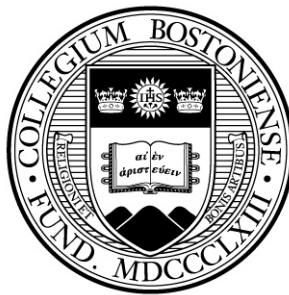


Boston College Swimming and Diving Records

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Summary Information

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Abstract:	Records of the Boston College men's and women's swimming and diving teams include awards dinner programs, media guides, newsletters, photographs, statistics (meet results and other statistics), and video recordings of competitions. Additionally, there are some files related to the Boston College water polo team.

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Administrative Information

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Provenance

Transferred by the Boston College swimming and diving office in 2019.

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Related Materials

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Boston College athletic photographs, BC.1986.019, John J. Burns Library, Boston College.

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Historical note

Boston College established men's and women's swimming and diving teams, as well as a water polo team, as club sports in 1972, following the opening of the Flynn Recreation Complex, which included an 8-lane swimming pool. The teams all had strong early seasons. In 1975 the women's swimming and diving team earned varsity status, and the men's team followed in 1978. Water polo became a varsity team in 1986, but reverted to club status in 2002.

The women's swimming and diving team won thirty-five meets consecutively (1976- 1978), setting the record for the longest winning streak of any Boston College team. They won multiple championship meets over the years, including the BIG EAST, New England, and National Catholic titles. Both the women and the men won the Orange Bowl Classic held in Key Largo in January of 2007, with the men defending that title in 2008.

The founding coach for the three teams was Boston College alumnus Tom Groden, who served as coach of water polo until 1978 and for the swimming and diving teams until his retirement in 2016. Groden was the first NCAA coach to record 300 wins with both men's and women's programs at the same institution. Following Groden's retirement, Michael Stephens, a Boston College alumnus and former swim team captain, became head coach of the swimming and diving teams.

Sources:

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Scope and Contents

Records for the Boston College men's and women's swimming and diving teams contain awards dinner programs; media guides; newsletters; and results from meets and other statistics; and team management documents. Results and statistics include championship results with school standing and member times; meet locations and pool sizes; scores and times and rankings for back-, breast-, fly-, and freestyle-strokes, as well as relay and diving events; and team rosters. Media guides are seasonal programs published annually at the start of the season and covering coaching and team profiles and rosters, previous season's scores and record-setters, season outlook by event, and schedule.

The records also include photographs of the teams, with headshots for individual members as well as images of meets. Video recordings further capture competitions. Additionally there a few files related to the Boston College water polo team, including results from matches.

Arrangement

Arranged into eight series: I. Awards dinner programs; II. Competitions; III. Media guides; IV. Newsletters; V. Photographs; VI. Recordings; VII. Team management; and VIII. Water polo.

Series II. Competitions has two sub-series, A. Programs and schedules and B. Results.

Collection Inventory

Series I: Awards dinner programs, 1989-2017

box 1

folder 1-89

Arrangement

Chronological.

Series II: Competitions, 1972-2015

Scope and Contents

Includes materials from regular season meets and various championships, including National Catholic Swimming and Diving Championships, New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships, and The BIG EAST Swimming and Diving Championships.

Arrangement

Chronological within subseries.

Subseries A: Programs and schedules, 1973-2010

box 1

folder 90-103

Subseries B: Results, 1972-2015

1972-1983

box 2

folder 1-55

1982-1992

box 3

folder 1-47

1990-1998

box 4

folder 1-43

1998-2008

box 5

folder 1-35

2009-2015

box 6

folder 1-12

Series III: Media guides, 1995-2009

box 6

folder 31-32

Arrangement

Chronological.

Series IV: Newsletters, 1979-1985

box 6

folder 13-15

Arrangement

Chronological.

Series V: Photographs, 2003-2012

box 6

folder 16-19

Arrangement	box 7	
Chronological.	box 11	
Father Monan in swimming team t-shirt and swimsuit, probably 1980s	box 6	folder 16
Portraits and action shots, 1985	box 6	folder 17
Swimmers doing back-stroke, after 1997	box 6	folder 18
Action shots, many with swimmers identified, 2001	box 6	folder 19
Portraits and meet action shots, 2006-2012	box 7	

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Series VI: Recordings, 1988, 2003-2012

Scope and Contents

Contains recordings, both audio and video, of swim and dive meets.

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Series VII: Team management, 1974-2011

Arrangement

Alphabetical.

Boston College Athletic Association rules, regulations, and policies, 1994	box 6	folder 20
Correspondence from Tom Groden, 1983, 1993	box 6	folder 21
New England Intercollegiate Swimming Association correspondence and minutes, 1974-1976	box 6	folder 22
Press release, 1993	box 6	folder 23
"Swimming and Diving Scholarships at Boston College", undated	box 6	folder 24
Visiting team guide, 2010-2011		

box 6 folder 25

Workout book, 2007-2008

box 6 folder 26

Series VIII: Water polo, 1972-1998

Film of Boston College versus University of New Hampshire
meet, 1973 October 17

box 10

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Meet results and press releases, 1972-1978, 1997-1998

box 6 folder 27-30