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Side One

BLANEY: This afternoon's interview is by Robert W. Blaney. It takes place at O'Connor Woods, and it's with Harold S. Jacoby. The date is 7-22-1998. The place of the interview is O'Connor Woods in Stockton, California. Okay, we're now going.

JACOBY: Well....I was just thinking about my freshman year...

BLANEY: Mmm mm.

JACOBY: ... I went out for basketball, and, uh, I was a walk on. And not a very helpful one at the time. But, uh, turned out that I... we were playing Santa Clara. We were in Santa Clara...and uh...I... let's see.....if you could hold it up for a minute... uh...

BLANEY: Sure.

JACOBY: and uh...I'm trying to think of the name of a chap.

BLANEY: Well that's okay.

JACOBY: Well anyway, he was a junior....

BLANEY: Uh huh.

JACOBY: ... and in a fraternity and so forth and so on. And we decided we would hitchhike over to the game. So we hitchhiked over to the game which was in Santa Clara. And the first thing we ran into when I got into the outer precincts, uh, run into [COP basketball coach] "Swede" Righter, he says, "what shoes, what size shoes do you wear?" I told him. He says, "Do you think you could put on these shoes and play ball?" Yeah. Turns out that one of the players had gotten sick, and uh, he decided he was not fit for playing.

BLANEY Uh huh.

JACOBY: And so I put on his uniform, put on his shoes and so forth. I got into the game for about three or four minutes of the first half, and some of the second half. Didn't accomplish anything either, but I did manage to get into the basketball game as a freshman.

BLANEY: Oh.

JACOBY: And, uh, then the payoff of that was they didn't have room for us on the buses that they had for the team, so two of us, Al Trivelpiece was the name of the fellow, and I had to hitchhike home after playing...

BLANEY: Oh gosh.

JACOBY: ... the game. So, uh, your impression of the changes in the curriculum from your initial introduction to the present day. Well, I cover such an...

BLANEY: Oh I know.

JACOBY:... enormous period of time. That, uh, by the time I finished my sophomore year...

BLANEY: What year would that be?

JACOBY: Well, let's see...I started....

BLANEY: You started in the 20's, did you?

JACOBY: Oh I don't know..... 37.....36.....35...I came to college.... The picture that was shown here...

BLANEY: Oh that's twenty-what?

JACOBY: Yeah....shows....

BLANEY: Twenty-seven, isn't it? Or...let me see what it says...oh, excuse me.... yeah--1927 Varsity team.

JACOBY: I was already on the varsity.

BLANEY: Yeah. But I think probably the question was more when you came as a faculty member. Or maybe even more pointedly, after you retired as Dean and then went to Millsaps and then came back.

JACOBY: Oh there is so much more...so many phases of this....

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: ya know. Uh, basketball I gave up by the time I was a junior. And...I can't remember the sequence, anyway, I came under the influence of Paul Arthur Schilpp who was an outspoken radical on all issues and so forth and so on. And, uh, very much of a scholar...in the

body...in his interest and so forth. And uh, so by the time he got a hold of me, maybe in my junior year, I was... uh... I had long since given up the idea of becoming a varsity basketball player, and uh, I can't think of there being any particular changes in the curriculum. During my undergraduate days, I didn't think of undergraduate days as being a time period, when it was appropriate for an undergraduate student to insist on changes in the curriculum.

BLANEY: Sure. What about since you resigned as Dean, what changes in curriculum when you came back from Millsaps after you'd been away for awhile.

JACOBY: Well, let's see. I went down to Millsaps largely after I had been a Dean here. And uh....

BLANEY: Yeah, I think that was from sixty-eight to seventy-one you were at Millsaps, I think.

JACOBY: No.

BLANEY: Then came back in seventy-one and taught from seventy-one to seventy-six.

JACOBY: Yeh... and uh, I don't..... I was impressed, but I was not extraordinarily so. We didn't....see, things have changed so fast...

BLANEY: Sure.

JACOBY:that uh, if you wanted to put in a new course--you put in a new course. I played the game, in a couple of areas, of... uh... submitting a proposal to the Dean at the time and no question about anything I proposed. It sailed through without any question, so the idea of there having to be a committee...

