**Oral History Teams and Scheduled Interviews**

**Wednesday, November 2**

Leah & Willy 3/3:15-4:00 Collier Heritage Room Linda Bryant

Kristen & Kelly 3/3:15-4:00 Conference Room Gene Bryant

**Tuesday, November 8**

Bergen & Nicole 2/2:15-3:00 Conference Room Ruth Anne Petrak

Bailey & A.J. 3/3:15-4:00 Conference Room Diane Caldbeck

**Wednesday, November 9**

Bobby & Kristofer 1/1:15-2:00 Conference Room Jim Wise

Bethany & Alison 2:45/3-3:45 Conference Room Lyle Simpson

**Thursday, November 10**

Matt & Safwan 1:45/2:00-2:45 Conference Room Jack Watson

Emily & Max 3/3:15-4:00 Conference Room Lou Ann Simpson

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Zeah & Jilaine 3/3:15-4:00 Conference Room Jan Fleming

Linda Pollard Bryant, FA ’69 Kristen and Kelly

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Lyle Simpson AS’60, LW’63 Bethany and Allison

Wednesday, November 9 3:00 p.m. (Conference Room)

My undergraduate degree was in Liberal Arts, with a major in psychology and a minor in philosophy. I graduated as an undergraduate in 1960. At that time I was president of the Student Body (then called Student Faculty Council) and president of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Psi Chi, Circle K (college Kiwanis), and a few others.

I recently gave copies of all of the Times Delphics to the staff of all issues from fall 1956 through spring 1960 in 2010 when I was there celebrating our 50th anniversary.

I also served as Assistant to the Dean of Students from fall 1960 through spring 1962 and graduated from Drake's Law School in 1963.

Since graduation I have lectured annually for over 30 years in the Department of Philosophy, 12 years in Sociology, and 5 years in the College of Journalism, and have served on the Board of Counselors of the Law School, the National Alumni Board, Both Drake Alumni Task Forces on the growth of the University, The National Advisory Board for the College of Arts and Science, the Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees, and have participated as a Founder and an Instructor of the Ray Society, 6 years ago on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and this past year on the philosophy of Humanism.

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Jack Watson BA’42 Matt and Safwan

Thursday, November 10 2:00 p.m. (Conference Room)

I'll be glad to share some thoughts about Drake in its earlier years.  It's just a matter of finding the right time.

(Lois & I live at Wesley Acres, 3524 Grand, Apt. 508--I can make it to Drake for RaySociety classes in less than  10 minutes.)

I rec'd a BA degree in 1942.  Then,  just like many young guys, I quickly took a career detour to join the U.S. Army Air Corps.  I thought of myself as an English major, but learned years later that Drake lists me as a j-school major.  English and jounalism often fit well together so I'm happy with either ident.   I'll pass the word that you are looking for more of us vintage grads.   Jack

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Lou Ann Pletz Simpson BN’66, LW’68 Emily and Max

Thursday, November 10 3:15 p.m. (Conf. Room)

Business faculty member, current Faculty Senate President

Jim Wise BS’50, MS’51 Bobby and Kristofer

Friday, November 11 1:15 p.m. (Conf. Room)

I received my Bachelor of Science in Education degree in May, 1950 and my Masters of Education in June,1951, both at Drake. It seems like just a few years ago. Keep me posted as you can.

Jim Wise [jwise@dwx.com](mailto:jwise@dwx.com)

Jan Fleming Leah and Jilaine

Friday, November 11 2:45 p.m. (Conf. Room)

I was at Drake 1957-1960? I finished my degree while getting my Masters at Northwestern University... I was a part of the

"Golden Era of Singers at Drake." I was a Music Major... voice I was

there with Sherrill Milnes and that group. I didn't write books until 1997!! Never studied anything connected with the books... Some nerve, huh?! Jan Fleming

Jan Fleming Author/Photographer

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Diane Caldbeck Bailey and A.J.

Still to be Determined, possibly Friday, November 11

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