

Kacie Foster's Interview

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with

Ralph Keto

Red Dust

Me: Kacie's Foster's Interview at National Mine School with Ralph Keto

Me: What years did you work at National Mine School

Mr.K: I started in 1963 and I scored in 1990

Me: As in much detail is possible please describe your job

Mr.K: Now, I taught Industrial Arts in 6th - 7th - 8th grades (pause)

at the evening I (ah) go to Westwood to teach driver's educ.

Me: What was the most difficult part of your job

Mr.K: (Pause) I can't say there is ~~anything~~, I guess. It isn't difficult

Me: How and why did you choose your job

Mr.K: Got out of the service in 1955 started to go to northern Michigan University took a course in industrial Arts there was a opening

(ah) for industrial arts ^{of (ah)} Michigan made so I took that job. ~~that~~ 2

years later (ah) there was a job opening up at National Mine so a coaching job ~~so~~ so I came to National Mine and was the varsital basketball ~~teacher~~ ^{coach}. I also taught fifth grade

Me: OK

Me: Did you see any changes in your duties over the years?

Mr.K: 5th grade ~~7~~ years later (ah) took the industrial arts job here at National Mine, then at ^{that time it} was a high school ~~today~~ it's just a middle school so I had a group of artis and taught high school

Me: Besides Basketball were you in any other activities

Mr.K: Besides Basketball () Oh that one time I was a track coach jr. High coach, ~~B-T~~ B-Team coach

Me: What's a B-T coach

Mr.K: B-Team

Me: Oh, ok

Mr. K Young Jr. Varsity

Me Did you receive any special training

Mr. K For?

Me Your Job

Mr. K Yes I (ah) had a batchler's course in Northern Michigan University
as (ah) Industrial Arts

Me: How long did it take

Mr. K 4 years

Me: Can you explain any exciting ^{or humorous} ~~things~~ ^{advents} that happen during
your teaching career

Mr. K. During my teaching career

Me. Yeh

Mr. K When I was at Michigamme I was ^{not so much here} class adviser and we had a class of three and on a field trip a skip day to (ah) to Washington DC. I drove the station wagon out there for the students $5 \frac{1}{3}$ ~~and~~ toured Washington DC, and of course I drove them back was in 1962

me ~~Whom~~ DC, neat

Me can you describe what your co-workers are like?

Mr. K were like 'or are like

Me Well both (ha)

Kagie
Mr.K I was thinking about past or present
Me Well Both

Mr.K Well I enjoy working with people that enjoy
to teaching and it is a rather friendly
Staff

Me: What about the past

Mr.K Well, it's always been the same I guess ^{its}
^{un} everyone seems to get along with each
other, there's nothing much different

Me really
at ~~one~~ ^{any} time did you ~~ever~~ think of
~~switching~~ ~~jobs~~ careers

Mr.K During part of my 15th year I should of stayed
in with the mining co. that I left at the time

Me Why

Mr.K Financials reasons pay was alot better
Alot Better

Me AHA (yes)

He ~~What speical training did you go to at~~

Me ~~school~~ How did you comunittee feel

Mr.K about National Mine School?

Mr.K Back it up a 100%

Me Did family members or reletives ever work at this school?

Mr.K ~~Did~~ they or are they or what

Me Did they

Me: What were your biggest responsibilities on the job

Mr. K. Responsibilities... maintaining ~~order~~ discipline in the classroom

Me: Any others

Mr. K. and of course seeing that the work that the student turns out is somewhat respectable it's something to look at and not to be discarded once it's taken out that it looks somewhat like it's suppose to

Me: Did you ever win ~~any~~ any special awards or be recognized for your performance job

Mr. K. ~~no~~ (shakes head "No")

Me: What was your fondest memories of National Mineral School

Mr. K. I suppose in 1951 when I graduated we had a skip day and there were 7... St. Marie students I drove my father was the gathering of the other class went across the U.P. (smiles)

Me: Sounds like fun

Me: Do you have anything else you would like to add

Mr. K. I guess that there was quite a change in ~~can't~~ understand! jobs and I

Mrk was a bus driver ~~that~~ was quite interesting

Me: Do you have any memories of the bus driving really went on Basketball trips, Varsity trips

Me: Out of all those.. (interrupted by class coming in) Um. Out of all those (lets finish this another time) ~~Click~~ (walk talk)



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