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Scope and Contents
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Arrangement
The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Related Materials
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Donald H. Pflueger Cal Poly Pomona History Papers, Collection no. 0007, University Archives, Special Collections and Archives, University Library, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
Hugh O. La Bounty Papers, Collection no. 0086, University Archives, Special Collections and Archives, University Library, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
Kenneth Haun Kitch Papers, Collection no. 0085, University Archives, Special Collections and Archives, University Library, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
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**box 1, box 8 Adair, Virginia Hamilton 2001 April 17**

- **Physical Description:** (Two audiocassettes and three compact discs)
- **Scope and Contents**
  Virginia Adair was one of the first female faculty members hired at Cal Poly Pomona, then known as Cal Poly Kellogg-Voorhis, in 1957. Adair taught English at the university until 1980 and later became a nationally recognized poet. The interview was conducted by Danette Cook Adamson, former Special Collections librarian at Cal Poly Pomona.

**box 1 Alderson, James 2011 November 22**

- **Physical Description:** (One transcript and one compact disc)
- **Scope and Contents**
  James Alderson is a professor in the Animal and Veterinary Sciences department of the College of Agriculture and the former director of the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Raquel Robles for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

**box 1 Anderson, Judith 2011 November 16**

- **Physical Description:** (One transcript and two compact discs)
- **Scope and Contents**
  Dr. Judith Anderson is a professor emerita of history at Cal Poly Pomona. She taught at the university for more than three decades, beginning in 1976. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Brent Monacelli for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

**box 1, box 8 Anooshian, Barney 2001 September 26**

- **Physical Description:** (Two audiocassettes and one transcript)
- **Scope and Contents**
  Barney Anooshian taught kinesiology at Cal Poly Pomona from 1958 to 1986. He also coached several sports, including baseball, football, and tennis. The interview was conducted by Lynne Emery, former professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at Cal Poly Pomona.

**box 4 Aschenbrenner, Albert J. 1975 December 15**

- **Physical Description:** (One 1/4 inch audio tape)
- **Scope and Contents**
  Albert Aschenbrenner was a professor of English and dean of the Division of Arts and Science at Cal Poly Pomona.
Batcheller, Oliver "Jolly" 1966

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes and a report with interview questions)

Scope and Contents

Oliver "Jolly" Batcheller joined Cal Poly in 1946 and served as head of the Ornamental Horticulture Department of Cal Poly Kellogg-Voorhis. The interview was conducted by student Richard M. Francisco for his senior project. The audio interview with Jolly Batcheller is on the same audiocassette as the interview with John F. Lamiman.

Beckett, Helen 1966 April 7

Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape, one audiocassette, and a report with interview questions)

Scope and Contents

Helen Beckett was secretary to Chester McCorkle, the dean of the college, and had also previously worked as a secretary at the Voorhis Unit, the first southern campus of Cal Poly in San Dimas. The interview was conducted by student Sharon Sforzini Grant for her senior project.

Boltz, Howard O. 1966 April 5

Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape, three audiocassettes, and a report with interview questions)

Scope and Contents

Howard O. Boltz was department head of the Landscape Architecture division at Cal Poly Kellogg-Voorhis, the former name of Cal Poly Pomona. He previously taught classes at both the Cal Poly Voorhis Unit, the first southern campus of Cal Poly, in San Dimas and at the Kellogg campus. The interview was conducted by student Sharon Sforzini Grant for her senior project.

Burns, Susan 2011 November 14

Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)

Scope and Contents

Dr. Susan Burns was a member of the Music Department faculty at Cal Poly Pomona from 1979 to 2011 and oversaw the university’s vocal program. The interview was conducted by student Bryan Smith for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

Carlberg, George circa 1975

Physical Description: (Report with transcript of interview and one 1/4 inch audio tape)

Scope and Contents

George Carlberg was a professor of accounting at Cal Poly Pomona and was selected to start the business program. He taught at Cal Poly Pomona from 1949 to 1975. The interview was conducted by student Daniel Jonasen for his senior project.

