

Eugene Whitehouse Interview (Tape 2)

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GW: So anyway the most that they would do was let ?Saunde? be acting head, that's where the impossible situation of trying to find someone to replace, to consider someone to replace of ?Saunde? because ?Saunde? couldn't compete for the permanent head next year. So besides hiring a whole bunch of people, as it turned out they were also looking for a department head, with a department that was unlikely to find any department head even if he could walk on water to be expectable other than ?Saunde? as a matter of principle. Someone said you take a lousy department head, but I am going to vote for him what else can you do. Once again, so one of the first tasks ?Saunde? and I had to go and defend this decision against the history department, it came up in an evening meeting in Kaye 304 and they had been planning their strategy before hand and came up with a circular thing and two chairs back to back in the light, that set the tone for the meeting and we were trying to work it through and say well let's give ?Saunde? a chance and lets see what it's like and you know let's play the game straight and if there is someone better we will do it and if not we will stick with ?Saunde? And of course all of this was a backdrop for the McClellan affair and I had gone in there and saying I won't, if it is going to cause the history department a real problem I wouldn't want to be associate dean. I hadn't anticipated this and of course I had given the history department reason to think that ?Saunde? would be in, it was a minor thing I think they knew he would stop but maybe why. But for some reason or another they knew why, I think Harden had legitimate concerns they were at least debatable concerns, but in addition because you see he hates the history department as is shown by what he has done to McClellan and all these other things that he has done in the past etc., etc., etc. So then back to McClellan we kept in contact, mostly went to Johnson well people went to Johnson; board of control and faculty senate went to the board of control and eventually they even went to the governor, and I think they tried to demonstrate outside of Michigan State Stadium and I don't know if they had to fly over with a plane saying keep Bob McClellan or something like that but I'm sure I think it did occur. It must have puzzled ????. There were meetings of the AAUP, tremendously well attended, money was raised and I gave a bit myself and after a while the demonstrations occurred, they had sit-ins in the office, they sat outside the students got involved by now because Bob was quite popular and this was even for Northern a little more heated at that time. I guess they sat around outside the board of control and some of the kids got sucked down there and hammered on the door with their feet, or something like that, it ?????????? I remember Johnson going to some meeting and having a trail of protestors behind him were ever he went. He would come to his office and as soon as he left his office some one would be following right behind him like mother duck and her little

ducklings. ?Augin? was a nice guy but ?? business and business may have thought he had a bias for education and we thought he was some hack in business and he really wanted to do things but just didn't know how to do it. There is not vice-president, Dave Dixon was vice-president for the first semester and then he resigned and there was no vice-president for the winter semester. We meet sort of as a council because here was Johnson not really able to control things so all the deans and the vice-presidents and that and that got pretty hectic because people like I think George Hill the lawyer got up and punched Dave Dixon in the nose at one stage because he thought Dave was calling him a liar, I don't know the thing that involved everybody, probably about November I guess they had a demonstration at the football game of course, probably in November the students went on strike for about a week and they had been some big meetings including one in Kaye Hall, they wound up in Kaye Hall were they had students all over, do you remember how that was the staircase and packed up all the way and some one were smoking and of course that could have gone up in flames. I remember at one of the meetings Al Niemi said This could have been another Detroit, you know the riots ????????????? and I said ???????? Detroit you know national guards, shooting and snippers you know it wasn't quite like that I was going around and making wise maker remarks about the students and ????? I believe was a little nervous were going to get killed doing this. But it was a generally good natured thing most of the time except ?? really hostile compared to ????? But I am sure you know standing around here with a bunch of people hollering and shooting keep Bob McClellan and people carrying signs like ??? Lives and stuff like that give worry some but as far as I know there was minimal construction at that time. But I began to see that my own reaction was that if you couldn't convince Harden you were less likely to convince Johnson and less likely to convince the Board of Control ????? and you are ??? getting involved. Somewhere along the line Bob went to see the ACLU, I played a less obvious role but I guess Bob played the more important one because he was exercising his political rights even if you are attacking the university policy you still have a right as a citizen, ?? tried to call it a conflict of interest ??? try to point to some of the paragraphs in the AAUP it was pretty clear that Bob was not trying to act as a representative of the university when he is saying Harden is wrong.

RMM: Now what was ??? role?

