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with
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About Gay Lynn Bullock...

Gay Lynn Bullock is part of a rare Oklahoma State University occurrence: She comes from a family with five generations of OSU scholars. Her great-grandparents instilled in their family the importance of education, and as a result, her grandmother started the OSU tradition, majoring in education and teaching school for several years of her life. Growing up, Gay Lynn enjoyed spending time on her grandparents' farm and going to OSU sporting events with her father. After she graduated from Stillwater High School in 1959, she enrolled at OSU majoring in business, at her father's advising. Not quite ready to fully commit to college just yet, she took some time off to start a family and moved to Texas, occasionally taking classes when time allowed.

Ultimately coming back to Oklahoma with her growing family, Gay Lynn eventually completed a marketing degree at the University of Central Oklahoma, but her heart remained with OSU. Even with a non-OSU degree, the educational and social foundation obtained here still plays a big part in her life. She and her husband make sure to get season tickets for OSU events, and she keeps in touch with friends she made when she was a student here. The family tradition continues, and Gay Lynn still cherishes the aesthetic beauty, the academic excellence, and the warmth of the people of OSU. She and her husband are retired and live in Stillwater.

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Gill *My name is Jerry Gill. Today is August 25, 2010. I'm visiting with Gay Lynn Bullock in Stillwater, Oklahoma. This interview is for the O-STATE Stories project in the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program. I appreciate you taking time this afternoon to visit with us.*

Bullock You're welcome.

Gill *Gay Lynn, your family has a proud history of Oklahoma A&M and Oklahoma State University beginning with your grandmother, Gay Ione Albright Clark, continuing through your mother, and five generations of your family have attended Oklahoma State University. I understand your grandson Matthew is currently a student at Oklahoma State.*

Bullock Yes. He's a junior this year in architectural engineering.

Gill *You've got to be proud of that young man.*

Bullock Yes!

Gill *That's great.*

Bullock He's doing well.

Gill *Was your grandmother still living while you were a little girl?*

Bullock Oh, yes. She lived to be ninety-four.

Gill *When you think back, what do you remember about your grandmother?*

Bullock Oh, gosh! We would go to their farm, and I would climb in the orchard and eat cherries right out of the tree. We would spend the night. They had an outhouse. Of course, I wouldn't go out there. But anyway, she was full of stories and very dramatic. Grandpa was very quiet, and she went on and on. She was a lot of fun. We'd go down to the pond, go get in the watermelon patch, and it was great. There was just fruit, cantaloupe, strawberries, and everything out there. We went out there quite a bit. I thoroughly enjoyed the farm because we lived in town all that time.

Gill *What do you remember about her personality? Was she pretty perky?*

Bullock Oh, she was so outgoing. She was a ham. She was a frustrated actress. She would love to get up in front of people and give speeches. She taught Sunday school. Any time she had a chance to get up in front of people—and this has kind of filtered down to all of us, clear down to my son, Michael, who is a big time comedian. (Laughs) Grandma was very outgoing, very helpful. She was an Eastern Star. She was a Worthy Matron. She went really far in that organization. She just liked to get up and be in front of people and talk, and really loved people. Everybody liked her. She was very prominent there in Perkins.

Gill *Did she ever talk to you about any of her OSU experiences?*

Bullock The only thing I remember, there weren't hardly any buildings there, but she enjoyed the classes, and she made a lot of friends when she was there. I'm not sure where she stayed. I can't remember that. She really didn't talk a lot about that, but she did enjoy it. She would talk about what a great school that was and how she thought all of her children should go, and everybody else in the family should go to that particular school. She was real proud of the fact that she had been there.

Gill *It was pretty special. We're talking back in the nineteen-teens. For a woman to go to college at that time was pretty special, wasn't it?*

Bullock It was a little bitty place. I'm sure it was Old Central and...

Gill *Morrill Hall, maybe?*

Bullock I don't know how many would be that old there. She loved her classes. Everywhere she went she made a lot of friends. Of course, they called on her all the time because she liked to talk. (Laughs)

Gill *She graduated in Education?*

Bullock Education.

