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Records, 1994-2015: Preliminary Finding Aid

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Abstract: The Princetoniana Committee was formed by the Alumni Council in 1981 with the mission of proactively collecting worthy items of Princetoniana on the University’s behalf. The Princetoniana Committee Oral History Project (POHP) Records consist of oral history interview transcripts from two separate oral history projects and related materials.
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The Princetoniana Committee was formed by the Alumni Council in 1981 with the mission of proactively collecting worthy items of Princetoniana on the University's behalf. Since that time the Committee's efforts have broadened to include sporadic exhibits, oral history projects, and a webpage containing information about Princeton traditions.

The Princetoniana Committee Oral History Project (POHP) Records consist of oral history interview transcripts from three separate oral history projects and related materials. The first set of transcripts consists of interviews with prominent Princeton Alumni assembled for the 1996 book Going Back: An Oral History of Princeton. Also included are correspondence pertaining to the project and audio recordings of interviews. The second set of transcripts consists of oral history interviews undertaken by alumni to capture various aspects of Princeton's history and includes Old Guard alumni, early alumnae, and others with significant Princeton connections. The project started in 2006 and is ongoing. Also included are interview release forms for the interview subjects. The third oral history project centers around individuals who lived in the Butler Apartments graduate students housing.

Access and Use

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Provenance and Acquisition

Appraisal

Appraisal has been conducted according to University Archives policies and procedures.

### Related Materials

**Location of Copies or Alternate Formats**

Digital files of some of the transcripts in Series 2 and Series 3 are accessible in the contents list.

### Processing and Other Information

**Preferred Citation**

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Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

### Subject Headings

- Baker, James Addison, 1930-
- Cain, Dean.
- Carril, Pete.
- Gesner, Clark.
- Kazmaier, Dick.
- Kopp, Wendy.
- Noor, Queen, consort of Hussein, King of Jordan, 1951-
- Princeton University. Alumni and alumnae.
- Princeton University. History.
- Princeton University -- Students -- Social conditions.
- Universities and colleges -- Alumni and alumnae -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Interviews.
- Audiocassettes.
- Compact discs.

Size: 1.0 Linear Feet

Description: Series 1 consists of interviews with prominent Princeton Alumni assembled for the 1996 book Going Back: An Oral History of Princeton. Also included are correspondence pertaining to the project and audio recordings of interviews.

Arrangement: The arrangement of the records at the time of donation has been retained.

Series 2: Princetoniana Committee Oral History Interviews, 1977-2015 May 12

Size: 0.84 Linear Feet

Description: Series 2 consists of oral history interviews undertaken by alumni to capture various aspects of Princeton's history and includes Old Guard alumni, early alumnae, and others with significant Princeton connections. The project started in 2006 and is ongoing. Also included are interview release forms for the interview subjects. Digital files of several of the interview transcripts are accessible in the list below. Additional transcripts will be added as they become available in digital format.

Arrangement: Transcripts are arranged alphabetically by interviewee's last name.

Charles Allen '45, 2007 August 31

Biography/History: Charles Allen, Class of 1945. Served as Alumni Trustee in 1978 to 1982. Allen majored in School of Public and International Affairs (contemporary Woodrow Wilson School). His father was class of 1915 and his grandfather was class of 1875.

Description: In the interview Allen discusses the bell in Nassau Hall signaling the start of classes; "Iron Bounds" bicker strategy; debates over destroying older style architecture; Pearl Harbor; World War II; accelerated classes; Princeton ROTC shipped out to Fort Bragg in 1943; being a part of the first Princeton ROTC class to go to Officer Candidate School, Officer Candidate Class107; combat experience in the Philippines; serving on a committee to nominate alumni trustees and serving as Alumni Trustee from 1978 until 1982; and the recruitment of basketball player Bill Bradley. Allen mentions Bill Van Cleve, Walter "Buzzer" Hall, "Beppo" Hall, President of St. Louis Country Day School Bill Edwards, Neal Rubinstine, Arnie Berlin, Bill Bowen, and Pete LeLand.

James Amick '45, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: James Amick, Class of 1949. Amick majored in chemistry. He received his M.A. in 1951 and his Ph.D. in 1952 from Princeton in physical chemistry.
Description: In his interview, Amick discusses growing up during the Depression in Bound Brook, New Jersey; military activity at Princeton; V-J Day on campus; being part of a minority on campus not in an eating club; Chapel Choir; lack of racial diversity; coeducation debates; the experience of his Czechoslovakian Jewish roommate, Louis Berger; living in Middle Reunion; freshmen stealing the clapper from Nassau Hall bell and sophomores trying to stop them; working at Brookhaven in Long Island, RCA Laboratories in Switzerland and Somerville, Exxon Research in Elizabeth, and Mobil in Boston; the undergraduate versus graduate school experience; the Maxwell Mansion fire; and the construction of Firestone Library. He mentions Professors Hubert Newcombe Alyea, John Turkevich, Carl Weinrich, President Dodds, Jim Hillier, and Laurence Chalmers.

John L. Armitage '38, 2013 January 13

Biography/History: John L. Armitage, Class of 1938.

Description: Armitage provides details of his involvement in campus activities including ROTC and varsity crew and football. Other topics addressed in the interview are attending Lawrenceville High School, his membership in Cannon Club, coeducation, and personal contributions to the university. He mentions Professor Hubert Newcombe Alyea, Princeton football player Mickey McPhee, and Princeton wrestler Charlie Powers.

James Axtell, 2007 February 23


Description: In the transcript, Axtell explains that Princeton's lack of recorded modern and oral history inspired his book. He discusses the contents of his book as ranging from extracurricular activities to insights into subcultural groups through an anthropological lens; using Princeton Alumni Weekly publications, Bill McCleery's “University: A Princeton Quarterly,” the Wertenbaker Papers, and questionnaires to alumni and staff in writing his book; the gaps caused by the war in Princeton's published history; Princeton's hard-working faculty; the negative nature of the eating club system; Woodrow Wilson's introduction of preceptors; the success of the graduate school; and the establishment of the Institute of Advanced Study.

F. Tremaine Billings '33, 2007 June 11

Biography/History: Tremaine “Josh” F. Billings, Class of 1933, majored in Biology. He won the Rhodes Scholarship in 1933 and attended Johns Hopkins Medical School, receiving his M.D. in 1938. He served as Class President, Class Secretary, Class Treasurer, and Class Agent. He taught at Meharry and Vanderbilt. He was a member of the American Clinical and Climatological Association medical society and served as secretary.
Description: In the transcript, Billing discusses his varsity sport involvement in football as a captain senior year, and in wrestling and lacrosse; serving as a doctor in the war; being followed by the Japanese during a war assignment; the efforts of his abolitionist grandfather; getting polio; his wife, who was a flapper; the precept system; the controversial 1933 cow beer jacket design by Bob Wynn and Burt Brush; the issues while Chairman of Student Council during the first Princeton Lit. censorship supported by President of Prudential Life and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Princeton Edward Duffield; and becoming good friends with Dean Gauss and Dean Eisenhart and their wives on account of the Princeton Lit. censorship. He mentions Tom Smith ‘33, football Coaches Crisler, and Tad Wyman, Stas Malisewski, Patricia Owaru, Orin Boyce, and Bob Keidle.

David Billington ’50, 2012 April 26

Biography/History: David Billington, Class of 1950, majored in Engineering. He holds the following distinctions: Gordon Y.S. Wu Professor of Engineering, Emeritus, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Emeritus, and Lecturer with the rank of Professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He won the Fulbright for Engineering to study bridges in Belgium in 1950. He holds honorary degrees in Humane letters from Union College (1990), from Grinnell College in Science (1991), and from Notre Dame University in Engineering (1997). He wrote Robert Maillart’s Bridges, and The Tower and the Bridge. He has honorary membership with the American Society of Civil Engineers, ACI, and IASS, membership with NAE, and a fellowship at AAAS.

Description: Billington discusses his participation in the “Basic Engineering” program; the post-World War II student population; being a member and Vice President of Quadrangle Club; becoming the Princeton Engineering Association’s youngest executive committee member; differences between American and European engineering; teaching night classes to Princeton grad students; creating CE262, an engineering-aesthetics course with Robert Mark, using Robert Maillart as the cornerstone; creating a popular introductory engineering course, CE 102; construction of the EQuad in 1962; and setting up an engineering exhibition at the Art Museum. He mentions family friend Dean Kenneth Condit, Chairman of the Music Department Roy Welch, Jim Smith, Freddy Buechner, Gustave Magnel, Robert Mark, Presidents Goheen and President Shapiro, Deans Condit, Elgin, and John, and Associate Dean Ahmet Cakmak.

Reg Bishop ’44, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: Reg Bishop, Class of 1944, was a French Literature major. He received a Ph.D. in French Literature in 1952 and taught at Princeton and Rutgers, where he became the Dean of Humanities. He served as a full-time lieutenant in the Army in 1943.

Description: Bishop describes growing up in Springfield; attending Episcopal Academy; coeducation; dating a girl from Princeton; mandatory church

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attendance; the chapel, First Church, and Trinity; discrimination faced by his Jewish roommate, Lou Kraft; entering the Army during sophomore year; graduating on time despite the war; accelerated classes; ROTC with all of his classmates; the Battle of the Bulge; and the “superb” monthly U.S. Army-run courses. He mentions his thesis advisor and the head of the French Department Ira Wade, President Dodds, and classmates Don Bryant and Herb Hobler.

Dr. W. Michael Blumenthal *53 *56, 2014 June 12

Biography/History: Dr. W. Michael Blumenthal received his B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley (1951), and an M.P.A. and Ph.D. in the Woodrow Wilson School from Princeton University (1953, 1956). He served as a Princeton University Trustee in the 1970s and a Berlin University Trustee. He served as Secretary of the Treasury from 1977 to 1979.

