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Administrative History: Wes Strader, owner of Hilltopper Network, Inc. was the "Voice of the Hilltoppers" from 1964 to 2000 when Commonwealth Broadcasting won the WKU contract to broadcast sporting events. He came back as the voice in 2008.

Description: Audiotapes of Wes Strader's "last broadcast" as voice of the Hilltoppers.

Dates: May 16, 2000

Extent: 2 audiotapes, 3 mp3 files, 3 wav files

Subject Analytics:

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Oral History Recording List

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| Media ID | Side | Start time | Subject |
|----------------|------|------------|--|
| Tape 1-000-012 | | | <i>WKU changing broadcasting networks</i> |
| Tape 1-031-038 | | | <i>Commonwealth Broadcasting, Inc. winning rights to broadcast WKU sports, put Strader out of a job.</i> |
| Tape 1-039-051 | | | <i>Guy Strong</i> |
| Tape 1-052-088 | | | <i>Shafted by WKU</i> |
| Tape 1-089-110 | | | <i>WKU fans and broadcasters</i> |
| Tape 1-111-119 | | | <i>Wes Strader embarking on new career</i> |
| Tape 1-120 | | | <i>Al Temple</i> |
| Tape 1-121 | | | <i>WKC</i> |
| Tape 1-124 | | | <i>WDNS D93 radio</i> |
| Tape 1-128-152 | | | <i>Thanking media, broadcasters, schools and sponsors</i> |
| Tape 1-153-175 | | | <i>WKU's rights to Hilltopper Network.</i> |
| Tape 1-176-182 | | | <i>Frank Griffin Lee Murray Todd Hamilton Gary West John Oldham</i> |
| Tape 1-183-187 | | | <i>WKU 1000th basketball game broadcast 12/30/1990</i> |
| Tape 1-188-193 | | | <i>5th decade as WKU announcer</i> |
| Tape 1-211-220 | | | <i>Strader's concerns for WKU tradition E.A. Diddle Kelly Thompson John Minton Ted Hornback John Oldham Jimmy Feix Clem Haskins Jim Pickens Frank Griffin Bobby Rascoe Nick Denes Butch Gilbert Lee Murray</i> |
| Tape 1-221-243 | | | <i>Continued discussion of WKU traditions Life More Life Mutual respect and pride</i> |
| Tape 1-245-end | | | <i>Telephone calls of listeners.</i> |
| Tape 2-000-426 | | | <i>Phone calls from listeners</i> |
| Tape 2-427-438 | | | <i>First games broadcasted was John Oldham's first football game and Clem Haskins's first basketball game.</i> |
| Tape 2-439-end | | | <i>Importance of relationships</i> |