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Introductions	
Jennifer Landy:	Can you both state your name and date of birth for the record?
June Barry:	Alright, my name is June, neé Parsons, Barry. I was born June 8, 1932 in Alexandria, Virginia.
James (Jimmy) Barry:	My name is James Joseph Barry. I was born May 21, 1931 in Alexandria.
Attending George Washington (GW) High School	
J.L.:	You two both went to George Washington High School?
June Barry:	Yes.
J.L.:	From what years?
June Barry:	When we were at George W there were only seven elementary grades and so we went one through seven. I went to Mount Vernon Grade School in Del Ray and so I went from 1944 to 1949 and graduated 1949 from G –W-.
Jimmy Barry:	I went to St. Mary’s [indistinct] School and then G-W-, 1944. Graduated in 1950, February of 1950.
June Barry:	The way they used to do, they had two graduations every year, one in January and one in June. And so there were some children who started school in September and some in January. So the graduations were staggered sometimes.
Jimmy Barry:	I messed up one grade ... [laughter] I was much cleverer than she [indistinct].
June Barry:	It was not until several years later that they put the eighth grade in.
J.L.:	Why was it that some people started in September and others in ...
June Barry:	For their age. You had to be six before certain date to be able to start in September and if you weren’t, then you didn’t start until January.
Chris Gagne:	What’s the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of High School and why?
June Barry	I enjoyed it a lot. Our friends. It was people that you grew up with all your life, we all walked to school and it was fun. The football games were very important to George Washington High School and they had a rivalry with a school in Arlington called Washington Lee because it was the only High School in Alexandria at the time. So everyone went to G-W- unless they went to one of the Capital High Schools.
J.L.:	Now I know that there was another school in the area, the Parker-Gray School.
Jimmy Barry:	Yes.
June Barry:	Yes.
J.L.:	Did you guys have any interaction with them?
June Barry	No.

J.L.:	No?
June Barry:	Not at all.
C.G.:	Jimmy, we didn't hear what comes to your mind when you think of High School.
Jimmy Barry:	Well the first thing I can remember is figuring out what I was going to study when I went to school. That is about the only thing that I can remember, getting where I wanted to go lined up.
June Barry:	At that time you either signed up for just general studies or college preparatory. So that was a big decision. Jimmy just grew up right across the street from GW.
Jimmy Barry:	I didn't have to get up until about fifteen minutes before school started. I could watch everyone going to school before I got up.
J.L.:	You could probably hear the bell from your house.
Jimmy Barry:	Yeah.
J.L.:	How long was your walk to school?
June Barry:	I lived on Del Ray Avenue, up to Russell Road, so it was a long walk. But we always walked, walked to and from.
J.L.:	Did you end up walking with a lot of friends? Or was it-
June Barry:	Yes, Del Ray Avenue was a very friendly street, a lot of kids our age. And everybody on the street was west Del Ray, I guess up towards Russell Road there and everybody just walked to school, yes.
Jimmy Barry:	There were no school buses then.
June Barry:	There were no school buses, no buses really except the buses only came on [indistinct interruption by Jimmy Barry] Russell Road and Mount Vernon Avenue and if you wanted to catch a bus to go anywhere you had to walk to either one of those streets.
C.G.:	You mention that there were two courses of study. Which course did you all take?
Jimmy Barry:	Oh, I took the college preparatory.
June Barry:	I didn't. I would have loved to go to college but I knew my circumstances, I was not going to be able to and so -
C.G.:	What was the difference between those?
June Barry:	You had to take more of a language.
C.G.:	A foreign language?
June Barry:	And, a foreign language and more math in order to prepare. You know, I think I may have taken college.
Jimmy Barry:	You took Spanish didn't you?
June Barry:	Yes, because I took four years of Spanish and a lot of Shakespeare. We had to study a whole senior year, you had to study about Shakespeare and you had to have a project about Shakespeare and I designed all these costumes. Jimmy made a replica of the, what is the name of Shakespeare's theatre in England?
J.L.:	The Globe?

June Barry:	The Globe.
Jimmy Barry:	Where we came from in England [laughter].
June Barry:	The picture in hallway, in a glass case. He had done such a nice job of it. But that was part of the college preparatory; you had to know all the Shakespearian plays. Back in 1949 and 1950 not that many of our classmates went onto college.
J.L.:	What percentage would you say went onto college?
June Barry:	I wouldn't know, but -
J.L.:	What percentage of your friends?
June Barry:	Very low. Most of us just got married. Started working. Jimmy and I met when we were juniors in High School. We got married a year after we graduated so... almost all of our friends did.
Jimmy Barry:	I had a couple of friends who went on to college but most of them didn't -
June Barry:	Not too many of them.
Jimmy Barry:	Parents couldn't afford it; They didn't have all the grants that you got now.
June Barry:	So, I went to work for a local bank and worked there thirty eight years. Jimmy went to work for the electric company.
J.L.:	And you said forty eight years?
Jimmy Barry:	Forty four years.
June Barry:	Forty four years. Our bank, it was Citizens Bank when I went there, and it is now SunTrust, but it was several different connotations over the years and actually our bank was the first bank in the State of Virginia to get a computer. I was lucky to really be one of the first people to learn how to use the computer. They sent us to school and so it was an opportunity.
J.L.:	Now just going back to when you guys were talking about the school, can you talk about the layout of the school? I've interviewed a few people who have commented on this so we are trying to kind of reconstruct it.
June Barry:	Well, it had a lovely entrance -
Jimmy Barry:	Three floors.
June Barry:	Steps going up to the front, sort of impressive looking. Still looks the same. 'Course they have added on so much now. It was just that one building, three floors and the offices were on the second floor.
Jimmy Barry:	[Indistinct] tiny gym.
June Barry:	It had a very small gym and auditorium and then in the back they had the workshop.
Jimmy Barry:	They had already added to the end of the school all the [indistinct] shops, motor, [indistinct], carpentry and printing. Don't know whether art was down there or not?
June Barry:	No, art was one of the regular classes because I took four years of art.

