

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Rylander, Kent
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Kent Rylander talks about his experiences as a professor at the biology department at Texas Tech University.

ABSTRACT:

CD ONE	TIME STAMP
Introduction	00:00
The Benjamin Lach murder case	
Improvements in grades	
Instruments found	
Dissecting cats	
Locking up the exams	
Accusations in New England	
Incriminating Evidence	00:10
Second half of the exam	
Police caught him	
Lach's girlfriend	
Trial in Fort Worth, Texas	
Talking with Lach's mother	
Dispute about the master key in court	
Trial	00:20
Conviction of Ben Lach	
Anxiety	
Letters from Lach's girlfriend	
Lach released from prison	
Apologetic letter from girlfriend	

Moved to the Amazon Basin	
Reflecting on the Lach Case	
Lach born in concentration camp	00:30
Texas Tech Psychology Department	
Lubbock Avalanche Journal accounts	
Phone call from the dean	
Ben Lach staring at his hands	
Another murder two years later	
Rough first six years of career	00:40
Chairman ruled	
History and Biology	
Tenure	
Issues with his Curriculum Vitae	
Dean wrote letters to the faculty	
Controversy with chairman	
Changes in Administration	00:50
Chairman addresses faculty	
New chairman	
Changes at Texas Tech University	
Proposal of having summers off	
Inspirational mail carrier	
Change in the Biology Department	
Grover Murray	
Teaching quality	
Biology Department	01:00
Problems with administration	
Better faculty with time	
Changes in field work	
Recruiting naturalists	
Comments on the field work at Texas Tech	01:10
Declining museums	
Field faculty retirements	
Keeping it alive at Junction, Texas	
Views on field work amongst colleagues	01:20
Waning interest	
Possible interest from other sources	
Experience at Corpus Christi, Texas	
Recruiting a new director	
Future of biology department	01:30

Challenges
Working with nature writers
Original contributions

Interview Ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1935

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: