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JOHN A. TORNEY, JR., Papers

BACKGROUND:

John A. "Jack" Torney, Junior was born July 15, 1905, in Everett, Washington. Torney graduated from Lincoln High School, in Seattle, in 1923, and in the fall, he entered the University of Washington. Graduating in 1928, he received the second Bachelors of Science degree in Physical Education offered by the department. As an undergraduate, Torney was active in intercollegiate athletics, winning his first varsity letter in track during his sophomore year. During the summers of his undergraduate studies, Torney was employed as a Beach Manager of West Green Lake Beach in Seattle, and it was this work that created great interest in swimming for Jack. His beach teams placed third the first year, and were city champions the following four years. He was also the first swimmer to compete for the University of Washington at the 1926 summer AAU competition, without the benefit of an organized team or coach. During his senior year (1927-28), Torney was hired by the director of the Physical Education Department (Henry Foster) as a "teaching assistant." On graduation, he was hired as an "associate," as Foster desired to introduce aquatic instruction into the department curriculum. To facilitate this desire, Foster convinced Torney to finish his Masters program and receive aquatic training at Columbia University in New York City. Torney attended Columbia from 1929 to 1930 graduating with a Masters of Science in Physical Education in 1930. On returning to the University of Washington, he was rehired as an instructor in the Physical Education Department. Placed in charge of the aquatic program, he also taught courses in tennis, basketball, and personal health.

Torney's coaching career at the University of Washington included nine years as tennis coach (1934-41,1946) and 27 years (1932-42, 1945-62) as swimming coach. Further, he coached handball and soccer in the mid-1930s and served as an assistant basketball coach in 1936 and 1937. During his tenure as tennis coach, Torney's teams won eight Pacific Coast Conference—Northern Division Championship titles. As swimming coach, his teams won nineteen Pacific Coast Conference—Northern Division Championship titles, never finishing less than second place and producing more than two-dozen NCAA All-American swimmers.

Swimming instruction was initiated for men at the University of Washington by Jack Torney in 1931. In 1932, he developed the intramural and intercollegiate swimming programs at the University of Washington, of which he was the coach, with the exception of three years during Word War II, until his retirement from coaching in 1962. He originated the first annual State High School Swimming and Diving Championships, and the summer-time Seattle High School Swimming Championships in 1934. By 1935, Torney became the Advisor to the Husky Swimmers Club, which presented demonstrations, exhibitions, and clinics.

In March 1942, Jack Torney entered the United States Navy as a Lieutenant (Junior Grade). He served with the United States Navy Air Force at St. Mary's Pre-Flight School, Moraga, California. At St. Mary's, he trained naval officers in the methods of teaching swimming to cadets. Many of these officers were later reassigned to other duty stations in order to teach sailors to swim. Further, he authored the Naval Aviation Swimming Manual. In February 1945, Torney was placed in charge of the Cadet Regiment, a post traditionally reserved for Annapolis graduates. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to commander. After the war, he

returned to the University of Washington. By 1948, he had been promoted to Associate Professor. He retired from coaching in 1962 and teaching in 1971. In 1970, he was promoted to the full rank of Professor. Jack Torney died in 1984.

Jack Torney accomplished much aside from his records as swim coach. During the NCAA swimming championships held in Seattle, in 1947, Jack initiated the use of name plates to identify swimmers at the ends of lanes. The idea has been used at every NCAA meet since. He also devised a manually operated time-clock for spectators to observe the progress of a race. Manufacturers improved on his idea by building electronic clocks for commercial sales. Further, according to the evidence, he originated water basketball. In early games, over-sized waste baskets were set on the deck for goals. Later games used regular baskets mounted on backboards constructed by the University of Washington Maintenance Plant. He accomplished all of these achievements without the benefit of grants or teaching load reduction, doing most of the work on evenings, holidays, and weekends.

