

Carol Whitney interview on Atiyeh

An interview of Carol Whitney (1936-2016) regarding Oregon's Governor Victor Atiyeh, recorded on May 1, 2015. Whitney was a political strategist who worked on Atiyeh's 1978 gubernatorial campaign. The interviewer, James Moore, was as professor of political science at Pacific University and was Atiyeh's biographer.

The interview includes discussion of: Atiyeh's 1978 gubernatorial campaign of Vic and Whitney's role in managing it; the challenges they faced, including Atiyeh's initial reluctance to run; the importance of image and positioning in campaigns; strategic decisions they made to counter negative perceptions; the campaign's success relying on strong volunteer organization, effective use of media, and strategic alliances; anecdotes including Atiyeh's reluctance to ask for money, the impact of negative ads, and the critical role of volunteers; Atiyeh's personal background and the broader political landscape of the time; thoughts on family politics, and generational shifts between Republican and Democrat affiliations among immigrant families; the Syrian-American community's political leanings and the impact of generational changes; and some personal discussion between Moore and Whitney chatting about their shared experiences as students at Stanford University.

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[Recording begins mid-conversation; speaker is showing photographs to James Moore and describing them to him.]

Carol Whitney 00:00

I think early in the campaign, they're not very good because I framed them...

James Moore 00:05

Yeah, little Paul Phillips. Big pictures of Vic in the back. Yeah, Vic and Dolores. Dolores, that's great. Yeah, I've seen several of her with a lei on. Is there some affinity there?

Carol Whitney 00:18

I don't know what it was. She had -- she would wear them for celebratory occasions. In fact, I have some pictures from one of the governor's conferences, that she's wearing one.

James Moore 00:29

Yeah, something to ask her kids.

Carol Whitney 00:31

Paul, and then Vic, and...

James Moore 00:33

Oh, his t-shirt. That's great.

Carol Whitney 00:38

Oh, and Greg Walden looking very young. He was 21 years old at the time, and I hired him. But there's some wonderful pictures. I mean, just nice, and they don't say anything. Unfortunately, they had no action to them.

James Moore 00:52

Oh, "I drive the best." I interviewed Bob Atiyeh, who drove during the primary, and he loved it. He learned a lot, but boy, he was so happy to give it over to Paul. The politics just drove him nuts eventually.

Carol Whitney 01:08

Well, what happened though, with him that he probably didn't mention is that he was just a slob at that age. And he would show up in work booths and have his shirt unbuttoned almost to his navel and just come lounging in. And he was just, he drove Dolores nuts. Finally, they went to Hood River for an event one night. He forgot to fill up with gas. They ran out of gas on the highway, Columbia River Highway in a rainstorm, Dolores, she made sure that Vic decided he needed a different driver.

James Moore 01:49

Yeah, well, Bob had already come to that conclusion.

Carol Whitney 01:52

Yeah, Well Dolores is difficult.

James Moore 01:55

Yeah. No, I got, I picked that up from various and sundry people.

Carol Whitney 01:58

This is a governors, Republican governors' meeting in Chicago. Vic was chair of RGA, and there's a bunch of pictures of him and Dolores in here that are kind of nice, but I don't know if you want any or not. Probably not. They're just standing and talking to the group. And the...

James Moore 02:21

Yeah, no, anything you want to give to the Archives is good. And these have the advantage, they actually have names under them.

Carol Whitney 02:31

Oh, yeah. They have all the governors who were there in 1983. Most people don't remember Olson, who was from North Dakota. Sununu, no -- that's Janklow. I saw the angle.

James Moore 02:44

Here's Sununu. The second Arab American governor.

Carol Whitney 02:47

Yeah. He was, yeah. He's, he was so nice when he was governor, and when he was working with us and we were doing the Governor's Association, he was so nice. And people got this idea that he was a nasty person when he helped in the White House. He wasn't!

James Moore 03:04

Well, but also in the White House, you, I mean, you're -- in that role, you're much more of a gatekeeper. Big Jim?

Carol Whitney 03:11

Yeah, he was wonderful. So we had the best time when he -- he was the one who hired me to run the Governor's Association. Republican governors, yeah. And so we had a funny relationship. He interviewed me in spring,

James Moore 03:25

[Sneezes] Excuse me!

Carol Whitney 03:26

... And he was really mad at the RNC at the time, and I was running, oh, I was head of Field Operations for the RNC and, but I wanted to get out of that mess. And he let me. He had me wait in his outer office for like, two hours. I was so mad by the time I got in, and I finally walked in there and he said, what's going on at the RNC? And I said, I don't know, but I know that you're rude. I just couldn't help myself! You made me wait for two hours and you're gonna yell at me now? We had a great time. He used to come and sit in my office. He'd throw himself down in my office on the couch, and he'd have two or three state troopers waiting outside, and he'd say, "You got anything to drink?" He liked bourbon. He was great. Vic was not that interesting, because he was a little better behaved. But see... [James interjects:

Dick Thornburgh?] yeah, oh yeah. He was chairman of our GA the year after Dick Yeah, I learned not to like Dick Thornburg. He's sneaky. There's Terry Branstad, who was governor again. He was so young man. His fifth time. Is that amazing? Just incredible. The first time he was young. Yeah,

James Moore 04:48

well, it's like Jerry Brown. I mean, Jerry Brown had none of the issues that kids Hopper had. You know, kids hopper is like, you know what? Why are you running again? Where's Jerry Brown? I mean, it's been, it had been a generation and a half. Yeah, and so in California, those dynamics didn't exist. Generation and a half, he'd improved a lot. He changed very much. Yes, I was talking to Vic actually, last June, last time I talked to him, and he grudgingly admitted that he might actually agree with Jerry Brown on some things,

Carol Whitney 05:19

but Jerry Brown was so rude, too. Oh, yeah. Oh, good, yeah. There was a party. Governor DuPont had a party when I was I guess it was the first year I was at running RGA, and it was across the street from the headquarters at a townhouse. And he invited a lot of the governors, most of them, I think, made it. And it was to celebrate the terms that were just ending for God, who was Iowa and and Michigan. What's his name? Michigan, Millikan. Anyway, it was there somebody else. Theory of them forever. And he had this party, and Jerry Brown was there, and I was standing there by the fireplace just looking at something. Jerry Brown comes walking over to me and says, Who are you? And I told him, my name is. What are you doing here? I mean, he what? He was so awful. Yeah.

James Moore 06:24

Actually had that problem with Earl Blumenauers Washington, DC office this morning, really, because Earl, Earl's the last person who actually served in the legislature with Vic who's still serving in office. Yeah. So there's some great stuff there, but you're getting together with the congressman is kind of nuts, and so I called this morning. Someone had called yesterday, so I called, and probably a rude young intern, yeah. Who are you? Are you a constituent? It's like, I'm returning to call you. Just put me through to Nicole and do it now. Yeah,

Carol Whitney 06:55

some of them get just like, big head, get a grip, kids, they're all young, and they get a grip. Yeah? Anyway, so there's some pictures in here. You know, if you were interested in this, you could probably,

James Moore 07:07

yeah, no, I would love that.

Carol Whitney 07:11

I have some pictures. Well, who cares about pictures of me? Obviously, I have some of my really good pictures, like the one with Governor Thompson. Never mind.

James Moore 07:20

That's great. I'm on these. Before I go. Let's put names on the back.

Carol Whitney 07:27

Oh, yeah. Now these are...

James Moore 07:31

As many as we can.

Carol Whitney 07:32

Well, this is just me, okay, you know? And, and who? Oh, a woman who was a neighbor of mine. Okay, well, there he was at the party, and I can't even see who this isn't so fuzzy. Oh, and you would recognize Dolores, of course, and Vic and, oh shoot with the Paul Phillips t shirt. I can't remember his name, yeah, I can't remember her name. She was one of Vic's brother's wife, I can't remember. Okay, yeah, most of them are things like that. I don't know who this was. Yeah, Paul, of course. Oh, and punch green. Love, punch green.

James Moore 08:14

Most of these, yeah, that's right, um, right after this, they punch, and Denny and Vic all flew to the Packers game.

Carol Whitney 08:21

And, yeah, yeah. And, you know, Greg and oh, and Paul with Barbara. I don't remember her last time she was a odd character, but very, very capable. Just Vic and Dolores, okay, yeah, put some names on

James Moore 08:38

if you want, if you need them. Well, I think just with that, just in the kind of doing like this, you spoken here, yeah, it works good. This is what I've learned. Is I'm panicking, trying to find a pen to write things down. It's like, oh, wait, I have it right here. Yeah, yeah. I just, I got into town 1130 so I was at the high desert Museum and had lunch out there. But the-- it smells like summer. First day of May, and poof, where

Carol Whitney 09:06

Weirdest weather, though. Well, what are you he's gonna fall on the couch. Come on. Anyway. You don't need that in your regarding. Okay, what would you like to well,

James Moore 09:21

so tell me how you met this person, Vic Atiyeh.

Carol Whitney 09:24

Well, it was very it was a little strange. I was getting a divorce, starting at the time to get a divorce, and had been running an interior design business for several years, but I knew I couldn't send my son to college that and he was getting close to ready to go, so I was looking around for something to go back into the regular market. And friend of mine, Mary Ellis Ford, was County Chairman for Washington County for the party. And she said, why don't you go talk to whatever his name was, who was the. The party chairman for the state, and I went and had lunch with him, and he said, Why don't you go talk to Vick at the you wouldn't he can't give you a job because he's not doing anything but running for office, but maybe if you helped on his campaign a little, he could give you some ideas and leads. So I went and talked to Vic and he was at the time, Paul Newman, consultant was going to be working with the campaign, but he was there, and I've talked to both of them, I enjoyed it thoroughly. And couple days later, Vic called said, How would you like to run my campaign? That might be fun. I didn't know enough to say, no. I said, Oh, that might be fun. I'd like to do that. So Paul Newman didn't come back until See he didn't he he, in January, he came back and he met with us, and he said, Now I need to tell you we are I am not going to work with the campaign, because there's no way he has a chance of winning. And you do not have enough money, you can't raise enough money to hire me, so I'll wish you luck, and then I kind of like you, so after the primary, after you lose the primary, you can call me and I'll help you get a job.

Well, Vic asked me to run for almost no money. It's embarrassingly low. But I said sure. And then, of course, one of the people on the campaign steering committee said, Now, where's the campaign plan? I said, What's the campaign I mean, that's how much I know. Yeah. Well, I learned fast, yeah. And Paul Newman, when he came back after the primary, he had we stunned him. He said that I had probably learned more in the that primary than most people learn in years of campaigning, because it was so difficult, different. Yeah, and so anyway, so I took over the campaign and started out, Vic had hired everybody by then. Danny, of course, was on and some of his hires weren't as good as others, but they, you know, they're there, and it was kind of hard to get control, because I came in with no experience and all these people he'd already hired, but it worked out pretty well, and fortunately, there were some great people. Sharon page was fabulous. Yeah, God, she was good, and she was very important to that campaign in 78 and I didn't bring anybody in myself, but I managed to gain control, and by the time the primary was over, I did have control of the thing and but it was tough, and I do remember we had so we were money was so short during that Primary that in order to get poll results, we couldn't afford our own. We would, when there was an Oregonian coming out with a new poll in it, Danny and I would go down there and wait when they first brought out the papers. He'd stand there like this, like, you know, look, and it was that wonderful one I have. I think I got a clip in this here, the one that I really loved, the, oh, this was we were really discouraged because I they had tried to get Vic out of the race people,

James Moore 13:39

yeah, ask you about that, yeah, yeah. Anyway, this was gains on McCall. Yeah. It's like, Whoa, yeah. That's the one

where Vic and Tom kind of looked and said, Oh well, Vic's gonna win.

Carol Whitney 13:51

Well, I don't know Tom said he

James Moore 13:54

Well, that's Oh no. Tom call. He didn't admit that. He later, later admitted, yeah,

Carol Whitney 14:02

he saw the training nasty, but he Oh yeah, nasty at the time, yeah, he wouldn't, he didn't want to campaign. He just, he just stood up. Well, he needed to be crowned. Yeah, yeah. I could figure it. With my minimal experience, I could figure that that wasn't going to work. Yeah. And I also understood that the freeway primary was perfect for us, because all we had to do was position Vic between Roger Martin and Tom right, falling apart. I want

James Moore 14:38

to get rid of them. Okay, now here's your goal. Well, that was all about the ball. Yeah,