BLANEY: A curriculum committee.

JACOBY: Yeah, a curriculum committee. I think I introduced that as much as anything. I just don't remember.

BLANEY: What was your favorite course that you taught?

JACOBY: Well, ya see, I was aI can't say there was any particular..... Criminology probably as much as any one thing, and I would pretty much do the same thing year after year after year, up until the time that Tully Knoles called me in and said, "Look, would you be willing to be Dean?" We didn't, we weren't looking for a Dean, see? We designated somebody for the position. And uh, that was an amazing thing as far as I was concerned. So I became the Dean from sixty-two...

BLANEY: ...to sixty-eight...

JACOBY: To sixty-eight, yeah. And then what did I do? I was asking for one year's leave of absence and it turned out that the thing that was really possible was a job at a Methodist school out in Mississippi.

BLANEY: That was Millsaps, right?

JACOBY: Yeah.

JACOBY: And, we were very much interested in that. We had never been to the South, we were concerned with the race relations and so forth. So we went down for one year, in about April... March, April... I was called in by the Dean down there who wanted to know would I stay on a year as Dean down there. He wanted to get out of the position...

BLANEY: Uh huh.

JACOBY: ... the same way I wanted to get out of the position up here.

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: And so uh, it gave us a chance to sit for a second year at Millsaps, and then we were looking for a replacement, and we were just about to name a replacement when the President down there pronounced that he had accepted the Presidency of the....um... can't think of the....

BLANEY: That's okay. And then you were Acting President, weren't you?

JACOBY: No.

BLANEY: Oh.

JACOBY: I was.. See, he wanted to...leave at the end of the year.

BLANEY: Oh. Uh-huh.

JACOBY: Uh, I agreed, yes, I'd stay on in that particular case. But it turned out that uh, he was called away from the county campus in Jackson to University of North Carolina.

BLANEY: Oh. Uh-huh.

JACOBY: No, I mean the University of North Alabama.

BLANEY: Oh. Uh-huh.

JACOBY: And uh, they were in kind of a mess and so forth, and so it would be the question would I stay on for a second year, and a third year. And uh, there was a period of time in there in which I was the Acting President.

BLANEY: Oh.

JACOBY: Largely because no one was doing it because the President had left already to go to ... North Alabama.

BLANEY: North Alabama.

JACOBY: ...And uh, I forget....there were three of us appointed to run the show...

BLANEY: Uh huh.

JACOBY: ... during that particular period. One was a business manager and one was something else and so forth. I was the logical one, because I was....

BLANEY: Sure.

JACOBY:out of an academic line. And so then I stayed on for another year while they looked for a new president. And uh, so that's my period of time...So at the end of the third year I was invited to stay on but I disqualified myself and decided I wanted to get back here. When I got back here, there wasn't any job really for me.

BLANEY: Oh.

JACOBY: I was very unhappy at the situation, because they had... there had been this effort to improve of course, and I think that the committee had gone east to look into the....I forget what it was called...but anyway, when I got back, there were two or three new people, all of whom I approved, but I didn't have to, but I mean I was not happy about it. Each was a qualified person in a specialty and what was I to do? And I was very unhappy there for awhile. [Sociology professor, M. Lewis] Jack Mason was the chairman of the department at the time, and he sort of understood what the situation was but he apologized for the situation somewhat. I'm not sure we made many changes at that time in the curriculum, all I remember was that I was the, the uh....my job was basically I will teach everything, anything that nobody else wants to teach.

BLANEY: The suffering servant, huh?

JACOBY: Yeah...and I made it clear that I was not coming back as Dean.

BLANEY: Right.

JACOBY: Uh, so thatthat was....

BLANEY: Why did you resign as Dean?

JACOBY: Why?

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: Well.... because I think we're headed there.. I couldn't get along with the Vice-President.

BLANEY: Uh huh. Was that [Alistair] McCrone at the time?

JACOBY: No. He..... let's see how this worked out...

BLANEY: I was trying to remember who that was.

