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Collection Number:	MS2021.12
Title:	Tillman R. Sease Collection [1948-1997]
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Abstract

The Tillman R. Sease Collection contains materials related to Christiansburg Institute and Howard University sports coach, Tillman R. Sease.

Biographical / Historical Note

Tillman R. Sease Sr. (September 6, 1916 – September 2, 1988) was an American football and baseball coach with a notable career spanning several institutions. Graduating from Bluefield State College in 1948, he later earned a master's degree in education from Columbia University.

Sease's coaching journey began at Christiansburg Institute in Virginia, where from 1948 to 1956, he served as athletic director and coached football, basketball, and baseball. He ensured its participation in the Virginia Interscholastic Association (VIA), a statewide network for African American secondary schools. Sease's leadership led to CI's success within the VIA, where students competed in academics and athletics. Sease's contributions to CI and the African American community remain integral to its history. He then returned

to Bluefield State in 1956 as an assistant football and basketball coach under Sam B. Taylor before being appointed as the athletic director in 1959.

From 1959 to 1961, Sease served as the head football coach at Bluefield State College, followed by stints at Howard University in Washington, D.C. from 1962 to 1968 and again from 1970 to 1972. At Howard, he also coached baseball.

Collection Description

The Tillman R. Sease Collection contains materials related to Christiansburg Institute sports coach, Tillman R. Sease including; event programs, photographs, newspaper clippings, and correspondences. The material spans from 1948-1997.

Arrangement Description

This collection is arranged in original order by the creator.

Related Materials

Christiansburg Institute Alumni Association Collection. Christiansburg Institute Museum & Archives. Christiansburg, VA.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Tillman Sease, Jr.

Subject Headings

- Christiansburg Industrial Institute--History.
- African Americans--Education--Virginia--Christiansburg--History.
- African Americans--Virginia--Montgomery County--History.
- African Americans--Virginia--Montgomery County--Biography.
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- African Americans--Virginia--Pulaski County--History

Using the Collection

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Collection Inventory

CI commencement program, 1950
2nd Annual Banquet program, 1950
2nd Annual Banquet program, 1950 (Second Copy)
Ninth District Teachers Association program, 1956
3rd Annual Tillman R. Sease Scholarship dance flyer, 1997
Memorial Service CIAA Banquet Program, 1983
CIAA Fourth Reunion Banquet and Cabaret Program, 1986
CIAA First Annual Alumni Banquet and Cabaret Program, 1977
Tillman R. Sease Collection CI Sports Newspaper Clippings, undated
Tillman R. Sease Collection Photographs, CII sports and campus life, undated (15)
Tillman R. Sease Correspondence: J. P. Archer, 1948
Virginia Interscholastic Athletic League Basketball Eligibility List, 1949
Tillman R. Sease Correspondence: C. C. Shelburne, 1948
Tillman R. Sease Correspondence: A. G. Tippitt, 1955
Benefit Bowl Flyer, undated
Bus Transportation Paperwork, 1948
Tillman R. Sease Correspondence: W. T. Baldwin Jr and L. H. McWane, 1950
Tillman R. Sease Correspondence: Dreyfus Froe, 1948
CIAA 4th Reunion Program, 1986
A Night With the Coach Program, 1974
A Night In Honor Ticket No 245, 1974