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**HOY, CARL BLYTHE 1893-1973**

PAPERS, 1936-1962  
(bulk dates, 1941-1951)  
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## History

Carl “Rube” Blythe Hoy was born to Albert Hoy and Emma Blythe on October 17, 1893 in Spink County, South Dakota. As a farmer’s son, his family did not expect him to get more than an eight-grade education, but a friend told him about football and Hoy was convinced that he had to try the sport. In 1911, he enrolled at Huron High School. He had planned to stay in school until the football season was over but he soon discovered that he enjoyed other sports such as basketball and track. Hoy graduated from Huron High School in 1915 and enrolled in the University of South Dakota that fall. He graduated from USD in 1919 with a degree in Business Administration and Law.

After graduation, he taught social science and boys’ athletics at Gregory, SD from 1920-1926. When he was in Gregory, he met Hazel Bergman. They married in 1923 and they had three children: Carlton, Richard and Nancy. In 1926, he became the principal in Platte, SD.

Hoy was offered the position of head basketball coach at USD in 1927 and he served in that position until 1953. He was also head track coach from 1941-1946 and USD athletic director from 1934-1959. In 1956, Hoy had his own weekly radio program “According to Hoy”. This program prompted Hoy to start writing his memoirs. The University of South Dakota published his memoir *According to Hoy: Memoirs of an Athletic Director* in 1960. Carl Blythe Hoy died on November 4, 1973.

## Scope and Content Note

The Carl Blythe Hoy Collection is composed of three series: **Correspondence, Printed Materials, and Typescripts.**

The largest series in the Hoy Collection is the **Correspondence** series. This series contains letters to Hoy written by many of his former students who were servicemen during World War II. The letters relate some details of war, but since letters from servicemen were censored, details are vague. There are a few letters that show evidence of censorship with areas blacked out or sections completely snipped out of the text. Many of the servicemen inquired about athletics at USD and if Hoy had heard from other former USD students. Letters come from around the world and represent all branches of the military. Also included in this series are letters from Elbert W. Harrington and Cedric Cummins about the publication of *According to Hoy: Memoirs of an Athletic Director*.

The **Printed Materials** series contains an issue of the *Summer Session News*, a publication printed by the University of South Dakota. In the issue, there is an article about Hoy’s book. Also included within the series is the Publication Materials sub-series that contains various papers concerning the publication of Hoy’s book. This sub-series provides copyright information and forms, time sheets from Evelyn Cummins (who typed Hoy’s book) and a list of people who received copies of Hoy’s book.

The **Typescript** series contains four versions of *According to Hoy: Memoirs of an Athletic Director*. There are two typed drafts, a final copy, and a working copy. The drafts and the working copy have holograph corrections.

## Additional Resources

Hoy, Carl B

[According to Hoy: memoirs of a university coach.](#) Vermillion, State University of South Dakota, 1960.

**Subjects:**

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**Box 1**

## CORRESPONDENCE (15 folders)

## Incoming

Aasen, Edwin K.  
 1945, Feb. 25  
 Adkins, Steve  
 1943, Jan. 11  
 1944, Jan. 19  
 Alberston, Charles M. (5 items)  
 1941-1944, n.d.  
 Allison, L. B.  
 1941, Dec. 10  
 Anderson, Chester A.  
 1945, Oct. 16  
 Arlene (2 items)  
 n.d.  
 Bacon, Ernest "Burely"  
 1942, Dec. 7  
 1944, May 24  
 Bain, Jack M. (11 items)  
 1943-1945  
 Basco  
 1945, Jan. 28  
 Beebe, H.E.  
 1949, Dec. 12  
 Bergeson, Bud  
 1945, Jan. 23  
 Bergeson, Rollo (5 items)  
 1942-1945  
 Berry, Dick  
 1944, Feb. 7  
 Berry, E.Y.  
 1951, Jan. 30  
 Big Chief  
 1945, Sept. 15  
 Bill (11 items)  
 1945-1946, n.d.  
 Bob  
 n.d.  
 Bond, Nate J.  
 1944, May 18  
 Brick, James T. (11 items)  
 1944-1945  
 Brooks, William  
 1943, Nov. 25  
 Bryan, Robert E. (3 items)  
 1943  
 Burns, Jim  
 n.d.  
 Burns, Robert G. (15 items)  
 1943-1945, n.d.  
 Bushfield, Harlan J.  
 1942, Jan. 22 and 27

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Caddes, Elmer E. (5 items)  
1944-1945, n.d.