Jimmy Barry:	But that was added to school after I started. I think.
June Barry:	It was very strict, school. They were very disciplined. The principals were very well respected, Mrs. Talbot and Mr. Garner, and I actually worked in the office a lot volunteering -
J.L.:	Doing what?
June Barry:	Office work and taking messages. But it was very strict. You were not allowed in the halls unless you had a slip from your teacher and they had what they called a demerit system. If you did anything you were not supposed to you had to get so many demerits and spend time in the demerit hall after.
Jimmy Barry:	I never had to [indistinct].
June Barry:	I never had to, of course.
J.L.:	And how many did you have?
Jimmy Barry:	Oh, I had a [indistinct] share. [lots of laughter] I didn't have any long time either, had to stay after school or you could go in early. For a half an hour, you could get rid of one or you could be good. I think they give you a present.
C.G.:	Can you remember any particular reason for a demerit that stands out in your head?
June Barry:	Oh dear! [laughter]
J.L.:	Jimmy, do you know of any reasons?
Jimmy Barry:	No, I don't remember, I don't think so. In Latin, I think a bunch of us might have started writing things all over the blackboard and got caught. [more laughter]
June Barry:	Well, his mother and father were right across the street so -.
Jimmy Barry:	But I didn't [indistinct] We did something during gym, Phys. Ed, we did something in a parking lot, raised a lot of hollering and screaming and got caught, lots of demerits, I think it was.
June Barry:	Sports were very important at G-W-. The people who went after sports, well, they were kind of the important ones in school.
Jimmy Barry:	The most famous one out of G-W- in our class was Willard Scott.
June Barry:	Yeah, we went to school with him.
Jimmy Barry:	He was in our class.
June Barry:	Yes, he was. He was about a year behind us, I think.
C.G.:	Did he get any demerits?
Jimmy Barry:	Willard, he was always the man. He was the announcer in the morning at school.
June Barry:	We had what we called 'assembly' in the morning, they would do announcements [indistinct background comment by Jimmy Barry] and at that time that's what he did. Then he went on to be a big radio personality here in this area, D.C. He and another man. I can't think of his name. Went to school with us. Walker?
Jimmy Barry:	Walker.

June Barry:	Walker. He was blind. They had a radio show for many years. [indistinct comment from Jimmy Barry] We called them the joy boys. But he honed that skill in high school by announcing every morning all the announcements. He was always humorous, you know, he thought he was humorous. [laughter]
J.L.:	Did you think he was humorous?
June Barry:	Sometimes. Well, we have known him pretty well over the years.
J.L.:	Have you kept up with him?
June Barry:	Well, not really.
Jimmy Barry:	I haven't seen him - We saw him one year at Ocean City. We were sitting on the beach and, lo' and behold, he came down the beach with his wife. That's the last time I really did talk to him, but that was a long time ago.
June Barry:	His father was our insurance agent and just about everybody I knows' insurance agent. They used to come door to door, once a month, collecting your insurance. And so his Dad was a life insurance agent. He lived there in Commonwealth Avenue. G-W- was a wonderful school. It really was. We had a lot of fun there. The teachers were good and like I say, there was a lot of discipline.
School Routine and Requirements	
C.G.:	Was there a dress code?
June Barry:	No. Except Miss Talbot, if she saw you in something she didn't like. You had to wear stockings or socks, you couldn't be bare legged either. Couldn't have your blouse too low or...People pretty much respected what she said.
Jimmy Barry:	Wouldn't wear jeans though.
June Barry:	No, there wasn't really any dress code.
June Barry:	It was a nice place to go to school.
J.L.:	Did you two participate in any after school activities?
Jimmy Barry:	No, I didn't at all. When I got out of school I was gone.
June Barry:	I used to be in school plays. I was cheer leader one year, but I had family responsibilities which really didn't have too much time after school to participate in things. But we always went to all the football games and all the things that were going on. You know, I still have friends, I still talk to my best friend that I grew up next door to every day and she lives down in Blacksburg [Virginia?]. So we have stayed friends with a lot of people.
C.G.:	What was the schedule like for school, start, finish, classes, things like that?
June Barry:	I believe we started around 8:30 in the morning and got off about three every day.

C.G.:	Did you have a home room period?
June Barry:	We had a home room period and then you had about forty five minute classes all day.
J.L.:	So, how many classes did you have?
Jimmy Barry:	Probably six.
June Barry:	Probably six.
Jimmy Barry:	Then you had a study hall.
June Barry:	We had lunch, people staggered the lunch. One thing, even though Jimmy lived across the street, you weren't allowed to leave the school area for lunch. Didn't you have to get permission to go home for lunch?
Jimmy Barry:	Yes, they had a letter on file. I never did eat at school. Never had a lunch there.
C.G.:	How many [indistinct]?
June Barry:	There was a strict discipline and yet, it was fun.
Jimmy Barry:	It wasn't any problem. It was a good school.
June Barry:	It was a good school.
J.L.:	Did the school serve lunch there or did you all have to bring your lunch?
Jimmy Barry:	They had a cafeteria.
Drugstores and Life in Del Ray	
June Barry:	They did but most everybody I knew took lunch. Or didn't eat lunch, had a Coke or something. [laughs] Then, everybody walked home together. On Mount Vernon Avenue where the school is, there were, let's say, one, two, three drugstores and that's what everybody did after school. Well, actually four with the Sugar Bowl open. There was Del Ray drugstore, there was Bowman's drugstore and Hayward Hamilton drugstore and then there was a place called Sugar Bowl right across from G-W-, later. That didn't open until 1945 or 1946. Everybody would just stop on their way home from school and get a soda. That's when I met Jimmy. He worked in one of the drugstores after school.
Jimmy Barry:	I don't think many kids had that much money that they could go to the drugstore like they do now.
June Barry:	They were certainly very innocent places. Just go and meet your friends, have the juke box.
J.L.:	So, you said you two met when you were sixteen June and you were seventeen Jimmy.
June Barry:	Um-hm.
Jimmy Barry:	Um-hm.
J.L.:	So, you were both juniors in High School?
June Barry:	Yes.
Jimmy Barry:	Probably. I was still a soda jerk. [Laughter]

