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**Cradle of Coaches Collection  
Bob Kurz  
Date Range: 1945 - 2006**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Title: Cradle of Coaches: Bob Kurz Collection  
Creator: Bob Kurz  
Dates: 1945 - 2006  
Media: Manuscripts, news clippings, publications, photographs  
Quantity: 0.5 cubic feet  
Location: Closed stacks

**COLLECTION SUMMARY**

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

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.

**PROVENANCE OF THE COLLECTION**

Items in this collection were donated to the Walter Havighurst Special Collections by Bob Kurz.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

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

## ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Series I: Miami Resignation

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Series V: Ewbank Memorabilia

Subseries I: Great Lakes Naval Academy (manila envelope)

Subseries II: Miscellaneous Ewbank Publications

Series VI: Miscellaneous Publications

Series VII: Publication of *Miami of Ohio: The Cradle of Coaches*

## RELATED MATERIALS

*Miami of Ohio—The Cradle of Coaches*. By Bob Kurz. Central Printing Co., Dayton: 1983. LCCN: 83-50645. Inscription: "Love and Honor to Miami – Bob Kurz." [SPEC GV711.K87 2002](#)

*Miami Stories Oral History Project*, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Robert H. Kurz Interview (#50), October 7, 2006. Approximately 30 minutes. <http://doyle.lib.muohio.edu/>

*PB: The Paul Brown Story*. By Paul Brown with Jack Clary. Atheneum. New York: 1980. ISBN: 0-689-10985-7. Inscription: "Best Wishes – Paul E. Brown." [SPEC GV939.B77 A 35 1979](#)

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION****Series I: Miami Resignation****Subseries I: News Clippings**

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	News Clipping	Bob Kurz Resigns Sports Information Post At Miami To Accept Promotion Job In Dallas. Hamilton, Ohio, Journal.	7/14/65
	News Clipping	Kurz Leaves Miami For Newspaper Job. Dayton Daily News.	7/14/65
	News Clipping	Lines by Rorrer, by George Rorrer. The Herald-Dispatch.	7/17/65
	Sports Copy	Article re: Kurz Resignation. (typed, original, 2 pages, on Office of Public Information letterhead)	undated

**Subseries II: Letters**

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	Letter	To Bob Kurz from George Dietrich. (typed, original, 1 page)	7/5/65
	Letter	To President Shriver from Robert H. Kurz. (carbon copy, typed, original, 1 page)	7/12/65
	News Clipping	Bob Kurz Resigns Sports Information Post At Miami To Accept Promotion Job In Dallas. Hamilton, Ohio, Journal.	7/14/65
	News Clipping	Kurz Leaves Miami For Newspaper Job. Dayton Daily News.	7/14/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Tom Hamlin. (typed, original, 1 page, on WHIO – Miami Valley Broadcasting Corporation letterhead)	7/14/65

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	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Tom Hamlin. Carbon copy of above letter with one additional paragraph cut out of original. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page, on WHIO – Miami Valley Broadcasting Corporation letterhead)	7/14/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Allen Stout. (typed, original, 1 page, on WCKY letterhead)	7/14/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Pat Harmon. (typed, original, 1 page, on The Cincinnati Post and Times-Star letterhead)	7/14/65
	Memo	To Robert Kurz from Warren Johnson. (handwritten, original, 1 page, on WPFB letterhead)	7/14/65
	Letter	To Robert Kurz from Mil Chipp. (typed, original, 1 page, on Union-Tribune Publishing Co. letterhead)	7/15/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Jay Black. (typed, original 1 page, on The Plain Dealer letterhead)	7/15/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Ed Kennedy. July 16, 1965. (typed, original, 1 page, on Crosley Broadcasting Corporation letterhead)	7/16/65
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from Howard S. Wilcox. (typed, original, 1 page, on Phoenix Republic and Gazette letterhead)	7/16/65
	Letter	To Vince Spezzano from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	7/16/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from George. (typed, original, 1 page, on Huntington Publishing Company letterhead)	7/17/65
	News Clipping	Lines by Rorrer, by George Rorrer. The Herald-Dispatch.	7/17/65
	Letter	To George Dietrich from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	7/19/65
	Letter	To Mil Chipp from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	7/19/65
	Letter	To Jay Black from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	7/19/65
	Letter	To Tom Hamlin from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	7/19/65
	Letter	To Joe McLaughlin from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	7/19/65
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from Bill Dyer. July 20, 1965. (typed, original, 1 page, on The Indianapolis Star News letterhead)	7/20/65
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from J. Warren McClure. (typed, original, 1 page, on The Burlington Free Press letterhead)	7/20/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Hank Zureick. (typed, original, 1 page)	7/23/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Jack Cherry. (typed, original, 1 page, on Xavier University letterhead)	7/23/65
	Letter	To Mr. Hank Zureick from Robert H. Kurz. (carbon copy, typed, original, 1 page)	7/24/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Joe McLaughlin. (typed, original, 1 page, on University of Dayton letterhead)	7/1965
	Letter	To Dave Kempton from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	7/24/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Charles W. Dinkins. (typed, original, 1 page, on Marshall University letterhead)	7/26/65
	Letter	To Robert Kurz from Mil Chipp. (typed, original, 1 page, on Union-Tribune Publishing Co. letterhead)	7/29/65
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from Bob Gates. (typed, original, 1 page, on The	8/5/65

