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Abstract: In her August 1975 interview with Martha Williams, the 1967 Winthrop graduate, Arnetta Gladden Mackey, reminisces her time at the University. Mackey shares her experience coming to Winthrop as one of the first black students after the school integrated. Mackey recalls the reaction she received from students, faculty, and members of the Rock Hill community. Mackey finally lends her answer to the question of whether or not she would do it all over again. This interview was conducted for inclusion into the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections Oral History Program.

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00:00	MW: I'm Martha Williams and I am interviewing Arnetta Mackey who was [one of] the first black student at Winthrop. Okay Arnetta, first of all I want to talk about your childhood mainly. Just get some background material. What was your childhood like?
00:18	AM: Very typical. I was raised in Rock Hill, in York County rather. We were sharecroppers. I remained on the farm until the age of twelve and then we moved quote "to the city." [Both laugh]. So, after that time you know public schools and all this stuff. But a basic childhood. My parents are—my father is a painter and my mother was a maid and other than that, that's about all. I don't know if you want to know about brothers and sisters, that type of things. I have three brothers, I am the only girl and that's about it.
01:18	MW: Well, did your brothers go to college anywhere?
01:22	AM: No, I am the only one in the family that has had the privilege of going to college.
01:26	MW: Why?
01:28	AM: Lack of funds, major reason. Back in the times when my brothers were coming along, I would say that that reason, academic in some ways probably but one in particular I'm sure if he had the funds, he would have gone but because they were not available [inaudible].

02:00 **MW: Are you the oldest?**

02:01 AM: No, I am kind of—I have two older brothers and one younger, so I am kind of in between almost.[both laugh].

02:11 **MW: What did they think about you going to college?**

02:15 AM: The younger one was at an age where he believed that it had no impact. The two oldest ones were quite proud, needless to say, my parents were also. I think it should be noted that they themselves did not send me. I was only able to come to Winthrop because of a scholarship offer that was made and started for Cecil Ivory. He was a prominent Civil Rights worker and after he died, a scholarship for him started and that paid my fees. In other words, I probably wouldn't have gotten here either had not been for the scholarship.

03:05 **MW: Who got the scholarship for you?**

03:06 AM: I was-- Reverend Topley and others but he was my principal contact.

03:14 **MW: Was he your preacher?**

03:15 AM: No, not at all. Probably—he stays close to us but before that time I had had no personal contacts with him. At the time, they were probably looking for a person hopefully who they thought would stand the academic pressures as well as the social pressures and who was unable to go to school who otherwise would have been unable to go to school and since I graduated second in the class and this, you know and them knowing my background probably prompt them to come to me.

04:09 **MW: What high school did you go to?**

04:10 AM: Emmett Scott High School.

04:13 **MW: Was that an all-black high school?**

04:15 AM: Yes, completely black.

04:16 **MW: And you were second in your class?**

04:19 AM: Yeah. [laughs].

04:20 **MW: When you were growing up, did you want to go to college?**

04:27 AM: I think, everybody does—I better take that back, everybody doesn't but at the time if you knew that you were able to you know get it book wise then you wanted to go but in the back of my mind I knew all along that if I had to depend upon my parents to send me, then I would never get there. You know you make all these plans about well you know I'll work my way through and this type of thing, but it's easier said than done I'm sure. Even though I'm sure there are plenty of people that are doing it but once you start working and making money you don't—the chances of you coming back and going to school are very slim so I always wanted to but yet like I said, I don't know – put it this way, even after I graduated from Emmett Scott, I did not know

that I was – you know what school I would attend. I had gotten a partial scholarship to Benedict, but it was that indecisive, that kind of thing.