Description: In his interview, Dr. Blumenthal talks about immigrating to the U.S. for college; his Jewish Prussian refugee identity; noticing little Jewish discrimination in the U.S.; teaching introductory economics precepts; receiving a grant from the Social Science Research Council for research in Germany; joining the Bendix Corporation and serving eventually as CEO; working for the State Department and White House; serving as Secretary of Treasury; the cohesiveness of Princeton’s alumni and trustee board; the “network of old boys” characteristic of the Princeton community; and creating the Blumenthal Family Fund for tuition aid. He mentions Presidents Bowen, Richard Lester, Alan Blinder, Les Chandler, Fred Harbison, Gardner Patterson, and Bob Goheen; Dean Don Wallace of the Woodrow Wilson school; and confrontations within the Department of Economics and Sociology between Professors Marion Levy and Mel Tumin.

John Bogle '51, 2013 February 6

Biography/History: John Bogle, class of 1951, founded of Vanguard mutual fund, and wrote several books including The Little Book of Common Sense Investing and John Bogle on Investing: The First 50 Years. He received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Princeton in 2005.

Description: Bogle discusses growing up as part of a well-known family in Montclair during the depression; receiving a scholarship to Blair Academy boarding school; running the Princeton football ticket office; the difficulty of getting good grades at Princeton; writing his thesis, “The Economic Role of the Investment Company;” key elements and recommendations from his thesis becoming Vanguard’s founding principles; being awarded magna cum laude for his thesis; describes Vanguard as the only “mutual mutual fund company around;” being hired by Walter Morgan, founder of Wellington Management Company, after Morgan read his thesis; his mistakes while working for Wellington Management Company; starting Vanguard in 1974; writing and dedicating The Little Book of Common Sense Investing; the private school and preppy culture at Princeton; creating a scholarship fund for Princeton students; his relationships with Bogle Scholarship recipients
at Princeton; building and dedicating Bogle Hall; being one of the few students that needed to work while at Princeton; supporting coeducation and increasing diversity at Princeton; the effect of the McCarthy era on campus; social life and going out to Billy Golden's bar; his membership in Elm Club; the disparate political environment on campus; and the Princeton alumni community. He mentions Dr. Carroll C. Pratt; John McPhee class of 1953; thesis adviser Philip W. Bell; classmate and winner of a Nobel Prize in Economics, Gary Becker; and classmate Otto Eckstein.

Frederick Borsch '57, 2013 May 16


Description: In his interview, Borsch discusses his late admittance to Princeton; attending Princeton with his roommate from high school in Hinsdale; the private versus public high school student divide at Princeton; the southern culture at Princeton; the isolating environment at Princeton if one lacked money and connections; the lack of diversity in the staff and student body; playing intramural sports; the division in the student body between engineers and liberal arts majors; students’ grades posted publicly in Alexander Hall; the one to seven grading system; the desire not to appear “too religious,” or a “Christer;” being very sick at Princeton with a lung illness; being sophomore class president; President Dodds’ emphasis on the Religion Department; the religious makeup of the student body; Bob Goheen advocating for the Aquinas Foundation; getting rid of the chapel attendance requirement; the impact of the Civil Rights Movement on campus; 20% of the faculty being Jewish; the difficulty of serving as Dean of the Chapel and supporting religious life on campus; Episcopalianism vs. Presbyterianism on campus; the Princeton Evangelical Fellowship; Christian students trying to convert Jewish students on campus; the Princeton Blairstown Center; the difficulty of being Muslim on campus; plans for the Center for Jewish Studies; starting the Center for Jewish Life; and going on to serve as bishop of Los Angeles. He mentions Professor D.W. Robertson or “Robbie,” roommate and classmate David Sofield, Presidents Bowen and Goheen, Wilson scholar Arthur Link, Dean Gordon; Harold and Vivian Shapiro.

John Brightman '55, 2008 October 10

Biography/History: John Brightman, Class of 1955, served as the annual giving group chair and President of the St. Louis Princeton Club from 1975 to 1977 (the contemporary Alumni Association).

Description: Brightman describes attending St. Louis Country Day School and attending Princeton with 7 classmates; the coeducation debate; working for St. Louis Union Trust; the emergence of the Orange and Black Club and Blue and Gold Club; fundraising for Princeton; having the nickname “father of the Orange and Black Club; Alumni Schools Committee involvement;
selling Princeton themed ties for the Princeton Club; interacting with Heisman Trophy winner Dick Kazmaier in the classroom; football games; getting bursitis sophomore year; playing varsity baseball sophomore to senior year; the evolution of the Princeton Club of St. Louis; problems with the Princeton Club; and Princeton in the College World Series in 1952. He mentions classmate Scott McVey, alum Peter McCarthy of the St. Louis Union Trust, alums and Board of Trustee members Bill Maritz and Jim McDonald, alum Pete Leland, former head of the Alumni Council Don Griffin, and Bill Van Cleve.

Professor Victor Brombert, 2013 February 19

Biography/History: Victor Brombert is the Henry Putnam University Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and Comparative Literature, Emeritus. He graduated from Yale in 1948, and received his M.A and Ph.D. from Yale (1949, 1953). He taught at Yale and was Chairman of the Department of Romance Languages for 25 years. He became a Princeton professor in 1975, and served as the Director of the Gauss Seminars, the Chairman of the Council of Humanities, and the President of the Modern Language Association in 1989. He received the President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching at the 1999 Commencement, was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a member of American Philosophical Society. He wrote Trains of Thought: Memories of a Stateless Youth, 2002, his memoir, and Musings on Mortality: From Tolstoy to Primo Levi

Description: In his interview, Professor Brombert discusses his childhood in Paris during World War II and his Russian family escaping Europe in 1941 on a banana freighter; giving the Gauss Seminar on Flaubert in 1964; President Bowen’s development of the Target of Opportunity recruitment program; the Battle of the Bulge; teaching undergrad and grad seminars; and his parents’ experience during the Russian Revolution. He mentions Yale Professor and personal mentor Henri Peyre, Ralph Freedman and Bob Fagles of the Romance Languages and Comparative Literature Department; Princeton Professors Earl Miner, Joseph Frank, Lionel Grossman, Suzanne Nash, and Francois and Carol Rigolot.

Donald Bryant '44, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: Donald Bryant, Class of 1944, majored in Political Science.

Description: Bryant discusses growing up in Trenton; attending Blair Prep School; living in Hill Dormitory and Pyne Hall; Freshmen Commons; ROTC; fighting in World War II; accelerated classes; being called out of school for active duty in 1942 and to Fort Sill and Fort Bragg in 1943; living in the Little Hall barracks; classmates dying in combat; sailing on the Queen Mary to England; the Dinky; the Missouri Club for tutoring; attending Penn Law School in 1946; the precept system; Princeton’s intellectual atmosphere; classmate pranks; Pearl Harbor; required religious service attendance;
the integration of Jewish students; drinking on campus; having girls over; Residential College Advisors; classes in McCosh Hall; the Mather sundial; wearing lederhosen during Reunions; and supporting coeducation and the admittance of African-Americans. He mentions Dean of Freshmen Hermance, the Caruthers family, St. Paul’s Quitan Chaplain Beckley, Professor “Buzzer” Hall, and classmates Bob Cartotto, Major Bishop, Geg Buttenheim, and Herb Hobler.

Alfred Bush, 2010 December 15

Biography/History: Alfred Bush was the Curator of Western Americana at Firestone Library from 1962 to 2002. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1957, where he majored in Archeology. Before coming to Princeton, Bush worked at the Institute of Archival and History Management at Harvard.

Description: Bush discusses growing up in Colorado; working with the Jefferson Papers at Princeton; writing a monograph on the life portraits of Jefferson; discovering the lost 1800 portrait of Remembrant Peale of Jefferson in a closet in Peabody Institute at Baltimore; the Rollins collection and Firestone Jim Bridger Room; building the Utah and Mormon collection at Firestone; Dr. Thorington’s, ’15, endowment of the Mormon Americana collections; Princeton’s Aztec and Mayan manuscripts; Princeton’s Western Americana Collection; working with Susie Poole to acquire the Blue Lake Papers from Taos Pueblo; Grolier Club trips to New York; the evolution of the Western Americana collection world; increasing the acquisitions budget; connections to Hopi and Tesuque tribes; Princeton’s 1970 Ford Foundation grant for convocation of American Indian scholars; and recruitment of and difficulties faced by Princeton’s Native American students. He mentions Julian Boyd, Yale’s George Kubler and George Miles, President of the Association of Indian Affairs Alfonso Ortiz, collectors Thomas Streeter and Robert Taylor, Native American students Regis Pecos, Ken Romero, Roberto Garcia, and Ada Romero, and collection contributors David McAlpin and Ulli Steltze.

Edgar M. Buttenheim ’44, 2011 May 5

Biography/History: Edgar “Geg” Buttenheim, Class of 1944, received the Phi Beta Kappa key and earned a Bronze Star at the Battle of the Bulge.

Description: Buttenheim details growing up in Yonkers; attending Taft School and going to Princeton with 12 classmates; accelerated classes; serving as the Princetonian’s business manager; the Princeton Bulletin replacing the Princetonian; ROTC and Enlisted Reserve Corps; entering the Army in 1945; going to Germany with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Army; living in 1901 Dorm with ROTC; teaching at Hotchkiss School; being a part of the Executive Office of the Headquarters Battery of the 44th Field Artillery Battalion; the “gang bang” incident in Campbell Hall; rooms for rent for girls visiting during football weekends; the campus reaction to Pearl Harbor; being a Quadrangle Club member; the “ironbound” for eating club registry; and
the visit of Presidential candidate Wendell Willkie. He mentions Professors “Buzzer” Hall, Frank Graha, and McCabe, President Dodds, and Professor and Ford Chief Executive Lundy.