Additional achievements during Jack Torney's career:

1. First chairman of the Aquatics Council, American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. 1947-48.
2. Member of the NCAA Swimming Records Committee and the Swimming Rules Committee. 1948-64.
3. Started the annual Aqua Fantasies Water Show in conjunction with the University of Washington Women's Silver Fish Club. 1950.
4. President, College Swimming Coaches Association of America. 1950-51.
5. Served on the following committees of the College Swimming Coaches Association: All—America Selection, Records Certificates, Rule Changes, and Association Executive Committee. 1952-65.
6. President, King County Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. 1954.
7. Member of Men's Olympic Swimming Committee. 1957-65.
8. Filmed a series of water safety programs for KCTS, Channel 9, the public television station in Seattle. 1957.
9. Selected for the Helms Foundation Swimming Hall of Fame. 1963
10. Chairman of committee to revise the University of Washington Department of Athletics regulations. 1965.

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- Committee Chairman, “Regulations Governing Athletic Awards.” Seattle: University of Washington Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, 1965.
- Consulting Editor, McGraw—Hill Series in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. 1946-50.
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- Editor, *National Collegiate Athletic Association Swimming Guide*. 1958
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SCOPE & CONTENT:

This collection contains the majority of John Torney's records as swimming coach at the University of Washington from 1930 to 1962. Also included within this collection are some of Torney's early school records. Missing from this collection are Torney's correspondence during World War II and his teaching records. The records are divided into several series; awards, biography, clinics, coaching information, correspondence, College Swimming Coaches Association of America, high school championships, photographs, publications, retirement, scrapbooks, theses, and yearbooks.

Scrapbooks, publications, and coaching information files constitute the majority of the collection. Scrapbooks contain chiefly newspaper and magazine articles. Further, they cover schedules, correspondence, photographs, notes, programs, meet results, telegrams, pamphlets, newsletters, memoranda, tickets, awards, postcards, and team member list. Scrapbooks are arranged by date, size and function. The coaching information files also encompass similar types of documents. However, they also include bulletins, mailing lists, radio and press booklets, and rules. Finally, the publications files are comprised of articles, magazines, and books. While many of the magazines included articles written by Torney, all of the books incorporated in this collection were authored by him. This collection details the growth of swimming as a competitive sport at the University of Washington.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1923-1984

RESTRICTIONS: Due to their fragile nature, photocopying from scrapbooks is prohibited.

VOLUME: 3 cubic feet and 6 oversized boxes.

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FILE LISTING:

BOX 1: AWARDS; BIOGRAPHY; CLINICS; COACHING INFORMATION; COLLEGE SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA; CORRESPONDENCE; HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1. Awards: 1946-86
2. Awards: Articles 1966
3. Awards: Certificates
4. Biography: 1941-84
5. Biography: Autobiography
6. Biography: Bibliography 1958-65
7. Biography: Hall of Fame—Swimming Coach
8. Biography: Professional Activities 1947-59
9. Biography: Transcripts 1926-42
10. Biography: University of Washington Documents 1930-84
11. Clinics: American Red Cross Waterama 1958
12. Clinics: Centralia Show 1951, 1954
13. Clinics: Conference for National Cooperation Water Aquatics 1957
14. Clinics: Evans (Green Lake) Pool Dedication 1955
15. Clinics: Floating Bridge Dedication 1940
16. Clinics: Hoquiam Dedication 1960
17. Clinics: Husky Swim Club Clinics 1949, 1950
18. Clinics: Lists
19. Clinics: Mercer Island Community Club Pool Dedication
20. Clinics: Northwest A.A.U. Swim Clinic 1956
21. Clinics: St. Mary's, Chapel Hill—V5 Coaching Schools
22. Clinics: St. Mary's—Navy Pre-Flight Demonstrations
23. Clinics: St. Mary's PREFL Demonstration—American Red Cross War Swim Clinic, Berkeley, CA
24. Clinics: St. Mary's PREFL Demonstration—Stanford University 1943
25. Clinics: St. Mary's PREFL Introduction for Swimming Demonstration 1942
26. Clinics: St. Mary's PREFL Swimming Demonstration—American Red Cross Fremont Hotel 1942
27. Clinics: Suggested Show Organization and Program for Yakima 1940
28. Clinics: Swimming Demonstration for Camp Directors
29. Clinics: Swimming Demonstration for Freshmen 1941
30. Clinics: Swimming Demonstration for High School Leaders 1938
31. Clinics: Treasure Island Naval Station Pool Dedication 1945
32. Clinics: Vancouver YMCA Competitive Swimming 1949
33. Clinics: War Swimming Clinic—American Red Cross, Berkeley, CA
34. Clinics: Yale Swimming Carnival 1950
35. Coaching Information: 1930
36. Coaching Information: 1930-32
37. Coaching Information: 1931
38. Coaching Information: 1933
39. Coaching Information: 1934
40. Coaching Information: 1934-46 (Tennis)