- 05:54** **MW: Getting back to the funds being offered by Reverend Topley, what was your reaction when he first approached you about coming to Winthrop.**
- 06:04** AM: Shocked. [Laughter]. Utter shock. I don't think the school itself bothered me that much. I was just shocked at the fact after he explained it to me that I would be able to go to school for the full period and not have to worry about funds. That's what shocked me more than anything else and it made me feel real good to know that I lived in a community or a town where people had that much trust in me, you know. Because this was not only community, but it was people from all over Rock Hill and other areas too I would imagine. So the black community entrusted in me the opportunity to come to Winthrop and I think that impressed me more than Winthrop itself did because attending an all-black school, you know Winthrop is there but you—that is just like a rich kid going to a poor neighborhood and vice versa, that type of thing. So, I had no particular eyes for Winthrop at the time.
- 07:26** **MW: What was your reaction to going to an all-white college? Being the first black girl there.**
- 07:33** AM: I—you know after-- I've tried to think this thing through, and I can't. I can't remember, [laughter] I'm sure that there was some fright, but I have never been the type of person who Would—who would let fear override common sense, I guess. And I figured that this would be the only opportunity I'd have to go to school, you know. And by the fact that it was all-white, I guess was kind of minor. That didn't bother me that much. I of course—you hesitate about these things, you know. You talk it over with your parents you know for a decision, and this kind of stuff but partly that decision is yours and it was not until after I had made my decision that I found out that another young lady from Columbia was coming so that eased me some but I don't think I would have been afraid to come by myself-I put it that way, that wouldn't have bothered me.
- 08:51** **MW: Okay, did the NAACP, under Reverend Topley, now they're the ones that financed your coming to Winthrop right? Or was it—**
- 08:58** AM: No, I can't—I don't think he would say it was the – let's see, how can I put it. I would imagine that they were the principle ones to get started, I'll put it that way but they were not the only ones because like I said, I think it was more of a city effort because if the funds had only come from there I would say yes but It came from the smallest store owner to the so called people that had you know plenty, so it was just not out of the magic that it was their idea and they went out into the community seeking the support that they needed to carry this theory.
- 09:59** **MW: Did you have any problems getting into Winthrop or was it already set that a black girl would come in 1964?**
- 10:07** AM: All of that was taken care of by the leaders of the scholarship. To my knowledge there was no trouble, we went through the regular procedures that any student would go through to get in school-- the entrance exam, this and that stuff. But other than that, there is none that I know of.
- 10:30** **MW: What was the date that you entered Winthrop? It was August '64?**
- 10:38** AM: August or September whenever you know change come but I believe it was either latter

part of August or the first of September somewhere along those lines in '64.

- 10:55** **MW: And if I'm correct, I'm not sure about this but this is about the time that Clemson was having black students there and so it was all over the state.**
- 11:11** AM: I don't know exactly what year Harvey entered Clemson, but it was before this. It was before '64. I don't remember the exact day, but it seems as if to me his was either in '62 or '63. I don't know, but Clemson already had a black student—more than one black student at the time that we know of.
- 11:42** **MW: Did you know when you came that there had been a girl—a black girl, that had entered Winthrop the summer before you came, and it was just part time. I think she was a graduate student – was in Home Ec, if I am correct, but she was just there for the summer.**
- 12:03** AM: No, no I had no knowledge of that.
- 12:07** **MW: Were you able to talk to anybody before you entered Winthrop as to what it would be like?**
- 12:12** AM: No, I had to find out for myself. {Both laugh}.
- 12:22** **MW: You said you were second in your class. Where did the first in your class go to college?**
- 12:30** AM: She attended college in—in Atlanta, I'm trying to think of it. I can't think of the name of the school, but it was in Atlanta.
- 12:56** **MW: What was registration like when you went? You remember?**
- 13:08** AM: I believe that time—let's see, you preregistered right?
- 13:12** **MW: Right.**
- 13:13** AM: So, there was really—all of that is best I can remember was already taken care of when I came. I'm sure we had to get books and supplies and that type stuff but the actual registration as far as I can remember was already done. I'm almost positive of that.
- 13:30** **MW: Now I have talked to one of the ladies in the library that remember, the time when you first came and one of the reasons I was asking was because they remembered—not necessarily you, but one of the black girls that came, she had to come early in the morning before everybody else started and they had her dressed in a maid uniform so that the newspapers would not know that she was coming. Now was this—**
- 14:16** AM: No, this must be something else completely different from—maybe this had been the student before us? Maybe?
- 14:27** **MW: Might have been.**
- 14:29** AM: Must have been because Deloris, who was the girl from Columbia, entered as a freshman with myself. Now there was a transfer student, Sue Merriweather, who was my roommate but none of that took place when we came. Now that could have very well been the student that came

the summer before.

