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Tino w/Dr. Anthony

I knew that we needed a community college in Plano. Grayson College was here but it was a needful thing, our own college. And we were real fortunate because we got this running from the beginning. I'm glad we had the opportunity.

Dr. A: Did David convince you to run for the Board?

They started having the meetings and they chose the nine people. I was not one of those nine. So I told David, you're better than me and you're very good with people and some of us were interested in running and filed a petition, so we did. There were Joey, Bill Crawford, myself, Colin didn't make it. The man from Allen didn't make it. Doug didn't make it either. Then we started getting the signatures, having the meeting at the high school, we still had the list of the petitions. I used to work table to table to signatures. I think, myself, I got close to 1,000 signatures. We used to have the meetings at David's office. Sue Olivier, she was a real power and a real good leader. She'd call me and say, Tino we need food.

Dr. A: Any real characters that came out of the woodwork that you know of?

Not really. Ed started meeting with us and was very, very helpful. Nine of us after we got elected we didn't have any experience running a college. Ed was a great help, real friendly guy.

Dr. A: When you think about the college do you know what really pleases you, makes you proud of when you look back?

I'm most proud of the college. Every time I go through, I see how clean they keep it. Not just the building, the students themselves. You don't see too many of them with long hair, dirty. I think we have a really good thing going with the college.

Dr. A: Anything you think we should have done differently?

I don't think so. Fresh quality people.

Dr. A: Nelson thinks we should have bought the land in Plano.

Yea, (laughing) he and I have been real close.

Dr. A: Were you aware of how precarious the situation was with the legislature getting us approved?

No, not really.

Dr. A: Judge Roberts said it almost went down to the last day in the legislature. He was kind of pessimistic. We were trying to think what a vital opponent.

Plano, being a social colleague, we always had a problem over there.

Dr. A: In fact, that's what Bill had said, he said that's why this lady in Austin because her husband was high in Democratic politics.

Plano being Republican community.

Dr. A: What do you see for the future?

Nothing but success.