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
		Christian Science Monitor letterhead)	
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Hal McCoy. (typed, original, 1 page on The Dayton Journal Herald letterhead)	8/19/65
	Letter	To Bob Kurz from Dave Kempton. (typed, original, 1 page, on Ohio University note paper)	undated
	Sports Copy	Article re: Kurz Resignation. (typed, original, 2 pages, on Office of Public Information letterhead)	undated

### Series II: Miscellaneous News Articles

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	Article	<i>Life in the Big Bowls' Shadows</i> , by Joe Drape. The New York Times. (photocopy, 2 pages)	9/18/03
	Article	<i>Cradle of Coaches Goes Formal</i> , by Bill Narduzzi ('59). (1 page, photocopy)	undated
	Article	Copy for article re: John Pont. (typed, original, on MU Office of Public Information letterhead)	undated
	Vita	Vita for William D. Mulliken ('61). (typed, photocopy, 1 page, on MU Sports Information letterhead)	undated
	Article	<i>Miami Athletic Hall of Fame</i> , includes a feature on William Mulliken. (photocopy, 2 pages, publication unknown)	undated
	Vita	Vita for Robert K. Schul. (typed, photocopy, 2 pages, on MU Sports Information letterhead)	undated
	Article	<i>Miami Athletic Hall of Fame</i> , includes a feature on Robert Schul. (photocopy, 2 page, publication unknown)	undated
	Article	<i>Robbing the Cradle</i> , by Marty Williams. Features Ron Zook. Dayton Daily News. (faxed photocopy, 2 pages)	undated

### Series III: Miscellaneous Correspondence

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	Letter	To Clinton E. Frank from Walter C. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 2 pages)	2/1/63
	Letter	To Walter C. Kurz from Clinton E. Frank. (typed, original 1 page, on Clinton E. Frank, Inc. letterhead)	2/7/63
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from [Walter C. Kurz]. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	2/14/63
	Vita	Vita facsimile re: John Pont. [by Bob Kurz]. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page)	3/6/63
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from Paul F. Dietzel. (typed, original, 1 page, on United States Military Academy letterhead)	1/13/64
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from John Pont. (typed, original, 3 pages, on Yale University letterhead)	1/17/64
	Letter	To Robert H. Kurz from Earl Red Blaik. (typed, original, 1 page, on Avco Corporation letterhead)	4/12/67
	Letter	To Earl H. Blaik from Robert H. Kurz. (typed, carbon copy, 1 page, on	5/8/67

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
		Beta Theta Pi letterhead)	

### Series IV: Newspaper Clippings

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	News Clipping	Untitled article, captioned: "Coaching Success—From Same School". Hamilton, Ohio, Journal. (1 page, original, photos)	11/8/58
	News Clipping	<i>Some hither...others yon</i> , by Blackie Sherrod. Dallas Times Herald. original, 1 page)	8/24/74
	News Clipping	<i>Miami of Ohio: A Coaching Factory</i> , by Bob Oates. Los Angeles Times. (2 pages, original, photos)	7/21/87
	News Clipping	A man of principles: Retiring Carmen Cozza adhered to...code of integrity, by Joe Hoppel. The Sporting News. (1 page, original)	11/18/96
	News Clipping	Yale Finds A Coach, by William N. Wallace. Publication unknown. (original, 3 pages)	undated