14:53 MW: You did live on campus?

14:54 AM: Yes.

14:58 MW: Your first year?

14:59 AM: Yes, all the years.

15:02 MW: Were you—you were assigned a black roommate. Did you have a choice? Do you remember?

15:09 AM: No, we didn't have a choice.

15:14 MW: Did Deloris live on campus too?

15:16 AM: Yeah, all three of us did.

15:18 MW: Where did you—who did you room with?

15:23 AM: Let's see—Deloris had a room to herself and I had a room to myself and you know I mentioned the fact that Sue was a transfer student but I believe Sue came— Sue must have come that next semester because that first semester Deloris and I were here alone. We were in separate adjoining rooms. We stayed in Roddey dorm and I guess you would say we were kind of separated because those rooms that we had—you know had the private bath and this type of thing so we didn't ask for those facilities so I feel like they were kind of arranged either for our comfort or what other reasons they may have had. [Both laugh].

16:29 MW: How did the girls on the hall treat you?

16:31 AM: Very nice. We—the whole time that we—that I was here, we didn't have any harsh words or shown any kind of harsh reactions from anyone. If they didn't want to associate with you then they didn't. It was simple as that and the ones that wanted to, then they did. And this was kind of the way it followed you know throughout the whole years that we were here.

17:08 MW: Do you know of any of the parents of the girls that were on your hall gave the girls any hassle about it?

17:10 AM: I don't know—I don't know because that first year, relationships were not-- you know on a sharing basis. We attended hall meetings together which was a requirement, but actual socializing was not doing. So now what did they do or not, I would not know. They did not share those little tidbits or anything.

17:50 MW: I can barely remember my freshman year but it was one where there was a lot of hall meetings and the hall doing things together and everybody learning together and one of the things that I do remember was RAT week.

18:02 AM: Yes.

18:04 MW: What was RAT week like when you were a freshman?

- 18:15** AM: Let me think—as best as I can remember, we had to wear the little silly beanies. I remember that. I had to dress, you know real crazy. But other than that, I can't remember--let' see, because then at the end of the week you have a big dance right?
- 18:35** MW: Right.
- 18:37** AM: I can't remember if we attended that one or not. I don't remember whether we did or not. I don't think we did. I'm almost positive we didn't but I don't—you know—but the only thing I can remember about Rat week was that the beams but other than that it's a blank space.
- 19:04** MW: What was social life like?
- 19:09** AM: Oh Lord! [laughs]
- 19:11** MW: Uh oh, it must be the same as it is now.
- 19:20** AM: Well it has picked up some now but back then it was just unreal. That first semester-- the first semester didn't bother me that much because we were adjusting to college life. Trying to study you know and trying to make good grades and these kind of thing. I think by my being you know in my home town, you know it helped some because you could call or phone somebody you know and this kind of thing or I could always go home on the weekend but when I first came—let's see, did I have a boyfriend? Yeah—my boyfriend was in service. He was in the marines so therefore; you know it didn't bother me too much. After that first semester or maybe after the first year, it really you know started off because there were no outlets whatsoever, no place to go, nothing to do. You either went home or you stayed here and stayed with whoever and you just goofed off, that was it.
- 20:46** MW: What was the reaction of the girls to black guys coming on campus?
- 20:53** AM: There again you see you have this void of communication. Like I said, if anything was said then it was not said to us or it was not said so that we could hear it. After the black young men started coming on campus you know they would relate to us-- incidents they may have had with the campus police and that kind of stuff you know like trailing them to see where they were going and more surveillancing then was necessary, they felt. This kind of thing but I think everything as far as the student body was concerned was kind of like, stand back and look type of basis. Nobody was openly hostile I'll put it that way. So other than the remarks that the young men made that was—and then about the campus police that was all.
- 22:09** MW: What was your first impressions of Winthrop? Do you remember some of them? Did you like it?
- 22:26** AM: No—I'm trying to think—first impressions—that's hard to say, I know, you know I know I didn't like it as much as I would have of liked college, I know that much. But whether that was because of the social life which I'm sure was a big part of it or whether it was just the absence of fellow black faces, you know it was two there and it really bothers you after a while. I didn't dislike it to the point of leaving, I'll put it that way, but I wasn't overjoyed by it either.
- 23:30** MW: How did your parents react to your going to Winthrop? Being the first black girl at an all-white college?
- 23:41** AM: I'm sure they were concerned. They did not try to discourage me. They were proud of course and