Clewett, Heber 1960 January 18

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes and two compact discs)

Scope and Contents

Heber Clewett was a teacher at the Voorhis School for Boys, a San Dimas school that operated for a decade between 1928 and 1938. The land was donated to Cal Poly in 1938 and opened as Cal Poly’s Voorhis Unit. The interview was conducted by student Robert Beall for his senior project.
Conard, Haven 1966 March 16

Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape and a report with interview questions)

Scope and Contents

Haven Conard taught at Cal Poly Pomona from 1946 to 1979 and served as chairman of the Agricultural Engineering department. The interview was conducted by student Rebecca M. Taylor for her senior project.

DeBois, William and Kenneth Holmes 2008 September 22

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes)

Scope and Contents

William DeBois and Kenneth Holmes were students at Cal Poly's Voorhis Unit in San Dimas when it opened in 1938.

Devilbiss, Mary Lee 1983 May 11

Physical Description: (1/4 inch audio tape)

Scope and Contents

Mary Lee Devilbiss was a former librarian at Cal Poly Pomona.

Englund, Carl 1970 July 31

Physical Description: (Four audiocassettes, five 1/4 inch audio tapes, two RCA Snap Load Cartidges)

Scope and Contents

Carl Englund was the Dean of Agriculture at the Cal Poly Voorhis Unit in San Dimas after World War II. The interview was conducted by student Carol Matthews for her senior project.

Fulbeck, Jack 2002 December 6

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes and two transcripts)

Scope and Contents

Jack Fulbeck taught in the English department at Cal Poly Pomona from 1958 until 1983. He was also a poet and served as editor of the poetry magazine, The California Quarterly.

Goldman, Larry 2011 November 29

Physical Description: (One flash drive and one transcript)

Scope and Contents

Dr. Larry Goldman was a professor of psychology at Cal Poly Pomona until 2013. His research focus was physiological psychology. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Elizabeth Lloyd for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

Griffin, James M. 1975

Physical Description: (Report with transcript of interview and one 1/4 inch audio tape)

Scope and Contents

James M. Griffin was a student at the Cal Poly Voorhis Unit, Cal Poly's first southern campus in San Dimas. He also taught in the Ornamental Horticulture department at the Voorhis Unit and, later, the Kellogg Campus until 1969. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Griffin was responsible for Cal Poly's annual Rose Parade float entry from 1949 to 1956. The interview was conducted by student Guy E. Cloutman, Jr.
Haber, Zelma 2004 February 20

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes)
Scope and Contents
Zelma Haber was married to Ernie Haber, a graduate of the Voorhis School for Boys. That school was in San Dimas and was on the land that eventually became the Voorhis Unit when the land was donated to Cal Poly in 1938. Haber discusses the school in an interview with Danette Cook Adamson, former Special Collections librarian at Cal Poly Pomona.

Haefer, Don 1960 February 18

Physical Description: (Two 1/4-inch audio tapes, two compact discs, and one audiocassette)
Scope and Contents
Don Haefer was a former student at the Voorhis School for Boys. The interview was conducted by student Robert Beall for his senior project.

Hobbs, Kenneth 1960 February 20

Physical Description: (Report and interview transcript)
Scope and Contents
Kenneth Hobbs taught agricultural biology from 1950 to 1976. The interview was conducted by student Robert Beall for his senior project.

Hobbs, Kenneth 1975

Physical Description: (Two 1/4 inch audio tapes and one cassette)
Scope and Contents
Kenneth Hobbs taught agricultural biology from 1950 to 1976. The interview was conducted by student Andrew Cabancungan in 1975.

Holtz, Walter B. 1966

Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape and a report with interview questions)
Scope and Contents
Walter B. Holtz was head of the Mechanical Engineering department at Cal Poly Pomona, when it was known as Cal Poly Kellogg-Voorhis. He came to Kellogg-Voorhis from San Dimas in 1957 to assist in the formation of the engineering department. The interview was conducted by student Richard M. Francisco for his senior project.

Jackson, Stan 2002 February 4

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes)
Scope and Contents
Stan Jackson was a former football player at Cal Poly Pomona and later became a professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion. He also coached multiple sports during his 34-year tenure at Cal Poly Pomona. The interview was conducted by Lynne Emery, former professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at Cal Poly Pomona.

Jones, Cecil 1972 April

Physical Description: (Two 1/4 inch audio tapes)
Scope and Contents
Cecil Jones served as assistant business manager at Cal Poly. He administered the fiscal affairs for the Voorhis Unit in San Dimas from San Luis Obispo’s business office. Jones later served as Director of Business Affairs for the Kellogg-Voorhis Unit.
Kaufman, Louis 1972 March 7

Physical Description: (Two 1/4 inch audio tapes)

Scope and Contents
Dr. Louis Kaufman was the first dean of the School of Business at Cal Poly Pomona after it split from the School of Arts in 1968.