June Barry:	He was working in a drugstore.
J.L.:	How long did you have that job for?
Jimmy Barry:	A couple of years. That passed along to one of my brothers. It sort of went down the list. It was a nice drugstore. One man, one girl. We worked [indistinct] helping them out [indistinct background comment from June Barry]. It was up in Del Ray. Near where the ice-cream place- Dairy Godmoth?
June Barry:	Dairy Godmother? Right direct diagonally across the street.
Jimmy Barry:	There was a little white store with a round front right diagonally across the street. Bowman's drugstore.
J.L.:	Which of the four (I don't think you Jimmy should answer this) was your favorite?
June Barry:	Bowman's because the Del Ray drugstore had kind of a reputation and my mother said you cannot go to the Del Ray drugstore.
C.G.:	What was the reputation?
June Barry:	Just, maybe the wilder kids hung out there. So, I was never allowed to go to the Del Ray drugstore.
Jimmy Barry:	I was not either.
J.L.:	It was definitely well known.
June Barry:	The Hayward Hamilton drugstore is right down Mount Vernon. There is a bank there now. It's on Oxford and Mount Vernon, right across from that Dairy Godmother. It's a bank there now. They had a juke box so the kids liked to go there and play the juke box. They had a fountain in there also. We usually went to Bowman's.
J.L.:	Why Bowman's, aside from the fact that Jimmy worked there?
June Barry:	I guess because my mother said that was where I had to go.
Jimmy Barry:	The druggist, that was the best known druggist in Del Ray
June Barry:	It was a very respectable place.
Jimmy Barry:	He didn't put up with much bother. He'd run the kids out of there but he was a pretty nice man. He let them come in there in the afternoons. He had about five tables and they could sit and congregate, get a Coke or something. That's it, then go on.
June Barry:	There was a phone booth in there and when I was fifteen I moved from Del Ray Avenue over to the other end of Del Ray Avenue. [Indistinct background comment from Jimmy Barry]. Back then it was right after the War, you had to wait a long time to get a telephone installed in your house. So, I used to stop in there to use the telephone to call my friends at the telephone booth inside the drugstore. That's how I met Jimmy. Then there weren't phones everywhere, everybody didn't have a telephone. Del Ray was a very nice place to grow up. It was very, a nice community, it really was.
J.L.:	Where there a lot of families there?
Jimmy Barry:	Oh yeah, lots of kids.

June Barry:	Yes, lots of families, people were close. Everybody walked and skated; you skated everywhere. Rode your bike. We were allowed to go wherever. When we were in elementary school, we started when we were six; we walked to the Mount Vernon school. No-one ever walked with us. All the kids just walked to school. Another person that lived right there was Johnny Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas.
Jimmy Barry:	You ever heard of him?
June Barry:	He lived right there on Oxford Avenue and he was the meanest little kid there ever was. [laughter] He used to scare me to death because he was one of these that would take your lunch and throw it away or throw your books down.
Jimmy Barry:	He is dead now.
J.L.:	I'm trying to figure out, in terms of age-
June and Jimmy Barry:	He was our age.
June Barry:	He was exactly our age.
Jimmy Barry:	He went to [indistinct] We went to the same [indistinct] together. [indistinct comments]
June Barry:	You had to go past his house to get to school.
Jimmy Barry:	He was awful. [laughter] He was a terror.
C.G.:	Probably got a lot of demerits.
June Barry:	Well, he wrote a book called Papa John and I had it. In fact, I just gave it to my sister. I was getting rid of a lot of books. He tells about how he acted, so I am not telling anything out of school. [indistinct comments] He scared me to death.
Jimmy Barry:	His father was in the Navy, I think.
June Barry:	His mother owned a dime store there on the corner where the St. Elmos is now. That used to be a little five and dime store; his mother owned it.
Classes at GW	
C.G.:	How many students were in each of your classes on average?
June Barry:	I think there were about two hundred and something when I graduated.
Jimmy Barry:	More than that.
June Barry:	More you think?
Jimmy Barry:	I think there was about six hundred or seven hundred a class, easy.
June Barry:	Maybe so.
Jimmy Barry:	There was a big graduation. I think there were about eighteen hundred students at one time.
June Barry:	I don't have any of my annuals so -
Jimmy Barry:	[unclear comment]
June Barry:	They are tucked away somewhere.

J.L.:	How many people were in your home group?
June Barry:	Probably twenty-five.
J.L.:	How did they divide up the home group? Was it by alphabetical order, was it-
Jimmy Barry:	I don't know how they did that.
June Barry:	It wasn't alphabetical. I think it had to do with what courses you were taking, how you were scheduled for other classes, that sort of thing. I'm sure it wasn't alphabetical.
C.G.:	Do you remember how many subjects they taught?
Jimmy Barry:	They had French. Three, no, four languages, English, French, Spanish and Latin. Then they had, of course, Math, English.
June Barry:	English all four years.
Jimmy Barry:	Science.
June Barry:	Social Studies they called it. You didn't take Biology and Chemistry and things unless you were taking college preparatory.
Jimmy Barry:	I think they had everything that you needed. Plus, they had a good shop. I was [indistinct] shop myself.
June Barry:	I was in art for four years.
Jimmy Barry:	Then they had a cadet corps. ROTC [Reserve Officers' Training Corps] Cadet corps.
June Barry:	I worked on the school newspaper for almost three years. It was called the <i>Surveyor</i> , for George Washington.
J.L.:	Did you have to do that outside of school time or was that during school time?
June Barry:	No, that was during school time. In my senior year I had a column. I used to write a little column; I interviewed people and made little profiles of them for the school newspaper.
C.G.:	Did you interview people at the school or people -
June Barry::	Yes, you know the football players and the popular girls and somewhere I have a few of those. I don't know where they are now. My mother saved a lot of them. I forget what it was called. It was called the 'Spotlight' and I would spotlight maybe five or six kids every newspaper.
J.L.:	How often did the newspaper come out?
June Barry:	It came out-
Jimmy Barry:	Once a month or every two weeks?
June Barry:	More often than once a month.
Jimmy Barry:	Maybe every two weeks.
June Barry:	It's a long time ago that we are talking about. [laughter] I really enjoyed working on the <i>Surveyor</i> .
Jimmy Barry:	It was a good little paper.
June Barry:	And while we were there a lot of boys had gone to War and they had not finished school, so they came back to G-W- to finish school after