GW: ?? was the university lawyer, he sat in at the administrative council meetings and I sat in those for a while and Jamrich came in ????? so I no longer had the honor ?? board ?? some of those great minds of the university. But the strike for a solid week, what happened was that the faculty did one of two things; they either met in their own houses, they met off campus or they did what I did because I was ??? under the circumstances, I said I will continue to teach but I will not take attendance

that week, unfortunately I had a test in the middle of it and there was no way I could get out of scheduling that so I said I will hold the test and I will give make-ups but I think a couple of people said they couldn't take it then even the make-ups but the rest of them I gave them the test so I had all these strikers that came in Monday, Tuesday, and then on Wednesday came and took the test. Thursday they were Striking again. And I said that you detest material I hadn't covered will be drawn from this chapter so there was nothing they couldn't have read themselves. Some people went and their classes weren't too hard anyway ??? homes or they found some space elsewhere, I think the churches opened up; I can't say that for sure. Anyway we managed, so you had a kind of a tension going on in that the academic administrators wanted to cool it as much as possible. You had all these other people without any academic background running around screaming ??? at the mouth, ready to fire anybody who didn't teach his class type of thing. But I think they recognized that this was unwanted. As far as I know, no penalties were levied except I think in one or two cases of people that "I am no ????? I may be wrong but I'm not teaching." they're somewhat insistent on being penalized. We did, what was it, tyberias and christians, you know, don't go looking for them, but if the run around wearing a cross in front of you I suppose you better do something about it. There weren't very many of that. In fact, I think the conflicting reports of how many people showed up I suspect I probably about a third or a half of the students that have normally gone in my class, and the students I think excepted what I undone, because what they didn't realize I was very sympathetic with this that I a strikes a strike, I didn't know if that accomplished anything, I doubt if it did. I'm sure that ??? had support because essentially it was solved, legally solved in a couple of ways. But it wasn't fear that this was running on, because we had a search for a new president, and from this Jamrich was chosen so the ??? committee was a mixed committee. They did do something. They did introduce the open evaluation, I think was a good idea because it was much better than we feared and it had all sorts of advantages. The secret ones used to be confidential, more frequently rather favorable, sometimes it made promises for the guy who was to deliver, like oh this guy is ??? dissertation, someone who had been shot down by the dissertation committee and would never get their PHD for the rest of his life ??????? partly responsible for some of the AVDs or lessons they have on campus ?????????? So there was some ????? to the board of control, what they tried to do was to make some modest conceptions but they didn't want to do the basic thing of ????? Probably the most impressing thing came around the time of commencement. On parents day, I guess they were having this before that, the parents day committee had stuffed the envelopes with a free ????? type literature, it was a bit ????? to the parents, ??? says come to parents day and by the way end up getting screwed. McGuthy was chairman of the board that year and the next year got out in

commencement, and made his whole address, you know, "a few remarks to the chairmen of the board" and made his whole remarks against Bob ??????????, this was June, against that practice. And the newspaper was generally hospitable, was generally ??? although I think it, the news-pages were recently fair. People could get anything published what they wanted, but then again the ??? the ideas and the values of whatever was being exaggerated. So people could say, I do have those clippings if you're ever curious ??????, but I think what happened the two factors. One was that Bob McClellan had a pretty good case with the civil liberties union and I think they made it clear that the university was going to suffer the consequences. Furthermore the AAUP which ????? financial ????? the AAUP would have put a ??? on us and I believe they would have. A year or so later, the article came out in the AAUP journal and I think the turn was a case result of I think if you read the article you don't have to worry about what the conclusion is. As a matter of fact, I was surprised they were so favorable of the faculty because I thought there was some argument of the other side. And then finally Jamrich came in and, ?????? would talk about anything but McClellan. He came in the spring and he wanted to have a meeting and Don Baker was by this time chairman of the faculty senate, tried their own meeting to meet Jamrich. His family was in the audience and everybody wanted, to get a little speech, wondering about Bob McClellan. Don Baker tried to rule that out of order, and I remember there was one guy named Mike Superio from business, got off and said the same thing rephrased just the way. You can't ask that question, Ok, if you don't let me ask that question, let me try this one. And Don ??? genius for coming in, the front door is closed so he's a genius to try and come in the back door. So if Jamrich had any doubts what that feeling was, at least what the majority of the faculty ????? so I assumed then with all these faculty, Jamrich said, Well I'll take the job but I've got to get this McClellan thing settled so we can move ahead with the problems of the low salaries and reshaping Northern, because Jamrich a rather different sort of individual than Harden as far as priorities and Tony Forbs wanted, he didn't underestimate his difficulties, it was difficult to hire. We were like a thousand dollars low at a time when a thousand dollars was a significant percentage of the salary, between six and seven thousand, and I know and one person I try, a tremendous effort ?????????????? Anyhow, he wanted to get rid of this, probably he would have been socked with the ACLU, he'd have been socked with ????? and Jamrich was quite concerned, which you are probably aware of the ?????????????? and certainly a tough way to start, and when you're going to lose you might as well lie back and enjoy . So they made a settlement of sorts with McClellan. The actual settlement wasn't all that lavish, the visible side, you got ??? you got a minimum of a standard raise with the continuation and then you get a fair judgment on his tenure, some sort of promise to that effect ?????????????? ?????????????????????? putting it off. The next year commencement

