

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Porter, Sue Kingsbery

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Sue Kingsbery Porter grew up on a ranch in Coleman County, south of Santa Anna, Texas. Her Dad graduated from Texas Tech in 1949 and her Mom attended Tarleton State Junior College. Both parents were members of the respective college's rodeo teams. Sue intended to enroll at Texas A&M but on the spur of the moment she decided to enroll at Texas Tech sight unseen because the Aggies traditionally were making it difficult for women to enroll at A&M. At Tech she enrolled in Animal Science and graduated in 1974. In 1970-71 she needed to have a Physical Education class, so she enrolled in an Advanced Basketball class taught by Ruth Morrow who was also the girls basketball coach. Sue played on the girls team for four years that were prior to the official creation of the Lady Raider program in 1975-76 basketball season. Sue followed the Lady Raider program and was delighted when the ladies who played on Tech's basketball teams prior to 1975-76 were recognized as officially a part of the women's basketball program by the Texas Tech Athletic Department.

ABSTRACT:

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High School Athletics
Sue played tennis, volleyball, basketball (the really big,

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year round sport) and track at Santa Anna High School.
Girls played both six-man half-court and full court. They frequently scrimmaged the boys team in practice games with 6-man for the first half and full court 5-man for the second half.
Twice went to UIL regional in high school.
Rodeo was a year-round family activity, parents both competed.

At Texas Tech

Tech Athletic department furnished the girls uniforms and travel and food expenses.
Women had their own league and played in the Women's Gym.
About 20 people showed up for first home game at Tech.
Compared to 700 people who attended Santa Anna home games. 10

Playing in the AIAW

Only Southwest Conference schools Baylor, Texas and Texas Tech had girl's teams.
Texas Women's University, Southwest Texas State, West Texas State, Lamar, Hardin-Simmons and Tarleton State were competitive opponents.
Played single game Tuesday night. At a tournament on Friday and Saturday. One game on Friday, three on Saturday.
Only 13 team members plus baggage and equipment traveled to away games in a van loaned by a dealer.
Team left campus at mid-day for long trips.
Always asked to play last game on Friday.
Usually had to put uniforms on in the van.
Tech provided uniforms with short shorts and knit warm-ups. 20

Facilities and after Tech

West Texas State, and Texas Women's U. had best facilities.
Played some games at area high schools.
Moved to Quanah. Played volleyball and community softball.
Moved to Austin and fell in love with soccer at age 35.
Stopped playing soccer in about 2006. 25

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1952

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Female

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: