

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Thomas, Michelle

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LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Austin, Texas

INTERVIEWER: David Marshall

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LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 1:41

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Michelle Thomas talks about her life, education, career and experiences with the Texas Tech Lady Raiders basketball team that won the National Championship in 1992-1993.

ABSTRACT:

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TIME STAMP

Background	00:00
Born in Bisingen, Germany	
Father was in military	
Description of family	
Childhood experiences	
Visits to Germany	
Sports interests before San Antonio	00:11
Jogging	
Discipline	
Always a student first	
Becoming an attorney	
Passion for criminal defense	
Law school	
Chance to change lives	
Black Student Association	

Sports and school	00:23
Basketball	
Importance of academics for athletes	
Basketball in West Texas	
Great women's basketball program	
High School	00:32
Pressure due to race difference	
Basketball Training	
Experiences as a Basketball Official	
Attitude	
Difficulties faced	
Being a defense attorney	00:41
Constitution	
Love of law	
DNA issue	
High School	
Issues faced being biracial	
Graduated cum laude	
Racial Identity	00:51
Incident at grocery store	
Ethnic differences felt	
Interracial families	
She checks African American in census box	
Athleticism	01:00
Discipline	
Integrity of athletes	
Inspiring team mates	
Losing ego and playing as a team	
Basketball in college	01:08
Sports took a lot of time	
Education was primary	
The contract	
Much different from High School	
Coaching differences	
Texas Tech	01:20
Sociology class	

Coach Marsha Sharp
Big 12 Conference
Great move by administration

National championship season

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Motivated after a game with University of Texas
Teammates respected each other
Felt great after that win, like tasting cake
Learned so much about life from basketball
Celebrations by fans at Jones Stadium
Love of Texas Tech

Interview ended

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1973

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Female

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: African American