987

WRA Files – Information on Washington University Athletics

WRA Files – Information on Washington University from Lynn
Imergoot

WRA Files – Information on Washington University Women Athletic
Alumnae (folder 1 of 2)

WRA Files – Information on Washington University Women Athletic
Alumnae (folder 2 of 2)

WRA Files – Names and Addresses of Washington University
Women Students

WRA Files – Names and Addresses of Washington University
Women's Athletic Alumnae, 1985

WRA Files – Notes and Letter on WAA / WRA Athletes

- WRA Files – Photographs of Athletics
- WRA Files – Programs, Athletic Events
- WRA Files – Programs, Washington University Women’s Athletics Alumnae Luncheon, 1985-1986 [2 copies]
- WRA Files – Publication, “Missouri Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance,” 1985, includes articles about A. Gwendolyn Drew
- WRA Files – Racquettes, Articles and Notes
- WRA Files – Racquettes, In The News, 1976-1986
- WRA Files – Remembrance from Washington University Women Alumnae, 1986
- WRA Files – Research Notes on Women’s Athletics, from Personal Interviews
- WRA Files – Research Notes on Women’s Athletics, from WAA / WRA Records (Primary Sources)
- WRA Files – Research Notes on Women’s Athletics, General
- WRA Files – Tickets, Lopata Classic Basketball Tournament, November - December 1984
- WRA Files – Washington University Athletics, Miscellaneous Office Files
- 05 WRA – Addresses of Alumnae (1 of 2) (Index Cards A-I)
- WRA – Addresses of Alumnae (2 of 2) (Index Cards J-Z)
- WRA – Phoenix, WRA Honorary, 1948-1977 [Bound]
- WRA – Phoenix Emblem [Wooden Block]
- WRA – Profiles of Alumnae, 1926-1986 (Index Cards A-M) (1 of 3)
- WRA – Profiles of Alumnae, 1926-1986 (Index Cards N-V) (2 of 3)
- WRA – Profiles of Alumnae, 1926-1986 (Index Cards W-Z) (3 of 3)

WRA – Summary Data, 1919-1984 [Computer printout]

Series 03: Washington University Uniforms and other memorabilia (by size)

Scope Note: All items are from Washington University teams, unless noted.

Box No.	Folder
01	Pants, unknown date
	Jacket, unknown date
	Sweater, unknown date
02	Wilson Cleats, unknown date
	Cleats, unknown date
	Foil Team Trophy, 1929
03	Sweatpants, unknown date
	Women's Basketball Championship T-shirt, 1998
	NCAA Soccer Finals Bandana, December 8, 1985
	Track Pants, unknown date
	Shorts (basketball uniform), unknown date
	Jersey (basketball uniform), unknown date
	Jersey (soccer uniform), unknown date
	Track pants, unknown date
	Track jacket, unknown date
	Sweatshirt, unknown date
	Jersey (soccer uniform), unknown date
	Tank top, unknown date
	Jersey (basketball uniform), unknown date
	Track jacket, unknown date

	Jersey, unknown date
	Jersey, unknown date
	Jersey, unknown date
	Shorts, unknown date
	Jersey (football uniform), unknown date
04	Sweatshirt, unknown date
	Sweatshirt, unknown date
	Sweatshirt, unknown date
	Sweatshirt, unknown date
	Sweatshirt, unknown date
05	Cheer dress, unknown date
	Cheer skirt, unknown date
	Jacket, unknown date
	Sweatpants, unknown date
	Cheer top, unknown date
06	Sweater, unknown date
	Sweater, unknown date
07	Cardigan, unknown date
	Sweater, unknown date

Series 04: Athletic Department Records [Men and Women], 1980s – present

Box No. Folder

[items not yet transferred from Athletic Department to University Archives]