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Abstract: Cal Poly Pomona's athletics program began 1939 when the school formed a baseball team. In the following decades, a number of sports have been introduced for both men and women including basketball, track, cross country, volleyball, and tennis. The collection includes photographs, papers, memorabilia, and audiovisual recordings documenting the students, staff, and various teams that have participated in Cal Poly Pomona's athletic programs.
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Most of the photographs, memorabilia, and audiovisual materials in the collection were transferred by the Athletic Department to the University Archives in June 2000. The letterman's jacket and letterman's blanket were donated to the University Archives by alumnus John Leedom in 1995. The basketball jersey was donated to the University Archives by alumnus Ernest Gee in 1996. The track and field jersey was donated to the University Archives by alumnus Steve Love in 1996. Other materials were gathered from University Archives files.
Biographical / Historical
Cal Poly Pomona's athletics program dates back to 1939, when the school—then known as the Voorhis Unit of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo—formed a baseball team. The Voorhis Unit was established in 1938 at the former site of the Voorhis School for Boys in San Dimas, California as the southern satellite campus for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The baseball team played against local high schools and junior colleges until 1943, when Cal Poly abruptly closed the campus in response to declining war-time enrollment.
The campus reopened in fall of 1946, reintroduced baseball, and soon added football, basketball, track, and tennis to the athletics program. Before the war-time closure, the campus and its teams used the same nickname as San Luis Obispo: Cal Poly Mustangs. By early 1947, the San Dimas students lobbied for a name change to differentiate themselves from the main campus. The name change movement gained traction and the students voted that September to become the Broncos, the name Cal Poly Pomona students and alumni are known by to the present day.
In 1951, Cal Poly became a member of the SCIA (Southern California Independent Association) league. Through the 1950s and 1960s, Cal Poly would introduce swimming, wrestling, soccer, water polo, golf, gymnastics and cross country programs. In 1966, Cal Poly became a member of the CCAA (California Collegiate Athletic Association) Conference, part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II. That same year, the school would officially separate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and became the 16th campus to join the California State College System.
Cal Poly Pomona admitted its first female students in 1961, although it would take several years for women's sports teams to be included in the athletics program. Women's cross country, tennis, and volleyball teams were formed first. By the early 1970s, there were women's field hockey, basketball, swimming, badminton, softball, and track and field teams. A co-ed volleyball team was formed in 1969 in addition to the men's and women's teams.
Several notable student athletes have come out Cal Poly Pomona. Track and field team member Chi Cheng set world records in the 200-meter hurdles and in the 100-meter hurdles and won a bronze medal at the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico City. Football player Jim Zorn went on to play and coach for National Football League (NFL) teams. Other alumni

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have gone on to play for professional teams in the United States and abroad. Distinguished Cal Poly Pomona coaches include John Scolinos, who was appointed head baseball coach in 1962, served as pitching coach for the U.S. Olympic team in 1984, and retired as the winningest coach in NCAA Division II history, and Darlene May, who coached women's basketball in the 1980s and won three national championships.

**Scope and Contents**
The collection includes photographs of Cal Poly Pomona athletics teams, coaches, staff, and people and events related to the Athletic Department; information guides for Cal Poly Pomona varsity teams, clippings, news releases, and other paper records; memorabilia; and audiovisual materials.

**Arrangement**

**Processing Information**
The collection was processed by Jeffrey Nelson and Emily Chavarria under the supervision of Alexis Adkins in 2017.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona - Athletic Department
College sports
photographs

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### Series 1: Photographs 1950-2000

**Scope and Contents**
The series includes photographs of Cal Poly Pomona sports teams, coaches and other staff, fundraisers, and intramural and club athletics. Includes prints, negatives, and slides.

**Arrangement**
The series is organized into the following subseries: 1.1. Men's Athletics; 1.2. Women's Athletics; 1.3. People and Events.

