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Loyola University Chicago

Athletics Department

George Ireland, Athletic Director, Records

Dates: 1913-1978 (bulk 1951-1978)

Creator: Ireland, George (1913-2001)

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Separations: None

See Also: Athletics Department records, 1924-1978

Biographical Sketch

George Ireland was hired as the men's head basketball coach in 1951 and became the Loyola University athletic director in 1956. In 1963 he became an associate professor of physical education. In 1975 he resigned as the men's head basketball coach after 24 years in that position, but remained as director of athletics, professor of physical education, and chairman of the physical education department. Ireland retired from Loyola University in 1978.

George Ireland was the first coach of a major college basketball program to use a lineup of five African-American players in 1961. In 1963, the year the Ramblers won the NCAA Championship, he headed the first NCAA Division 1 team to include four African American players in every lineup. Under Ireland's leadership the Ramblers returned to the NCAA tournament in 1964, 1966, and 1968, but failed to repeat as NCAA champions.

Scope and Content

The George Ireland records span the years 1913 to 1978 (bulk 1951 to 1978) and include reports, correspondence, schedules, news clippings, and budget proposals.

Subjects:

Athletics, Affirmative Action, Awards, Chicago Stadium, Basketball, Loyola University, Students, Protests, Student Movements

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