



**Walter Havighurst Special Collections  
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**Cradle of Coaches Archive  
Players and Coaches Collection**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Creator: The Walter Havighurst Special Collections  
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Quantity: 2.5 cubic feet  
Location: Closed stacks

**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

The Players and Coaches Collection forms a portion of the Cradle of Coaches Archive and includes football play books, correspondence, news articles, memorabilia, media guides, etc. Also included are basketball trading cards featuring past Miami players Wally Szczerbiak, Ron Harper, Randy Ayers, and Ira Newble.

**PROVENANCE OF THE COLLECTION**

This set of materials is derived from donations and contributions both internal and external to the University and was compiled into a single collection by the staff of The Walter Havighurst Special Collections.

**ABOUT THE CRADLE OF COACHES**

Miami University is recognized as the "Cradle of Coaches" due to its unrivaled success in producing coaching legends. In 1959, the moniker "Cradle of Coaches" was first used by Bob Kurz, former Miami University sports information director, in describing the legacy of coaches and players who were at one time associated with the Miami University football program. The glory years for the Miami Redskins began as early as the 1930s and lasted through the 1960s. Membership in the Cradle of Coaches was broadened in 1975 to include coaching achievement in other Miami athletic programs. Cradle

membership also came to include leadership and contributions made by Miami graduates in administrative athletic roles.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

Series I: Basketball

Series II: Football

- Subseries I: Earl Blaik
- Subseries II: Fred "Fritz" Heisler
- Subseries III: Woody Hayes
- Subseries IV: Ara Parseghian
- Subseries V: Bo Schembechler
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- Subseries XIII: Honorary Inductees

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

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

Cradle of Coaches Archive: Paul Brown Collection, The Walter Havighurst Special Collections, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Cradle of Coaches Archive: Weeb Ewbank Collection, The Walter Havighurst Special Collections, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Cradle of Coaches Archive: Sid Gillman Collection, The Walter Havighurst Special Collections, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Cradle of Coaches Archive: Bob Kurz Collection, The Walter Havighurst Special Collections, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Cradle of Coaches Archive: Sports Information Office Collection, The Walter Havighurst Special Collections, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### Series I: Basketball

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	1	Game Program: NCAA Mideast Basketball Championship, University of Dayton Arena, March 16 & 18, 1978. 22 x 28 cm., 20 p.	1978
	2	NBA trading cards of Miami alumni who went on to stellar professional basketball careers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALLY SZCZERBIAK - 14 cards, Miami University and Minnesota Timberwolves;</li> <li>• RON HARPER - 30 cards, LA Clippers, LA Lakers, Chicago Bulls, Cleveland Cavaliers;</li> <li>• RANDY AYERS - 1 card, Ohio State;</li> <li>• IRA NEWBLE - 1 card, Atlanta Hawks</li> </ul> <p>All cards by NBA Properties, a registered trademark of the Topps Company, Inc. Each card measures 6.5 x 9 cm.</p>	1989 to 2003

**Series II: Football****Subseries I: Earl Blaik**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	1	Photograph of Earl Blaik with team and staff following Army's win over Navy in 1955. B&W, copy. Electronic image available.	1955

**Subseries II: Fred "Fritz" Heisler**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	2	1953 Fritz Heisler-signed Cleveland Browns National Football League contract for 10 <sup>th</sup> round drafted rookie Elmo Natali. Contract also contains the signature of Bert Bell, Commissioner of the NFL. Original, one page with Amendment to Paragraph 10 attachment.	1953

**Subseries III: Woody Hayes**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	3A	VHS Tape. <i>Beyond the Gridiron: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes</i> . A production of Crouse Entertainment Group and The Duncan Group in association with WOSU-TV. 1 hour.	n.d.
	3B	Book. <i>Hot Line To Victory</i> , by Woody Hayes. Diagrams and techniques. Color and b&w photos, spiral bound, 322 p.	1969

