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Biographical Note

Newspaper journalist and blogger Shaun D. Mullen was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on March 14, 1947. His 20-year career at the Philadelphia Daily News (1981-2001) included work as night city editor and special projects editor, with numerous investigative reporting assignments, features, and special columns. He created a weblog, Kiko's House, in 2005.

Shaun D. Mullen was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on March 14, 1947. He was graduated from John Dickinson High School and pursued lifelong interests in journalism and writing, which had been cemented during a summer institute at the Medill School of Journalism in Evanston, Illinois. Mullen attended the University of Delaware, where he served as editor-in-chief of the school paper, The Review, during the socially, politically, and culturally momentous years of 1967-1969. He went to work for the Wilmington (Delaware) News Journal after leaving the University but he was drafted into the Army in August 1969. Mullen eventually was stationed in Tokyo, Japan, where he worked for Pacific Stars & Stripes. After his Army discharge and a freelance career in the Far East, Mullen returned to the News Journal in 1973 as deputy city editor.

Mullen was hired as night city editor of the Philadelphia Daily News in 1981 and in the course of his 20-year career there also worked as special projects editor on investigative projects. He also worked as an editorial writer and as a reporter who covered, among other stories, the O.J. Simpson murders, criminal and civil trials, and the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton. In 1987, Mullen supervised "The Six Hundred and Thirty," a special Daily News section with biographies of the 630 Philadelphians (all men) who died or went missing in Vietnam. (The number of identified dead and missing has since increased.) The 630 stories were collected in time for the city's dedication of a Vietnam War Memorial at Penn's Landing in 1987. From January 2000-2001, Mullen wrote a five-day-a-week column--from the perspective of a 120-year-old "lost soul"--under the pen name of Millennium Man, in which he recounted historic 20th-century events in Philadelphia, the U.S., and abroad.


Sources:

Biographical information derived from the collection. (See Box 1, Folder 1.)
Scope and Content Note

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The Mullen papers is organized in several small groups of material, as selected and organized by the author: biographical overview and photographs; selected Daily News stories with Mullen byline, editorials by Mullen, investigative reports edited by Mullen, special sections edited or written by Mullen, articles on the O.J. Simpson case, The Six Hundred and Thirty, and Millennium Man. "Best of" blog entries, 2008-2011, from Kiko's House are followed by two folders of blog topics that received wide following: "Bush torture regime" and "golden retriever cancer epidemic" posts. Personal miscellany includes press passes, buttons, an original caricature of Mullen drawn by Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Signe Wilkinson, and a 10-card pack of Torture Team trading cards created to raise awareness of torture tactics and treatment of terrorist suspects, 2009. The collection also includes several newspaper issues of special significance to the author.

Detailed descriptions of the collection contents were provided by the author.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Simpson, O. J., 1947---Trials, litigation, etc.--Press coverage.

Corporate Names

Philadelphia Daily News (Firm)

Kiko's House

Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Philadelphia)

Topical Terms

Blogs.


Form/Genre Terms

Photographs.

Newsclippings.

T-shirts.

Buttons (information artifacts)

Bumper stickers.

Collecting cards.

Identity cards.

Occupation

Journalists.

Materials Cataloged Separately

Arrangement

The collection is arranged topically/chronologically by nature of the collection content.
Detailed Description of the Collection

Biography and photographs, 1964-2012 [Box 1 F1]


Selected Philadelphia Daily News stories with Mullen byline, 1993-1995 [Box 1 F2]


Videotape Trial to be a Rerun, Rodney King trial , 1993 February 1 [Box 1 F2]

Clinton Plan a Shift from Reagan, President Clinton's first budget , 1993 February 19 [Box 1 F2]

Mandela Likely to Take Helm , 1993 March 8 [Box 1 F2]

America's Misguided War on Drugs , 1993 May 5 [Box 1 F2]

Pride & Prejudice, architecture review of new Philadelphia Convention Center , 1993 June 24 [Box 1 F2]

Take in a Shower Tonight, preview of meteor shower , 1993 August 11 [Box 1 F2]

