Guide to the University of California, Irvine, Collection on the Anteater Mascot and Other University Symbols AS.144

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Related Collections
Related materials (early correspondence regarding the choice of the Anteater mascot) can be found in: AS-016, Student Activities Office records, Box 4.

Oral histories 2009
Schuyler Hadley Bassett interview 2009