Jamrich got up and said, "And now we'll hear Dr. McGoth and his usual words, his usual address." He was sort of a standard ????????? McGoth was a history major, you knew that. Anyhow, so I've heard reports that Bob got a very healthy lump payments sum. Since that time, I think he was treated reasonably fairly. He did get promoted???? department recommended. Occasionally he'd run into problems as in the case, we've got to get out of here in fifteen minutes, case he ran into problems with you know like missing a quarter of summer sessions being down in Mexico and being ????? back, but I think it's a case of occasional ??? policy of the benefit of the doubt. But I would say, by in large, he was treated relatively fairly. Since then because he was made ??? professor and all the rest. The faculty by in large supported Bob. There is a large, I think I have those sheets, I know I have those sheets. The big petition was signed by the, I what they call them, the academic freedom and integrity ??????? probably. And that's we think the ??? should be kept. Then there was another one that showed up in the mining journal a couple weeks later saying, "We defend Dr. Harden ? truth and integrity" ???? and it had some faculty on it. Most of the faculty though were people who had frequently ????? the fact that Harden who had some particular friend ????? but they felt friendly with Harden, and didn't know McClellan and thought he was a pain in the butt. And we had janitors and everybody else signing it. So a limited number, I remember ????????? threatening to punish somebody at a faculty meeting. I think this was the thing, I should say in some defence of Tony Forbs. ??? Johnson came down and addressed the faculty in the little theater in which he I guess there had been published ??? started giving the reasons, see this is ?????? Harden had stonewalled, and perhaps that was the best thing to do. Johnson gave some reasons as to why McClellan had been ?? well he hadn't written any books, well he hadn't written any books either in the history department. They mentioned that he had been provocative in the, at the public meetings on the north campus area and he hadn't always attended his committee meetings and something else, but most of that north campus thing someone said well we heard what's good about him what are the problems after they heard this listing. Anyway Johnson came and made a public speech and left and he quoted Tony Forbes, and Tony got up, here is this guy who had been cowardly in many ways and timid is a nicer word for it. And he was now being quoted and in some extent been hausselled due to McClellan, he came down tall man, sort of fuzzy ?? shaking with rage and ?? and went down front and said I have been quoted as saying this but this is what really happened, because they had tried to take things that he said out of context, they had been unfair to him to strengthen their case, desperate to make a case in all that was going on. You sort of get the Watergate type of syndrome, must we keep going on wholling in this sort of thing. People are getting wallowed by it why are they ?? by it why ?? forget it. But it still leaves the situation unchanged. But Tony went out and publically defended his case and from then on spoke out

