---(vis)iting today with Anne Anderson Driscoll, she’s from the Drake University class of 1963. And today is November 27, 2006. And I would like to start with asking you to tell us a little bit about where you were born and where you grew up.

Anne: Ok. Uh, I was born in Alta, Iowa, a very Swedish town, uh in northwest Iowa, 5 miles from Storm Lake. Um, I was born in a house-hospital. My Mother died at childbirth. And so, I was kept with my Grandparents for awhile, and then my Father, who was a farmer, uh I went to his house---but it was pretty-pretty rough on him because he was still grieving. And so, I was taken in by my Aunt and Uncle. And um, they adopted me. And uh, I grew up until the age of ten at Rockwell City. My um, adopted Father was Superintendent of schools there. And um, so I grew up in an education family. And um, then we came to Des Moines in 1951. And uh, loved Des Moines, loved my school---went to Franklin Junior High, in sixth grade---went to Monroe Elementary um one year, then onto Franklin Junior High in sixth grade. Had four years at Franklin and onto Roosevelt and had a wonderful, wonderful time with-going to school. Um, it was at-at the time that I was at Roosevelt that I be—I became extremely interested---well, I had been filing since I was in the [laughs] second grade, so pieces of papers and all kinds of things, ‘cause I wanted to be a teacher. And I stuck with that, I just really did, and-and that was my love. Um, so when I was at Roosevelt is when uh, I became quite involved with Future Teachers of America, FTA. And uh, it was at that time then, I would call upon Drake University College of Education, their professors to come and talk to us, so I knew a lot about Drake before I even came to Drake. And that’s when um, I thought there’s no other school but Drake, for me. Um, I had uh, really thought of nothing else but that. I also thought that um, I would probably stay at home and commute, and so that’s what I did.

Interviewer: Ok, ‘cause I wondered if—I was going to ask you if you lived in the dorms---so, you lived at home---
Anne: Yeah, no—I-I lived at home and I think that was the best thing for me at the time. Uh, I was pretty naive about things and uh, we had quite a big house so that I could have my own level for uh, my office and my bedroom and so forth, which was pretty nice, and had my own car. So, I would come very early in the morning to get a good parking place---close to Memorial Hall. And uh, then I—I would scoot around all day and walk the campus and my classes, and um, that’s what I did, every day and it just worked out wonderfully well. And um, so that—that part was very important because although I knew some of um, some of my girlfriends were in the dorm, I never really became a part of the dorm life or uh, I did go through rush. Which was a traumatic experience [laughter]—not my best experience. Uh, my Mom wanted me to join and I didn’t, particularly—uh, at that time, why uh, sororities and fraternities were really, really—really something. It was really important to be a part of them. Um, I didn’t—I chose not to be in, so I became an active member of um, Beta Gamma Kappa, and um, that was the service sorority. And that’s was my niche and I absolutely had a wonderful time in that organization, became an officer very, very involved and it—-at that time, was uh, very good organization to be involved in. Uh, there was also the “town girls”—and I can remember them, we were kind of at odds with each other. Um, and they wondered why, because I was a Des Moines girl—why didn’t I join them. Well, it—they were more uh, social—

Interviewer: So it—-it was a group called, “town girls”?

Anne: Yes, it was. Mm-mmm.

Interviewer: And you—and you were in Beta Gamma Kappa?

Anne: Right.

Interviewer: It was a service---

Anne: It was a service sorority---

Interviewer: Ok.

Anne: And we did service for others. Oh, my goodness—-one of the things that I can remember, and always will until my dying day—is uh, we went to the Polk County Home. And it was way, way out where DMACC is now---

Interviewer: [unclear words]
Anne: In that-in that area---no uh, huh---

Interviewer: [unclear words]

Anne: ---ss, uh north---east and uh, we would go in to the big room, bring our records and we would play, uh, different music---I can’t remember the band---not one, not uh, Lawrence Welk---but oh, another famous one back then---well you guys wouldn’t know [laughter]---you’re too young. But um, anyway, we’d play the music and then they’d dance and we’d go from t-the men’s gym-like place---where they were sitting in rocking chairs and all around---uh, here’s young girls from Drake University---never did we ever think we’d go in there and they’d slam the door like that and lock it---and there we were with all [laughter] these men, and some were not so old either. And I didn’t realize until one day, I introduced myself and I said I was Anne to someone, and they said, “well, I’m Jesus”---and it kind of threw me for a loop, and I thought, “ok”. And we went on from there. Never did we once think we could have been in jeopardy. Uh, we---they just had the time of their life. We’d dance with them, we’d sing with them, and then we’d go on to the oth---to the women’s side and do the same thing. We had a Christmas party for ’em---now, that was part of our service.

Interviewer: Wow.

Anne: I just can’t believe it now [laughter], but you know that---oh, we had a wonderful doing that. We um, did lots of different service projects and so forth, and for awhile, even had an alumni organization, but it just didn’t hold up and I wish we could, because uh, those days were wonderful. We met in Medbury Hall, and of course, we had the Divinity students there, which was nice. And, although we didn’t do a lot with them, there were several times that we met with them for parties and so forth. But, uh, that’s where some of my closest friends came in---

Interviewer: From-from Beta Gamma Kappa?

Anne: Mm-mmm.

Interviewer: Is that still going on today then---it-it---?

Anne: No, no---not that I know of, huh-uh. I still have my pin. Uh, I was president---I was---went through all the offices. Um, we
always met there, it was just wonderful. We knew Dean McGraw--McCaw--

**Interviewers:** McCaw, John McCaw.

---McCaw.

**Anne:** And um, we just---I mean, it was just wonderful, just wonderful. We had a great-great group, group of gals. I don’t know that I keep in touch with too many of them now. I do keep in touch with some of my girlfriends, still to this day, so---that’s been a long time. But anyway, that was fun, I really enjoyed that a lot.

**Interviewer:** Tell us a little bit about your classes---what you remember about may be your favorite class, or subject, or course that you took.

**Anne:** Oh, well my favorite was the College of Education. I mean, I had some of the most wonderful professors that uh, the College of Education has ever had, and they were well, and that was Miss Ham, uh, Dr. Weekly, Dean Swartz, uh, Dr. Hawk. Incidentally, I had his-his boy [laughs]---taught his boy in first grade at Greenwood School, later---um, and of course, Dean Wallace. Um, and I think anything that had to do with education, I just absolutely loved. I also enjoyed my art classes, uh, with uh, Mr. Good. Little did I realize, how [laughs] how famous he was. Um, and also a prodigy of his, I can’t remember his name---but uh, liked the art part. We were in um, um little barracks---err, like barracks, over there by Olmstead by that time. And um, course Miss Black I think probably was one of my favorites. She was a science teacher, very small and I was always her “standard”---being as tall as I was, I became her standard barer [laughter]. So, we’d go on trips and she’d always say, “Follow me and Anne” [laughter] and off we’d go, and I’d become [laughter] through-through the woods, or wherever we were, they could always see me. Then to this day, wherever we go on a tour, anywhere in the world, I usually end up being the one, “Well, we’ll follow Anne, we can see her”, so, uh---but she-she taught me a lot about conservation, environment, uh, science. I related that, tried to relate that to my students, um, when I taught uh, elementary because I just-I just always appreciated what a-what she did for me. I took very class I could that she uh, had. I loved Dr. Weekly and-and the theory and so forth, and um, Miss Hamm was my supervising teacher and, at that time we had uh, a half a year, two times uh, in the classroom, which was just absolutely fabulous, as far as I-I just think that’s the only-only way to really have a good background in education is to be in the classroom full time
and then we’d go back and have some classes, you know, at night, and so forth. I took classes on Saturdays, uh, very big program. The summer sessions were always big. And uh, so it-it was-it was a wonderful time for the College of Education, there’s no doubt about that. Um, I was very involved in not only uh, with courses, but also with planning things for the College of Education and very uh, very big in Kappa Beta Kappa, which was the Future Teachers organization. And um, we had about 400 members and I was president. I can remember the year I was president, and we did-I just had a wonderful um, surrounded myself by wonderful officers and-and enthusiastic members. I mean, I can remember where there were times when we didn’t have enough seat-seating, you know, to have the members. We had different things going on all the time on campus, and uh, we had a freshman orientation, when freshman came in who wanted to be teachers. Uh, we had um, oh let’s see, student ISEA work, where we went to conventions and so forth. Um, at that time, I was uh, also doing um, docent work at Salisbury House, because that was the ISEA, so I became a docent there. And-and now I’m back to Salisbury House and to being a docent sometimes and volunteering quite a bit---at Salisbury House, so that-that was kind of interesting. Um, we had a membership banquet, and an always big show, uh, lots of people there and uh, we gave uh, kind of awards out. I can’t remember exactly what they were, but um, we had our meetings every month and we had speakers come in. Uh, there was an Education Council, which I was a part of and um, that uh, was close to Dean Wallace. Uh, I-I can’t exactly remember---he would consult us about people coming. And the one that I remember the most was Dr. Conant, who was one of the leading specialists in education, and he came to Drake and I was the hostess. And then there were some others, also, and-and he was doing research on um, teacher education. And so we got to sit down with him on several different times and talk to him personally, and oh, that was just---I’ll never forget that. Um, but there were a lot of things like that that I-I was involved in that just really were outstanding things, and I’ll-I’ll always remember-remember and cherish because uh, I was just very involved in doing as much as I could and I could be on campus as long as I wanted, and then I’d go home [laughs].

