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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.
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Related Material

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Series 1: Transcriptions (alphabetical)

Albaugh, Glen (1971-1999) Professor of Sport Psychology
Scope and Content Note
Evolution of intellectual reach, freedom of academic inquiry at Pacific, administrative involvement, community outreach (First Tee, etc.), Socrates as a coach, and The Mystery of the Game.

Scope and Content Note
Recruitment to and involvement in Callison College; death of Callison College; initial loss of tenure and restoration of tenure; transfer to Department of Biological Sciences; anecdotes and wry comments; an individual viewpoint regarding events during career at UOP.

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.

Beauchamp, Kenneth (1969-2007) Professor of Psychology, Associate and Acting Dean of COP, Department Chair.
Scope and Content Note
Departmental curriculum changes, evolution of faculty participation in governance, departmental management, description and comparison of Deans and Presidents, Board of Regents changes.

Beck, Brallier, Lynn (2005-2016) Dean of School of Education and Interim Dean of Library.
Scope and Content Note
Role of School of Education in the University and the community, Restructuring of School of Education departments, Dean Beck’s leadership style, Partnerships with area school districts and San Francisco School of Dentistry, and Role as Interim Dean of Library.

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

Benedetti, Robert (1989-2013) Dean, College of the Pacific; Executive Director, Jacoby Center.
Scope and Content Note
Budget challenges 1990s, General Education reform, evolution of citizen leader concept, Atchley and DeRosa administrations, Midtown Magnolia Project, Stockton Speaks, More Votes that Count research project.
Professor of Speech, Dean of Men, Dean of Students, Dean of All University Programs, Faculty representative to NCAAA.

Scope and Content Note
Debate team, Student Advising Program, CIP Program, Cluster Colleges, PSA ASUOP Senate, Academic Regulations Committee, NCAAA.


Scope and Content Note
Review of courses offered by Religious Studies Department, involvement in development of the University's Faculty Governance, relationships with former students, staff and faculty, and early ties between the Methodist Church and Pacific.

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, Ashland (1991-2016) Dean of School of Engineering, Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Scope and Content Note
Changes and growth in scope of the academic programs, advancements in student scholarship (use of finite element analysis), challenges that the university could help the Stockton Community improve in (K-12), and challenges that the University could achieve in the future (advancement, research, Stockton K-12).

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.


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.
Cavanaugh, Patrick (1997-2014) Vice-President for Business and Finance
Scope and Content Note
Business at Pacific, President DeRosa’s administration, Beginning of President Eibeck’s administration (first five years), Endowment growth, Facility planning and development.

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.

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)

Dash, Robert (1964-2001) Professor of Modern Languages; Director of the Center for Integrated Studies; Honors Programs.
Scope and Content Note
Faculty governance, curricular development, general education, Modern Languages Dept.

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.
Dunmire, Dale (1974-1990) Professor of Education, Department Chair, Associate Dean, Acting Dean

Scope and Content Note
Electrical and computer engineering, Dean Robert Heyborne, influence of Regent Ted Baun, Family atmosphere in Engineering Department, rapid changes in curriculum, growth in department, introduction of computers and microcomputers, beginning of Masters in Electrical Engineering, faculty in the Department.

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.

Fletcher, David (1973-2008) Professor of Civil Engineering

Scope and Content Note
Development of civil Engineering curriculum; development of Mentor Seminar; participation in University governance; overhauling of Promotion and Tenure.

Gilbertson, Philip (1996-2014) Provost, Director, Pacific History Project

Scope and Content Note
First Impressions, instituting and managing change in curriculum and rest of University, prominent institutional issues and achievements, prominent personages among admin, faculty, staff, students, alumni, regents, and challenges to the task of enhancing the University’s academic programs.

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.

Griego, Elizabeth (2006 – 2013) Vice President for Student Life.

Scope and Content Note
Student Life organization and staffing, Student Life programs, Pacific students’ characteristics.

