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UA19/9 Mascots

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Administrative History: 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

**Extent:** .25 cu. ft., 8 dvds, 1 audiotape, oversize

**Subject Analytics:**
- Athletics (WKU)
- Big Red
- Mascots
- Western Kentucky University

**Digital Commons:**
- Marketing
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Sports Studies

**Accession Information:** An artificial collection created by WKU Archives.

**Access Restrictions:** none

**Allied Materials:**
- UA1C8 WKU Symbols
- UA1C11.5 Athletic Media Relations Photos
- UA1E Memorabilia
- UA94/6/1 Student/Alumni Personal Papers
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Hensley, Fred  
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Selig, Wood  
Srl, Adfra  
Wilkins, Deborah |
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| Description    | Children’s letters sent to Big Red |
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Hensley, Fred  
Lewis, Jerry  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Optimist Club (Bowling Green, KY) |
| **Box 1**      | 9      | Athletics (WKU) | 2004 | Fan Club            |
| Description    | Big Red Rascals |
| **Box 1**      | 10     |         | 2004    | 25th Anniversary    |
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| Description    | Big Red, D4647 - https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records/4751 |

**Scope & Content**

- Correspondence
- Mascots
- Costumes
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- Mascots
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- Big Red
- Carey, Ralph

- Video recording
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Local officials wishing Big Red a happy 10th birthday.

- Aldridge, Bob m733.wav
- Bowling Green, Superintendent of Schools
- Brown, Joel m729.wav
- Gaines, Jerry aka Peanut m727.wav
- Griffin, Basil m732.wav
- Luster, Douglas m731.wav
- Sloan, Patsy m728.wav
- Wedge, Denny m730.wav

Tube 13
Description: Big Red's 10th Birthday

Community signatures and greetings on 11 large sheets.

Tube 3
Description: Big Red's 10th Birthday, painting of Big Red, 78 x 36

Big Red's 10th Birthday, sheet of signatures, 78 x 36

Adwell, Brian
Barman, Curtis
Beach, Anna
Beach, Bennie
Cannon, Tom
Cassady, Elizabeth
Chaffin, Justin
Childress, Kevin
Dirnndle, Clarice
Ford, Jennifer
Ford, Julie
Gipson, Lauren
Glass, Chris
Griffin, Salem
Gulley, Taylor
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