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Scope and Content:
This collection is comprised of black and white sports photographs from the era of Bennie J. “Catfish” George, the athletic coach and physical education teacher at DSC during the 1950’s and into the 1960’s. The photographs depict the men’s basketball, baseball, football, and fencing teams. The majority consist of football player portraits and candid, in-action shots, including a game at Cheney University of Pennsylvania. While the most of the photographs are undated, all are estimated to have been taken between 1950 and 1965.

The final folder in the collection contains unidentified photographs that are not likely to represent Delaware State College athletes. It is more probable that they are associated with Bennie “Catfish” George, who was additionally active in other area sports leagues and organizations.

Biographical History:
In the early 1950’s Delaware State College employed only one athletic coach, Bennie J. “Catfish” George, to head the football, basketball, and baseball teams. Sometime in the latter half of the 1950’s, President Jerome Holland employed additional coaches to specialize in each sport. George remained an employee of Delaware State College for 30 years and earned coach of the year awards for baseball, basketball, and football from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), a conference of the African American colleges.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged alphabetically by sport.

Box and Folder Listing
Box 1:
Baseball, c. 1950-1965
Basketball, C. 1950-1965
Fencing, c. 1960
Football, c. 1945-1965
**Colophon:** This collection was purchased in January 2017 thanks to the Delaware State University Foundation. It was processed by Rejoice Scherry with assistance from Donald Blakey, the baseball and fencing coach beginning in the latter 1950’s.