41. Coaching Information: 1935
42. Coaching Information: 1936

43. Coaching Information: 1937
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 45. Coaching Information: 1939
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 61. Coaching Information: 1958
 62. Coaching Information: 1959
 63. Coaching Information: 1960 (Part 1)
 64. Coaching Information: 1960 (Part 2)
 65. Coaching Information: 1961 (Part 1)
 66. Coaching Information: 1961 (Part 2)
 67. Coaching Information: 1961 (Part 3)
 68. Coaching Information: 1962 (Part 1)
 69. Coaching Information: 1962 (Part 2)
 70. Coaching Information: 1962 (Part 3)
 71. Coaching Information: 1963
 72. Coaching Information: 1964
 73. Coaching Information: Undated
 74. Coaching Information: Articles (Undated)
 75. Coaching Information: Coach List
 76. Coaching Information: Freshman Swimming Team Lists 1933-39
 77. Coaching Information: Freshman Swimming Team Lists 1940-57
 78. Coaching Information: Freshman Swimming Team Lists 1958-62
 79. Coaching Information: Manager List
 80. Coaching Information: Practice Routines (Part 1)
 81. Coaching Information: Practice Routines (Part 2)
 82. Coaching Information: Records
 83. Coaching Information: Records—First Place Winners: North Division
Championship Meets 1934-60
 84. Coaching Information: Records—Northern Division Swimming 1933-61
 85. Coaching Information: Results 1933-62
 86. Coaching Information: Swimmer List
 87. College Swimming Coaches Association of America: 1963-84
 88. Correspondence: 1923-50
 89. Correspondence: 1951-81
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90. Correspondence: Undated
 91. High School Championships: Participation and Final Places of High School
Teams in State Swim Meet 1934-58

92. High School Championships: State Championship Meet Records 1952-62
93. High School Championships: State Meet Correspondence 1933-35

BOX 2: HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS; PHOTOGRAPHS; PUBLICATIONS; RETIREMENT; THESES; YEARBOOKS.

1. High School Championships: Summary 1949
2. High School Championships: Summary 1950
3. High School Championships: Summary 1952
4. High School Championships: Summary 1953
5. High School Championships: Summary 1954
6. High School Championships: Summary 1955
7. High School Championships: Summary 1956
8. High School Championships: Summary 1957
9. High School Championships: Summary 1958
10. High School Championships: Summary 1959
11. Photographs: 1933-62 (Photocopies-Originals removed photograph collection)
12. Publications: *Aquatic Instruction, Coaching and Management* 1971
13. Publications: Aquatic Organization and Management 1981
14. Publications: Athletic Journal—Nov. 1937, Jun. 1939
15. Publications: Beach and Pool—Jul. 1947
16. Publications: Beach and Pool—Jul.-Dec. 1948
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 38. Yearbook: 1968 International Swimming Hall of Fame
 39. Yearbook: 1970 International Swimming Hall of Fame
 40. Yearbook: 1971 International Swimming Hall of Fame
 41. Yearbook: 1973 International Swimming Hall of Fame

BOX 3: SCRAPBOOKS: SWIMMING

1. Scrapbooks: 1932-33 (Book I) Swimming
2. Scrapbooks: 1934 (Book II) Swimming and Tennis; 1934-36 (Book III) Intramural Swimming
3. Scrapbooks: 1935-39 (Book IV) Freshman Swimming; 1934-36 (Book V) Varsity Swimming
4. Scrapbooks: 1936-38 Swimming

BOX 4: SCRAPBOOKS: SWIMMING

1. Scrapbooks: 1938-39 Swimming
2. Scrapbooks: 1939-41 Swimming
3. Scrapbooks: 1941-46 Swimming
4. Scrapbooks: 1946-48 Swimming

BOX 5: SCRAPBOOKS: SWIMMING

1. Scrapbooks: 1948-50 Swimming
2. Scrapbooks: 1950-52 Swimming
3. Scrapbooks: 1952-55 Swimming
4. Scrapbooks: 1955-58 Swimming

