INTERVIEW WITH
DR. AND MRS. RAYMOND SEWARD
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T: Do you remember, Ray, when you came to the University?
Ray: 1923.
T: Do you remember that, too, Olive?
Olive: Very well.
T: That was the year before they moved up on the new campus?
Olive: Yes, he spent one year on the old campus.
T: Were you involved with the University then?
Olive: Yes. I was Dr. Todd's secretary at that time. I did some studying too, but back in 1919 was when I first commenced working with Dr. Todd.
T: He came in 1913, didn't he?
Olive: Yes.
T: Can you tell me about the old campus? You were teaching physics and you were also quite involved with athletics, weren't you?
Ray: Yes.
Olive: He was the first track coach they had on a volunteer basis. When he first came, the boys knew that he was interested in track and they wanted him to take them over to a meet at the University of Washington, so he did that. He watched them and they were so anxious to take part, and they had no one to help them. He said he just felt that he should do something about it, so he volunteered to do the coaching. He had been a football and track man at Pomona College and had participated with the Olympic Club in Berkeley while working on his master's degree. He had also coached in high schools
and in a military academy in California before coming to Tacoma. He was the C.P.S. track coach for many years, as a volunteer. Also, as a volunteer, he assisted with football coaching and coached the C.P.S. Reserves.

T: I know through the years men have told me how wonderful he was, and he was the timekeeper, I remember, when I came—he and Charlie Robbins. Tell me, Olive, when did you first come to the University of Puget Sound.

Olive: I guess two or three years before 1919—I've forgotten just when. I was doing a little work with the Committee on Armenian, Syrian and Jewish Relief at that time, during the war years. Senator Davis was chairman of that organization and so he got me to work with them. I did some secretarial work, and then I was in charge of running the office for awhile.

T: Was the Hill Campaign over when you came in 1919?

Olive: I think it was. We had several big campaigns while I was working for Dr. Todd.

T: Do you remember, for instance, when then moved the campus to the new location?

Olive: Oh, yes.

Ray: I was just one year on the old campus.

T: Do you remember the students having a wagon and pulling it with a rope and in it was the Color Post, the library books and the two holly trees?

Ray: I have a faint recollection.

Olive: I know they pulled the Color Post up there. Dr. Todd used to say he was kind of ashamed, afterwards, that he made those youngsters do all that
work. (Laughter)

T: That Color Post was awfully close to his heart and it always bothered me that we outgrew it after we got so many students and G.I.'s we couldn't continue it, and of course Pacific Lutheran pulled it down two or three times and painted it and ruined it. It was a great tradition while it lasted and of course I think Dr. Todd had based it on some of the traditions he knew from back East.

You probably knew Dr. Todd better than anybody else. Can you tell me about him?

Olive: He certainly was a fine person to work with. I think he had a wonderful vision of what U.P.S. was going to become.

T: He just gave the most wonderful foundation to build on. I often admire him because in his day they didn't have the income tax factor to help or sort of force people to give.

Olive: No, when I was talking with someone from over at U.P.S. about the big campaign that is underway now, I said, "Well, this is an awful lot of money. Back in the early days when we were trying to raise $250,000 or $500,000 that came as almost as big a task as what you're doing now."

T: I think that is right because there is more money and it is inflated money, now, but then people only gave because Dr. Todd sold them an idea but not because it was a deductible factor.

Olive: He went around to so many of the towns and churches and the contributions, in the main, were small because people didn't have the money that they
have now to give away.

T: I had a woman tell me yesterday, when I was taping, that Dr. Todd always had them say "Our University, our University."

Olive: I was going to tell you that, too. He used to go to the churches, preaching, talking about C.P.S., and he would get all the children in the Sunday School to yelling, "Our University-Our University"! At least, they thought about it for awhile.

T: They still talk about it, because he was so good. I was talking to a man who knew him when he was quite young and he said he never knew a man who had so much drive and so much enthusiasm and so much dedication as Dr. Todd and that must've been very true.

He had four children, didn't he?

Olive: Yes.

T: There was Wesley, E. Paul, Florence and Junia. Did you know Junia very well?

Olive: Yes.

T: Did you ever know that she and husband used to play bridge with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Robbins?

Olive: I knew they were friends because we all went to our church. She used to play bridge with some of the faculty people, too.

T: This bequest we got of $1,300,000 was from Norman Robbins and this was a year or so ago now, and he said, "Junia would have liked that--Junia would have liked that!" It went back to that relationship.
Dr. Todd must've had to have been gone a long time often, wasn't he?

Olive: Yes, he was away a lot.

T: And he used to go back East to the meetings of the foundations, etc.?

Olive: Every year he almost always had to leave, well, before New Year's Eve, anyway, so he couldn't spend the whole holiday time around here, because the meetings were scheduled so that it would be easy for the people in the Midwest and the East to get to them but not those from way out here.

T: Do you remember when he received the gift from Mrs. Jones for Jones Hall?

Olive: Yes. There isn't much to tell except that she gave the money in memory of her husband.

T: Her name was Franke.

Olive: Franke (pronounced Frankie). She used to come out to the campus every once in awhile. She was quite interested and when they dedicated the campus she came and she even held the plow a little bit when they were breaking the ground. They had students hitched to the plow and the students pulled it and she was one of those who held on.

T: We have this picture of when I think it was dedicated and Dr. Todd and Mrs. Todd are in it, and Senator Davis and Mrs. Jones and some of the others there. Do you recall when they put the campus cornerstone north of Jones Hall--the stone with "Dedicated to Learning, Good Government and Christian Religion"?

Olive: Yes.
T: There is a rumor that Dr. Todd thought that the campus was going to face North rather than East. Do you know anything about that?

Olive: I don't recall that he did think that. I thought that he thought it was going to continue facing the way it is.

T: We had problems because we had three or four car accidents on that stone, so we moved it. I always thought that was one of the times that I disappointed Dr. Todd and, of course, I wouldn't have disappointed him for anything. I didn't know about it until afterward.

Who were some of the outstanding faculty in those days, besides Ray. Senator Davis?

Olive: I was going to mention Senator Davis. We would say Dean Henry, wouldn't we, Ray?

T: Was Hanawalt there then?

Olive: Hanawalt was here.

Ray: I had done quite a lot of teaching before I came here to U.P.S.

T: Where did you teach, Ray?

Ray: Different places--in California.

T: Was that in college or high school?

Ray: High School.

Olive: Most of the places were in secondary schools and he taught in a military academy before he came up here, during the war. He tried to enlist but that bad knee that he had kept him out.

T: His football knee.
Olive: That's right, so he taught in a military school down in California.

T: You have had so many wonderful students, Ray, who went out from your leadership. Can you remember some of them? Was Bob Loftness one of them?

Ray: Yes.

T: How about Rau, Ronald Rau?

Ray: Yes, I was very much interested in him.

T: He has just been elected to the Board of Trustees by the Alumni Association.

Olive: That's nice. By the way, have you heard about this accelerator that is being built back there at Brookhaven?

T: I have read a little about it but I don't know much about it.

Olive: He's in on that. He sent Ray a diagram of it.

T: How wonderful. That goes to show how much they love him because they want to keep in touch.

Olive: Ronald comes here to see him everytime when he comes to town.

This is a quarter of a billion dollar piece of equipment and there will be just one in the world like it, and scientists will come there to use it.

Ray: It will be the only one.

Olive: That's what Ronald said. He said there are some other types of equipment on that order where they have just one because it is so expensive.

T: It is amazing what they can do with these. These youngsters you train--and you send them out and you never know what is going to happen. They create a whole new world, don't they?

Olive: Ronald said that six experiments can be going on on this at a time.
T: Do you remember when Howarth Hall was built?

Olive: Oh yes.

T: Didn't they build the first floor only?

Olive: Yes and first they had the Commons down there—the dining room. When they got the rest of the building completed, the physics department moved down there.

T: I remember when I came from Willamette for the 50th anniversary that I sat down in the Commons and had a doughnut and coffee with Arthur Frederick, and I remember the Commons being down there.

There was a great lot of agitation when Dr. Todd was able to get that money from the Howarth Estate. Do you remember much about that?

Olive: I don't remember too much about it.

T: Didn't Mr. Howarth leave it to the City with the understanding that it should be used where it would do the greatest good.

Olive: I think it was something like that and some of the men worked with him. I'm trying to think of the name of one of them—his father was a doctor.

T: Whitacre?

Olive: No, not Whitacre. He was on the Board, of course, for a long time. Robeck. He wasn't one of our trustees but he was a man who had worked with Howarth and I think he helped—or was it Robeck?

T: Mr. Comfort told me he had a great deal to do with the University receiving the money. I never knew whether it was factual or not.

Olive: When the building was dedicated, it was kind of amusing. Dr. Todd
didn't think it was. When they were planning the ceremony, different ones were to do different things, like pulling the sheet away from the plaque, etc., and Dr. Todd, while they were rehearsing, said "Mrs. Meadowsweet" instead of Meadowcroft. He said, "I hope I don't do that on the day of the program," and sure enough, he did!

T: Oh, no! (Laughter)

It is very interesting that now Howarth Meadowcroft is now Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and that was his Mother. She was the wife of Dr. Meadowcroft and he was a dentist but he did not practice after he married her. No doubt, Howarth Meadowcroft one day will be chairman of the Board of Trustees. There were three sisters, Mrs. Pilz, Mrs. Meadowcroft and Mrs. Moody. When we were renovating Howarth to make it into the School of Education it cost $600,000, and I went to see Mr. Pilz to see if he would be interested in it and he said, "No, that's the trouble with giving buildings. Every generation you have to rebuild them." But Howarth Meadowcroft and the Meadowcrofts have been very helpful and they have gotten the Weyerhaeusers to be very helpful.

About how long did they use Howarth as just one floor--two or three years?

Olive: Oh, yes. I can't remember exactly but it was a few years, probably around two or three.

T: Were you involved with Dr. Todd in buying the campus?

Olive: Yes, I was there when he bought it. There were six locations they
were considering here in the City, and near by; and the one that we have now is the one that Dr. Todd thought was the best choice because it was roomy enough and yet it was in the City. So many of our students had to work their way through school. A lot of the young men in those days used to have jobs in the mills and in all kinds of places in order to earn money to come to school. There were beautiful areas for the campus outside the City but they wouldn't have been convenient for them.

T: I think it was an ideal choice. Didn't they buy some of the property from the YMCA? Wasn't there a YMCA track up there?

Olive: I think the YMCA did own separately. There was an old race track where our students used to go to practice running and various things such as baseball, etc.

T: They tell me that in front of Todd Hall there is still an impression where they used to run. I don't know whether it is true or not but it is a nice thing to think about.

Didn't Dr. Todd have to buy that area from a half a dozen people?

Olive: I really have forgotten how many people were involved in the ownership.

T: Didn't they used to call the big hill Huckleberry Hill?

Olive: Yes. I used to pick huckleberries there when I was a child and I learned to make huckleberry pie.

The YMCA racetrack was what they called it and that was right down in front of that hill.
T: There were some beautiful dogwoods on that hill. I didn't like to see
the hill come down because the dogwoods were so beautiful, you remember,
in the Spring, but we had to do it in order to get the location for the football
field and the stadium.

Do you remember some unusual trustees? Do you remember E. L. Blaine?

Olive: Very well. He was a prominent Seattle businessman; a member of
the Council there for awhile. His father was one of the early settlers in
Seattle and active in the Methodist Church over there. Mr. Blaine was chair­
man of the Board at UPS for many years and he was so faithful. He always
came over to the meetings and he came over for special committee meetings
often when they needed him, and he just felt it was partly his school. He
was interested in everything.

T: He and Dr. Todd must've been about the same age, weren't they?

Olive: I think so but I just don't remember that. Mr. Blaine was a large
man--tall and rather heavy--a little bit slow moving and Dr. Todd, you
know, was wiry and on the move!

T: They made a good team, though, didn't they.

Olive: Yes, they did.

T: I knew him, of course, as he was Chairman of the Board when I came
and for about three or four years after, but he was in his latter years
then and hard of hearing. But he was very dedicated and wonderful.
He really had the complete dedication of the school.

Olive: Yes, indeed he did.
T: I taped his son and daughter-in-law and his daughter last Tuesday and we were talking about him and they were saying how he really lived for the school.

Do you remember other trustees? Do you remember Mumaw?

Olive: Yes. He was a very fine member of the Board. Of course, he lived down near Aberdeen and so he didn't get up to the campus as often as Mr. Blaine did but he was very faithful in coming to the meetings. He came when he was needed especially.

T: Do you remember Mr. Newbegin?

Olive: Yes, he was a former mayor of Tacoma.

T: Was he very much interested in the school?

Olive: Yes, he was—very much so.

T: Then there was a Dr. Whitacre.

Olive: Yes.

T: He had two sons—a doctor son and an engineer son, Horace. Did he work very much as a trustee?

Olive: Yes, he did. He was on the Executive Committee and they, of course, had a lot of extra meetings; he was always very much interested.

T: Do you remember when Dr. Todd thought of retiring. Did he talk to you about it at all?

Olive: Yes.

T: He retired in 1942. Had he talked about it very long before that?

Olive: Well, just in a general way. He hadn't specially said way in ad-
vance, "I'm going to retire right at . . . " and stated a time.

T: How old was he when he retired, do you know?

Olive: I don't remember just exactly -- around 76, it seems.

T: I was trying to think the other day when he was born but I'll have to look it up. I don't know. But he was really wonderful. You recall that about three months after I came I asked him to write the history of the University and we set up an office in the basement of Jones Hall. He had this lady who was a former librarian . . .

Olive: Miss Riemer--Charlotte Riemer.

T: She had been a librarian and she did a lot of research for him and he enjoyed it very much and I was so pleased that he did the history. He came in when he had finished it and said, "Well, Mr. President, here it is," and he laid it on the desk. I asked, "Are you through with it?" He said, "Yes, I'm all finished with it." So then I said, "Well, Doctor, I've got another favor I want to ask you. I'd like to have you write your own personal memoirs." He said, "Oh, would you really?" And I said, "Yes, I would, because really you were the key force in this school for all those years--29 years" . . . or whatever it was. He said he'd think about it and that was only about six months before he died and he barely got started on that. But I thought it was wonderful because we shared rather like a father and son and if we got a gift, I'd tell him about it and he would love it; and we would talk about what people could give and what they might give; and we talked about the Collins people and what they would do. Did Mr. Everell S.
Collins used to come to the Board meetings?

Olive: Just occasionally. Not very often. He used to be in touch with the school and Dr. Todd used to write to him all the time and he wrote letters back; and one of his sons was finally a member of the Board.

T: Alton. Alton died about four months ago. His daughter Diane came here and she graduated and was certified for teaching. That would be about seven years ago when she graduated. Truman Collins was on the Willamette Board and Alton Collins was on our Board; Mrs. Goudy was the daughter and she was on the Willamette Board, too. They have been very much interested in Willamette but they have helped us a great deal through the years and gave us the beginning of the money for the Collins Memorial Library, as you know.

Were you involved with the literary societies?

Olive: Yes, I was in the Philomatheans.

T: Let's see, there were the Philomatheans, the Amphictyons and the

Olive: Altrurians.

T: What that the one that was coeducational?

Olive: They all were—all three of these. The Thetas—that was really a literary society but they always called themselves a sorority because they wanted to be Kappa Alpha Theta eventually. Then the H.C.S. was a men's organization, though it was really a literary society, too. Those two, Thetas and H.C.S....

T: What did H.C.S. stand for?

Olive: I never heard. (Laughter)
T: That was part of the secret mystery.

Olive: I suppose so.

T: Did they meet once a week?

Olive: Yes.

T: Didn't people have to prepare programs and papers, etc.

Olive: Yes, they had to prepare papers, etc., and sometimes musical numbers. Mildred Pollom was in the Philomatheons (you were at Lester's funeral), and Russell and Ernest Clay were Philos, and Mabel Clay was a Philo, and we thought we had the best people in school there.

T: You certainly must've. Do you remember Dr. Chuinard?

Olive: Yes. He was an Amphyc, I believe. (laughter)

T: Was he student body president?

Olive: Yes.

T: Did the student body government have much --did they do much in those days or was it more of an honor?

Olive: Well, they did some things. I don't know if they tried to do as many things in running the school as they do now. They want to have quite a lot of say in how the school is run, don't they?

T: Not as much as they did during the Vienam war, but they still want their so-called "in put", you know.