JACOBY: He had the same name as the Dean...as the President down at Millsaps, and he came here one year getting used to the thing. And he was a very attractive young man and he was quickly grabbed up by this school in southernwell he stayed on there for a long time but he was offered the Presidency....

BLANEY: Oh, I see.

JACOBY: ...after the one year.

BLANEY: Actually I can't remember his name either....so...that's okay.....[Academic Vice President Wallace] Graves was it?

JACOBY: Yeah right.

BLANEY: Of course, Wally Graves...

JACOBY: And he was...spent the first year getting used to the school. The second year he was getting ready for the next....

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY:...to the next school of life.

BLANEY: As others did.

JACOBY: And uh...we had a...I guess...a difference of opinion .

BLANEY: Uh huh.

JACOBY: A couple of times.

BLANEY: Was your office still in Knoles Hall at that time or...?

JACOBY: Yes.

JACOBY: Yes. My office was...well that was another part of this picture....He was the Academic Vice-President. Oh darn, anyway, he and I worked well together...

BLANEY: Oh, prior to Graves?

JACOBY: Yeah. And uh, he went from here to the University of N. Caro.... North.oh what was it....

BLANEY: You mean Jack [Academic Vice-President John] Bevan?

JACOBY: Yeah.

BLANEY: Oh yeah.

JACOBY: No. It wasn't Bevan, oh no.

BLANEY: No.

JACOBY: No.

BLANEY: Sam [Academic Vice-President Samuel] Meyer?

JACOBY: Meyer. Meyer was my sponsor and so forth. We had worked well together.

BLANEY: And [Robert] Burns was President wasn't he?

JACOBY: Yeah.

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: Burns had been President for several years at that time.....

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: And uh, anyway, I had been working strongly to make improvements in conditions for the staff.

BLANEY: Right.

JACOBY: And I presented a rather strong case about that, and turned it over to, uh, this man we were talking about...

BLANEY: Oh, Wally Graves?

JACOBY: Yeah, Wally Graves. And uh, Wally Graves sort of took it personally and he.....I've got a few...some stuff... can I break it off and get the...?

BLANEY: Sure. [Blaney shuts off tape recorder]

JACOBY: I had written directly to the President. I think that was part of the thing...to Burns, because I knew him very, very well.

BLANEY: Sure.

JACOBY: Fraternity brothers, and so forth and so on. Uh, this....

BLANEY: Great.

JACOBY: ...Vice-President...

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: ...didn't take it at all kindly. And uh, he wrote back, a statement back that we were "very well taken care of and don't let anybody..." Well that was...that was pretty much enough of what I was...

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: Anyway, uh, I was not set to be a Dean. I didn't know what a Dean was supposed to do. Although I knew we had a Dean at one time, [Fred] Farley, who was the Dean of the College when I came here, and his major function was that he would walk up and down the hall and identify the students who were about to have a birthday. Tully Knoles was his own Dean, in

terms of that particular thing. So that he was... I had no pattern to follow and so forth. And I had gotten into, oh, a number of... I should get...

BLANEY: Oh that's okay.

JACOBY: A number of things that, uh, I don't remember the exact terms...but uh...

BLANEY: Well, you were concerned, I remember, about grade inflation, I think.

JACOBY: About what?

BLANEY: About inflation of grades.

JACOBY: Well...I..

BLANEY: I remember you put together a statistical...

JACOBY: Oh yes. Well that was part of my job. I just... I assume it's necessary.

BLANEY: Sure.

JACOBY: The grades were in the picture and then there were decisions about new people who were asked for by departments and so forth and so on. So I think I had a lot of things to do... but I am not a notoriously excellent Dean.

BLANEY: ...[not] an administrator at heart...

JACOBY: Well, I enjoyed the year, but I was not too happy about...

BLANEY: Right.

JACOBY: ... whoever did this...but uh... [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] "Who are the individuals at UOP that you have most admired and why? (Or most memorable?)"... Well of course [as an] undergraduate would be Paul Schilpp. Under my third year as Dean, would have been, uh.....