pretty clearly as to what he felt he may have said I ?? he did have to try to gloss over what he had done and then I did have the feeling, I don't know if Tony hadn't been department head it might, I'm not sure in McClellan's case ??? you know I would not have rattled without putting in great credit myself, I ?? rattled by this situation but no reason for people getting upset at him and things like that but what does that have to do with it pretty much, he hadn't broken any law they don't like ??? they certainly don't ??? But Tony did come up, so now you have these reasons openly given and I think they were sort of ??? too. Were trying to ?? and in their eyes I think here they were trying to do something that they viewed as a respectable plan moving to North campus, buy up the land, pay a good price and got to expand the university if it is going to get that big and if we did increase 50% where you know ?? Here was Bob standing in the way and ordinary management concepts if someone gets up and says drives his Toyato into the Ford Motor plant you don't necessarily keep him as the executive vice-president, to some extent, I don't think Bob ??? building but having done that they were trying to put all sorts of reasons and they quoted Al Niemi and Al who didn't really like Bob and was a decent sort and ?? and you know it really wasn't quite the way it was and there was no one really very experienced there the people who knew things were ?? and weren't ready to ??? so he was relying he had no vice-president, he had an awful vice-president then none, he had ??? who didn't really know what was going on and you know being a democrat ??? democrat, he had people like Earl Mcantire, Jack ???, ??? ??? greater or lessor extent ??? but simply not actually equipped to handle ?? and probably was no way, no way that they could dress that up and make people happy, they tension was still there a year later easily. And you see then Bob would have gone, people were resigning, the history department for example a whole weight of people in 66 they had there lines out and of all the people that were hired in 66 if you will notice practically all the bright young ones left unless you call Gene Jones was our only of all the people we hired that year Gene Jones was the only one we kept and he was a little older and he wasn't quite as much involved. A couple would have left anyway, but all the rest left and they got pretty good jobs and felt they were a lot better than we hired and replaced in 68 and I guess just look at their credentials and it was really easy to get jobs but ?? went to California of Los Angeles, ?? went to Canada west of Ontario, ?? wound up at Eastern and ?? went back to school and reportedly went to the University of Michigan for a while and then ?? was in Depaul. ??? was quoted in the chronicle so these were pretty good people and in ways they weren't as good as they thought they were ?? raw but they should have been brought in one or two at a time based set around themselves and muttering how terrible it was so it was part of the internal extension of the history department because they were there ??? office major for a while and he was unhappy ?? peer group and they didn't get along really well ??? correspondence after he left and also ?? dropped their

ties in a knot. So anything on the McClellan affair that I didn't touch on?

RMM: NO, I think you got everything

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GW: OK I will start off by just running down some people that were on the list on those who stayed more than a year or so in the history department some I just have ?? memories of but some of the others I do remember a little better of course some of them like Dick O'Dell or Saunden you know and talk about. When I came in there were two full time members of the history department; Dick O'Dell and Dick Suander? or Saunde, ?? from foreign languages did teach a history course now and again, ?? may have ?? but it didn't last too long I don't think ?? much and I think even ?? at one stage from geography taught one course but for a year or two it was the three of us and also interestingly enough the three of us were the ones who stayed. One of the things I noticed in comparing your list of the people who were in the departments when I was there was that like most universities the turnover, people like ??, Jim ??, Kurt ??, ???, Tony Forbes, ???? all of these people came and went all in about an average of about three years and one of the ? obvious comparisons is that since that time people have stayed much longer as you start looking McClellan, Jones, ??, Stenkemp, Schellhase, ??, and Knight all the people who came in most all ?? in 68, people like ??, ??, Saari have remained, ??? probably would have remained if he could have. So here you have people who have stayed as long as some of my colleagues of the early early 60s did combined ??? and that probably remains quite a change because that is happening nationally in the universities as well, but O'dell, Saunderiger, and Whitehouse did remain, I'm not sure what significance of that is, Dick came as early as 1949, Saunde came just a year before I did. Dick O'dell was the department head of social sciences and history or something like that I forget the exact title maybe it was social studies perhaps ???, but anyway it was a combined department of sociologists taught a philosophy course or two so philosophy was a part of it, it only had eight members. The disciplinary lines were fairly perscise as a matter of fact the people that came from outside history to teach history courses ??? were not part of this conglomerate department but we did have ?? department meetings chaired by Dick O'dell and we did have some community of interests I suppose mainly how to fight the administration or something to that nature. I always thought Dick was a pretty good department head and I think his later experiences would have soured him a little bit. At one time later on perhaps we could use this as a starting point, I always felt that each individual member of the department did things better than I did, or I should feel guilty, ?? ironic approach. With Dick O'dell I felt guilty because I wasn't worried about ??? with Dick Saunderiger I