Olive: In those earlier days, of course, students were not represented on the Board of Trustees; they had a lot to do with planning student affairs
and they felt that what they were doing was important. It was not quite the same as it is now.

T: I think that students were more mature, in many ways, in those days than they are now. But it seems like they were such a good group of students. Do you remember James Milligan?

Olive: Yes, but of course he was out of school before I was around here. He was a minister and he used to come to the school very often; a loyal alumnus, and he always used to call me "College of Puget Sound" because that was the way I answered the telephone! (Laughter)

T: I taped him the other day. He's 96 now and lives at Wesley Gardens and he remembers the meeting of the Conference when they called the conference with the special idea to see whether the University would continue. They had one or two of those times when it was really questionable. He was the man—young, red-haired, vivacious—and he gave the speech that carried the day and they decided to try to continue a year or two longer. Do you remember any of the trustee meetings, for instance, where (in the minutes it says) they met and discussed whether they could continue and the fact that Mr. Collins hadn't said anything up to that moment; finally, he said, "You only need $6,000; I'll give $3,000 if you'll raise $3,000."

So they accepted his challenge and kept the school going. That was before your time.

Olive: Yes.
T: You talked about the district superintendent.

Olive: Benjamen F. Brooks.

T: He was district superintendent of this area.

Olive: Yes, the Tacoma area. At that time, I think, Seattle and Tacoma were separate. They were for a long time and then they were combined.

T: Do you remember the relationship with the bishops, so far as the University was concerned?

Olive: Yes, I knew all of the bishops, beginning with Bishop Shepard, I believe. He was the first one.

T: Who were some of the other bishops, Olive?

Olive: I knew ... Let's see, John Magee didn't get to be a bishop, did he?

T: No, that was his brother.

Olive: I knew both of them.

T: John Magee became the president of Cornell in Iowa.

Ray: My mother graduated from Grinnell College, in Iowa, and my brother used to get Grinnell and Cornell mixed up.

T: (Laughter) It is easily done, you know.

T: Did the church really help very much in those days?

Olive: Yes, I think it did. I believe it really helped more than it does now.

T: It really kept it going, didn't it?

Olive: Yes.

T: And it was really sacrificial, wasn't it?
Olive: As I said before, people didn't have large amounts of money. They gave a lot of small gifts.

T: I remember many years ago I had the funeral of one of the pioneer ministers and when we left the cemetery, I walked to the car with the daughter and she said, "When I was a little girl, I used to hate that school, because when I got a hole in my shoe and I would tell my father I needed new shoes, he would say, 'Well, honey, you'd better put a piece of cardboard in it because we have to give the money to the college so it can go on.'" That's one of the reasons why through the years I've tried so hard to keep a close relationship with the church.

Olive: It certainly paid in those early days, or there wouldn't have been a school.

T: That's right. That's one of the reasons we have to do everything we can to keep the school related to the church and the church related to the school.

Olive: I think so, too.

T: We are now the largest Methodist college, not counting the great universities, like Southern California, Syracuse, Southern Methodist, and some of those; but we are the largest four-year college.

Olive: The largest Methodist.

T: That's right.

Olive: Did you ever hear of Dr. John W. Hancher who used to help put on the campaigns?
T: Didn't he have a company that put on the campaigns?

Olive: Well, it was sort of a promotional organization. He had been a college president, I believe--was it at Hamline? Somewhere back there. Then he got into doing this financial work and he would go around and help colleges. He had a woman who did the publicity work. I've been trying to think of her name. She wrote all of the publicity. Sometimes she was out here for one campaign, sometimes she wrote the publicity from her office back in Chicago and sent it out. She always dressed in brown; she always used kind of a buff colored stationery and brown typewriter ribbon, and everything she had to do with was brown.

T: How many campaigns do you think Dr. Todd had through the years? I remember the talk about the Hancher promotional material.

Olive: Dr. Hancher helped him with two or three, but it is kind of hard for me to remember now just how many there were because they were all kind of alike.

T: They came one right after another, too.

Olive: That's right.

T: I know that Dr. Todd spent quite a lot of time raising money for endowment. Do you remember anything about this or about the emphasis on endowment?

