

**Eastern Kentucky University Women's Gymnastics, 1970-1983 (.70 cu.ft)**  
Organized by Agnes Chrietzberg, 1999

**Restrictions**

None

**Organization History**

Tumbling and gymnastics exercise was a part of the instructional program when physical education moved into the new Weaver Health Building in 1931. Demonstration and performance groups were part of physical education program from time to time as interest warranted.

In 1964 Mr. Charles "Turkey" Hughes hired Dr. Barney Groves who worked with the gymnastics program at Eastern. Gymnastics was a club sport and provided a means for talented students to develop their skill and to perform in gymnastics exhibitions. Mr. Hughes supported the educational idea that collegiate competition should be developed from strong intramural and club sports programs. Intercollegiate gymnastics at Eastern received impetus from the earlier club sports programs.

The women's competitive program began to develop under the leadership of Dr. Ann Uhlir who became the Coordinator of the Department of Physical Education for Women in 1965. In 1970 the Department developed "A Statement of Belief" which served as the guiding philosophy during the time that women's athletic programs were housed in the Department of Physical education. At that time resources available for intercollegiate sports for women were limited. The athletic program was able to prosper because women faculty members served as volunteer coaches. Athletics was seen as part of the academic program and was part of one's professional obligation to the Department. When faculty members were not available, graduate assistants were appointed as coaches. The gymnastic program was initiated with graduate assistants as coaches since there were no faculty members with expertise in that area.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection offers a good overall picture of the Women's Gymnastics Program at ECU during its short history. It includes photographs, news clippings, schedules, rosters and correspondence for every year of the program's existence. Program objectives, rules and routine requirements, statistics and even poetry written by and in honor of the gymnasts can also be found in this collection. Anyone interested in women's athletics at Eastern will find this collection useful.

**Donor Information**

Athletics Department (2002-038)

## **Box List**

### **Box 1**

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| nd        | Summary of Program History |
| 1970-1982 | Summary of Events by Year  |
| 1970-1971 | Statement of Belief        |

### **Photographic Series**

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|---------|--|
| 1971-72 | Patricia Floyd on bars                     |
| 1973-74 | Team Picture                               |
| 1973-74 | Team Picture                               |
| 1974-75 | Team Picture                               |
| 1974-75 | Team Picture                               |
| 1974-75 | Sherry Robertson on beam                   |
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| 1974-75 | Margaret Bauch, center                     |
| 1974-75 | Susan Mollenkoph on bars                   |
| 1974-75 | Patricia Barber on floor exercise          |
| 1974-75 | Home Meet March-in                         |
| 1975-76 | Team Picture                               |
| 1975-76 | Team Picture                               |
| 1975-76 | Beth Miles on beam                         |
| 1975-76 | Mary Wilkerson on beam                     |
| 1975-76 | Lee Ann Martindale                         |
| 1975-76 | Charlotte (Charlie) Abbott Martin on vault |
| 1975-76 | Taryn Wells on floor exercise              |
| 1975-76 | Sherry Robertson on beam                   |
| 1975-76 | Taryn Wells on bars                        |
| 1976-77 | Beth Miles on beam                         |
| 1976-77 | Mary Lyons on beam                         |
| 1976-77 | Mary Lyons on beam                         |
| 1976-77 | Mary Lyons on beam                         |
| 1976-77 | Mary Lyons on beam                         |
| 1976-77 | Mary Lyons on beam                         |

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| 1976-77 | Home meet introductions  |
| 1977-78 | Team Picture             |
| 1977-78 | Team Picture             |
| 1977-78 | Team Picture             |
| 1977-78 | Team Picture             |
| 1977-78 | Rhonda Wilkerson on bars |

1977-78 Mary Lyons on beam  
 1977-78 Kay Queen on beam  
 1977-78 Mary Lyons on beam  
 1977-78 Mary Wilkerson on floor exercise  
 1977-78 Beth Miles on beam  
 1977-78 Mary Lyons on beam  
 1977-78 Diane Dusenberry on bars  
 1977-78 Lisa Wray on beam  
 1977-78 Mary Lyons on bars  
 1977-78 Mary Lyons on bars  
 1977-78 Mary Lyons on beam  
 1977-78 Mary Lyons on beam  
 1978-79 Team Picture  
 1978-79 Team Picture  
 1978-79 National Championship, Penn State  
 1978 Halloween Gymnasts  
 1978-79 Kathy Goode on vault  
 1978-79 Kathy Goode on beam