they offered any encouragement that they could give you know but like I said the decision to come, that is mine. And they went along with whatever decision I made.

24:12 MW: Did they ever try to encourage you to go to a-black school?

24:16 AM: No, not at all. They didn't do that.

24:22 MW: How did your friends react?

24:26 AM: [Laughs]. As best as I can remember, they too were encouraging, you know. They understood my home situation, so they too, my close friends, knew that it was a good decision to make if you really wanted the education. Usually, you know communication by letter you know from the various colleges [inaudible] to the fact that you were not there because they were getting involved in so many things. All along you know you had sororities and this type thing, and you just didn't go off to college you know, unless you participated in sororities and that stuff was here, not in the same sense as it was there. So other than often encouragement they didn't you know they really didn't [inaudible].

25:38 MW: What kind of problems did you face that first year?

25:43 AM: I guess the biggest one was academic. [both laugh] Good heavens. Truly, the academic first, just trying to keep your head above water. You know there is such a great difference between high school and college. You come to realize that—at least in my instance that even though you did well in high school that does not necessarily mean you will do well in college and I had to come to grips with that first off. Secondly, I guess the thing that upset us the most was the fact that we didn't feel comfortable going to any of the church services in the area. I didn't think about this when you asked me about first impressions, but you know they had the church line on Sundays. We were called into the Deans office, Lee Gibson's office and we were advised that we should not go to First Baptist—just didn't recommend that, no elaborate details but you got the message. So, they-- evidently, I don't know how they—came to this decision but you know I imagine it was reaction from the congregation, you know feedback from minister to college. It was decided that we should go to Oakland Baptist and that was—and we went to the Church with—it was a group of seniors and I don't know how that ended into it, but I remember Marsha Martin, who remained our friend throughout. Was one of the young ladies, and I can't remember the others, but we went to Oakland Baptist that Sunday. We didn't participate in the church line as such, we didn't walk-- we were driven there in the car, there were police standing everywhere and I think that sticks out to me more than anything else and then after that initial Sunday, we returned but the feelings—you know you could feel the hostility in the air so you can't really worship under those conditions. The minister that was there was, he was very nice, Reverend Troutman. I will never forget him, but the pastorship changed and with the new pastor things just hadn't been—I would think under Reverend Troutman pastorship he probably squelched a whole lot of stuff that would have come out but after he left like I said then the new pastor came and all of these things that had been hidden before just really just boiled over to the point that you know—I never forget one Sunday we went and you know the doors was closed in our face and these type things you remember more so than anything else I think because you know—you don't even think of a place of worship as being that way. I'm sure all of the congregation is not this way. Then one particular Sunday, you know we were asked you know why don't you go to your church, this kind of thing. So finally, we just stopped going because like I said you can't very well go with the intent of worshipping and sitting there knowing all along that they don't want you. And I think this thing had a bigger impression on me than anything else because some of these same people that are members of that church I'm working with now and it just really—it really is all I can do to control myself to keep from reminding them of these incidents but I don't say anything. I think that was the—I think that was the most lasting impression that I had.

30:35 MW: Did you go to the BSU?

30:38 AM: Sometimes. Initially we did but that kind of died down too. We felt more comfortable in the black church. So, we went to Mt. Prospect Baptist Church. We usually walked that distance.

30:55 MW: You walked?