**Interviewer:** It sounds like you must have been very disciplined, to drive here early in the morning, park and stay on campus all day, and---

**Anne:** Yes.

**Interviewer:** ---go from class to class, and---
Anne: Yeah, I really was, and-and I enjoyed that part of it too. I mean, I uh-I just--and there were times when we’d play Bridge in the afternoon at Jewett---Union, at that time, Jewett was our student union. And uh, so I can remember several of my girlfriends, we’d play Bridge there and, and uh, but uh, the Library was, let’s see---I can’t remember when the Library was built. But I can remember having um, gym-P.E. in the wonderful building that was collapsing---

Interviewer: Yes. That was right out here on the corner.

Anne: Yes, yes---

Interviewer: ---northwest corner---

Anne: Yes. And uh so, we had gym in there. Um, P.E., which was most interesting and uh, oh gosh, what was her name? Miss---oh, I thought I’d never forget---um, nah, it’s gone. But anyway, she-she was the head of the P.E. department and boy, she really had to struggle with a lot [laughter] of us. Of course the building was falling down, little did we know it was condemned before [laughs] we-we were out of there. But, uh, that was interesting. Uh, as far as uh, some of the names of professors, or people that I worked with, um, Frank Mackaman was a very dear friend and um, {he worked}---

Interviewer: Is that relation to Doris?

Anne: Yes.

Interviewer: It is?

Anne: Yes {ok}, which I never knew until uh, Doris and I became members of the alumnae association and started talking and she said she was a Mackaman. And I said, well I-I knew a Frank real well, and she said, “Oh, my gosh,” you know, “He’s part of my relation.” So, I knew him, and of course, Henry Harmon was-was President. Um, Marjorie Cunningham was-was our Dean, and um, I didn’t see her very often, but uh, she had authority, let me tell you. And um, I can remember when she became very ill. Uh, it was after I went---after my four years here and um, while I was taking my masters degree is when she became ill. And one of my girlfriends became the Assistant Dean for, took over Dean---Karen Anderson was her name. And uh, so that was an interesting time. Um, Sally Wilson was one of my dear friends and she was uh, she was a dorm gal, and to this day, I still write to her and-and know
what she’s doing. She specialized in music and was homecoming queen and ooh, that was a big time when—followed her through that. Uh, Dean Tollefson happened to be at the Law School, his wife uh, Helen, um, they were good friends because we knew ‘em through church. Uh, and so, I knew h-of him. And of course, Dr. Woods, and I taught with his wife, Sylvia. Uh, Dale Miller, got to know him very well through all my Christian organizations and relig-religious organizations I belonged to here at Drake. Um, Don Marcouiller, I’ll never forget him. I never had too much to do with him, except, boy, he could bring us to a real high pitch when [laughter]-when a he-he would come with the band and-and uh, played for pep rallies and play for the games and everything. It-it was just-just phenomenal time that way---I wouldn’t have missed any of that for anything. Uh, so uh, remember the Dave Brubeck Trio that came at the Field House, and sat on the floor, right in front, right by Dave Brubeck and to this day, that’s my first album I ever got--uh-uh, album of music of his----uh because I loved that “Take 5”---will never forget it---every time I hear that, why it brings me back to Drake. Uh---

**Interviewer:** Where did you do your student teaching at?

**Anne:** I-I uh, did my first teaching at Woodlawn School---Dr. Fellers, who I still see all the time and we’re in an organization together, was my um, supervising teacher. And I uh, was a little disappointed because when I got to know where I was going, I-I was going to go into a fifth grade math situation. And um, of course I-I wanted the little ones, but I thought, “Oh well, I’ll make the best of it---I’ll go in and see, you know math is not exactly my subject [laughter], but I’ll certainly try. And um, it was Mr. Elliott and he greeted me with open arms and first-first day, uh, you know he said, “Well, is there anything particularly that you’d like to do?”’, and I said, “Well, I wouldn’t-I wouldn’t mind making a bulletin board or some-”. “Oh,” he said, “Well, look there, you can ss-see how uh, my aptitude for that is,” he said, “That’d be wonderful.” And so I made a bulletin board that was really just outlandish---loved bulletin boards---to do bulletin boards. And he was just pleased to death, and taught from that board for a long time. Uh, but uh, I think it was the second week when Dr. Fellers came out and he wondered where I was. And finally the principal said, “Well, she’s in Mr. Elliott’s room.” And so he came in, and he said, “This-this can’t be--this can not be. You can not be in here.” Uh, and well I said, “Wel---why——” And he said, “Well, you wanted primary,” and he said, “Uh, no we can’t have this.” So then, it was a matter of him getting me reassigned---
Interviewer: Oh, geez [laughter].

