

Nall: No.

Sellers: Tell me what your first impressions were when you got here.

Nall: Well, first of all, of course I was a little nervous and homesick the first night. But after that it just seemed like it was a great place to be. You could make a lot of friends easily.

Sellers: How did you get here that first time?

Nall: I'm not sure. I had some friends from Avon Park that came and I think some of our parents drove us up.

Sellers: Where did they house you?

Nall: They housed me in Bryan Hall. I loved Bryan, and I've just been looking in my '51 annual and I didn't see a picture of Bryan Hall in there. They should have that on the front cover [chuckling]. It's the oldest building.

Sellers: I know right about that time Bryan was in pretty bad condition, and it might have been that they decided to do some work on it about the time they were doing pictures for the annual.

Nall: Perhaps so. I roomed with two people that I hadn't known before. We had a two-room suite and we painted that room. When we moved the chest that was in a very strange place, we found out why it was in a strange place -- there was a hole in the wall.

Sellers: Oh, my. Big enough for a raccoon or a person or ...?

Nall: It was pretty big.

Sellers: Did you explore to see where it went?

Nall: No, we didn't. We just put the chest back. Pretended we didn't know it was there.

Sellers: When you got here and you found that there were restrictions on the resident in the dormitories, did that have any affect on your life at all?

Nall: Not really, although I did get in trouble once for getting home late when I was, I guess, a junior. We talked about them and didn't like them, but in a way I don't think it was, to me, that restrictive. We were accustomed to being pretty closely watched at home.

Sellers: What were your first few days like?

Nall: Well, they were exciting, getting registered and getting to know my roommates and other friends. After that first night of feeling a little homesick, I just felt right at home. Living in a dormitory with a bunch of girls was a lot of fun.

Sellers: Had you had any brothers or sisters?

Nall: I had a brother and a sister, but they were older than I. My brother's six years older and my sister was eight years older.

Sellers: So this was a new experience, having people your age to share things with.

Nall: Right.

Sellers: How did you actually get your schedule set up? Did you meet with a counselor, did you take tests, or what?

Nall: We did take some tests, like I clepped English and math, I believe. I don't remember whether we met with a counselor ... I remember going through and taking your cards to different people at different tables.

Sellers: Where was that done?

Nall: I do not remember. Fifty years ago, wasn't it. It seems so long ago, and it was a long time ago.

Sellers: How about your classes? What did you take?

Nall: I should have gotten out my transcripts.

Sellers: You still have them?

Nall: I still have them somewhere, in a folder, in a file. I've used them off and on, moving around to different places and teaching in different states. I always seem to need my transcripts. I had an English course and I had Spanish, and I don't remember which other courses I had that first quarter. Probably had one of the humanities that first quarter, I'm sure. I remember riding on the bus out to those Quonset huts out on the other campus.

Sellers: Do you remember the proportion of men to women in the classes?

Nall: Well, it was our standard joke that if you dated ... the proportion was supposedly one-to-four.

Sellers: Did you draw straws?