	they had served.
J.L.:	How did that affect the social life in the school?
June Barry:	It worked fine. They were older of course.
Jimmy Barry:	I don't think it mattered that much.
June Barry:	I don't remember any problems from them.
Jimmy Barry:	I don't remember any problems at school.
June Barry:	I do remember one time and I think I have a picture somewhere of a whole group of them that were in our class that had decided to go. It showed them getting ready to leave. But, I don't remember there being any problem. I think a lot of them came back and played football, so they were older.
Jimmy Barry:	They all joined the National Guard
June Barry:	The football season was really the high season at G-W-. They had what they called the 'Old Oaken Bucket.' Have you heard of that?
J.L.:	No.
June Barry:	Well, it was 'Old Oaken Bucket.' Whoever won the Thanksgiving Day game between Washington and Lee and Arlington and G-W- got to keep the 'Old Oaken Bucket.' I don't know if you have all heard about the 'Lunch Bunch' from G-W-?
GW Lunch Bunch and the Oaken Bucket	
C.G.:	No.
J.L.:	Yeah, you guys still keep up with that?
June Barry:	Yes. It's once a month, going to be next Tuesday I think. Quite a few of the students, alumni, alumni association, who went to G-W-, get together either in Dale City, Country Cooking Buffet or something, or in Fredericksburg. There are usually close to two hundred people. Get together and have lunch. Then there is a picnic every September down at Fort Hunt. Usually a lot of people. You all should come to that – all the old football stars and they usually have a lot of pictures and they have the 'Old Oaken Bucket.' [Indistinct background comments by Jimmy Barry and interviewers]. Actually, my son's father-in-law, whose name is Ralph Schwab, he also was the Vice President of the bank where I worked, but anyway it just happened that we grew up together and our lives just sort of intermingled. But, he actually started this Lunch Bunch thing and put out a really good newsletter with a lot of information about the High School, once a month and kept up with everyone. But he's deceased now. They haven't really had anybody to sort of take over the reins there, but the lunch bunch is still going on.
Jimmy Barry:	It's going on and of course, it had an alumni association and that is separate to the lunch bunch.
J.L.:	Which do you like better?
Jimmy Barry:	Well, the association only meets... we have a free lunch in the

	[indistinct] spring and a picnic. That's the only time we get together. Whereas the Lunch Bunch meets every third Tuesday of the month.
June Barry:	And it includes all classes. I think the first class was 1936, was that the first class?
Jimmy Barry:	Way back there sometime.
June Barry:	And then I guess the last class, I'm not sure. Was it 1970 or something when G-W- became T.C. Williams? It became the High School. So there are still a few people from the very early graduating classes that come.
J.L.:	A lot of people from your class?
June Barry:	Um-hm, yes.
Jimmy Barry:	My brother and I go a lot and we have a bunch of friends, come down, we meet.
June Barry:	Of course, we are getting to the age now where a lot of them aren't there anymore.
J.L.:	Do you go most months?
June Barry:	Yes, Jimmy does. I don't always go.
Jimmy Barry:	Well, my brother and I were going every one but during this past year, with illnesses and whatnot one of us couldn't go, and we don't usually go by ourselves. We went to one time ago – April I think. May hasn't come yet.
June Barry:	But it is nice, you see people. Some of the people look exactly as they did when you were in High School. They just haven't changed. There is one boy, who's the big football star and if you see him, it's just, the last time I saw him – [End of Tape 1 side A][Start of Tape 1 Side B]
June Barry:	Lot of G-W- artifacts, they have a lot of pictures of the football club and that sort of thing.
C.G.:	Do they have the Oaken Bucket?
June Barry:	Yes, they have the Oaken Bucket.
Jimmy Barry:	They lost it when the school closed. Somehow it got misplaced.
June Barry:	So, are you all mainly interested in the G-W- thing then not so much Alexandria?
C.G.:	No, happy to hear any interesting stories that you might be able to share. I wondered if you might have any interesting stories relating to the old oaken bucket, any kind of pranks or legendary games.
Jimmy Barry:	There was always fights; guaranteed that there was going to be a fight.
June Barry:	Well, there was really a rivalry between Washington and Lee and G-W-. It was always the Thanksgiving game that was the big game. I honestly ...
Jimmy Barry:	The bucket got misplaced and they found it not too long ago. Now, when we have the lunches the old bucket is sitting there in presentation. Pretty neat.

June Barry:	Honestly don't know what the beginning of the Old Oaken Bucket was. How it got started.
C.G.:	You mentioned earlier that you were fond of the Shakespeare class, or at least you remembered it pretty well. Were there any other classes that sort of stick out in your memory?
June Barry:	Well, I always enjoy English and anything like that. Reading and art. I enjoy the art classes. We had a very nice art teacher, Mrs. Eisenberg, she made it a lot of fun. One thing we used to do after school; down in Alexandria there was a recreation center it's got a swimming pool. I guess it is still there. They have what they called 'sock hops' after school once a week and we would go down there, walk down there to Alexandria, do you know where that area is?
Jimmy Barry:	It's Cameron Street.
June Barry:	It's Cameron Street right off of King Street almost up to the Masonic temple. It's by Commonwealth Avenue there. The city swimming pool and next to it was a recreation center.
Sock Hops and High School Sororities	
C.G.:	Was that where the sock hop was?
Jimmy Barry:	Um-hm. I never went to it, but ...
June Barry:	I did.
Jimmy Barry:	I was shy. Dancing and all that stuff not my [indistinct]...
June Barry:	They had juke box ...
Jimmy Barry:	I never went. We always just played sports.
June Barry:	It was a nice time.
C.G.:	What would people wear to the sock hop?
June Barry:	Well, back then we were wearing plaid skirts and sweaters, bobby socks, penny loafers and ballerina shoes.
Jimmy Barry:	I don't know.
June Barry:	In school we had fraternities and sororities and that was a big thing to be in a sorority.
J.L.:	Were you part of one?
June Barry:	I was in a sorority, yes.
J.L.:	Which one?
June Barry:	Sigma Chi, that's what it was.
J.L.:	Where you in a fraternity?
Jimmy Barry:	No. [laughter]
June Barry:	It was fun.
Jimmy Barry:	I didn't partake in any of the school activities, really.
June Barry:	Yes, you had to be in a sorority.
J.L.:	What was the special part of being in the sorority? Were there benefits of this, were there special social events?
June Barry:	No, you were just in the clique with certain girls. What did they call that when we were being tested for the sorority? You had six weeks