felt guilty because I didn't enjoy myself enough. Dicks we stand with Western Civilization was all in caps you know, this was reasonable well subdued so that it was a characteristic that one of ?? took aware of but it didn't take some of the bitterness or depression that hit some of us late in the year, I'm not sure if it had to do with health problems or things just weren't turning out as well for them, but I think ?? finally retired in 76 ???? that the late 60s and 70s he seemed to be more depressed although he actually he didn't last all that long as department head he was a very courtly gentlemen almost what you would think of as a southern gentlemen in his appearance in his sort of all handsome in his way, not sexually handsome but distinguished perhaps is almost a better term. Somewhat athletic, ?? tennis player I understand I never challenged him on it. He did look very gentlemen person although he did have a rather sharp temper and as a matter of fact quit with extreme swiftness and unexpectedly as department head must have been the spring of 63 and I wound up as his replacement. He got into an argument with Milton Bird, the vice-president at the time, I forget if he really said much about Bird but Bird came in, each vice-president ??? their own interests, Bird was really wrapped up in curriculum and played a major role in producing the four course plan and the common learning. Bird did this by essentially appealing to some of the instincts or needs of the people, in a sense he reminds me of that, Bob McClellan of someone who knew how to appeal to people and their ideals, get things done. They weren't always sure afterwards what they were going to get done, a logical conclusion for an impeccable promise. And he was very ????? innovation and change and he viewed himself as a thinker, feeler scale I think he would have been on the 99 percentile of thinker. Although he must have had some tendencies to irritation, because according to Dick O'Dell at one discussion Bird screamed over the telephone at him "You're crazy, You're crazy, You're crazy, you're ????????" Bird was always very formal in ??? in style ?????, and it was on that occasion, Dick never really he fully explained what happened, he resigned. I suspect it was an argument over the parking lot in front of Kaye Hall, where they were cutting down trees. Dick wanted the trees reserved. Bird said, "Well we need a parking lot, but we will save some of the trees." And one thing led to another. And then Dick stepped down after that and then he did get very much involved with the McClellan affair and gave for some sharp correspondence with Harden. President Harden about it, as a matter of fact, I saw Harden this past spring at the time of commencement and Harden said, "Has Dick O'Dell finished his work?" And when I said no, Harden sort of, I think I could say, smeared and said, "I never thought he would." I imagined it felt as the bottom was falling apart. he was one of the older, middle aged who had come to some position of responsibility in what was hence to a relatively small school?? people in social sciences, history vision the size of it, I don't have the exact ??????. A relatively small group who did help run things and frequently debated things with Harden, but probably on

a relatively civilized scale. Hal Sponburg who was vice president before Bird and then went down from ?????, Michigan. Maybe Sponburg acted as a bumper to some extent. Dick sure was a very demanding scholar as far as his own work went, and probably wanted everything just right, although I'm not sure, he had this about his work, he was dedicated working all these extra hours that might be necessary to push through completion may have been something there. The perennial jobs, perennial ????? not finished about his research or it may have been what he was doing was writing ??? and ?? take kindly to suggestions that he was too involved in work and ??? article for something of this nature. Dick's work was with the anti-slavery activities in Ohio, as I recall. And I remember one of my favorite stories about Dick O'Dell, you would probably appreciate it best because you know Dick and his style, was a we had some discussion. It wasn't really an argument, because we didn't usually argue too much. It wasn't really worth it too much, I usually backed out. But he would tend not to get into debate. He said one of these thoughtful things, he said, "Gene, I think one of the major differences between you and me is on our dissertations. Mine," he said, "was on the anti-slavery movement, and your's was on Bismarck. Anybody else's would have been an insult, you have to recognize the ??????, it was an observation." And I could have taken it ??? I was kind of amused by it, my own people has told me I was awfully friendly toward Bismarck in my dissertation at the time ??? The other thing I recall about Dick is also kind of amusing. When Dick did resign as Department Head I just gotten my degree the previous year and on the ??? people in the department I was the sixth lowest paid and he and the Dean, Dean West decided that I would take over. It is sort of funny if you history great belief in democracy and choice was set up and the Dean called me up one Sunday morning and said "???? would you take over the department head shift, Dick has resigned rather suddenly." And I thought it over and I said, well, I couldn't think of anybody else to take over for him so ????? so I said Ok, and then I went over to see Dick and ??? fine job I saw some of the things he wrote about me ?? wrong ??? see some of the files occasionally see some things were then confidential evaluations but he wrote nice things about me. Bright young men type of ????? and then he said "now there are a few things however I'm a little concerned about you know." He gave me a list of about he said, I'm sure you'll so a fine job" and when he get done with I felt he could have scratched the whole thing. ???????? He probably still ??? exist. We, incidently we went and had a departmental meeting. The first time we did meet was Tuesday morning at eight, that was the vacant time then for four credit courses. ??? Tuesday at eight, we all gathered including some people like Jim ??? who hadn't seen eight o'clock in a long, long time. West and O'Dell were out front and made the announcement, said, "Dick has resigned as Department Head, Gene will take over. Dick doesn't want to give his reasons as why he ?????????, any questions?" There was a stunned pause, I was the only one who

