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A: This is Art Ford. I am here with Bernie Buzgon in his law office in Lebanon. The date is June 4, 2014. We are going to talk a little about Bernie and then about his experience as a college student back in the late '50s and his continued involvement with the College ever since then. So first of all Bernie, tell me your hometown.

B: Lebanon has been my hometown. I have been here all my life and where I'm staying for the moment anyway.

A: (laughing) for the foreseeable future.

B: For the foreseeable future.

A: Your mother and father's occupation, if any.

B: My father had a number of occupations. He was in the furniture business in terms of hauling furniture around, he was in the soda business, but he finally ended up in the beauty supply business. He was a beauty supply jobber; he had his own business. For many years he would be servicing hair dressers with products, had a nice litany of customers. He did that—I can't even tell you for how many years. The worst thing for him is when he had to retire. Also the worst thing for his customers because they really enjoyed him. He was very prompt in delivering and things of that nature. So his primary job, for most of his life, would have been in his own business as a beauty supplier.

A: So he was pretty successful?

B: Yes, he was.

A: How about your mother; did she work?

B: My mother worked in her younger days in factories and primarily later on in retail sales for ladies' wear, things of that nature. Some of the local stores here in Lebanon. Basically, she

helped later on Dad with the books in the business and waited on customers. He operated his business out of their home, and so when he was away, she would help wait on customers as they came and picked up products for beauty supplies.

A: Either one have a college degree?

B: No, neither one. Dad went to eighth grade and Mother did graduate from Lebanon High School in 1933. Dad came over from Lithuania I believe when he was eight years old, but never finished school because he had to go to work and help support the family.

A: What year was that that he came over?

B: Well, he was born in 1914, so he probably came over in 1922.

A: Did he come over mainly for economic reasons; to get a job here?

B: Yes.

A: Was Lithuania not in good shape? Because that was still in the early '20s.

B: Not very good. Being Jewish was not a help either because there was anti-Semitism in that area. So, they came here and finally settled the family in Chester, Pennsylvania. That's where he came from. Just as a side—he was training at what was then the National Guard base in Mount Gretna and he was invited to dinner at my grandparents' place, my mother's parents, because he actually was a relative. As it turns out, he and my mother were second cousins. One thing lead to another and they finally ended up being married. Some people say maybe that's my problem (laughing). So my parents are my second cousins once removed.

A: Do you have any siblings?

B: No.

A: Only child?

B: Only child.

A: That explains a lot, doesn't it? (Laughing)

B: That explains a lot. They threw away the mold.

A: Now you went to high school where?

B: Lebanon High School, class of '55.

A: OK. Class of '55. Were you involved in extracurricular activities there?

B: Yes, mostly sports activities. I played basketball, was on the track team, and those are the two primary things I did athletically in high school. I was probably in clubs, as I recall—don't recall them off the top of my head, but the key club was one of them we had. Things of that nature. I was always interested in athletics, so that was always my extracurricular.

A: What were your favorite subjects there?

B: In high school?

A: Yes.

B: OK. I can tell you what weren't (laughing). History, political science kinds of things; they were the things I liked the most. American History I remember. I liked—I can't recall—Mr. Sincavage taught it; he was one of our football coaches. International Relations I think it was called. Those kinds of things I really enjoyed, more so than mathematics or English, with all due respect.

A: Did you follow those interests in college then, as a major?

B: Well, when I went to college I decided at that point I should major in business and economics, for whatever reason. I had no idea where I was going. So, I became a [Robert] Riley Raider. I started out thinking I was going to be an accountant and I soon realized I didn't want

to be an accountant; I wasn't for "crunching numbers." I did a lot of homework with Darwin Glick, who graduated college; he was my neighbor. He got me through the accounting classes pretty well, but I had no idea that I would end up where I did in the practice of law. I didn't start out that way, I didn't start out with political science or anything of that nature, although I liked those courses with Alex Fehr. But, I thought I was going to be in business in the commercial field of some sort, and come back to work in my father's business. I had no vision at that time as to what I was going to do.

