

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Carpenter, Gene

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LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1 hour and 29 minutes

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Gene Carpenter is a former men's basketball player having played on the Texas Tech University team during the early fifties. In this interview Gene addresses his career in the sports industry from past to present, giving account for the changes that have taken place. He also discusses flaws in the system, how the media has influenced sports, and also how the professional area of sports affects high school and college level athletes.

ABSTRACT:

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Introductory statements
 Birth place and date
 Parent information
 Family
 Grandparents
Growing up in Big Spring
Late start at basketball
Coach Larry
Scholarship to play at Texas Tech
Growth spurt
Starting at Tech
Development
Freshman year transition
His first season

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The “Barn”	10
Season and conference	
Sothorn Methodist University	
Polk Robinson’s coaching abilities	20
What coach did for them to grow	
Defense	
Opposing coaches and teams demonstrating strength	30
Games today	
Games then	
Setting the stage: growth of the team	41
Texas Tech’s academic growth	
What could have caused downturn in the Southwest Conference	
How rules have changed	
Idea of a stipend for athletes	
Graduating	
Players now vs. then	50
Black athletes	
Changes in sportsmanship	
Wanting attention`	
Pro athletics	
Role of the media	1:00
From high school to professional	
Students leaving early affects on college programs	
Thoughts on coaching transitions	
The press	1:11
Bob Knight	
Coach Snyder	
Mike Leach	1:21
Atmosphere in the “barn”	
Lubbock Municipal Coliseum	
United Spirit Arena	
Closing	1:29

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1935

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: