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Unit Date

1947-2018

Language

English .

Creator

Thorn, Rod (Rodney King), 1941-

Extent

.96 Linear Feet 11 1/2 in. (2 flat storage boxes, 4 in. each; 1 flat storage box, 3 1/2 in.)

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Biographical / Historical

Rodney King "Rod" Thorn was born May 23, 1941 to parents Joe and Jackie. He played basketball and baseball during his high school years in Princeton, WV. He went on to play for West Virginia University and was basketball All-American (1962-63). In the National Basketball Association, Thorn was a player before moving to roles including team coach, general manager, and president. He has been affiliated with a variety of teams, including the Baltimore Bullets, the New Jersey Nets, and the Chicago Bulls.

Scope and Contents

Papers of West Virginia native basketball player and coach Rod Thorn. Includes four scrapbooks, photographs, a draft newspaper illustration, and other material. Addendum of 2021-08-03 includes three photographs of Rod Thorn, one of which is autographed.

Keywords

West Virginia University -- Basketball

Basketball -- West Virginia

West Virginia University -- Athletics

Princeton (W. Va.)

Description of Subordinate Components

Scrapbook 1

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182737

Unit Date 1947-1948

Unit Date 1922-1950

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook kept by Rod Thorn's family during his childhood. Includes photographs, clippings, and correspondence regarding family members, Thorn's early participation in athletics, and contemporary athletes and sports teams.

Scrapbook 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182738

Unit Date 1936, 1947-1959

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

A scrapbook kept while Thorn was in junior high and high school. Contents mainly concern Thorn's participation in athletics, including basketball and baseball. There is also material related to Thorn's family, his academic career, and contemporary athletes and sports teams.

Scrapbook 3

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182740

Unit Date 1960-1962

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook of mostly clippings, kept while Thorn played for the basketball team of West Virginia University.

Scrapbook 4

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182741

Unit Date 1963

Unit Date 1962-1982

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook of mostly clippings, kept while Thorn was playing for the Baltimore Bullets NBA team.

Rod Thorn Collectible Basketball Card

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182747

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

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Newspaper Illustration

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182739

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

Illustration of Rod Thorn drawn by cartoonist Wilard Mullin for the New York World-Telegram and Sun.

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Unit Date 1963-2018

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Photograph of Rod Thorn

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182748

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Photograph of Rod Thorn

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/182749

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Autographed Photograph of Rod Thorn

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Unit Date 2018

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)