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1978-79 Kathy Goode on beam  
 1978-79 Rhonda Wilkerson on bars  
 1978-79 Miriam Nagel on beam  
 1978-79 Betty Tinker on beam  
 1979-80 Team Picture  
 1979-80 Team Picture  
 1979-80 Team Picture  
 Manager setting out equipment  
 Gymnasts on floor exercise  
 1980-81 Team Picture  
 1980-81 Team Picture  
 1980-81 Team Picture  
 Gymnast Laura Spencer - Overweight again  
 1981-82 Team Picture  
 1981-82 Team Picture  
 1981-82 Team Picture

Oversize Photos (41/01/06)

1974-75 Beth Miles on beam  
 1974-75 Sherry Robertson on beam  
 1975-76 Beth Miles on bars

## **Program Activities Series**

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1971-72      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1971-72, Roster, Schedule, Summary of Meet Results, Official Score Sheets

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1972-73      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1972-73, Roster, Schedule, Summary of Meet Results, Official Score Sheets, State Championship

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1973-74      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1973-74, Roster, Schedule, Summary of Meet Results, Official Score Sheets, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual KWIC State Championship, AIAW Regional Championship

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1974-75      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1974-75, Roster, Affidavit of Eligibility, Summary of Meet results, All-around and Individual Scores, Official Score Sheets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual KWIC State Championship, Southern Regional Gymnastics Championship

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1975-76      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1975-76, Schedule, Team Roster, Meet Summary Team, Summary of All-Around and Individual Scores, Intersquad Meet, Official Score Sheets, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual KWIC State Championship, AIAW Region II Championship

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1976-77      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1976-77, Roster, Affidavit of Eligibility, Coach's Report, AIAW National Gymnastics Composite Score Sheet, Summary of Year and Score Analysis, Intersquad Meet, Official Score Sheets, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual KWIC State Championship, AIAW Region II Championship, AIAW National Championship, AIAW Gymnastics Operation Code and National Composite Score Sheets, Request for Travel, Program, Individual Results, Team Results

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1977-78      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1977-78, Roster, Affidavit of Eligibility, Report of Spring Program, Coach's Report, Summary of Year - Scoring Analysis, AIAW Gymnastics Composite Score Sheet, Intersquad Meet, Official Score Sheets, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual KWIC State Championship, AIAW Region II Championship, Newsletter and Meet Information, Results, AIAW National Championship, Meet Information  
Report from AIAW National Gymnastic Championship, Results

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1978-79      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1978-1979. Roster, Affidavit of Eligibility, Coach's Report, Summary of Year - Scoring Analysis, AIAW Gymnastics, Composite Score Sheet, Intersquad Meet, Official Score Sheets, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual KWIC State Championship, AIAW Region II Championship, Program, Results, AIAW National Championship, Program, Gymnasts Qualifying for Nationals, Composite Event Score Sheet, Team Results, Gymnastics Budget Summary, Scholarship Request for Beth Miles, Equipment/Supply Request, Reports of Violations

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1979-80      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1979-80, Roster and Schedule, Affidavit of Eligibility, Report on Spring Program, Coach's Report, Summary of Year - Scoring Analysis, AIAW Gymnastics Composite Score Sheet, Official Score Sheets, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual KWIC Championship, Tournament Guidelines, Results, AIAW Region II Championship, Entry Form, Team rosters, Official Score Sheets Results, AIAW National Championship - Division I, Operating Code

## **Box 2**

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1980-81      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1980-81, Roster and Schedule, Affidavit of Eligibility, Coach's Report, Summary of Year - Scoring Analysis, AIAW, Gymnastics Composite Score Sheet, Official Score Sheets, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual KWIC Championship, Results, AIAW Region II, Division Championship, Meet information, Funding Request, Official Score Sheets, Results, AIAW National Championship - Division I, Program, Vault Difficulties, Team Rosters, Results, Correspondence with gymnasts, Budget for year