Cadwell, Joe  
1944, Apr. 28 and Dec. 6

Cadwell, Vern L.  
1945, Jan. 23 and May 3

Cahalan, Art B. (12 items)  
1943-1945, n.d.

Carlsen, Ed (4 items)  
1943-1944

Carmody, Mrs. J. L.  
1944, Oct. 30 (with news clipping and photograph)

Carmody, Wayne A. (8 items)  
1943-1944

Case, Francis (3 items)  
1949-1951

Cash, Joe  
1945, Mar. 7 and May 16

Churchill, Clark  
n.d.

Clinker, C. J.  
1943, Feb. 15

Colgan, Earnestine  
1945, Jan. 9

Crakes, Joe A. (9 items)  
1942-1955

Crasky, Jim  
1944, Nov. 9  
1945, Sept. 7

Dan  
1946, Jan. 25

Danton (Hoy's Nephew)  
1944, Oct. 29  
1945, Jan. 4

Darryl  
n.d.

Deke (4 items)  
n.d.

DePagter, John P.  
1944, Mar. 24

DeVany, Bob  
1947, Jan. 13 and June 25

Devick, Alvin O.  
1942, Apr. 12

Dunkak, William H.  
1942, Aug. 3  
1944, Oct. 5

Durkin, Johnny (12 items)  
1942-1946

Ebert, Claude B. (5 items)  
1943-1945, n.d.

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Edberg, Rollie

1942, Nov. 17

Elmore, E. Burdette

1940, Oct. 23

Espe, Curtiss W.

1943, Nov. 9

Everett, L. R. (3 items)

1942-1945

Everett, William E.

1943, Dec. 8

1945, Apr. 20

Evers, Quentin H. (3 items)

1943-1945

Fechter, Russell (7 items)

1943-1944, n.d

Finnegan, Casey

1943, Jan. 22

Flynn, Jim (12 items)

1943-1943 (with photo)

Forchtner, Frank

1942, Dec. 14

Fore, Charles H.

1944, Mar. 3

Forney, Don (11 items)

1942-1945 (with photo)

Foss, Joe

1944, June 29 and n.d.

Galvin, Vincent K.

1945, Oct. 23

Gamage, Harry G. (6 items)

1942-1944, n.d.

Girardi, Charles (17 items)

1944-1946

Gunderson, Clark Young (4 items)

1944-1945

Gunderson, E. C. (6 items)

1944-1945, n.d.

Gunvordahl, H. (32 items)

1941-1945, n.d.

Gurney, Chan (3 items)

1950

Haddow, Dick C. (15 items)

1944-1945, n.d.

Harrington, Elbert W. (3 items)

1960-1961

Hetland, Eugene C. (24 items)

1943-1945

Hewett, Art A.

1943, Dec. 16

Hickey, Eddie S. (4 items)

1943-1945

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Ingalls, Maynard

n.d.

Jay, "Doc"

1945, Apr. 14 and 22

Joe

1945, Aug. 12

Johnny

1945, Oct. 16

Johnson, John L. (3 items)

1943-1944

Johnson, LeRoy J. (17 items)

1942-1946

Johnson, Monroe

1944, Feb. 6 and Mar. 5

Jones, E. Erie

1944, Jan. 14 and n.d.

Kessler, Roy M. (6 items)

1942-1946

Laird

1944, Dec. 21

Lane, Les

1943, May 17

Lauve (?), Vern

1944, Sept. 12 and n.d.

Leer, Norman A. "Bill"

1944, Christmas

1945, Feb. 2

Leer, Ralph H.

1944, Mar. 30

1945, Jan. 25

Leggett, Harry B.

n.d.

Lemaster, E. H. (5 items)

1942-1945

Lennon, Dan H. (8 items)

1944-1946, n.d.

Lillibridge, Don

1945, Feb. 8

Lillibridge, Laurel S.

1944, July 2

1945, Feb. 8

Livak, Joe

1943, Dec. 11

Lilly

1946, Oct. 29

Lockwood, John S. (7 items)

1943-1945

Loe, Marvin E.

