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The Barbara Jean Jacket Manuscript Collection

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## The Barbara Jean Jacket Manuscript Collection Finding Aid

### Collection Overview

**Creator:** Barbara Jean Jacket

**Title:** The Barbara Jean Jacket Manuscript Collection

**Dates:** 1969-2008, undated

**Quantity:** 0.25 Linear Feet (1 box)

**Abstract:** The Barbara Jean Jacket Manuscript Collection contains a brief overview of Jacket's time working in the athletics department at Prairie View A&M University.

**Identification:** MSS0008

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**Language:** The materials are in English.

**Repository:** Prairie View A&M University

### **Biographical Note:**

Barbara Jean Jacket was born on December 26, 1934, in Port Arthur, Texas to the late Eva Pickney and Raymond Jaquet. Jacket was a 1954 graduate of Lincoln High School, where she starred in basketball and track. In 1958, Barbara received a Bachelor of Science from Tuskegee University and in 1968 earned a Master of Education from Prairie View A&M University. Coach Jacket began her career as a basketball coach in Eufaula, Alabama before joining Prairie View A&M University as a swim instructor in 1964. After graduating from Tuskegee Institute, Jacket's achievements were almost too numerous to mention. Her 1965 to 1991 teams claimed eight National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) outdoor titles and two indoor titles. Jacket was named SWAC Coach of the Year on 23 occasions. In 1990, she became the only women athletic director in the SWAC when she was named to the position at Prairie View.

### *Tenure at Prairie View A&M University*

Barbara Jean Jacket was the women's track and field coach at Prairie View A&M University for 22 years. Jacket started out in 1964 as an Assistant Professor of Physical Education then moved to being a swimming instructor in 1967; but she wanted to explore more options of leading a team to victory. As a result, the creation of a women's track team entitled, the

Prairie View Pantherettes. Apart from coaching, Jacket was the athletic director for Prairie View A&M from 1990 to 1995 and taught health for the university during the 2000s. Jacket retired as head coach of women's track and field at Prairie View A&M in 1991 to devote more time to the Olympics. Jacket ended her career with Prairie View A&M in 2010 upon retirement. She died on January 6, 2022, in Richmond, Tx.

#### Sources:

Obituary for Coach Barbara Jean Jacket. (2022). *Singleton & Sons Funeral Home, Inc.*  
<https://www.singletonandsonsfh.com/obituaries/Barbara-Jacket/#!/Obituary>

Prairie View A&M University Sports Hall of Fame. (1992). Barbara Jacket. *Prairie View A&M University*. <https://pvpanthers.com/honors/prairie-view-am-university-sports-hall-of-fame/barbara-jacket/62>

**Scope and Contents Note:** The collection is arranged in the original order as received from the donor.

#### Administrative Information

#### **Preferred Citation**

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**Related Material:** None.

#### **Index Terms**

Jacket, Barbara Jean, 1934-2022.

Olympics.

Olympics--History--19th century.

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#### **Inventory**

Box #	Folder #	Title/Description	Date	Location
1	1	News release	1992	R1/C1/R2
1	2	Awards	1976-2008	R1/C1/R2
1	3	Newspaper clippings	1976-1989	R1/C1/R2
1	4	Photographs & postcards	Undated	R1/C1/R2
1	5	Correspondence	1979-1982	R1/C1/R2

1	6	Ephemerals	1992, undated	R1/C1/R2
1	7	Miscellaneous files	Undated	R1/C1/R2
1	8	Recognition & Thank You letters	1982-1992	R1/C1/R2
1	9	Biographies	1969, undated	R1/C1/R2
1	10	Conference games	1981	R1/C1/R2
1	11	Duplicates	1986, undated	R1/C1/R2