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**Cradle of Coaches Archive
Bob Kurz Collection**

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Bob Kurz is a Miami University Alumnus, editor, writer, and contributor to the rich history of sports at Miami University. Kurz began his career at Miami University as a freshman in 1954, and joined the Miami Student as a sports writer that same year. Kurz quickly became connected with the sports community at Miami after seeing his first Miami football game at Miami Field under coach Ara Parseghian.

After his graduation in 1958, Kurz was hired by Miami University as the Sports Information Director, where he stayed for seven years. During this time, he was also a part-time editor for Beta Theta Pi, a position held by Kurz for many years to come.

In 1965, Kurz announced his resignation from Miami University, in order to pursue a career at the Dallas Times-Herald. Upon his departure, Kurz was regarded as “widely known and highly respected,” among his colleagues and associates at Miami University.

In 1983, Kurz’s book *Miami of Ohio, The Cradle of Coaches*, was published. The book was the first of its kind (coining the phrase “Cradle of Coaches”) and put into perspective the rich coaching history at Miami University. The book highlights the stunning history of football at Miami from its beginnings through 2002.

In 1992, Kurz was inducted into the Cradle of Coaches Association, which was established to further recognize the contributions of a select few Miamians to the awe-inspiring history of sports at Miami.

In 2004, Kurz and his wife, Marian, provided funding for the construction of the Cradle of Coaches Plaza, or the grand entrance to Yager Stadium. Comprised of life sized statues and boastful architecture, the plaza pays homage to the great coaching legends of Miami’s past.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The Bob Kurz Collection forms a portion of the Cradle of Coaches Archive and includes manuscripts, news clippings, publications, photographs, and other materials pertaining to the Cradle of Coaches.

This collection is from the personal files of Bob Kurz, Miami University alumnus ('58), former sports information director at Miami University (1958-1965); Cradle of Coaches member; author of *Miami of Ohio: The Cradle of Coaches*; and originator of the nickname, “Cradle of Coaches.”

Items in this collection include: Correspondence regarding Kurz’s resignation from Miami University; Miscellaneous news clippings about the Cradle of Coaches; Correspondence between Kurz and other Cradle members; Manuscripts pertaining to the publication of Kurz’s book; Collection of Weeb Ewbank memorabilia; Other Miami publications; Autographed books; and Miscellaneous photographs.

Of special note are original letters from Paul Dietzel, John Pont, and Earl Blaik; correspondence from numerous publication houses on the occasion of Kurz’s resignation from Miami University; and a small collection of photographs of Weeb Ewbank with memorabilia from his days at the Great Lakes Naval Academy. Also included are two books inscribed to Bob Kurz by Weeb Ewbank, one book inscribed to Bob Kurz by Paul Brown, plus one signed copy of *Miami of Ohio: Cradle of Coaches* by Bob Kurz.

ARRANGEMENT

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RELATED MATERIALS

Sports Information Office Collection, Cradle of Coaches Archive, The Walter Havighurst Special Collections and University Archives, Miami University, Oxford, OH

Miami of Ohio – The Cradle of Coaches, by Bob Kurz. Central Printing Co., Dayton: 1983. LCCN: 83-50645. SPEC GV711.K87 2002

PB: The Paul Brown Story, By Paul Brown with Jack Clary. Atheneum, New York: 1980. ISBN: 0-689-10985-7. SPEC GV939.B77 A 35 1979

Inscription: "Best Wishes, Paul E. Brown."

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Kurz, Bob
Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)
Dietzel, Paul F

Pont, John
 Blaik, Earl H., 1897-1989
 Ewbank, Weeb
 Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Great Lakes, Ill.)
 Football -- 20th century
 Coaching (Athletics) -- 20th century

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series I: Resignation from Miami University

Subseries I: News Articles

Box	Folder	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	1	1	<i>Bob Kurz Resigns Sports Information Post At Miami To Accept Promotion Job In Dallas</i> Hamilton Journal	1965/07/14
1	1	2	<i>Kurz Leaves Miami For Newspaper Job</i> Dayton Daily News	1965/07/14
1	1	3	<i>Lines by Rorrer</i> , by George Rorrer The Herald-Dispatch	1965/07/17
1	1	4	Article regarding Kurz resignation (Typed; Original, on Miami University Office of Public Information letterhead)	undated