La Bounty, Hugh 1966 April 11

Physical Description: (Two compact discs, one 1/4 inch audio tape, one audiocassette, and a report with interview questions)

Scope and Contents
At the time of the interview, Hugh La Bounty was executive dean of planning and development at Cal Poly Kellogg-Voorhis. He later served as president of Cal Poly Pomona from 1978 to 1991. The interview was conducted by student Sharon Sforzini Grant for her senior project.

Lamiman, John F. 1966

Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape and a report with interview questions)

Scope and Contents
John F. Lamiman joined the Cal Poly Voorhis Unit in San Dimas in 1946 and taught in the Biological Sciences department, retiring in 1966. He also served as head of the Biological Sciences Department. The interview was conducted by student Richard M. Francisco for his senior project.

Maurer, Robert circa 1977

Physical Description: (One report and interview transcript, a report with interview questions, three 1/4 inch audio tapes, and two audiocassettes)

Scope and Contents
Robert Maurer held various faculty and administrative positions over the years, both at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and at the Southern Kellogg Campus. He served as a psychology professor, dean of Arts and Sciences and dean of Graduate Studies. The interview was conducted by student Victor Ritter for his senior project.

McCorkle, Chester O. 1973 March 5

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes, five 1/4 inch audio tapes)

Scope and Contents
Chester O. McCorkle was dean of the college at Cal Poly’s Kellogg Campus from 1959 to 1966. Prior to that, he served in various educational and administrative roles at Cal Poly.

McCorkle, Chester O. circa 1976

Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape)

Scope and Contents
Chester O. McCorkle was dean of the college at Cal Poly’s Kellogg Campus from 1959 to 1966. Prior to that, he served in various educational and administrative roles at Cal Poly.

McCorkle, Chester O. - History of Senior Project 1971 March 22

Physical Description: (One audiocassette)

Scope and Contents
Chester O. McCorkle is the former dean of the college for the Cal Poly Kellogg Campus. In this interview, a student interviews McCorkle about the history of the senior project.
McIntosh, Pat 2001 May 17

Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes)

Scope and Contents
Pat McIntosh discusses her time in the Cal Poly Women's Club. This club began in 1949 as the Faculty Wives' Club, a support group for the wives of faculty members. McIntosh's husband, William, was a professor of math at Cal Poly Pomona. The interview was conducted by student Tracey Beatty.

McPhee, Julian 1966 April 18

Physical Description: (One compact disc, three 1/4 inch audio tapes, two audiocassettes, and a report with interview questions)

Scope and Contents
Julian McPhee was president of Cal Poly from 1933 to 1966. The interview was conducted by student Sharon Sforzini Grant for her senior project.

Moss, Andrew 2011 November 15-17

Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)

Scope and Contents
Dr. Andrew Moss is an emeritus professor of English at Cal Poly Pomona. He also was involved with the Ahimsa Center at Cal Poly Pomona, which holds programs and activities that focus on nonviolence. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Elizabeth Portela for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

O'Brien, Ben and Earl 2003 June 20

Physical Description: (One transcript, four audiocassettes, and three compact discs)

Scope and Contents
Ben and Earl O'Brien were students at the Voorhis School for Boys. The interview was conducted by Danette Cook Adamson, former Special Collections librarian at Cal Poly Pomona.

Piña, Kelly 2011 November 18

Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)

Scope and Contents
Kelly Piña is the former administrative support coordinator at the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Aaron Muller for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

Scolinos, John 2001 October 25

Physical Description: (One transcript and two audiocassettes)

Scope and Contents
John Scolinos was a longtime baseball coach and professor of physical education at Cal Poly Pomona. The university's baseball field, Scolinos Field, is named after him. The interview was conducted by Lynne Emery, former professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at Cal Poly Pomona.