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.]


Scope and Content Note
Participation in I & I Program, successive General Education programs, College of the Pacific Dean’s office, student quality, faculty observation of the President and Regents.
James D. Heffernan (1972-2014) Professor of Philosophy, Department Chair
Scope and Content Note
The path to Pacific, contributions including innovations and new courses, Department of Philosophy, student trends, and changes and impact of administration. Changes in Pacific over time including: ethnic make-up of students, use of technology, and community involvement.

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.

Howells, Gary (1971-2013) Professor of Psychology
Scope and Content Note
Getting into Pacific, Callison College experience, integration into COP Psychology Department, clinical experience and the Stockton community, and relationships with colleagues and administrators.

Humphreys, Len (1970-200) Professor of History
Scope and Content Note
Foundation of School of International Studies (SIS), History of Callison College, and First World History Course in US College History.

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.

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.

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

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.

Scope and Content Note
Changes in biological sciences curriculum, general education programs, advising pre-health professional majors, role of faculty in shared governance and committees, role of administrators & relationships with faculty, makeup of student body.

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.

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]

Morrow, Bob (1975 - 2002) Professor, Benerd School of Education.
Scope and Content Note
Special Education program, Early Childhood Education, Stockton Children's Home, Women's Center Family Resource & Referral, Mentor Seminar, Advising, Promotion & Tenure, Administration: Deans, Presidents.

Scope and Content Note
Renovation of the dormitories for the Cluster Colleges, Construction of the Pharmacy Rotunda, Construction of Wendell Phillips Center, and Construction of Burns Tower.

Muskal, Fred (1972-2009) Professor of Education Administration, Chair Academic Council
Scope and Content Note
Chair Academic Council 1992, Education Administration, Information & Imagination Program (I&I), and faculty/administration interactions.

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.
Rohwer, Claude (1961-2005) Associate Dean for Graduate & International Programs and Professor of Law

Scope and Content Note
Growth of Law School, McGeorge School of Law affiliation with University of the Pacific, Role of Academic Council, International Programs, and Justice Kennedy.

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.

Schippers, John (1962-1990) Professor, School of Education.

Scope and Content Note
Development of Teacher Corps program; association with National Science Foundation program; student teaching in Mexico; early computer use program in School of Education; Lawrence Hall of Science curricular materials and program.

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.

Smith, Rueben (1972-1994) Professor of History, Dean of Graduate Schools, and Provost of Callison College.

Scope and Content Note
Callison College program, curriculum, & problems, role and responsibilities of Graduate Dean, governance & committees, 1993 accreditation, and need for strong “Office of Development.”

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.


Scope and Content Note
Early years of library, building, staffing, departments; early administration and faculty retreats; Stockton College/College of Pacific transition; branch libraries: music, pharmacy.

Scope and Content Note
Role of an administrator, interim Athletic Director experiences, team work concepts and importance, transition to Sport Sciences Department title, importance of athletic team competition in an educational setting.

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

Scope and Content Note
Founding of School of Business, Sid Turoff, general education, Clifford Hand.

van Bronkhorst, Warren (1967-1991) Professor of Violin and Conductor of the University Orchestra

Scope and Content Note
Teaching responsibilities at the Conservatory of Music, Academic programs available at Conservatory, Recruiting interested/talented students, and the Conservatory’s role in the community.

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.

Williams, John (1965-1998) Professor of English.

Scope and Content Note
Raymond College, its community and style of teaching; demise of Raymond Endowment; transition to the College of Pacific English Department; design of the Mentor Program; interactions with the Regents.

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.

Wolak, William (1975-2007) Professor, Theater Arts. Chair, Drama Department.

Scope and Content Note
Change in climate from 1970s to 2005 – intellectual freedom, support for innovation and risk-taking; change in student demands regarding core of curriculum; growth of administrative staff relative to teaching staff; core attitudes change in faculty conception of nature of the job.

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