Subseries II: Correspondence

Box	Folder	Item	To	From	Description/Contents	Date
1	2	1	Bob Kurz	Dave Kempton	Correspondence congratulating Kurz on his new position (Typed; Original, on Ohio University Memo)	undated
1	2	2	Bob Kurz	George Dietrich	Correspondence sharing thoughts on the news of Kurz's resignation and well wishes (Typed; Original)	1965/07/05
1	2	3	Phillip R. Shriver	Bob Kurz	Kurz's resignation letter (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/12
1	2	4	Bob Kurz	Tom Hamlin	Correspondence of well wishes (Typed; Original, on WHIO – Miami Valley Broadcasting Corporation letterhead)	1965/07/14
1	2	5	Bob Kurz	Tom Hamlin	Correspondence of well wishes (Typed; Carbon copy, on WHIO – Miami Valley Broadcasting Corporation letterhead)	1965/07/14

1	2	6	Bob Kurz	Allen Stout	Correspondence sharing thoughts on the news of Kurz's resignation and well wishes (Typed; Original, on WCKY letterhead)	1965/07/14
1	2	7	Bob Kurz	Pat Harmon	Correspondence sharing thoughts on the news of Kurz's resignation and well wishes (Typed; Original, on The Cincinnati Post and Times-Star letterhead)	1965/07/14
1	2	8	Bob Kurz	Warren Johnson	Memo with subject line "'Good Luck' and 'Thanks'" sharing thoughts on the news of Kurz's resignation and well wishes (Handwritten; Original, on WPFB letterhead)	1965/07/14
1	2	9	Bob Kurz	Mil Chipp	Correspondence replying to a letter dated 1965/07/02 (not included in this collection) about the search for positions in "the promotional side of the newspaper field" (Typed; Original, on Union-Tribune Publishing Co. letterhead)	1965/07/15
1	2	10	Bob Kurz	Jay Black	Correspondence sharing well wishes on Kurz's new position (Typed; Original, on The Plain Dealer letterhead)	1965/07/15
1	2	11	Bob Kurz	Ed Kennedy	Correspondence sharing well wishes on Kurz's new position (Typed; Original, on Crosley Broadcasting Corporation letterhead)	1965/07/16
1	2	12	Bob Kurz	Howard S. Wilcox	Correspondence sharing well wishes on Kurz's new position and giving advice on who to meet in the field (Typed; Original, on Phoenix Republic and Gazette letterhead)	1965/07/16
1	2	13	Vince Spezzano	Bob Kurz	Correspondence highlighting reasons behind Kurz's acceptance of his new position at the Dallas Times-Herald (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/16
1	2	14	Bob Kurz	Joe McLaughlin	Correspondence sharing well wishes on Kurz's new position (Typed; Original, on University of Dayton letterhead)	1965/07/16

1	2	15	Bob Kurz	George	Correspondence sharing thoughts on the news of Kurz's resignation and well wishes (Typed; Original, on Huntington Publishing Company letterhead)	1965/07/17
1	2	16	George Dietrich	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to Dietrich's letter dated 1965/07/05 and thanking him for his assistance (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/19
1	2	17	Mil Chipp	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to Chipp's letter dated 1965/07/15 and telling him of his acceptance of his new position (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/19
1	2	18	Jay Black	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to Black's letter dated 1965/07/15 and thanking him for his kind words (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/19
1	2	19	Tom Hamlin	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to Hamlin's letter dated 1965/07/14 and thanking him for his kind words (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/19
1	2	20	Joe McLaughlin	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to McLaughlin's letter dated 1965/07/16 and sharing plans of travel (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/19
1	2	21	Bob Kurz	Bill Dyer	Correspondence sharing thoughts of scheduling meeting people working in the field (Typed; Original, on The Indianapolis Star News letterhead)	1965/07/20
1	2	22	Bob Kurz	J. Warren McClure	Correspondence giving well wishes (Typed; Original, on The Burlington Free Press letterhead)	1965/07/20
1	2	23	Bob Kurz	Hank Zureick	Correspondence giving well wishes (Typed; Original, on Cincinnati Reds, Inc. letterhead)	1965/07/23
1	2	24	Bob Kurz	Jack Cherry	Correspondence giving well wishes (Typed; Original, on Xavier University letterhead)	1965/07/23
1	2	25	Hank Zureick	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to Zureick's letter dated 1965/07/23 and giving thanks for his kind words (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/24

