Outline of questions for Carol Rittgers Dickinson

Basic Questions about Background

Where were you born and raised?

Where did you attend high school?

How did you happen to decide upon Drake?

Did you have definite career aspirations and, if so, what were they?

Questions about Academic Life at Drake

What can you remember about moving into a dorm and your first week of classes?

Do you recall a favorite professor? Who and why?

Did you feel you were prepared for Drake? Why or why not?

What were your impressions of Drake President Henry Harmon?

Questions about Social Life at Drake

Were there any events that you attended that stand out as particularly memorable? Please explain.

What rules did you have to follow to live in the residence hall/sorority house? Dress code? Rules of conduct? Curfews?

What activities, memberships, groups were you involved with?

What did you do for entertainment off campus? Movies? Dancing?

Describe one of your close friendships with another student.

Share a special memory about dating, a dance or a sporting event.

Questions about Events Happening in the World

What was happening in Des Moines during the 1950s that left an impression on you?

Can you tell us what the racial climate was like at Drake during the 1950s?

Do you have recollections of the Johnny Bright incident in 1951?

Life After Drake

Tell us about the memories you have of your graduation ceremony

What did you do after you left Drake?

How have you stayed in touch with your Drake friends?

Words of Advice for Today’s Graduating Seniors?

What would you have done differently?

What words of wisdom would you offer this year’s senior class?

Is there anything else you’d like to add?