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Hand Written Interview Notes

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When did you first hear of TCU Fall 1971 back about it in issue of Austin Repert
What has given you the most pleasure in your work?
What would you consider your biggest contribution to date to the field of education?
What has been your biggest disappointment?
Would you equate the role of President to any other profession—coaching, politics? In what ways?
Have your views of the role of a President practically changed since 1972?
Do you still miss the classroom?

What do you do for relaxation? entertainment? hobbies?

Worked in
Snyder
Denton
Fort Worth
Denton
Tyler

Someone who had interest of individually, liberal being an primary intent. tried to approach that philosophy

Positive, integrity, honesty, expectation, open, fair, experience & preparation
Born in rural community, Aug. 7, 1934.

Only child

3 teacher school district through 10th grade - cut to 8 grades
only 11 in 8th grade school at that time 2 teachers 2 rooms

Change to 12 grade system came while in elementary school

Dr. S. attended 11 years public schools

Skipped a grade in elementary due to change.

White frame school

1st grade teacher was present when received Doctor's degree

Tanbark W.S. Road 9.4 miles Fresh 7th year.

Both parents were teachers in Acton when started
Father was principal and home was furnished.
Shortly later father elected County Judge & 4 offices school Super.

Mother taught him at least 1 year.

Moved to Ligon - father went back into school business after 2 terms (4 years) as principal (elementary)
Father taught him American History 1 year in High School
all father brother & sisters leachers - a brother-in-law

his mother a teacher (a grandmother)

his mother had brother who taught as a young man & became district attorney.

decided later during 1st semester in college. One professor influence - a great teacher -

had considered engineering or business administration.

college was probably result of environment in which I was raised.

played basketball & baseball 4 years. Football as Sophomore

American Legion team

had team in H.S. at Legion

Basketball was big school - to regional touring as Fr & Sr.

year. Class B ball - camp

finished high school when 16.

interested in all areas of study - saw opportunity & kept contact with field of education.

really enjoyed mathematics
Agriculture College

To J.T. Junior College lived in Stephenville.
JT was one of finest in U.S. was 1st part of A&M System. About 1200 students.

set out with objective of finishing college within 3 years
had 55 hours after 1.5 semesters. Met goal.

Played basketball at John Tarleton — sick fantasy in athletics.

MTSU one of strongest in education
had to consider state school because of cost.

Worked in grocery store —

1st job in education came in 7-8 grade (11th year)
in Acton. Worked streets put bellie custodian during 2 year — sweeping, seeing that fires built each morning (about 5 AM).

Decided to go into education I recognized pretty quickly & would need to get started on graduate degree pretty quickly.

After Bachelor’s worked for AAA PMA Association
Surveying crops

during that summer took position as

attended master’s during summer while teaching rest of year.