1	2	26	Dave Kempton	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to an undated memo and thanking Kempton for his "kind note" (Typed; Carbon copy)	1965/07/24
1	2	27	Bob Kurz	Charles W. Dinkins	Correspondence congratulating Kurz on his new position (Typed; Original, on Marshall University letterhead)	1965/07/26
1	2	28	Bob Kurz	Mil Chipp	Correspondence replying to Kurz's letter dated 1965/07/19 and congratulating Kurz on his new position (Typed; Original, on Union-Tribune Publishing Co. letterhead)	1965/07/29
1	2	29	Bob Kurz	Bob Gates	Correspondence congratulating Kurz on his new position and asking for help looking for someone to write features (Typed; Original, on The Christian Science Monitor letterhead)	1965/08/05
1	2	30	Bob Kurz	Hal McCoy	Correspondence congratulating Kurz on his new position and thanking him for his help (Typed; Original, on The Dayton Journal Herald letterhead)	1965/08/19

Series II: News Articles, Publications, and Vitas

Subseries I: News Articles

Box	Folder	Item	Type	Description/Contents	Date
1	5	1	Article	<i>[untitled article]</i> , captioned: "Coaching Success—From Same School" <i>Hamilton Journal</i>	1958/11/08
1	5	2	Article	<i>Some hither...others yon</i> , by Blackie Sherrod <i>Dallas Times Herald</i>	1974/08/24
1	5	3	Article	<i>Miami of Ohio: A Coaching Factory</i> , by Bob Oates <i>Los Angeles Times</i>	1987/07/21
1	5	4	Article	<i>A man of principles: Retiring Carmen Cozza adhered to ... code of integrity</i> , by Joe Hoppel <i>The Sporting News</i>	1996/11/18
1	3	1	Article	<i>Life in the Big Bowls' Shadows</i> , by Joe Drape <i>The New York Times</i> (Photocopy)	2003/09/18
1	5	5	Article	<i>Yale Finds A Coach</i> , by William N. Wallace Unknown publication	undated
1	3	2	Article	<i>Cradle of Coaches Goes Formal</i> , by Bill Narduzzi Unknown publication (Photocopy)	undated

1	3	3	Article	Copy for article regarding John Pont (Typed; Original, on Miami University Office of Public Information letterhead)	undated
1	3	5	Article	<i>Miami Athletic Hall of Fame</i> Includes a feature on John Brickles, Paul Dietzel, William (Bill) Mulliken, and Mel Olix Unknown publication (Photocopy)	undated
1	3	7	Article	<i>Miami Athletic Hall of Fame</i> Includes a feature on George Booth, Russell Baker, Wilbur Cartwright, Warren Ott, Jim Root, and Robert (Bob) Schul Unknown publication (Photocopy)	undated
1	3	8	Article	<i>Robbing the Cradle</i> , by Marty Williams Features Ron Zook Dayton Daily News (Photocopy)	undated

Subseries II: Publications

Box	Folder	Item	Type	Description/Contents	Date
1	8	1	Football Program	<i>Homecoming and Dad's Day</i> The Ohio State University Football program: Ohio State vs Northwestern	1946/11/02
1	8	2	Booklet	<i>Our Times At Miami University</i> , by J. Paul McNamara For the Golden Anniversary Reunion of the Class of 1929, June 16, 1979 Inscribed: "To Jay Colville with warm regards, J. Paul McNamara, Miami '29."	1979/10/22
1	11	1	Book	<i>PB: The Paul Brown Story</i> , by Paul Brown and Jack Clary Inscribed by Paul: "To Bob Kurz- With Best Wishes and Good Luck in 'The Cradle of Coaches' Book"	1979
1	12	1	Book	<i>Miami of Ohio: Cradle of Coaches</i> by Bob Kurz Inscribed: "Miami and Miami people will always be special to me. With all good wishes to those who share me special feelings for the wonderful campus. Love and honor to Miami"	1983
1	8	3	Football Program	<i>Gameday</i> Miami University Football program: Ohio State vs Miami	2004/09/18