Shotwell-Tabke, Marissa 2011 November 17

Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)

Scope and Contents
Marissa Shotwell-Tabke was an assistant horse trainer at the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Kamilla Gibson for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).
Smith, David Richard 2011 November 29
Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)
Scope and Contents
Dr. David Smith is an emeritus professor of History at Cal Poly Pomona. He began teaching at Cal Poly Pomona in 1970. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Cyndi Reyes for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

Smith, Kathleen 2011 November 18
Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)
Scope and Contents
Kathleen Smith is the former farm manager at the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. She is also an alumna of Cal Poly Pomona. The interview was conducted by student Katelyn Loveridge for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

Stevenson, Joe 1960 February 18
Physical Description: (Two compact discs and two audiocassettes)
Scope and Contents
Joe Stevenson was a former student at the Voorhis School for Boys. The interview was conducted by student Robert Beall for his senior project.

Stinson, Mark 2011 November 17
Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)
Scope and Contents
Mark Stinson was the supervising trainer at the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center and is an alumnus of Cal Poly Pomona. The interview was conducted by student Katrin Bower for a history class project (HST 391S Introduction to Public and Applied History).

Stull, Robert 1966
Physical Description: (One report with interview questions)
Scope and Contents
The interview was conducted by student Rebecca M. Taylor for her senior project.

Tay, Herbert 1960 January 18
Physical Description: (Two compact discs, one 1/4 inch audio tape, and two audiocassettes)
Scope and Contents
Herbert Tay was a teacher at the Voorhis School for Boys, a San Dimas school that operated for a decade between 1928 and 1938. The land was donated to Cal Poly in 1938 and opened as Cal Poly’s Voorhis Unit. The interview was conducted by student Robert Beall for his senior project.

Taylor, Michael A. 1999 April 23
Physical Description: (One compact disc and two audiocassettes)
Scope and Contents
Michael Taylor was a student at Cal Poly Pomona when he built a large treehouse in an oak tree in the campus ecological reserve. Taylor also worked on the first solar car built on campus. The interview was conducted by Danette Cook Adamson and Christine Thomas of the Cal Poly Pomona University Library.
Tucker, Dorothy 1998 August 8
Physical Description: (Two audiocassettes)
Scope and Contents
Dorothy Tucker was the first female faculty member hired at Cal Poly Pomona. She taught at the college from 1957 to 1974. The interview was conducted by Mecca Carpenter, who worked in the Development Office at Cal Poly Pomona.

Voorhis, Charles 1960 January 7
Physical Description: (Four compact discs, three 1/4 inch audio tapes, two audio cassettes)
Scope and Contents
Charles Voorhis was the founder of the Voorhis School for Boys and donated the land that became the first campus of Cal Poly Pomona. The interview was conducted by student Robert Beall for his senior project on the Voorhis School for Boys.

Voorhis, Jerry 1972 July
Physical Description: (Three 1/4 inch audio tapes, one compact disc and one audiocassette)
Scope and Contents
Jerry Voorhis served as headmaster of the Voorhis School for Boys, which eventually became the first campus of what is now Cal Poly Pomona. Voorhis later served a decade in the United States Congress. The interview was conducted by student John Brooks.

Weeks, Keith 1966 March 11
Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape and a report with interview questions)
Scope and Contents
Keith Weeks began working at the Voorhis Unit in 1947 and eventually became chairman of the Music Department for Cal Poly Kellogg-Voorhis, the former name for Cal Poly Pomona. The interview was conducted by student Rebecca M. Taylor for her senior project.

Welch, Harry 1976 April 10
Physical Description: (One 1/4 inch audio tape)
Scope and Contents
Harry Welch was a professor of soil science at Cal Poly Pomona from 1947 to 1966. The interview was conducted by student Dennis Caldwell for his senior project.

Winterbourne, Robert (Bob) J. 1966 July 28
Physical Description: (Two 1/4 inch audio tapes, four audiocassettes, and a report with interview questions)
Scope and Contents
Robert (Bob) J. Winterbourne was a student at the Voorhis Unit in San Dimas and later worked on both the Voorhis Unit and Kellogg Campus as an Associate Dean and counselor. The interview was conducted by student Richard M. Francisco for his senior project.

Young, Lester 2011 November 30
Physical Description: (One compact disc and one transcript)
Scope and Contents
Dr. Lester Young is the former dean of the College of Agriculture at Cal Poly Pomona. He worked at the university for more than three decades, holding various administrative positions and was also a faculty member in the College of Agriculture. The interview was conducted by Cal Poly Pomona student Valerie Attilano for a history class project (HST 3915 Introduction to Public and Applied History).