1944, Apr. 6

Lowell (2 items)

n.d.

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Manning, John W. (7 items)

1943-1945, n.d.

March, George

1944, Dec. 15

Martin, Joe V.

1943, Feb. 5

Mc Lane, N. G.

1944, June 25

McGinty, Gene (3 items)

1943-1945

McNickle, M.L.

1944, Nov. 6

Mel

1945, July 31

Mehlhaf, Milt

1945, May 19

1946, Jan. 26

Miller, Bob

1944, Aug. 10

Mitchell, R. F. (9 items)

1943-1945

Montgomery, J.

1944, Nov. 16

Montgomery, V. E.

1942, July 24 and Oct. 14

"Mooch"

1944 and n.d.

Mundt Karl

1951, Feb. 10

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Nearman (?), Leonard

n.d.

Nielsen, Howard "Had"

1944, Feb. 6

Norton, Mike

1944, Dec. 20

"Ole" (3 items)

1944-1945, n.d.

Olson, Walter (?) "Oaks"

1944, Apr. 8

Parsons, Rod (4 items)

1944-1946, n.d.

Pete

n.d.

Petranek, Edwin C. (15 items)

1943-1945

Pinak, Ed (7 items)

1945, n.d.

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Preston, Bud

n.d.

Ptak, John

1941, Aug. 17

1943, July 22

Ptak, Roy J.

1943, Dec. 13

1945, Apr. 23

Quinn, J. F.

1945, Oct. 2 and n.d.

Ray, Fred

1936, Apr. 6

1944, Nov. 6

"Red" (4 items)

1943, n.d.

Roberts, R.L. (4 items)

1944

Root, C. B.

1939, Oct. 13

1945, Mar. 1

Roth, Roy C. (29 items)

1943-1945

Russ

1944, Feb. 14 and n.d.

Saunders, Phil W. (4 items)

1943-1944, n.d.

Scat (4 items)

1943

Seo (?)

n.d.

Sharpe, Stewart

1950, Feb. 20 and Mar. 2

Siegel, Mrs. Joe

1945, Feb. 9

Smith, Rollie (3 items)

1943, n.d.

Snider, Bob (8 items)

1941-1945, n.d.

Standl, Charles

1945, Sept. 30 and Oct. 18

Stevens, Robbin (6 items)

1943-1944, n.d.

Stinson, R.J. (Dick) (4 items)

1942-1944, n.d.

Stuart, Ted (4 items)

1943-1945, n.d.

"Swish" (8 items)

1943-1945, n.d.

Taplett, Howard F. (27 items)

1943-1945, n.d.

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## CORRESPONDENCE, cont.

## Incoming, cont.

Taplett, Robert D. (12 items)

1941-1945, n.d.

Tarver, Robert O.

1943

Taylor, Howard

1945, Oct. 6 and n.d.

Taylor, Sec

1943, Sept. 21

Ted

1944, July 9 and n.d.

Terry

1943, Aug. 20 and Oct. 14

Tice

1945, Apr. 10

Tollie (5 items)

1943, n.d.

Tom

1945, Aug. 2 and 27

Tucker, Gordon

1943, May 15

1944, Nov. 25

Vickery, Walt

1944, Dec. 9

Walker, R. D. (4 items)

1943-1944, n.d.

Weeks, I. D.

1943, Oct. 17

Wernli, J. R. (9 items)

1943-1945, n.d.

Wicks, Merrill

1945, May 20

Wiezorck

1944, June 5

Wirth, Larry A. (3 items)

1943-1944, n.d.

Zehnpfenning, U. H.

n.d.

## Other

From Cummins, Cedric to Mr. R. Falk 1961, Apr. 13

From Harrington, Elbert W. To Register of Copyrights 1961, May  
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From Harrington, Elbert W. To I.D. Weeks 1961, Mar. 21

## PRINTED MATERIALS (2 folders)

## Newspaper Clippings

*Summer Session News*, State University of South Dakota 1962, July

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## Publication Materials

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TYPESCRIPTS (4 folders)

*According to Hoy: Memoirs of an Athletic Director*

Draft 1

Draft 2

Final Draft

Working Draft