BLANEY: Bob Burns?

JACOBY: Huh?

BLANEY: Bob Burns? Or.....

JACOBY: Oh no. I had no respect for Bob Burns.

BLANEY: Oh really?

JACOBY: I liked him.

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: But..... no, it was the...uh...uh...it was the Vice-President under....under...

BLANEY: Oh, [Academic Vice-President Samuel] Sam Meyer [1958-65], ya mean?

JACOBY: Meyer, yes. He was....He and I still maintain correspondence.

BLANEY: Is that right?

JACOBY: Yes. Yeah...he's...he is in worse condition than I am.

BLANEY: Well that's one....I guess.

JACOBY: [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] "What changes do you see in the student-faculty administrators and staff?" Well there's....one of...I was not aware of this when I came back.

BLANEY: Let's see. [UOP President, Stanley] McCaffrey [1971-87] was president then?

JACOBY: Yeah. It was just at this time Burns had died ... and McCaffrey was selected, and I have no great respect for him, no doubt about it. In my personal opinion the administration had some problems. Well, Burns was a good operator. Except ...Yeah, he functioned successfully only when he had a a...only when he had a...a ...ahow would you say? A good functionary.

BLANEY: Like [Financial Vice-President, Robert] Winterberg?

JACOBY: Well, yeah, in a way. I didn't have anything to do with Winterberg, other than recognizing him as a pleasant... ..guy. But, uh, I was very much involved with Burns. There were so many things that I would have done differently, but I was never asked...

JACOBY: ...in that respect. So uh, but those things he did as the President that functioned fairly well...most of the time it was the product of his lieutenants who did the...had to work on that

particular stuff.

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] “How did controversies between the faculty, Deans and the administration affect your department and it’s growth?” Well, of course it never did affect the department.

BLANEY: Well how about the college? Did it affect the college? When you were Dean?

JACOBY: Uh...I don’t think so. We functioned pretty much as we always had been. We...I made sure for one thing that we had a....we had a department of Political Science. We had no Political Science department up until the time I was in the...

BLANEY: Oh, so you established....or got that established?

JACOBY: Uh, see, [Political Science Professor, Malcolm] Eiselen was...

BLANEY: There was History and Political Science.

JACOBY: Right, History and Political Science. And basically there were no Political Scientists. It was, in my mind, who’s that? There was so many places where we forgot about certain things because they had never been done before.

BLANEY: Yeah...Yeah.

JACOBY: And so forth, but uh, [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] “How would you describe the campus during the turbulent days of the 60's?” Well of course, I wasn’t particularly around here at that particular time. The turbulent times of the 60's... [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] ”What do you remember about the students and their activities?” Well, I was very much upset by a number of ...let’s see...where? Where am....where can I....? Oh boy. I need the...um... certain activities.....

BLANEY: Well, that would have been when you were Dean. From ‘62-’68.

JACOBY: That’s right. Oh dear... [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] “What issues were you involved in that stand out in your mind as important to the growth and development of COP?” There is so much of it.

BLANEY: Oh, I know!

JACOBY: If you had asked me this thirty years ago...I might have remembered it.

BLANEY: Well, you covered a lot of them in your book [*Pacific: Yesterday and the Day Before That* (1989)] too, I think.

JACOBY: Well, that's my....my feeling.

BLANEY: Yeah. Uh, the controversy between the faculty and the administration over faculty governance.

JACOBY: Those were individual items...

BLANEY: Yeah.

JACOBY: I...that book was not designed...

BLANEY: No, it was...Yeah, I understand that...You just took a group of essays you put together, right?

JACOBY: Yeah. [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] "How would you describe the campus today?"

BLANEY: But you were...were you.... I'm trying to remember... I think you were Dean when [Art Professor] Larry Walker and Herb Reinelt and some of the rest of us put together the faculty government structure?

JACOBY: Oh yes.

BLANEY: It came out of the Friday Lunch Forum....sort of....

JACOBY: I was very much threatened I suppose one could say, and uh, I was ripped up. It's all in my...files back here, but they are not well organized.

BLANEY: Yeah, sure. You should see my files.

