



**Western Kentucky University**  
**UA37 Faculty Personal Papers**  
**Series 18 Clem Haskins Personal Papers**

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**Biographical History:** Clem Haskins was born and raised on a tobacco farm near Campbellsville, Kentucky where he was one of 11 children. Along with many other firsts, he was Western Kentucky's first black basketball player in 1963. In 1967 Haskins was drafted to play for the Chicago Bulls. He played professional ball for nine years, three with the Bulls, four with the Phoenix Suns and two with the Washington Bullets retiring in 1976. Clem Haskins returned to Western in 1977 as an assistant basketball coach, becoming head coach in 1980, a position he held until 1986 when he moved to University of Minnesota. Haskins has received numerous honors including induction into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990 and WKU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. An autobiography, "Clem Haskins: Breaking Barriers" was published in 1997.

**Description:** Documents related to Clem Haskins tenure at Western Kentucky University as player and basketball coach. File includes Converse Awards and programs from events held to honor Haskins.

**Dates:** 1965-1997

**Extent:** 3 folders, 4 audiotapes

**Subject Analytics:**

African Americans  
Athletics (WKU)  
Audio recording  
Awards

Basketball  
Basketball players  
Blacks  
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**Digital Commons:**

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# Finding Aid Report

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## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Creator</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>
Box 1	1		1986-1997	Memorabilia
Description	Clem the Gem broadside Clem Haskins Appreciation Dinner Clem Haskins Farewell & Good Luck Banquet program Western Kentucky's Clem Haskins, 1966, D6860			Subjects Business cards
Box 1	2-3		1965-1967	Awards
Description	Converse All-American Selection			Subjects Awards
Tape Box 3	Drawer 9		1984-1985	Interviews - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	Audiotapes - 2  CS USA, 3/3/1985 m1471.wav Haskins, Clem Haskins, Clemette National Public Radio, 1/13/1984 m1472.wav			Subjects Interviews Radio broadcasting Audio recording