Subseries III: Vitas

Box	Folder	Item	Type	Description/Contents	Date
1	4	5	Vita	Vita for John Pont [by Bob Kurz] (Typed; Carbon copy)	1963/03/06
1	3	4	Vita	Vita for William D. Mulliken ('61). (Typed; Photocopy, on Miami University Office of Sports Information letterhead)	undated

1	3	6	Vita	Vita for Robert K. Schul (Typed; Photocopy, on Miami University Office of Sports Information letterhead)	undated
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Series III: Correspondence

Box	Folder	Item	To	From	Description/Contents	Date
1	4	1	Walter C. Kurz	John L. Brickels	Correspondence regarding the hiring of Kurz's son, Bob Kurz, for the position of Sports Information Director (Typed; Original, on Miami University letterhead)	1958/06/03
1	4	2	Clinton E. Frank	Walter C. Kurz	Correspondence regarding John Pont, with quotes from a write up Bob Kurz did on Pont (Typed; Carbon copy)	1963/02/01
1	4	3	Walter C. Kurz	Clinton E. Frank	Correspondence replying to a letter from Kurz dated 1963/02/01 (Typed; Original, on Clinton E. Frank, Inc. letterhead)	1963/02/07
1	4	4	Bob Kurz	Walter C. Kurz	Correspondence informing Bob Kurz that information on John Pont was sent to Walter Levering on the Yale Football Committee and DeLaney Kiphuth, Director of Athletics (Typed; Carbon copy)	1963/02/14
1	4	6	Bob Kurz	Paul F. Dietzel	Correspondence responding to an undated letter (not included in this collection) from Kurz (Typed; Original, on United States Military Academy letterhead)	1964/01/13
1	4	7	Bob Kurz	John Pont	Correspondence responding to an undated letter (not included in this collection) from Kurz (Typed; Original, on Yale University letterhead)	1964/01/17
1	4	8	Bob Kurz	Earl "Red" H. Blaik	Correspondence regarding the cover of a Beta Magazine (Typed; Original, on Avco Corporation letterhead)	1967/04/12
1	4	9	Earl "Red" H. Blaik	Bob Kurz	Correspondence replying to a letter from Blaik dated 1967/04/12 (Typed; Carbon copy, on Beta Theta Pi letterhead)	1967/05/08

1	4	10	Janet H. Stuckey	Bob Kurz	Correspondence describing items sent to the Walter Havighurst Special Collections (Photocopy, on Robert H. Kurz letterhead)	2007/01/25
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Series IV: Weeb Ewbank Memorabilia

Subseries I: Great Lakes Naval Academy

Box	Folder	Item	Type	Description/Contents	Date
1	6	1	Envelope	Manila mailing envelope from Department of the Army to Mr. Weeb Ewbank, c/o New York Jets 22 x 29 cm	undated
1	6	2	Banquet Program	ELA Athletic Banquet program 10 x 14 cm	1946/03/12
1	6	3	Souvenir	ELA basketball souvenir	undated
1	6	4	News Clipping	<i>Ewbank, Gob Coach, Discharged Today</i> Unknown publication	undated
1	6	5	News Clipping	[untitled article] Contain basketball players' scores for Wright Field vs. Great Lakes competition Unknown publication	undated
1	6	6	News Clipping	<i>Great Lakes Coach To Get Discharge</i> Chicago Daily News	undated
1	6	7	News Clipping	<i>Party to Honor W.C. Ewbank</i> Unknown publication	undated
1	6	8	News Clipping	<i>Lt. Ewbank, Center Coach, is Separated</i> Unknown publication	undated
1	6	9	News Clipping	<i>Ewbank To Coach At Brown College</i> Unknown publication	undated
1	6	10	News Clipping	<i>Midwest Cage Play Best in U.S.: Wilson</i> , by Francis J. Powers Chicago Daily News	undated
1	6	11	News Clipping	<i>Ewbank Will Join Coaching Staff at Brown University</i> Palladium-Item	undated
1	6	12	News Clipping	<i>Lt. Ewbank Named Net Coach at Great Lakes Naval School</i> Unknown publication	undated
1	6	13	News Clipping	<i>Dunkel Charts Great Lakes as No. 1 Service Five</i> Unknown publication	undated
1	6	14	News Clipping	<i>Sports Era Ends At Great Lakes</i> , by Francis J. Powers Chicago Daily News	undated
1	6	15	News Clipping	<i>Bluejacket Cagers Terminate World War II Era</i> Unknown publication	undated