Gill *And then taught most of her life?*

Bullock Taught in Perkins and a couple other places they lived while he was working for the railroad. Then she came back to Perkins. They had a piece of land and they started farming, and then she raised her kids. She didn't teach anymore. So, I've often wondered why she just didn't keep on teaching, but apparently living out like that, that would've been [a challenge].

Gill *She has a couple other sisters that attended OSU.*

Bullock Yes. They had two families. They had this one—the three or four older kids, and then when Mom was born, they had two more. So, her aunts were her same age. She ran around with her aunts, and it was Geneva and Iris. There was another son that was maybe five or ten years older. Over a span of twenty-one years, they had kids. They stopped for a while and then had some more. (Laughter) Then when they grew up, Mom, there she was. She had built-in friends to run around with.

Gill *How many of the kids in her family went to college?*

Bullock Geneva and Iris, Arnold, Massey did not go, Mark, Edwin was a farmer. He took over the farm. He was a very big farmer so, I don't think Edwin went. But Mark, I think, he was in sales. So, he may or may not have. I never heard. Arnold went, but I'm not sure where he went. He went into the army. He was a colonel, and retired army.

Gill *But it was pretty unusual at that time, for two or three members of the same family to go to college.*

Bullock Yes. They were very big on education. That was talked about a lot. They read a lot. Great-Grandpa Albright really stressed education. He was a hearty German guy. "You've got to learn!" He had a very successful farm, but he did stress that education was always a choice, just like that filtered down to everybody.

Gill *So, it continued then with your mother?*

Bullock Yes.

Gill *She attended Oklahoma A&M.*

Bullock And Grandma and Mom. Now, Harry, her brother, didn't go. He stayed and worked in Perkins. She was disappointed, but he made his choice.

Gill *Did your mother ever take you to any OSU activities, sporting events, or reunions, Homecoming, or anything?*

Bullock I think Dad may have taken us. Mom, she was off with her book clubs, her literary [group], her music club, and much more cultural, but Dad was sporty. He took us to some basketball. I think he probably took us to wrestling. I was very athletic. My older brother was not, even though he played football because his dad thought that was cool. But I was more athletic. I was the most athletic in the family, the girl.

Gill *Did you play basketball?*

Bullock I played softball. I always wanted to play sports, and there wasn't anything for girls at that particular time. So, I asked the guys if I could play baseball, or softball and they said, "Go away! Go away, Gay Lynn! Go away." I tried to play a little basketball, but I was so short. I played tennis. I started taking up tennis. I really love athletics. My younger brother plays a mean game of golf, but I probably was the most all around.

Gill *So, how many brothers and sisters do you have?*

Bullock I have two brothers, one older and one younger.

Gill *Now, where did you live growing up? Some different communities?*

Bullock We lived on 301 South Duncan. I remember that house. I went to Norwood, if you remember that little school that's now the DeMolay and Masonic [Lodge]. It was a little school.

Gill *What was the name of the school then?*

Bullock It was Norwood, on Miller and Duck. There were a bunch of us in this neighborhood that went to this little school. That was just the first grade. Then I went to Jefferson. When we lived on Duncan, I went to Jefferson. Then we moved out to Admiral Road. Dad said we needed to move out to a better neighborhood.

Gill *Where was that?*

Bullock Western, out west, Admiral, Sherwood, University, all those. So, we moved out to Admiral Road, and then I started going to Eugene Field, which is where IGA Consumers [grocery store] is now, [on Sixth and Washington]. There was a school there. So, I went there. Eugene Field was there for several years.

There are several Stillwater High people that stay around. There are several in my class, the class before, they just stay here. I'm not sure what they all do, but they stay here. (Laughs) Let's see, where'd we go? That's when we went to Texas. Dad was transferred. Then we came back and lived on Sherwood.

Gill *And then you...*

Bullock Went to high school and finished up high school.

Gill *So, you went to Stillwater High School?*

Bullock Yes.

