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Bill Russell Memorial Correspondence 1970

Bill Russell

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February 11, 1970

Mr. Bill Russell
c/o Hal Perry
5227 East 14th
Oakland, California

Dear Bill:

Last year, at the urging of and in cooperation with the Black Students Union, the University sought to find a manner in which it could honor you, its greatest athlete. After much talk and many ideas, Joe Marshall and Harold Logwood of the Black Students Union, Pete Peletta and I worked out what we thought would be a fitting memorial dedicated to you. I later presented this to the President and Trustees and they, too, concurred that what we had in mind would not only be something that would bring an additional honor to you, but it would provide the proper setting in which future students might see some of the athletic tradition of their school.

We are now in the process of creating the Bill Russell Room which we feel will not only be the most distinguished and most beautiful room on campus, but which will be a most fitting tribute to you. We found in our research that one of the best ways by which Universities honor their greatest athlete is to have a large room which is dedicated to him and in which is contained some of his awards, trophies, his development from youngster to adulthood through pictures, his retired jersey, and other mementoes which will give to future students, alumni, and friends some insight into and feeling of pride for the athlete so honored.

To provide such a room, we have taken two rooms in the gymnasium which are on the same level as the basketball court, knocked down the wall between the rooms, and now we are presently paneling the room with rich wood, carpeting it, putting in a display case, covering one wall, which will, we hope, show some of your awards, trophies, and other mementoes, and four or five other smaller display cases to honor other great USF athletes. We hope that the room will serve not only as a place where students, alumni, and friends may visit to see the historical mementoes of you and other great USF athletes, but as a suitable place for press conferences, special small gatherings of Father President, and other important events.

The room is currently under construction and we are hoping that it will be finished sometime around the middle of March. The purpose of this letter is not only to inform you of the Bill Russell Room, but Harold and I would also like to find out when and if you would be available to come to the dedication of the Room. After its completion, we would hold the dedication anytime in March or April that you would be available.

Also, and this, of course, is preliminary to your seeing the Room, we would like to have you share with us by displaying them in the showcase, any trophies, awards, pictures, or other honors that you feel would be appropriate.

We would be most honored and happy if you could be present for the dedication and if you could put on display those awards, trophies, pictures and so forth that you would think appropriate to the Room. If there are any questions concerning the Bill Russell Room or the dedication, we would appreciate hearing them from you.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Sunderland, S.J.
Vice President for Student Affairs

Harold Logwood
~~President~~, Black Students Union
CHAIRMAN,

cap

April 2, 1970

Father Jonsen,

It is well known within the Black Student Union, the Black community and the White community that our past alumni, Bill Russell, is a great athlete and man. As you know the University of San Francisco is about to dedicate a room to Bill Russell. The Black Student Union feels this is an admirable gesture in his honor, but we think that the University should take action which he would consider more personal. It is our desire to see that Mr. Bill Russell receives an honorary degree from University of San Francisco as a tribute for his outstanding accomplishments, both in sports -(where he was selected as the greatest athlete of the decade) - and in his work towards the dignity of man. Such a move in this direction would undoubtedly receive strong support from students, faculty, and alumni of the University of San Francisco, as well as the community of San Francisco. It would seem appropriate that upon the dedication of the Bill Russell roomhave the presentation of the honorary degree which would be an additional symbol of our respect; and also this would afford Mr. Bill Russell the opportunity to express his opinions.

Sincerely,

Harold Logwood
The Black Student Union
Harold Logwood - Chairman

HL/al

TU. 2/20
 5:15pm
 Channel 7
 S.F. Rally
 Pam Moore
 875
 S.F. Calif.

Office House - BSU

Monday	9am to 10am	10am to 11am	11am to 12pm	12pm to 1pm	1pm to 2pm	2pm to 3pm	3pm to 4pm	4pm to 5pm
Monday	Jim Jolly 661-7135	Roddy 611-1500 611-1500	James 611-9166	McArthur 6220	Smith 611-9166	Patricia 611-9166	Jane 611-9166	Charles Sheppard 569-7122
Tuesday	JEANETTE MADONNA GILSON 610-103-1130 Bbbs, 1e18	Johnny Banks Phelan 618	central committee meetings	Janette KENNEDY HARRIS	Hayle yong 560300	Ruebe Butler 210	Charles Sheppard 569-7122	
Wednesday	Jim J	Rozanne 611-1500 611-1500	James 611-9166	Bender 611-9166	Janette	Jane 611-9166		
Thursday	Apple 611-9166	Johnny Banks Phelan 618	James 611-9166	Janette 611-9166	Hayle yong 560300	Ruebe Butler 210	Charles Sheppard 569-7122	
Friday	Jim J	Adrienne Landy 6800	James 611-9166	McArthur 6220	Janette 611-9166	Jane 611-9166		