Anne: ---and of course, everyone had been signed up and doing a fun job. And uh, then all of a sudden, I think someone had to be coerced into um, having me as their student teacher. And it just so happened to be a gir---uh, lady who, oh I thought she must have been 98 years old, but I’m sure she wasn’t [laughter]---by any stretch of the imagination, but you know---an older woman, Bea Whitman, I’ll never forget for as long as I live. And uh, I went into her room and um, I thought “Oh, my goodness. What am I going to do?” Well, she kind of took me under her wing, and um, I could do just about anything I wanted to because she was so delighted to have someone new and enthusiastic in her room, and energetic. So, I not only did bulletin boards, but I re-did her filing system. And some of her pictures that she put on the board were just a little aged, so I-I would go ahead and get mine from my own files and so forth. Oh. And I taught French that year, from TV because---and I learned a little French because that was third grade an-and what we needed in third grade was uh, they learned French over TV---that’s when TV was big, you know, in education. And so, um, I had a good time with her. And then when I-when I definitely got out of uh, um that situation at the end, I-I really think back on that, an-and I learned a lot from her. And one of the greatest things I learned was she was a member of ACE, which was the Association of Childhood Education, and she got me involved in that. And I was involved in that all my-my life of teaching, and a wonderful, wonderful organization---national organization, went to many of the meetings, national meetings and so forth and learned so much. And so she was---she really tried to follow me along, and every once in awhile I’d go over and say hi to her and she um, oh I think she taught past retirement even. But uh, had her little ways and older ways, but uh, I learned a lot from her. And then my other one was Hubbell---Hubbell School. And of course that was ironic because I had set up the first uh, when I was at Roosevelt, set up the first uh, FTA helper um, kind of group that went over during our study halls and read to the kids and so forth. So, here I came as a student teacher and I was in uh, Lucille Ross’ class and I absolutely had a ball uh, with her and to this day, I still see her at Women’s Club. I still write to her at Christmas time, um and uh, she’s still alive and kickin’ and at Madrid and comes into Women’s Club all the time and I think she’s probably around 91 or 92---still drives.

Interviewers: Oh. [laughter]
Anne: Uh, so anyway---but, so that’s kind of my student teaching part of it, which I-I-I loved. I wish they would still do that kind of thing.

Interviewer: And you did it two semesters?

Anne: Yes.

Interviewer: One semester {yep} and then you’d come back and take {yes} classes. And then another semester you’d go out?

Anne: Absolutely, uh-huh---so, it was junior and senior. Mm-mmm, yeah.

Interviewer: That’s a good way---

Anne: Very rewarding.

Interviewer: I bet.

Anne: Very rewarding, and um, yeah it really was. I really enjoyed that a lot.

Interviewer: Any student teacher, um---harrowing stories, you know where the students played tricks or?

Anne: Well, um [laughs]---you know little ones, uh first grade---um, a little boy had---and now you even think of doing this, but um---he had trouble with his zipper. And, and I didn’t know exactly what to do about that and um, so he said “I’m gonna---I’m gonna try something and if it doesn’t work, Miss Anderson, can you help me?” And I said, “Sure I-I will. You-you try what you want to.” Well, he went into the restroom and came out-back out and-and he said, “I went in there with my string, but I forgot what I was gonna do with it.” [laughter] And I said, “Well honey, I think-I think it’s just stuck. Let’s see---” Well, of course today, you---I wouldn’t {Oh, yeah} have done that or even though about it. But at that time {Yeah} you know you’re naïve too and-and it was just one of those things. Well, it-it turns out much, much later to this day, he uh, is in an organization with my husband. And um, I can remember him coming to school, uh one day um, for show and tell and brought a picture of his grandfather. And he said---and he had a hat on, and-and it was a uh real nice official kind of ceremony, and he said, “We went to this ceremony the other night and.” he said, “my grandpa became leader of this organization.” Well, lo and behold, it’s Scottish Rite consistory, he was the Grand---what I call, PooBah [laughter]---um, apparently he did too. But he-he
was the top man, and of course his picture hangs in, in the beautiful Scottish Rite building. And my husband to this day is still working there. So it’s pretty ironic all of this, and so I knew the family and knew the father, who had gone through the consistory and so forth, and-and both sons did too. Uh, I having one of ‘em—and so, that—that’s been very interesting. Uh, I-I just—every day was such an interesting time with these little ones because they don’t realize—they didn’t realize how tall I was until their Mother or, I’d stand by the teacher. I mean, they just never did and it was really kind of interesting—I overheard a story one day about—and-and overheard two little boys talking and they said uh, um, “Well, don’t you like Miss Anderson?” And-and the other one said, ”Yeah I sure do—she’s just kind of like the ‘Jolly Green Giant’.”

Interviewers: Oh. [laughter]

Anne: And the other one said, “Well, yeah she’s jolly, but not green.”

Interviewers: [laughter]

Anne: There were a lot of wonderful little things—and you know I thought I was going to write all them down because you for—I-I did—I thought I would always remember ‘em, but no—I don’t. But uh—

Interviewer: Did you always know that you’d want lower elementary kids?

Anne: Oh, yes—oh, yes—very much so, very much so—since the very beginning, yeah.

Interviewer: Did you have siblings? Sisters and brothers?

Anne: No.

Interviewer: No?

Anne: ---uh, half-brother and half-sister.

Interviewer: Ok.

Anne: Because my um, biological Father did remarry, and uh—so they’re, we’re very close. And of course now, this past year my step-Mother died, so uh, it’s just us now—so it’s—it’s uh, pretty important to stay together. And that’s where I got my height. Everyone wants to know, you know because my Mom and Dad
were fairly short, my adopted one, and uh so I said “Oh, it’s just in
the family” ’cause it’s an awfully long story [laughter]. But my
uh, brother is 6’8”, I’m 6’4”, and my-my sister is 6’1”, so uh it’s---
very tall family.

**Interviewer:** Well, let’s bring you back to campus a little bit [laughs]---um, can
y---do you have memories about some of the events, sporting
events or dances, or where you’d go to, you know hang out and eat
with friends, or?

**Anne:** Well, the canteen was by far the best place to go, and that was down in
Jewett [Jewett Hall] Hall, and that was fun place to be. And of course,
Jewett Hall was the Union. It also was the place where, at that time, my
boyfriend was. And I met him the first day I was on campus. We were
at a freshman orientation ‘n he sat behind me and I did not date a lot in
High School, obviously I was so much taller than all the guys that um, that
was one reason---and I was just pretty naïve too, so when this boy started
after me, as far as following me and so forth, and he was-he was in
business, um we just kind of took a liking to each other, and just really had
a nice time. So, he was there, so I tried to go over there as much as
possibly [laughter] could---you know, play Bridge and see if I could see
him and this kind of thing---craziness. Uh, and so we went to several
dances that were really fun. At that time, you could rent um, formals.
There was a place downtown, it was just in vogue, I mean it was
something that you know----you wouldn’t tell, but for me, it was just the
most fas-fabulous thing---because of course, you know it was hard for me
to get any kind of formal anyway. And so I’d do down there and rent it,
and they’d take it in a little bit and so forth. And one time when we were
going, he said, “You know that green outfit you had on, I really like---
would you wear that again?” So, [laugher] I had to go back down to the
[laugher] rental place and see---you know it’s like $10 or $15 for renting it
and they’d would, you know clean it and everything for you---I mean, it
was all ready to go. And I had some of the most pretty, some of the
prettiest outfits, uh, and so forth, and we-we did a lot of things together.
He was manager of the basketball team, and so I became very familiar
with all the guys on the basketball team, which was really, really fun.
Um, and uh, so that-that-that was a-a good time, just right off the start,
which I never dreamed would ever happen, because I was here to get an
education. I was not here to get a man or anything like that. I was very
happy with being, having a career, you know and that kind of thing, but
just worked out really well---really, really enjoyed some of those things.
Uh, let’s see---I can’t quite remember some of the---uh, Bulldog Tales was
always a big thing. Um, getting ready for the uh, Relays and um, doing
the floats---I was never involved in that, but I always went to see how-how
beautiful those floats were, I mean they were just fantastic and they tried
to out-do each other, you know and oh, that was always fun. Um,
remember when they did different colors in the fountain over by uh, Stalnaker---they had a fountain over there, or a lake, I can’t remember---a little pond or whatever. And they put food coloring in it, or they uh, you know put bubbles and so the bubbles would go all over. Um I wasn’t on campus when they had the panty-raid, but back then we had panty-raids and so I heard from my girlfriends all about that. [laughter] And thought, well I’m just glad I wasn’t there. Um, but uh, outside---I was always very busy with organizations. I belonged to a lot of organizations on campus. And uh, one of ‘em was the Student Alumni Association.

Interviewer: Really?

Anne: Board.

Interviewer: Oh.

Anne: They—they had a student alumni board and I became, of course, very involved with, you know, a lot of the professors and so forth, and that was fun. Um, and uh, then there was an education council, uh, I was an orientation counselor, Young Republicans---sshhh. Ah, [laughs] I worked a lot in that organization. And then um, Westminster Fellowship was um, a wonderful place for me. Um, we met at uh, let’s see---where did we---a close Presbyterian church, but I can’t remember---which one it was, but anyway---um, we uh-uh Sunday nights, we just always spent together and that was, that was very rewarding. And we’d always have worship, and we’d sing, then we’d have a speaker and, and uh fellowship together. And we made our food. Which I thought was so interesting. We’d buy it, then make our---

Interviewer: Make it.

Anne: Yeah, our food for Sunday night, because of course you know even in the dorms, they didn’t---

Interviewer: That’s right.

Anne: Make Sunday night, so that was kind of interesting. Um---

Interviewer: Was that community service, as well? The Westminster Club?

Anne: Um, you know I’m not so sure that---I think we did some things at Christmas time, but I can’t really recall specifics. But uh, I know we did—we did some kind of project every year. But uh, I really enjoyed that organization a lot---meant a lot to me.