Gill *What activities were you involved in?*

Bullock Probably Junior Dramatics, like everybody else in this family. I sang in the choir. I don't think there were any sports that I did. Basketball was the main thing, and I was just not a basketball player, even though I love it here. We've got season tickets to everything.

Gill *That's great.*

Bullock I don't remember. I think I was in some social clubs, but I can't remember all those.

Gill *So, what year did you graduate from Stillwater High School?*

Bullock Fifty-nine.

Gill *Fifty-nine? So, then you enrolled in Oklahoma State that fall?*

Bullock Right.

Gill *What was your major?*

Bullock Business. Now, this story is, I wanted to be in theater and dramatics and Dad says, "That's not practical. You need to be in business."

Gill *Your dad said you need to be in business?*

Bullock Yes, I needed to be in business, accounting or something like that. (Laughter) I said, "I don't like that, Dad." He said, "Well, I think that's a good idea." (Laughter)

Gill *Since he was paying the tuition.*

Bullock “Well, what are you going to do?” I really wanted to live on the campus. I wanted to get in everything and run around on the campus. He said, “You have a perfectly nice home to stay in.” I’m going, “Oh, gosh!” So, I went and I was in business. I didn’t particularly like it, so I went to all the parties, all the fraternity parties. I danced at the Student Union like Mom, and at the end of the year my grade point was about 1.9, I think. He says, “I don’t believe you’re grown up enough to keep going to college. You’re going to have to work, Gay Lynn.” (Laughs) I said, “Well, I didn’t like business, Dad.” So, I went to work for a while, and then I got back in college. Then I met my first husband. He was from Sapulpa. He was a Beta up here. We got married, had four kids.

Gill *What did you finally major in, get your degree in?*

Bullock Well, I didn’t finish then. I got married and had kids.

Gill *Oh, then you came back.*

Bullock Then I started going back to school. Then I was in marketing. I said, “Do I want to be in marketing? What do I want to do? What will get me a job?” I thought at that point, theater and all that stuff was not going to get me a job. (Laughs) I was past the starlet era. I went off and we lived in Texas a lot. He was with oil companies. So, I would pick up an hour here, pick up an hour here, pick up an hour here, you know, and go. I even went to Kilgore College and lived in Longview, Texas, and went to Kilgore College. I thought just one moment about being a Rangerette, but I was too old. (Laughter)

Gill *So, you talked about the good time you had your freshman year. (Laughter) Were you in some organizations, some activities?*

Bullock I was not. I was sort of a rebel without a cause, at that point. I did not join a sorority, even though several called me and asked me and everything. I said, “No.” That might’ve been good for me if I’d have done that, but I don’t know. I was in the Speech Club. I managed to get into some of the dramatic clubs even though I was a business major (Laughs) because I enjoyed that kind of people, those kinds of kids.

Gill *Who was your president at that time at Oklahoma State? Was it Oliver S. Willham, Dr. Willham?*

Bullock I bet that was.

Gill *You were there in the late...*

Bullock Do you remember Dean Swearingen?

Gill *Yes.*

Bullock He was the dean so, I don't know. That might give you an idea of who might be the president. It wasn't Kamm. That was later.

Gill *You were talking about your dean. Are there other professors that you remember at OSU at that time?*

Bullock Dr. Shauer. He taught me accounting. He was so good. He's a good accountant. He's a good teacher, and that's how I met my first husband. He was taking it. Alphabetically, his name was Donovan. Dunn, Donovan so, we sat by each other. He was really tough. Of course, he played golf with my dad. He said, "Is your dad Warren?" He asked me that, and I said, "Will that get me a good grade or...?" (Laughter) I don't know, but I remember Shauer. Of course, Dean Swearingen, I really liked him. I had [Dr. Tewell] for speech I really liked. His son is a pro golfer.

Gill *Do you remember who the Dean of Women was at that time? Was Zelma Patchin the Dean of Women?*

Bullock Yes, yes. I remember that. Oh, what was her name? You know who that is. Oh, gosh! I can't remember, but I can see her. That's too bad. I can't remember.

Gill *In the late fifties, early sixties when you were going to school, what were some of the favorite student hangouts at that time?*

Bullock I don't think Eskimo Joe's had started.

Gill *They opened in '57, I think.*

Bullock Maybe that was it. Well, the Student Union. I was at the Student Union a lot. There were a lot of bars around. I'm trying to remember the places. I danced at the Student Union.

Gill *They had a lot of dances there in the ballroom [on the fourth floor]?*

Bullock I went to the fraternity dances, liked a lot of those.

Gill *Oh, you went to the fraternity house parties. (Laughter)*

Bullock My dad said, "I'm taking the phone off that hook! I'm taking that phone out of here. It's always ringing!" (Laughter) "Is anyone going to a

dance?” I’m trying to think of some really good memories. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Gill *Did you ever find the library while you were here?*

Bullock Yes, I used the library as a way to get out of the house sometimes. “I have to go study at the library,” and then I’d go do something else.

Gill *Did they have some rules about what you could wear in the library at that time?*

Bullock Yes. You had to wear long pants.

Gill *You had to wear dresses, didn’t you?*

Bullock I don’t think I had to wear dresses. We wore jeans and pants.

Gill *But you couldn’t wear shorts?*

Bullock We wore skirts and sweaters, but I’m trying to remember what—and my dad let me drive. Oh, that’s another funny thing. He got this old Buick Roadster. It was black and orange, and he always knew where I was. Dad’s very sneaky. I’d drive around, and people would say, “Have you seen Gay Lynn?” “Oh, yes. Her car is over there. Her car’s over there. Her car’s over there.” (Laughter) I couldn’t hide from anything!

Gill *Describe the car to me.*

Bullock Orange and black. (Laughter)

Gill *Orange and black? Was it primarily black with a little orange, or vice versa?*

Bullock Can you remember that car, Mom? The bottom was orange and the top was black. It was that old Roadster. I could get twelve kids in there. (Laughter) I mean, it was this far, the back seat in there. That was one of those, “How many kids can you get in this car?” I had a very good time, but I had to grow up a little.

Gill *You talked about the parties but maybe in addition to that, what were some of your favorite memories of your times at OSU?*

Bullock I met a lot of girls that did not go to Stillwater High, and made a lot of friends that were different because I was up at the dorm all the time, because that’s where I wanted to live. (Laughs) So, that was fun, to meet people from different cities. Of course, some of the classes, I really,

really liked. I had sociology, psychology. I had sociology with Moe Iba.

Gill *Moe Iba?*

Bullock Well, of course, I knew him when I went to Stillwater High, and he says, "Gay Lynn, do you want to pass this test?" I said, "Do you have to have all the tests?" I didn't say that! (Laughter) But anyway, he was so much fun. I enjoyed that class. Of course, I always enjoyed all the dances and the parties. Those were fun.

Gill *Your older brother went to Oklahoma State?*

Bullock He finished at Oklahoma State, got a master's, did some TA [teaching assistant] work here, taught. Then, he finished his master's and went over at Tulsa and worked for DX Sunray, putting out their magazine or something. He's done quite well. He was just back here recently. He's lived away, Virginia, D.C. He was in D.C. a long time, worked in D.C. I told him he was just corrupt, but yes, he's done well. (Laughter)

Gill *Gay Lynn, you talked a little bit about how you didn't finish your degree before you got married and left. Can you talk a little bit about your life from there to when you came back to Stillwater?*

Bullock All that life before I came back and tried to finish? (Laughs)

Gill *Just sort of fill in a little bit, like after you left OSU.*

Bullock We lived in Odessa, Texas. He worked for Sinclair Oil. My first child was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, when we were there. Then the other two girls were born in Odessa. I did a lot of volunteer work, charity work, church work. I was very busy, very busy. I was not a stay-at-home mom. I was, but I wasn't. Then we moved to Longview, continued with the East Texas Oil Field. I was president of several clubs, worthwhile projects, played tennis, would come back for Homecoming. I came back quite a few times. Of course, he was a big-time Beta. He would come back to the Beta House and we'd see everybody. We'd come back to Stillwater quite a bit. Of course, my parents were living here. Anyway, I did a lot of fundraising for different organizations, for different kinds of projects. Then he got a different job and we were supposed to move to Tulsa, but we ended up moving to Sapulpa. Then in '83, we were divorced, and I came back to Stillwater to finish school.