Olive: Just that he thought they had to have endowment.

T: He was very good about it, because he put a lot of money in endowment. When I came, the alumni used to joke and say, "Dr. Todd raised the money
and Charles Robbins kept it," and that's how we got the University going. Do you remember your relationship with Mr. and Mrs. Robbins.

Olive: Yes. They were graduates of DePauw and Mrs. Robbins' father was a missionary in South America. Mrs. Robbins planned to go back to South America when she graduated from DePauw and Mr. Robbins wanted to go down there, too, when they were going to be married, so he worked in a business position of some kind down there. I don't know just what it was. They lived in several different countries in South America.

T: Then they came up here and Dr. Todd had him for business manager?

Olive: Yes.

T: I always felt he was a very dedicated person and a person who really was very, very interested in doing everything he could to make the University strong.

Olive: Mr. and Mrs. Woods lived with the Robbins' for quite a while.

T: Who?

Olive: Thos. B. Mrs. Robbins' parents, Dr. and Mrs./Woods. Dr. Woods became very forgetful and would wander off so they had to build a high fence around their back yard so he would be safe. It was rather hard to do what needed there some to be done for him, so/ was thought some of putting him in some kind of a home or institution. So Mrs. Woods said, "All right, I'm ready to go, too. He doesn't go without me. I go wherever he goes." So they didn't do that; they just kept him at home and built the fence around the back yard so he couldn't wander way and get hurt. It was too bad because he was quite a brilliant man.
T: He must've been very elderly then.

Olive: Yes, he was. He had a long white beard and he was hard of hearing.

Mrs. Robbins used to sit beside him in church and take notes on the sermon and pass them over to him so he would know what the minister was preaching about. He was very much interested in astronomy in the Southern Hemisphere and an astronomer from Harvard University was a friend of his. Mrs. Robbins had some material, some things they had worked out, and she turned some of it over to Ray. We didn't get to give it back to her. We went out to see them once and they were both ill. Do you remember, Ray, that Martin Nelson brought some of that material over two or three weeks ago and wondered if maybe we should send it back to Harvard to be preserved there because it should be saved someplace?

T: Do you remember the coming of Frank Williston?

Olive: Yes.

T: He had gone to school here, hadn't he?

Olive: He was a student here for three years and then went back to . . . Ohio Wesleyan or Iowa Wesleyan.

T: Ohio Wesleyan.

Olive: He and his twin brother.

Ray: I was born in Iowa.

T: What part of Iowa?

Ray: Montecello.

T: Just like the President--Jefferson.
Was Williston a natural leader?

Olive: I think so.

T: He was certainly much beloved by his students, wasn't he?

There were three of them when I came--Williston, Schaefer and Tomlinson--and Dr. Todd had done a magnificent job getting those three people because they were really outstanding professors. Do you remember the coming of Charles Battin?

Olive: Yes.

T: Was he kind of a stormy petrel when he was younger?

Olive: Well, he was, kind of.

T: I always figured if there was some kind of strange article in the Trail Battin had written it and gotten some student to sign it. But he was much beloved by his students.

Olive: Yes, he was. Dr. Todd used to think he was kind of crude in some of things he did and some of the things he said (laughter); he used to try to get him to do differently but he couldn't succeed very well. (Laughter)

T: Well, I tried, too, and I didn't succeed either. It was very interesting that when Dr. Battin died and his brother, John Battin, came from Kansas. I talked to the brother afterward and told him that we certainly appreciated Dr. Battin. I said, "He was absolutely dedicated to his students and sometimes he was critical of the school but this was understandable. I never could quite figure out how he got a station wagon every year or so and he would fill it with students and he would go to the debate tournaments in Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania." You remember that. I said, "I never could quite figure
out how he did that, but it was wonderful for the students." He said, "I can
tell you. I bought those station wagons for him and I subsidized his trips.
So it was kind of a solution to the mystery of how, under the sun, Battin could
do that! But his brother was a very wealthy Kansas wheat farmer and he
would just buy him a station wagon and say here's a thousand dollars for
your trips.

Olive: Was that the only brother he had, because I met one of his brothers?
Rather a tall man?

T: Tall and kind of thin.

Olive: Yes.

