

**Finding Aid for Dominic L. Rosselli Collection, 1933-2020,
undated**



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Descriptive Summary

Title: The Dominic L. Rosselli Collection, 1933-2020, undated

Creator: Dominic Rosselli and family

Extent: 1.7 cubic feet (2 boxes and one oversize folder)

Abstract: Dominic (Dom) Rosselli began his coaching career at Youngstown College in 1939 as assistant coach of football and men's basketball. He initiated the college's baseball program in 1948. He was the 10th most winningest coach in NCAA history with a combined record of 1,007 wins-607 losses in basketball and baseball when he retired. He was an inspirational figure on campus and in athletics until his death in October 2008.

Administrative Information

Provenance: Dominic Rosselli and family

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Historical Background

Dominic Louis Rosselli was born on March 19, 1915 in Youngstown, and was raised in the Smokey Hollow neighborhood. Mr. Rosselli was a 1935 graduate of The Rayen High School in Youngstown, and a member of its Athletic Hall of Fame. He served as President of his class and continued to meet with a small group of fellow alumni into the 1990s. He earned his undergraduate degree in Education from Geneva College (in Beaver Falls, PA); and his master's degree from The University of Pittsburgh. He received an honorary doctorate degree of Humane Letters from Youngstown State University in 2005. Mr. Rosselli served during World War II from 1941-1946 as a captain with the United States Air Force in Special Services/Moral Support.

His coaching career began in 1939 at Youngstown College, where he started off as an assistant coach to both the football and men's basketball teams. Later, as head men's basketball coach, Dom Rosselli established a final record of 589 wins and 388 losses. In 1948, after returning from service in WWII, Coach Rosselli initiated a college baseball team, which he coached for 24 years earning a record of 418 wins and 219 losses. Through his 39-year tenure as basketball and baseball coach at Youngstown College and Youngstown State University, he tallied a record of 1,007 wins and -607 losses, placing him 10th in NCAA history in total collegiate victories. A bronze statue on the south patio of the YSU's basketball arena, Beeghly Center, was donated by the Tony Lariccia family, and commemorates his career at YSU.

Mr. Rosselli married his wife Constance on November 8, 1940 and they have four children. He was a member of the Golden Eagles Club and the Old Timers Baseball USA. Among awards he has received are: Ohio Coach of the Year in 1957 and 1964, National Italian Coach of the Year in 1967, Sportsmanship Awards and the YSU Heritage Award in 1995. Dom Rosselli passed away on October 07, 2008 at the age of 93.

Scope and Content

This collection is artificially organized by type. Most of the collection is photographs (1930s-2000s) and newspaper clippings (1950s-1970). Most of the information features Dom Rosselli's time as head men's basketball and baseball coach at YSU. A smaller portion of the collection covers his time before Youngstown College/YSU as a player for the Geneva College football and a baseball player for the Golden Eagles Club in Smoky Hollow. There are photographs from when Dom Rosselli was in WWII stationed at the San Bernadino airport in the Air Force Special Services Moral Support program. There are also photographs of his retirement party/celebration, his honorary degree from YSU, and a statue unveiling in 2005 which commemorates his career at YSU. There are some correspondences written to Rosselli. More details are in the inventory's series descriptions.

Colophon

This collection was donated by the Rosselli family. For preservation, newspaper clippings were copied on acid-free paper, with original clippings recycled. Two framed photographs could not be preserved. This is a copy of one in the collection. The other was an unidentified basketball game in Beeghly Center. The family indicated possible additions to the collection in the future.

This collection was processed and finding aid was written by Lisa Marie Garofali, who has a M.A. in History and 16 years of experience working in the YSU Archives and Special Collections.

