

# **Lauren Pringle Brown Papers UA.17.153**

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#### **Summary Information**

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**Creator:** Brown, Lauren Pringle, 1905-1982

**Creator:** Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America

**Title:** Lauren Pringle Brown papers

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## **Biographical Note**

During his life, Lauren Pringle Brown (born September 2, 1905, died February 3, 1982) served Michigan State University in many capacities. He entered the school in 1926 and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science in June of 1931. During this time, he held positions as Manager of the *Spartan Gridiron* (now called the *Spartan Stadium Sideliner*), and head of the mimeograph department. After graduation he immediately accepted a position as Cross Country and Freshman Track Coach. He left coaching in 1947 to devote more time to mimeographic services (later called University Printing). Brown ran this department until his retirement in 1970.

Brown was a noted athlete during his college years. A champion cross country runner, he was voted Spartan All American for his record in distances in 1928. Elected captain of the cross country team in 1929, he retained this title until he graduated. In 1930 he was awarded a varsity letter and gold track shoes for being unbeaten for three consecutive years in dual track meets.

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Track was not the only activity in which Brown was involved. In 1928 he became a member of the Trimoria Fraternity which merged in 1937 with the Phylean Literary Society to form the Beta Kappa Fraternity. He served as Treasurer in 1931. He also became a member of the Varsity Club in 1929 and was elected Secretary. One of Brown's highest honors was being elected into Excalibur during his senior year. Membership in this organization was awarded as recognition of rare qualities of leadership and service to the college.

After college, Brown was just as successful. As coach, his cross country team won the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Championship for five consecutive years, a feat never before accomplished. Brown served as Secretary/Treasurer of the National Collegiate Track Coaches Association (1945-1949). In the 1950s Brown was involved in numerous organizations including charter member of the National Office Management Association, charter member of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen, charter member of the Alumni Association of Sigma Chi Fraternity (Secretary for the first three years), and a participant on the games committee. In 1951 he became the scorer for track, swimming, and cross country and in 1956 he devised the scoring system for NCAA Cross Country championships.

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## **Scope and Content**

The collection contains track and cross country meet results, NCAA programs, and newspaper articles. Also included is a scrapbook put together by Brown containing newspaper clippings and other memorabilia about track events Brown participated in and coached. Also in the collection are records from the MSU Alumni Association including presidential correspondence, Alumni Association Board minutes, and programs for events such as the Annual Smoker, football outings, golf outings and Homecoming. Alumni membership lists are also included. Alumni Association materials have been retained in original order. Also included are a publication "Farewell Salute to L. P. Brown," a history of the Trimoria Fraternity, film, photographs, postcards and oversized materials.

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### Arrangement

The collection is organized into five series. 1.TRACK FILES. 2. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. 3. MISCELLANEOUS. 4. AUDIO/VISUAL MATERIALS. 5. OVERSIZE MATERIALS.

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- Track and field coaches
- Track and field
- Scrapbooks
- Minutes (Records)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Sports films
- Photographs
- Postcards
- Michigan State University. Class of 1931
- Bibbins, Arthur Leal
- Rose Bowl (Football game)
- Michigan State University. Varsity Alumni 'S' Club

- Rose Bowl (Football game) (1954 : Pasadena, Calif.)
- Michigan State University. Homecoming -- Chronological subdivision--1955,;
- Michigan State University. History
- Brown, Nelda D.

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