



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index - 001

Interviewee: Richard D. Paul

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

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Summary

Dick Paul shares his memories of basketball at the Edgehill Ward Gym and people who were involved as leaders and players. He recalls first encounters with Dr. Paul J. Hansen, the structure of the basketball program which Dr. Hansen directed, the participation of his elder brother Bill Jr. and their father, a successful coach. He tells of working at the gym and of a gym court presided over by a real judge who penalized transgressors.

Dick highlights the interpersonal skills of Paul Hansen, recalls a surprise recognition dinner that he organized for him, and recalls the affection that he and fellow gym rats have shown for their coach since his passing.

Dick talks at length about Royce Rosendaal, an early gym rat for whom he had great admiration. He also tells about an incident at the gym that sent Floyd Brown to the hospital where Coach Hans treated him to double thick banana malts daily.

Dick's comments on the roles of the Edgehill Gym and Paul Hansen and others in integrating the Mormon and non-Mormon members of the community. In closing, he notes the enduring bonds of friendship that were formed among Edgehill alumni.

Note: This is the first of two interviews with Dick. Occasionally pages can be heard turning as he leafs through his written personal history.

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction.
00:00:24	Paul Hansen and Gym Rats. Dick shares how he and George Souvall first met Paul Hansen -- a life changing event. Dr. Paul J. Hansen
00:02:34	Edgehill basketball. Dick started at age 10 in 1947. Describes age structure



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	of the basketball program and mentions league play.
00:03:28	Bill Paul Jr. Dick's elder brother. Worked up to Explorer "A" team. Received scholarship from Coach Gardner at University of Utah without playing high school ball (see Images 1 and 2) Appeared on cover of <i>Sports Illustrated</i> guarding All-American Lennie Rosenbluth (see Images 3 and 4 and "Undefeated North Carolina Wins Dixie Classic," <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> , Dec 30, 1956 https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=888&dat=19561230&id=NiVSAAAIIBAJ&sjid=NHYDAAAAIIBAJ&pg=7085,5838659&hl=en)
00:06:16	Bill Paul Sr. Allen Brown, nephew of Paul Hansen, played with Bill Jr. on church teams. Dick was ball boy. Bill Paul Sr. coached undefeated Edgehill Ward M-Men teams for 8 consecutive years before losing a stake game. Paul Hansen coached Bill Jr.'s Explorer teams. (See Document 4)
00:07:45	Road trips and All-Church Tournament. Paul Hansen arranged road trips to play teams around the area. All-Church Tournament was "just less famous than the National Invitational Tournament." Bill's [Explorer] team defeated Granite High junior varsity and M-Men's team defeated East High varsity. (See Document 01 for another road victory and 03 for Edgehill at All-Church Tournament)
00:09:08	Gym worker. Paid to be gym worker at age 12 or 13. Cleaned locker room and restrooms. Assigned to collect player's fee from Saturday Open House games. Arrived at 2:30 am morning to practice jump shots before assuming Open House duties at 8:00.
00:10:54	Famous players. Arnie Ferrin and Wat Misaka played ball in Edgehill Gym.
00:11:30	"Gym Court". Judge George ("His Honor") Richards presided, handed out penalties for bad behavior.
00:12:30	Master of human relations. Paul Hansen won the affection of the boys, their sisters and mothers. Interested in psychology and education. Assisted Dick's sister with student teaching at Roosevelt Jr. High.
00:14:12	Recognition dinner. Organized surprise party and dinner for Paul Hansen in ca. 1967. Held in Edgehill Gym. Main course provided by Royce Rosendaal, former gym rat and restaurant owner. Governor and congressmen sent congratulations. Marion D. Hank (LDS Church general authority) spoke; he had played at the gym and coached teams against Edgehill Ward. Solicited contributions and presented Paul with a new Pontiac Bonneville car. U of U vice president and humanitarian Lowell Bennion later asked Dick, "Do you really think Paul Hansen wants recognition? You better think that over for a minute." Paul was upset with Dick.
00:19:55	Hebgen Lake. Paul Hansen had built a cabin at Hebgen Lake [in Montana].



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	Dick and fellow gym rats relocated Paul, who was suffering Parkinson's disease, from a nursing home to the cabin and provided a nurse to care for him. They watched the movie <i>Hoosiers</i> with Paul, who like the Hoosiers coach taught life values not just basketball.
00:23:48	In memoriam. Nate Wade, one of the earliest gym rats, spoke at Paul Hansen's funeral [May 1990]. Allen Brown invited Dick, Bill, Nate Wade, and Brent Eagar to Hebgen Lake in 2011 where they shared memories of Paul. (See Paul Jay Hansen obituary: http://www.deseretnews.com/article/103973/DEATH--PAUL-J-HANSEN.html?pg=all http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/saltlaketribune/obituary.aspx?n=royce-roosendaal&pid=154639958)
00:25:22	"A Tribute to Hans" . Dick give emotional reading of a poem composed by his late brother Bill Jr. in honor of Paul Hansen. (See Document 07 for Dick's tribute to Hans)
00:28:33	Royce Rosendaal. Found a large mound of towels at the gym one early Saturday morning bequeathed by Royce Rosendaal to the Edgehill Gym. Dick recalls how Roy, who was then caddy master at the Salt Lake Country Club, made an elderly lady pay him the customary caddy fee, thus winning his admiration.
00:31:36	Royce Rosendaal cont. Royce, who had paid for Paul Hansen's banquet, died of Parkinson's disease [in 2011]. After undergoing a heart transplant earlier, he bore witness to Dick about how Paul had changed his life.
00:32:45	Royce Rosendaal cont. Dick recalls Royce, Jim Dunn, and Nolan Snyder watching him host a business lunch at the Salt Lake Country Club and betting on whether he would pick up the fork before the spoon. Royce came over and explained their behavior.
00:34:06	Royce Rosendaal cont. Dick regrets not having taught Royce how to make jump shots the lack of which caused him not to make the U of U basketball team.
00:36:19	Dry ice and banana malt. Hotdogs and ice cream were sold from the kitchen and in the bleachers at the gym. Floyd Brown rolled a program with dry ice and blew smoke. Nate Wade scored and Floyd inhaled the dry ice. Paul Hansen brought him a double thick banana malt [from Snelgrove's] every day he was in the hospital.
00:40:28	Integration. Everybody (Mormons and non-Mormons) came to roadshows, dances and other activities at the gym. Paul Hansen was the master integrator. Scout courts of honor.
00:43:00	Non-Mormon basketball players: Names some non-LDS Edgehill basketball



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	players: Royce Rosendaal, George Souvall, Ronnie Miller, Ralph Merrill, Phil Rosen. Kept LDS standards to be eligible to play ball. (See Document 02)
00:43:58	“One Man in a Thousand” . Dick reads Rudyard Kipling’s poem then talks about how Edgehill basketball alumni still get together from time to time to reminisce. Share common love for [Coach Hans].
00:48:19	End time