

Interviewer: Clayton Buffer

Interviewees: Jon & Kay Marshall

Date: 2.28.08

- 0:00- Interview Begins
- 0:53- Northwood Park Neighborhood Assoc. & the Rules of the Neighborhood
- 4:37- The Dynamic Between Students & Residents
- 5:58- Neighbor's Problems w. Students
- 7:01- The Garden Club (House & Garden Tour, Projects)
- 9:51- History & its relation to the Neighborhood
- 11:10- The Oakland Prostitution Ring (Narrative)
- 14:46- Reasons for Moving To the Neighborhood
- 15:10- Life In The Neighborhod (Burbs vs. Urbs, Front Yard v. Back)
- 18:14- Dick's Den Marathon!!!
- 26:17- Music Scene
- 27:05- Local Traditions (The Pavey Ice Cream Social) ---> Pavey Family History, Son Aaron's Narrative ---> Back to Social---> Tuttle Torpedos
- 31:40- Kid's Stuff, Growing Up In the District
- 33:36- Diversity of the Neighborhood (Cuckoo Clock Narrative)
- 36:31- Zoning Regulations in the Neighborhood
- 44:56- End Interview

English 571  
Transcript Key

Key for reading the transcript aloud

The                dog                ran	-Allow for a pause between words in the sentence
gaaaarage	-Repeating letters, hold the word for at least one second
Who                they                were, what                they're                doing,	-read with a rhythmical sense (if the words go up, higher pitch, if the words go down, a lower pitch.)
She started gettin Dementia pretty bad	- words become smaller, speakers sentence trails off
But we're just used to itbecause	-words next to each other, the speakers sentence runs together those words
<i>I don't know if they still own it or not?</i>	-If italicized read at a quicker pace
ya know what?                I'd miss them	-Allow for a longer pause when phrases are separated
(laughs)	-outside action occurs
"Fiure, Gettin, Ya"	-Pronounce words directly as they appear on the page
<b>You would've loved talking to him</b>	-Bold phrases said with more emphasis
<u>Clayton is the shit</u>	- spoken in a different tone
*Clayton is the bomb diggity*	- laughing occurs while saying the sentence

Interview Transcription w. Jon & Kay Marshall

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18:10

C: To completely change the subject this one I didn't get last time on an interview and I want I want to get this one on tape.

J: What.

Clayton: The *Dick's Den Marathon*.

K: Oh the Dick's Den Marathon

J: The Dick's Den Marathon

K: Oh, okay

C: Would you mind "recappin'" that for me?

J: Oh well it uuuhhh went out of existence uuuuuhh a few years a couple years ago I think. Must've started in theee early seventies? is my guess?

K: Well it lasted for over thirty-five years right.

J: Yeah that'd be about right so probably about nineteen seventy and uuuhh it was one of the owners at Dick's Den who got interested in eehhh running and uuum and they started with a small group? you know like a core group most of "em" hung around those that didn't die \* or or get bad knees or whatever \*.

C: (laughs)

J: And as it picked up uuuhhh publicity I remember it was a big spread one year

K: Well you have to describe **what it is!**

J: **Well I will!**

K: Oh okay I thought you were gonna skip that part (laughs)

J: In uuuhh Columbus uh Monthly uuuhh people started coming from outside the neighborhood. So you start byyyy uuuhh you know signing up registering just like any run you show up there it was always on a Saturday ummm before

K: St. Patrick's Day

J: St. Patty's Day. March aaaandd uuuhhh I ran in it, I don't know two or three times. And you drank aaaaaa shot and a whole beer to start. and then you take off and go right up High Street either in the sidewalk or the street depending on how \* brave or drunk you were \* and you had to eh run up toooooo ummm uhhhh to **Graceland shopping center**. And there was a package, state liquor package store there and the last few years it moved across the **street** like behind uh uh just about just north of Morse not quite up that far behind that uh used to be Jerry's Drive-In it's now the uh

K: you're getting off

J: breakfast place

K: tell the story!

J: And he'd pick up a uh buy! a uh a bottle of Irish whiskey and you had to ca- run back with that. You'd put it in a knapsack or just carry it or however you wanted to do it and uh you'd get back uuuhh. And then you had to go in and drink aaaaaa pitcher of beer as slow or as fast as you could. And the first one to finish the **pitcher** regardless of whether you threw up or not was the winner.