Interviewers: {Did} {Do you}
Go ahead---

Do you remember studying at the Library? Then too?

**Anne:** Oh, many hours there, of course between classes, I always had time. So uh, I’m trying to remember when we got the new, uh---Library?

**Interviewers:** Si-ss-sixty seven, I think.

Sixty seven, I think, yeah.

Mm-mmm.

**Anne:** Ok.

**Interviewers:** So it was before---

---thirty seven was the older one {right}, thirty six or thirty seven. And I think it was---

---the newer one.

---could it have been earlier than that? Do you remember being in a brand new---

**Anne:** No. Uh, oh, yes. But see, that was when I was getting my masters.

**Interviewer:** Ok.

**Anne:** So, I remember them building it. Um, but I couldn’t remember whether it was during my four-four years of undergraduate work, or what exactly when it was, because I can remember, you know, having physical education in the dumpy building [laughter]. And, but, yeah---I spent a lot of time---loved to do research, loved to go there. Uh, we went through the room that I took my comprehensives in for my master, I can remember that. And-and that was a huge room then, and uh, oh my goodness, that was a-a wonderful time when I passed that [laughter]. Oh, gosh---but, uh yeah, lot’s of things happened in-in the Library that were good times. They also had speakers, and I don’t know how I can---

**Interviewer:** In the Library?

**Anne:** Yeah.

**Interviewer:** Like a speaker series?
Anne: Yes. And I can’t---

Interviewer: Sort of revived that, haven’t we?

Yeah, but I didn’t know that ever existed---

Anne: Yeah. And uh, that was interesting too. And, of course, you know whatever was happening on campus I tried to be a part of, if I could, so um, that was—that was fun.

Interviewer: Do you remember who the Director was back then?

Of the Library?

Yeah.

Elias.

Oh, Elias Jones was Director?

Mm-mmm.

Anne: Yes.

Interviewer: Ok.

Mm-mmm. There’s a really young picture of him [laughs] in the annual. I saw that, and I though, oh my goodness.

Anne: As all of us [laughter] are young---

Interviewer: And I’m curious, since you drove to campus every day, how was parking then? Was there a lot of parking, or---

Anne: I came early, so I didn’t have a parking problem.

Interviewer: Ok.

Anne: And I mean, when I talk about early, I mean like 7:00.

Interviewer: Ok.

Geez.
Anne; And um, uh that was just--I always got up at that time, so no big deal. And I really en-enjoyed uh, you know being on campus, had my car, so I could put my stuff in my car when I needed to or go back to it---usually over by Memorial---depended on-on the day and, so forth, but um walking was, you know not that big of a problem with me.  And at that time---and it’s so interesting to go through the annual and see that we all dressed.

Interviewers: [laughter]

Anne: You know, I-I didn’t quite remember that as being such a-a thing.  And I guess it wasn’t.  But we all wore skirts, even-even when it was bitterly cold.  Um---

Interviewer: To class---

Anne: To class---yes.  I can never, ever remember uh, slacks at all.  Well, that happened during my teaching career, when we starting wearing that---but um, we-we just---and-and the guys just wore nice clothes----you know, a shirt, rather than a t-shirt kind of thing.  And they just really dressed up and uh, that-that was important.  I mean, we just-we just always did that.  And uh, when you know, it was hard for me to wear boots [laughter].  You know it was not cool to wear boots.  Most of the sidewalks were pretty well clean, so---but uh, oh another-another thing---this is far reaching, but uh, I got kissed under the oak tree---

Interviewer: The---in front of Old Main?

Anne: Yes, the elm.

Interviewer: The Chancellor’s Elm?

Anne: Yeah, the elm.  Yes, I did.

Interviewer: Now, can we ask is it by the same guy that you---

Anne: Yes.  [laughter]

Interviewer: And imagine the basketball team---

Anne: I can talk-I can talk about him now, because he, uh died at a very early age, which was really, really sad, um, and became---because, because of me, changed his major from business to education---became a coach, then a teacher, then a principal.  So, I-I---
Interviewer: Wow.

Anne: It was most interesting to follow his career. We kind of followed each other until he got married, then I got married, and so forth. But um, yeah he had a rough illness, and uh, just died not too long ago, so---but uh, yeah we had a good time.

Interviewer: Did you kiss under the elm during the day, or was it something that you would do at night?

Anne: No, at night.

Interviewer: At night, so no one could see you?

Anne: Uh-huh---yeah, more or less, uh-huh---yeah. Oh, that was romantic.

Interviewer: Oh, man.

Anne: I was so sorry to see that go down.

Interviewer: ---elm go down. Well, you know, they still have part of it up in---right outside of Maxwell’s office---they have a---

Anne: Oh, really?

Interviewer: ---a ring of it.

They have a-a ring of it.

A cross-section of the trunk.