	when you had to be at their beck and call and do everything that they said.
J.L.:	You mean like pledging?
June Barry:	Pledging right. You had to wear a little book around your neck and they would put little demerits in there if you didn't do what they said at the meetings. It was fun. It was just a social thing.
J.L.:	Was there a fee associated with being in a sorority?
June Barry:	No, there were never any fees. We met at each other's homes about once a month. There would be like a tea. Oh, it was very important.
J.L.:	How did you select that sorority as opposed to another one?
June Barry:	Well, they selected you. [laughter]
J.L.:	How did the selection process go?
June Barry:	If you were lucky enough to get selected for a couple of sororities of course you had to make the decision. I guess it was just whichever girls you like the best. It was fun.
J.L.:	So what kind of reputation did your sorority have?
June Barry:	We had a nice reputation because most of the girls were from Russell Road and above and that was the nicer part of Del Ray. So that was the sorority that you wanted to be in. I lived right on the cusp, I lived right at the top of Del Ray Avenue with Russell Road and then Beverley Hills was up there. Now, the Belle Haven girls that was different. You couldn't get into Belle Haven unless you lived in Belle Haven. [Laughter].
C.G.:	How did they let you know that they wanted you to join their group?
June Barry:	They would send a representative to you. I just can't think of the word they called it when they chose you. You would be invited to a meeting. It was hard; they would invite maybe five or six girls and maybe only accept three. So, if you weren't accepted it was pretty hard.
J.L.:	Did you have any friends who were not accepted?
June Barry:	No, not really, I don't think so.
J.L.:	Did you have friends who were not accepted to your sorority?
June Barry:	Yes, in fact I grew up next door to my very best friend, she and her sister [indistinct], and she didn't get accepted. My friend didn't get accepted to the one I did, so she joined a sorority from Washington and Lee. Which was like -- it was just unheard of.
Jimmy Barry:	Who was that Martha?
June Barry:	No, Mary.
J.L.:	Did that affect her socially?
June Barry:	No, she was a very popular girl. Very pretty and very popular. But I used to have a friend that lived in Belle Haven even though I wasn't part of the Belle Haven group. We liked her because she had a pink jeep. Nobody in our set had cars; most of our parents didn't have cars

	then. Very few people had cars. We used to love to ride around with her in her pink jeep. I wish I could think of her name.
J.L.:	Now Jimmy, whilst June was off at the sock hop and Chi's what were you doing in the evenings after school?
Jimmy Barry:	Delivering papers or playing football or basketball. We had a field right next to the house where the Sugar Bowl is now. That's where we played all our football and we had a [indistinct] running through, so we had a basketball hoop and all. The building was lit at night so we could play out there night. That's where we stayed. Then I delivered papers.
J.L.:	Who did you play with?
Jimmy Barry:	Neighbors, just the kids we grew up with. Then I carried the <i>Gazette</i> .
J.L.:	For how long did you deliver papers?
Jimmy Barry:	I don't know how long I had that round but I carried that round five or six years...
June Barry:	We were engaged.
Jimmy Barry	I had the largest round the <i>Gazette</i> had then. Then I carried the <i>Washington Post</i> . I carried a couple – <i>Shoppers Journal</i> , which had nothing but ads, I carried that. Then we had a magazine we called <i>Liberty</i> and we sold those weekly. I was always working.
C.G.:	With the <i>Gazette</i> and the drugstore what sort of things did you spend your discretionary income on?
Jimmy Barry:	I was into trains – model trains. [Indistinct] trains. I bought a lot of stuff for that. Then of course we used to go to D.C. every week to the movies and the stage shows. [bell chimes in background] We didn't make that much money, but we always had money. Buy clothes, pair of shoes or something.
Movie Theatres, D.C. Entertainment and Hot Shoppes	
June Barry:	Are you all familiar with the theatres that were in D.C. then?
C.G.:	Not at all.
June Barry:	There were three theatres. The Warner is still there. Then there was the Capitol and the Translux. You not only saw a movie, you saw a newsreel, previews and there was always a stage show. It was all like a dollar. You had to take the bus to go over and the bus once you were out there on Pennsylvania Avenue, then you had to walk up to F Street to the movies. That's what we would do and we saw Frank Sinatra, all the big stars came to these stage shows. So, you saw a movie and a big star.
Jimmy Barry:	We were always there every Saturday. You always went to Washington. A whole bunch of us would go.
C.G.:	Just a little off topic, but I am a Sinatra fan so I can't help but ask what was your impression of him?
June Barry:	He was wonderful. I loved him. We saw him two or three times when

	he was, when the crowd was actually swooning.
C.G.:	Were you swooning?
June Barry:	Well, yes. I liked Frankie Lane. Do you remember who that was? No?
C.G.:	No.
June Barry:	So, we saw him there and Van Johnson. [Indistinct background comment by Jimmy Barry.] All of the movie stars would come to sell War Bonds and that sort of thing. Whenever you went to the movies there was always a stage show. All the big bands, Benny Goodman and all of them would play.
Jimmy Barry:	They had a big organ so somebody played the organ and they had the sing-a-longs. Everybody would ... That was good money, half a day spent. [indistinct]
June Barry:	Another thing we did from school was the skating rink. There was a skating rink. We would go after school to the skating rink.
C.G.:	Where was that?
June Barry:	It was on Washington Street going towards D.C. There used to be a Hot Shoppe.
Jimmy Barry:	Pendleton street? You know where the Wendy's was – Washington Street there. That street. Just behind there there was a bowling alley, next to that was the skating rink.
June Barry:	A lot of people liked the skating rink.
Jimmy Barry:	It was a big thing.
June Barry:	They had a man that played the organ. Everybody wore skating skirts.
Jimmy Barry:	We went over there Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday.
June Barry:	They would dance on skates. That was very popular. And the Hot Shoppe. All the kids from G-W- went to the [Hot Shoppe]. The Marriott had a place called the Hot Shoppe.
Jimmy Barry:	Something there now. There is an office building there now.
June Barry:	It's an office building now. It's right there, right where the skating rink was. And they had the drive in. Drive up in your car. Nobody ever went on a date from G-W- that they didn't go to the Hot Shoppe after the date.
Jimmy Barry:	Cruising. Going round in your car, cruising.
June Barry:	Just pulled up and they brought out the food to you. You know, outside. Sometimes we went in.
Jimmy Barry:	Had a little tray you had to bring in, pull the tray into your car [indistinct] where you were seating. They didn't come out on roller skates or anything, but they came up and you tipped them and [indistinct] ...
June Barry:	A lot of students worked at the Hot Shoppe.
J.L.:	What about you June? Jimmy has talked about a lot of his work during school time. What about you? Did you have a job?

