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# Project History



Otterbein's archivist, Stephen Grinch submitted a grant proposal for the 2018 History Fund Grant which required matching funds from the University. He had secured commitments from The "O" Club and the Clements Foundation. Unfortunately we were not chosen for the grant, but the funds that the two groups had allocated for the project were still generously given and we were able to do an initial project of 32 films.

We have again submitted a proposal for the 2019-2020 History Fund Grant and hope that by providing a look at the first group it will be easier for them to see the value of this collection.

# Football Programs Collection

- We had already been working on a football program collection which included programs dated back to 1909. These programs turned out to be full of important details that we were able to include in the Film metadata.





# Coach Agler Otterbein University



We own over 500 Basketball and Football Game Films from the 1940 - 1990.

We started with the oldest and most fragile 33 individual films for the first phase of the project.



- The first 32 films were converted to mp4 files a sports history consultant to create unique metadata for each film





# DC Collection Creation

- Decided to do a book gallery with the cover of the Program for that game as the image. For those we do not have, we used an image from that decade of football players.
- Added Instructions to scroll down because people weren't seeing the film.
- We linked to the programs where possible. (1955 Marietta)
- Customized metadata to include:
  - Game Date
  - Score
  - Coaches
  - Game Location
  - Game Film and Reel #
  - Film Time
  - Structure did not allow us to have two films in one entry.

# Lessons Learned

1. Uploading the films took significantly longer than was expected. It was determined that the speed at my computer would need to be improved. bePress also made some adjustments on their end.
2. I have requested that I have all metadata provided to me at least one month before the deadline.