K: Throwing up was part of the entertainment

C: (laughs)

K: There was

J: and there was a

K: They had BIG trash barrels there for that very purpose

J: and then there was a

K: and a lot of people did it.

J: There were **men's** division and **women's** division. And the **hardcore** drunks that didn't run but wanted to participate would rent a **bus** and go up and down high street just yell uh at the runners.

C: (laughs)

J: So there were all kinds of of uh stories I don't know whether they were apocryphal or not they were probably mixed. You know people dropping their um getting back within three blocks the bottle would drop and bust.

K: Some people would tape the bottles to their arm that way they could carry it like that

J: Then you gave, you gave **the bottle** to the owners and then the owners had a big St. Patty's Day

K: party the the

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K: The next week they would have the party on St. Patrick's Day

J: And put out all the uh Irish whiskey.

K: make corned beef and cabbage and stuff

J: Right. So that's uh That's the story of

K: But it was was it six miles one way or six miles altogether? I

J: Uh no, it it was

K: I think it's

J: It was twelve between twelve and thirteen miles it was a little over six miles (trails off)

K: So it's a it's a hefty run for anybody that's actually doing it.

J: Yeah but it's not a real, I mean it wasn't twenty six like uh a real marathon.

K: But it was a family affair for us because uh our son who's now thirty-five ran in it. He wasn't a real runner but he would gear up every year for the Dick's Den Marathon and he would run in it and then Jon, so they, we we had a father son duo for this for a couple of years so it became a family tradition to go to Dick's Den Marathon.

J & C: (laughter)

K: And I remember the fir- one of the years my **daughter** who's younger than my son umm was dating a a new it was a new boyfriend and she brought him to the Dick's Den Marathon to **meet her parents** and **the family**, so he met us for the first time and there's Jon and Aaron running and throwin' up and you know, getting eh it's it's just one of these

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C: (laughs obnoxiously)

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J: because of uh. There were a bunch of eh, there was a lot of snow, late snow it was still on the sidewalks and so on so he got in the street so he wouldn't **fall down** and so the cops busted him, hauled him away and \* all the drunks went down and bailed him out \*

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K: So then his son **Chuck** took over but then Chuck died.

J: Yeah

K: Pretty Young

J: He did mostly real estate management. But he died probably shortly after his dad did.

K: Yeah. My son rented from Chuck Pavey one year a couple of years and lived on Northwood. And um I remember going over there **it was was** you know a **typical** kinda student um **apartment** but there weren't any screens in the windows but there weren't any screens in the windows **and I was horrified by this** and at one point I said to Chuck I said: **<Chuck? my** place that doesn't screens in son's living in a have any the windows!> and uh he said <Well you know your son hasn't complained \* about it> so leave me alone quit bugging me basically is what he was saying\*. Oohhh but that was the kind of landlord **he** was. He was real nice though.

30:43

A key for reading the transcription aloud:

- An astrix (\*) stands for laughter
- [brackets mean that the two speakers are overlapping. The first speaker will be above the bracketed speaker, and is the dominant voice]
- Commas (,) stand for short pauses.
- Indented paragraphs stand for long pauses
- **Emboldened Statements mean the speaker has emphasized the indicated word or phrase with an increase in volume.**
- *Italicized statements mean that the speaker has emphasized the indicated word or phrase with by extending the length of the word.*
- A dash (-) after the word indicates that the speaker has truncated a word.
- A question mark (?) indicates raised intonation of a word or phrase.



Clayton Buffer  
Transcription I: 1.24.08  
Cashman/Modan

**Kay:** Um

Ok 1978. \* Blizzard

**Clayton:** Oh yeah I was going to ask about that.

**Kay:** \*Yea, um, I guess it was bringing back some neighborhood memories.

**Clayton:** [you had mentioned that earlier]

**Kay:** Um, of course, it descended very quickly and the only neighbor on our block here who had a furnace that was working was two doors down was Mary Witham and she was an elderly woman. And her furnace worked because it was a gravity furnace that wasn't Dependent on electrical Switch...you know.

So she had heat and somehow we found out and we had a baby that was 6 months old and then

5 year old and we didn't have heat so we ended up all hanging out at Mary Witham's House cuz it was warm. and I remember you

We were taking our youngest to uh a woman in the neighborhood who did babysitting and we had left the pacifier\* Ha! down at Brenda's, remember that

Uhnd you, you went running out in that blizzard I remember this and I thought "Oh my God he's going to die out there!" running down to Brenda's and she lived at the end of Northwood and uh Indianola and uh, to get the pacifier, you don't remember that.