JACOBY: Yeah I know... [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] "There is a feeling among the campus community today that UOP has entered into a period of change with the new planning documents of the new administration. Would you agree with this?" Well yes. I think that my stepping aside opened a way up for a whole host of new changes in that particular area. [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] "What are you involved in currently at UOP which holds your greatest interest?" I'm not. I am finding it very difficult to get around. I did get around on my bicycle...and my walker, but I had to give up my bicycle, which I did bring with me [to O'Connor Woods], but uh.....

BLANEY: I remember you used to ride it around campus.

JACOBY: Oh yes. I rode it around here for a...time. But uh, I was just a little bit uncertain as to...that particular thing. [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] “What contribution do you feel UOP has made to the Stockton community?” I don’t think that UOP has made much of a.....except in regard...one has to go back to the very first year, between my active involvement in things going on here. [reading from UOP Archives Personal Interview Outline] “What did you see as being special about UOP in the past, and what hopes do you have for the campus’ development in the future?” Well, I’ve been a bit encouraged by the most recent selection of President. I was not at all impressed by either McCaffrey or his successor [Bill L. Atchley]. But, uh, I think with McCaffrey I was somewhat involved with his successor, I mean, you know, anything at all. But uh, I’m very confused...

BLANEY: And I think you, uh, covered your community activities, well, sort of in the book, but really in a way you didn’t, did you? About your activities, uh... that you...

JACOBY: Well, I’ve been interested in the extent to which my I was awarded that two years ago [he shows Blaney].

BLANEY: And this is the [reading] “University of the Pacific Amos Alonzo Stagg Award, presented to Harold “Jake” Jacoby who has earned a Pacific varsity athletic award and has lived a life of integrity, dedication, idealism and team spirit, as personified by Mr. Stagg, April 22, 1997.”

JACOBY: Well I knew Mr. Stagg very, very well. And I was thinking this came along in ‘97, see, we were...we moved in here I think in ‘96.

BLANEY: That’s the current awards, right?

JACOBY: Yeah. There is another honor that came to me, and that is that, uh, I was honored because of what I had accomplished for the community and so forth and so forth. I’m not sure that that was valid, and I could easily have walked out of that. There wasn’t anybody else doing anything at the time that I was active. And I was active in this.... oh.... heaven’s to Betsy! I was President of....

BLANEY: Community Civic...?

JACOBY: Yes. I was active in getting...

BLANEY: Council for Civic Unity I think it’s called. Oh, and Stockton Community Council. (I’m just reading) ...and Leader of United Crusade.

JACOBY: Oh, I was in the United Crusade, uh...quite definitely.

BLANEY: And I also read somewhere in the files that you ran a campaign for voter registration, I think? Some time ago?

JACOBY: Yes! Joyce [Mrs. Harold Jacoby] was more active...

BLANEY: Oh was she?

JACOBY:in voting poll registration, particularly. Oh there are so many things to touch upon. These questions that are in this....

BLANEY: Oh, I know. Yeah. I had some other questions. I wondered, um, if your experiences as the Chief of Internal Security at Tule Lake Relocation Center...if those added to your courses... or your teaching of your courses?

JACOBY: I don't think so. My work in the Tule Lake operation ceased when I left the organization and went overseas [1944].

BLANEY: Oh I see. Yeah.

JACOBY: In a totally different title. A lot of my experiences did benefit me, but uh, not in any way connected with the work that I was doing. In one case, it was a matter of maintaining control, and in our case it was a matter of simply performing enough things to keep everyone happy....and so forth. I had a difficult time about a month or so or two ago. And so I can tell you more about it, I and it seems to benefitted now, at least it's apparent right now. But, uh, I could uh... I forget things. And my uh...memory of development--I can't even remember without her helping me, about the sequence of events.... when did I come to Tule Lake? When did I go to the Middle East? Davenport and so forth. We, uh....

BLANEY: Well that was a long time ago.

JACOBY: It was a long time ago, but it's more than that. It's the fact that in the last, uh, oh I would say two years, I have not been able to remember things.