had the faintest idea as to what the meeting was about. Finally it was Jim Rouso or somebody just "you're resigning from the university?" And Dick said very solemnly and politely, "No, just department head, I'll be teaching full time. No other questions?" There was a couple people who knew, Sony who was, there were mixed opinions about Sony as department head material was at that time under pressure because his dissertation done and so he was on a leave. So Dick as a teacher I was interested in I got very mixed reviews, people either tended to like him or to be rather critical of him. He went along with the . He was inclined to take grade points off for poor attendance and things like that. He was conservative in a number of ways. He was a good conservative old-fashion scholar. It didn't help the fact that he was at that time the person who was going to teach Negro History in the late 1960s and there was some hassle there. Dick just didn't do some of the things they were doing and . I'm sure it was very difficult for him. It seems to be, I think some of the pressures were off, and he was always kind of a nervous person, a little bit. Internalized problems, he tended to have a twitch when things were going badly, he would jerk his head, I don't know how much were aware of that, but when things were going bad his head would be twitching quite a lot. At times he got very solid. When I first met him, however, he seemed to be pretty much under control and I certainly regretted his position to resign as department head. I felt that he was one of us, at times it was troublesome to deal with the problems I appreciated him. I think Sondereger, or Sony everyone called him, came just the year before I was and part of the first crew to the 50s. Northern had been pretty small it's mere existence is apparently in some doubt, by the mid-50s after the Korean War in the mid-50s when Edgar Harden came in as president the word was he was holding the students to fix it up or close it up at Northern. And hardly anybody was hired in the late 40s until the late 50s. At that time in 58, the year before I came, people were being added. Sondereger, Jim Rapport, George interesting enough the people hired in the late 50s again were intended to stay the 60s less though for whatever reason. Saunde came here before I did, like myself he had been at the University of Michigan and I had known him before and he probably played some role in my getting hired although I think I was hired somewhat primarily because of my fields they seemed to fit and because we were a 2 - 3 member party we would teach 5-6 different things and they liked my combination.

RMM: What was that combination?

GW: My combination for what I taught was percise both semester Western Civ, I taught everything from the Renaissance to the present to the far east, European and I taught by the end of my third semester I had taught all of those courses. I taught five of them, five preps in my first year. I had 200 students my fall

semester and I am not positive ??? in the spring semester but I had three classes in the spring semester. Anyways Saunde I had known before hand because he was from the upper penninsula, probably more money in his family, his wifes family and also because professors tend to get high. But as someone said "Fresh like an old shoe" and had a comfortable, pleasant ?? and almost everyone liked Saunde somepeople might not always respect him. I always felt he was very well read, ???? down a little on that I have the feeling that he just enjoyed ??? history ?? and I felt I could go and talk to him and say which books have you read and ???? american history and he usually knew most all of them, probably at least stated as well read in the discipline of history as anybody. I got a feeling that some of the questions I asked him ?????? did have ????? one to another. He bought that big, old rambling house on Ridge street and Sailor and certainly ???? about someone who took advantage of the area and seemed to be adapting well to it in all sort of respectilble entertainment such as refurbishing the house and sailing and admiring the outside and we camped out, ??? camper ???? and a friend also ????? including particularly ????????? and actually ??? on one occassion. I wasn't much impressed by ??? personality but at least ??? Saunde

