Inventory of the Ken Carpenter Collection SPC.2019.042

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Title: Ken Carpenter Collection
creator: Carpenter, William Kenneth, 1913-1984
Identifier/Call Number: SPC.2019.042
Physical Description: 2 boxes
Physical Description: 2.46 Linear Feet
Date (inclusive): 1935-1937; undated
Language of Material: Collection material is in English.
Abstract: This collection contains athletic event programs, correspondence, magazines, photographs, certificates, postcards, and other material mostly related to Ken Carpenter's college athletic career in discus including his time on the United States track-and-field team during the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany where he won a gold medal.

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Biographical / Historical
William Kenneth "Ken" Carpenter (April 19, 1913 – March 15, 1984)
"Ken Carpenter was USC's first 2-time NCAA champion in a weight event. He won the NCAA discus throw title in 1935 and 1936 (he was the runner-up in 1934), helping lead the Trojans to the NCAA team championship both years. A 2-year letterman (1935-36), he also won a pair of AAU crowns in the event in those years. He then captured the gold medal in the discus at the 1936 Berlin Olympics with an Olympic record heave of 165-7. He held the American record in the discus from 1936 to 1940. He came to USC from Compton (Calif.) High, where he starred in football and track. After a neck injury ended his football career in his freshman year at USC, he concentrated on the discus. After USC, he served in the Navy, then began a 33-year career as a junior college coach and teacher at College of the Sequoias and Compton College. He died in 1984 at age 70."


Scope and Contents
The Ken Carpenter Collection (1935-1937; undated) contains 2.46 linear feet of material that includes athletic event programs, correspondence, magazines, photographs, certificates, postcards, and other material mostly related to Ken Carpenter's college athletic career in discus. A majority of the materials in this collection relate to Carpenter's time on the United States track-and-field team prior to and during the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany where he won a gold medal.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Collection was donated with the cooperation of the Compton 125 Historical Society, 2018.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Compton (Calif.)
Track and field athletes
Discus throwing
Olympic Games (11th : 1936 : Berlin, Germany)
University of Southern California

box 1 59th Annual Meet Intercollegiate Association Amateur Athletes of America [program]
May 31-June 1, 1935
box 1 Telegram from E.E. Hellqvist to Ken Carpenter July 24, 1935
stockholmsspelen (stockholms Games) 1935. two programs July 24-26, 1935
"program vid orgryte i.s. amerika-tavlingar a slottsskogsvallen" July 30, 1935
Photo of S.S. Bremen with map that shows the ship's route and dates from cherbourg, France to New York [City] August 1935
"the Trojan Sig 1934-1935" published periodically by the alpha upsilon chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity University of Southern California May 25, 1935
Track and Field Meet program. Olympic Club vs. Southern California, held at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum May 2, 1936
Time Magazine, Vol. XXVIII, No. 4 July 27, 1936
telegrams from "jerre and Dewey" and "Mother" to "Kenny" Carpenter. Sent to Carpenter in Berlin during the 1936 Olympics August 5, 1936
Welcome program from the City of New York to members of the 1936 United States Olympic Team August 28-September 2, 1936
cover of "American Champions, Fifty Portraits of American Athletes by Stowitts" Special Sport Exhibition September 1936
Language of Material: Material is in German and English
Physical Description: Item is fragile
Letter from Kimpton Ellis, University Club of Los Angeles to Ken Carpenter regarding an invitation to an informal dinner November 7, 1936
1936 Summer Olympics souvenir envelopes 1936
three empty envelopes; two addressed to Ken Carpenter 1936
Stowitts' American Champions, Fifty Portraits of American Athletes program circa 1936
a list of distinguished athletes circa 1936
Physical Description: Item is fragile
black-and-white photograph possibly of the 1936 United States track-and-field Olympic team undated
Compton College vs. Idaho Southern University, Ramsaur Field. Preliminary game: Compton College Reserves vs. Muir J.C. Reserves [program] October 11, 1946
Amateur Athletic Union of the United States Certificate of Selection for all America Track and Field Team, and All America College Team (two certificates) January 1, 1937
Certificate proving Carpenter free from communicable disease, from Station Dispensary, Fort Armstrong, T.H. January 15, 1937
Life Magazine cover featuring University of Southern California football player, Chuck Williams October 11, 1937
black-and-white portrait of a boy in a military uniform undated
illustration of Olympic javelin thrower undated
Physical Description: Item is fragile
black-and-white portrait of "William H. and Mary E. Carpenter taken at time he was made 1st Mayor of Compton". Presented by Mrs. [Dorris] Clark undated
photographs of Ken Carpenter; Carpenter's friends and possibly his family; USC track-and-field team members; Paris; images of Carpenter throwing discus; photographs taken on the RMS Aquitania and during the 1936 Olympics; images of the USA team; and others circa 1935-1937
Certificates from Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, and semi-final for Olympic tryouts for discus 1936
Telegrams; letters; postcards; Christmas cards; and newspaper clippings regarding track-and-field events circa 1935-1937