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Intercollegiate Athletics

Coaches

Ray Eliot Papers, 1905-1980

### Ray Eliot Chronology

1905 - June 13, Born Raymond Eliot Nusspickel in New York City, NY  
1924 - Brighton, MA High School graduate  
1924-27 - Kents Hill Seminary, Kents Hill, ME graduate  
1928 - Enrolled in University of Illinois  
1929 - June 27 marriage to Margaret Crowley  
1932 - June graduate with B.S. in Education  
1932-33 - Assistant Football Coach, Illinois College  
1933-37 - Baseball Coach, Illinois College  
1933 - Daughter Jane born  
1934-36, Football Coach, Illinois College  
1937 - Changed name from Raymond Eliot Nusspickel to Ray Eliot  
1938 - Columbia University M.A.  
1942 - January 29 appointment as Head Football Coach, University of Illinois  
1947 - January 1 Rose Bowl victory over UCLA, 45-14  
1951 - January 22 Rejection of head coaching offers from Southern California, Stanford, and Texas  
1952 - January 1 Rose Bowl victory over Stanford, 40-7  
1953 - Nov. 21, 39-14 win at Northwestern brings Big 10 co-championship  
1955-56 - President, American Football Coaches Association  
1959 - March 12 Announced plan to retire after 1959 season  
1959 - Nov. 22 Wins final Big 10 game at Northwestern, 28-0  
1960 - January 27 Ray Eliot Testimonial Dinner at Chicago Illini Club  
1960 - Associate Director, Athletic Association  
1961 - Amos Alonzo Stagg Award  
1965 - Honorary Life Member, American Football Coaches Association  
1973 - Retirement Dinner  
1974 - Honorary Assistant Athletic Director  
1979 - May 11 appointment as Interim Athletic Director  
1980 - February 24 death

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