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## **Cormack, Herbert, Collection, MS 278**

### **Herbert Cormack Collection**

<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 278
<b>Title</b>	The Herbert Cormack Collection
<b>Repository</b>	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
<b>Dates</b>	1926-1988
<b>Collection Size</b>	.4 linear feet
<b>Creator</b>	J. Schleier
<b>Scope and Content</b>	A collection of photographs, yearbooks, and newspaper clippings related to Herbert Cormack, his college years, and his career as a coach in Iowa.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
<b>Languages</b>	English

**Biographical Note** Herbert Cormack (1900-1994), was born on June 2 in Kinsley, Kansas and grew up in Garden City, Kansas. He graduated from the Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State University) in 1928. During his time at KSTCP, Cormack lettered in basketball for the 1926-1928 seasons. In 1928 Herbert and Elizabeth Cornelius were married on September 29. After graduating, Cormack coached for one year in Mound City, Kansas and five years at Pleasanton, Kansas before moving to Iowa City, Iowa in 1935. There, he taught mathematics and coached football at City High School, losing only ten games in eight years. From 1943-1945, Cormack served as a lieutenant commander in the Navy during World War II before returning to coaching in 1946. Cormack was an assistant coach at Iowa State University for eight years, a backfield coach for Kansas State University, then a football coach and athletic director in Keokuk, Iowa from 1961 until his retirement in 1974. Herbert Cormack talks about his coaching career in the Pittsburg State University *1988 Reunion Yearbook* where he says his wife, Elizabeth, helped him coach and would teach the athletes how to dance. Starting in 1973, City High School in Iowa City began holding a breakfast for Cormack where he would present the Herb Cormack Award to a student-athlete. Cormack

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was awarded a Lifetime Membership into the Keokuk Football Boosters. Herbert Cormack passed away at the age of 93 on January 22, 1994.

### **Processing Note**

Collection processed in February 2020

### **Detailed Description of the Collection**

*Kanza*, 1926

*1988 Reunion Yearbook*, Pittsburg State University

Photographs:

- Simone's Basketball Team, 1930
- Herbert Cormack, Undated
- Kansas University Football Game, 1958
- Pittsburg State University, Aerial View, 1980

Newspaper clippings on Keokuk, Iowa sports