

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**MAIN ENTRY:** Conley Jr., John F.  
**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** June 4, 2001  
**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Lubbock, Texas  
**INTERVIEWER:** Daniel U. Sánchez  
**FORMAT:** 1-CD; 2-Hi8 Videotapes, 1-Mindisk  
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**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 1 hour 13 minutes

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Retired athletic director, John Conley Jr. speaks about the progress of his career with a focus on Texas Tech University.

### ABSTRACT:

Part 1	TIME STAMP
Biography	00
Interest in sports	
High School Football/Athletics	
Inspiring coach	
High School Athletic Success	
Conley's recruitment & time at Kansas State	
First coaching experiences	
Differences in football from Kansas to Texas	10
Snyder football travel	
Influence on career advancement	
Change in high school to college football	
Recruiting	19
Quality of football players 1961	
Recruits	
Quality of recruits	
Maintaining recruits	
Defeating national championships Texas & Arkansas	

Return to Lubbock from Austin	
Career progress	
Changes in Tech Athletics over the span of Conley's career	30
Recruiting	
Southwest Conference	
Eligibility to play	
Competition in the Big 12	
Southwest Conference Closing	38
School infractions	
Disliked aspects of career at Tech	
Experience of coaching during Tech's winning streak 1975/1976	
Coach Carlen's staff and ability	
Men's Basketball team	47
Recruiting	
Coach Gerald	
Quality of football teams	51
Tech recruiting scandals	
Issues between Tech and Texas	

## Part 2

Fondest Memories of Playing Football	00
Current organization & club involvement at Texas Tech	
West Texas community & Texas Tech relationship	
Attendance of Red Raider Club Day	
Return trip from Hereford	
Pay cut Snyder to Texas Tech	07
Men sports vs. Women sports at Texas Tech	
Other contacts to interview	
Red Raider Club in Tahoka	12

Interview ends

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** 1923

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**