And you can go in there and they’ve got it marked---

Anne: Oh.

Interviewer: ---as to what has happened in history.

Anne: Oh.

Interviewer: Um, and it’s really neat---really neat.

You’ll have to go

And there’s the kissing rock too now.

Anne: Yes.
Interviewer: So you can still go to the rock [laughter]---

Stand on the rock---

Anne: Well, it’s not as good as the original [laughter]---

Interviewer: [unclear words]

Anne: Oh, gosh---yeah, there was just lots of wonderful things. I was-I was trying to remember uh, you know who I knew and some of my good girlfriends that I still correspond with and uh, Joanie Lyndell was a very good friend, still is---she’s Robertson now---and uh, I visit with her uh, not-not very often, but I do uh, have---Christmas we do send Christmas cards and-and we’ve gotten together at the reunions. And then of course, Ethel Fugi, who lives in Hawaii, and she was one of the first uh, shall I say, uh, uh of a different culture than I was. Uh, which was interesting to go through that book and see [unclear words], and Ethel Fugi were very good friends. To this day, every time we go to Hawaii, I see Ethel. And uh, we just came back from there, oh several years ago when we had our 25th anniversary we went back to Hawaii because we had lived there for four years. And when I lived there for four years, why Ethel was a good friend, we did things together. And I brought her a brick from Memorial Hall---

Interviewers: Memorial---

Oh.

Anne: Oh, she was so grateful and I wrapped it up and everything, and-and uh, oh she just thought that was great. So we’ve been good friends through the years, which was just really fun. Um, and Ann Bartley, who uh, went to Roosevelt with me and came onto Drake, and of course Dr. Bartley was in the College of Education. And I knew them very well and Ann was a good girl friend of mine and um, I can remember her father uh saying one ti-time to my father, they were good friends, uh, “Every time I see Anne on campus, she has a big smile on her face.” [laughter] And I did. I-I enjoyed my career here. Uh, Sally Liechty was a good friend, uh and uh, course she has done wonderful things in education---Jan Munzenmaier, I just saw the other day---very tall girl, uh, taught in West Des Moines and in Des Moines and um, knew her in uh, Roosevelt too. So, she-she was a good friend---Fonda Phillips---

Interviewer: So when you walked across campus, did you-did you see---was-was it the kind of general feel that you’d see people and they’d recognize you, and---
Anne: Yeah, you’d say hi and where you going and this kind of thing, but you always had one thing in mind and that was to get to your class.

Interviewer: Uh-huh.

Anne: Um, there wasn’t a lot of—I mean, our social times, were social times—as I recall, and our, you know we didn’t really have a meeting place except for Jewett Hall, and that was, you know, a place where guys were staying. And so, that’s all we had. So, to really get together, it was, you know, either for a pep rally or you know, the Bulldog Tales, or you know, whatever kind of organizations—and organizations were important to all of us.

Interviewer: Mm-mmm. Did you see faculty members having coffee with students? Did that sort of thing go on?

Anne: No. Not that I-I was completely aware of. I think I-I was uh, fairly close to Dr. Wallace, and because of that, why we often had small committee meetings and that kind of thing, but no—I-I didn’t see a lot of that at all. That I can recall at all, of course we always had the Dog Town and uh, the café down there that was—

Interviewer: And everybody so far has mentioned that, and we—I can never remember the name of it.

Anne: I-I can’t either.

Interviewer: Do you remember anything about your commencement?

Anne: Oh, yes.

Interviewer: Wh-where was it held?

Anne: Um, that was held at the Field House, I think. I don’t think we went down—

Interviewer: To Vets Auditor---

Anne: No, Vets Auditorium. I think, maybe. But I can remember not wanting to miss that. I mean a lot of kids didn’t go to that, but oh—and I kept my robe for a long time [laughter]—thinking, well I’ll wear at Halloween or something [laughter]. Gee wiz. But, oh gosh that was fun. And th-that, when I got my masters degree it was even more fun.

Interviewer: Do you remember the speakers? Any body noteworthy, that---
Anne: Um, no, I don’t think I do.

Interviewer: ‘Cause I was look---when I looked in the annual, and they had some commencement photos, but I didn’t see any that mentioned a speaker---

Anne: Uh-uh, no. And they didn’t have a lot of the professors in this annual either. I---gosh I went through it, and thought well they’ve just left out a whole bunch of stuff [laughter]---

Interviewer: [unclear words]

Anne: And, but uh, yeah I-I’d have to really think hard on that, but I don’t think I recall any one that was spectacular. But to walk across the stage was really, really important to me---really enjoyed it.

Interviewer: When you look at campus today, what do you think is the biggest change?