BLANEY: Well I'm a lot younger than you, and I still...I have trouble remembering things too.

JACOBY: Well, I had a rather startling experience recently. My doctor led me to get a ..oh, what do you call it? A brain scan. An MRI. Came back to him for...this response was scary. Really scary. He said I don't have any medicine for you. I don't have any..any... You're through.

BLANEY: Oh really?

JACOBY: I wrote him a letter.... a short letter... that was not very useful...after...

BLANEY: After the doctor told you there was no hope? Wow...

JACOBY: It says, "The condition you have at this stage is called multi-infraction dementia. It is associated with some cognitive impairments, but it is not a galloping condition." In other words, it's not going to get any worse....fast. "It tends to be a stuttering condition, and considering the fact that you are 90+ years old, you are doing remarkably well. Your cognitive state is also excellent, though your expectations of yourself are excessive and demanding." I don't know what he meant by that. But uh....

BLANEY: Huh... Is he an internal medicine person?

JACOBY: Well..... a little bit of everything.

BLANEY: Little bit of everything?

JACOBY: Yeah. I'm looking [through some of his papers]. Oh yes. [he finds what he was looking for] To President Burns, [from] Wallace Graves, Dean Jacoby's analysis of the faculty load situation in 1966. "In my opinion, the faculty load situation at the College of the Pacific is not, on the whole, seriously out of kilter." [reads] "As Dean Jacoby points out, some of the overload is represented by exceptional temporary problems, sudden deaths, leaves of absence, furthermore our system is giving out teaching load credit for advising, laboratory supervision, and so forth. Somewhat more generous than that provided at many institutions." So he's...this is the spanking that I got out of this. [continues reading] "Jacoboy now lists five departments that require additional personnel. History has now declared it doesn't need any additional persons because it has arranged for some part-time help. And Dr. [Richard] Von Alstyne has given....." And so forth and so forth. Well you can get the idea that he wasn't too happy with me. This was the paper to Wallace Graves that acknowledges the faculty load situation. And this is the one that got....that got Graves angry because I showed the report to Burns first.

BLANEY: And this was in 1967.

JACOBY: December '66. And the fact is that I...by proper procedure I should not have shown it to anybody other than Graves and so forth.

BLANEY: You went over Graves' head....

JACOBY: Well I did.

BLANEY: ...so he got upset. Yeah.

JACOBY: But I did it largely because Burns is a good friend of mine.

BLANEY: Sure.

JACOBY: And uh... the ratio of faculty to student hours...and so forth and so forth. So you...

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BEGIN TAPE SIDE TWO

BLANEY: Okay, this is a continuation of an interview between Bob Blaney and Jake Jacoby. And we're looking at a letter that Jake wrote to [Academic Vice-President Wallace Graves] Wally Graves. And some other documents he produced when he was Dean of the College.

JACOBY: Since '62 several changes have occurred in the structural make-up of the College of the Pacific. This was all non-controversial since it was a report on the operation of the College of the Pacific. And uh, anyway...

BLANEY: Now is this in the archives? Do you know?

JACOBY: No. I don't know whether it is or not. Actually they were...I've been thinking about turning this over to [Dean of COP, Robert] Benedetti. I am very much high on Benedetti. I think he is a tremendously fine person. But....

BLANEY: Oh, and I see you took a... um.... stab at the football program here too.

JACOBY: Well I wasn't a football player, I admit it. At a recent faculty meeting I took the liberty of presenting some remarks on the subject of the nature and objectives of the college. Which I had hoped would lead to some room for discussion. At that time it was suggested the paper be duplicated and distributed. Apparently it was done...I haven't gone through this stuff.

BLANEY: What was the title of that?

JACOBY: This was, eh, Did you read this paper at an early date? Before the end of the semester? Or at latest, some time this summer?

BLANEY: Oh, and this is...May 5, 1990...

JACOBY: What is your conception of acquiring a liberal education? How would you change the requirements to achieve it? Uh... How might the College of the Pacific achieve it's distinction without.... and so forth. This was some of my work at that time.