30:58 AM: Mhm. If I'd go home on the weekends, I'd attend my church but not when we went there.

31:07 MW: Did the conditions of church get any better as the years went on?

31:10 AM: I don't know, after we stopped attending you know we lost contact with them completely.

31:22 MW: What were the reactions of the girls that came—black girls that came in your sophomore, junior, and senior years?

31:28 AM: We didn't have anybody to come in my sophomore year. They came, let's see—we had another transfer student, Harvey Gantt's sister, Chrysendra [Gantt Holloway] came our junior year. The big serge started the beginning of our senior year. The beginning of our senior year is all I can remember. But their reaction was about the same you know the separation is such that we went through as far as rooms and this kind of stuff could not be done when they came because of the number I think, and then two it may have been because of the fact that the school was accustomed to us but I don't think as much—I don't think as much—I don't think they were as careful I guess. I believe the school itself was like they were quote regular students, I'll put it like that. But their reaction as far as to the college and to the professors the student body itself was about the same. They, you know, were friends with the ones that wanted to be and the ones that didn't, they just left them alone.

33:22 MW: What was the reaction, or how were you treated by President Davis?

33:29 AM: Cordial.

33:34 MW: Did you meet with him before you came?

33:38 AM: I don't think so. I believe the only- I remember meeting with Dean Gibson but I don't believe we actually met him until—what is tis they have, the get acquainted thing, you know at the end of every President's house—as best as I can remember that was the first time we met him. He was like I said—he was cordial. No particular favoritism shown I don't think towards us at that time or any other time that I can remember.

34:28 MW: When Dean Gibson had a talk with you, did she—this was before you came to Winthrop?

34:34 AM: No, we were already here. You know we're usually here what about a week before the church line or something like that. I can't remember.

34:41 MW: Did anybody talk to you and tell you how you were supposed to act?

34:46 AM: No.

34:47 MW: Or any rules to follow?

34:49 AM: No—no. They um...[laughs] I don't know what would have happened if they had. [Both laugh]. But no, they didn't do that. They just-the only thing that she did was just recommend, you know, that we not go to First Baptist [inaudible].

35:11 MW: How were you treated by your professors?

35:12 AM: Just fine. I never did have any trouble with any of mine, you know. That was...that could be slanted towards racial. [Inaudible]. So, what they did, any of the other girls had, I can't remember. But most of the-like I said, most of the professors were very nice.

35:40 MW: What professors did you have the first year?

35:42 AM: The first year, for biology lecture, was let's see...I had Dr. Hind. For Chemistry, I had Dr. [Inaudible]. For [inaudible], I had Dr. Merdy. For French, I had Mr.Shely. And then...I had-I think her name was Mrs. Bates. [Pause]. Physical Ed...I can't remember the Physical Ed teacher.

36:39 MW: What PE course did you have?

36:40 AM: First year, let me think. I don't remember what I had that first year...what could it have been? I don't remember.

37:00 MW: What was your major?

37:02 AW: Biology [Inaudible].

37:05 MW: And that-you continued with that major up until you graduated?

37:10 AM: Mm, hum. Yep. I didn't change, believe it or not. [Both laugh].

37:20 MW: What was the reaction of students in your classes?

37:24 AW: In the class?

37:25 MW: Um, hum. [yes].

37:25 AW: At first...I think all of them were kind of, you know, cautious and hesitant and, you know, [pause] kind of waited for you to make the first move-this kind of thing. Most of the classes freshman year, you know, were mass classes-and I don't know if they still have a big majority of those or not-so you didn't get to know, during that first year, too many students, you know. It was only after that freshman year that you tended to move, you know, with people of similar natures. After that time, it was very nice. You know, we shared as normal students do. We cried [both laugh] when things were bad. But it was nice.

38:34 MW: Were you given any kind of special privileges?

38:37 AW: No.

[Crosstalk].

38:38 MW: That you remember?

38:39 AW: No, no. None what so ever.

38:43 MW: Do you feel like you were treated wrong?

38:43 AM: No.

[Crosstalk].

38:44 MW: In any of your classes?