Carol Whitney 14:48

yeah, the primary was fascinating. There. The turning point was a I don't know. Did anybody even have told you about the story about flying down? To Medford for the the three of them together had a debate, and we really were. I was so nervous about it. He was too, because Vic refused to use a prepared speech, and it always made me nervous anyway, down there the it wasn't a speech, it was questions and answers and brief statements, and we knew we had it when Roger Martin did exactly what he had to do to make us win, and that the only way we could do it was if Tom McCall and Roger Martin went after each other, and Vic was standing, and he was perfect, because he was so solid, you know, and he was just there statesman, like in the middle of the two of them went after and we knew we won the primary, because it was just so that's what we needed, yeah, And it worked. That's when that headline came out, and it all went up, yeah, and over. It was amazing. And no one thought we could do it, yeah,

James Moore 16:10

but we did. So what did you think of your chances before McCall got in?

Carol Whitney 16:16

Well, McCall got in. When did he

James Moore 16:18

get in? It's, it's, it's January or February, yeah, yeah, it's like a month before the filing deadline. See that? I,

Carol Whitney 16:29

I figured he was going to anyway there, everybody was talking about how he was trying to get in and that we wouldn't have, nobody else would have a chance. But I didn't, I don't know, in a three way race. I, I'm that was one of the first things I knew about campaigns that it's 14th

James Moore 16:45

of February, yeah, so probably the

Carol Whitney 16:48

13th going to get in, yeah. And well, and when they, the people took Vic aside and something down on the coast and said, You need to get out of the race, Mm, hmm, they knew already that he was going to get he was going to get he was going to get in. Yeah, and it was better for us, because if it was just Vic against Roger, they were both seen as pretty conservative. Obviously, Roger was more conservative, but it wasn't clear at that point. We had to make it clear. And one of the things, Vic never forgave me in that thing, you notice there's some pictures of him with this horrible brown tweed sport coat that has lumpy shoulders. Did you hear the story?

James Moore 17:34

And I've heard many stories about God Denny's favorite. Is it that you guys wanted to break in? And mysteriously, yeah, sports coats and short sleeve shirts or something would be gone, yeah, and

Carol Whitney 17:48

the pants were too short. I mean, I'm seriously. We've talked about it, and I finally I threatened Vic, this is terrible. Well, first I got very logical, and I wrote this thing about positioning. And one of the things you have to do is to position yourself. Well, here is image, and you have to appear strong and statesman like which you are, and in between the wild Tom McCall and the pastor, Roger Martin. And so well, here's what we can do. First, we get you new glasses. And do you know the old glasses? Oh, we got new glasses. Well, he grumbled and griped, and we, I don't want to wear them, I said, just for the campaign. Okay. Well, okay, and all the women starts like, oh, Vic, you look so handsome in your new glasses. Work just the way I expected. And I explained, okay, also, you need to wear sharp contrasting colors that make you look really sharp. I said, dark suit, white shirt, preferably light blue shirt or a light blue, something with a contrast. Because I said, frankly, some of these outfits you wear no one can see you against a panel wall because you're Brown from head to toe. And I said that tweed jacket with a lumpy shoulder, Dolores agreed. Dolores said, you, if you could get rid of that make him stop wearing it. I said I would break in. Yeah, yeah, I could, and the shirts. So I threat one day, I got so mad. Everybody said, Vic, you're wearing a short sleeve shirt again. He said, Well, it's more comfortable. And I said, you know why you have to wear the long sleeve shirts? And I said, if you do that again, I'm going to get together with Dolores and cut the cuffs off of all your long sleeves and sew them inside the jackets so you can't he didn't like that. And then a couple weeks later, he came in, was warm out, and I was wearing an eyelet blouse, short sleeve. He said, Well, I like that. He said, I can't wear short sleeves at all, and you're wearing a short sleeve shirt with holes in it. You. It's so good. Well, I said, I you know, you can do that when you are running for office, yeah? So that was hilarious. Anyway, we got him fixed up. Yeah, I that most candidates, I swear they all are like that, yeah?

James Moore 20:17

And it's interesting because one of the things that's really well studied in political science is the C span effect, yeah, you know, all of a sudden people stop wearing those things that made the chroma key blow up, yeah? And they, you know, blue, white, red, yeah. What? Some combination. We're all patriotic pins or not, yeah. But, but yet out on the stump, oh God, unless there, there's somebody like you, you know, hitting over the head, they'll just wear the darndest blade

Carol Whitney 20:41

Gordon when he was running for the Senate in Washington State, I was sent in to work with the campaign management manager. I was sent in by the National Party to try to help running against what's his name? Oh, the long time. Oh, Magnusson, yeah, yeah, anyway. And so there were things he had, yeah, he was seen as a little Eastern Yeah, always the striped ties, always the loafers and all that sort of thing. So the rule was no more loafers during the campaign for these events, the lace up shoes. He would do anything to avoid lace up shoes. I would make they get fixated So, but we had a driver who was very good, and one day he came into the headquarters because he was living in limpy at the time, and he came into the headquarters, he says, Guess what? I forgot my lace up shoes. And the driver said, No, you didn't I put them in the truck. It's sometimes campaign management is like teaching kindergarten, yeah, yeah, yeah. It's keeping them on the right track. You just it's sort of frustrating, but it's fun, yeah, yeah. And we did have fun. We did some very silly things. What do you would you're not gonna put the

James Moore 22:21

all these in. It's all goes archive. It's archival. It goes in. It goes in the archives. Okay, I snip stuff out use for my own thing.

Carol Whitney 22:29

Well, Jenny may have told you some of these things, like the time we well, you know, because there's, there's so much stress or pressure that you blow sometimes, yeah, once we went across, there was a one of those weird parking structures across dangling from the headquarters, where the car goes up on later, yeah, well, one of our people on staff, I can't it wasn't Danny. Somebody climbed up there and put a TIA for Governor stickers on every car up there. No one knew who did it. And then the best one, though, was the time toward the end, when we had been downtown putting together, filming a last spot, and somebody looked out and said, Oh, look, that's the governor's car out there. Somebody, Debbie may have been aware of it. I don't know it was. I thought it was Paul Newman who went out and did it. Debbie might have helped putting a bumper sticker on the front of the governor's car, and no one noticed it in his staff but he

came in to Salem the

James Moore 23:49

next driving up and down the freeway, he pulled into

Carol Whitney 23:53

the capitol in this car, and his press secretary was standing there on the Capitol steps and was just having a fit. Here he comes with some sticker on his cover. That was wonderful. I just loved somewhere I have pictures of that. Yeah, it just, but it was so Bob Straub, never even know. Yeah, it's typical. Bob, oh yes, I know that's we did some strange things.

James Moore 24:23

My dad was a county commissioner in Jackson County, and he was elected in 74 and the main thing I remember about the bumper stickers, which were kind of a mod thing, is what you did. The stickum was so awful that my brother and I spent six months going to supporters with turpentine. Oh,

Carol Whitney 24:42

you can't get them off. They were terrible, horrible, I know it. They were just awful, just horrible, yeah, I know anyway, but we had fun with things like that. Yeah, that's wonderful. Yeah, we did other things too. Oh, the one about the ad, I bet Tim may have told you, because he was involved in that one. That they there was Paul Newman wanted us to do this ad that we all thought was really terrible, this TV ad, and it was something about the, oh, it was the shell game. And, you know, did any tell you this story, and we were not enthusiastic, but Paul said, you have to do it. This could be the difference in here. So we were putting this together, and it was just obvious Paul was doing the shelf part with these halves of coconuts. He should have shaved the coconuts, because he had these bitten nails and it looked like this monster coming down from the sky attacking the native huts. So someone in the campaign said that that thing to what was his name, Martin Denny, Yellow Bird. We just love that. I know Danny knew about it, but he may have forgotten. Oh, god, that was funny. That's the thing about camping. Oh yeah. Paul was so mad, but he discovered we didn't do it, didn't use it, Yeah, too bad, Paul. That's the way it goes. Yeah,

James Moore 26:18

it was funny. He came back four years later too. Yeah, that's right. So tell me, I mean, this is a campaign that is run the the contacts are the contacts from four years earlier. So you got, you've got piles of volunteers, yeah, how? How much were they a part of what you were doing?

