Abstract

This is a collection of material regarding the athletic sports teams, the athletic department, and Terry Bocian.

Title: Terry Bocian Collection

Collection #: 12

Donor: Terry Bocian

Span Dates: approx. 1950 - 2013

Size: 5 boxes (1 oversized)

Processed by: Louiza Taylor

Biography

In 2016 Athletic Director, Terry Bocian, retired after 43 years of service to Aquinas. For 38 years he was the Athletic Director and for 30 years he was the head baseball coach. Over his 43 years of service he oversaw the Athletic Department growth from nine to 26 sports, having a big impact on baseball and basketball as the head or assistant coach. In 2004, Bocian became the only Aquinas athletic department member in history of the college to have his number (#13) retired. He was the first Michigan college coach to record one thousand victories in a single sport in a career. He was instrumental in the fundraising and planning of the Sturrus Sports & Fitness Center, the Alksnis Athletics & Recreation Building and the lighted, artificial turf Aquinas College Athletic Field. The college named the Sturrus Center basketball court “Coach Bo Court” in his honor. Leading up to and after his retirement he contacted the Aquinas College Archives and transferred several boxes of material to them for processing

Scope and Content

This collection contains a variety of information regarding various athletics sports teams, the Athletic Department, and Terry Bocian. It came in installments before and after his retirement. The first series is an assortment of programs and guides, divided up by sport and then ordered chronologically (mens and womens sports are together). The first two folders of box 1 are divided up by two seasons, winter and fall. Then the sports are individually divided by folder because of the smaller amount of material collected for each. The second series centers around baseball which is separated into its own series due to the volume of material. It includes programs and guides, schedules, statistics, correspondence, and news releases. The third series is newspaper clippings. It is divided up between two categories, “Terry Bocian” and “All Sports.” It is then further divided between the original newspaper clippings and paper copies. The fourth series is photographs and images from different sports teams. The photographs and images are divided up by sport and then put into chronological order. The fifth series is a small collection of VHS tapes with recorded interviews of Aquinas baseball players who later went to play in the Major Leagues.

Content

Box Folder Description

**Series I Programs and Guides**

1 1 Winter Sports Guide, 1979-1984

1 2 Fall Sports Guide, 1976 - 1985

3 6 Basketball, 1950-1970

1 3 Basketball, 1980

1 4 Basketball, 1990

1 5 Basketball, 2000

1 6 Basketball Tournaments

1 7 Softball

1 8 Tennis

1 9 Cross Country and Track

2 1 Volleyball

2 2 Soccer

3 7 Lacrosse

4 1 Loose Documents (Programs, Brochures, Press

Release, Handbook)

**Series II Baseball**

2 3 Statistics and Records

2 4 Correspondence

2 5 Preseason Information

2 6 News Releases

2 7 Programs and Guides 1970-1980’s

3 1 Programs and Guides 1990’s

3 2 Programs and Guides 2000’s

**Series III Newspaper Clippings**

3 3 Terry Bocian (photo copies)

4 3 Terry Bocian (original clippings)

3 4 All Sports (photo copies)

4 Unorganized loose clippings related sports teams and

 the athletic department

**Series IV Photographs and Images**

3 5 Photographs

4 2 Posters

**Series V VHS Tapes**

5 3 tapes - interviewees are Paul Assenmacher Dave

 Gumpert