38:48 AM: No, uh...No, I was trying to think back but I can't remember any mistreatment in any of the classes.

39:01 MW: Do you remember how the newspapers treated your coming to Winthrop?

39:06 AM: Now I...

39:11 MW: Did you have reporters pestering you all the time? [Laughs].

39:13 AM: No. No, uh, there was a-in the daily city paper, I remember there was, you know, there was a small article. The school paper, I don't remember, you know, whether there was any big-I don't-you know-it was nothing, you know, blown out of proportion, I'll put it that way. And we were not pestered at all...[inaudible].

39:41 MW: Do you remember any kind of unpleasant events happening at Winthrop because you were there? Besides the church?

39:48 AM: No. Like the church was the one that had the most lasting impression on me I think. Um, the [inaudible] that was outside of the school itself. So the school as a whole, I don't have any, you know, bad impression about.

40:14 MW: If you had to do it over again, would you come to Winthrop?

40:21 AM: Um...under the very same conditions, as far as finances are concerned, and if Winthrop was still all girls, I would not attend. But, since its co-ed, if I had to do it all over, I would. Why? Probably because the...air of competition that a-I think-a male student generates in terms of in the atmosphere...all girls schools are kind of outdated. And in real life, a co-ed atmosphere is what you have to contend with. And I think this is what the school should reflect.

41:23 MW: And you're not wanting to come back to Winthrop to have anything to do with maybe going to an all-black college?

41:33 AM: No, in fact, I love to attend an all-black college just for the experience. You know, if I had a chance, but that shouldn't be the overriding factor in deciding, you know, what school you're going to go to. So therefore, by the fact that, you know, I think the co-ed thing here is the key, rather than the color of the faces that make up the student body.

42:05 MW: Where there any-not unusual or peculiar-things about the white girls that was different from what you were used to?

42:19 AM: Well, when you say 'used to,' that would be [inaudible]. Because we had no contact

beforehand, you see. You know, you'd passed them on the street and that was it.

[Crosstalk].

42:33 MW: Right.

42:33 AM: But um, as far as unusual or preconceived ideas that you may had formed, you know, just out of the blue, no. Nothing unusual. They are individuals just like, you know, blacks are. Some you like and some you don't. [Inaudible].

43:01 MW: What kind of results do you think you gained from going to Winthrop?

43:08 AM: I think it, back in 64', you know and coming out in 60-it prepared me, I think, very for the job world. In other words, that's I think, back in that time that was one drawback to going to an all-black school. You didn't have the uh...okay the...you were kind of in a closed world in other words. And when you come out of college, then I think you need to have that experience of having contact with the white world because this is where you will be working. And this is where you will have to learn to adjust to. So I think if there is any good point about, you know, my graduating from Winthrop, it was developing that skill when I was here. In other words, I didn't wonder how I would fit in a work force that was, you know, 99 percent white. I had that confidence that, you know, if they could do it then I could do it. And I think you gain that from going-I gained it from going to Winthrop. Like I said, now days, it would be different because you have that interaction all along.

44:32 MW: What are you doing now?

44:34 AM: I am working at Hoescht Celanese as a lab supervisor.

44:40 MW: Have you been working there since you graduated?

44:41 AM: Yeah, [laughs].

44:42 MW: Did Winthrop have any part in helping you get it?

44:46 AM: No, none whatsoever.

44:50 MW: This next question will probably be a hard one for you to answer but I know you have a little daughter now.

44:57 AW: Um, hum. [yes].

44:58 MW: Would you want her to come to Winthrop?

45:06 AM: First of all, you know, if she decided, I would not advise her against coming here.

45:19 MW: Okay.

45:20 AM: Okay, if she made the decision that she wanted to come here, then I would say yes. You

know, that's fine. I have no...uh...it's hard to say that you're not going to try and direct their lives but hopefully by the time that she's old enough to decide what school she wants to go to, she will look at the curriculum and what it has to offer. And after she's done, if I feel she's been logical in making the decision, then I wouldn't do anything to change it. By no means.

45:51 MW: Have you been back to Winthrop for any of the class reunions?