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### Subseries 1.1: Men's Athletics 1960-2000

**Scope and Contents**
The subseries contains photographs documenting Cal Poly Pomona's men's varsity sports teams.

**Arrangement**
The subseries is arranged alphabetically by sport then chronologically by year.

**Baseball**

- box 1, folder 1: Baseball 1960s
- box 1, folder 2: Baseball 1971
- box 1, folder 3: Baseball 1976
- box 1, folder 4: Baseball 1978
- box 1, folder 5: Baseball 1979
- box 1, folder 6: Baseball 1980s
- box 1, folder 7: Baseball 1983
- box 1, folder 8: Baseball 1984
- box 1, folder 9: Baseball 1985
- box 1, folder 10: Baseball 1986
- box 1, folder 11: Baseball 1987
- box 1, folder 12: Baseball 1988
- box 1, folder 13: Baseball 1990
- box 1, folder 14: Baseball 1992
- box 32: Baseball - Film Rolls before 2000

**Scope and Contents**
Contains five film rolls.
Baseball - Photographs and Negatives before 2000

Basketball

Box 2, folder 6-8
Basketball 1960s
Box 3, folder 1
Basketball 1976-1977
Box 3, folder 2
Basketball 1977-1978
Box 3, folder 3
Basketball 1978-1979
Box 3, folder 4
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Box 3, folder 5-6
Basketball 1980-1981
Box 3, folder 7-8
Basketball 1981-1982
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Basketball - Oversize 1981-1982
Box 4, folder 1
Basketball 1982-1983
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Basketball 1983-1984
Box 4, folder 4-5
Basketball 1984-1985
Box 4, folder 6-7
Basketball 1985-1986
Box 5, folder 1-3
Basketball 1990s
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Basketball 1998
Box 5, folder 5-7,
Basketball before 2000
Box 6, folder 1-7

Cross Country

Box 7, folder 1
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Box 7, folder 2
Cross Country 1980s
Box 7, folder 3
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Box 7, folder 8-11
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Football - Oversize before 2000

Golf

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Golf 1960s
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Soccer

Box 11, folder 1
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Soccer 1986
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Box 11, folder 8-11
Soccer before 2000
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Subseries 1.1: Men's Athletics 1960-2000

Swim
- box 12, folder 1
  - Swim 1960s
  - Swim before 2000

Tennis
- box 12, folder 2
  - Tennis 1960s
  - Tennis 1974
  - Tennis 1980
  - Tennis 1983
  - Tennis 1984
  - Tennis 1985
  - Tennis 1986
  - Tennis 1988
  - Tennis 1990s
  - Tennis before 2000

Track and Field
- box 12, folder 3
  - Track and Field - Oversize 1960
  - Track and Field 1960s
  - Track and Field 1978
  - Track and Field 1979
  - Track and Field 1980
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  - Track and Field 1982
  - Track and Field 1983
  - Track and Field 1984
  - Track and Field 1985
  - Track and Field 1986
  - Track and Field 1987
  - Track and Field 1988
  - Track and Field 1980s-1990s
  - Track and Field before 2000

Volleyball
- box 12, folder 4
  - Volleyball 1979
  - Volleyball 1990
  - Volleyball before 2000

Water Polo
- box 12, folder 5
  - Water Polo before 2000

Wrestling
- box 12, folder 6
  - Wrestling 1966
  - Wrestling before 2000

Subseries 1.2: Women's Athletics 1950-2000

Scope and Contents
The subseries contains photographs documenting Cal Poly Pomona's women's varsity sports teams.

Arrangement
The subseries is arranged alphabetically by sport then chronologically by year.

Basketball
- box 13, folder 1
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 2
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 3
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 4-5
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 6
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 7-8
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 9
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 10
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 11
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 12
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 14, folder 13
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 15, folder 1
  - Basketball 1976-1977
  - Basketball 1978
  - Basketball 1979-1980
  - Basketball 1980-1981
  - Basketball 1981-1982

- box 15, folder 2-4
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**Tennis**

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box 22, folder 5  Tennis 1981  
box 22, folder 6  Tennis 1982  
box 22, folder 7  Tennis 1983  
box 22, folder 8  Tennis Nationals 1983  
box 22, folder 9  Tennis 1984  
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box 22, folder 11  Tennis 1986  
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**Track and Field**

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box 24, folder 10  Volleyball 1988  
box 24, folder 11  Volleyball 1990  
box 24, folder 12-14  Volleyball before 2000  

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**Subseries 1.3: People and Events 1960-2000**

**Scope and Contents**

The subseries contains photographs of alumni, staff, and assorted people and events associated with the Cal Poly Pomona Athletic Department; Cal Poly Pomona intramural and club athletics; and the National Basketball Association (NBA) team the Los Angeles Clippers.

