



Guide to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Athletics Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Department of Athletics
Title:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas Department of Athletics Records
ID:	UA-00001
Date [inclusive]:	approximately 1958 to 2014
Physical Description:	15.88 Cubic Feet (33 boxes, 3 oversized boxes)
Physical Description:	17.77 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Department of Athletic Records consist of UNLV sports memorabilia, programs, magazines, media guides, and newsletters from the athletics department. The collection has materials documenting both women and men's teams including basketball, swimming and diving, and golf. Other teams include track and field, cheer and dance, and softball. There are also materials that document Jerry Tarkanian's role coaching the men's basketball team.

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Historical Background

The UNLV Athletic Department first started in 1958, and the first sport to be organized was men's basketball team. Coach Michael Drakulich, known as "Chub," is considered to be the founding father of the athletics department at UNLV and coached the basketball, baseball, and golf teams. He later became the athletic director. It was not until a decade later that the football program was formed, and the women's tennis team formed in 1960. As of 2021, there are now sixteen sports programs including soccer, swimming and diving, baseball, cross country, golf, and volleyball.

Some of UNLV's accomplishments include the NCAA National Championships for the men's basketball team in 1990, and twenty-three conference wins for the women's track and field team.

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Arrangement Note

Materials are arranged by subject.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were periodically transferred to UNLV University Libraries Special Collections and Archives; accession number 2012-026.

Processing Note

In 2018 Tammi Kim created a brief summary of collection contents and wrote a finding aid. In 2021 Christen Tranate added materials to the collection and updated the finding aid.

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Names and Subjects

- College sports -- Coaching
- Coaching (Athletics)
- College sports -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- Nevada sports
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas -- History
- Tarkanian, Jerry

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Baseball: media guides and programs, approximately 1966 to 1998	box 25
Men's basketball: memorabilia, programs, magazines, six taped VHS games, poster boards, and newspaper printouts, approximately 1958 to 2014	box 01

	box 02
	box 03
	box 04
	box 05
	box 06
	box 07
	box 08
	box 09
	oversized
	box 32
	box 36
Women's basketball: programs, media guides, and newspaper clipping, approximately 1970 to 2003	box 19
	box 20
Jerry Tarkanian: magazines, newspaper clippings, and interview articles, approximately 1973 to 1994	box 21
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	box 24
Cheerleading and dancing: calendars, approximately 2008 to 2010	box 26
Football: programs, magazines, newsletters, photographs, and newspaper clippings, approximately 1960 to 2014	box 10
	box 11
	box 12
Men's and women's golf: programs and media guides, approximately 1985 to 2002	box 13
Men's and women's soccer: programs, approximately 1956 to 1988	box 27
Softball: programs, approximately 2000 to 2001	box 13
	box 20
Men's and women's swimming and diving: programs, approximately 1985 to 2002	box 13
Men's tennis: programs, 2001	box 13
Cross country: scrapbooks, photographs, newspaper clippings, and programs, approximately 1960 to 1990	box 13
	box 26
Men's and women's track and field: magazines, programs, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and training documents, approximately 1966 to 2002	box 13
Women's volleyball: programs, 2001 to 2002	box 13

box 20

Wrestling: programs, approximately 1978 to 1979

box 13

General UNLV Athletics: reports, media guides, programs, newsletters,
memorabilia, and newspaper clippings, approximately 1950 to 2014

box 13

box 14

box 15

box 16

box 17

box 18

oversized

box 33

oversized

box 34

box 35

UNLV Athletics films, approximately 1974 to 1975

box 28

box 29

box 30

box 31