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Descriptive Summary

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Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research, with the exception of some restricted materials that are not available to the public.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish material from the VT Stories Oral History Collection must be obtained from Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

Special Collections and University Archives acquired the oral history interviews as they were conducted, starting in 2016. Additional oral histories will be added to the collection as they are conducted and processed.

Processing Information

The processing, arrangement, and description of the VT Stories Oral History Collection was completed in April 2025.

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Biographical Note

Originally initiated in 2015 by the President's Office and managed by faculty and staff in History, English, TLOS, VT Libraries, and the Alumni Association, the VT Stories Oral History Project collected and examined stories, memories, tall tales, tragedies, and triumphs of all members of the Hokie community to help us know our shared history and to make sense of it. At the heart of the project was Hokies interviewing Hokies—largely student-staffed and trained by oral historians, interviewers engaged with VT Alumni to learn their history and to make mentoring connections that go beyond the student experience. During this period VT Stories sought to understand why Virginia Tech is top rated in its success in engaging alumni, we highlighted the exciting, memorable, historic moments in Hokie lives that have forged strong and enduring connections.

Content Description

A collection of oral history interviews with Virginia Tech's alumni, faculty, and staff, focusing on the Hokie community and alumni involvement. Originally initiated in 2015 and managed by faculty and staff across the university, the core of the project was student involvement, Hokies interviewing Hokies, to document past experiences that created enduring connections between alumni and university.

Keywords

University History
Students and alumni

Accruals

Additional interviews will be added to the digital collection and the finding aid as they are received and processed.

Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online.

Alternate Form Available

The interviews can be found online at the [VT Stories Oral History Collection \(Ms2016-015\)](#). Note: the website may contain additional interviews not yet listed in the "Contents List" below.

Description of Subordinate Components

VT Stories-promotional postcards

Unit Date 2016-2021

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Abstract This file includes VT Stories Promotional Postcards and stickers that were handed out to potential interviewees at alumni and campus events.

VT Stories-one sheets and interview process forms.

Unit Date 2016-2021

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Abstract This file contains VT Stories one sheets and interview process forms that were handed out alongside the promotional postcards before and after the interview. These were created by student interns for VT Stories.

VT Stories-Virginia Tech magazine feature

Unit Date 2016-2021

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Abstract This file contains two copies of the Virginia Tech Magazine, which profiled VT Stories. The magazine was published in winter 2016-2017.

Interviews

Abstract The following interviews may be found on Special Collections and University Archives online: <https://digitalsc.lib.vt.edu/Ms2016-015>

Aaron Bond

Unit Date 2017-04-12

April Cheek-Messier

Unit Date 2015-10-22

Apryl Alexander

Unit Date 2016-04-21

Bertram Kinzey

Unit Date 2016-05-19

Bev Watford

Unit Date 2018-10-30

Bill Latham

Unit Date 2015-05-21

Bill Roth

Unit Date 2018-01-26

Bill Starnes

Unit Date 2018-04-26

Bob and Judy Slaughter

Unit Date 2015-10-10

Bob Bates

Unit Date 2017-10-02

Bob Quisenberry

Unit Date 2018-04-03

Brooks Whitehurst

Unit Date 2017-09-16

Butch Aaron

Unit Date 2018-05-17

Buddy and Frances Russell

Unit Date 2015-05-15

Calvin Jamison

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Charles Hamner

Unit Date 2016-05-19

Charles Tynan

Unit Date 2017-05-17

Charlie Phlegar

Unit Date 2017-10-11

Chris Kappas 1/6

Unit Date 2018-07-30

Chris Kappas 2/6

Unit Date 2018-08-07

Chris Kappas 3/6

Unit Date 2018-08-20

Chris Kappas 4/6

Unit Date 2018-08-31

Chris Kappas 5/6

Unit Date 2018-12-06

Chris and Maria Kappas

Unit Date 2019-05-13

Chris Kraft

Unit Date 2017-04-29

Christian Matheis

Unit Date 2017-02-27

Christina Daves

Unit Date 2017-11-03

Clara Cox

Unit Date 2018-03-23

Curry Roberts

Unit Date 2015-11-21

Daniel Swanson

Unit Date 2015-10-23

David Lowe

Unit Date 2015-09-27

Dorothy Herndon

Unit Date 2018-05-16

Doug Montgomery

Unit Date 2018-03-26

Douglas Beaver

Unit Date 2016-09-16

Douglas Brown

Unit Date 2021-10-22

Douglas Martin

Unit Date 2019-05-05

Duston Scarborough

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Emily Haynes Cooper, Tara Fortune, Jeryl Payne, and Kaye Pereras

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Eugene Banks

Unit Date 2015-05-21

Ezra "Bud" Brown

Unit Date 2018-04-03

First African American Women Students: Marguerite Laurette Harper Scott, LaVerne Hairston Higgins, and Linda Edmonds Turner