Gill *So, you came back to Stillwater after that, then?*

Bullock I was going to school at the time my second was going to OSU. My first one was out in '85. Three of them were chemical engineers, and one of

them was a computer science major. Jamie and James Horning were out. Then, I went and was still going when the third one entered. The two younger ones graduated from Texas A&M.

Gill *Two of them went to Texas A&M? Your two oldest? Your daughter went to Oklahoma State in the two years...*

Bullock That's because we were there, but then he, the ex, was transferred to Houston, and he wanted his kids somewhere down there by him. "If you want me to pay for it, then come down and go to school." That's fine. Texas A&M is a great school. But anyway, two of them did.

Gill *Looking back and reflecting on it, how did your time at Oklahoma State University influence you and your life?*

Bullock Well, I met a lot of people I kept in touch with that are lifetime friends. Some of the classes I thoroughly enjoyed. I was a late bloomer, and it was a growing process. I went and was out for a while, and worked. Then I went back, and then got married. I grew up during that time.

Gill *Did you ever finish your college degree?*

Bullock What happened is I came back here, I was about finished, and I married my second husband, and he got a job at Tinker. He was teaching school. He went to work for Tinker, and he was commuting. It was wearing him out. So, I had to end up going to Edmond and graduating from the University of Central Oklahoma, two semesters.

Gill *You got your degree, that's important.*

Bullock I went, "Oh! I want to graduate from Oklahoma State!" But, I felt so bad about him commuting every day, I just had to do that.

Gill *Sure.*

Bullock I still feel kind of like I did graduate from here. I got it anyway.

Gill *Your first two kids, particularly your daughter, did you have some influence on their coming to Oklahoma State?*

Bullock Yes. I used to rock them, and tell them, "You're going to school! You're going to go to school. You're going to make your own way. You don't have to [depend] on a man." This is a baby we're talking to, you know. "You must go to Oklahoma State and have a good degree." Of course, their dad said, "If it's not science or math, I'm not paying for it." I thought, "That's not quite right," but actually it worked out because they

all have great jobs, and they've never been laid off, and they still have them. (Laughs)

Gill *That's true.*

Bullock So, that worked out.

Gill *Wow, five generations in one family. As I recall, there is a handful of other five generation families, but nobody more than that at Oklahoma State. Is that special to you? Is that a source of pride for you?*

Bullock Oh, yes! We talk about that all the time. In fact, when Matthew got here his first week, we took a picture of me, Mom, Jamie, my daughter, and him, when they brought him back and put him in Bennett Hall. I looked and looked for that picture, but we had that picture. That was so great! Jamie, my daughter, said, "Now, you must call the Stillwater NewsPress and tell them about this." Of course, she's very good at telling me what to do, and I said, "Well, I think I will," and I never got around to it. How did you find out about us, by the way?

Gill *Your daughter sent an email to me. We send out a newsletter. The Alumni Association electronic newsletter went out asking about...*

Bullock Jamie Horning sent you.

Gill *Yes, she said, "You should talk to my mom in Stillwater." (Laughs) So, you can blame her, huh?*

Bullock She did it! That's all right. I don't care. I think that's great. Now we're retired back here. Of course, Marty, my husband, finished here at OSU and he loves it. Now that we're back, we've tried to get involved in a lot of things, OLLI [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute] and [Emeriti]. Of course, we have season tickets to everything.

Gill *How long have you been back in Stillwater now?*

Bullock April 2008. It hasn't been very long.

Gill *Well, getting back, that's good.*

Bullock He retired in the fall of 2007 from Tinker, and we were in Oklahoma City for just a short time for him to do that. We sold that place and moved. In the first week I got back classmates said, "Gay Lynn, you need to help us with our high school reunion, fiftieth."