T: I don't know if he was the only brother but I do know he was John Battin
and that he was from Kansas.

Ray: He used to say, "Battin--he knows very little Latin!"

(Laughter)

T: Do you remember McMillin? How did he happen to get on the faculty?

Olive: Dr. Todd knew him at Willamette and they needed a man to teach
some of the chemistry courses he could teach so Dr. Todd hired him.

T: I always felt, when I looked at it objectively, that he was very insecure
because he didn't have the degrees and he didn't have the discipline.

Olive: That's it. He wanted to be the head of the chemistry department when
Dean Henry was retiring, but Dr. Todd told him he couldn't because he didn't
have the qualifications for it. So then he switched to geology and he was
saying all the time how Dr. So and So over at the University would say, "Well, now, Mac, you just do this and you will get your degree." But he never got it.

T: No, and really, he wasn't trained in any basic discipline and yet at the same time he had been here for many years and the students loved him because he was an easy teacher.

Olive: There were some who liked him and some who didn't. He did try, sometimes, to make some trouble for some of the faculty members.

T: Yes, the old "divide and conquer" -- get this one to talking about that one, and it was not an easy situation. Do you remember when Tomlinson came?

Olive: Yes.

T: He was in German, wasn't he?

Olive: Yes.

T: Was he married when he first came?

Olive: Yes. He married his wife while he was still in Germany.

T: Her name was Knoel and I knew the mother very well. She was a refugee. She told me one time how she had to walk out of her house and leave her beautiful silver and all of very great keepsakes because the Nazi were coming, and she just had to walk away and leave it. It must've been a very great heartbreak to her.
Do you remember any of the other traditions of the school?

Did they have May Day, Homecoming, etc.?

Olive: Oh, yes, we always had quite a May Day program. Some of them were held up on the new campus, too. I remember one May Day that they had a maypole dance and I was in it. Mrs. Hovious liked to do things just right and she planned this one out in detail. After the whole thing was over some of the boys from the dorm planned something she knew nothing about; Clyde Kinch, do you remember him?

T: Yes.

Olive: Well, he dressed up like a girl—I guess maybe he was supposed to have been a queen or something, and they wheeled him in a wheelbarrow and they tipped him over (Laughter) and Mrs. Hovious thought that was an awful climax to her May Day program.

T: Didn't she teach P.E.?
Olive: No, speech. She planned one big pageant up on the present campus. She had Ezra Meeker in it and he had his ox team there. It was an historic pageant. They had soldiers from the Fort to represent the Indians and the pioneers and they had a mock battle up there on this Huckleberry Hill that you were talking about. People sat around on the hillside and watched down below before the campus was improved.

T: I've heard about that. It must've been quite an event.

Olive: It was.

T: Do you remember the coming of Martha Pearl Jones?

Olive: Oh, yes. I was the first one to meet her. It was a Saturday that she was to arrive and things were pretty well closed up. Even Dr. Todd couldn't be there that day when she sent word that she could come, so I waited for her in the office and got acquainted. I showed her around some.

T: She was one of those that when the Lord made her he broke the mold. She was so dedicated to students and so dedicated to the University; and then her mother came, too, at that time, didn't she?

I never once heard her mention her father, did you?

Olive: I heard her mention him, but of course he had been dead for a long time. I know she was telling one time about how he was sick and they tried to get a doctor there; they had a flood and there was a river
to get across, or something; and she told about being dressed in a bathing suit and some rubber boots to try to get the car across to get the doctor. But that is about all I heard her mention about her father, but I never heard her say anything about him specially.

T: She had an aunt who lived in Idaho and I never knew whether the aunt's estate came to Martha Pearl or not. I talked to her once about it and she said the aunt was such a strong Baptist that she thought it would go to Linfield, but I never knew whether it did or not. I helped to get her into Sharon House. I called on her a good many times in the rest home across the bridge, Cottesmore, but she didn't like it there so we got her in Sharon House. She needed a lot of help and she lost her ability to remember and relate. She worked awfully hard.

Olive: It's too bad that she became ill and too bad she was so much alone. It was nice that she had you to help do things.

T: I used to take her Colonel Sanders chicken and I used to take her ice cream sundaes at Cottesmore.

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T: I think we have covered this for today. Thank you very much.

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