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Chapter 29

Former HPE Faculty Member - Margaret McMillan - Relationship Between The Hamilton Laboratory School And The University and Extra-curricular Organizations & Red Jackets.

Transcript

Title Card: What is the relationship between the Hamilton Lab School and the University?

Margaret McMillan – Former Faculty: Well, when I was a student and both a faculty member at the University, Hamilton was exactly what, it was a laboratory school. It provided an opportunity for the elementary majors, the students, who were going to be teaching in elementary schools to do their practice teaching, and the teachers who were supervising them were the regular teachers at the Hamilton school. So, it provided a laboratory for our students at the University to actually experiment and practice.

Title Card: What kinds of extracurricular organization were there on campus?

Margaret McMillan: The Red Jackets were a great organization back in the late '30s and all the way through to the '50s. They were the pep squad, and they would march in all the parades, not just school parades, but they would march in all the festival parades all over Louisiana. They would go most of the places the band went, and we used to take fabulous trips.

We get on the train. We go to Mobile and that was really one of the greatest highlights of my life when we went to play Spring Hill because one, my brother was a cheerleader at Spring Hill and I was a cheerleader here and it was just a whole lot of fun and all of a sudden I look up and I see my mother and daddy sitting up in the stands and did not know they would be there.

But I mean these are things I remember from my teen years that meant so much and these red jackets were all the leaders on the campus. They still to this day have reunions at Homecoming time. They were great. Put on great shows.