Welcome to the UCI Libraries’ 50th Anniversary exhibit, Ready, Set, 2017! UCI Athletics Since 65!

When UCI opened its doors in 1965, students had the opportunity to play on NCAA Division II teams in basketball, golf, water polo, swimming, sailing, tennis and crew. The Anteaters was the newly created school mascot and most of the athletes were freshmen and sophomores. Fifty years later, the UCI Athletics Department proudly claims over 500 All-Americans, 53 Olympic participants and 3,849 Scholar-Athletes on men’s and women’s teams in twelve sports. Anteaters have captured a total of 83 conference titles since July 1, 1977, when the University moved from NCAA Division II to Division I, and 28 national titles since 1965.

Ready, Set, 2017! UCI Athletics Since 65! chronicles how a young campus achieved such impressive results against many odds. This exhibit documents the dedication, excellence, commitment to success and perseverance in the face of adversity that built today’s “Eater Nation.”

Using rare photographs, archival documents, and items from the UCI Athletics and Physical Education Department records and other sources, the UCI Libraries exhibit tells the story of Anteaters achieving. These materials include achievements and milestones in UCI sports history including Olympic victories, improbable come-backs, heartbreaking losses, conference and national championships, and the incredible team spirit that made it all possible.

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The UCI Athletics and Physical Education Department records were acquired in February 2015 from the UCI Athletics Department, comprised of player rosters, game schedules, photographs, programs, and more. This collection documents UCI’s athletic teams and administration since 1965 to 2003.

Featuring an Opening Night Panel with UCI Coaches

Julie Brooks
Women’s Golf

Mike Giampa
Men’s Basketball

Dan Matt
Women’s Water Polo

Russell Turner
Mark Scissure

Four of UCI’s National Championship rings.

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