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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
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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			Subjects Mascots Birthdays Video recording
	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			
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