**Arrangement**

The subseries is arranged by subject and then alphabetically by folder title.

box 25, folder 1  Alumni and Staff - Belk, Chuck before 2000  
box 25, folder 2  Alumni and Staff - Bell, Dr. James 1970s
Box 25, Folder 3
Alumni and Staff - Bollwinkel, Dave before 2000
Box 25, Folder 4
Alumni and Staff - Coaches before 2000
Box 25, Folder 5
Alumni and Staff - DeNiro, Blynn before 2000
Box 25, Folder 6
Alumni and Staff - Fisher, George before 2000
Box 25, Folder 7
Alumni and Staff - Gabriel, Paul 1984-1985
Box 25, Folder 8
Alumni and Staff - Gabriel, Roman before 2000
Box 25, Folder 9
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Box 25, Folder 10
Alumni and Staff - LaBounty, Dr. Hugh O. 1970s-1980s
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Alumni and Staff - Reiger, Otto before 2000
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Alumni and Staff - Staff Group Photograph before 2000
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Assorted People and Events - Award Presentation before 2000
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Assorted People and Events - CPP Angel's Stadium 1986
Box 26, Folder 6-7
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Assorted People and Events - Department Trip to Cedar City Football Game before 2000
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Scope and Contents
Includes Tour-de-poly, Jog-a-thon CPP, and Honda Hoopla.
Box 26, Folder 10
Assorted People and Events - Green and Gold Golf Tournament Athletic Fundraiser 1980
Box 26, Folder 11
Assorted People and Events - Green and Gold Golf Tournament Athletic Fundraiser 1982
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Assorted People and Events - Green and Gold Golf Tournament Athletic Fundraiser 1983
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Box 26, Folder 14
Assorted People and Events - Green and Gold Golf Tournament Athletic Fundraiser 1985
Box 26, Folder 15
Assorted People and Events - Green and Gold Golf Tournament Athletic Fundraiser 1987
Box 27, Folder 2
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Box 27, Folder 3
Assorted People and Events - Howard Johnson "Gift" to Athletics Department 1980s
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Assorted People and Events - Orchestra Performance - Oversize before 2000
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Assorted People and Events - Promotions before 2000
Box 27, Folder 7
Assorted People and Events - Special Olympics Poly Vue 1985
Scope and Contents

Contains two rolls of film in canisters.

Series 2: Papers 1958-2017

Scope and Contents

The series contains information guides for various Cal Poly Pomona varsity teams, which list team members and game schedules; clippings; news releases; flyers; and materials on assorted athletics programs and notable staff and alumni. Notable staff and alumni include Roman Gabriel, who was head coach of the Cal Poly Pomona football team from 1980-1982. Prior to working as a coach, Gabriel played football professionally in the National Football League (NFL) for the Los Angeles Rams and Philadelphia Eagles; Don Hogan, who was on the Cal Poly Pomona football team in 1960 and selected for the NAIA All-American team for small colleges; and alumnus Lonnie Turner, who went on to join the football World League.

The series also includes materials on the Mercy Bowl Football Classic. On October 29, 1960, the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo football team was involved in a plane crash while returning from a game in Bowling Green, Ohio. Twenty of the forty-eight passengers were killed. Cal Poly Pomona and several other colleges in southern California set up the Mercy Bowl Football Classic to help raise funds for the families of those killed in the crash.

Arrangement

The series is arranged alphabetically by folder title.
Series 2: Papers 1958-2017

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Scope and Contents
The series includes recordings of Cal Poly Pomona sporting events and of Women's Basketball coach Darlene May.

Arrangement
The series is arranged alphabetically by item title.

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"All My Kids" before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 31
Cal Poly Pomona 1992
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
Darlene May on KABC-TV 7 1986 February 5
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 31
Darlene May Dailies with Timecode before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
ESPN Coverage of Bentley vs Delta State Held at Cal Poly Pomona before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 31
Film Reel circa 1970
Scope and Contents
Notes on box include "Frosh 1/24/70 SDS," "Varsity BB Cal State LA 1/31/70," "Wrestling Matches," and "Basketball."

box 33
Interviews in Honor of Darlene May [Retirement?] before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
Men's Basketball before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
Men's Basketball Live Television Coverage Cal Poly Pomona vs San Diego State University before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
TVKO Professional Boxing before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
UC Los Angeles and UC Riverside Women's Track Event at Cal Poly Pomona before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
Women's Basketball Cal Poly Pomona vs Cal State Los Angeles 1998 February 25
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
Women's Softball Cal Poly Pomona vs Cal State Long Beach before 2000
Physical Description: VHS videocassette

box 33
Five Unidentified Film Reels before 2000