BOX 6: SCRAPBOOKS: SWIMMING, SWIMMING RECORDS

1. Scrapbooks: 1958-60 Swimming
2. Scrapbooks: 1960-61 Swimming
3. Scrapbooks: 1961-63 Swimming
4. Scrapbooks: 1933-62 Varsity Swimming Records

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BOX 7: SCRAPBOOKS: P.C.C. PENALTY, TENNIS

1. Scrapbooks: 1956-57 P.C.C. Penalty
2. Scrapbooks: 1934-37 Tennis
3. Scrapbooks: 1938-39 Tennis

4. Scrapbooks: 1938-39 Tennis
5. Scrapbooks: 1940-46 Tennis

BOX 8: SCRAPBOOKS: N.C.A.A. SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS; FRESHMAN SWIMMING RECORDS; HIGH SCHOOL TRACK; SWIM AND LIFE—SAVING CLASSES; AWARDS; COACHING INFORMATION.

1. Scrapbooks: 1947-55 N.C.A.A. Swimming Championships
2. Scrapbooks: 1933-62 Freshman Swimming Records
3. Scrapbooks: 1923-26 High School Track
4. Scrapbooks: 1930 Swim and Life—Saving Classes
5. Awards: Certificates (Oversized)

SUBJECTS:

BROAD SUBJECTS:

Athletics	Swimming Clinics	U.S. Armed Forces
Biography	Swimming Clubs	Universities
High Schools	Swimming Competitions	University Clubs
High School Swimming	Swimming Demonstrations	Women's Physical
Teams	Swimming Facilities	Education
Naval Training	Tennis	World War II
Olympics	Theses	Yearbooks
Swimming	Track and Field	

AGENCIES & CORPORATIONS:

Aberdeen [WA] Public Schools	St. Mary's Pre-Flight School
American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Education	Silver Fish Club
American Red Cross	Stadium High School (Tacoma)
Associated Students of the University of Washington	Stanford University
Burgess Publishing Company	Tacoma Public Schools
Canadian Red Cross	U. S. Navy
Centralia [WA] High School	University of Idaho
City of Seattle Department of Parks	University of Oregon
	University of Puget Sound
	University of Washington

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College Swimming Coaches Association of America	University of Washington-- Department of Physical Education
Columbia University	Vancouver (WA) High School
Everett [WA] High School	Washington State Swim Coaches Association
Highline High School	Washington State University
Highline Public Schools	

Husky Swimming Club
International Swimming Hall of Fame
Lincoln High School (Tacoma)
N.C.A.A.
Oregon State University

Western Washington State College
Yale University
Young Men's Christian Association
Seattle, WA

INDIVIDUALS:

Borchardt, John
Briggs, George
Brigham, Leon
Broyles, Wendell
Buckley, Bob
Campbell, Dick
Cassill, Harvey
Clayton, Robert D.
Cronk, Ernest
Day, Lew V.
Duncan, Donald
Evans, Lou
Flood, Reginald
Foster, Henry
Gose, J. Gordon

Harvey, Emma L.
Hoagland, T. D.
Hodges, Merrill
Hoff, Ernest
Huedepohl, P. H.
Kilgore, Carl
Kirkland, Eric
Longfellow, W. E.
McIntyre, H. J.
McKinnon, Archie
Medina, Jack
Mullin, Dorothy
Murnen, Ed, Jr.
Needham, Maurice
O'Brien, Kathleen O.

Odegaard, Charles E.
O'Neel, F. W.
Owens, Jim
Palmer, Charles A.
Powlison, Pete
Rivas, Carlos
Rose, Bert Jr.
Russell, Lynn
Salmon, Pete
Schmitz, Henry
Thornton, Thurle C. Jr.
Thornton, Tim
Trager, Bob
Walter, Earl

LOCATIONS:

Bellingham, WA
Berkeley, CA
California
Centralia, WA
Corvallis, OR
Eugene, OR
Everett, WA
Green Lake

Hoquiam, WA
Idaho
King County
Lake Union
Lake Washington
Mercer Island
Oregon
Pullman, WA

Richmond Beach, WA
Seattle, WA
Tacoma, WA
Treasure Island Naval
Station (CA)
Vancouver, WA
Washington
Yakima, WA