Anne: Oh, the College of Education. Very disappointing to see that it’s off campus, really---I want it back on campus. And uh, I-I think it’s extremely important that it be a part of the Drake campus. Now, you might say well, our campus is way out there. Well, I understand that [side 2 of tape] that was probably the big-biggest disappointment when it went off campus, ‘cause I was fairly involved with uh, even with my teaching, with Drake University and the College of Education. And doing things for them, um, coming to forums wi---for teachers and so forth, but uh, when it went off campus that just really, really hurt me.

Interviewer: When did---when did that happen? Do we know?

Anne: Yes.

Interviewer: And then when they torn {Meredith down}---

Anne: No, Memorial---

Interviewer: Memorial---that’s right---

Anne: Memorial, mm-mmm.

Interviewer: Not Meredith, Memorial---yeah.

Anne: Yeah, when they torn that down they just---

Interviewer: They moved it. Ok.
Anne: Yeah, because that building was there and education was smaller, and uh, they tried to get some of us together---two or three different times to kind of talk to us about you know, the future of what they could do for the College of Education and so forth, and it just never really gelled. There were some of us that came to several meetings on that. Um, but I just haven’t really uh, been too involved anymore. I used to go to all the education alumni banquets uh, which was a nice affair, too. And they got smaller and smaller, so you know, it-it just uh---I was here in the hay day I guess and I’m—I’m grateful for that because I-I have a wonderful feeling about all of Drake.

Interviewer: If you could give advice or pass on some values that you have to students now, what would you tell ‘em?

Anne: Well, uh, I think Drake is an excellent school and if you choose it, you should be as involved as you can---not only with the school, the college, but outside the college. I think um, and that’s—that’s up to the individual person, but the more you become involved, the more you learn about so many different things, including community and uh, building community, and leadership and so forth. Uh, I think that’s extremely important. Uh, I would like to see us go back to uh, more teacher orientation.

Interviewer: Mm-mmm.

Anne: And uh, working with the Des Moines schools. Um, I did for a long time as supervising of teachers, but then when there was hardly any pay compared to Iowa State and some of the others, why um, I just you know, said no I’d rather have an Iowa State teacher just because it---there were just a lot of things that happened to the college, which is too bad.

Interviewer: Mm-mmm.

Anne: But uh, you know---enjoy it why you’re here, but uh, it-it’s nice to have a balance of social and education, it really is. And uh, I think it’s wonderful that we have such an outstanding president, who uh, is just so personable. I mean to be able to call him, David [laughter]. You know and I don’t know him quite that well, although I, in a way do. But, you know I just think gee wiz, compared to Dr. Harmon, who you know was just---

Interviewer: He was never ‘Henry’?

Anne: Oh, no. [laughter]. And-and you know, pretty stuffy, I mean he was he was like a father figure, but um, no I-I just really think uh, Dr. Maxwell is--and-and his wife, the combination, and how---how they help the students
and so forth, is just---I’m so proud to be a part of that, of Drake because of-them two and what they’ve done for Drake---it’s wonderful, just wonderful.

Interviewer: Is there any thing else that we didn’t ask you, that you have memories about that you want to share?

Certainly you do---

Anne: [laughs] Oh gracious me. Um, I was part of the, uh Kappa Delta Pi, and I think that was probably one of the-the uh surprises that uh, I really enjoyed was the fact that I was inducted into that honorary teachers, because I wanted so much to be a teacher and to be the best teacher I could, and to think that I became a part of that was just, just really, really something. Um, and uh, oh let’s see---I don’t know, I’ve---‘course basketball was absolutely in its’ prime while I was here, and the best of the best were on the team. And especially when I-I uh did my uh, um, masters degree to um, to be a part of that and the Morris Johns---his coaching was just, just terrific. Uh---

Interviewer: You were---what, were you getting your masters then when the ’69 team went to the N---the finals?

Anne: Yes.

Interviewer: Ok---with Dolph---Pulliam?

Anne: Yeah, oh absolutely.

Interviewer: With Rick Wanamaker?

Anne: Yeah, it was just wonderful---yeah, and to think that uh, Ron’s around and I-I see Dolph a lot uh, it’s-it’s interesting. Now I had class with Dolph---uh, uh biology class and I can remember he never wanted to cut into the cat [laughter], and so I did all the cutting. I-I remind him [laughter]---and we had seven babies in our cat.

Interviewer: {Oh. Oh. Oh, my goodness}.

Anne: Oh, was that unbelievable. I did---you know was a little naïve about that too, and I thought oh, my goodness where are her lungs? Well, they were way up here and I thought, oh that’s just like, you know---something else, I mean I just I-a-where are the lungs? [laughter] Dr. Lealand Johnson was something else, but uh, he-he was a good teacher. But um, uh yeah Dolph and I did our, some of our work together [laughter]---I
always remember him not being able to cut into the cat. But uh, yeah---uh, I think that’s probably the extent---I could go on and on, but [laughs].

Interviewer: Well, thank you so much.

Anne: Sure.

Interviewer: This is great. And I’m going to take your picture, is that ok?

Anne: Oh, ok.