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Biography / Administrative History

The University of the Pacific Emeriti Society Oral History Project began in 1994 and continues as more interviews are conducted. The mission of the Project is to help preserve the history of the University of the Pacific by collecting conversations and recollections of university members from a variety of academic disciplines. Most of the oral histories were conducted by members of the Emeriti Society who interviewed fellow emeriti and created descriptions of content in interviews.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains oral histories of former faculty and administration members. The oral histories contain the career histories and reminiscences of the University of the Pacific Emeriti while employed at Pacific and may include histories of their education and employment at other colleges. The content of the oral histories spans from the 1930s to the present. The oral histories may contain the history of departments, cluster colleges, special programs, administration, faculty, staff, students, and activities that occurred on campus.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
University of the Pacific

Related Material

See also University Archives for additional biographical information.

Series 1: Transcriptions (alphabetical)

Atchley, Bill (1987-1995) President of University.

Scope and Content Note

Balancing the budget, financial difficulties, problems at physical plant, outsourcing food service, employee benefits restructuring, increasing endowments, alumni interests, faculty salary, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation.

Beckler, Stanworth (student 1947-1951, faculty 1951-1991). Professor of Theory and Composition.

Scope and Content Note

Other faculty during his early years, move out of music annex, chapel organ, processes of composition.

Betz, Edward [as remembered by Bud Sullivan, Beth Mason-Gregory, Peggy Rosson, Jesse Marks, Pearl Piper, Ted Leland, Judith Chambers, Laurence Meredith, Gwenn Browne, Paul Fairbrook, Les Medford, Doris Meyer, Bill Biddick] (1939-1980) Professor of Speech, Dean of Men, Dean of Students, Dean of All University Programs, Faculty representative to NCAA.

Scope and Content Note

Debate team, Student Advising Program, CIP Program, Cluster Colleges, PSA ASUOP Senate, Academic Regulations Committee, NCAA.

Blum, George (1962-1999) Professor of History College of the Pacific, Professor of Social Sciences Raymond College.

Scope and Content Note

Beginning and development of Raymond College, Blum's role in curriculum development, Blum in history department of College of the Pacific, Scholarship, committee work, publications, comments on colleagues, students, and administration.

Brown, De Marcus (1926-1968) Theater Arts

Scope and Content Note

Start of theater department at Stockton campus, actors and others who helped with productions, photographs of every production, college productions in Conservatory, thoughts of early faculty members, Conservatory connection, Speech Department connection, Tully Knoles reflections.

Browne, Gwenneth (1968-1995) Department of Philosophy

Scope and Content Note

Honors program, activist, AAUP Unions, Philosophy Dept. & major, General Ed curricular changes & themes, Grievance Committee, social justice, no confidence vote McCaffrey, Anderson Y Life Center.

Caldwell, Gaylon (1970-1982) Dean of Elbert Covell College and professor of Political Science. Latin American Students, policy formation.

Scope and Content Note

Early impressions of Covell College faculty, effect of Latin American economics on Covell student enrollment, imbalance among Latin American students enrolled at Covell, how American students benefited from education at Covell, attitude of University administration toward deans' and faculty's participation in policy formation, relations with other deans and department chairs at College of the Pacific.

Chambers, Judith (1958-) Assistant to the President, Dean of Students, Vice President of Student Life, University Advancement

Scope and Content Note

Association with President Robert Burns and other presidents, President Burns relationship to students, evolution of Student Life, Community Involvement Program, Cluster College development.

Clawson, Elmer (1974-1996). Professor of Education. Department Chair, Associate Dean, Acting Dean (1983-84).

Scope and Content Note

Transition of leadership in School of Education, federal funding of programs, response to changing demographics, economic education, credential and degree program, Stockton Project.

Crabbe, John (1937-c.1959) Speech, Director of campus radio station KCVN

Scope and Content Note

Early development of KVIE-Sacramento, President Robert Burn's support of Crabbe's effort to develop KVIE, Federal Communication Commission relationship to FM stations. (first part of interview taped over)

Davis, Catherine P. (1953-1986) Dean of Women and Vice President of Student Life

Scope and Content Note

Supervision of housing, house mothers, student conduct and discipline, student honor societies, dress code for women, student hours/curfews, parent orientation.

di Franco, Roland (1972-2001) Professor of Mathematics

Scope and Content Note

Presidential searches, handbook production, math curriculum, computer use in visualization of mathematics.

Dempsey, Cedric (1967-1979) Director of Athletics

Scope and Content Note

Athletic Program at UOP; development of women's athletic program; focused on the liberal arts aspect of Pacific.

