



Guide to the Dean S. Wright Collection, 1957 - 1965, 1995

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Summary

Collection Title:

Dean S. Wright collection, 1957-1965, 1995

Creator:

Wright, Dean Scanlan, 1941-2002

Abstract:

Dean Wright played football for the Duke University Blue Devils from 1958 to 1961. During this time, the Duke football team earned two consecutive ACC Championships (1960 and 1961) and won the Cotton Bowl (1961). Dean Wright received many honors as an outstanding player, including the Team MVP Award and invitations to play in the honorary North-South Game (1961) and in the All-America Game (1962). The Dean S. Wright Collection consists of clippings, correspondence, awards, memorabilia, photographs, game programs, and a textbook, which document Dean Wright's student life and football career, Head Football Coach Bill Murray, and the Duke University football team from 1958 to 1962. English.

Extent:

0.25 Linear Feet

100 Items

Language:

English.

Collection ID:

UA.30.01.0042

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

The Dean S. Wright Collection features awards, correspondence, memorabilia, photographs, game programs, and a textbook, but the bulk of the collection is made up of clippings. These clippings consist of newspaper and magazine articles collected by Dean Wright, his family, and friends from a variety of sources. These include local papers, such as the *Duke Chronicle*, the *Durham Morning Herald*, the *Raleigh News and Observer*, and the *Charlotte Times*, as well as regional and national press, such as the *New York Times*, the *Miami Herald*, the *Dallas Morning News*, and the *Buffalo Evening News*. These clippings and other materials document Dean Wright's student life and football career, Head Football Coach Bill Murray, and the Duke University football team from 1958 to 1962.

The football game programs are from invitational "All-Star" games played or attended by Dean Wright, but not by the Duke football team.

Biographical/Historical

Dean Scanlan Wright was born in Brownsville, Texas on February 14, 1941, and grew up in Coral Gables, Florida. He attended Duke University and earned a psychology degree in 1962. While at Duke, Wright played football for the Blue Devils from 1958 to 1961, as halfback. During this time, the Duke football team earned two consecutive ACC Championships (1960 and 1961) and won the Cotton Bowl (1961). Dean Wright received many honors as an outstanding player, including the Team MVP Award and invitations to play in the honorary North-South Game (1961) and in the All-America Game (1962).

After college, Wright was drafted into the National Football League to play for the Houston Oilers, but he injured his knee after one season and returned to Florida. Wright then became a pilot, flying for a number of airlines during his career. Dean Wright died on March 31, 2002 in Coral Gables, Florida. He was survived by his wife, Vivian Wright.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

The Dean S. Wright Collection was received by Duke University as a gift from Vivian Wright in 2003.

Processing Information

Processed by Jill Katte, completed March 2004. Technical Services staff created preservation copies of all newspaper clippings for the collection. Original clippings and duplicate materials were returned to the Wright family in 2004.

Encoded by Jill Katte, March 2004

Updated by Jill Katte, April 2004

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Related Materials

Related Material

Dept. of Athletics Records.University Archives, Duke University.Office of Sports Information Subject Files.University Archives, Duke University.

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Names and Subjects

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Football players -- North Carolina -- Durham
- Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Tex. (Football game)
- College sports -- North Carolina
- Photographic prints
- Wright, Dean Scanlan, 1941-2002
- Duke Athletics
- Duke University -- Football
- Duke University -- Alumni and alumnae
- Atlantic Coast Conference

Collection Inventory

Awards, 1960-1961, undated	Box 1
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Correspondence, 1957 December-1962 September	Box 1
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Scope and Contents note

Includes Wright's student housing assignment, welcome letters from Duke Football players and coaches, and an invitation to the North-South Game.

Memorabilia, 1958-1961	Box 1
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Scope and Contents note

Includes game tickets, Duke University fee statement and course card.

Photographs, approximately 1958-1962 Box 1

Scope and Contents note

Includes 8 photos of Dean Wright playing football and receiving awards.

Separated Material:

[Photographs stored with University Archives Photograph Collection. One oversize photograph stored in MC drawer 25.]

Program: North-South College All-Star Football Game, 1961 December 25 Box 1

Scope and Contents note

Includes North-South game ticket and game patch.

Program: All-America Game, 1962 June 29 Box 1

Program: North-South College All-Star Football Game, 1965 December 25 Box 1

Textbook: A Guide to Sea Power , Dept. of Naval Science, Duke University , 1960 Box 1

Scope and Contents note

Textbook published as an instructional aid for the use of midshipmen in the Depts. of Naval Science at the University of North Carolina and Duke University.

Clippings, 1958-1959 Box 1

Clippings, 1960 Box 1

Clippings, 1961 Box 1

Clippings, 1962, 1995, undated Box 1