**Subseries IV: Ara Parseghian**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	4	Ara Parseghian's Coaching Philosophy. Typed, photocopy, 3 pages, signed by Ara. Includes red report folder and hand note from Ara Parseghian to Steve [Stout].	n.d.
		Parseghian's 1974 University of Notre Dame play book containing offensive/defensive/special teams schematics along with Parseghian's personal hand notes. 1974 was Ara's last year at UND, which won that year's Collegiate Football National Championship. Includes original signed note to Steve [Stout] from Ara regarding the play book.  3-Ring binder with tabs: Organization (12 p.) Kicking Game (18 p.) Basics (5 p.) Blocks (14 p.) Offense (5 p.)	1974

Box	Folder	Description	Date
		Master (1 p.) Buck (14 p.) Speed (9 p.) Finesse (5 p.) Veer (7 p.) Isolated (6 p.) Weaker (4 p.) Passing (4 p.) Action (9 p.) Pocket (0 p.) Defense (13 p.) Even (19 p.) Odd (9 p.) Split – G/L (5 p.) Coverages (0 p.) Even (9 p.) Odd (8 p.) Split (2 p.) Man (4 p.) Prevent (1 p.)	

**Subseries V: Bo Schembechler**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	5	1983 University of Michigan play book, belonging to Jerald Ingram, No. 13, fullback. (Ingram has been the running back coach for the NY Giants since 2004.) 3-Ring binder, typed with play diagrams, photocopy.  CONTENTS: UM Football 1983 Schedule, includes Fielding H. Yost quote (1 p.) Table of Contents (2 p.) Training Room Information Sheet (1 p.) General Information, Formation, Terminology (pp. 1-9) Basic Defensive Stunts (pp. 10-11) Counting Defenses & Alignments (pp. 12-15) Backfield Stance and Blocks (pp. 16-20) C-QB Exchange (p. 21) Offensive Line Calls, Blocks and Descriptions (pp. 22- 29) TE Option Blocking (pp. 30-33)  <u>WOLVERINE RUNNING GAME</u> Offensive Run Composite (p. 34) Teen Series (pp. 35-46) 20 Series (pp. 47-50) 30 Series (pp. 51- 62)	1983

Box	Folder	Description	Date
		40 Series (pp. 63- 81) Sally and Dummy (pp. 82- 84) 20 – 21 (pp. 85-86)  <u>GOAL LINE OFFENSE</u> Blocking Adjustments (pp. 87-96)  <u>WOLVERINE PASSING GAME</u> Pass protection & Techniques (pp. 97-124B) Receiver Information : Stance, routes, blocking coverages and description of terms for receivers (pp. 125-135) Strategy and Quarterback Preparation (pp. 136-142) Secondary Coverages (pp. 143-150) Pass Composite (p. 151) Passing Tree (pp. 152-153) 338-339 (pp. 154-155) 114 – 115 (p. 156) 142 -143 (p. 157) 146-147 (p. 158) 448 – 449 (p. 159) 48 – 49 Halfback Pass (p. 160) 50 Series Passing (p. 161) 60 - 70 Passing (p. 162-169) 80 – 90 Passing (p. 170 -178) 442 – 443 (p. 179-180) Kicking Game (181 – 203)	
		Annual Football catalog, Michigan Wolverines. Soft cover, 40 p., color.	1986
		Certificate of Induction to the Miami University Cradle of Coaches Association: Bo Schembechler. Signed by James C. Garland, university president and Brad Bates, director of athletics. 28 cm x 43 cm. Color photocopy.	8/28/04

**Subseries VI: John Pont**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	6	Letter from John Pont to Mr. Ronald Pomfrey, dated December 6, 1962, regarding Pomfrey's request for used Miami University football equipment. Signed by Pont on Redskins letterhead, 1 page, photocopy.	12/6/62
		Internet article: <i>John Pont, coached Indiana Rose Bowl and led Northwestern</i> , by John Mullin, chicagotribune.com.	7/1/08
		Internet article: <i>Long time college coach John Pont dies at 80</i> , The Associated Press.	7/1/08
		Internet article: <i>Remembering John Pont</i> , Miami Sports Relations. <a href="http://www.cstv.com">www.cstv.com</a> .	7/1/08

