

Finding Aids-Sports Photograph Collection



Creator: Samuel Huston College, Tillotson College, Huston-Tillotson College

Title: Sports Photograph Collection

Dates: 1920s-2001

Extent: 1 Banker's Box

Abstract: The sports photograph collects athletic photos from Samuel Huston College, Tillotson College and Huston-Tillotson College era. Many of the photos are team photos, along with shots of game moments, awarded photos, celebration banquets, certificates, student players and coaches' personal shots.

Location: The Huston-Tillotson University Archives Repository at Downs-Jones Library

Call Number: Photograph Collection R-E-001

Language: English

Access: Open for research

Biographical Notes:

In the early histories of Tillotson and Samuel Huston Colleges, sport was in the interest of healthful recreation and exercise. Later, at both colleges, there was a legacy established for including intercollegiate contests, for example, there was a competitive girls' basketball team at both schools. Although the Huston-Tillotson teams are presently in the

Red River Conference. They enrolled, at the time of the merger, in the Gulf Coast Conference and later the Big State Conference.

Jackie Robinson accepted a job as athletic director at Samuel Huston College in 1944, which was then a part of the Southwestern Athletic Conference. Before leaving to play baseball with the Kansas City Monarchs, Robinson coached Samuel Huston's basketball team for the 1944–1945 season. Robinson was a longtime friend of the school's then-president, Dr. Karl Downs. Downs had been Robinson's pastor, and he later officiated Robinson's marriage to Rachel Isum on February 10, 1946.

After the merger of Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College, basketball emerged soon as the anchor sport in the athletic program. The show of viable enthusiasm for the Huston-Tillotson athletic program expresses not only the spirit of students but also the loyalty of faculty, staff, alumni and community residents.

The sports in the current HT program are basketball, volleyball, baseball, track and field, cross country, and soccer.

Scopes and Contents:

Group photos included 1926 Samuel Huston College football team, Texas champions (1928), 1934 Tillotson College Women's basketball team, 1934 Tillotson College Men's basketball team, 1939 Tillotson College football team, 1940s Tillotson College Women's basketball team, 1968 football team, HTC archery (1968-69), 1973 basketball team, 1991 HTC Track team. Specifically, a photo of The Tillotson College Eagles, pictured during a football game against the Samuel Huston Dragons (Fall 1945).

Game moments included baseball game, students watching football game at Tillotson College, 1950s football game, 1950s Track & Field, 1960s basketball game, 1964 HT tennis moment, 1968 soccer, 1970s basketball games, cheerleaders, Volleyball.

The collection also has a photo and news clipping of Larry Ulrich, HTC senior and a member of the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Troth Relay, carrying the Olympic Torch in December 2001.

Organization and Arrangement:



The collection is divided into several folders and envelopes. Some are divided according to the college such as "Sport-Tillotson" and "HT Sports". The other photos were in envelopes because of the event or teams upon receiving. Some photos were put in the protection case.

Restrictions:

Conditions Governing Access-Advance notice required retrieval, contact repository for retrieval.

Photos are usually delicate, needed to be handled carefully.