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Contents: Books, photographs, documents, and memorabilia of Dr. Bohm’s undergraduate days and career in sports medicine.
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Listed by: Cheryl Gracey, Former Curator; Debra Summers, Curator; Brian Grubbs, Student Associate
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Introduction

Wilbur Harrison Smith Bohm (ASO 1921) was a pioneer in the field of sports medicine. In his youth, he was an avid athlete himself, competing with several school and amateur athletic clubs in shot put, discus, and hammer throw. For seventeen years, he was Physical Director, trainer, and track and field coach at the State College of Washington (now Washington State University). He then turned to professional sports and served a number of teams in football, baseball, and basketball. He was also a member of the U.S. Olympic Team training staff in 1932 and 1936.

Throughout his career, Dr. Bohm conducted research into athletic injuries and training and published a number of articles and monographs on the subject. He was a founding member of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Biographical Summary

1894 Jun 19 Born in Edwardsville, IL
1971 Sep 13 Died in St. Louis

Education

St. Charles Military Academy (St. Charles, MO)
Missouri Military Academy (Mexico, MO)
1913 Castle Heights School/Military Academy (Lebanon, TN)
1916-17 Pre-medical preparation, University of Idaho
1917-21 D.O., American School of Osteopathy (Kirksville, MO)
(1918) U.S. Army

Career

1926-43 State College of Washington/Washington State (Pullman, WA)
1932 U.S. Olympic team training staff
1935 B.S. in health and physical education, Springfield College (Springfield, MA)
1936 U.S. Olympic team training staff, Berlin
1938 M.S. in health and physical education, Springfield College (Springfield, MA)
1943-48? Washington Redskins
1946 Washington Senators (spring training)
1948-51 Cincinnati Reds/Redlegs
1950 Founding member of National Athletic Trainers Association
        New York Giants (dates to be determined)
        Calgary Stampeders (dates to be determined)
1950s-60s St. Louis Cardinals

According to Dr. Bohm’s niece, once the Cardinals began traveling to away games by plane rather than bus, Dr. Bohm only worked spring training because he did not like to fly.

1968 Elected Fellow in Royal Society for the Promotion of Health, Great Britain

Member of Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame
Attended five Olympics (Los Angeles 1932, Berlin 1936, Rome 1960, Tokyo 1964, Mexico City 1968)

BOX 1

ARTICLES by Wilbur Bohm

BOOKS by Wilbur Bohm
◊ Returned Questionnaire from Track and Field Athletes Olympic Games 1936.
◊ Research and Writings on Training, Conditioning, Treatment of Athletic Injuries, and Corrective Work, Vol. I (Rev.), State College of Washington, 1947.  2 copies (1 w/ cat. #B 1193A)
◊ Research and Writings on Training, Conditioning, Treatment of Athletic Injuries, and Corrective Work, Vol. II. State College of Washington, 1947.  2 copies (1 w/ cat. #B 1193B)

BOOKS donated by Wilbur Bohm

DOCUMENTS

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**Documents – Letters**

◊ Letter from WB to Edward Bohm about the ASO basketball team and training, 1920, Dec 11, with envelope.
◊ Letter to WB from Missouri State Board of Osteopathic Registration and Examination, 1924 Sep 13, w/ envelope.
◊ Letter to WB from Fred Bohler about the athletic program at The State College of Washington during the war, 1945 May 31, with envelope.

**Documents – Military Service**

◊ Notice of Induction into Military Service, 1918 Jul 17.
◊ Notice of Honorable Discharge from U.S. Army, 1919 Mar 22.

**Documents – Other**

◊ Paper (handwritten) listing some of WB’s track and field records, n.d.
◊ National Collegiate Athletic Association Memorial) to WB (photocopy of citation), 1972 Jan. 6.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** (All B&W unless otherwise noted).

**Photographs - Wilbur Bohm Personal: Studio Portraits**

◊ [High school] graduation photo, ca. 1915?
◊ Studio portrait, [1921].
◊ WB studio portrait, [late 1920s] Written on face of mount in ink.
◊ Studio portrait at Washington State College, [1930s]. Writing on back in pencil.
◊ WB studio portrait, ca. 1960? Also 1972 copy print.

**Photographs - Wilbur Bohm Personal: Athletic**

◊ WB in Missouri Athletic Club uniform, ca. 1920. Written on back in ink.
◊ WB in Illinois Athletic Club uniform; 1920-21. Writing on back in ink and pencil.
◊ WB shot-putting (Illinois Athletic Club), ca. 1920. Writing on back in ink.
◊ WB shot-putting, barefoot, ca. 1920?
◊ Harold M. Osborn in ASO uniform, holding discus, ca. 1920. Signed.
◊ See also: Oversize

**Photographs - Wilbur Bohm Personal: Misc.**

◊ ASO Class of January 1921 as freshmen, [1918]; see 1919 Osteoblast, p. 96. Written on back in pencil.
◊ ASO Pan-Hellenic Association, [1918]; see 1919 Osteoblast, p. 159.