A: We will come back to Lebanon Valley in just a moment. To pursue your career, you did go to law school following your graduation?

B: I went to law school at Dickinson, which is now part of Penn State. After graduation from Lebanon Valley, graduated from there in 1962, during my matriculation at Dickinson, I worked in a local law office. So, I knew I was coming back to Lebanon because that is where my heart was and I enjoyed that practice. So when I did graduate, I came back to the same firm and I've been with this firm ever since.

A: And this is?

B: This is my 52nd year with practice.

A: The name of the firm is now?

B: The name of the firm is now Buzgon Davis. It was a lot of different names over the years, and when we finalized it somewhere along the line, someone wanted me to be the first name for whatever reason, and Davis was the founding partner—Phil Davis was the founding partner—so he is the Davis that is on Buzgon Davis.

A: And you have been married how many the years?

B: Married? Yes. Married in 1962, same year I graduated law school.

A: And still married.

B: Still married.

A: That's over 50 years then too, isn't it?

B: When you're having fun, it goes fast (laughing).

A: OK now—Lebanon Valley College. Since you grew up in Lebanon, you knew of Lebanon Valley College, I suppose. Did you get on campus very much when you were in high school?

B: Well, I got on campus primarily during the Howie Landa basketball days; '52-'53 that great team they had. So I knew things about the College from that stand point. The high school let out at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, we would head right up to Lebanon Valley College and stand in line at Lynch waiting to get into the ball games, obviously enjoyed every minute of watching those teams over the years.

A: How long would you have to wait in line before?

B: Well, we as soon as we got out of school, 3 o'clock in the afternoon—3:15, and we would go run up to the College. I guess they had JV games in those days, which would start at 6-6:30, so we could stand in line one hour and a half, two hours waiting to get in because there were a lot of lines in those days.

A: A lot of people went to those games, didn't they?

B: Absolutely.

A: What was so special about going to those games? Was it the team itself?

B: Well, when you get a local team that is a winner in any sport, you have a tendency to want to follow them. They were just so exciting and played such a great game and had a great coach.

It just was very attractive, as opposed to other teams around were so-so you might say. They made national headlines and being local, we adored going up there. That's the way it was.

A: What was it like to be a spectator in one of those games? What was the atmosphere?

B: I'm a real fan. I'm always cheering and yelling and screaming. You were just into it. It was a neat experience. The only experience I've had close to that, or maybe the same, or maybe a little better, was the 1994 team, Mike Rhoades team, when we went up to Erie—through Erie—to Buffalo State to the Finals of Division III and semi-finals, and to me that was the most tremendous sports weekend I think I've ever had. I really enjoyed that.

A: Was it just because they won?

B: Because they won, primarily. Obviously if we lost, it wouldn't have been as great and a nice thrill. But they won it, and the teams they beat, which were touted much higher than Lebanon Valley, it was just a thrill beyond comprehension in a way.

A: So that's why you got onto the campus. Why did you choose Lebanon Valley as a school to go to?

B: Well part of it was probably economics at the time, I can't remember totally. I could be a day-student, I didn't have to pay for room and board, and I could work locally at the Food Fair—making pretty decent money in those days. It was again, I'm kind of a home provincial kind of guy at staying in the area and it was an attractive place for me to go, and economically feasible for me to go.

A: Do you remember the physical plan of the campus? What were your impressions of that?

B: Well, you know, if you think back, now you see it and you wonder how we were able to stand it. But in those days, it was OK. We had our day-room, in the basement of Kreider Hall,

where most of the day-students hung out between classes, eat lunch, stuff like that. Lynch was there, which was a very nice building and served its purposes and the dorms, compared to today, were nothing, but in those days they weren't that bad. Engle Hall was there, the library was over there off the main street, the administration building which is still there. But, when I try to contrast that with what we have today, you can't even explain it to people today who weren't around what the vast difference is that we have today versus then. But it was old I guess (laughing) but to me it was adequate and served my purpose. I wasn't around that much on campus after school, except when I went to play basketball, so I didn't get involved in too many activities up there—extracurricular activities otherwise I may have been in a few things. Basically, after school I had to leave and go home—hitch hiked my first year back and forth.

A: You hitch hiked?

B: I hitch hiked every day of my first year.

A: Ever have any trouble getting rides?

B: No. None whatsoever. In those days, hitch hiking was common place. Sometimes I would come home at night because after basketball practice, which was probably after 7 o'clock–7:30, I hitch hiked on Main Street and had no problems at all. My second year, my mother let me borrow her car to get back and forth from school. That's how I did it then. But my first year, I hitch hiked or if I could get a ride with one of the students that was coming back and forth to Lebanon. I wouldn't do it today (laughing).

A: You mention Lynch Gymnasium. That was pretty new back then.

B: Yes, it was built in the '50s I guess.

A: And you said you played some basketball there.

B: Yes.

A: What did you do—were you on the regular varsity, JV?

B: I played JV ball, then I eventually made the varsity. I didn't play as much as I would have liked to have played, but the experience was so great, particularly the experiences you recall when you had the road trips and we would go to Wittenberg, we would go to Geneva, we went to Rider, we went to Hofstra, and just going to those what I would call "bigger schools" and being able to play in their gymnasiums was a tremendous experience. We went in cars—that was first class in those days; we had two vehicles that took the players. But just being with the guys and the camaraderie.

A: Do you remember those players; do you remember much about those players? Who are the ones you remember most?

B: Well, we had Barry Skaler, Sam Butz, Hiram Fitzgerald, Hank—what was Hank's last name... He just passed away...

A: Hank Vandewater or something like that?

B: Yes, I think you're right. Hank Vandewater; guys like that. For years, we would get together after we been played and we would have a reunion; come up during the alumni game or something like that. We would all meet—of course we were all spread out over the universe—but we'd meet, came down to my house one time and had dinner, and it was just nice for a few years when we did that. Playing in the alumni games for a number of years was a lot of fun until I realized everyone was 25–30 years younger than me (laughing). My legs started giving me a problem, so I stopped. As I recall the last time I played over at Lynch, I had 4 for 4 from 3-point land and I should have quit that very day, but I did play a couple years after that.

A: I think I saw that game.

B: So I can still shoot (laughing). But, defense was always my weak point.

A: You mention being a commuter and hitch hiking. When you were on campus, what was it like to be a commuter? Did you feel like a part of the campus, or not? Did the commuters hang out together?

B: Yes, the commuters hung out together. We had a nice contingent of people, mostly from Lebanon County as I recall, and as I said we would play Pinochle and eat lunch there, and so forth. That was it. I didn't feel like I was a part of the College community so much, although you date certain women up there and so forth and you got around, but as far as being in the dorms, or as far as being in Philo, Kalo; I was never active in any of those because after school, normally except for basketball, I headed back to Lebanon to work or whatever else I had to do.

A: So it was a little bit like being almost a second-class citizen on campus? Did you feel like the residence students looked down on you for any reason?

B: I don't think so.

A: Treat you any different?

B: I'm sure it was partially our fault because we didn't make an effort to get involved. We didn't have a room there we could go sack out, you know, something like that. We were kind of confined to the day-room and which was OK. But, I don't know that we had enough energy, going back and forth to Lebanon, to get too involved with the community. It was different being a day-student. I still enjoyed it. I was OK. I found out the difference when I went to law school because I stayed on campus. I knew somewhat of what I missed by not being a student in the dorms at the Valley.

A: Let's move on to the academic side of things. You said you started out as a business major, interested in accounting. Then, moved on. Let's stay with some of the faculty. You mentioned that you were a member of the Riley's Raiders. It's Bob Riley who was the chair of business management or whatever at that time.

B: Joseph Tom, John Grace...

A: OK. What do you remember about those faculty members in that department? Were they pretty good?

B: They were all very good. Riley was task-master. If you were a Riley Raider, you knew you earned your stripes. He was not an easy guy in terms of matriculation, and that was OK. That was his job. Dr. Tom, he was OK too. He taught the economics courses. Riley taught mostly accounting courses. But he was fine, too. One time we had to come up with Tom—he taught the marketing—a product, a new product that had never been invented—had to invent one and with the help of my father—I invented something that was a combination of having your hair done—all the things you do to your hair—had done in one fell swoop. You didn't have to go through washing your hair and curling it, whatever else they do. So I came up with that product.

A: Your dad knew a lot about this stuff?

B: He was very helpful. D.J. Grace—he taught Corporations and the one thing I remember about him is that we had one final, which I recall was 100 multiple choice questions and it turned out the answers were all false. So, when you were taking that test you thought “Am I attending the same course that I went through?” (Laughing) It was amazing. I never had that experience before, nor after that. But, every answer was false.

A: It was an easy test to grade.

B: And you really questioned yourself. When you got out of there, “Oh my goodness.”

A: You were that major your freshman year. When did you switch?

B: I didn’t switch. I stayed in business and economics.

A: Oh, I see.

B: And frankly, when I got to my fourth year, I still wasn’t sure what I wanted to do. I did some interviews with IBM, as I recall. Then one night, my parents came home at 1 o’clock in the morning; they had been out with another couple, and they said, “How would you like to go to law school?” It was my senior year, I was just trying to get through Valley at that point. I said, “You mean another three years?” (Laughing) “Where did you get that idea?” “Well we were just out with (Mr. and Mrs. so and so...) and their son is going to law school.” He happened to be another Valley student at the time, and so yes, I took the LSAT. I thought, “Well what else do I have to do? Goof off for another three years.” (Laughing) Little did I realize what was going to happen. Then, I was admitted to Dickinson, and went from there. Coincidentally, the other guy never went to law school. He became a teacher. That’s how I got to law school; a last minute kind of situation. I had never given law school a thought. I figured I’d do my interviews with companies; IBM employers will work with the Red Socks in those days. I obviously never regretted it; best decision I ever made.

A: You did mention that you were interested in some of the other classes; history or political science that would be related to law school, as opposed to preparation.

B: I think the foundation I got at The Valley was very sound and very good because you had the—what do they call it—all around liberal arts curriculum, which I thought rather than having specialized in a certain thing, was good. I enjoyed it. I had Ted Keller for English.

A: What did you think of him?

B: I liked him, I really did. I wrote a paper on syphilis, and did all the research and everything. As I recall, I got the only A in the class. I didn't really know why I did it, but the more interesting one was, from my standpoint, was Maynard Sparks. You had to take "Teachings of Jesus" and I'm Jewish, so you know where that put me. But, it was a required course. I wrote a paper on the Sermon on the Mount, and I was the only person that got an A, which I always found ironic.

A: Who was teaching that, do you remember?

B: That was Sparks.

A: Sparks? Maynard Sparks.

B: He was Reverend Maynard Sparks, "Teachings of Jesus," as I recall. I know they had somebody else there at the time, but I don't know who it was. Being the chaplain at the school, he was teaching it. I got an A on the Sermon on the Mount. I was proud of that.

A: Did you have any sense that he treated you any differently since you were Jewish?

B: Not at all. In fact, I am very good friends with his son. Right now we see each other here and there. But never in my whole college career, or at law school, did I experience any discrimination, any anti-Semitism, that I can recall. That was never a problem. In fact, he taught another course which was Comparative Religions, which was one of my favorites. Learning about all the different religions I thought was really tremendous.

A: And who taught that one?

B: Yes, I think so.

A: No, who taught that?

B: I thought it was Sparks? I thought all of the religion courses were taught by him, I recall him. I could be wrong, but I liked the course. It was one of the more interesting courses they had up there. I liked Alex Fehr. I thought he was tremendous.

A: What was so good about Alex Fehr? I hear a lot of people say they liked him.

B: He was down-to-Earth, I mean he had his ideological political points, obviously, some people in our class were just the converse, it was during the McCarthy era, this one fellow who became a teacher, a local guy, he would have some vicious arguments because he was a McCarthy guy. Alex was of course to the contrary. So we had a lot of juice flowing—major juices flowing: science, current events, politics, things of that nature. I've always been interested in that. I know Alex was great.

A: Was his teaching style mostly lecture or discussion, question and answer?

B: Mostly discussion. I remember we had a lot of exchanges back and forth.

A: He encouraged that.

B: Oh, yes. But that was during the McCarthy era when things were really volatile. Yes, I enjoyed that class very much. Also, I took Public Speaking. Same guy who taught Humanities. I can see him but...

A: Was it Sam Bradley?

B: Yes, Bradley, exactly. I could never speak publicly, and I remember whenever there was an occasion to do it—we had to give a speech: “stand, hold your hands by your side,” I gave some speech about a basketball situation when I was at Lebanon High when we were going to play

Lancaster in the finals for the League Championship, and I wanted to say that we hired busses to take the students from Lebanon to Lancaster and I said, “we hired students to go in busses to Lancaster” and I just kind of froze. I don’t know if I completed that course. The last thing I ever thought was that I didn’t want to become a trial lawyer because I didn’t think public speaking was my forte. But, I always look back and think “how in the heck did I become a trial lawyer?” when I just kind of froze. Now I love to speak and seldom used notes when I was in court when I spoke to juries. It just comes out and that always amazed me about myself.

A: Any other courses you took that you remember in other areas?

B: I think I had Maude Laughlin for three days then she passed away, I think.

A: Really?

B: She had a stroke and passed away. I was sort of looking forward to her with some trepidation.

A: She had something of a reputation, didn’t she?

B: Yes. But I never really got to see much of her or any other...

A: Betty Geffen for anything?

B: I’m sorry?

A: Did you have Betty Geffen for anything?

B: No, Geffen was in history. I had sociology, I forget the name of the teacher I guess.

A: Alice Brumbaugh?

B: Yes, Brumbaugh.

A: What did you think of her?

B: She was fine. She was a good sociology teacher; fit the mold. I had statistics with Gilmore, Prof. [Robert] Gilmore. He had dark-rimmed glasses, I remember he looked the part. I liked statistics. I always did like statistical things. It followed my sports interests; batting averages, all that kind of stuff. I thought it was very interesting.

A: What about the sciences? You had to take science courses.

B: I never had Dr. [Tony] Neidig for anything. I didn't want chemistry because I wasn't going into the medical field or the engineering field. I'm trying not to mix it up with high school—I'm trying to remember what I took. I had biology with—what was his name?

A: [O. Pass] Bollinger.

B: We went out and collected leaves and made our leaf books. I remember that (laughing). I thought that was kind of interesting. I liked biology. I can't recall any other science courses off hand that I had. I'm trying to recall any other professors. I had Dr. [George] Struble for American Literature. I enjoyed that. I liked American Literature. There weren't too many that I didn't really enjoy. There were some I liked better than others, but a good array of teachers.

A: So overall, in the four years, I gather you were impressed with the quality of teaching at the College?

B: I really was. I didn't see anyone that failed as a teacher. Some were better than others. But I thought, as I said before, I got a well-grounded education there. It did me well when I went to law school. No complaints at all. I got my money's worth. It didn't cost much in those days (laughing). I recall something like \$600 maybe for tuition; some low figure. Compared to today, it's disaster to lawyers that are coming out of school and they have six-figure loans they have student loans to pay off, and almost like they are indentured servants for four years. It's just a

horrible situation. In those days, it was still a lot of money. You worked to try and get some scholarship aid, and things of that nature. You muddled through.

A: Let's leave Lebanon Valley for just a moment and we will come back to it. Because I know that you have been involved with Lebanon Valley in a number of ways over the years-

B: In 2015, it will be 60 years that I have been involved with The Valley.

A: Over the years after law school, what was your involvement with the College?