* Please put local address + phone #

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- 1) Royalyn Neer Hillen 807 - MW 10-11
 - 2) Seanette Nickmald 4816 Tues 10-11
 - 3) Brenda Gray 4427 Thurs 10-11
 - 4) Adreanna Dandy 4820 Fri 10-11
 - 5) Pamela Moore 4177-9597 MWF 11-12:00
 - 6) Johnny Burke 1618 Tues 11-12
 - 7) Brenda McInturff 4220 MWF 12-1:00
 - 8) Kattie Smith 282-2798 Thurs 12-1:00
 - 9) Sandra Marshall MWF 1-2:00
 - 10) Lonetta Speers 4427 Tues 1-2
 - 11) Walter Pope 6652982 Thurs 1-2
 - 12) Pat Dinkelson 4426 MW 2-3
 - 13) Beagle Young 522-0300 T/Thurs 2-3
 - 14) Anne Rice 4212 MWF 3-4
 - 15) Phoebe Batten 4216 T/Thurs 3-4
- to Marquette 2nd floor
- 1) No long distance or toll calls. (without presrt of permission by Central Comm. granted.)
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 - 4) Discourage eating in office.
 - 5) If you'd like to decorate (collage etc) feel free check with me!

Alternates List

(Marked / new / free bus)

- 1) Dwayne Davis 444. 10:01 MWF after 2pm.
- 2) Valata Jenkins after 10:30pm
- MWF after 2pm
- T/Thurs after 1pm.

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Attempted Recruits for Basketball:

Mike Stewart

Ansley Truitt

Edgar Jacey

Bruce Clark

Sam Hill

Ottis Allison

Herman Brown

Maurice Harper

Lyn Swan

Ronnie Dell

Wayne Snellgrove

Willie Daigle

Mike Webb.

Bill Russell Room - \$26,000.00 - Completion date 1969!

Toya Alexander 301
Linda Barconey 402
Claudette Brooks 219
Angela Brown 202504
Lurlene Bush 217
Phoebe Butler 216
Lola Chapple 626
Carrie Chavis 417
Dale Christian 313
Davia Crowder 220
Mary davis 420
Joanna Dukes 202
Linda Flenaugh 701
Lynette Francis 426
Deborah Glosson 225
Carolyn Gage 628
Pam Garrison 420
Brenda Grey 427
Gwen Hadden 809
Lorrain Harris 809
Gwen Harrison 222
Diane Hill 210
Fern Holdoway 701
Zoe Irving 808

Charlotte Knight 605
Adrienne Landry 820
Marvalyn Ligon 210
Cheryl Lockett 225
Brenda MacArthur 220
Yvonne Mason 203
Margaret Matson 212
Jeanette McDonald 816
Jackie Minor 713
Rosalyn Moore 713
Pat Nicholson 426
~~XXX~~ Dona Peake 816
Rhonda Pittman 216
Brenda Renfro 210
Carolyn Reynolds 625
Lorette Spears 427
Sylvia Tatum (S.T.) 203
Eulalia Thomas (Penny) 219X
Monica Thomas 226
Carolyn Timms 808
Karen Windsor 626
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Peggy Avalos 820
Pat Valendez 424

Hayes-Healy Hall Sisters

Baphste, Andrea 216
Bevel, Nova 707
Bluitt, Deborah 602
Brown, Daphyne 310
Davis, Diane 601
Edwards, Karyn 206
Harris, Brenda 707
James, Rosaline 810
Jenkins, Valata 601
Jones, Behettie 826
Josephx, Petrina 218
Lemelle, Linda 821
Lewis, Paula 314

McCrea, Janice 324
Mitchell, Shirley 504
Morton, Brenda 905
Robinson, Brenda 523
Roy, JoAnn 208
Siebenhoven, Marguerite 923
Smith, Gwen 820
Snow, Wina 522
Wilcot, Juanita 210
Williams, Michele 420
Woodfolk, Mary 725
Woodfolk, Stephanie 725