Abstract:

This is a collection of the recordings and documentation surrounding the Oral History of Aquinas College project entitled Historically Speaking that was conducted in the early 1990’s.

Title: Historically Speaking

Collection #: 11

Donor: found in Aquinas Archives

Span: ca. 1990- 2005

Size: 2 cubic feet

Processed by: Louiza Taylor

History

In the early 1990’s the Aquinas College Historical Commission was formed based on Peter Wege’s idea to maintain the history of the college. At the same time, Sr. Jean Milhaupt was transitioning from a full time faculty member to her retirement work as the Aquinas College Archivist. Wege, Milhaupt, and other members of the historical commission, including President Norbert Hruby who had a background in radio from the University of Chicago, and Dr. Gary Eberle, developed a college wide oral history project.

They conducted roughly 91 interviews in the Aquinas sound studio in the late 1990s, some with groups and some with individuals. Using clips from the interviews, the group created a five cassette (also CD) audio production that was completed in 1999.

Later the information from this project was used by Dr. Eberle as he was working on writing his book on the 125th Anniversary of the college. Some notes and extra recordings that were not part of the original project were probably added to the collection by him during that time.

Scope and Content

This collection of material contains 4 series: raw audio, working audio, completed audio, and documentation. The raw audio includes cassette tapes of full and unedited interviews conducted for the project. They are placed in alphabetical order by last name and numbered for easier access to their location in the boxes. The interviews with groups are in the order they were found, which also roughly conforms to an alphabetical list.

The working audio is a series of various tapes that don’t seem to belong to any particular set. They all have individual titles, dates, and purposes.

The completed series is sets of the produced oral history project, both cassettes and cd’s. They are stored together, broken up by the included paper booklet about the project. Included in this series are some incomplete sets for each format (Cd: 3-5, Cassette: 3 2’s, 2 3’s, 4, and 5). Also included in this series are copies of the published booklets and cd inserts and single cd’s that were examples of the cd case covers.

Last is the documentation of the project. This includes scripts, notes, and schedules for the project. It is divided into folders by topic. Included here is an index with a fact sheet on every interview done. Each sheet lists the interviewer, interviewee, times, and topics discussed. It is mostly handwritten, probably put together for the project managers, not for potential patrons, and may be a little difficult to read.

At the end of this finding aid is an index containing names of every individual who spoke during the project with the assigned tape they spoke on.

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Box Tape Description

**Individuals**

1 1 Glenn Barkan

Box Tape Description

2 Fred Bernard

3 Terry Bocian

4 Dan Brooks

5 Msgr. Arthur F. Bukowski

6 Gary Eberle

7 Ferris (Multicultural

8 Chuck Frydrych

9 Dr. Norbert Hruby

10 Jane Idema (side B)

11 Jane Idema (“side 3”)

12 Jacokes (original)

13 Lee Jakokes

14 Michael Keller

15 Michaeleen Kelly

16 Harry Knopke

17 Konow

18 Joyce La Fleur

Box Tape Description

19 S. Henry Suso Lerczak

20 Shirley Lewis

21 Katy Lux

22 Randy MacGeorge

23 Marin

24 Robert Marko

25 Sr. Mary Martens

26 Herbert Martin

27 Side “B”: Paula Meehan

28 Milhaupt

29 Sr. Mary Navarre

30 Nelson

31 Peter O’Connor

32 Raikes

33 Sr. James Rau + Conclusion of Lee Jacokes

34 Robertson, Gary

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35 B: Sr. Lois Schaffer A: Gala ‘94

36 Ned Smith

Box Tape Description

37 Renee Stahle

38 John Teusink

39 Sr. Agnes Thiel

40 Sr. Aquinas (Eastown) Weber

41 David Weinandy

42 Peter Wege

43 Alice Wittenbach

44 Larry Zysk

**Groups**

45 Allen, J. O’Connor

46 Jefchak, Beineman

47 Kozal, Brogan, Sr. Joan Thomas

48 Campus Ministry

49 Srs. Lazio, Barrett (Campus Ministry)

50 Srs. Lenora Carmody, Teresa, Houlihan

51 Carol Clemons + Jane Idema

52 Clingman, Marin, Poje (wives)

53 Dean of Students

54 Jennings, Schultz

Box Tape Description

55 Srs. Rosemary O’Donnell, Amata Fabbro

56 Srs. Greiner, Flumerfelt

57 Hansen, Chaffee

58 Gary and Allene Kieff

59 Tychsen, McNally (Marin)

60 Srs. Marybride Ryan, Thomasine Bugala

61 Weber, Vangsness

62 Williams (M & MA), Sims

**Group Memories**

63 Memories of A.F.B.

64 S. Mildred Hawkins

65 Memorial Service

66 S. Anne Keating

67 Mother Eveline Mackey

68 Mother Eveline, S. Malachi

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69 Malachi Laithwaite

**Alumni**

Box Tape Description

70 S. Helen Louise Brogger + S. James Rau

71 CJC Alumni: Cavera, Schmidt, Rasmus

72 CJC Alumni: McKnight, Geary, Wurz

73 AC Alumni 40’s: Nowak, Cruz, Eardley

74 Aquinas - Early 40’s

75 Alumni: 48-52 (Morrison et al)

76 Henehan, Mitchell (alums ‘46)

77 Alumni (black, 50’s/70)

78 Classes of 1956 and 1971

79 Joe and Adeline Drumm Murphy

80 Kate Pew, Dennis Leiber

81 Alumni \* 70’s - 80’s (Plachta, Colvin)

82 Linda + Tony Foster

83 Paul Antor

84 Alumna (black: Brooke Davis)

85 Hansknect, Joseph

86 Russ Hogan

87 Mary Lou Smith

Box Tape Description

88 Alumni Late 60’s (MacDonald, Havilands)

89 Encore early students (Crandall)

90 Joan Crandall, Sarah Borish

**Working Audio**

**4 Completed Audio (CD Format)**

**5 & 6 Completed Audio (Cassette Format)**

**7 Documentation**