Brendan Byrne ’49, 2010 January

Biography/History: Brendan Byrne, Class of 1949, served in the Air Force during World War II. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1950. He became acting Secretary to the Governor in 1956 and served as Acting Prosecutor of Essex County.

Description: In the interview, Byrne describes serving in the Air Force; flying B-17s out of Italy; being admitted to Princeton through an entrance examination after the war; being admitted to Harvard Law School before completing his undergraduate degree; leaving Law School to finish his undergraduate education; his thesis on proportional representation in municipal government; running for Princeton’s track team; living in Little Hall; and being a member of Cottage Club. He mentions John McGeehan, Boy Meyner, classmate Dick Martell, Professors “Buzzer” Hall and Wilbur Samuel Howell, Newark lawyer Joseph Weintraub, and Mayor of Jersey City Paul Jordan.

Renato (Ronnie) R. Carazzai, 2011 July 21

Biography/History: Renato “Ronnie” R. Carazzai worked for Princeton as an electrician starting in 1952.

Description: Carazzai attended Princeton High School. He describes many aspects of his Princeton employment experience including the growth of the electric department; the student body dress code; Public Safety; students building a prank grave for an unpopular professor; the “student take over” of New South in the late 1960s; taking the 1935 clapper from Nassau; the neglect of Reunion Hall; remodeling Witherspoon; Joe DiMaggio filming a Mr. Coffee commercial in Dickinson; Muhammad Ali’s speech at Alexander Hall; the discovery of 7 rifles in a Campbell Hall room; a co-worker stealing a student’s jacket; the Nude Olympics; cleaning up after and interacting with students; students camping in front of Nassau; students trying to set Nassau on fire in 1958; alcoholism among maintenance staff; gas explosion in Aaron Burr; construction of Wu Hall; Rutgers covering Princeton cannon with dirt; pigeon eradication on campus; Jadwin Hall accelerator; dumbwaiter in Nassau to prevent people from walking on stairs; construction of Jadwin Cage; maintenance during reunions; and the 9/11 memorial between East Pyne and Nassau. He mentions administrator Jim Henry, student Brooke Shields, faculty member Freddie Fox, student Jack McCarthy, maintenance director and alum Charlie Crank, President Goheen, and supervisor Eddie Pondet.

Paula Chow, 2015 May 12

Biography/History: Paula Chow is the founder and former director of the Princeton University International Center.
Chow discusses her life as an international undergraduate in the United States; her early years as a member of the University League; weekly University League discussions for foreign wives of faculty members; Louise Sayen's English program for foreign students; the creation of the International Center; co-directing the International Center with Sayen after being sanctioned by Provost Albert Rees; the first annual International Festival; moving the Center to Murray Dodge Hall with the blessing of Dean of the Chapel Ernest Gordon; becoming a part of the university administration; donation of $5 million from Kathryn Davis and Shelby Cullom Davis to the International Center; student projects through the center; the relationship between Chinese and Chinese-American students on campus; an article in Princeton Magazine from 2010 about the control of the Davis International Center shifting to the vice-provost for international activities; her final visit to the Davis International Center after her retirement; and her honorary induction into the class of 2010. She mentions president of the University League Mary Ellen Bowen, James Sayen '38, Dean of Undergraduate Students Kathleen Deignan, foreign student advisor Janina Issawi, history professor Jeremy Adelman, Diana Davies, Vice Provost of Campus Life Janet Dickerson, Director of the Davis International Center Jaqueline Leighton, and Gordon Wu.

Stuart Duncan '50, 2013 September 23

Biography/History: Stuart Duncan, Class of 1950, majored in English and minored in American Civilization.

Description: In the transcript, Duncan talks about attending Brooks and Wooster prep schools, coming to college at 16 with a government scholarship, but leaving immediately to fight in the war. He discusses accelerated classes; compulsory chapel attendance excluding veterans; failing Spanish; the differences between veteran and non-veteran students; his membership in Tower Club; loose alcohol restrictions for veterans; teaching at a prep school in Connecticut after graduating; his family's firm Leah and Perrins Worcestershire Sauce; producing theater in New York; writing for New Brunswick and Princeton newspapers; the P-Rade; the Arch of 79 P-Rade cheer; serving as grand marshal of the P-Rade; resistance towards coeducation; having live tigers in the P-Rades; the tiger escape incident near 1979 Arch; and Da Vinci hats at Reunions. He mentions alum Frank Gorman.

Ronnie Gail Emden '74, 2008 July 20

Biography/History: Ronnie Gail Emden, Class of 1974, majored in Biology, and participated in the Program of Science and Human Affairs.

Description: In her interview, Emden talks about growing up in New York; attending public high school; Princeton's coeducation announcement; living in a coed Witherspoon dorm; the quick adjustment to women on campus; being part of The Prince staff; Larry DuPraz's resistance to women on The Prince; having no physical education requirement for women; the term "girl"
versus “coed”; meeting her husband, ’72, at Princeton; socioeconomic issues being greater than gender differences; women and eating clubs; membership in Tower Club; the bicker for men versus women; women trying to steal the clapper; the women’s “Save ‘Spoon” campaign; the dress code; football games; and the Princeton alumni experience. She mentions Dean of Women Halcy Bohen, faculty Anne Wood and Nancy Weiss, and classmate Karen Haddy.

Harold Erdman ’46, 2011 September 21

Biography/History: Harold Erdman, Class of 1946, majored in Engineering and served as chairman of the 40th Reunion in 1986.

Description: Erdman mentions his grandfather, who was class of 1886 and a teacher at Princeton Seminary and his father, Charles R. Erdman Jr., who was class of 1919, mayor of Princeton Bureau from 1938 to 1949, and taught politics at Princeton. He talks about attending Lawrenceville; the admissions’ bias towards Lawrenceville; the freshman black hat dress code; Cane Spree; playing varsity hockey; signing up for the Navy in 1943 and being sent to Yale with the V-12 Program; Army personnel in classes; the social and intellectual environment of Princeton compared to Yale; working for Reynolds Metal Company; Roosevelt’s Presidency; and Pearl Harbor. He also mentions hockey Coach Dick Vaughan and Engineering School Dean Condit.

Richard Eu ’44, 2014 October 28

Biography/History: Richard Eu, Class of 1944, majored in English.

Description: Eu talks about coming to America for the first time for college from Singapore; the effect of the war on campus; receiving draft exemption because of his immigrant status; getting thesis submission extension because of a lack of research resources during the war; being one of two Asians at Princeton; membership in Key and Seal Club; setting up Princeton in Asia in Singapore; starting the Princeton Alumni Association in Singapore; competing on the fencing team; being featured in Time Magazine for his friendship with Japanese classmate, Ken "Ike" (Kentaro Ikeda ’44); Cane Spree; girls coming to Princeton on the weekends; the lack of diversity; and coeducation. He mentions Professors Frank Graham and Finch, and friend George Shelling ’43.

Sally Ann Fields ’73, 2014 June 21

Biography/History: Sally Ann Fields graduated in 1973 with a degree in Statistics. She served on the Executive Committee Council of the Princeton University Community and was the first woman to get her name put on the wall at Jadwin Gym.

Description: Fields talks about growing up in Wilmington; playing varsity tennis and squash; the reaction of male classmates to females; living in Pyne Hall; the lack of female sports facilities; the way the professors treated women; the perception of female staff by the student body and male staff;
other women coming to Princeton on weekends; and being a member of Tower Club. She mentions the Director of Women’s Athletics Marilee Dean, Sociology Professor Suzanne Keller, Dean Halcy Bowen, and classmate Wendy Zaharko.

Macon Paine Finley ’77, 2010 February 19

Biography/History: Macon Paine Finley, Class of 1977.

Description: Finley attended John Burroughs School before coming to Princeton, following her sister, who was class of 1975. She was a Residential College Advisor, and played varsity basketball, but quit. She dated and married her classmate, Peter Finley, who was the president of Ivy Club. She discusses feeling included and being treated fairly in the newly coed environment; the treatment of women and men by professors; living in Wilson College; watching Valerie Bell become the first African-American female student body president; the African-American representation in the student body; singing in the Glee Club; and the tensions with eating clubs becoming non-bicker and allowing women to join.

John Fleming *63, 2009 May 13

Biography/History: John Fleming graduated from Oxford University in 1958 and was a Rhodes Scholar. He completed his Ph.D. at Princeton University in 1963. He served as Director of Graduate Studies at Princeton University and as a University of South Sewanee, University of Wisconsin, and Princeton professor.

Description: Fleming discusses finishing his Ph.D. work in one year; living in the Graduate College; Vietnam War protests; the leftist presence at Princeton; the Institute for Defense Analyses presence and protests against it; coeducation; dishonesty in campus publications; the honor code; technological advances at Princeton; and working for D.W. Robertson, his supervisor at Princeton.

Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen ’38, 2010 January

Biography/History: Peter H.B. Frelinghuysen, Class of 1938, majored in History. He attended Yale Law School and served 11 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives for New Jersey. He also served on the Council of the Princeton University Community.

Description: In his interview, Frelinghuysen mentions attending Princeton and rooming with his twin brother, his father, class of 1924, and his son, class of 1963. He describes the 1924 kilts; living in Henry and Tyler Dormitories; taking Spanish and Greek; the effect of the Great Depression; practicing law at Simpson Thatcher; serving in the Navy; running for public office in 1952; and his twin brother working for the State Department. He also mentions classmates Alistair Martin and Gerry Ford, and President Goheen.

Moore (Mosie) Gates, Jr. ’48, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: Moore (Mosie) Gates, Jr., Class of 1948, majored in Economics. He attended Princeton University and served 11 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives for New Jersey. He also served on the Council of the Princeton University Community.