B: Well, I went to basketball games and football games, I know that. Always supported the athletic teams. Eventually, I got on the Alumni Council, which no longer exists and I don't know why; I thought that was neat to have in the College. Someday I wish they would bring that back. Then I was on the Entertainment Committee, which was an offshoot of the council. I was—I am on the Athletic Committee, which does the hall of fame inductions. I am on the LVEP [Lebanon Valley Education Partnership], which is the program between Lebanon Valley College and Lebanon High—scholarships for Lebanon High students who go to Lebanon Valley. I was on the Awards Committee for a while, but I just didn't have the time to devote to it because I was away a lot. I received a citation from The Valley, which I thought was very neat. I cherish that. I am involved in their giving programs, things of that nature. In fact, in the Peace Garden we have a bench that is dedicated to our deceased son. From time to time, I go up there and find some solitude, some time to get away, think about things. I was pleased to see—actually, I didn't know they were going to do that. We were invited up there one day for ribbon cutting for the Peace Garden and next thing I know there is a bench with a plaque on it for our son. That was a neat thing, but once in a while I go up there and just sit there, and take in whatever is to take in

at that time. I feel very proud of the College and what they have done up there has just been tremendous.

A: You mean the changes?

B: The changes that have taken place, the reputation that they have.

A: Has the reputation increased over the years?

B: Oh, I think so.

A: From the point of view, the townspeople, the county itself, looking at Lebanon Valley has it always been a good relationship?

B: I don't live in Annville, and I'm sure there have been problems with the students, and the parking issues, and so forth. I still have a problem frankly with the parking in Arnold—the Sports Center—because you always seem to be walking far. My friends up there who are on security, would be lenient with me because they know I have a bad knee, so they would find a spot close for me near the main door. But the general public coming in, the parking is still a problem up there for people who go into the fitness center, and I guess students park there. I wish they could do a little better there. But to me, Annville itself is more vital because they have a college there. I don't think you would know much about Annville if they didn't have the College there. I think in the old days, the local people had the feeling "why would you want to go to Lebanon Valley College? It's just a local school." And it's always like "I want to go to Penn" or "I want to go to the Ivy League; Penn State." I didn't want to do that. In fact, I went to Lebanon Valley to get away from a lot of the Penn State atmosphere that my friends were going to. Then all of a sudden I find myself being a Penn State alumnus because of the merger, and now I'm getting things from Penn State: well now, you're a Penn State alumnus and you're allowed to buy this

and buy that, and contribute to this—And I'm like no, I'm a Dickinson Law School graduate and a Lebanon Valley graduate. I did not graduate from Penn State (laughing). Not that I don't like Penn State, but it just kind of irks me that I went out of my way to go to Lebanon Valley to avoid Penn State.

A: At the present time, what would you say is the attitude or—what do the people of Lebanon County think of Lebanon Valley College?

B: Oh, I think they think of it very highly. I just saw the graduates in the paper from Lebanon Valley, and I can't tell you how many there were, but I was impressed by the number of local people that were listed in the pictures there and so forth. I think it is highly sought after. Everybody I know who has been an alumnus praise the fact that they went there.

A: Let's come back to Lebanon Valley then. In a broader sense as you look back over your years there and the years since then, what has Lebanon Valley meant to you?

B: What has it meant to me, in terms of any particular area you are thinking of? I can say it is a College I am very proud of, proud to be associated with it, I'm very pleased to be able to be involved in their various programs up there, whether it's sports or other things. It's just a nice feeling, I know a lot of the people up there, a lot of the professors. I get on campus quite a bit because of these various meetings we have, relatively speaking, and it just gives you a good warm feeling to have a school like that in your mix. I just think that everyone around here should be very pleased that The Valley is there. Particularly, for those who can't get away, who can't afford other larger schools; it is an ideal place to matriculate. If I compare it to law school, I don't feel, which has been my livelihood, feel as close to my law school as I do to The Valley,

that could be geographical in some respects, but I don't feel that affinity for my law school as I do for Lebanon Valley, and that's just my personal feelings.