Unit Date 2015-04-22

Frank Beamer

Unit Date 2018-06-07

Frank Nolen

Unit Date 2016-05-17

Gene James

Unit Date 2015-11-20

General Carlton Everhart

Unit Date 2017-09-23

George Allen

Unit Date 2015-05-06

George Fox

Unit Date 2017-05-19

Gerald Miller

Unit Date 2018-05-16

Ginny Fowler

Unit Date 2018-02-23

Greg Fansler

Unit Date 2017-03-03

Ida Powell

Unit Date 2018-05-17

Jack Evans

Unit Date 2017-03-03

James "Bud" Robertson

Unit Date 2018-06-08

James Boone

Unit Date 2017-06-02

James Godek

Unit Date 2016-09-16

James Watkins

Unit Date 2018-11-16

Jeffrey Bowling

Unit Date 2015-10-23

Jerry Hulick

Unit Date 2018-06-08

Jess Fowler

Unit Date 2015-05-22

Jim Brown

Unit Date 2016-05-19

Jim Hatch

Unit Date 2019-03-07

Joe Frazier

Unit Date 2018-10-30

John "Jack" Kise

Unit Date 2016-05-19

John Bates

Unit Date 2015-05-22

John Dooley

Unit Date 2017-11-20

John Frasier

Unit Date 2016-05-19

John Owen

Unit Date 2021-10-22

Joseph Barlow

Unit Date 2015-05-21

Judge Danny Bird

Unit Date 2015-10-09

Karen DePauw

Unit Date 2017-11-21

Katie Frazier

Unit Date 2015-10-10

Kevin Crofton

Unit Date 2017-09-29

Kim Muller

Unit Date 2017-04-29

Kimberly Williams

Unit Date 2017-03-20

Kunmi Otitoju

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Lawrence "Lonnie" Johns

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Leigh-Anne Krometis

Unit Date 2017-04-03

Linda Plaut

Unit Date 2018-02-23

Lisa Ellison

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Lorraine Feury

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Lucie Zehner

Unit Date 2021-10-21

Mallory Foutch and Anna LoMascolo

Unit Date 2018-03-19

Marvin Boyd

Unit Date 2015-10-09

Mary "Prim" Jones

Unit Date 2018-03-27

Mary and Willis Blackwood

Unit Date 2018-05-10

Matt Arden

Unit Date 2017-11-02

Matt Fox

Unit Date 2015-11-11

Matt Winston Jr.

Unit Date 2017-04-06

Matthew Winston Sr.

Unit Date 2018-02-09

Mayer Levy

Unit Date 2018-04-06

Melinda Emerson

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Michael Goode and Levi Williams

Unit Date 2016-04-22

Mickey Hayes

Unit Date 2017-10-19

Natalie Strawn Kelly

Unit Date 2015-11-20

Neal Henshaw

Unit Date 2018-04-13

Nick Des Champs

Unit Date 2021-03-19

Nick Moga

Unit Date 2015-11-20

Nick Valdrighi

Unit Date 2017-06-02

Nikki Giovanni

Unit Date 2017-03-14

Oliver Strawn

Unit Date 2017-09-22

Pamela Gryzbowski

Unit Date 2016-11-11

Pat Hyer

Unit Date 2018-03-05

Paul Saunders

Unit Date 2015-05-21

Ralph White, Bob Sweeny, William Schoenborn

Unit Date 2017-05-19

Rhonda and Phil Rogers

Unit Date 2017-04-06

Rich and Libby Carpenter

Unit Date 2016-11-19

Robert Jacks

Unit Date 2017-04-10

Roger Moore

Unit Date 2018-04-26

Rosalie Regni

Unit Date 2021-10-22

Rosemary Blieszner

Unit Date 2018-03-19

Sam Lionberger

Unit Date 2015-05-12

Stephen Nehrt

Unit Date 2015-11-20

Sue Tolin

Unit Date 2018-04-20

Susan Anderson

Unit Date 2018-03-03

Takisha D'Wann Edward, Nikiina Douglas-Glenn, Jennifer Cole, and Yolanda Latrice Avent

Unit Date 2016-04-22

The Class of 1991: Angi Ackerman, Cecilia Beverine, Chiny Driscoll, and Kristan Saunders

Unit Date 2016-11-11

The New VA's: Amy Holloway, Randall Meadows, Danielle Poff, Paul Lawson, Todd Snead, and John Taylor

Unit Date 2017-08-06

Theodore King Jr.

Unit Date 2015-11-21

Thomas "Tom" Hughes

Unit Date 2015-10-09

Todd Barnes

Unit Date 2015-10-02

Todd Ogle

Unit Date 2017-04-03

Wesley and Linda Patterson

Unit Date 2017-04-29