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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Wayne State University
Creator:	Sherman, George B. (George Burrage)
Title:	Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts Health and Physical Education Department: George B. Sherman Records
ID:	WSR002683
Date [inclusive]:	1853-1981
Date [bulk]:	bulk
Physical Description:	4.5 Linear Feet (4 SB, 1 OS)
Physical Location:	4S-D-8(2), 4S-D-8(10)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	<p>George B. "Shorty" Sherman, served as WSU's athletic business manager from 1938-1972. During this time, Sherman also served in the capacity of sports information director from 1939-1946. In his 34 years of service to the University, Sherman performed hundreds of duties ranging from writing publicity releases and supervising the cheerleaders to lining the field and blowing up the football. Born in Boston in 1905, Sherman came to Detroit at the age of two. He graduated from Northern High School and entered City College of Detroit (WSU) in 1924. When he graduated in 1940, City College had become Wayne University. Sherman was president of the College Athletic Business Managers Association (CABMA) from 1967-68, vice president from 1964-67 and secretary-treasurer from 1961-64. It was at this time that Sherman became nationally known for his hard work and dedication to athletics. He received the Citizen's Sportsman Award in 1969 from the Detroit Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He also won the Athletic Business Managers Award in 1971, the year before he retired. Former Mayor of Detroit, the late Jerome Cavanagh, proclaimed June 9, 1963 as George B. Sherman Day.</p>

Citation Style

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History

World War II correspondence: During World War II many Wayne State University athletes and former athletes were drafted into military service. George Sherman began sending newsletters to them to keep them updated on Wayne sports and university news. They evolved into the "The Weekly Chit-Chat" and grew to include information and anecdotes submitted by the servicemen affiliated with athletics at Wayne. In November of 1944 Sherman renamed the newsletters, "The Chit-Chat", acknowledging that he had been unable to maintain a weekly schedule. The first issue is dated June 8, 1942 and the last issue #56, is dated June 23, 1945.

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Scope and Content

Series 1: World War II, 1942-1946 Series 1 consists of World War II correspondence between George Sherman and soldiers affiliated with the Wayne Athletics Department, the "Chit-Chat" Newsletters, photographs of the soldiers, as well as newspapers, war-time publications, and a U.S. Marine Corp. black-out poster.

Series 2, Subseries A: Wayne State University Records, 1924-1981 Subseries A of Series 2 reflects George B. Sherman's time at Wayne as their athletic business manager. Part A includes: Athletic Department reports, general and specific sports correspondence, intramural handbooks, athletic policies, Wayne sports play-by-plays, statistics, and news clippings. Team player and captains lists for Wayne teams, as well as sports publicity releases, Amateur Athletic Union of the United States (AAU), NCAA, and PAC (President's Athletic Conference) correspondence and athletic events' programs. An unpublished sports book with accompanying photographs documenting Wayne's sports teams, and pages of a scrapbook with Wayne sports newspaper clippings are also included.

Other documents relating to Wayne include: fraternity and sorority dance programs, homecoming dance programs, records from the Mackenzie Honor Society, and other Wayne clubs. Records from the Wayne

Alumni Advisory Council, the Wayne Alumni Fund, Inc. Board of Trustees, and the Wayne Alumni Awards Committee.

Series 2, Subseries B: George B. Sherman's Personal Collection, 1853-1960s Subseries B of Series 2 consists of Sherman's personally collected sports memorabilia, such as: various collegiate football schedules; Detroit high school and Detroit City sports programs; Detroit Boxing programs; Detroit Lions, Tigers, and Redwings programs; and a series of McGuffy's Readers.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 2 series – Series 1 (Box 1-2), Series 2 Subseries A (Box 2-4), Series 2 Subseries B (Box 4-5). Folders are arranged alphabetically and topically.

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Acquisition

The materials in this collection were donated in many installments starting in 1960 with the last donation in 1992.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Elizabeth Nicholson on May 11, 2016.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Wayne University Enlisted Men's Alumni Association: The Weekly Chit-Chat, Wayne State University Health and Physical Education Division Records

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- College sports United States
- Sports Collectibles
- Football
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- Wayne State University

- **Sherman, George B. (George Burrage)**

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- 3 World War II Correspondence; undated, 1941
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- 10 Kappa Chi Fraternity: Articles of Incorporation; 1949
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- 12 Fraternity and Sorority Dance Programs; undated, 1925-1927, 1954
- 13 Gas House Gang; 1970
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- 1 Wayne University Alumni Association: Board of Directors; 1954-1955
- 2 Impact of Athletics on Education: NY Times Reprint; 1951
- 3 Physical Education Arts Committee Report; 1957
- 4 Wayne University All Sports Schedules; 1945-1951
- 5 Wayne University Athletic Department: Correspondence; 1926, 1934-1948, 1952
- 6 Wayne University: Athletic Study Committee Report and Analysis; 1954
- 7 Wayne University Intramural Handbook; 1940-1941, 1955-1956
- 8 Wayne State University: Physical Education Contributions Report; 1954
- 9 Wayne University Coach John Hackett Firing: Newspaper Clippings; 1947-1948
- 10 Wayne University Football Coach Dismissal and Football Program Disbandment: Newspaper Clippings; 1954
- 11 Award Rules and Policies; 1950, 1958
- 12 Basketball, Golf, Swimming, Track: News Clippings; 1947-1948
- 13 Basketball Highlights; 1920-1977
- 14 Cross Country; 1949-54, 1956-58, 1981
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- 16 Football Facts- Wayne; 1960
- 17 Football Highlights; 1920-1977
- 18 Football: Intercollegiate Conference Rules, Regulations, and Opinions; 1937
- 19 Football: Marshall College Correspondence and Contracts; 1947-1948
- 20 Football News Clippings; 1936, 1946-48, 1977-80
- 21 Football: Play-by-Play, Stats, and News Clippings; 1972-1973

- 22 Football: Play-by-Play, Stats, and News Clippings; 1975
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- 26 Wayne Sports Publicity Releases; 1938-1939
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- 28 Wayne Sports Publicity Releases; 1940-1941
- 29 Team Players, Captains, and Managers Lists; 1917-1958
- 30 Amateur Athletic Union of the United States; 1950s
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- 7 Detroit High Schools: Basketball and Football Programs
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College; 1947
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Box 5 World War II Newspapers; 1942, 1944, 1945
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 McGuffey Readers; 1853-1857