BLANEY: Yeah, and it seems to me, you really helped to establish, or begin to establish the college as an independent unit, over and against the cluster colleges.

JACOBY: Well, the cluster colleges were a threat. "Next Steps in the College of the Pacific: A Position Paper." Do you want to look at all this and see if there is anything here?

BLANEY: Well I think all of this would be helpful to be in the files so they don't.... I haven't seen the complete file....but uh...

JACOBY: College of the.....

BLANEY: Because you know, teaching loads is still a controversy at the University.

JACOBY: Oh yes! Oh yes, I can imagine. What is this? This is a Report to the Danforth Committee to the Faculty of the College of the Pacific...Report OF the Danforth Committee... And this would include [members of the COP Council, 1968-69]: [History professor, Walter] Payne, [Geography professor, Roger] Barnett, [Economics professor, William] Darling, [Athletic Director, Cedric] Dempsey, [History professor, Donald] Grubbs, [Mathematics professor, Floyd] Helton...Helton lives right down the hallway...

BLANEY: Oh does he?

JACOBY: Yeah. [French professor, Janine] Kreiter, [Political Science professor, James] MacIlwrath, [English professor, Lawrence] Osborne, [Sociology professor, Stanley] Volbrecht, [Communications professor, Paul] Winters. My days are limited here. And if you wanted to take this and go through it. Oh, this had to do with...oh, yes...the chronology of the Deanship.

BLANEY: Oh that would be very helpful. Yeah.

JACOBY: Alright. "Pre-independent period" [early Deans of COP] [Alden]Abbott [1920-27], [Fred] Farley [1927-47], [Lloyd] Bertholf [1948-56], and [Samuel] Meyer [Academic Vice-President, 1958-65]. And here are the...all the...

BLANEY: Uh huh.

JACOBY: Anyway, oh this was what...this is the truth... "Wretched offices of Dean of College of the Pacific are now furnished and decorated. Most humble occupants now invite worthy friends and associates to inspect same on Friday afternoon, 3:30-5:00." This is... this was....

BLANEY: That must have been in a that's when you were in the administration

building...probably in 1965 or so.

JACOBY: Oh, yes. Yes.

BLANEY: '64...

JACOBY: Oh this is just an accumulation of stuff. [Physics professor] Carl Wulfman. "I believe if you look over the events of yesterday in the abstract, you will also come to the conclusion that there was no intention of anyone publicly embarrassing you. As I told you over the phone, when [Philosophy professor]Herb [Reinelt] wanted a reaction to his bringing the matter up at the faculty meeting and the professional relations committee chatted about it for a few minutes. I do not believe"... and so forth. Anyhow, anything that was of significance, I threw in here. This is what? '62.... '66.... here is one to Dean Harold S. Jacoby...Herb Reinelt. And I don't know what's in it, and I don't want to get into it. The Tiger Rag is back... "Harold Jacoby resigns Deanship"...That would probably tell you as much as I could tell you...

BLANEY: I don't remember ever seeing this. It's funny.

JACOBY: Well, suppose you take this folder along.

BLANEY: Okay, sure. 1968, January....hmmm... I was around.

JACOBY: I think this could be better organized chronologically.

BLANEY: Yeah, sure. Okay, I'll be glad to do that.

JACOBY: I would like to have this back. And...if there are things that you think ought to be... in the....uh...Archives.

BLANEY: He could xerox them. They could xerox them at the library.

[a digression follows on subject of Jacoby's physical health, then Blaney turns off taperecorder]

BLANEY: It's on again. I, uh, reread the paper you did, that you shared with me, on the University of the Pacific and the United Methodist Church. And I really appreciated this. It was done in 1990. And uh, at the end of the paper...

JACOBY: Oh, where I ask you to...

BLANEY: You ask, or you made some suggestions, aboutwhat should be the next step... for the University. And I wondered, if you had any further thoughts about that. How we could strengthen the ties between the two institutions: the University of the Pacific and the Church.

JACOBY: Well, I would say that at the moment, I can't think of any, ya know, it's the same thing that's true for my suggestion to strengthen the community....and I suggested with respect to the church....so uh...I'm not sure what the actions that have been taken by uh...