Series Description

Series I: Documents

Series II: Newspaper Clippings

Series III: Photographs

Related Materials located in the Maag Library Collection

Steel Valley university: the origin of Youngstown State by Alvin W. Skardon.
LD6373 .S53

Youngstown State University: from YoCo to YSU by Donna M. DeBlasio and Martha I. Pallante. LD6373 .D43 2007x

Smoky Hollow / Alphonso Rosselli ; interviewed by Annette D. Mills. Oral History 0043

The history of Youngstown State University / Dominic Rosselli ; interviewed by James C. Dunn. Oral History 1989

The Neon (yearbook) LD6373 .N46

The Jambar (student paper) RG57

Index Terms

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BOX 1 (Legal Size box)

SERIES I: Documents

The media guides cover the men's basketball team's schedules and player statistics from 1961-1980. The correspondences are sporadic but mostly pertain to thank you and congratulations on achievements. The Heritage Award is one of the most prestigious awards given to former faculty and staff members who have made major contributions to the University during their years of service. The News Release from 1974 features Willard Webster's retirement as Athletic Director after 36 years. The Programs folder includes a reprint of the 1938 football program (YSU's first season), Ohio Coaches of the Year Program 1956/1957, an Annual Hall of Fame Banquet for the Curbstone Coaches, and a Hall

of Fame Inductee program for the Old Timers Assn., Inc. The last folder in this series features a signed menu from the 1971 YSU baseball reunion and a list of attendance from a 1982 Class Reunion of Rayen School.

Box	Folder No.	Contents
1	1	Documents. Basketball Press/Media Guides. 1961-1980
1	2	Documents. Correspondences and Heritage Award Introduction. 1956-1995
1	3	Documents. News Releases. 1974
1	4	Documents. Programs, 1956, 1966, 1988, and 1938 (reprint)
1	5	Documents. Reunion list and menu. 1982 and 1996

SERIES II: Newspaper Clippings

The Family and Event Center folder features Dom's brother coming to town, Anthony "Bull" Rosselli, in 1966 and the hallway of an events center being named after Dom Rosselli (Rosselli Hall) at the Eastwood Mall Complex in Niles, Ohio in 2020. The 1952 men's basketball season features the final game of the season against Slippery and a possible NAIB tournament. The 1956-1957 basketball season is broken into two folders for each part of the season. That year, Rosselli was named Coach of the Year and Youngstown was the Ohio NAIA Champions with a record of 23-4. The 1965-1966 year is set up the same way with a fold for each part of the year. During this time the team ended the season 19-7 and Rosselli achieved his 300th basketball win as coach. A few articles related to baseball are included in the series as well as football and a newspaper aerial shot of Geneva College.

Box	Folder No.	Content
1	6	Newspaper clippings. Family and Event Center. 1966 and 2020
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1	8	Newspaper clippings. Men's Basketball. 1956
1	9	Newspaper clippings. Men's Basketball. 1957
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1	15	Newspaper clippings. Football. 1957
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SERIES III: Photographs

This is the largest series in the collection. There are a few photographs of Dom Rosselli in his uniform during the time he served as captain in the Air Force at San Bernardino Army Airfield. Many of the photographs are of fellow officers and activities provided for the service men such as athletic games or performance entertainment. The Youngstown College

baseball team (initiated by Dom Rosselli) features the first team photograph in 1948. The Youngstown University baseball team photographs are mainly dated in the mid to late 1960s and can be distinguished by the “YU” on the uniforms. The YSU baseball team photographs date from the late 1960s to early 1980 including photographs of David Draveky. The Youngstown College football photographs show Rosselli’s early career at Youngstown as assistant football coach with head coach, Dwight Beede.

Box	Folder No.	Content
1	17	Photographs. U.S. Air Force. Special Services/Moral Support. 1942-1946
1	18	Photographs. Youngstown College baseball team. 1948, undated.
1	19	Photographs. Youngstown University baseball teams. 1965-1967
1	20	Photographs. Youngstown State University baseball teams .1968-1983, undated
1	21	Photographs. Youngstown College football. Undated, circa 1930s-40s.

BOX 2

SERIES III: Photographs (cont’d)

Photographs feature Dom Rosselli in his role as head basketball coach. Many of these photographs are promotional and some are action shots. A family photo and award’s photo for Dom Rosselli as Ohio Coach of the Year from 1964. Leo Mogus was a member of the Youngstown College basketball team from 1939-1943. Folders #4 - #33 contain photos of the men’s basketball team, individual players, and action shots. Some photos were dated based on the players identified in the photograph. Some may not be exact-but close to the actual date and are noted with “circa”.

Folder 34 contains candid shots of Dom Rosselli around the 1930-1940s, some of traveling or on campus. Other photographs of his early life include the Golden Eagles Club and the Geneva College football team. The Dom Rosselli Testimonial on April 5, 1970 was held after his 500th win and featured various speakers. The photographs of his years after his retirement include reunions, alumni games, Halls of Fame, an Honorary degree and statue unveiling.

Box	Folder No.	Content
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2	2	Photographs. Basketball Ohio Coach of the Year. 1964
2	3	Photographs. Basketball Leo Mogus. 1939-1943
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2	5	Photographs. 1951 Basketball Team (including Cecil Duffett, Sam Jankovich, Walt Brian, Mike Magula, Harry Myers, Harry Krall and Eli Danilov). 1951
2	6	Photographs. Basketball Action shots and Mike Magula. 1952

- 2 7 Photographs. Basketball Action shots Youngstown vs. Westminster circa 1953.
- 2 8 Photographs. Basketball Team and players (Robert Mayberry, Bob Yuhas, and Frank Beck) 1953-1954
- 2 9 Photograph. Basketball Players and Team (Charley Moore, Bob Cercone, Tony Knott, Ed Poplava, Bob Atterholt, and Ron Shebeck). 1954-1955 (circa)
- 2 10 Photograph. Basketball Players and Team (Tony Knott, Bob Atterholt, and Bob Mayberry) 1955-1956 (circa)
- 2 11 Photograph. Basketball Team. 1956-1957
- 2 12 Photograph. Basketball Team and Players (Herb Lake, Charley Moore, Mickey Yugovich, Roy Taylor, Jim Gordon and others). 1958 (circa)
- 2 13 Photographs. Basketball Team, NAIA Ohio Champion, Kansas City NAIA and championship dinner. 1958 (circa)
- 2 14 Photographs. Basketball Team and Players (Jim Gordon, Charles Day, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Roy Taylor, Jim Cramer, Larry Galcik and others) 1959
- 2 15 Photographs. Basketball Team. 1960
- 2 16 Photographs. Basketball Team. 1961
- 2 17 Photographs. Basketball Team and Players (Larry Galcik, Bob Chuey, Ed Korbini). 1962
- 2 18 Photographs. Basketball Team, JV Team, Action shots and Players. 1963
- 2 19 Photographs. Basketball Team and Players (Bob Douglas, Larry Seneta, David Culliver, Bill Lenzi, Charles Jones, Steve Sadlon, Charles Rowan and others). 1964 (circa)
- 2 20 Photographs. Basketball JV Squad and players (Tom Sablak, Bob Kanos, Ken Zinz, Bob Douglas, M Canavan, Joe LaVolpa, Charley Jones and Joe Nigro). 1964 (circa)
- 2 21 Photograph. Basketball Team and Charles Jones. 1965
- 2 22 Photographs. Basketball team, JV, and Players (Tony Morroco, Tom Sablak, Joe LaVolpa, David Culliver, Charles Rowan, and Charles Swaiko and others) 1966 (circa)
- 2 23 Photographs. Basketball team, JV, and Players (William Eckert, John McElroy, Joe Nigro, Chuck Rowan, Joe LaVolpa, Ralph Browne, Frank Fritz, Roger Dyer, Joe Brennan, Charles Swaiko, Charles Jones and others) 1967 (circa)
- 2 24 Photographs. Basketball team and players (Joe Nigro, Will Teague, Joe LaVolpa, Joe Brennan, Jim Lott, Chuck Rowan, and John McElroy). 1968 (circa)
- 2 25 Photographs. Basketball McElroy action shot and sign. February 26, 1969
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2	52	Photographs. Envelope of Dom Rosselli Statue Unveiling. May 20, 2005
2	53	Photographs. Envelope of Dom Rosselli Day. April 29, 2004

Series IV: Negatives

Most of the negatives contain action shots of basketball games from 1957 and 1963.

Box	Folder No.	Content
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2	44	Negatives. Basketball Squad and Capt. Robert Chuey. 1961-1962
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2	46	Negatives. Basketball. Youngstown v. Westminster. Jan. 3, 1957
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2	49	Negatives. Chuck Perazich. Undated

**1 Oversize folder with a matted photograph of football practice with Dwight Beede.
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