Description: In his interview, Gates mentions attending Princeton and rooming with his twin brother, his father, class of 1924, and his son, class of 1963. He describes the 1924 kilts; living in Henry and Tyler Dormitories; taking Spanish and Greek; the effect of the Great Depression; practicing law at Simpson Thatcher; serving in the Navy; running for public office in 1952; and his twin brother working for the State Department. He also mentions classmates Alistair Martin and Gerry Ford, and President Goheen.
Biography/History: Moore “Mosie” Gates, Jr. graduated, Class of 1948, majored in History. His father was class of 1916.

Description: Gates mentions that his uncle was Assistant Dean of the College and an Assistant Professor and that admissions policies were loose. He describes various aspects of his experience at and after Princeton, including the high Army to civilian makeup of the student body; joining the Navy while at Princeton; the first black students; carrying dummy rifles on campus; living in Pyne Hall; playing varsity soccer; the married members of the student body; being a member of Cottage Club; the wartime sentiment on campus; casualties within the student body; writing his thesis on Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations; and interacting with Dean of Admissions Rad Heermance and Professor “Buzzer” Hall.

Charles Gillispie, 2011 April 14

Biography/History: Charles Gillipsie graduated from Wesleyan University in 1940 and majored in Chemistry. He is Princeton’s Dayton Stockton Professor of History of Science, Emeritus. He completed his graduate studies at Harvard and MIT. He wrote Genesis and Geology and The Edge of Objectivity, and edited the Dictionary of Scientific Biography.

Description: In his interview, Gillipsie discusses entering the Army's chemical corps; being a platoon leader and company commander in the European theatre for a heavy mortar unit; teaching at Princeton; precepting a class for Robert Palmer on the French Revolution; the meaning and evolution of the history of science subject; academic departments’ location changes; the growth of the University; the creation of the Sachs Scholarship; and the precept system. He mentions Chairman of History Joe Strayer, freshman advisee Dan Sachs, and President Dodds.

James Henderson '56, 2007 November 9

Biography/History: James Henderson, Class of 1956, majored in the Woodrow Wilson School. He taught at the Naval Academy about geopolitics and communism. He also attended Harvard Business School.

Description: Henderson talks about growing up in Culver and his father working for Culver Military Academy; his thesis on employees’ attitudes in the workplace; Princeton Junction and Back train; Princeton students from East Coast prep schools; the Orange Key Society; Navy ROTC; his membership in Quadrangle Club; serving in the Navy for five years; being a research assistant to Harvard Professor General Georges Doriot; working at American Research and Development; being COO, President, and CEO of Cummins; and serving on the Princeton Board as Charter Trustee. He mentions Professor Ebenstein, faculty Eric Rogers and Alpheus T. Mason, Dean Lippincott, Alumni Relations Head Don Griffin, classmates Bob McCartney and Neil Rudenstine, and Trustee Chair Manning Brown.

James Hester '46, 2011 November 16
Biography/History: James Hester, Class of 1946, majored in Humanities and History. He won the Rhodes Scholarship in 1947 and served in the Korean War for the Marine Corps. He served as Executive Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and President at New York University.

Description: Hester mentions his father, who was a chaplain in the Navy. He discusses growing up in Long Beach; accelerated classes; sophomores hazing freshmen by taking their clothes; Flag Day hazing; his membership in Cap and Gown Club; the fire at Dillon Gym; being sent to Parris Island and Quantico in 1945 with the Marine V-12 Program; attending Japanese Language School with the Marines; studying at Oxford; and working with Dr. Gallup in advertising research. He mentions Presidents Dodds and Goheen.

A.C. (Reeves) Hicks '46, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: A.C. Hicks, Class of 1946. His father was class of 1922. He was president of his alumni class.

Description: Hicks talks about growing up in Princeton; attending Exeter; girls coming to Princeton on the weekends; accelerated classes; the effect of the war on campus; participating in the Marine V-12 Program; playing varsity football; the serious academic atmosphere on campus; the effects of the Great Depression; and the war’s negative effect on administration and staff. He mentions Dr. Albert Einstein and Professor Robert George.

Jon Hlafter '61 *63, 2013 May 24

Biography/History: Jon Hlafter, Class of 1961, majored in Architecture. He graduated with an M.F.A. in Architecture in 1963, and is the University Architect, Emeritus. He served as Princeton’s Assistant to the Director of Physical Planning, and eventually, Acting Director. He also served as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects and as a member of the Committee on Undergraduate Residential Life.

Description: In his interview, Hlafter describes Princeton’s Architecture Department; the role of the Advisory Committee in campus architecture; the conversion of President Inn to Forbes; the creation of the Third World Center for women; the formation of the residential college system; building Spelman, Palmer Stadium, and Whitman; the evolution of Princeton’s architecture; and preserving campus buildings. He mentions Director of Physical Planning and Alum Jack Moran, Grounds and Buildings Committee Trustee and Alum Stephen Voorhess, Professors Labatut and Michael Graves, President Goheen, Vice Provost Dick Spies, Architect Rodolfo Macahdo, and Architect and Alum Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk.

Herb Hobler '44, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: Herb Hobler, Class of 1944, majored in Spanish and minored in Music. His brother Ed was class of 1939, and his brother Wells was class of 1941.
Description: Hobler discusses the Westminster Society; composing music for Triangle; playing varsity basketball and junior varsity football and running track; describes discrimination of three black students on the basketball team; bicker; his membership in Tiger Inn; the campus wartime atmosphere; not participating in accelerated classes; his father’s position of founder Chairman of Benton and Bowles; and being part of the March 19, 1945 Tokyo fire raid. He mentions Music Professor Roy Dickinson Welch, classmate Ed Cone, Professor Castro, President Dodds, and Coach Cappy Cappon.

Robert Hollander ’55, 2012 June 5

Biography/History: Robert Hollander, Class of 1955, majored in French-English and was a Professor in European Literature in the Department of French and Italian, Emeritus. He was also a founding member of the Comparative Literature department and worked on the Princeton and Dartmouth Dante digitization and translation projects. He has published about 60 poems, 140 articles, and 29 books.

Description: In the interview, Hollander talks about growing up in New York City during the Depression; his father’s (’16) experience facing Jewish discrimination; financial aid; the all-male atmosphere; starting to drink heavily during his last three years; his membership in Cannon Club; teaching at and being fired from Columbia; becoming master of Butler College; improving food quality at Princeton; the Dartmouth and Princeton Dante digitization and translation projects; becoming an assistant professor in 1962 and tenured professor in 1967 at Princeton; focusing on Dante; and starting Dante reunions. He mentions Jewish football player Frank Glick ’16, thesis advisor Ed Sullivan, Professor Ira O. Wade, and his successor Simone Marchesi.

Stan Katz, 2013 January 14

Biography/History: Stan Katz majored in History and Literature at Harvard. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard in history, and began teaching there. In 1963 he was made Senior Tutor of Harvard’s Leverett House. He was an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin. He went to Harvard Law School and taught law at the University of Chicago, where he became the Associate Dean. He came to Princeton to teach in 1978 and taught law part time at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Senior Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson School.

Description: Katz discusses growing up in Chicago; attending Harvard, believing it to be more accepting of Jewish students; serving as the President of the American Council of Learned Societies; teaching at Princeton on public policy, philanthropy, and civil society; precepts; the Woodrow Wilson School becoming non-selective; the lack of faculty governance at Princeton; the Jewish community; and the lack of athletes in the selective Woodrow Wilson School program. He is on the board of the Foundation for the Princeton Public Library, and has remained active with Princeton’s Pace Center, the Office of Religious Life, and the Princeton Alumni corps. He
mentions Princeton Professor Doug Greenberg, the first Master of Forbes John Wilson, and Presidents Bowen and Tilghman.

Thomas Kean '57, 2009 April 20

Biography/History: Thomas H. Kean, Class of 1957. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia in History. He began his political career in 1967, and became the governor of New Jersey in 1981, and subsequently a Trustee of Princeton.

Description: Kean discusses his family lineage tracing back to the Continental Congress; his father’s career in Congress; growing up in Washington D.C.; attending St. Mark’s; writing his thesis on his family’s history, using family letters; the lack of an African-American presence on campus; Whig-Clio Society debates on campus diversity; completing the Army’s 6-month program; working on Wall Street; focusing on marginalized populations in his governor campaign; and winning 60% of the black vote in his election. He mentions Professor R.R. Palmer, Wesley Craven, and Eric Goldman.

Edmund (Mike) Keeley '48, 2011 August 9

Biography/History: Edmund “Mike” Keeley, Class of 1948, majored in English. He attended Wadham College at Oxford and returned to Princeton to teach English and Creative Writing. He served on the Princeton faculty for 40 years.

Description: Keeley speaks about growing up abroad and being prevented from returning to Greece by the State Department in 1939; committing minor juvenile delinquencies; attending Princeton without prerequisite college board exams; incidents of Jewish discrimination in admissions; joining the Navy after freshman year; delayed graduation; the all-male environment; the required freshman Shakespeare course; volunteering for and teaching at the American Farm School; being the Vice President of Campus Club; working to dismantle bicker; winning the Grind Cup for highest GPA in Campus Club but hiding it out of embarrassment; serving as a faculty fellow in Stevenson Hall; helping to found the Republican Club and later regretting its creation; organizing Chapman Revercomb, Richard Nixon, and Hartley to speak to the Republican Club; the GI Bill; and serving on the disciplinary committee. He mentions Dean of Admissions Heermance, classmates Roger Saleeby, W.S. Merwin, and Galway Kinnell, Professor Willard Thorp, and President Dodds.

Dorothy Kemper '72, 2007 November 9

Biography/History: Dorothy Kember, Class of 1972, majored in English and came to Princeton in 1970 after completing her first two years at Wellesley.

Description: Kember discusses transferring to Princeton; growing up as an “army brat”; living in Princeton Inn Dormitory; the relatively welcoming environment for females; joining Triangle as a departmental requirement; touring with Triangle and performing Cracked Ice; Triangle being non-
Shepard Kimberly '45, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: Shepard Kimberly, Class of 1945, majored in Philosophy and graduated with honors.