Dochterman, Cliff (1972-1990) Executive Vice President

Scope and Content Note

Beginning of Development Office, Purchase of the Delta Campus and funding of campus buildings, Start of Community Involvement Program, President Atchley's administrative philosophy, corruption in the University maintenance department, working with students, Gladys Benerd and her major donation, changes in the character of the regents, relationship between the University and Stockton.

Fairbrook, Paul (1965-1985) Director of Food Services, 1965-1966; Director of Housing and Food Services, 1966-1975; Director of Auxiliary Services, 1975-1985.

Scope and Content Note

Improvement of University dining services; managing University departments during the turbulent decades in the 1960s and 1970s; staging all-campus international dinners; public relations on a university campus; improving town-gown relations between UOP and the Stockton community; self-operation versus contractor operation of a college or university dining service.

Goleman, Fay (1937-1976) Professor of Education and Sociology

Scope and Content Note

Relation of Irving Goleman to Stockton College, community social work connections, early association with Harold Jacoby, Knoles family, professional social work committees.

Hamernik, Robert (1962-1998) Professor of Civil Engineering, Associate Dean of School of Engineering

Scope and Content Note

Assisted with growth of School of Engineering, aided growth of Engineering Co-op Program, assisted with Engineering Council of Professional Development 1970-71, Served with Henderson McGee and Robert Heyborne, specialized in structural design and construction techniques. [Interview conducted with Jim Morgali. Only answers to Hamernik are included in transcription.]

Helton, Floyd (1959-1980) Professor of Mathematics

Scope and Content Note

Transition of math department to computers, feelings about "atmosphere" at Pacific, teaching math to elementary education students, teaching math to engineering students, emeritus relationship to the University.

Jacoby, Harold (1933-1968, 1971-1976) Dean of the College of the Pacific, Professor Sociology

Scope and Content Note

Undergraduate career as basketball player at Pacific, deanship of College and reason for resignation, administrator at Mills College, assessment of Vice Presidents and Presidents, Samuel Meyer, Robert Burns, Stanley McCaffery, comments on several faculty, direction of curriculum, and community involvement.

Jantzen, J. Marc (1936-1974) Professor and Dean at School of Education.

Scope and Content Note

History of the School of Education, Development of philosophy and curriculum, teacher corps, diversity of students and staff, international program, importance of liberal arts and cluster colleges.

Kahn, Sy (1963-1986) Raymond College, Director of Theater Arts

Scope and Content Note

Assessment of early perceptions of Raymond College and the university, perceptions of Robert Burns, drama at Fallon House in Columbia, California, free speech era.

Kihara, Cisco (1957-1973) Professor of Pharmacy

Scope and Content Note

Move of staff from University of Idaho to start Pacific's Pharmacy program, history of training of pharmacists.

Lark, Neil (1962-1999) Professor, Natural Sciences at Raymond College; Professor, Physics

Scope and Content Note

Raymond College structure and faculty, Raymond curriculum development and dissolution, importance of professional development leaves, transfer to COP Physics Department, closure of Raymond College, University service, committees.

Limbaugh, Ronald (1966-2000) Professor of History, Director of Holt-Atherton Pacific Center for Western Studies, Director of the John Muir Center for Regional Studies

Scope and Content Note

Negotiations to obtain and make accessible the John Muir Papers.

McMaster, Robert (1966 - 1990) Chief Investment Officer, Associate Vice President for Business & Finance

Scope and Content Note

Years of service at Pacific; Administration and colleagues; major accomplishments and changes; summary.

Matson, Elizabeth (1945-1981) Professor of Health and Physical Education, Chairperson of Physical Education for Women.

Scope and Content Note

Stockton College/College of the Pacific relationship instructors and joint appointments, athletics, Amos Alonzo Stagg days at College of the Pacific, faculty for Physical Education/Health/Recreation, play days, intramurals, women's athletics, love of Pacific, caring attitude toward students.

Matuszak, Alice Jean (1963-2002) Professor, School of Pharmacy

Scope and Content Note

Pharmacy School curriculum and units, role of Medicinal Chemistry in Pharmacy, role of women in Pharmacy, honor societies, social-professional fraternities, history of Pharmacy.

Maynard, Arthur (1958-1985) Professor and Chairperson Religious Studies

Scope and Content Note

Course and curriculum emphasis, Colliver Lecture Series, individuals admired, relationship of Pacific and local church community.