Interview with Dr. Whitehouse (continued)
Tape 3

RMM: OK

EW: Saunde like most of us came here without his degree working on his dissertation. And Saunde like some, now we all responded to it variously, Saunde had much of the work done but he would get somewhere around the stage that I called the dissertation blues or what have you. That is where people get sick of their dissertation and don't see how it is going anywhere. He was dealing with the Indians down in Southeast colonies and I guess he realized that it was going to take a massive reworking to get it going. And I guess he would just sit there and stare at his notes sometimes, go up in, because he had the great working conditions in one sense. He would go up to the third floor in his house probably totally insulated from any noise unfortunately he had a great view right over the lake and I am sure he sat there at times just looking at boats or something and wishing he were out there and accomplishing very little either for his boating or his work. With his general appearance he would never create the impression of being go go go type, false or otherwise. ??? the image and reality can be different, Saunde was one of those that people probably suspected ??? something along ??? plus the fact that his wife, I guess his wife's family had the money in the family and so at least some including I am quite sure Harden felt that Saunde was sort of a gentile goof off and living off his wife's money which probably wasn't ??????. As a matter of a fact Saunde might have been put on extended probation except that ??? his wife ??? started telling him ????? extended probation and he said that he hear the years listed in the booklet, that it would make it enough to be tenured, which is really a case of tenure by fault. In those days the evaluation were confidential, or secretive if you want to call them. So you didn't know what was said about you and you didn't know what promises or criticisms you were being made of you and I think the new system is obviously ??? if only sometimes you can hold people who think you signed this document that says you are going to be done with your dissertation in 2 years so how come you dropped out of school five years ago sort of thing. And now we try very hard to make sure there is a decision you have tenure, you don't ?? standard. So they checked out the years in credit to Saunde by about a half a semester to ?? tenure. Saunde however I think was shaken by that experience and somewhere around the line, either that or probably a lot of other things ?? made the comment about mosquitoes being hit by baseball bats that was an overkill. But I think it did shake him up enough so that he got his act together and did finish up his dissertation. He probably was a mistake to probably go into that particular era, there might have been other eras that he would have been much more interested in, ????? a little harder to pin down as to what he wanted to be in ??? and to say what is his main area of expertise is ????? he came ?????

As a teacher he had good and bad points, ????? a person who looked very obvious. He looked like the sort of person- what you see is what you get. And I thought that there were two or three layers underneath Saunde that you didn't know about. On a personal basis I recall back in 67 at the time that everyone was resigning from the department over the McClellan affair, Saunde and I went to Toronto to a convention ??? We saw 1000's of people every day and at night we went out to relax a little bit. Hardly anybody we saw we ??? but any how we were sitting in the bar of the hotel, a real nice place people were dancing and Saunde had a couple of drinks, not a lot but he was just sitting there watching a good looking blonde dancing with somebody and Saunde looked at her and said you know assuming if I were single I would if I wanted to dance with that girl ??? Saunde if I wanted to dance with that girl I would go over and clobber her boyfriend. And I scuttled up and I sat up and said What Saunde this is you? And he said yeah if I go and ask her to dance he would swing at me first and so I may as well go and hit him. And that was just the sort of thing that I had never thought about and it was almost as if I had discovered Dick O'Dell reading pornography or something. And that is what Saunde ?thought he would operate? I ?? also ??? in the dark you don't think quite as much for Saunde was a small person and I think as a small person assume that and I think ??? some of it. Since the tape is on I won't make any comments about present administers and if I think they have it, but I think that there is this tendency to feel there are small people and they tend to be a little more aggressive or sort of at a discrimination disadvantage and so he just played tough. and he had this nice easy going manner about him, and I guess he had been sort of a hellion in his earlier days and I guess his wife, then fiancée, ?knocked him on his forehead? just to see what he would do, liked to kid around some with the employees. I am sure once Saunde got married, I have a little vibe that he was a straight laid family man. I think he thought very highly of his family values, wanted to be with them and make sure that they did the right sort of thing ??? But just sort of ??? back and ??? and I think that ??? I think Saunde had a pretty sharp temper. If he ??? you know ??? really ??? This showed up a little bit when dealing with students maybe ? not or some of the others and you don't get a lot of work done in a female office you really got it made over there, in a single office. Feel like how lucky you are. That ah Saunde really really was conservative, that single that element, opportunity of employment to be back, ahm not work very hard, (couldn't understand) on the other hand, a ? he was easy going, friendly, cheerful and he didn't want to flunk many of them. Basically I think maybe he passed many of them, he had a reputation of being a pretty stiff grader. Ah I think if anything Saunde could really let his instincts run through and flunk at least as many or more. But he downplayed that, he avoided argumentation he would walk away from ?. And ah tend to be very generous in his grading. He did? I remember having one big debate over value. Ah you could look back of how Saunde grades this. Maybe Saunde would of given a better grade. I should of ? on one