Description: In the interview, Kimberly talks about his accelerated graduation date due to the war; growing up in Buffalo; attending Hill School on scholarship and coming to Princeton with several classmates; his Hill School classmates at Princeton flunking out due to alcoholism; Pearl Harbor; the draft; being sent to Fort Niagara during sophomore year; dealing with Japanese prisoners during war; his membership in Key and Seal Club; having a child during his junior year; living in the Butler apartments; and classmates with wives and children. He mentions his godfather, '15, Dean of Admissions Heermance, and President Dodds.

Harold Kuhn *1950, Part I, 2011 June 8

Biography/History: Harold Kuhn graduated from Princeton’s Graduate School in 1950. He is a recipient of the JSK Fellowship and won a best paper prize from the Office of Naval Research, subsequently named the Kuhn Prize. He received national acclaim in Hungary for his research. He also served as Chairman of Graduate Studies in Economics.

Description: Kuhn discusses the G.I. Bill; researching with Professor Lefschetz; support from the Office of Naval Research and National Science Foundation; publishing in the Quarterly Journal of the Office of Naval Research; the development of the linear programming and operations research and financial engineering programs; the relationship between Princeton and the Institute for Advanced Studies; the math department’s shift from topology to analytic number theory and algebra; and Nash’s Nobel Prize nomination and his close relationship with Nash. He mentions classmates David Gale, Serge Lang, and Gino Calabi; Professors Lefschetz, Bochner, Nash, and Alan Tucker; Economics Department Chairman Dick Quant; Fine Hall Secretary Agnes Henry; Mathematics Department Associate Hale Trotter; and faculty Chevalley and Wigner.

Harold Kuhn *1950, Part II, 2011 June 15

Biography/History: Harold Kuhn graduated from Princeton’s Graduate School in 1950. He is a recipient of the JSK Fellowship and won a best paper prize from the Office of Naval Research, subsequently named the Kuhn Prize. He received national acclaim in Hungary for his research. He also served as Chairman of Graduate Studies in Economics.

Description: In the second part of his interview, Kuhn talks about the low quality of the Kelley committee papers; the Vietnam assembly; being a member of the advisory committee on policy to the President; shaping University policy regarding student record confidentiality; the May 1968 student demonstration on confidentiality; presentations for the Advisory
Committee in 1968; the Kelley committee; having students present during faculty meetings; student committee implementation for academic departments; working on the development of "Students and the University"; the Committee on Committees; the poor state of committee rules and University regulations; the development of CPUC; the occupation of New South by the Association of Black Colleagues; and ROTC. He mentions Professor Stuart Hampshire, Trustee John Doar, and Chairman of the Physics Department Bob Dickey.

Yeiichi (Kelly) Kuwayama '40, 2011 December 21

Biography/History: Yeiichi "Kelly" Kuwayama, Class of 1940, helped establish a diversity fund for Princeton and attended Harvard Business School.

Description: In his interview, Kuwayama discusses growing up in New York City; Princeton's lack of diversity; bicker as singling out poor students; challenges faced by poor students; living in Edwards, Witherspoon, and Dod; dorm costs; working in New York on the weekends; being discriminated against for his Asian ethnicity on campus and on Wall Street; Princeton's diversification since his graduation; the diminishing prominence of the eating clubs; divisions within the Asian community along national lines; A4P (Asians for Princeton); precepts; fighting for the U.S. instead of Japan in World War II; and Harvard's more accepting environment. He mentions Professors Graham, Oppenheimer, and Reschauer and President Dodds.

Oliver Langenberg '35, 2008 February 8

Biography/History: Oliver Langeberg, Class of 1935, majored in Philosophy.

Description: Langeberg talks about attending St. Paul's School; not being allowed to drive at Princeton; Renwick's restaurant; his membership in Cap and Gown; living in 49 dorm; bedbug issues; playing bridge; being drafted in 1941; working for a brokerage firm, Gaylord Container, and A.G. Edwards; President Tilghman's personality; raising money for his class; and Professor Gauss.

Maurice Lee '46, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: Maurice Lee, Class of 1945, majored in History and returned to Princeton in 1946 as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, becoming an assistant professor in 1953.

Description: Lee speaks about growing up in Greenwich; attending Hotchkiss; living in Lower Pyne, Joline, and Holder; the V7 military program closing some dorms; President Dodd's underwhelming presence; the presidential election of 1944; not having bicker or a football team because of the war; the lack of enforcement of the drinking age; serving in the Navy; the GI Bill; the reaction to the first woman, Suzanne Keller, being hired at Princeton; and the History Department graduate council. He mentions History Department Head Joe Strayer, staff member Jinks Harbison, Ira Wade of the French Department, librarian Bill Dix, and Dean of the College Christian Gauss.
Vera Marcus ’72, Part I, 2012 March

Biography/History: Vera Marcus, Class of 1972, majored in Philosophy. She is a member of the first graduating female class admitted as freshmen and the first African American to attend Princeton from freshman year and graduate. She attended University of California at Davis Martin Luther King School of Law.

Description: In the transcript, Marcus describes her childhood in Birmingham during the Civil Rights Movement; her isolating experience being a part of one of the first integrated classes at West End High School; her sister being one of the first black students admitted to an all-white school; Martin Luther King visiting her family; being the head of State Wild and Scenic Rivers Task Force for California; living in Pyne Hall; busses of girls coming into Princeton during weekends; being recruited by Princeton; and Theater Intime.

Vera Marcus ’72, Part II, 2012 April

Biography/History: Vera Marcus, Class of 1972, majored in Philosophy. She is a member of the first graduating female class admitted as freshmen and the first African American to attend Princeton from freshman year and graduate. She attended University of California at Davis Martin Luther King School of Law.

Description: In the second part of her interview, Marcus mentions her friend and classmate Dianna Toliver, from Trinidad; the lack of diversity in friend groups at Princeton; the divisions at Princeton being strong along gender lines than racial ones; participating in Harambee House Theater; travelling with Triangle Club; facing exclusion from social life as a black woman; and not being allowed into eating clubs.

Henry Martin ’48, 2010 June 19

Biography/History: Henry Martin, Class of 1948, was an Art History major and has published cartoons in The New Yorker.

Description: Martin talks about growing up in Louisville; drawing cartoons for Tiger Magazine and helping to restart the magazine after the war; attending Rugby, Woodbury Forest, and Texas Country Day School where he graduated from in 1944; living in Witherspoon, Pyne, and Patton; attending commercial art school in Chicago; writing his thesis on the history of cartoons; and contribution to the 100th anniversary edition of Tiger Magazine. He mentions Henry Toll, ’42, Bernie Peyton, ’49, and Professor Stohlman.

James McPherson, 2012 May 30

Biography/History: James McPherson is the David Emeritus Professor of History. He came to Princeton in 1962 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1965. He wrote Battle Cry of Freedom.

Description: McPherson discusses graduates teaching as assistant instructors in the 1960s; senior faculty teaching precepts; the popularity of
seminar style classes; teaching in the American Studies interdepartmental program; the Kent State shooting; student demonstrations against the Institute for Defense Analysis; the History Department’s effort to diversify; coeducation; the Civil Rights Movement; the internet and amateur historians; and the Princeton History Department compared to other History Departments.

Mary Nelson ’77, 2009 October 8

Biography/History: Mary Nelson, Class of 1966, was one of the first black women to attend Princeton. She attended University of Missouri at Columbia Law School. She also worked for the Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives as Legislative Director and General Counsel.

Description: Nelson played varsity basketball freshman year and varsity volleyball throughout her time at Princeton. In her interview, she discusses growing up in St. Louis; men treating women poorly at Princeton; the poor quality of women’s sports facilities and equipment; professors being obstinate to women taking part in discussions; one professor telling insulting limericks about females in Latin; learning from Cornel West; living in Holder and Spelman; eating in Commons; working at the Student Center; black students not being able to go to eating clubs; limited social participation for black women; the nude Olympics; and coed bathrooms. She mentions staff member Marguerite Ross Bernett, and Professor Howard Taylor.

Lee Neuwirth ’55 and James Tarlau ’70, 2013 September 6

Biography/History: Lee Neuwirth, Class of 1955, was Chairman of his class’s 25th Reunion. James Tarlau, Class of 1970.

Description: Neuwirth talks about coeducation; black students; Vietnam War protests; being one of a few Jewish students; bicker; his membership in Elm Club; Ivy Club’s popularity; most clubs being unaccepting of Jewish students; Princeton’s atmosphere of privilege and arrogance; the Association of Black Collegians; President Goheen; challenges faced by activists at Princeton; demonstrating to let women into Cottage Club; Cottage Club evading tax payments; the elimination of the chapel requirement; and the requirement of permission from the Dean to marry during undergraduate years. Tarlau discusses growing up in New York City; being one of the most radical liberals at Princeton; the lack of a liberal student group on campus; Confederate Flags in student rooms; Princeton being like a “southern prep school” and elitist; little social change movement on campus; putting up pictures of napalmed babies around campus; being arrested for possession of heroin after college; community organizing; hoping to break the relationship between Princeton and the government; seeking to hinder war efforts; wanting to weaken the Institute for Defense Analyses; the relationship between white and black Princeton activists; challenges faced by Princeton activists; travelling to rallies and protests while at school; activism’s evolution at Princeton; the underground newspaper Prism; and Whig Clio.

Carol Obertubbesing ’73, 2008 May 30
Biography/History: Carol Obertubbesing, Class of 1973, majored in History and was one of the first one hundred women at Princeton. She made her career in public TV and radio, is involved in the Princeton Club of Chicago, and is a Project 55 mentor.