Gill *Fiftieth reunion, oh, no!*

Bullock I said, “I’ve just been here a week. I haven’t unpacked all my boxes.” They said, “That’s okay, you can do it.” So, I worked on that all year, and we had it, and it was great.

Gill *That’s good. You were talking earlier about how your family gets together occasionally, informally.*

Bullock Yes.

Gill *Do you talk about some of your OSU experiences?*

Bullock Jamie had a lot of fun experiences here. She would be a great one to talk to.

Gill *Named after her grandmother?*

Bullock Yes.

Gill *Let me ask you a couple of questions about that. Are there some common experiences that you talk about? You know, do you say, “Oh, yes, we did that,” or, “We did that.” Are there some common experiences you shared that were similar in each generation?*

Bullock Well, we were talking about Eskimo Joe’s. They did a lot more of that. There was a bar, George’s—some kind of bar that they may have gone in that my husband went in.

Gill *George’s Stable?*

Bullock George’s Stable, yes.

Gill *Don’t ask me how I know that name. (Laughter)*

Bullock Of course, they liked the basketball when they were here, and we talk about that a lot because James played basketball in high school. He’s a very tall fellow. They are all very athletic, and I’m trying to get my granddaughter up here, Matthew’s sister. She’s seventeen. She came up to the OSU soccer camp this summer.

Gill *Where does she go to school?*

Bullock She goes to Beaumont, Texas. That’s where Matthew is from and Jamie. That’s where they live. I was trying to talk her into that. “I don’t know. My friends are going here.” You know how girls are. They kind of go where their friends go. I hope she thinks about it this time.

- Gill** *We talked about the common experiences that you've shared, the athletics, and different things. What do you recall that's distinctively different about each generation when you're talking? Are there some differences you notice in the stories that you tell and Matt tells and your daughter tells?*
- Bullock** Well, yes. Of course, there's a difference in the parties. The parties are different, especially with Matthew—the hazing. Of course, when we went to school, hazing—they did anything they wanted to in those fraternities and everything. They were always pulling stuff. He can't do anything. That's one thing. He was telling me what all they cannot do anymore. I said, "Well, I guess so. Can you make a pledge shine your shoes?" "No, we can't do that." I thought, "Well, that's kind of harmless." (Laughter)
- Gill** *It is different, isn't it?*
- Bullock** I noticed that, and there are more rules. Of course, there is a lot of difference with their cell phones and their X-Boxes. All that technical stuff is a lot different. They have a lot more help in studying with their PCs, where we all trekked off to the library. When I finally decided it was time for me to study, I went to the library and just sat there and looked up stuff. Now, they're just computers. Everything is just right now! (Laughs)
- Gill** *Back to Matthew, let me ask you. Matthew is the fifth generation. Does he already know the pressure is on him for the sixth generation? (Laughs)*
- Bullock** He knows, he knows. He's a good guy.
- Gill** *Is he having a good experience at Oklahoma State, as far as you know?*
- Bullock** Oh, yes he loves it. He joined Sigma Chi. He's real active. He's been an officer, he's been in the Varsity Review, and he's been in all this stuff, and he studies all the time. He recently got another scholarship. There was a guy, a Sigma Chi, that was in a bad accident ten or twelve years ago, so his brothers get up this scholarship, several of them, and they award it during Parents' Day. I think April, Mother's/ Parents' Day, I went up to the Sigma Chi house and they had all these functions. They said, "We are going to present this scholarship." I said, "Okay." So, they come out and talk. "And this year's recipient is Matthew Horning." I went, (claps) "Yay!" (Laughter) It was about six or seven hundred bucks. So, he's doing really well there.

Gill *Speaking of Jamie, I'm going to skip a generation here. Was she ready to come to OSU when it was time to come? Had you rocked her enough and whispered in her ear enough?*

Bullock Yes, she was ready to go. She was going to be a doctor for a while. After one year she decided, just maybe, she would be an engineer instead. (Laughs) I guess it was going to take too long. She's a chemical engineer. Jim Horning is a chemical engineer.