June Barry:	No. I never did. I had one job. I went to work for the bank when I graduated and that was it. Raised my family and retired.
J.L.:	What did you do in terms of being able to afford the movies, and the Hot Shoppe and the drugstore?
June Barry:	Well, my mother used to give me money for things like that. She was a widow and so I had a lot of responsibility at home. I had brothers and a little sister. I never babysat or anything. I never had a job really until I graduated. Back then you didn't have a lot of clothes, you were just happy with what you did have. The movies were twenty-five cents. Go to D.C. and see Frank Sinatra for a dollar.
J.L.:	How much was the bus fare?
June Barry:	Bus fare was five cents, wasn't it?
Jimmy Barry:	Probably fifteen cents to DC, five cents if you wanted to go down town. If you took the bus to D.C. probably fifteen cents.
June Barry:	But you had to walk a long way from where the bus put you down back there, near the Old Post Office.
Jimmy Barry:	12 th and Pennsylvania.
C.G.:	Did you have a curfew, either of you?
June Barry:	Oh, I did. My mother was very strict.
C.G.:	What time did you have to be home?
June Barry:	I had to be home before midnight certainly, but long before that. My mother was very strict. [Indistinct background comment by Jimmy Barry.] Jimmy's parents were too.
Jimmy Barry:	I hadn't started driving then. I kept turning the corner and my mother would be standing in the window. I could see her. Waiting, looking for me to come home.
June Barry:	Well, Jimmy, you know, we were engaged. He was still coming to my house too on his bicycle. [laughter] We didn't have cars.
Jimmy Barry:	I didn't get a driver's license until I was eighteen.
J.L.:	So, when did you two get engaged? In high school?
June Barry:	Yes, pretty much. Then we ...
Jimmy Barry:	1950, I guess it was.
June Barry:	We went together about three years, I guess.
Jimmy Barry:	I was working; we had already graduated, already out of school.
C.G.:	How did you propose to her?
June Barry:	You know my kids have asked me that and I don't think there ever was a ...
Jimmy Barry:	I thought I did it, but she says it wasn't true. [Much laughter].
June Barry:	We just talked about it, I don't know.
Jimmy Barry:	I know she picked a ring and all that.
June Barry:	We went together.
Jimmy Barry:	We went to see somebodies house, off The Boulevard on Slater's Lane, and that's where I think I gave it to her. But she says no. [more

	laughter and indistinct comment by June Barry] We went over to visit somebody and I gave it to her in the car.
June Barry:	We had a lot of opposition. Our parents thought we were too young.
Jimmy Barry:	Probably were. [laughter]
C.G.:	It seems to have worked out.
June Barry:	Well, it seems to have worked out. We have three children, seven grandchildren.
J.L.:	In terms of socializing at school how did it change from before you two were dating to after you two were dating?
June Barry:	Well, not too much because everybody then went steady with somebody. You, pretty much all your friends went steady. Unless you weren't going with someone then you would go to the fraternity and sorority parties and the sock hops. You know, you would just be all together with friends, have parties and things.
Jimmy Barry:	We would see each other and when school was out I'd walk her home but other than that that was it.
J.L.:	So, you didn't see each other during school at all?
June Barry:	Not too much, no.
Jimmy Barry:	Unless you would crisscross in the hall, but no. Didn't have time.
June Barry:	School, like I say, I've said this before, it was very strict. You got from one class to another. You were not allowed to lounge around halls. There was no talking in the halls and things. It was pretty strict in school.
Jimmy Barry:	Two or three minutes, maybe four to get between classes and go to your locker.
J.L.:	It sounds like you went home for lunch Jimmy, so that was not a social time for you.
Jimmy Barry:	No, I just went home.
June Barry:	Yes, it was a social time for me.
J.L.:	Was there a cafeteria?
June Barry:	Yes. So everyone was in the cafeteria.
C.G.:	You said everyone you knew brought their own lunch, right? Was the food that bad at the school?
Skipping School	
June Barry:	I don't know. I never did buy my lunch that much, so I don't really know. Like I say, all the girls I knew just used to have a Coke and a cracker or something. We didn't use to eat lunch much. You never left school to get lunch ever. The only mischief I ever got into when I was at school, one day I decided with two friends to skip school. That was a big thing to skip school. And we skipped school, and we were so nervous that we went to the Alexandria library and sat there all day reading books. That was my big breakout. [laughs] When Mrs. Talbot the principal. They always asked you, when you weren't

	in school the day before, you had to go to the office and tell them why you were out of school. And I couldn't lie and ...
Jimmy Barry:	The kid lived down the street from me, he and I went fishing. A creek – South Washington street, you know as you go out of town [indistinct]. That's where we went – half a day. I don't know how I got out of it, but I did.
J.L.:	So, did you get in trouble for that?
Jimmy Barry:	I don't think so, I didn't.
June Barry:	I got a little stern talk from Mrs. Talbot, yes. You are probably talking to two pretty boring subjects as far as any kind of trouble. We were pretty straight.
C.G.:	Was there a class prank or something like that that would take place when people graduated?
June Barry:	I don't remember anything like that. You know, of course, we never heard of drugs or it used to be rumored that some of the football players kept alcohol in their lockers, but I never knew if it was true or not. It was pretty innocent times really.
Jimmy Barry:	We went to Washington to a restaurant after we graduated.
June Barry:	Yes, everybody when they graduated we went to a place in DC called the Flagship over on Maine Avenue. That was kind of the place to go after the home prom. Graduations were very nice. Very traditional.
Jimmy Barry:	They were big.
June Barry:	They usually had around ... the June ones were held at the football field and the January ones were held inside.
J.L.:	You graduated in January?
Jimmy Barry:	Yeah. Mid-term.
J.L.:	Now, did you two go to the prom together?
June Barry:	Yes.
Jimmy Barry:	I didn't. [laughter] I didn't want to go to a prom.
June Barry:	Oh, yes you did. We didn't go to one for yours.
Jimmy Barry:	No, I don't know if I did or not.
J.L.:	So, a prom was before graduation?
June Barry:	Yes.
C.G.:	What was the prom like? Jimmy obviously can't describe it, but maybe you can.
Jimmy Barry:	I never even remember going to one cause like I said I was shy...[indistinct]
June Barry:	The prom was just, everybody wore pretty prom dresses and we didn't have a band. It was strictly juke box music. Now, the fraternities and sororities used to have parties and we used to go to a place in Alexandria called Bendall Pontiac. It was a car dealer, and they had like a large auditorium and they would let the sororities and fraternities have their parties there. That was fun.

