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Abstract

Artificial collection composed of material about athletics at South Dakota State University. Folders consist of various athletic publications, programs, and pamphlets. The bulk of the material is The Rabbit Report, the official newsletter of South Dakota State University athletics.

Historical Note

Administrative interest and support for varsity athletics was non-existent in the early history of South Dakota State College. This situation was not unique at South Dakota State but very similar to the attitude that existed at other land-grant colleges. College administrators looked upon competitive athletics as frivolous, dangerous and unnecessary pursuits, which were totally incompatible with the philosophy and objectives of higher education. It was left to students interested in competitive athletics to provide the leadership, organization and administration of early athletic endeavors.

Football was organized in the fall of 1885 and like baseball, track and field participation was of the intramural nature. Early athletic endeavors usually found competition between classes or divisions within the college.

Before the turn of the century, intercollegiate athletic competition included a variety of sports and activities: baseball, football, track and field, tennis, bicycle races and oratorical contests were all popular. It is claimed that athletic contests among colleges actually got started as the result of oratorical contests. Contestants in state oratorical competition decided that the value of their meet might be enhanced by the inclusion of some form of physical endeavor.

One of the major obstacles in the development of early athletics was the disregard of the necessity for hiring a coach. Older students or an interested volunteer from the faculty often coached early teams.

The year 1922 marked a new era for South Dakota State athletic teams as the North Central Conference had been formed. Dr. Harry Severin, Professor of Zoology at South Dakota State, played an important role in the formation and administration of the conference and served continuously for 40 years as conference secretary. The first championship contested by the conference was won by South Dakota State College.

South Dakota State University has been very active in intercollegiate athletics since the 1920s. In addition to a great deal of success in North Central conference participation, SDSU has pioneered and promoted many new sports such as: wrestling, gymnastics, field hockey, swimming, and a variety of outstanding sports clubs.

Contents Note

This collection is an artificial collection composed of material about athletics at South Dakota State University. Material is added as it is unearthed. No attempt is made to systematically collect this information. Folders consist of various athletic publications, programs, and pamphlets. The bulk of the material is The Rabbit Report, the official newsletter of South Dakota State University athletics.

Key Words

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Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	All Sports Recognition	1968
1	2	Annual report	2004-2008
1	4	Athletic Review	1915-1916
1	3	Athletics Compliance Team (annual report, handbook)	2005, 2007
1	5	Baseball and Track and Field Fact book	1954-1955, 1958-1959
1	7	Basketball programs	2005
1	6	Basketball programs	1981-1988
1	8	Beef Bowl program	1990
1	10	Clippings - Baseball	2007
1	9	Clippings - Basketball, Women's	2007
1	11	Clippings - Football	2006
1	12	Clippings - Soccer	2007
1	13	Division I study	2002
1	14	Division I transition	2004-2005
1	15	Equestrian	2006
1	16	Festival of Champions programs	2003-2007
1	17	Football Banquet programs	2000-2008
1	20	Football Fact Book	1953, 1955
1	18	Football programs	1936, 1953- 1976
1	19	Football programs	1981, 1994
1	21	Friends of HPER (program)	2004-2005
1	22	International Basketball Week - SDSU hosts the Cuban Nationals	1977
1	23	Intramurals Office - IM and Recreational Sports	1970-1989
1	24	Intramurals, Recreation and Sports for Men and Women handbook	1973
1	25	Jackrabbit Club (brochures)	1993, 2004
1	26	Jackrabbit Jamboree program	1952
1	27	Jackrabbit Stampede Rodeo programs	1990-2008
1	28	Jack's Flash Newsletter	2004-2005
1	29	Mascot designs	2007

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	30	Nancy Neiber honored (program)	2007
1	31	National Intercollegiate Rodeo program	1953
1	32	National Student-Athlete Day	undated
1	33	NCAA Division II National Basketball (Women's) Championship	2003
1	34	News releases	2007
1	35	North Central Conference basketball programs	1979-1980
1	36	North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Track and Field Meet program	1950
1	37	Official Centennial Game Souvenir Program (USD vs. SDSU)	1989
1	38	Rabbit Cage Tales	1941-1944
1	41	Rabbit Report	1980
1	43	Rabbit Report	1981
2	3	Rabbit Report	1987
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1	39	Rabbit Report	1978-1979
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1	47	Rabbit Report	1984-1985
2	1	Rabbit Report	1985-1986
2	2	Rabbit Report	1986-1987
2	15	Rabbit Tracks	2005
2	16	Rabbit Tracks	2006
2	17	Rabbit Tracks	2007
2	18	SDAC Track Teams - souvenir program	1901-1903
2	19	SDSC Track Capital of the Prairies (Paper placemat)	1955 circa
2	20	SDU - SD State Dual (track) Meet - souvenir program	1931

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
2	21	Seven for Nine (7 for 9) - The Story of Track and Field Athletics pamphlet	1955 circa
2	22	Sports camps brochures	2001
2	23	Sports schedules	2004-2005
2	24	Stan Marshall Auction and Golf Classic	2005-2008
2	25	Ticket information	2005-2006
2	26	Tribute to the Champions of 1926 - SDSC Football Team	1926
2	27	Volleyball (schedule, flyer, program)	1989
2	28	Wellness Center	2005
2	29	Women's Basketball RPI	2006
2	30	Women's NIT (National Invitational Tournament) program	2008
2	31	Wrestling program	1989-1991
2	32	Yellow and Blue (newsletter)	2000-2001