Description: In her interview, Obertubbesing discusses growing up in Union City; living in Pyne Hall; the women’s dorms’ special security systems; limited socializing for women; the challenges of not coming from a private school; women singled out in classes by professors; being a woman and participating in classes; being asked by men how to do laundry; men feeling resentment towards women; being a social member of Colonial Club; the 1 to 7 grading system; no physical education requirement for women; sports; eating in Commons; terrible food quality; parties at Colonial Club; the Aquinas Institute; dating; women and eating clubs; clothing style; changes in society affecting Princeton; the student strike of 1970; the primarily black theater in New Brunswick; writing her thesis on women in American film. She mentions classmates Georgia Nugent, Margie Gengler-Smith, and Robin Herman.

Lydia Osborne h50 h74 h83, 2012 October 24

Biography/History: Lydia Osborne is an honorary member of classes of 1950, 1974, and 1983. She is a longstanding member of the staff of Princeton Alumni Council and served as the Assistant to the Director of the Alumni Council.

Description: Osborne discusses: her father's role as Director of Public Relations and Assistant Secretary of Princeton; that she graduated from Princeton High school in 1965; her father was editor of Princeton Herald; provided events for alumni, planned reunions and Alumni Day, worked with class officers; was Assistant to the Director of the Alumni Council; staff liaison; relationship between Alumni Council and Administration; Princeton Journeys Program; travelling with Alumni Council; participation on Princeton Journeys trips; attending football games; student strike of 1970 and Administration’s reaction; worried about coeducation; lack of contact between Alumni Council and eating clubs; tailgate at Jadwin; Ivy Plus conference; HYPD Alumni Councils directors meeting; diversification; relationship between Alumni Council and Annual Giving; uproar over coeducation; and alumni community. Mentions directors of alumni council Dan White, Dave Rahr, Charlie Taggart, and Kathy Taylor; Freddie Fox; President Dodds; alum Jimmy Stewart; Admiral Crowe; General Petraeus; and Senator Bill Frist '74; Bob Rogers '56.

Charles R. Parmele III '47, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: Charles R. Parmele III, Class of 1947, was a Woodrow Wilson School History major and graduated with honors. He was the treasure of the class of 1947 and ran annual giving and Memorial Insurance for Princeton. He started Parmele, McDermott and Thomas Insurance Company.
Description: Parmele was a varsity tennis recruit at Princeton. He went into the Army at Fort Benning and Fort Dix in 1943 and graduated late in 1949 and was assistant sergeant major at Midpack. Many of his classmates were killed in the war. In his interview, he mentions wealthy but unintelligent students; lessening course requirements; the relationship between undergrads and professors; researching Woodrow Wilson; his membership in Tiger Inn; reunions; the Garibaldi lecture; wearing Army clothing and the political mood on campus; the treatment of Jewish students; the lack of black students; Einstein being a ladies man; the social life only being good for wealthy students; and becoming the ping pong champion of the university senior year. He mentions the Murray-Dodge family, Professor Eric Goldman, Dean Mathey, squash coach Bob Callahan, class president Mark Baldwin, Professor Buzzer Hall, President Dodds.

Robin Pearse-Drance ’73, 2014 June 21

Biography/History: Robin Pearse-Drance, Class of 1973, majored in Art History and attended Bennett College before transferring to Princeton.

Description: Pearse-Drance talks about attending Miss Porter’s School; working for the Movement for a New Congress; being a former “import” girl, coming to Princeton on the weekends; marijuana on campus; “import” girls being “cute but dumb”; the Dean Reynolds’s take on women at Princeton; male treatment of females; playing football; Triangle Club; being the only girl in a navigation class; Princeton being a “white man’s world”; getting tapped by Cap and Gown, and Quad, but joining Quad; women’s clothing; attending seminary; and owning an interior design business. She mentions Joan Gallos ’73.

Theodore K. Rabb *61, 2009 September 17

Biography/History: Theodore K. Rabb received his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1960 after studying at Oxford. He is a Professor Emeritus of History at Princeton. He was an assistant professor at Harvard and a professor at Stanford and Northwestern. He was also Chairman of the American Historical Association’s Committee on Quantitative History and is responsible for helping create the “HUM Sequence.” He helped create the PBS series Renaissance, which aired in 1993, and was nominated for an Emmy. He is featured in Who’s Who 2008 edition.

Description: In the transcript, Rabb talks about education at Oxford versus in America; living in Butler Tract; campus cost of living; the grad school community; Princeton’s History Department; the historical demography field; the Journal of Interdisciplinary History; bureaucratic hurdles in creating the “HUM Sequence”; and building the community college internship program. He mentions Columbia professor Garrett Mattingly; Princeton professors E. H. Harbison, Frank Craven, and Elmer Beller; Chairman of the History Department Jerry Blum and Joseph Strayer, historian Lewis Spitz, and Regius Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper.

Robert H. Rawson, Jr. ’66, 2007 June 2
Biography/History: Robert H. Rawson, Jr., Class of 1966, majored in the Woodrow Wilson School, and was president of his class during his senior year. He won the Rhodes Scholarship in 1966. He served 20 years as a trustee and 13 as Chair of the Executive Committee.

Description: Rawson describes growing up in Shaker Heights and attending Shaker Heights High School; working for the USG staff; working with President Goheen; Bill Bradley and the basketball team going to the “Final Four” in 1965; the 1965 undefeated football season; and searching for a president for Princeton and selecting Shirley Tilghmann. His wife was the Shaker Heights Mayor. He mentions visiting Professor Reinhold Neibuhr, Professor Bill Bowen, Assistant Professor and his thesis advisor John Strange, and Jim Baker ’52.

David Reeves ’48, 2011 June 18

Biography/History: David Reeves, Class of 1948, served as the Class of 1948 Secretary for 38 years. He went to the Army Air Force before attending college. He helped set up the AA Haven at Reunions.

Description: Reeves grew up in Baltimore, attending several Princeton football games, and recalls watching fullback w. Pepper-Constable. He talks about living in 1903 Hall, Nassau Club, and an apartment in Palmer Square; the GI Bill; Woodrow Wilson; the changes of coeducation and more minority students, especially Asian and students; Princeton’s elitist atmosphere; being a member in and on the board of Colonial Club; bicker; discussing closing Colonial down; eating clubs; the construction of Corwin Hall and Firestone Library; and the campus expansion plan. He mentions advisor Shorty McCabe; classmates Bill Merwin, Galway Kinnel, and Bob Heiman; Dean and High-Church Episcopalian Aldridge; Professors Jerry Blum, Jinks Harbison, Ted Mommsen, Buzzer Hall, and Joe Strayer; Presidents Dodds and Goheen; his father’s classmates Edgar Palmer and Moses Taylor Pyne; Princeton’s first ordained rabbi Joel Dobin; Freddie Fox ’39; Bill Bowen; Jimmy Griffin; and Alum and President of Kenyon College Georgia Nugent.

Harvey Rothberg ’49, 2011

Biography/History: Harvey Rothberg, Class of 1949, majored in Biology. He attended Harvard Medical School, went into the Army for three years, did research at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and taught medical school in New Jersey.

Description: In his interview, Rothberg speaks about V-J Day; the difficulty of graduating on time; a graduation ceremony in Alexander Hall; summer sessions; being Jewish at Princeton; being told by his Yale interviewer that Jewish students didn’t have social lives; eating in Commons; eating clubs not taking Jewish students; not socializing with other Jewish students; joining Prospect Cooperative Club; Jewish classmates leaving Princeton; living in Dod Hall, Pyne Hall, and Henry Hall; being premed; compulsory chapel attendance; the small synagogue on Spring Street; alternative Jewish services; Jewish services in Murray-Dodge; Protestant chapel speakers; his
Reform Jewish background; Humanities 252, the Western Tradition taught by E. Harris Harbison; Shakespeare 101; taking the train to Times Square to celebrate the end of the war; President Dodds and Goheen; coeducation; Architecture Department Head Bob Geddes; reunions; Princeton’s science programs; Shirley Tlighman; and a Graphic Arts Seminar by Elmer Adler.

Neil Rudenstine '56, 2009

Biography/History: Neil Rudenstine, Class of 1956, won the Rhodes Scholarship and studied Modern History and English at Oxford. He served as an assistant professor, Dean of Students, and Provost at Princeton. He worked for Princeton’s Mellon Foundation, and became the “Working Chair” on the Foundation’s ARTstor project. He also received his Ph.D. from Harvard where he worked for the English Department. He eventually became the President of Harvard.

Description: Rudenstine discusses growing up in Danburry; Princeton’s social atmosphere; the Special Program in the Humanities; playing bridge; being a member of Quadrangle Club; being deferred by the Army after winning the Rhodes; dealing with the Vietnam War, South African investments, coeducation, and the minority, women, and war movements while Dean of Students; diversifying the Dean of Students’s staff; challenges faced as Provost, including with the University budget and preventing deficits; creating Princeton’s molecular biology, computer science, and creative arts programs; making graduate work the focus of the Mellon Foundation; restructuring Harvard’s administration, the “Mind, Brain, and Behavior” program, creating the Asian Center, bringing the Humanities departments together, and the construction of Annenberg Hall. He mentions his mother’s Italian immigrant family; his father’s Russian Jewish background; alum John Verdery; classmates Jim Market, Peter McDavitt, Coleman Brown, Royce Flippin, and Bob Post; Professors Bowen, Harbison, and Alba Warren; Assitant Deans Joe Moore, Halcy Bohen, and Carl Fields; Princeton President Goheen; Harvard President Bok; and Aaron Lemonick.

William Scheide '36, 2007 June 1

Biography/History: William Scheide, Class of 1936, studied history and is part of the Scheide family connected to the Scheide Library in Titusville. He received an M.A. in music from Columbia in 1940.

