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Larry Nokes Collection

Collection Number	MS 297
Title	The Larry Nokes Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1965-2008
Collection Size	18 linear feet
Creator	Larry Nokes
Scope and Content	A collection of PSU Gorillas including statues, plushies, photographs, and other PSU memorabilia.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English

Biographical Note Larry Nokes, born March 20, 1945, graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967 and a Master of Science degree in 1969. While trying to earn his M.S., he worked as an Assistant to the Dean of Men. After serving in the US Army from 1969 to 1971, Nokes began working as the Director of Housing at Pittsburg State University (then KSCP) while working as an Instructor in Business Management from 1971 to 1972. In 1974, he was promoted to Director of Physical Plant. Other affiliations he had during his career at Pittsburg State was with the First United Methodist Church, the Pittsburg Day Care Center, City of Pittsburg Board of Zoning Appeals, United Way Worker, the Red Cross, and managing a little league baseball team. Larry retired in 2007.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in February 2020

Content Description

This collection is primary sources and is comprised of the following:

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1: Figurines

- Gorilla Bust on PSU pedestal
- Cast Gorilla – Joseph Vaca - #62 of 3750
- Gorilla Baby – Stone Critters
- Three Cast Gorillas – separately wrapped
- 1965 PSU Senior Gift Gorilla, plaster of paris
- Mother and Infant Gorilla – plaster of paris, broken
- Mother and Infant Gorilla – silver
- Gorilla – carved wood, brown

Box 2: Figurines and Stein

- Gorilla – Cheetah/Zebra Print – ceramic
- Gorilla family (3 figures) – plastic
- Gorilla eating stem – plaster of paris
- Gorilla – goofy facial expression – ceramic
- Gorilla Standing – Red Mill – brown
- Claremore Concrete Gorilla – black
- Ceramic Bank Gorilla – brown
- Budweiser endangered species stein
- Judi’s Creations Gorilla – hollow ceramic
- Willitts #8810 Gorilla – gray – ceramic
- Gorilla – silverback – four-point stance

Box 3: Miscellaneous Gorilla Items

- White, Plush Gorilla
- Rainbow, Plush Gorilla
- Black, Plush Gorilla
- Gorilla Golf Club Cover – Scottish
- Gorilla Gold Club Cover – Pitt State
- Gorilla Hand Puppet – rubber
- Gorilla on Red Base – ceramic
- Gorilla Bank – seated, twelve inches high
- “Gilly Gorilla” – black with brown trim plush
- Mattel 1973 – plastic with rotating arms (2 toys, 1 broken)
- Tarzan Gorilla – 1995, poseable with arm chains, audio sounds

Box 4: Plushies

- Black - faux leather hands and face

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Black – Christmas tie and Santa hat

Brown – four-point stance

Box 5: Plushies

Brown – basketball

Brown – Green ribbon around neck

Brown – large with red and gold ribbon

Black – plastic eyes and brown body

Brown – plastic features

Box 6: Plushies

Brown – with butterfly

Black – leather jacket and red headband

Black – Coke bottle

Black – diploma and mortar board (2)

Black – rep cap and gown

Black – bow tie

Black – key chain

Black – gray plastic features

“Congo the baby Gorilla”

Black – black leather with brown trim features

Black – face only on slinky

Box 7: Figurines

19 ceramic and stone gorillas (1 holding a heart with PSU written on it at the top of box)

6 Plastic mechanical or wind-up gorillas

1 Cloth wind-up gorilla

Box 8: Miscellaneous Gorillas

Carved Candle

Snow globe

Wooden wall hanging

Ceramic block and easel

Ornaments (3)

Plaster of Paris plate and stand

DianaArt – plate 107 and stand

Check Box #1 – 10 pieces, 3 1965 PSU Senior Gift plastic figures

Check Box #2 – 6 pieces

Check Box #3 – 9 ceramic miniatures

Ceramic 1965 PSU Senior Gift figures – 3 with different finishes

Ceramic, Rainforest Café image

Box 9: Miscellaneous Gorillas

Crafted Creatures model kit

Mary Pope Osborne: *The Magic Treehouse: Good Morning Gorillas*

Wildlife Round Playing Cards

Plastic treescape building set

Pens and Pencils (5 items)

Letter opener

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Suckers (2)
Bookmark
Green Box – 12 miniatures, 3 1965 PSU Senior Gifts: 1 metal, 2 wood
Check Box #4 – 1 miniature and 4 magnets
Carved wooden gorillas (2 items)
Coconut monkey bank
2 circus train cars
Pipe cleaner gorilla
Copper gorilla
10 plastic/rubber gorillas
Pewter gorilla key fob
Gorilla embroidery, hanging

Box 10: PSU Programs and Items

Folder:

An Evening in Silver and Gold
The Taffetas
Summer Theater, 1998
Playhouse on Broadway, Summer Theater, 1973
Count Basie Orchestra, program, 2002
Homecoming Program, 1973
William Windom Program, 1974
Alumni Bumper Sticker
Cloth PSU Pennant
License Plate Holder
Football – 1987 CSIC Conference Champions – NAIA Semifinals
PSU Paperweight
Pepsi Cans (2) – PSU Football Schedule, 1996 and 1997

Box 11: Plushies

Gorilla in vest and tie with a cigar and PSU hat
Gorilla in PSU jersey

Box 12: PSU Sports Programs, Schedules, and Others

KSC of Pittsburg Faculty and Staff Directories – 1975-76, 1976-77
PSU Media Guides
Softball – 1995
Basketball – 1991-2 – 1995-6
Basketball – 2002-3, 2005-6, 2007-8
Football – 1994-2003
Programs
Basketball – November-December 1990
Football – 1981, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2006
Basketball – Coal Miner's Classic, Gorilla Game Day, Poster and Programs
Schedules
Softball and Baseball Cards (2002-5), Basketball (1993-2008)
Football Schedule (1993-2007) and Trading Cards (1991-2)
Postcards – Campus, Gorillas, Miscellaneous)

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Photographs and Greeting Cards – Gorillas

Miscellaneous

William Windom Tickets

KC Chiefs Schedule

KSTC Pennant

1974 KSCP Residence Hall Pocket Pal

Homecoming 1972 Program

PSU Admissions Brochure

KSCP East Apartments Brochures

Crossland/PSU/Chiefs Invitation

PSU Oval Postcard

Alumni Bookmark

Playhouse on Broadway Program, *Annie*

Blank Folder

KSCP Residents Keychain

PSU Keychain

Gorilla Keychain

KSC “hat” pincushion

“Gorilla Chilla” Water Bottle

PSU Plastic Coasters and Green Plastic Gorilla

Crimson, metallic K on wood block

Little Blue Book printing block, LBB 785 title cut

Softball – “Dedication of the PSU Softball Complex,” 1998

Souvenir Volleyball

Cannon shell casing – “Larry Nokes, Honorary Cannoneer, 2004”

Brown, Plush Gorilla

Little Balkans Day Buttons and Badges – 1985, 1986-9, 1991-2004

Pittsburg Bicentennial/Centennial, “Shaver Permit” badge

Top Shelf

Gorilla Head Bust

Large Ceramic Gorilla, four-point stance

Mother and child gorilla, ceramic

Pensive Gorilla

Oversize

Football Team Seniors, 1991, framed images

Campus Aerial, 1980

“A Commitment to Excellence,” by Ted Watts, 1995 (26 of 125)

Football Schedule Posters, 1992-1996, 1998, 2000

Basketball Schedule Posters, Women and Men, 1999-2002

Harlem Globetrotters Poster, 1995