C.G.:	So, you had to rent the space?
June Barry:	Um-hm.
Jimmy Barry:	I remember going to that, something down there. I vaguely remember that.
June Barry:	He wasn't much fun. [laughter]
C.G.:	What were the parties like?
June Barry:	The parties were good. A lot of dancing.
Jimmy Barry:	Eats and what not. Drinks. No alcohol, but Cokes and ...
June Barry:	Well, actually that's not true. We knew people that ...
Jimmy Barry:	Oh yeah, some people. Well, you could go into D.C. at eighteen and buy beer.
Evenings on The Boulevard	
June Barry:	We weren't in that ... We would go to the Hot Shoppe and get a milkshake. And then afterwards, I guess I have to tell this, everybody would drive down to The Boulevard into the little cut-offs.
Jimmy Barry:	You probably did too.
June Barry:	Riverside, there was a hill down there I have heard off.
J.L.:	I know nothing of the sort. [much laughter]
June Barry:	You know where Riverside is? Well, we would all meet down there, a whole lot of kids. We used to have what they would call 'weenie roasts' down there. Go down and build fires and cook hot dogs and all meet down there on the weekends. But The Boulevard was where you went; went to the Hot Shoppe and then you went to The Boulevard.
Jimmy Barry:	But it was pretty well ... there was a lot of police. You didn't have to worry.
J.L.:	Keeping you safe?
Jimmy Barry:	If you were got there after midnight, they would run you out of there. Everybody went down there. [chimes in background]
C.G.:	What would the police do if they caught you?
Jimmy Barry:	Nothing. You were not doing anything wrong.
June Barry:	Well, they would stop and look in your car and check you out.
J.L.:	Getting back to school...
June Barry:	I think G-W- was a very well respected school, the standards were high and it was a good place to be. [End of Tape 1 Side B] [Start of Tape 2 Side A]
School Spirit	
J.L.:	It seems like you have a lot of pride in the school. Was there a lot of school spirit?
June Barry:	Yes.
Jimmy Barry:	Oh yeah.
J.L.:	What kind of things would they do for a school spirit?
June Barry:	[After long pause]. Well, I was a cheerleader for a while.

Jimmy Barry:	They had to perform before the big games and all.
June Barry:	We had rallies.
Jimmy Barry:	Rallies, pep rallies.
June Barry:	Pep rallies, yeah. Like I say, the football players and the track, they were kind of the big men in school. They had a crew, rowing crew.
Jimmy Barry:	They had a rowing crew, they had baseball. They had good teams, let's put it that way. Lot of all [unclear], very good football teams.
June Barry:	We had nice coaches.
Jimmy Barry:	It was a big school.
June Barry:	There was one coach, Mr. Hannersley [?], I think something in Alexandria is named for him.
Jimmy Barry:	Joe Hannersley [?]
June Barry:	Joe Hannersley [?]
Jimmy Barry:	Joe Hannersley, he played basketball and then coached Duran. He was the best basketball coach.
C.G.:	What were the pep rallies like?
June Barry:	Well, the cheerleaders would get out and get everybody ...
Jimmy Barry:	Whooping and hollering. Band.
June Barry:	Sing on G-W-. There was a song on G-W-. We sing that at the Lunch Bunch. We always sing G-W-.
J.L.:	What were your cheerleading outfits like?
June Barry:	Just white sweaters [indistinct background comment by Jimmy Barry] with the G-W- embossed on them with short skirts. We were into plaid skirts back then.
J.L.:	So, what were the colors?
June Barry:	Blue and gold.
Jimmy Barry:	[Indistinct comments]
C.G.:	Did you have a mascot?
June Barry:	I don't believe so. If there was, I do not remember a mascot.
Jimmy Barry:	I don't know that the schools had mascots back in those days, really.
June Barry:	I don't believe so.
J.L.:	How many people were on the cheerleading team?
June Barry:	Oh gee, I'd say about a dozen. I only did it one year. Like I say, I kind of ended up with a lot of family responsibilities, so could not do a lot of things.
Jimmy Barry:	They had varsity and JV [junior varsity] teams, so each one of them had plenty of guys, plenty of people on them, big. So, if you didn't make it to varsity you played JV. Baseball same way. Track and football.
J.L.:	Was there varsity and junior varsity for the cheerleading squad or was it just all one?
June Barry:	Yes, there were.
Jimmy Barry:	There were two I think. You could move up.

J.L.:	Were you on the JV or the varsity?
June Barry:	Varsity.
J.L.:	Impressive.
June Barry:	It was fun.
C.G.:	What was your favorite subject Jimmy?
Jimmy Barry:	My favorite? I am going to say mechanical drawing was. I enjoyed drawing, design, building things.
C.G.:	That was a shop class?
Jimmy Barry:	Yes, that was a shop class. I enjoyed that the most. I liked the Latin though. Latin wasn't bad.
C.G.:	Except for when you got demerits. [laughter]
June Barry:	Well, you had to know Latin for church.
Jimmy Barry:	I was an altar boy so I had to learn Latin, some portions of Latin.
J.L.:	What was your least favorite class?
Jimmy Barry:	English.
J.L.:	Why?
Jimmy Barry:	Because I didn't like to read. Still don't.
J.L.:	What about you June, what was your least favorite?
June Barry:	My least favorite was Math. I ended up my whole work life at the bank [lots of laughter]. Algebra really kind of threw me.
C.G.:	Any teachers stand out in your minds?
June Barry:	Yeah, the art teacher, I really liked her. Mrs. Eisenberg. My Spanish teacher I really liked, I took for four years, Miss Van Saun. I liked a lot of the teachers. I liked school. I liked elementary school and high school. I enjoyed school.
Jimmy Barry:	I liked all the teachers I had. Nothing against any of them really, they were all good.
J.L.:	So Jimmy, June seems like she was really loved school. Did you like school?
Jimmy Barry:	No. [much laughter] No, I mean I liked it. I regret not doing more than I did. Now I wish I had done more. But I just, you know, in those days it was get it done and get it over with. Do what I had to do and that was it. But I just didn't like school.
J.L.:	It sounds like though you were close with your brothers. Your brother? How many brothers?
Jimmy Barry:	Three.
J.L.:	Three brothers. And were they in the same school as you, close in grade?
Jimmy Barry:	We were all a year and a half apart. One brother did not go to G-W-, two brothers did. We were not that close, other than playing together. My brothers next to me, they played together. The younger brothers they played sort of by themselves.
June Barry:	You worked a lot.

