Robert G. “Bobby” Woll Papers (MS034, FF029)

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**Descriptive Summary**

Title: Robert G. “Bobby” Woll Papers

Creator: Robert G. “Bobby” Woll

Dates: 1930-1999

Extent: 5 containers (1.5 linear ft.)

Language(s): English

Repository: Monmouth College Archives, Monmouth, Illinois

Abstract: Papers, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and scrapbooks of Robert G. “Bobby” Woll, a physical education professor emeritus, coach, athletic director, and alum at Monmouth College from 1930 until his death in 1999.

Location: MS034

**Administrative Information**

Cite as: Bobby Woll Papers, Monmouth College Archives, Monmouth, Illinois.

Provenance:

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Separations: 5 scrapbooks and 1 briefcase (FF029)

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Biographical Background

Robert G. Woll (1911-1999), known as Bobby, was born in Vergennes, Illinois on January 30, 1911. His hometown was Murphysboro, Illinois where he excelled in football, basketball, track, and baseball. He received a B.S. from Monmouth College in 1935 and a M.A. from University of Illinois in 1941. On January 24, 1936, he married Gladys Lightner and they had two daughters, Barbara Jean and Betty Suzanne.

As an athlete at Monmouth College, he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. His no. 29 football jersey is the only Scot uniform to be retired permanently, at the request of his teammates. The “little man from Murphysboro” (the nickname addresses his short stature of 5’ 4”) prided himself in never losing to Knox and is remembered for his 95-yard run in 1932, the longest run in the nation that year. He made the UPI All-state team in 1932 and 1933 and was picked for the Midwest Conference and Little 19 teams twice.

He began working at Monmouth College in 1935. For 40 years, Bobby Woll coached all of the Monmouth sports except for wrestling and won championships in each sport he coached except cross country. His greatest success as a coach manifested in his 18-year stint as a basketball coach with a 200-116 record and only one losing season. Not only was he the athletic director and coach, he was also a physical education professor and in charge of intramural sports. On October 18, 1980, during Homecoming weekend, the college dedicated the new athletic field to Bobby Woll, marking 50 years of association with Monmouth College as a player, coach, and teacher.

Bobby Woll retired from Monmouth College in 1976, but he never really left. He continued to help out at the college until his death. He died on August 29, 1999 in Monmouth, Illinois.

Container List

Box 1: (MS035.001)
1. Back-to-Campus Plan
2. Bobby Woll Fund Correspondence
3. Bobby Woll Fund Donations
5. Coaching Record
6. Correspondence
7. Correspondence from Bill Bell to Bobby Woll
8. Digital Scrapbooks I (DVD)
9. Digital Scrapbooks II (DVD)
10. Ford Motors Credit Company
11. Lesson Plans
12. Letters of Congratulations 1980
13. Letter of Inquiry about Robert L. DePuy
14. Miscellaneous
15. Newspaper Clippings
16. Newspaper Clippings from Earle Bennett to Bobby Woll I
17. Newspaper Clippings from Earle Bennett to Bobby Woll II
18. Scribbled Plays 1967
19. Sporting Events tickets signed by Woll
20. West Region Baseball Statistics Project

Separations

Box 2: (FF029.001)
   1. Coach Bobby Woll Day Scrapbook 1969

Box 3: (FF029.002)
   1. Bobby Woll Field Dedication Scrapbook 1980

Box 4: (FF029.003)
   1. Squad of 1935 briefcase
   2. Bobby Woll Career and Retirement Scrapbook 1956-1975

Box 5: (FF029.004)
   1. Athletics Scrapbook 1957-1975