Curing the System, overview of Clinton health-care reform plan , 1993 September 20 [Box 1 F2]

Mandela's South Africa Starts Anew , 1994 May 11 [Box 1 F2]

Camelot Mourns: Jackie Kennedy Onassis Is Dead , 1994 May 20 [Box 1 F2]

When We Hit the Beach, It Turned 20th Century Tide, 50th anniversary of D-Day , 1994 May 31 [Box 1 F2]

Vietnam War Still Haunts Us , 1994 June 13 [Box 1 F2]

He Makes an Apology That's Not Acceptable, book review , 1995 April 28 [Box 1 F2]

Selected Philadelphia Daily News editorials written by Mullen, 1995 [Box 1 F3]

In Pa. and U.S., Democrats Founder , 1995 June 7 [Box 1 F3]

Viet War's Over -- Time to Move On , 1995 June 19 [Box 1 F3]

U.S.-Japan Pact Opens Door a Crack , 1995 June 30 [Box 1 F3]
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Which Network Offers the Juiciest Coverage?, 1995 February 27 [Box 1 F6]

A Treasure Chest for the Defense, 1995 March 10 [Box 1 F6]

The Line on O.J., 1995 March 20 [Box 1 F6]

Battle of the Sexes, 1995 March 31 [Box 1 F6]

The Simpson File, 1995 [Box 1 F6]

Walton, Robert J. with Smith, LaGard. Trial of the Century: You Be the Juror., 1994 [Box 3 F18]

The Six Hundred and Thirty, part 1, 1987 October 17 [Box 1 F7]

The Six Hundred and Thirty, part 2, 1987-1997 [Box 3 F8] (Poster removed to oversize mapcase.)
Includes Mullen's overview of the project, copies of the veterans' stories as published in the Philadelphia Daily News, a poster, and a program from the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial 5th anniversary re-dedication ceremonies, 1992.

Millennium Man, 2000-2001 [Box 3 F9]

Kiko's House selected blog entries, 2008 [Box 3 F10]

Kiko's House selected blog entries, 2009 [Box 3 F11]

Kiko's House selected blog entries, 2010 [Box 3 F12]

Kiko's House selected blog entries, 2011 [Box 3 F13]
Includes color print of "Photoshopping: They've Only Just Begun" post.

Kiko's House - Bush torture regime posts, 2008-2010 [Box 3 F14]

Kiko's House - golden retriever cancer epidemic posts, 2011 [Box 3 F15]

Personal ephemera and miscellany (1), 1969-2009 [Box 3 F16]

Personal ephemera and miscellany (2) , 1980-2008 [Box 2 F17] (Poster removed to oversize mapcase.)
Includes "Save The White Clay Creek Don't Dam It!" bumper sticker, ca. 1980; color caricature of Shaun D. Mullen drawn by Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Signe Wilkinson with autographs of newsroom staff members on the occasion of Mullen's retirement from the Philadelphia Daily News, June 2001; Barack Obama "Change We Need" presidential campaign rally placard, 2008; and "Political Descent," a wall poster by Edward Sorel from cover art for The Nation, ca. 1996.

Citation plaque , 2000 [Box 2 NF]
Plaque presented to Shaun D. Mullen "For Outstanding Dedication and Commitment to the Thomas A. Edison/Fareira High School" in Philadelphia, Pa. at the schools' June 2000 commencement ceremony.

"1/1/00," The New York Times , 2000 January 1 [Box 2 NF]

"75 Reasons We Love Philadelphia," Philadelphia Daily News , 2000 March 31 [Box 2 NF]
Special wraparound section celebrating the newspaper's 75 anniversary.

Close-up cover photograph of Shaun D. Mullen pulling 9mm Glock handgun from his trouser waist for "Hidden Danger," a story on the 35,000 concealed weapon permits issued to city residents.

Including entire special section on the terrorist attacks.

"Nations' Champs," The News Journal (Wilmington, Del.) , 2003 December 20 [Box 2 NF]
Front page headline on the University of Delaware winning the NCAA 1-AA national football championship.