Jimmy Barry:	I worked a lot yeah. We all worked really. Let's see. My brother next to me, he carried papers. Then when I moved up he took my round and my younger brother took his round. So, we kept the paper in the family.
J.L.:	When you were working that much did you have time for homework?
Jimmy Barry:	Yeah, we did it at night.[End of Tape 2 Side A][Start of Tape 2 side B]
June Barry:	We didn't used to have those backpacks that weigh a ton. We used to carry a notebook and a book home.
June Barry:	We didn't have a lot of homework. We had home room... Or, we would have time to do things. You were required to do so many book reports a year, but I always loved that because I loved reading. We didn't carry home a lot of books.
Jimmy Barry:	We used to play outside until 8 or 8:30, didn't we? Then, everybody went home. Then that's when we used to do our homework. But we didn't have television or anything.
Segregation and Closure of George Washington	
C.G.:	I understand that G-W- was segregated at the time. Do you want to comment on that?
June Barry:	Growing up in Del Ray, all the schools were segregated.
Jimmy Barry:	Everything.
June Barry:	We were just not integrated at all growing up in Del Ray. You had to go into Alexandria. It was never an issue for me because we weren't exposed to any problems that way at all. The only time I was aware of the integration, I was already working at the bank. Of course, the bank integrated when the schools did. I always thought it was kind of sad that G-W- more or less ended when it became integrated because I was sad when they closed G-W- as a High School. We really were not touched by that at all.
Jimmy Barry:	It didn't affect any body, I believe.
June Barry:	No. I didn't have any strong feelings about that at all.
Jimmy Barry:	Catholic schools, the blacks had their own school on Columbus Street
June Barry:	Yes, St. Joseph's.
Jimmy Barry:	St. Joseph's. Still there. Church is still there, don't know if the school is. They had black nuns and everything else so...
C.G.:	Did the schools play each other at all at sports?
June Barry:	No.
Jimmy Barry:	No. Oh no, there was no integration. Nothing at all.
June Barry:	No. There was no integration. And at that time, it is awful to say this, even on the bus there was segregation on the buses and that sort of thing. There really was never a discussion in my life when I was that age...[but there was] no prejudice in my home growing up.
Jimmy Barry:	It never entered my mind about them being segregated. It's sad to

	think what they had to go through...It was never any problem. Most of the guys I worked with seemed... I worked with a lot of black boys.
C.G.:	So, you did interact with some of the black students?
Jimmy Barry:	No, not with the students, no. We never had any interaction at all. They had their own teams and they played their own teams.
June Barry:	The swimming pool was segregated.
Jimmy Barry:	They had their own pool. Everything they had their own.
J.L.:	What about with your paper route. Was that working with other paper boys from the other school?
Jimmy Barry:	You mean black?
J.L.:	Yes.
Jimmy Barry:	Yeah, they had routes down town. When I carried the <i>Gazette</i> we used to go down... I used to work for the guy who was route manager. We get to pick the newspaper up from the presses on King Street. Where City Hall is, that's where the place was. There were black boys who came in there. They had the routes all down town. They got their paper, they went on their way and that was it.
J.L.:	So, you didn't have much interaction?
Jimmy Barry:	No.
C.G.:	What about the drugstore? Was it all white employees?
Jimmy Barry:	There was only two who worked in the drugstore, myself and the druggist.
C.G.:	Small drug store. How did you feel the day that the school closed? Do you remember that day? Do you remember -
Jimmy Barry:	No, I was out of it too long. I graduated in 1957; I was out of school twenty years before it closed.
June Barry:	Did T.C. Williams open and then they closed GW, not sure.
Jimmy Barry:	There was another school, Hammond. Do you remember that one? Remember Hammond?
June Barry:	Yes.
Jimmy Barry:	That was up on Seminary Road toward – going up Seminary Road by the hospital. Do you know where the hospital is?
J.L.:	Oh yeah.
Jimmy Barry:	There was a school up there, Francis J. Hammond. He and I grew up together. He lived in Rosemont. He won the Congressional Medal of Honor and that's why it is named after him, in Korea. Francis J Hammond. Then they merged the two schools to T.C. Williams.
C.G.:	We are running out of time. There is a question on here about the G-W- time capsule. Do you nothing about that? Can you tell us anything about that?
June Barry:	I really don't know.
Jimmy Barry:	They have got one, I know.

J.L.:	It wasn't in your time?
Jimmy Barry:	No. Only came up when the Alumni Association was formed, when they really got into that.
June Barry:	Isn't it buried out in front of ... I don't remember.
Jimmy Barry:	I don't know where it is. If there is such a thing.
June Barry:	We got a year book. That was a big thing in school, the year book.
Jimmy Barry:	I had year books.
June Barry:	<i>The Compass</i> , it was called. [For] George Washington of course. That was a big thing when the year books came out. Everybody signed them and wrote things about you. You got your year book completely filled with everybody writing things. I guess they still do that. Do they?
J.L.:	Oh yeah.
C.G.:	Do either of you still have yours?
June Barry:	Yes.
Jimmy Barry:	I'm missing the one when I graduated in 1950. That's the one I think we don't have. One of these days, I'll get one.
June Barry:	It was a big event to get your year book. You knew everybody would sign it for you.
C.G.:	I think that is time, but I do have one more question that I want to ask and that's what advice do you have for a high school student today? Say at T.C. Williams or some other area school. [chimes in background]
June Barry:	Having seen all my grandchildren go through school, you know, and seeing how much schools have changed...
Jimmy Barry:	Do the best you can. Do the right thing. Study hard.
June Barry:	Study hard. School is harder now for children. This is not pertinent probably, but we are very excited because one of our granddaughters just graduated Tuesday from NYU [New York University] and she won a five-year scholarship fellowship to Princeton.
J.L.:	Oh my goodness!
June Barry:	We are so excited for her.
C.G.:	Wow! Congratulations.
Jimmy Barry:	Another one just graduated from NOVA. She works at the Little Theatre. She just graduated. Then another one, her sister graduated, what a year or so ago, from Marymount. She is a school teacher, professionally.
June Barry:	But school is so much harder now. The children, I don't know, they have to just really study hard.
Jimmy Barry:	It's hard on them from, what I have seen.
June Barry:	I think that they give them too much homework. When I retired, I took care of two of my grandchildren and I was there with them every night for homework and it was just terrible. I think they need to

	lessen up, lighten up a little on that. They carry all these books home - Of course, most kids go to college nowadays so they have to be prepared... Well, things have changed.
Jimmy Barry:	Things really have changed since we went to school.
June Barry:	We have spent a lot of time picking up our grandchildren outside of high schools, you know.
Jimmy Barry:	I don't think that the teachers have any control like they used to have in school. The teachers deserve a lot of respect for what they do.
June Barry:	I don't think that there is the discipline in school and this bullying business. One of our grandsons had a real hard time with that in middle school. My only advice would be just to study real hard. Carry those books home.
C.G.:	Thank you very much for your time. You have been very generous. It's just after 9 o'clock on Friday, May 14 th 2010. This will end the session with June and Jimmy Barry/
J.L.:	Thank-you.
June Barry:	You are welcome.
Jimmy Barry:	Goodbye. If you want anything else just come back. [End]