

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Gene Carpenter is a former men's basketball player having played on the Texas Tech University team during the early fifties. In this interview Gene addresses his career in the sports industry from past to present, giving account for the changes that have taken place. He also discusses flaws in the system, how the media has influenced sports, and also how the professional area of sports affects high school and college level athletes.

ABSTRACT:

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Introductory statements	00
Birth place and date	
Parent information	
Family	
Grandparents	
Growing up in Big Spring	
Late start at basketball	
Coach Larry	
Scholarship to play at Texas Tech	
Growth spurt	
Starting at Tech	
Development	
Freshman year transition	
His first season	

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Season and conference	
Sothern Methodist University	
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What coach did for them to grow	
Defense	
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Texas Tech’s academic growth	
What could have caused downturn in the Southwest Conference	
How rules have changed	
Idea of a stipend for athletes	
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Changes in sportsmanship	
Wanting attention`	
Pro athletics	
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Students leaving early affects on college programs	
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Bob Knight	
Coach Snyder	
Mike Leach	1:21
Atmosphere in the “barn”	
Lubbock Municipal Coliseum	
United Spirit Arena	
Closing	1:29

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1935

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: