

John Dennis McCallum Manuscripts, 1956-1960

Overview of the Collection

Creator	McCallum, John Dennis
Title	John Dennis McCallum Manuscripts
Dates	1956-1960 (inclusive) 1956 1960
Quantity	5 containers., (2.5 linear feet of shelf space.)
Collection Number	Cage 64
Summary	Typescript manuscripts of McCallum's published works.
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Biographical Note

Author John Dennis McCallum (1924-1988) grew up in Tacoma, Washington. His parents were Mildred Tiedeman McCallum and George McCallum, and he was one of five siblings. He graduated from Washington State University in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in English and journalism, after interrupting his education to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 670th Tank Destroyer Battalion. He was a student-athlete who became a prolific author, a radio and television broadcaster, and a popular and successful lecturer.

McCallum played briefly in professional baseball with the Portland Beavers in the Pacific Coast League, and then began his professional writing career. First, he worked as a staff journalist for several Pacific Northwest newspapers, then moved to New York, beginning his work there with a daily sports column for a small tabloid newspaper. Within a few years, he had a nationally syndicated column for the Newspaper Enterprise Association. He published his first book in 1954, eventually producing nearly 40 in total, mostly popular biographies and sports reference books. His books include sole-authored works as well as many collaborations, and some projects where he operated behind the scenes as a ghostwriter. In addition to these activities, he engaged in a variety of editorial work, and served as public relations director for the National Football Hall of Fame.

In 1961, he married dancer and television actress Marjie Millar, whom he met while working on her biography. They divorced in 1963. The biography, with the working title "Talk About a Girl," never published, is now lost.

McCallum received recognition for his important contributions to Washington State athletics, and was named to the Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame (1969) and the Washington State Sports Hall of Fame (1993). Among his other honors are the Washington State University Alumni Achievement Award (1975) and a distinguished service award from Pacific Lutheran University (1972). His best-known book, a biography of Ty Cobb titled "The Tiger Wore Spikes," was named the best sports book of 1956 by the New York Times.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

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Related Materials

John McCallum Papers (Cage 799)

David Stidolph Papers (Cage 798). David Stidolph was a good friend and Washington State College classmate of McCallum. This collection includes extensive correspondence with McCallum, covering a wide range of personal and professional topics.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	1	That Kelly Family, authorized story of the Philadelphia Kellys. Published by A. S. Barnes, New York	May 15, 1957
1	2	The tiger wore spikes, biography of Ty Cobb. Published by A. S. Barnes, New York	May 31, 1956
2	3	Beginner's book of fishing, by John McCallum and Dave Stidolph. Published by Prentice-Hall	July 18, 1958
2	4	Scooper [reminiscences and biography of Paul Conlon] Seattle, Wood & Weber	1959
2	4	Six roads from Abilene, some personal recollections of Edgar Eisenhower, as told to John McCallum. Seattle, Wood & Weber	1959
2	5	Draft pages and notes	
2	6	Manuscript	
2	7	Donor Correspondence	1957-1959
3	8	The world heavyweight boxing championship	1974
3	9	The encyclopedia of world boxing champions	1975
3	10	The encyclopedia of world boxing champions	1975
4	11	Going their way	1969
4	12	Going their way	1969
4	13	The world heavyweight boxing championship	1974
4	14	The world heavyweight boxing championship	1974
5	15	The story of Dan Lyons	1973
5	16	The story of Dan Lyons	1973
5	17	Miscellaneous publicity brochures, pamphlets and other papers 8 items.	1960-1975

Names and Subjects

Personal Names :

McCallum, John Dennis, 1924- --Archives
(creator)

Occupations :

Authors, American -- 20th century--Manuscripts

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