conditional idea, that if I can grade Saunders ?. Ahm that I didn't say that. Ah Saunder really didn't have a sort of old fashion liberal arts expectations of students, basically but certain ? ? ? he had a reputation of enthusiasm, ? and you could usually be lead into antidote after antidote, after antidote you can. Ah I think that what now they have through there education later they listen and paid attention and didn't worry about the days they had and I think that is true. I think the rule ? is sort of creative melodramatic ? education that particularly in this younger generation. (couldn't understand this sentence). They had time to take in or had an easy grade, and I don't think it effected anything and others took advantage for what he was. (??) he certainly in ?? others had a mixed opinion. And I hopefully feeling because of ? and the how the evaluations turn back. If you think that is not necessarily the answer to a higher grade on student evaluations. Because if they think your easy, they think they are tough (this sentence is hard to understand) very difficult question so really they figure the answer, if your halfway literate you will get a good grade. (Couldn't understand this sentence)...pretty well, even though the grade average might be pretty high, depending on how the word Finkbiner gives an easier grade take whitehouse or ah, ? Saunder ? conservative respected constantly. I sometimes think people misunderstood what Sandy had to offer. Sort of mixture of feelings. Which I am not sure I clearly understood it or to be fair but I ? ? had this intriguing ahm, it looks so open on the surface. I don't think ahm ? ? making waves he was ? ? he was so tired of ?. ? damage and that kind of ahm ??? a ??? out of all the things that he was ????? (I cannot understand the next sentence). When, ahm, ??? left, ahm, he became the assistant to the, ah, vice president. Sandy, ??? ah, and I became associate dean. (this whole sentence is hard to make out) If he should become department head, interim, while there aren't many chair people, whole bunch of new people. I would ? of it, ? would ? of it. Ah I would ? of it, if had my druthers I would rather ? be department head than coach ? plan it ??. Ah, the other ?? choices for Chair, I stepped down, after this, I had been acting ?, I stepped down because I didn't want to stay, there was going to be sort of an election. And whoever won would ??? ?? ah they had taken that as a recommendation and ??? would be elected ????? A few years later when ????? and ????? ??? meeting and I assumed I would be ??? congradulations Saunde and ??? obligation and then Saunde became ????? chaired the meetings from now one and I get to sit and observe.

RMM: What year was this?

EW: This was the fall of 1967 about ??? people come back and discovered that Bob McClellan had given terminal notice ??? and left the department and associate dean and Tony ?? been moved and the department head to assistant to the vice president ?? job ??? And everything was occurring at the same time and get that ??? of course I didn't see any competition and ??? a couple of ????? Well

the dean then ?Gary Dixon?, Gary Dixon had been moved back to dean from vice president ?????? neither ??? nor ??? knew that ???? but when the word got to the president, president Harden who was ex-president Harden by then ???? ?????????? but Harden was still there. Harden said no I don't ?????? came out ??? ??? or something ???????? What he heard was what Harden ???? Harden probably ???? administration and realized that the administration is not ??? the administration ?? other times kind of blurred. Alright anyways they were pretty sure there was nothing wrong ?????? Harden ?? So I said I would be associate dean as long as I was still in the history department ???? well ?? But then again ???????? administrator ??? and the faculty ??? handle it ???? people ??? everybody ????. There is Harden ?????? and so finally ??? was willing to back out but they wouldn't let him and ??? take the job ???? long and avoided administrative jobs, about to come back and I can think that Harden might of ??? after this, might of ??? on that he would be interested in ?? anyway in four years and ? would resign in a ???? for nothing. Ahm, That a is the only thing that ??? the only thing ?? be active and the negative negotiations and (the whole sentence is hard to understand) Meeting and ?? the evening??? the good old boy....this section is hard to understand on the tape....be secretary ???????? be back to back?????????????????????. And I had a feeling bad ????. ?????? opportunities. Get back to norms and it was a very hectic ??? Starting off