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	6	Internet article: <i>Former Football Coach John Pont Passes Away</i> , Miami Sports Relations. <a href="http://www.cstv.com">www.cstv.com</a> .	7/2/08
		Internet article: <i>Legendary Miami Player and Coach John Pont Passes Away</i> , Miami Sports Relations. <a href="http://www.cstv.com">www.cstv.com</a> .	7/2/08
		News clipping: <i>MU coaching legend Pont dead at 80</i> , by Pete Conrad, Journal News. Original.	7/2/08
		News clipping: <i>John Pont Visitation: Stories fly as friends recall good times</i> , by Daniel Wells, Journal News. Original.	7/7/08
		News clipping: <i>Pont's loyalty, caring recalled</i> , by Rick McCrabb, Journal News. Original.	7/8/08

### Subseries VII: Carm Cozza

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	7	<p>Cozza's 1995 Yale University Play Book. 3-Ring binder, typed with play diagrams, original. Includes inserts of <i>Defensive Staff Schedule</i> and <i>Plan of Organization-Football 1995</i>.</p> <p><u>Contents - Offense</u></p> <p>Miscellaneous memos and scheduling inserted at the beginning of the play book. Among these papers are: pre-season housing and transportation information, pre-season schedules, Yale class schedules, 1995 football game schedule, rooming list, football squad roster, schedule for fall football physicals, lists of college deans and masters.</p> <p><u>INDEX</u></p> <p>Cadence (p. 1)  Offensive Personnel Groups (p. 1A)  Formations (p. 2-5)  Stance (p. 6-8)  Line Blocking Techniques (p. 9-17)  Basic Backs Blocking Techniques (p. 18-22)  Numbering the Defense (p. 23)  Shade Calls (p. 24)  Blocking Rules (p. 25-28)  10 Protection (p. 29)  90 Protection (p. 30-31)  70 Protection (p. 32)  300 Protection (p. 33)  360 Protection (p. 34)  Interior Blocking Calls (p. 35)</p>	1995

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		28 (p.36) 32 (p. 37) 38, 39 & 88 (p. 38) 44 (p. 39) 46 (p. 40) 48 (p. 41) 60 (p. 42) 63 (p. 43) 64 (p.44 – 45) 66 (p. 46-48) 68 (p. 49) 69 (p. 50) 80 (p. 51) 83 (p. 52) 85 (p. 53) Other Running Plays (p. 54) Special Plays (p. 55) Passing (p. 56) Coverages (p. 57-58) Basic Individual Routes (p. 59) Basic Combination Routes (p. 60-62) Double Seam (p. 63) Streak (p. 64) Shallows (p. 65 – 67) Scat (p. 68) Indy (p. 69) Throwback (p. 70) 16 outside (p. 71) 426 (p. 72) 50 (p. 73) Jet (p. 74) 10's (p. 75) 90 (p. 76-77) Choice (p. 78) 890 (p. 79) Read (p. 80) 998 (p. 81) 360 (p. 82) 68 Pass (p. 83) 70 (p. 84) Bootleg (p. 85) Special Misdirection Plays (p. 86) Screens (p. 87) Bone Goal Line Offense (p. 88) Kicking Game (K1-56)	



Box	Folder	Description	Date
		<u>Contents - Defense</u> Defensive Line (DL 1-82) Line Backers (LB1-27) Fronts (F1-18) Pressure Package (P1-8) Goal Line (GL1-9) DB Play/Coverage (DB1-63)	
	Map case	Marketing Poster: <i>Gilman Legends Series</i> . Features Carm Cozza as Head Football Coach, Yale University, with a testimonial from Cozza supporting Gilman Gear.	ca. 1994
	Map case	<i>A Guide To Your 1996 Yale Football Tradition Print: From Camp to Cozza</i> . Key to the figures depicted in the print (below). 23 cm x 29 cm. Encapsulated.	1996
	Map case	Print. <i>Yale Football: From Camp to Cozza</i> . Drawn by Neal Portnoy. Color, 59 cm x 74 cm. Encapsulated. (See above for key to figures.)	1996

**Subseries VIII: Clive Rush**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	8	Letter from Clive H. Rush to Mr. Ronald Pomfrey, dated October 31, 1962, regarding request for a team jersey. Typed letter signed by Clive Rush on University of Toledo letterhead, photocopy.	10/31/62