Description: This is an interview with William “Bill” Scheide. He is accompanied by his wife Judy Scheide and Eric Shultz who assist him in the interview. In the transcript, Scheide describes his family’s library and its changes in content, location, and ownership within the family throughout the years; his love of Bach and eventual involvement in Bach Atria; learning piano and adding music to the family library; starting the Music Department at Princeton with Ralph Downs and Professor Roy Welch; his friends at Princeton leaving to pursue music elsewhere; Professor “Buzzer” Hall and Preceptor Lynn White from Princeton; meeting his wife at Princeton who read
his thesis at Mudd; his grandfather and his purchase of a Bible manuscript; meeting and interacting with John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Chief Justice Earl Warren; his association with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and joining the Civil Rights Committee at Princeton; walking into a lecture by Einstein in McCosh 50; and being a member of Terrace Club.

Lisa W. Schmucki ’74, 2014

Biography/History: Lisa Schmucki, Class of 1974, majored in History. Her father was Class of 1941 and president of his class, and her daughter was Class of 2007.

Description: In her interview, Lisa Schmucki discusses attending Kent Place Girls’ Day School; paying for her Princeton education; living in Princeton Inn, Patton, and Henry; the residential college system and the nearly 50/50 gender balance within them; the construction of the Forbes College Addition; the Princeton Inn being the place for the most liberal students, a “hippie haven,” and a “drug haven”; a religion professor’s weekly night lectures in the Princeton Inn during which all of the students smoked marijuana; graduate student RAs; going to protests in Trenton; most of her gender-based restrictions being self-imposed; Professor Nancy Malkiel; no one reaching out to or looking out for specifically female students; a feeling of socio economic equality on campus; room parties; The Pub in Chancellor Green where you could buy alcohol with your student card; playing Pong the video game and a jukebox in The Pub; the fancy and sophisticated atmosphere at the eating clubs; 20-minute interviews with eating club members for bicker; bicker being good for women since there weren’t many on campus; membership in Cap and Gown Club; “import” girls; limited non-varsity sports options; being in the Tigerlilies A capella group and Glee Club; traveling to South America with the Glee Club and Smith College Chorus; being popular as one of the first Princeton “coeds”; Emily Goodfellow Class of 1976; going into accounting after college at Arthur Andersen; being on the board of Cap and Gown Club and a GICC advisor to the eating clubs; and helping to orchestrate Truck Fest.

William Selden ’34, 2006


Description: In his interview, Selden talks about Princeton’s lack of general selectivity but presence of targeted selectivity in admitting Jewish students; religious life on campus; the admittance of Roman Catholics in the 1890s; the creation of the Woodrow Wilson school as the first cross-departmental opportunity; Wilson’s general dislike of the University; Jewish presence in eating clubs; Asians as a minority on campus; lack of political activity on campus; serving as the Princetonian’s business manager; selling Princeton town merchants scrip for Daily Prince ads; the Depression on campus; serving as chairman of the Tiger Prince Prom; House parties and supervising chaperones; the University’s class attendance policy; lack of diversity; the
precept system; public high school kids not being admitted; half of freshmen living off campus; being a member of Cap and Gown Club; involvement with Stock and Bus in Theater Intime; mentions Deans Gauss and Eisenhart; Presidents Dodds and Goheen; Admissions Director Radcliffe Hermance; and Professor Corwin.

Jay Sherrerd ’52 and Anne Sherrerd *87, 2007

Biography/History: Jay Sherrerd, Class of 1952, majored in Economics. He has served as a Charter Club trustee, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and chair of the Princeton investment committee.

Description: Anne Sherrerd, Graduate Class of 1987, accompanied her father during his interview. Jay Sherrerd discusses interacting with football player Bob Peters; rooming with 4 classmates from the Hill School at Princeton; the divisiveness of the coeducation debate; playing freshman basketball; Princeton athletics; the lack of segregation between athletes and non-athletes on campus; participating in ROTC; serving in the Army after college; attending the Wharton School; annual giving involvement; attending 56 reunions; extensive involvement with Princeton as an alum; having a piano in his dorm room; the constant debate about the eating club system; the ’52 petition movement to get everyone to agree not to join an eating club unless everyone got bids; hic class’s nickname “radical class of 1952”; classmates Eric Merrifield, Joe Bolster, Chuck DeVoe, Poss Parham, and George Sella; basketball coach Cappy Cappon; and Bill Hardt.

Paul Sigmund, 2012

Biography/History: Paul Sigmund is Emeritus Professor of Politics at Princeton. He attended Georgetown University for his undergraduate education. He served as Quincy House Senior Tutor worked at Harvard, where he received his Ph.D. and worked from 1951 to 1963 before coming to Princeton. At Princeton, he served as Director of the Latin American Studies Department.

Description: Sigmund shares that he was born in Berlin but grew up in Philadelphia; won the Quiz Kids show competition; attended Georgetown University; served as Regional Head of the International Relations Club Association; attended St. Joseph’s Prep School; spent a year at the University of Durham on a Fulbright Scholarship; worked at Harvard from 1951 to 1963; came to Princeton in the February 1963; taught Politics 101; taught political development, political theory, Latin American politics; and comparative politics courses; subsidized by the Rockefeller Foundation; received Ph.D. from Harvard and stayed as a lecturer; served as Senior Tutor at Harvard in Quincy House; wife is from the Claiborne family; worked as a consultant to the State Department; taught Politics 210; and worked as Director of the Latin American Studies Department.

John B. (Jack) Smiley ’49, 2011
Biography/History: John Smiley, Class of 1949, served as his class’s president for 2 years. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary after college, eventually becoming a minister.

Description: In his interview, Smiley talks about attending Shady Side Academy; visiting his brother at Princeton and attending precepts with him; WWII on campus; living in Little Hall; academic intensity; married classmates; the Cane Spree; going to New York on VJ-Day; writing his thesis on Quaker religious beliefs; Walter “Buzzer” Hall’s nickname; Professor Erdman Harris “Jinks” Harbison; preceptor Carlos Baker; President Dodds; playing baseball and basketball and JV football for 1 year; serving on the Undergraduate Council; writing sports for The Daily Prince; attending the First Presbyterian Church; basketball coaches Cappy Cappon and eddie Donovan; not being allowed to have girls over to dorms; import girls; being a member of Tiger Inn; political makeup of the class; Professor Philip Crowl; President Goheen as a preceptor; attending Princeton Theological Seminary; working as a minister; and beating the University of Pennsylvania in football in 1946.

Kathy Taylor ’74, 2009

Biography/History: Kathy Taylor, Class of 1974, majored in English. She served as treasurer for the Princeton Club of Philadelphia and the first female Director of the Alumni Council.

Description: Taylor discusses growing up in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania; her Princeton family, her grandfather ’39, father, and brothers Jim ’67 and David ’69 had all attended; her brother David dropping out of Princeton; her father’s death occurring right before coming to Princeton; the small amount of girls on campus; serving as Chair of the Board at Baldwin; her father being a progressive proponent of Planned Parenthood and creating a family planning center at the hospital he worked for; resenting having to be on financial aid; working at the Student Agencies Office; rude comments from male classmates about females on campus; taking Roman Law with Professor Bourne who resented coeducation; Professor Larry Danson; attending the University of Pennsylvania for graduate school, but leaving to work for Girard Bank; singing for the Tigerlilies and being Music Director; being a member of Triangle Club; The Grotto Restaurant; classmate Jeff Wieser; the Princeton Club of Philadelphia; teaching at her high school alma mater, Baldwin; Baldwin’s making her a strong woman; and the Princeton alumni community.

Deborah A. Tegarden ’71, 2015 February 17

Biography/History: Deborah Tegarden, Class of 1971.

Description: Tegarden attended Princeton High School before attending Princeton University, however, she transferred from Brown, because Princeton had not gone co-ed yet. In the transcripts, Tegarden talks about the “co-eds” living together at Pyne Hall; women being called “Sue Pynes”; joining Wilson College and then Colonial Club; marrying a member of the class of 1966; majoring in Religion; being one of the first female members of Colonial Club; working at the University Press; Wilson College being an
“experimental college” in the beginning; the Cambodia Strike in the Chapel; getting involved politically on campus; camping out overnight outside the Dow Chemical research center for political strikes; males on campus being supportive of the movement to co-education; one student barricading himself in the Colonial women’s room to protest co-education; being involved in Chapel Choir, Glee Club, and theater InTime; having great relationships with professors; finding religion at Princeton; her father as a Unitarian minister; not having many female friends on campus; drugs on campus; casino night events at Colonial Club; house parties on campus; and reunions. She mentions Professor Emeritus John Fleming and Glee Club Director Walter Nollner.

Eleanor Anne (Ellie) Vivona-Vaughan ’79, 1977-2014 June 21

Biography/History: Eleanor Anne (Ellie) Vivona-Vaughan, class of 1979, transferred to Princeton in 1977, as one of the few older “Continuing Ed” females on campus.

Eleanor Anne (Ellie) Vivona-Vaughan ’79 Transcript, 2014 June 21

Description: Vivona-Vaughan attended Union Community College before transferring to Princeton in 1977. She discusses growing up poor in the Bronx; attending Berkeley Business School in New York; married her husband in 1969; working as a secretary at Mobil Oil Company; having children shortly after marriage; the difficulty in navigating Catholic traditions and being an independent woman; being Valedictorian and elected to Phi Theta Kappa at Union Community College; accompanying a friend, Lisa Hyder, to her admissions tour at Princeton; being invited to sit in Lisa Hyder’s, interview by Jane Sharaf, the Director of Transfer Admissions; Jane Sharaf lobbying for her admission, even though she was not popular with the “old boy’s network;” being the subject of The Westfield Suburban News article “Graduating Mom Combines Home, School Successfully;” living in a run-down handyman’s special in Princeton Junction to make ends meet; experiencing culture shock at Princeton and the lack of no “true religion ,” being around younger students; feeling welcomed to campus; being encouraged by preceptor Ed Holmes; the difficulty of Princeton academics; bringing her sons to meetings with Deans; never attending reunions; the difficulty of being an older transfer student; associating mostly with Continuing Ed classmates; being awarded the Frank Junior McConnell Memorial Scholarship; and juggling having children with attending classes. She mentions Elaine Gross, an older classmate; Dean Cucchi; classmate and Vietnam veteran David Grady; and Professor Julian Jaynes.