Gill *They met at OSU?*

Bullock Yes, they met in class.

Gill *A lot of good things happen at OSU, don't they?*

Bullock Yes, she just loved it. She was a Kappa Kappa Gamma, and she loved that. She had a great time. She would come over to Mom's house and wash all her clothes, and sit there with Mom and Dad. They'd talk to her. She'd come over and see them a lot. Also, my second child, Melissa, both her and her husband went to Oklahoma State, too.

Gill *Let me ask you, has it changed a lot since you were on campus? A lot of new buildings?*

Bullock Oh, yes!

Gill *Are you proud of how the university has developed?*

Bullock Oh, just huge! Of course, the T. Boone Pickens Stadium, oh boy! I have even gone through a tour of that stadium. That's impressive. Of course, the Architecture Building is beautiful. I toured that with Matthew.

Gill *The only problem is that everything is tore up all the time, isn't it? (Laughs)*

Bullock I know, it's already torn up. I went to that Classroom Building. That Business Building wasn't Spears, was it?

Gill *The Business Building wasn't there until the sixties, I think.*

Bullock Well, when I went, there was a business...

Gill *Morrill Hall?*

Bullock I guess, because Jamie...

Gill *Most of the business classes used to be over in Morrill Hall, I think.*

Bullock It was right where it was when I went, still there.

Gill *Yes, still there.*

Bullock Of course, I've been in the Seretean Center. We went to some plays that the kids put on. We belong to Emeriti, and we go to those things on Monday night. They'd have a nice dinner, listen to a lot of nice speakers. I met several people there. They asked us to take over bridge. We play a lot of bridge. We're big time bridge players. We might do that. So, we're just enjoying Oklahoma State. Of course, in the summer it gets a little dull because no one is here. (Laughs)

Gill *They're back.*

Bullock They're back.

Gill *Anything that we haven't covered that you think about over your generation, the five generations? Any comments you want to make, or something you want to bring up?*

Bullock I'm sure I will think of something once I leave. (Laughter) You always think, "Oh, I should've said that." With the kids, the kids had such a [great experience]. Interviewing those kids will be such a delight.

Gill *My final question is this. OSU has changed a lot physically.*

Bullock Oh, yes.

Gill *What has stayed the same? What are the principles and values about Oklahoma State University that you've always appreciated that you think have continued through these five generations?*

Bullock I've gotten to know [former OSU President James] Halligan. Of course, we're big conservatives. So, we see Halligans everywhere. I like them, and they kept the values. They've done real well. I really like them. They are very active in everything. I like [President] Burns Hargis. I think he is trying to keep the same values and standards. Of course, I was very good friends with John Bryant. He was in the architecture department. He retired and has passed away, but he had a lot of integrity. He was a dean for a while in architecture. The kids change, the technology changes, but there are certain standards for every year and every generation. I think that integrity [has remained].

Gill *When you talk to other people about OSU, certain things come up, like*

that people cared about you, the friendliness, the environment, the beauty of the campus, and some of these things sort of continue. The land-grant tradition about teaching, research, and extension. So, I just wonder if any of those things sort of resonated with you?

Bullock Yes, I think I get that feeling when I'm up around, like in the Alumni Building. I even met Travis Ford once.

Gill *Travis Ford?*

Bullock Travis Ford, the basketball coach. I met him. When he talks to you and he shakes your hand, you feel like this guy really cared. Of course, he cared about the basketball team, but I really liked him. Now I see Mike Gundy in church all the time with his little three kids. (Laughs) But I don't know. I just think there are some really good folks there, and they're still there. I meet them, and I've met a lot that have retired because that's how I am now, and you meet them in various places. They have the same philosophy that the people when I went to school had, the professors, when they were professors, but they've retired. I knew then the physical, and there is certainly a lot of that, and the way you study, and all this extra stuff you've got to do things, to teach, that caring and that integrity that's still there. I see it all the time.

Gill *I appreciate it. Thank you.*

Bullock You're welcome.

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