The John and Dessa Campbell Library Endowment

John Campbell (’26) served as a member of the Notre Dame Advisory Council for the Hesburgh Libraries from 1974 until his death in 1986. Prior to retirement, he served as executive vice president of Bankers Trust in Albany, New York. He was also a director of First American Bank and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Malta. He and his wife, Dessa, resided in Loudonville, New York. Through their estates and with the assistance of John’s brother, Joe (’38), they established the John and Dessa Campbell Library Endowment to support the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Sports Research Collection.

The Joyce Collection serves as a repository and clearinghouse for broad-based national and international historical sports research. It serves faculty, undergraduates, and graduate students from colleges and universities throughout North America and Europe; independent United States and Canadian sports historians; print and broadcast journalists; professional and amateur organizations, associations, teams, and governing bodies; corporate sports sponsors; athletics promoters, management, and marketing services; and representatives from sports halls of fame and museums.

Hence, it requires careful and consistent development, interpretation, and maintenance. The John and Dessa Campbell Library Endowment assures the optimal development of this special collection and the ability of the Hesburgh Libraries to provide the best possible service to the wide range of researchers and others who regularly draw upon its wealth of information.