**Subseries IX: Tim Rose**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	9	Letter from Tim Rose to Ronnie Pomfrey, dated November 29, 1983, regarding Pomfrey's request for a jersey or helmet. Typed letter signed by Tim Rose on Miami University Intercollegiate Athletics letterhead. Photocopy.	11/29/83
		Letter from Tim Rose to Ron Pomfrey, dated November 9, 1984, regarding his request for a cracked helmet or team jersey. Typed letter signed by Tim Rose on Miami University, Intercollegiate Athletics letterhead. Photocopy.	11/9/84
		Letter from Tim Rose to Ronnie Pomfrey, dated February 14, 1985, regarding Pomfrey's request for a weight-lifting program. Typed letter signed by Tim Rose on Miami University Intercollegiate Athletics letterhead. Photocopy.	2/14/85

**Subseries X: Randy Walker**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	10	1990 Miami Football Media Guide. Color, 56 p.	1990
		Miami Redskins Drill and Motivational Manual. Typed with play diagrams. Unbound, photocopy.	ca. 1996

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		<p><u>CONTENTS</u></p> <p>Offensive Drills              Quarterbacks (5 p.)              Wide Receivers (5 p.)              Running Backs (5 p.)              Off Line/Tight Ends (7 p.)</p> <p>Defensive Drills              Defensive Backs (6 p.)              Linebackers (6 p.)              Outside Linebackers (5 p.)              Defensive Line (4 p.)</p> <p>Motivational Manual (15 p.)</p>	
		Northwestern University Play Book: Run 'n Gun Offense. Typed with play diagrams. 51 pages (double-sided). Unbound, photocopy.	ca. 2003
		Internet article: <i>Heart attack suspected in Walker's death</i> . espn.com.	6/29/06
		Internet article: <i>Northwestern football coach Randy Walker dead at 52</i> , by Andrew Seligman, Associated Press. <a href="http://signonsandiego.com">http://signonsandiego.com</a> .	6/30/06
		Internet article: <i>Northwestern football coach Randy Walker dies at 52</i> . <a href="http://usatoday.printthis.clickability.com">http://usatoday.printthis.clickability.com</a> .	6/30/06
		Internet article: <i>Mourners remember Walker at service</i> , Associated Press. <a href="http://sports.espn.go.com">http://sports.espn.go.com</a> .	7/6/06
		Internet article: <i>Walker leaves behind legacy of hard work, passion</i> , by Ivan Maisel. espn.com.	7/9/06

**Subseries XI: Terry Hoepner**

Box	Folder	Description	Date
2	11	Internet article: <i>Coach Hoepner Recovering From Surgery</i> . <a href="http://www.cstv.com">http://www.cstv.com</a> .	6/2/06
		Internet article: <i>Indiana Football Coach Terry Hoepner Passes Away</i> . <a href="http://www.cstv.com">http://www.cstv.com</a> .	6/19/07
		Internet article: <i>Indiana football coach Hoepner dies of complications from brain tumor</i> . espn.com.	6/19/07
		Indiana [University] Alumni Magazine. Page 19 article: <i>Final Goodbye to Coach Hep</i> .	Sep/Oct 2007
3	--	Red and white leather travel bag with Miami Redskins insignia, embroidered on top side with "Terry Hoepner" in white thread.	n.d.

**Subseries XII: Ben Roethlisberger**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
2	12	Internet article: <i>QB Ben packs 'em in for pro workout</i> , by Mark Curnutte, The Cincinnati Enquirer (bengals.enquirer.com).	3/26/04
Map case - vault		Limited edition print, <i>The Rookie</i> , from an original pencil illustration by Robert J. Cherewick. Special Collections copy: #12 of 300. Signed by Roethlisberger.	2005

**Subseries XIII: Honorary Inductees**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
Map case		Certificate of honorary induction into the Miami University Cradle of Coaches Association: Keith Jackson. Signed by Joel Maturi, director of athletics. 28 cm x 43 cm. Color photocopy.	6/12/99