1	6	16	News Clipping	<i>Dunkel Lists Sailors as 15th, But Proves 'Dey Were Tough'</i> Unknown publication	undated
1	6	17	News Clipping	<i>Great Lakes Sports Were "The Best,"</i> by Francis J. Powers Chicago Daily News, Reprinted in the Bulletin	undated
1	6	18	Photo	Weeb Ewbank (far left) with other unidentified individuals 25 x 20.5 cm Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, New York, NY	undated
1	6	19	Photo	Weeb Ewbank (second from left) with other unidentified individuals 25 x 20.5 cm Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, New York, NY	undated
1	6	20	Photo	Weeb Ewbank (second from left) with other unidentified individuals 25 x 20.5 cm Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, New York, NY	undated
1	6	21	Photo	Weeb Ewbank de-boarding airplane, being greeted by five women (one with crown) 25 x 20.5 cm	undated

Subseries II: Weeb Ewbank Publications

Box	Folder	Item	Type	Description/Contents	Date
1	7	1	Booklet	<i>Bluejackets In Basketball, 1945-46 Season</i>	1945
1	7	2	Game Program	<i>Chicago Stadium Review: College Double-Header Basketball</i> Includes "Bluejacket Basketball" on p. 27	1946/02/01
1	7	3	Book	<i>Weeb Ewbank's Pro Football Way To Physical Fitness</i> , by Weeb Ewbank and Lud Duroska Inscribed: "To Bob! Weeb Ewbank H.O.F. 1978." (Paperback)	circa 1967
1	7	4	Book	<i>Football Greats</i> , by Weeb Ewbank, Jack Buck, Bob Broeg Inscribed: "To Bob! Weeb Ewbank. Pleasant Reading! H.O.F. 1978." (Paperback)	circa 1977

Series V: Miami of Ohio: The Cradle of Coaches Book

Box	Folder	Item	Type	Description/Contents	Date
1	9	1	Estimate	Print estimate from Hammer Graphics, Inc. (Typed; Photocopy)	1983/03/10
1	9	2	Estimate	Revised print estimate from Hammer Graphics, Inc. (Typed; Original)	1983/07/05
1	9	3	Media Release	<i>"Cradle of Coaches" Book Chronicles Coaching Greats</i> (Typed; Photocopy)	undated
1	9	4	Reviews	Book reviews	undated

1	9	5	Article	<i>Dick Cru, Tom Reed part of 'Cradle' Story</i> , by Wilt Browning Greensboro News and Record	undated
1	9	6	Photos / Negative	Images of book cover	undated

Series VI: Photographs

Box	Folder	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	10	1	Bob Kurz and Bo Schembechler taping a show at the campus station 8 x 10 in	undated
1	10	2	Miami University football team, with red sports coats furnished by Jack Samuelson, owner of Jack's Corner on High Street 8 x 10 in	undated
1	10	3	Red, white and blue golf bags lined up outside unknown country club; For use in golf game organized by Walter Kurz, with the aid of Ara Parseghian, John Pont and Bob Kurz, before the Chicago College All-Star Game 8 x 10 in	undated
1	10	4	Bob Kurz and John Pont playing in golf game organized by Kurz's father before the Chicago College All-Star Game 8 x 10 in	undated
1	10	5	Bob Kurz and Jack Brickhouse, Cubs broadcaster and radio-TV legend, seated during golf game organized by Kurz's father before the Chicago College All-Star Game 8 x 10 in	undated