So that's my recollection of that, um

And then that wasn't the same year when we ended up,

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No it wasn't blizzard well it was snow plus a gas?

**Jon:** [I think that was. That was. I think that was]

**Kay:** There was a gas shortage? Gas.

**Jon:** I think that was the year before. One year was was a gas shortage and it was generally

Uh, coal because they were rationing gas and they were cutting back and we were, we ran a day care co op

moved it out of the church into our *basement* for like a couple of weeks. because it was *easier*.

**Kay:** [Because they had to turn off the gas]

**Jon:** Easier for uh, for private residences as opposed to commercial church to get heat.

**Kay:** [Church]

**Jon:** Then I think next year was the uh

**Kay:** Well they were real close.

**Jon:** Was the uh, was the blizzard which was like it was the uh, I can remember...*hiking* out to the *street* this was like two or three *days* after the blizzard *hit* uh and the uh only thing moving on High Street were uh Army and National Guard Jeeps.

**Clayton:** Wow.

**Jon:** Because everything was still *phhs*gs! Frozen.

**Kay:** [See nobody had] four wheel drive then either which is

**Jon:** Yeah there weren't very many.

**Kay:** Now I worked at the University I worked at the student health center for many years and I was working there then uh and I, I didn't go to work, but uhm everybody else did. I was kinda part time and I, they knew I had a baby, but everybody else did and they only got there because somebody with a Jeep went and picked 'em up and brought 'em in. To work. For a couple of days.

**Clayton:** Ummm.

**Kay:** Yeah, it was, uh.

It was weird the night before remember? I couldn't

Remember going to the grocery store? and it was *raining* and it had been sn-

There had been snow on the ground it was *slushy* and *rainy* and *ugly* and *horrible*, just the worst, and then in the middle of the night waking up to um lightning,

**Jon:** [Yeah it was lightning]

**Kay:** That *blue lightning*.

**Jon:** Mid- mid forties and then **dropped** to like 16.

**Kay:** Yeah and the wind. Oh gosh.

**Jon:** And then I can remember the wind it sound y'know, they interview people, that have uh been through a tornado.

They say it's like a *train* coming. That's, that's what it sounded like and then y'know and it sound like a *huge locomotive* just you know coming right over your house.

**Clayton:** It's that Ohio weather.

**Jon:** \*

**Kay:** I remember looking out next door and I thought it was a huge big icicle? had formed? like instantly off that house and later I realized it was like a drain pipe or something it had fallen down and it was kinda crusted over \*.

It was uh? it was pretty *dramatic*.

**Clayton:** That sounds *horrible* \*

**Kay:** Yeah, and uh I remember going out in the garage and the car wa in the garage and listening to the radio there because we could...the radio uh, in the *car* would work, but of course

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**Kay:** Mmmmmmm.

**Jon:** Uh, but that didn't happen 'til like 9:30 in the morning.

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University District Oral History

Interviewer: Clayton Buffer

Interviewees: Jon & Kay Marshall

72 E. Oakland, Columbus, OH

1.26.08

- 0:00- Opening remarks; Where the interviewee is living on Oakland next year.
- 0:36- Interview “officially” begins
- 0:56- Discussion of how long the Marshalls have lived in the area and what makes the University District a unique or desirable neighborhood (characteristics of neighborhood society)
- 5:07- The Marshalls talk about the various neighborhood “characters” and their stories.
- 8:58- Students living in the area, zoning laws
- 13:11- The Blizzard of 1978
- 18:08- The Marshalls experiences with various student riots (political & football)
- 24:45- Diversity of Northwood Park (the Marshall’s neighborhood) and it’s inhabitants.
- 25:51- More about the riots (specifically, changes in student behaviour and changes on High Street).
- 31:14- Elderly Residents in the area
- 32:44- Neighborhood Organizations (Soviet Study Group, Community Association, Garden Club, etc.)
- 36:51- History of the Neighborhood (Street Car Suburbs, Street Cars, the Log Cabin House)
- 43:26- Characteristics and Stereotypes of the surrounding neighborhoods (“Father Shotgun” narrative, Stephanie Hummer Park)
- 50:33- Thoughts on moving out of the neighborhood.
- 53:13- The Marshalls ideas of the difference between urban and suburban living.
- 55:18- Closing statements
- 57:56- End Recording