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**Marjorie Larsen Collection, 1916-2014 [bulk 1950-1980]**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Marjorie Larsen Collection  
**Dates:** 1916-2014  
**Bulk Dates:** 1950-1980  
**Collection number:** MSS 327  
**Creator:** Larsen, Marjorie, 1916-2014  
**Collection Size:** 1 linear foot  
**Repository:** University of the Pacific. Library, Holt-Atherton Dept. of Special Collections  
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**Abstract:** This collection consists largely of Speed-A-Way clippings, correspondence, film, photographs and biographical material from Larsen's experience as a Physical Education teacher and Dean of Girls at Edison High School (1961-1969).

**Physical location:** For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

**Access**

Collection open for research.

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**Biography / Administrative History**

Marjorie "Marge" Susan Larsen (1916-2014) influenced sports education in Stanislaus and San Joaquin County communities. Her most notable contribution to sports education was Speed-A-Way, a ball game designed in 1950 which stressed running, kicking, and throwing actions. She grew up in Tracy, California, graduated from University of California, Berkeley in 1938, and received a Master's Degree from University of the Pacific in 1947. In the 1940s she worked as an English, History, and Physical Education teacher in Newman, California. She spent the rest of her teaching years in Stockton, California at Edison High School and retired in 1972. From the 1980s until her death, Larsen supported the University of the Pacific women's sports. The Marge Larsen Endowment of Women's Athletics at Pacific was established in 2003. Larsen represented revolutionary status for women in the late 1940s and early 1950s. She was a woman who dedicated her life to the physical education for girls and young women.

**Scope and Content of Collection**

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**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Sports for women - California - 20th century
Physical Education for Women
Speed-a-way (Game)

Box

- Folder 1: Biographical
- Folder 2: Correspondence
- Folder 3: Photographs of Marjorie Larsen
- Folder 4: Physical Education
- Folder 5: Speed-A-Way Correspondence
- Folder 6: Speed-A-Way Clippings
- Folder 7: Speed-A-Way Rulebooks
- Folder 8: Speed-A-Way Photographs
- Folder 9: Films (Speed-A-Way and Archery Techniques)
- Folder 10: Artifacts (Speed-A-Way ball, “Bee Beauty Salon” pocket knife, University of the Pacific Tiger handkerchief, handbag)