A: Perhaps the final question. This will be fun since you know so much about the College. If someone gave you, let's say a gift of \$10 million and said this goes to Lebanon Valley College, you choose where it goes, what do you think the College should do with \$10 million? What do they need most?

B: You mean a one lump-sum?

A: One-lump sum.

B: One lump-sum of \$10 million to The Valley? What do they need to do with it... I have to think about that one. It probably maybe is in the process of the purchase of the Heisey Farm. The parking facilities have always bothered me. That should be promoted in another way, in some sense. Some people find themselves parking in Cleona almost for football games. That's as far as something they need. But \$10 million, that's very difficult. I think the sports facilities are pretty much where they should be at this point. I don't know how you could get any better with that. So unless there's another program which you could allocate that money to, like we did with the physical therapy. In other words, if there's some way they could get more MBA programs and they could use that money to sponsor or to fund some additional programs so that we could, even in the academic field, rise a bit higher. I know we had a—I think you were a part of it—a committee that was looking into whether we should be named a university. We had one meeting and that was the end of that. I don't think we should be named a university. I think that if we could do something to raise, in the eyes of others, other than those that are around here, the level of academics at The Valley and use that money to fund that. I think that's

what I would like to see. Compare us—not to name other schools—in the area that people think have a higher rating or whatever—really don't when you look at the facts of the situation. I think that's probably where I would like to see that money go.

A: OK. Finally—this is the finally, finally—Is there anything else that you would like to say to people that may be will listen to this 100 years from now? Or do you have any notes that you have from being here that you want to make sure you get in? Now is the time to do it.

B: I think we covered most of what I was thinking about. Again the thing that hits me, is being associated 60 years with the same institution. It's hard to comprehend and sink in that you could be associated and still continue—I went to Lebanon High School and has on some committees—but I don't feel particularly associated with them like I do the College, and the activities. I enjoy going to the reunions and seeing the people. We should get more people up for those, but it's always nice to see your classmates and things of that nature. So, I guess the only other thing I remember from those days when I was around and not going back to work; hanging out at the Co-Ed, hanging out at the Hotel Annville, hanging out at Hot Dog Frank's, and places of that nature, which were neat and no longer exist. The Annville Legion we used to go over to and play pool.

A: You weren't a veteran (laughing).

B: No, I somehow got in. I think there was a social membership there and they let us play pool. Drinking beer here and there; of course when we were of age.

A: Of course.

B: The Co-Ed and Hot Dog's, and a lot of good times at the Hotel Annville.

A: What was Hot Dog Frank [Aftosmes] like?

B: Hot Dog Frank? He was just a great guy. He treated you well, he was always smiling. He came to all of the games and rooted for the team. He never did anything for me personally, but if you ever needed a couple of bucks while you were in school, he would lend it to you. Maybe you paid him back, maybe you didn't, but he didn't care. It was just the way he was. It was a pleasure going in there and hearing him go back and forth with his Greek accent. They were great hot dogs; onions and chili. We still enjoy Hot Dog Frank Day up there at the College.

A: Yes we do.

B: From the social angle off campus, those were things you would remember. There was the Allen Theatre, but that was a little different in those days. It is nice they have that kind of theater there. It gets you going to Annville every once and a while. Annville is just a neat town and they've done a nice job up there. The College I think and the town complement each other. It's all just a nice setting.

A: I think Hot Dog Frank might be a good way to end this. His statue is there in the Peace Garden, and you said you like to sit there sometimes. Hot Dog Frank is there.

B: Hot Dog Frank is there, but I wish the vocal tape they were going to have of him and announcer Paul Harvey. That would've been tremendous. I guess it didn't work out.

A: Never worked out, yes.

B: That was—I still hear that today in some places. I heard it within the past year. You still get goose bumps when you hear that. Hot Dog of course, who passed away just then. Hot Dog is there, same statue, same little guy, but that's a nice effect. The garden is really a nice thing.

A: Well Bernie, I think we are going to end at that point. Thank you very much. I appreciate your time.

B: My pleasure. Thank you for asking me.

A: Good to see you again.