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# Western Kentucky University

## UA19 Athletics

### Series 9 Mascots



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**Biographical/Historical Note:** Big Red was born in the fall of 1979, the creation of student Ralph Carey. Since then he has become a beloved symbol of WKU around the world and has sparked a trademark lawsuit with Gabibo of Italy.

The following students have served as Big Red:

Ralph Carey 1979-80

Mark Greer 1980-83

Skip Cleavinger 1983-84

O'Brian McKinley 1983-85

Jessica Rappaport 1984-86

Daniel Rodriguez 1985-87

Scott Vick 1985-86

Curtis Barman 1986-88

Rebecca Hack 1986-88

Greg Vincent 1987-89

Wayne Kraus 1988-89

Chuck Yager 1988-89

Susan Flowers 1989-90

Brian Thorpe 1989-91

Tabitha Aldridge 1990-91

Mount Davis 1990-91

Brian Mounts 1990-91

John Bruner 1991-92

Devin Delano 1991-92

Chrissie Mueller 1991-92

Marti Black 1992-93

Barbara King 1992-93

Tina Mock 1992-94

Kris Van Meter 1992-94

Laura McCauley 1993-94

Penny Wesley 1993-94

Joe Gregory 1994-95

Laura Sosh 1994-95

Greg Swack 1994-95

Jennifer Mills 1995-97

Chris Francis 1996-97

Lisa Schaad 1995-96

Heidi Stephenson 1995-96

Robert Carothers 1996-97

Thomas Westwood 1996-97

Amy Alverson 1997-98

Stacey Coy 1997-98, deceased

Scot Richardson 1997-98

Holly Russell 1998-99

Brad Sweatt 1998-99

Ryan Burnam 1998-99

Amanda Kirby 1999-00

Andrea Sanders 1999-00

Shay Smith 1999-00

Kate Stanton 2000-01

Wade Raymer 2000-03

Wes Mudd 2002-2003

Hillary Gunn

Eric Drake, deceased

**Description:** An artificial collection regarding the WKU mascot Big Red consisting of correspondence, awards and fan club materials.

**Dates:** 1979-present

**Subject Analytics:**

Athletics (WKU)  
Big Red  
Mascots  
Western Kentucky University

**Accession Information:** These records were transferred to the University Archives in accordance with the records retention schedule.

**Access Restrictions:** none

**Copyright notice:** WKU does not own copyright of Capital One Challenge videos.

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# Finding Aid Report

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<b>UA19.9</b>	<b>Records</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Linked toUA19</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>UA19 Athletics Series 9. Mascots</b>	
<b>Collection</b>	<b>WKU Archives</b>	
<b>Scope &amp; Content</b>	<b>An artificial collection regarding the WKU mascot Big Red consisting of correspondence, awards and fan club materials.</b>	

## Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 1	1	WKU Archives	1979-2004	Correspondence
Description	Carey, Ralph Cook, Paul Hanna-Barbera Productions Hensley, Fred Minton, John Rappaport, Jessica Scollon Productions, Inc. Selig, Wood Srl, Adfra Wilkins, Deborah			Subjects Mascots Costumes
Box 1	2-7		1982	Correspondence
Description	Children's letters sent to Big Red			Subjects Mascots
Box 1	8		1980-1986	Awards
Description	Big Red Hensley, Fred Lewis, Jerry Muscular Dystrophy Association Optimist Club (Bowling Green, KY)			Subjects Mascots
Box 1	9			Fan Club
Description	Big Red Rascals			Subjects Mascots
Box 1	10		2004	25th Anniversary
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots
Box 1	11		2007	Capitol One Challenge
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots

Box 1	12		2007	Mascot Hall of Fame Nomination
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots
Box 1	13		2008	Capital One Challenge
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots
Box 1	14-16		2009	Capital One Challenge
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots
Box 1	17		2010	Capital One Challenge
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots
Box 2	1-2		2010	Capital One Challenge
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots
Box 8		WKU Athletics	1989-2004	Big Red Videos - Film/Video/Audio File
Description	VHS tapes Big Red, nd Big Red 15th Birthday Party, 1994 Big Red Birthday Party, 1995 Big Red Final Four Entry, 1991 Big Red Highlights, 1989-1990 Big Red in New York, 1991-1992 Big Red; Ralph Carey; Ron Beck, 5/21/2004			Subjects Mascots Birthdays Video recording
CD Box 1	CD349		2009	Capital One Challenge
Description	Big Red Digital image			Subjects Mascots
CD Box 1	CD350		2010	Film/Video/Audio File - Capital One Challenge
Description	DO NOT COPY Big Red			Subjects Mascots Video recording Videodiscs
MC3	D1		1996	Birthday Card
Description	Big Red			Subjects Mascots Birthday cards Autographs
Tape Box 4	Drawer 12	WKU Athletics	1989	Film/Video/Audio File - Big Red Birthday
Description	Audiotape - 1			Subjects Mascots Birthdays

Local officials wishing Big Red a happy 10th birthday.

Audio recording