BLANEY: [UOP President Donald V.] De Rosa?

JACOBY: No, I'm talking about the...he was out of Lodi...

BLANEY: Oh. [Dir. of Church Relations] Darrell Thomas.

JACOBY: Yeah, Darrell Thomas. I think he has done a excellent job. And a continuation of that is a major issue.

BLANEY: Right. And you actually suggested that they invite people like [Dr. Philip] Wogamon here for Founder's Day [1998], and they did it. I don't know whether they even knew about your suggestion here.... but uh....

JACOBY: I don't know whether they did or not.

BLANEY: Probably didn't, but...but that was very helpful, and I had forgotten--I read this quite awhile back-but I had forgotten that you had mentioned that in here.

JACOBY: Well...I have a document in the file in here...in the ...uh...well it's a paper by Wogaman, and he has written on it, "Thank you very much for what you gave to me in that course." And so forth and so forth. So I've always been in.....He was a bit younger than I at that time, and uh...I don't know what he did with it. Of course what he's been able to do has been to develop not really the active service in that particular church, but uh.....we were doing something else in that particular area. But uh, I felt all along it was worthwhile. I think I've written him a couple of times. Oh, yes, he's national head...of this organization...

BLANEY: Interfaith Alliance! Yes.

JACOBY: We have maintained support of that.

BLANEY: Me too. That's a very good group.

JACOBY: Yes, and so forth. But uh.... I can't think of any more things...we are not connected really...well, we are...in a sense and can be, perhaps uh.....ooooohhhh..... I know exactly what I want to say...

BLANEY: But you can't articulate it....

JACOBY: Yeah...

BLANEY: That's uh....very frustrating.

JACOBY: But uh...he's uh...anyway, they've been very, very helpful. Largely, initially to my son. Several years ago when my son was trying to find a spot of work, and hang out while the state was deciding whether he was or was not a conscientious objector.

BLANEY: Oh. Uh huh.

JACOBY: And so forth. So that, uh... his wife's name's Carol. They're very active...

BLANEY: Oh, [Rev. Robert G.] Bob Olmstead [Pastor, UMC]?

JACOBY: No. No.

BLANEY: Is he a minister?

JACOBY: No. Anyway, so...uh, there are a number of members of Central Methodist (Central Church) here in the constituency.

BLANEY: Oh, in O'Connor Woods...

JACOBY: But, uh...we had been going down to service...oh, twice a month or something like that. We're not getting around to that now though, at all. But, uh...now, was there anything else?

BLANEY: Well I have one other question: What was it like to be a, well I don't know if you were a student or a professor or both, and have your father as chair of the Board of Regents?

JACOBY: I'm not sure very many persons ...knew that...Well, I think they might have known it, but they just....uh, not very important. And I will say that Dad operated very circumspectly. He was....well, if you've read that chapter....

BLANEY: I did, yeah.

JACOBY: He was... he was not... well put it to him, probably he'd say yes. But he was not overly aware of what was done, because he was not a college person. He lacked any...well, you know that score....

[here Dr. Jacoby seems to have reverted back to the topic of his tenure as COP Dean]

Well, I was sort of halfway negative on the subject, because I was very much aware of why I could not contribute. I'm... I have excellent connections with Bob Benedetti. I think he is terrific. In fact, he's supposed to get in touch with me this next week, and we'll have lunch together someplace, and so forth.

BLANEY: Well, I hope you do that.

JACOBY: Well, I hope I do, for my sake.

BLANEY: Well, even if he has to come here, he'd be glad to do that I'm sure.

JACOBY: Well, he doesn't.... I've had him here as a guest. But there are a lot of interesting places to eat.

[there follows another digression on the subject of Dr. Jacoby's health in which Robert Blaney advises him, based upon his own experience, to get a second opinion on his diagnosis]

BLANEY: This concludes the interview with Jake Jacoby, on the way out he did mention that he had a difficult time getting [UOP Sociology professor] Fay Goleman to become a member of the department, but once she became a member of the department, she was very happy to be there.