Eleanor Anne (Ellie) Vivona-Vaughan ’79 Supplementary Materials, 1977-1979

Description: Includes documents related to scholarships and newspaper articles.

Laurie Seligman Wallmark ’76, 2014

Description: Includes documents related to scholarships and newspaper articles.
Biography/History: Laurie Seligman Wallmark was Class of 1976.

Description: Seligman talks about attending a pre-Princeton admissions meeting at the Westfield Tennis Club, which was normally was closed to Jews; participating in civil rights rallies; being the only woman in some classes; having to search for other women on campus; subconscious campus segregation; the academic rigor; Princeton Inn College being an enclave of women; having a gay friend who never came out at Princeton; dating a graduate student; meeting her husband during sophomore year; the dating scene; the Princeton name helping with employment; lack of public school kids at Princeton; being a member of Campus Club; residential colleges; eating at Commons; Terrace being the alternative club; worked as a software engineer and as a consultant after college.

Malcolm Warnock '25, 2005

Biography/History: Malcolm Warnock, Class of 1925, majored in History.

Description: Warnock, in his interview, discusses living in Edwards; football player classmate Snively; organ recitals in the graduate college on Sundays; being rejected fro the Glee Club; playing in and traveling with the orchestra; playing on the club hockey tea; waiting on the tables in the Commons; being a member of Key and Seal Club; the bicker process; the ROTC having horses students could ride; receiving a scholarship to come to Princeton; and being admitted to Princeton without taking any exams.

Marina von Neumann Whitman , 2013


Description: Whitman talks about her father as a Rockefeller Fellow with Eugene Wigner in 1930 and his move to the Institute of Advanced Study in 1933; her parents’ work at Brookhaven Laboratory; attending Radcliffe for undergrad; trying to petition to complete a Ph.D. in Economics at Princeton in 1957 but being told by President Dodds that there weren’t sufficient facilities for women; receiving her Ph.D. in economics at Columbia; working as Vice President of General Motors in 1980, the highest ranking female in the auto industry; Princeton as a “benevolent monarchy…run out of Nassau Hall”; the evolution of the role of Princeton’s president; and her father’s work on MANIAC at the Institute for Advanced Study.

Hugh (Bud) Wynne ’39, 2007

Biography/History: Hugh “Bud” Wynne, Class of 1939, and first chairman of the Princetoniana Committee.

Description: In the transcript, Wynne describes Vondermuhll Class of 1904, his godfather, influencing his decision to come to Princeton; participating in ROTC as the “supreme commander” for the Class of 1939; membership in the Triangle Club; traveling with the Triangle Club; friendship with and the character of Jack Kennedy, a Princeton and Choate School classmate;
membership in Cottage Club; seeing Einstein on campus; friendship with Ashby Harper, a classmate; Professor Erling Dorf in geology; playing lacrosse at Princeton; Freddy Fox’s knack to know what students needed; creating the Princetoniana Committee; finding the “Christian Student” statue, which was taken out of Princeton during his undergraduate years, brought back to Princeton, and put near Jadwin renamed the “Princeton Student” statue; and finding the model of the Fitz-Randolph gates, which is now in Mudd Library.

Wendy Zaharko ’74, 2009


Description: Zaharko discusses attending Mt. Pleasant High School in Delaware; her high school activist community; meeting Jay Webster, Class of 1961 and receiving an application for Princeton in the mail marked “fill this out and send it in”; her friendship with Jay Webster; highschool and Princeton classmate and roommate Sally Fields; Sally Fields finishing school in 3 years; living in Pyne Hall, which was initially all for women; the toilet’s having springs on them so they were always up for boys, and taking pliers to cut the springs; Cathy Corcione living near her, an Olympic swimmer; talking to Assistant Director of Admissions Laurence Sanford who told her she was accepted to Princeton to please male alums, because she was an athlete; the large amount of females that were also athletes at Princeton; the beginnings of the women’s squash team; having to share squash courts with the men; traveling to squash games in a “Princeton University” limousine; the squash uniforms; expecting to meet a Princeton man and get married; not liking the huge amount of men compared to women; the rigor of the pre-med classes; being called “Mr.” on accident by one professor; the Honor Code stating “on my honor as a gentleman”; girls coming in from other schools on the weekends; the dating scene; eating clubs being closed to women for the first two years; bickering Cap and Gown, but dropping Cap for Charter; involved in the anti-war movement called the Movement for a New Congress; charging alcohol to student account at Chancellor Green; drugs on campus including LSD; Boone’s Farm Apple Wine; African-American and Asian presence on campus; classmate Michelle Obama; homosexuality on campus; Abby Rubenfeld, head of the class, and a lesbian; the differences between how men and women carried books; starting the gym shorts trend among women;
Subseries 3A, Butler Apartments Oral History Interviews from May and June 2013, 2013
May-June

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Description: Subseries 3A consists of transcripts of interviews with 16 individuals who lived at the Butler Apartments (which will be razed in 2014) between 1965 and 2013. The interviews were conducted in May and June of 2013; the interviewees include: Kristine Bietsch, Ph.D. candidate, 2015; Joe Danks *1968 and Carol Danks; Richard Darilek *1973; Johanna Goldman, Ph.D. candidate, 2015; Laura Kahn, Ph.D. candidate, 2015; Beth Kosiak *1993; Dawn LaValle Ph.D. candidate, 2014; Bill Lehrman *1989; Ricardo Reyes Heroles Ph.D. candidate, 2015, and Francesca Arienzo; Dan Zeltzer, Ph.D. candidate, 2015, and Elsat Kadem; Daniel Sanchez *2013; and Michael Zdilla *2005 and Gail Zdilla.

Arrangement: The transcripts are arranged alphabetically.


Description: Subseries 3B consists of transcripts of interviews with 30 individuals who lived at the Butler Apartments between 1951 and 2014. Topics discussed include living conditions, expenses, commuting, childcare arrangements, the international community, and the relationship with the surrounding Princeton neighborhood.

Arrangement: The transcripts are arranged alphabetically.

- Michael Axelrod *66 and Joyce Axelrod, 2014
- David Baldwin *65, 2014
  Biography/History: David Baldwin is a political scientist at the Woodrow Wilson School and is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.
- Adam J. Berger *95, 2014
  Description: Topics addressed in the Berger interview include housing in the Graduate College and the international community at Butler.
- Christine Blumauer, 2014
- W. Michael Blumenthal *54 *56, 2014
  Biography/History: W. Michael Blumenthal served as the United States Secretary of Treasury under the Carter Administration. He is also the founding Director of the Jewish Museum Berlin.
- Christine Chalifoux, 2014
Biography/History: Christine Chalifoux is the spouse of Quincy Amoah, Ph.D candidate, 2018.

Sam Clark *14, 2014

Biography/History: Ronald Davidson is a former director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory and is a professor emeritus in the Astrophysical Sciences department.

Ronald Davidson *66 and Jean Davidson, 2014

Biography/History: Ronald Davidson is a former director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory and is a professor emeritus in the Astrophysical Sciences department.

Paul Firbas *01 and Carolina Firbas, 2014

Biography/History: Ronald Davidson is a former director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory and is a professor emeritus in the Astrophysical Sciences department.

John H. Fleming *87, 2014

Biography/History: Edward J. Groth III has conducted extensive research on the Hubble Space Telescope while serving on the faculty of the Physics department.

Edward J. Groth III *71, 2014

Biography/History: Curtis Hillegas has served as Director of Research Computing and managed TIGRESS, the university's Terascale Infrastructure for engineering research.

Curtis Hillegas *02, 2014

Biography/History: Curtis Hillegas has served as Director of Research Computing and managed TIGRESS, the university's Terascale Infrastructure for engineering research.

David N. Hingston *74, 2014

Biography/History: Edith Jeffrey is the spouse of Richard Jeffrey *57, who taught in the Philosophy department from 1974-1999.

Edith Jeffrey, 2014

Biography/History: Curtis Hillegas has served as Director of Research Computing and managed TIGRESS, the university's Terascale Infrastructure for engineering research.

David N. Kinsey *75, 2014

Ulrich C. Knoepflmacher *61, 2014

Biography/History: Ulrich C. Knoepflmacher is a professor emeritus in the English Department.

Xiuyuan (Suzanne) Lu *97, 2014

Robert H. Lupton *85, 2014

Marina Mitchell *98, 2015

Biography/History: Marina Mitchell has served as the chair of Graduate Alumni Annual Giving and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Princeton Association of New York City

Marina Mitchell, 2015

Michelle Nielsen, 2014

David C. Parris *70, 2014

Armond T. Perretta *74, 2014

Tobias D. Robison *65 and Elaine Golden Robison *72, 2015
Description: The Robison interview includes details of Elaine Golden Robison's collaboration with Associate Dean Paul Benacerraf in changing aspects of Butler's housing policy.

Joseph V. Sullivan *82, 2014
Howard C. Wainer *68, 2014
Marina von Neumann Whitman, 2013

Biography/History: Marina von Neumann Whitman is an economist and a former university trustee. She has served as Vice President of the General Motors Corporation and on the boards of many other organizations. She is also the spouse of Robert Freeman Whitman, professor of English, and the daughter of the mathematician John von Neumann.

Description: Whitman discussed her experiences living at the Butler Apartments in the mid-1950s, including the austere living conditions, anecdotes about having former University President Bill Bowen and his wife as neighbors, as well as the impact of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 on her family.