**Photographs – State College of Washington (Washington State)**

◊ Washington State College swimming team, n.d.
◊ Washington State College team (unidentified) on ship Sierra in Honolulu harbor, 1930. Written on back in ink. Removed from scrapbook.

**Photographs – Washington Redskins**
◊ WB treating Washington Redskins player Sam Baugh in training room, w/ Ki [Aldres?] (copy photo), n.d. Signed on original.

**Photographs – Cincinnati Reds**
◊ WB treating unconscious Cincinnati Reds player Ben Zientara, [1948]. Signed.
◊ Cincinnati Reds team photo, w/ names, 1949. Rolled.
◊ WB w/ Cincinnati Reds team members (copy of AP wire photo), w/ caption, 1950 Apr 28.
◊ WB treating Cincinnati Reds pitcher Ewell Blackwell (copy of AP wire photo), w/ caption, [1940s]. Photographer: Gene Smith (AP).
◊ WB treating Cincinnati Reds pitcher Ewell Blackwell, [1940s] (different from above).
◊ WB treating Cincinnati Reds player Ben Zientara (copy of newspaper photo), w/ caption, n.d.

**Photographs – St. Louis Cardinals**
◊ WB w/ St. Louis Cardinals Ray Washburn, 1960s. Photographer: James D. McCarthy (Oak Park, MI)
◊ St. Louis Cardinals team photo; n.d.
◊ WB w/ Red Schoendienst (negative print), ca. 1960? Signed.
◊ WB w/ Bill White (negative print), ca. 1960? Signed.

**Photographs – Miscellaneous Sports and Professional**
◊ WB with unidentified boxer, n.d.
◊ WB/ treating unidentified man, n.d.
◊ Washington Senators members at spring training, 1946.
◊ WB w/ Mel Hein (Washington State and N.Y. Giants football player), late 1950s? Written on back in ink and pencil.
◊ WB w/ Arne Feichtinger, [member of 1960 Rome group], 1960s? Photographer: Svensk Reportageetjanst, Stockholm, Sweden. [PIC-DO-1]
◊ WB at table surrounded by photos on wall, ca. 1970.
◊ Display of certificates and medals, n.d.
◊ AOA Class in Compound Leverage and Ankle Technic, taught by H.R. Bynum, [1925 Mar – see JAOA 24:525]. Oversize (panoramic); rolled.

**MEMORABILIA**

**Memorabilia – Souvenirs**
◊ Menu from Washington State College Football Team trip to Philadelphia (Villanova College), Union Pacific Portland Rose, 1930 Nov 24.
◊ Menu from Norddeutscher Lloyd Bremen Liner, 1936 Jul 21.
◊ Program from Tournament of Champions (World Series of Basketball) Western Finals, Kansas City, Mo., 1941 Mar 21-22. Inc. photo of WB w/ Washington State College team.
◊ Menu from Washington Redskins Eighth Pacific Coast Training Trip, Union Pacific, 1947 Sep 6.
◊ Menu from Washington Redskins Eighth Pacific Coast Training Trip, Burlington (Denver-Chicago) Route, 1947 Sep 11.
◊ Cincinnati Reds Souvenir Booklet, 1948. Inc. photo of WB as Trainer.
◊ Saint Louis Cardinals Souvenir Booklet, 1953. Inc. photo of WB as Assistant Trainer.

Memorabilia – Scrapbook. Compiled by [WB’s brother]: clippings (primarily obituaries), photos, label from WB’s “Olympic Trainer” liniment, business cards, relatatives’ funeral notices, miscellany; ca. 1900-1971 (bulk 1971). Detailed list in donor file. See also Newsclippings; WB Scrapbook (Box 2).

Memorabilia – Osteoblast. 1922 Osteoblast. Doctor’s name embossed on cover.

NEWSCLIPPINGS. Miscellaneous clippings relating to WB’s career, ca. 1943-71. Detailed list in donor file. See also Memorabilia: Scrapbook.

BOX 2: Scrapbook compiled by WB: ASO student life, military service, athletic memoriabilia (esp. track and field); ca. 1917-21. [PH 189]

Oversize (in Photo Box OS-1)
◊ ASO football team, 1920 (different from above). Photographer: Samuels Photos (Kirksville).
◊ Atlas Club, 1921 Jun. Written on back in ink and pencil.
◊ Cincinnati Reds team photo, w/ names, 1949 (different from above).

See Also:
Kirksville Magazine, Spring 1988 Vol. 17: No. 1
Certificate Box: Certificate for "completion of two full courses of Practical Dissection....", American School of Osteopathy, issued to Wilbur Harrison Smith Bohm, May 30, 1921
Training Practices of Professional Football Coaches Trainers and Players; RZ342.B4 (signed by Dr. Bohm)

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