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1981-82      Gymnastics Competitive Season - 1981-82, Roster and Schedule, Coach's Report, Summary of Year - Scoring Analysis, Intersquad Meet, Official Score Sheets, AIAW Region II, Division Championship, AIAW Region II Handbook Excerpts, Participation Request, Official Score Sheets, Results

## **Program Operation Series**

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1974-1982      Program Objectives, Pre-season conditioning, Christmas News, Rules and routine requirements, Judging symbols, Balance beam combinations, structure groups, vaulting regulations, Uneven bars requirements, Balance beam requirements, Floor exercise requirements, Optionals: Clarifications and Changes, Sample score sheets (4 events), Routine difficulties for individual gymnasts - Uneven parallel bars, Team Records - Team, Personal, and Individual Bests, Notification to parents and gymnasts: Termination of funding for Women's Gymnastics, Poem by gymnasts, Rhonda Wilkerson - "You Know Success Because...", Poem by Peggy Stanaland - "An Ode to the Gymnasts"

## Publicity and News Series

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### News Paper Articles

- 1978 "Eastern Makes HEW Bias List", The Eastern Progress August 31, 1978  
1979 Courier-Journal, "Graham Starts, but U of L Gymnasts Lose", Congratulation letter from Martha Mullins  
1979 Lexington Herald, "Eastern's Wilkerson Tumbling to Success"  
1980 "A Kiss for Luck" - (picture), The Eastern Progress, 1980  
1981 Cancellation of Women's Gymnastics Program (picture), The Eastern Progress. October 29, 1981  
1981 "Gymnasts Second in KWIC; Look to Regional and U of L, The Eastern Progress, 1981  
1981 "A Perched Bird" (picture), The Eastern Progress, 1981  
1981 "Nationals-Bound Wilkerson Leads Women gymnasts in Regional", The Eastern Progress, 1981  
1981 "Consistency is Trademark of Gymnast Wilkerson", (article and picture), Richmond Register. April, 3, 1981  
1981 "Women Seek win over Western, The Eastern Progress. 1981  
1982 "On the 'Behne'" - (picture), The Eastern Progress, 1982
- Magazine Article  
1980 "Eastern Gymnasts Vault into National Prominence." Kentucky Sports World. Vol.3, No. 5 (January. 1980).

## Title IX Series

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- 1977 Strategies for change: How to Make Your Recommendations Happen  
nd Analysis of the HEW Title IX Athletics Policy Interpretations  
nd HEW Final Policies on Title IX/Athletics  
1978 Letter to Affirmative Action Officer, R Broddus  
1978 Letter to Assistant AD, Martha Mullins regarding coaches' meeting procedures  
1978 Letter to Assistant AD, Martha Mullins, from women coaches regarding inequities  
1979 Intercollegiate Athletics Policy issued by Secretary of HEW, Patricia Harris.  
1979 The Chronicle of Higher Education. "What Colleges Must do to Avoid Sex bias in Sport," "How HEW Will Measure Campus Compliance with Title IX."  
1977-1980 Inventory of women's gymnastics supplies  
1976 Memo requesting floor plates in AC for competition  
1978 Memo requesting floor plates in AC for competition  
1978 Letter to AD, Don Combs, regarding parallel bar purchase  
1980 Letter to Dean Bogue regarding changes in budget preparation for women's athletics  
1980 Letter of Title IX complaint to US Office of Civil Rights, William Thomas  
1980 Memo requesting floor plates in AC for competition  
1980 Letter from AD, Don Combs regarding floor plates  
1980 Letter from Office of Civil Right acknowledging receipt of complaint

1980 Letter form Agnes Chrietzberg, Gymnastics Coach regarding confidentiality  
1980 Letter from WEAL Fund offering support  
1980 Letter from OCR acknowledging receipt of Privacy Act Form  
1983 Memo from Doug Whitlock regarding OCR follow-up visit  
1983 Memo to Stan Theune, OCR, regarding subsidized visits of prospective gymnasts  
1983 Letter from OCR regarding completion of Title IX investigation  
1983 Statement of Findings, Office of Civil Rights