### Series V: Ewbank Memorabilia

#### Subseries 1: Great Lakes Naval Academy (Manila Envelope)

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	Envelope	Manila mailing envelope from Department of the Army to Mr. Weeb Ewbanks, c/o New York Jets. 22 x 29 cm. Contains miscellaneous items described in this series.	undated
	Banquet Program	ELA Athletic Banquet program. 10" x 14" cm. March 12, 1946. (original)	Mar 1946
	Souvenir	ELA basketball souvenir.	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Ewbank, Gob Coach, Discharged Today</i> . Author and publication unknown. (original)	undated
	News Clipping	Untitled. Basketball players' scores. Wright Field vs Great Lakes competition. Author and publication unknown. (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Great Lakes Coach To Get Discharge</i> . Unknown author. Chicago Daily News. (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Party to Honor W.C. Ewbank</i> . Author and publication unknown. (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Lt. Ewbank, Center Coach, is Separated</i> . Author and publication unknown. (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Ewbank To Coach At Brown College</i> . Author and publication unknown. (original, photo)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Midwest Cage Play Best in U.S.: Wilson</i> , by Francis J. Powers. [Chicago Daily News] (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Ewbank Will Join Coaching Staff at Brown University</i> . Unknown author. Palladium-Item. (original, photo)	undated
	News	<i>Lt. Ewbank Named Net Coach at Great Lakes Naval School</i> . Author and	undated

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
	Clipping	publication unknown. (original, photo)	
	News Clipping	<i>Dunkel Charts Great Lakes as No. 1 Service Five.</i> Author and publication unknown. (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Sports Era Ends At Great Lakes</i> , by Francis J. Powers. [Chicago Daily News] (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Bluejacket Cagers Terminate World War II Era.</i> Author and publication unknown. (original, photo)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Dunkel Lists Sailors as 15<sup>th</sup>, But Proves 'Dey Were Tough'.</i> Author and publication unknown. (original)	undated
	News Clipping	<i>Great Lakes Sports Were "The Best,"</i> by Francis J. Powers, Chicago Daily News. Reprinted in the Bulletin. (original)	undated
	Photo	Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, New York, NY. 25 x 20.5 cm. Weeb Ewbank (far left) with other unidentified individuals. (B&W, original)	undated
	Photo	Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, New York, NY. 25 x 20.5 cm. Weeb Ewbank (second from left) with other unidentified individuals. (B&W, original)	undated
	Photo	Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, New York, NY. 25 x 20.5 cm. Weeb Ewbank (second from left) with other unidentified individuals. (B&W, original)	undated
	Photo	Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, New York, NY. 25 x 20.5 cm. Weeb Ewbank (second from left) with other unidentified individuals. (B&W, original)	undated
	Photo	Weeb Ewbank de-boarding airplane, being greeted by five women (one with crown). 25 x 20.5 cm. (B&W, original)	undated

### Subseries II: Miscellaneous Ewbank Publications

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	Booklet	<i>Bluejackets In Basketball, 1945-46 Season.</i> (original)	1945
	Game Program	<i>Chicago Stadium Review: College Double-Header Basketball.</i> "Bluejacket Basketball" on p. 27. (original)	2/1/46
	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, original)	c. 1967
	Book	<i>Football Greats</i> , by Weeb Ewbank, Jack Buck, Bob Broeg. Inscribed: "To Bob! Weeb Ewbank. Pleasant Reading! H.O.F. 1978." (paperback, original)	c. 1977

### Series VI: Miscellaneous Publications

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	News Clipping	Untitled article, captioned: "Coaching Success—From Same School". Hamilton, Ohio, Journal. (1 page, original, photos)	11/8/58

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
	Booklet	Our Times At Miami University, 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."	10/22/79
	Football Program	<i>Gameday</i> . 2003 MU Football program: Ohio vs Miami. (original)	9/18/04

**Series VII: Publication of *Miami of Ohio: The Cradle of Coaches***

Box	Item	Description/Contents	Date
1	Estimate	Print estimate from Hammer Graphics, Inc. (typed, photocopy, 1 page)	3/10/83
	Estimate	Revised print estimate from Hammer Graphics, Inc. (typed, original, 1 page)	7/5/83
	Media Release	"Cradle of Coaches" Book Chronicles Coaching Greats. (typed, photocopy, 3 pages)	undated
	Reviews	Book reviews. (typed, 1 page)	undated
	Article	Dick Cru, Tom Reed part of 'Cradle' Story, by Wilt Browning. Greensboro News and Record. (1 page)	undated
	Photos / Negative	Original photos: One 20 x 25 cm B&W image of book cover. One 12.5 x 18 cm, B&W image of book cover. Original Negative: 12 x 20 cm. All inside manila envelope from Photomatic Corporation, Chicago, IL.	undated