Member Profile

Bob ’58 and Marian Hummel Kurz ’58

When Bob Kurz ’58 coined the term “Cradle of Coaches” as Miami’s sports information director in 1959, he was merely trying to link six Miamians, all successful football coaches, back to alma mater. With those words and the book that followed, however, he immortalized the names of Miami’s coaching luminaries and launched one of the university’s proudest traditions. Bob and Marian Hummel Kurz ’58, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2008, have been Miami students, employees, and dedicated alumni.

WHAT ARE YOUR FONDEST MIAMI MEMORIES?
Marian: “Laughing a lot with the Tri Delts, the campus — beautiful in all seasons — and some very special professors — Dr. Joyner, Dr. Williamson, Mrs. Spencer. It was how they taught, not the length of the courses.”

WHY IS PRESERVING THE “CRADLE OF COACHES” TRADITION IMPORTANT?
Bob: “I don’t want the students, alumni, and coaches who follow to forget Miami’s rich tradition and the role it played in football coaching history.”

HOW DID YOU BECOME A MIAMI MERGER?
Bob: “We met in the Miami Student offices as freshmen. We had a couple of starts and stops, got pinned our senior year, and were married the next December.”

WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK TO MIAMI?
Bob: “I remember John Dolibois’ admonition when we were graduating seniors. ‘Remember what Miami has given you. As you are able, it’s your turn to pay back.’ We’ve tried.”

WHY ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE MIAMI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?
Marian: “It keeps us connected and on top of the ‘breaking news’ on campus. We also enjoy the good bargains that come along with our membership.”

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