

**Rich:** A little. But I didn't do a whole lot of shopping.

**Sellers:** So you mostly stayed on campus.

**Rich:** I did.

**Sellers:** What about when you moved to Landis? Tell me a bit about your roommates and what Landis was like.

**Rich:** Landis was — again, some of the same girls that were on my floor in Broward moved to the second floor in Landis on our hall, so we continued our friendships there. We enjoyed using the kitchen there. On weekends especially. My boyfriend and I would cook and watch TV — not anything really earth-shattering. Repeat — boys were NOT allowed in the rooms! But of course then we also had a communal bathroom, so you had to walk down the hall to go take a shower or brush your teeth or whatever. And it was interesting sometimes. Sometimes girls would dash down the hall in their pants and bras without a bathrobe. [laughter] I was never that brave.

**Sellers:** Were there two of you to a room?

**Rich:** Yes.

**Sellers:** Do you remember what the rooms looked like?

**Rich:** Oh yes, vividly.

**Sellers:** Tell me a little bit. Describe it for me.

**Rich:** Well, it was very plain. It had space for two beds that were like cots, and we could change the position of those beds occasionally, if we got bored with the way we were. It had two desks that were back-to-back. We put the desks in front of the windows, and our windows looked out on the side street — I don't remember now whether it was South Landis. I don't remember now how they were divided, but we had a huge pecan tree just outside of our windows. And in the fall, of course, the nuts would just fall all over the place and some of the students would go down and collect the nuts to eat. In the spring, of course, we were the first to see the leaves appear on the tree, because that tree was just, really, right outside our windows. And we had a bookshelf that had drawers under it, and each of us had a closet. And in the bookcase we kept the books we weren't currently using in our studies. Also, our little heating element that would could make hot chocolate or tea or whatever.

**Sellers:** You were allowed to have something like that?

**Rich:** Yes. We had to be very careful it was always unplugged when not in use, but we

did have that.

**Sellers:** What about the house mother? Did you have one? You must have.

**Rich:** Yes, we did. Oh, she was very strict. We avoided her at all costs. [laughter] I'm sure she had her hands full, thinking back on it, but I don't really remember anything specific about her. I did pledge ADPi and so I was over there every night for dinner, as long as I was a pledge. That just lasted a year. Sorority life was not for me.

**Sellers:** Ah. Do you de-pledge? Or you just kind of become a member but you're not active?

**Rich:** Yes, you don't really de-pledge. They just drop you from their books if you decide not to come in and pay your dues. Or, if you don't make your grades, you're not initiated. I think two or three semesters to make your grades once you've pledged, I don't remember that either. But my aunt, godmother, who lived in Atlanta, was one of the national officers of ADPi. So I'd heard ADPi my entire life.

**Sellers:** Oh, you're a legacy and you're trapped. [laughs]

**Rich:** Yes, and I did go to a couple of the other sororities, but I still had A.D.Pi, that was my security in the back of my head. And it wasn't the girls in the sorority at all. I really, in fact, have had some communication with a few of them since I left FSU., but it was just the regimentation and all of that.

**Sellers:** Everybody being alike?

**Rich:** Yes. And you had to be so perfect, you know? That's the way I felt. [laughter] Miss Perfect. And I was not Miss Perfect.

**Sellers:** And that was that era when you had to have your hair just so.

**Rich:** Oh, yeah. And wear all the right clothes, and we weren't as label conscious as some of the people are today. But most of the girls, I guess, in ADPi were from pretty well-to-do, affluent families. Or at least it seemed that way. So, I just didn't feel like I fit. It wasn't my thing.

**Sellers:** Well, if that's the way you are, that's the way you are. [laughs] What about dating? You mentioned a boyfriend?

**Rich:** Yes, I had a few boyfriends before I got a serious boyfriend. And he was a Sigma Chi, and we were pinned, eventually, and eventually married.