DUNCAN, Anne

Interviewed: January 7, 2014
Interviewer: Cody Willis
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Abstract: In her January 7, 2014 interview with Cody Willis, Anne Duncan reminisces of her time at Winthrop from 1974-1978 as a Physical Education major. This interview was conducted for inclusion into the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections Oral History Program.

Keywords: Physical education, drinking, traditions, classes night, coeducation

Interview Session (January 7, 2014): Digital File

Time          Keywords

00:00:00   Start of Interview/Interviewer’s Introduction

00:00:35   Question: Why Winthrop? Answer: Liked the school size.

00:00:50   Question: Living in the area? Answer: Greenville.

00:00:58   Question: How big was Winthrop? Answer: 4,000.

00:01:10   Question: Coeducation? Answer: AD liked the traditions of an all-girls school. AD understands why they opened up enrollment to male students.

00:02:15   Question: Traditions? Answer: Not a part of daisy chain and blue line. AD remembers classes night and follies.

00:02:55   Question: Competitions? Answer: Classes night was a competition. AD explains classes night.

00:03:40   Question: Role in productions? Answer: AD was class cheerleader. AD’s class won her junior and senior year.

00:04:05   Question: Skits? Answer: AD came out of a clamshell once.
00:04:50  Question: Live in dorms? Answer: Yes. AD thought it was important. Wofford. Lee Wicker. Phelps. AD liked Phelps the best. AD recently saw the dorms at alumni weekend.

00:06:05  Question: Campus growth? Answer: AD a PE major. Remembers Peabody.

00:06:35  Question: Rules and regulations? Answer: No room inspections. Students had to come in the front door after midnight. “Man on the hall.” Quiet hours. Dorm mother. AD describes the dating process at Winthrop. Doors locked at midnight.

00:08:49  Question: Food? Answer: Saturday night was steak night. Ice cream.

00:09:25  Question: Assemblies? Answer: Legal drinking age was 18 at the time. “Beer bust” sponsored by Winthrop. Took place at The Shack. Students could buy beer at Dinkins.

00:10:55  Question: Guest speakers? Answer: AD did not attend. AD went to concerts.

00:11:50  Question: PE major? Answer: AD had to take four weeks of every sport. Took method and education classes. Uniforms required in “activities” classes.


00:14:12  Question: Favorite sport to teach? Answer: AD talks about the philosophy of teaching physical education.

00:15:25  Question: Currently teaching? Answer: “I love it.” AD attributes her professionalism to Winthrop.

00:16:05  Question: Professors? Answer: Polly Ford. Dr. Griffin. Dr. Bob.

00:17:00  Question: Play sports? Answer: Did not play college sports. Manager for the softball team. Annie Upchurch. AD played flag football.

00:17:50  Question: Clubs? Answer: PE major club.


00:19:03  Question: President? Answer: AD doesn’t recall a lot of interactions. Not impressed with Phil Lader. AD impressed with DiGiorgio.
00:20:15  Question: Dr. Comstock? Answer: Comstock spoke at the alumni reunion.

00:20:30  Question: Describe the alumni reunion? Answer: Enjoyed the luncheon.

00:21:35  Question: How has Winthrop’s image changed? Answer: It’s larger and has kept up with current trends.

00:22:30  Question: Anything else? Answer: AD is a proud graduate of Winthrop. “The changes were necessary.”

00:23:30  Question: 50th year reunion? Answer: 35th year. Only two men came to the reunion.

00:24:50  Question: Did Winthrop prepare you for the real world? Answer: Yes. AD wouldn’t change anything about her experience.

00:26:43  End of interview