Medford, E. Leslie Jr. (1962-1988) Dean of Admissions, Cluster Colleges

Scope and Content Note

Importance of Cluster Colleges for University recruitment efforts, impression of Robert Burns, Samuel Meyer, Elliot Taylor, opposition to special admission of athletes, relation of Cluster Colleges to University.

Meredith, Lawrence (1966-1999) Dean of the Chapel, Callison College, Religious Studies, Humanities.

Scope and Content Note

Innovations in the Chapel program, attitude toward University administrators, Robert Burns, Stanley McCaffery, Donald DeRosa, role of Academic Vice President John Bevan, Alistair McCrone, Clifford Hand, notable University faculty, involvement in curriculum changes at Callison College, innovative courses at the University, University community relations.

Meyer, Doris (1956-1990) Professor of Athletics.

Scope and Content Note

Development of women's athletics nationally; early faculty women on campus; teacher credential program in adapted P.E.

Miller, Sally (1967-2000) Professor of History.

Scope and Content Note

Development of Women's Studies, Affirmative Action, Jake Jacoby, Malcolm Moule, Cliff Hand.

Morgali, Jim (1961-1999) Professor of Civil Engineering, Chair of Management Engineering

Scope and Content Note

Served with Henderson McGee, and Robert Heyborne, aided with growth of School of Engineering, and Engineering Co-op Program, assisted with accreditation with engineering program. [Interviewed simultaneously with Robert Hamernik]

Pejack, Edwin (1982-2007) Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Department Chair

Scope and Content Note

Initiation of the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering at UOP; first graduating class and first accreditation of Mechanical Engineering program; organizing of nonprofit NGO, Solar Cookers Int.; first world conference on Solar Cooking, held at UOP.

Piper, Pearl Webb (1940-) Secretary of Admissions.

Scope and Content Note

Stockton College - COP relationships, Early 1940 campus environment, perceptions of administrators - Elliot Taylor, Robert Burns, Covell College, reactions to present day university.

Reinelt, Herbert (1962-1999) Professor of Philosophy

Scope and Content Note

Experience of young faculty coming to Pacific in the 1960s, curriculum changes, Information and Imagination to Mentor, major personalities of his era, changes in student interests and community allegiances, evolution of faculty governance and board of regents, Pacific's contribution to Stockton.

Schedler, Gil (1967- 2004) Professor of Religious Studies and Chair of Religious Studies Department

Scope and Content Note

Callison College, India, Religious Studies, English Dept., teaching style and courses.

Schilling, Charles (1956-1985) Conservatory organist and carilloner

Scope and Content Note

Campus life in the 1960s, advantages of a small campus, evolution of the Chapel service, Conservatory review/emphasis/direction, Robert Burns and his importance to University, faculty governance.

Shimeall, Clark (1968-1986) Covell College, Geology Professor

Scope and Content Note

Covell College, teaching geology to Latin American students, becoming Dean of Students for Covell College, Covell administrators and colleagues, personal life since retiring.

Spelts, Elizabeth (1948-1985) Conservatory professor of Voice

Scope and Content Note

Circumstances of hiring John Elliot, impressions of faculty/administration, Tully Knoles, individual (not classroom instruction), activity since retirement, private instruction, teaching goals, Conservatory organization and departments, Civil Rights movement, Cluster Colleges, Conservatory Deans from Preston Stedman to Carl Nosse, Music Camp, Opera production, *Outcasts of Poker Flat*, 50th anniversary celebration, contributions of Pacific to Stockton, Football from last Eddie LaBaron game, A Cappella Choir.

Sylvester, Ray (1972-) School of Business, Associate Dean

Scope and Content Note

Founding of School of Business, Sid Turoff, general education, Clifford Hand.

Wagner, W.C. "Mike" (1962-1986) Professor of Social Sciences, Raymond College; Professor of Economics

Scope and Content Note

Nature of Raymond College, success of Raymond graduates, Robert Burns, Samuel Meyer, Warren Bryan Martin (Raymond Provost), Raymond College demise, transfer to Department of Economics.

Whiteker, Roy (1976-1989) Dean of COP, Professor of Chemistry.

Scope and Content Note

Early Administration, COP Dean, Absorption of Cluster Colleges faculty, development of Physical Therapy program, International Studies program, Chi chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Winters, Paul (1956-1989) Public Speaking, Speech, Communication

Scope and Content Note

Move from Stockton College to Pacific, development of Forensics Program, participation in coast-to-coast debate tournaments, development of the Legal Communication course, memorable debate participants.

Series 2:Audio Recordings (if available)