

WILLIAM EIDLE
Marist College
Poughkeepsie, NY
For the Marist College Archives and Special Collections
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Summary: Yes

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Name of Interviewee: William Eidle

Main Topics: The following interview is with Dr. William Reynolds Eidle, the former Chair and Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Marist College. In the beginning of the interview, Dr. William Eidle gives a brief summary of his educational background as well as his initial acquaintance with Marist College through Jack Dougherty and Brother Dan Kirk. Dr. William Eidle describes the creation of the Psychology Department and his years as Chair and Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Marist College, as well as the former joint Psych Special Education program between Marist and Vassar Colleges. The interview ends with Dr. William Eidle's stance on what he wishes would have happened with the college during his term as well as where he believes the direction of the college lies in the future.

Others present?: No

Interviewed by: Gus Nolan

Interview Date: 18 July 2002

Location of Interview: Archives and Special Collections Reading Room at Marist College

Recorder model and type: Marantz PMD 690

Length of interview: 57 minutes, 22 seconds

Number of disks: 1

Recording medium/format: Microdrive

Brand of disks: IBM 1GB Microdrive

Archival copy made: Burned to a gold alloy CD (MAM) and is held in the Marist College Archives and Special Collections. Saved as a .wav file at the highest resolution possible. CD copy is available for researchers.

Quality of original recording: Good

Restrictions on interview access or use: None

Transcribed or summarized by: Erin Kelly

Brief summary of interview context and recording contents: This interview was held in the Cannavino Library on the Marist College campus.

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<u>Time (00:00.00 ~ in hrs./mins./seconds)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
00:00.01 – 00:04.54	Dr. William Eidle discusses his personal history. He talks about being born and raised in Poughkeepsie, who his siblings and parents are, where he went to grammar school, high school, undergraduate and graduate school, when he married his wife, and what their three children are now doing with their lives.
00:04.55 – 00:12.48	Dr. Eidle relates the interesting set of events that led him to work at Marist College. He talks about the Psychology Department when he first started working there and what classes he taught. He also talks about some of the committee work that he was involved in.
00:12.49 – 00:30.08	Dr. Eidle became chair of the Psychology Department in 1967. He discusses some of the changes that had occurred both in the department and at Marist at that time. For example, there was now a Masters in Psychology, and the college had switched from the sixty-sixty program to the core program, which required more psychology professors. One change that he made to the Psychology Department was creating the five year combined bachelor's/masters degree, which was not well-received at first. He also spends some time talking about the development of the psych/special education degree, and its evolution from a joint two college venture to Marist going it alone. Dr. Eidle reflects on some of the challenges he faced over the years as chair of the Psychology Department, such as attempting to be approved for a Psy.D program, which Marist was unable to attain.
00:30.09 – 00:38.47	Dr. Eidle talks about the development that Marist College has gone through over the years. First he talks about the growth of the school going from the core to divisions to schools. Then he moves on to talk about the physical growth of the campus and buildings. He compares the student

body of Marist College from when he first began teaching to when he retired. Dr. Eidle also reveals that his last four years of working at Marist he did not teach because by that time he was the Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

00:38.48 – 00:47.16 Dr. Eidle compares the administrations of Linus Foy and Dennis Murray, both of whom he feels has done a good job. He also compares the various academic vice-presidents that he has worked with over the years.

00:47.17 – 00:57.23 Dr. Eidle discusses some programs or projects that he wished had been completed, and one program that he was glad did not work out. He describes what he feels the future will be for Marist, and one thing that he is sure of is that Marist will continue to evolve. Finally, to end his interview he runs through what he has been doing in his retirement, and what working at Marist for so many years has meant to him.