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A HISTORY OF ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Past-college president, James E. Shenton, gives a complete oral history of Erie Community College from the inception of the "community college" in 1946 to his retirement in August, 1974.  
----6 cassettes, transcript.

Contents:

1. Covers the time frame 1946 through 1947 when the Board of Regent's Post-War Plan first suggested starting two-year technical education in New York State. The beginning of the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences on Elmwood Avenue is related through many anecdotes, and experiences converting the Pierce-Arrow Plant into a two-year college are vividly described. Also included: State funding problems and explanation of the Co-op Program. (President: R. R. Dry).  
[27 min.]
2. Covers the 1948 to 1955 time frame. Includes the creation of the State University system in New York and the change from State to County fiscal control of college funding as a direct result of the Community College Law, Article 126. Also includes dedication of the Elmwood Avenue Campus. College becomes ECTI.  
[15 min.]
3. Covers the time frame 1955 through 1960. Reflections on Elmwood Avenue Campus in the "early years," organizations and publications present then...Lawrence E. Spring's presidency. Consideration and expansion into a permanent, suburban campus. Selection of the Amherst site, groundbreaking, and move to the new campus.  
[15 min.]
4. Covers the 1960-1966 time frame. Classes begin on the Amherst Campus. Mr. Shenton becomes President November 1, 1963. Co-op Program is phased-out, Liberal Arts Curriculum is begun. Plans for expanding the Amherst Campus begin. Urban Center is created. Considerations of South and City Campuses take form. Mr. Shenton permanently appointed President by inauguration January, 1966.  
[22 min.]
5. Covers the time frame 1966 to 1974. Includes completion of building expansion and Middle States Accreditation of the North Campus; site locations and start-up of South and City Campuses; Multi-campus operation, the one-college concept; College name change to Erie Community College/North-South-City.  
[23 min.]
- \*6. Covers the time frame 1946 through 1974. This tape deals with the changes in college governance over the years as the Taylor Law was enacted, the relationship of faculty/administration and their joint efforts to get more control over college finances and privileges such as sabbatical leaves. Mr. Shenton concludes the history remembering the Colleges 25th Anniversary and his retirement celebration.  
[15.5 min.]

\*A more complete explanation of fiscal responsibilities related to "Plan A" versus "Plan C" appears only in the written transcript of this history.