45:56 AM: No. No, uh, why? Probably because I think a class reunion is a time of...this might be crude but I think it's just a time to show off to everybody what you have done and what you have accomplished. I think if you establish basic friendships then you should have-you should not just have to get together at class reunions for that purpose-I think it should be a yearly type thing. You know, where you're in contact with somebody constantly, you know, not every once and a while. I just don't like the idea of class reunions. I'll put it that way. Because like I said, all I think of it is showy, you know, [inaudible]...completely different opinion of that but that's just the way I am. And uh...I don't feel like putting on a show. [both laugh].

47:15 MW: What kind of lasting friendships did you make while at Winthrop?

47:19 AM: I think the...with the people that had same majors as, you know, same major as myself. Jane Cato, who is a Rock Hillian, you know. There's, whenever we meet, there's no visitation there, you know. It's kind of hard to explain. You can associate and be in class with people you know for four years, and yet, when it's all over, you're no longer on campus, you know, they know you. But the minute you walk outside there, the wall drops down. Now, when I say friendship, I mean the type of person who- no matter where you are, they come up and they greet you. You know, in a cordial manner or, you know, they hug and kiss [inaudible] [both laugh] Winthrop is famous for. So, I think the most lasting friendship would be with Jane Cato. We've kind of drifted apart. Terry Smith...that was a close one. This all goes back, I guess, to we all just became a study group. We'd get together and we would study. So, I guess about two people or maybe three you could say that [inaudible]. Others, you know, they know you and if they choose to, they recognize the fact that you were in their class, but if not, you just kind of keep on going [laughs] and leave it as friends.

49:11 MW: What about with Delores?

49:15 AM: Delores, we've kind of drifted apart. She left and-after we graduated-she went on a Fulbright scholarship to France; she was a French major. After her return, then she went to-let's see, I believe she went to Washington first-and finally she's ended up in New York. She's working there. So when she was home, that was her first trip home last year, when she was home, you know, we got in contact with each other. She came up, [inaudible] this type thing. But there is no constant communication. It kind of drifted apart. And my roommate, Sue Merriweather, that's kind of drifted apart too. She's staying in Charleston now. We were in constant contact, I guess, for about three years and then, like I said, that just kind of drifted away. So I have no particularly close ties to anybody really, you know, on a friend-well you wouldn't say a friendly basis, but a close friend type basis to what you normally think of close friends. I don't have any really that was in-that attended Winthrop.

50:41 MW: Did you have any one professor that you were particularly close to or that helped you maybe more than any of the other ones?

50:50 AM: Um,no. You kind of, you know, after you establish your major, you kind of establish a relationship with your professors there. But there was no particular one that advised or, you know, influenced me a whole lot, you know, as far as decision making. They were all kind of fair equally.

51:28 MW: Was there any one person at Winthrop that maybe influenced you the most? Or had the most lasting impression?

51:44 AM: [Pauses] No. I think...let's see...no there was no one in particular...[inaudible].

52:06 MW: Do you know any of the black girls that are attending Winthrop now?

52:10 AM: Now? There are so many that I don't know any, you know, closely. But I recognize that kind of thing.

52:23 MW: Well, maybe you can answer this without really having that close contact with them. But are there any things you've seen at Winthrop that have changed since you were there?

52:37 AM: Its really hard to answer because after I graduated, I have not been in close contact with them, you know. Policy changes, general attitude towards students and this type thing, I don't know. So I don't know if it has changed or hasn't. I would like to think that it has changed, you know, because we have to make progress with the years but, um, on the things that drift through, I don't know. I really couldn't say whether they have or not.

53:27 MW: Any comments?

53:28 AM: No. [both laugh]. I've enjoyed the talk. It's, I-you know-I couldn't of...I wish I could remember more vividly, you know, things that happened during those years but it hasn't been-well it has been a long time, too! You know, and I just can't recall them like I would like to but I hope that I have offered something of use.

53:57 MW: You have. I really appreciate you-

53:59 AM: [laughs] You're quite welcome.

54:02 MW: Answering these questions.