Carol Whitney 26:37

They were huge. Uh huh. Sharon page was volunteer coordinator, and she was really good, and we organized the state by county. Every county had to have a chairman for us and the finance person. It got difficult, because we were determined all 36 counties. Can't remember, I think I was the chairman from Walla County. Yeah, we did things, yeah, but the volunteers were incredibly organized. We really worked that, and they all felt like they were part of it. And they really, you know, they really got into it. In fact, there were people who expected to get state appointments because they had, because they volunteers, yeah, this is, this is the primary, I think,

James Moore 27:28

yeah, no, that might, because that's the other article. Is Straub. This news article, the other one is about Straub team, yeah, and the women in it. So that'd be, but this is, oh, this, okay, handbook, okay,

Carol Whitney 27:43

the primary, the general, I think this is the primary, I don't know it's all the different functions volunteers, these were their handbook, and this one is, somehow, I must have lost the cover. But this, I think, yeah, this is probably the general election stuff, operation, grassroots, yeah, yeah, this, this is the same thing for the gym for

James Moore 28:15

the general more detail, yeah, fantastic, yeah, you can have these great thanks. And this,

Carol Whitney 28:22

oh, this is, huh, I don't know. This was the one that they, Oh, this was what they kept at the volunteer headquarters at each in each county. Also they had, these are answers to questions, names of staff. They all had were very they should we all have the feeling they should be, feel like they're part of it. Yeah, yeah, absolutely. So they knew who we were. They could call, call in. We had a special phone line, they could call in on that was a real pain. But we did, yeah and I, we did the ultimate camp volunteer campaign. I mean, it was we did. This was what they had so they knew everybody who was doing everything.

James Moore 29:06
It's amazing.

Carol Whitney 29:06
It was, it was really a good organization. We had. How many did we have? An enormous number. I forgotten now. How many we had? 5000 10,000 there was a one. I can't find the article. There was an article in the register guard after the primary about the campaign that called it the greatest volunteer organization in three quarters of a century. It was in the register guard. You might check them. It was a great article.

James Moore 29:40
Yeah, I know there's one. Wayne Thompson, yeah, said he went and pulled cards. I can't find that article, though.

Carol Whitney 29:47
So that was the Oregonian. Yeah, the Register Guard in Eugene was really enthusiastic. I kept it and I don't know where it went. Yeah. Because it was just it said it was the most amazing campaign they'd ever seen, and just didn't even in the primary, because what we did was we used smoke and mirrors as well as real people. Because in the primary, we didn't have a full volunteer organization, but we had people's names. We had, oh, we had phone banks. Oh yeah, calling and saying, I'm calling on behalf of the chairman and all that. I mean, we had all this stuff. Favorite we were doing, and that he the register guard people said, my captain. And they were, you were contacting everybody. And then we were also we, we did things in each county. In some areas, we did in each precinct, we had door to door. Mm, hmm, what we targeted neighborhoods where press people lived?

James Moore 30:53
There you go, yeah, that's the magnifying effect.

Carol Whitney 30:57
Went door to door in the neighborhoods where they live, yeah, very nice. Really. It was fun. Yeah, they thought we had the most amazing thing, yeah, yeah. We didn't in the primary, but in the general, we did, yeah, I don't know how many 1000 people we had in the general. We had a lot.

James Moore 31:15
Now, when you, when you switched from, I mean, there's still more primary questions, but when you switched from the primary, where McCall is now defeated, because I know, for the donors, you know, a lot of like the timber money, people were staying out because they wanted to save their money defeat McCall in the general, yeah, and then all of a sudden, it's like, Huh? And Bob Straub was just ticked off that, yes, it didn't go to that. But did you also get kind of McCall people coming over, or was it just just generally, just more people, because it was a general election call people really

Carol Whitney 31:48
didn't, okay? Yeah, it, I mean, Roger Martin, yes, Mm, hmm. In fact, he was great. He He came in and afterward, he said, Okay, what? What would you like from my campaign? Exactly? Yeah. He said, Greg Walton. I said, Yes, absolutely. That's what I want from your campaign. He was he had just turned 21 and he was good, yeah. It was better than Danny, really at that point for press, because he was, that was, I mean, having grown up basically working with a radio station and, yeah, and public stuff, and he was just so fast with that stuff. He was really good, yeah. So anyway, we did some amazing things,

James Moore 32:38

yeah. So in the primary. What do you know about the meeting with Roger Martin? Which meeting the? Well, the one where they were supposed, one of them was supposed to

Carol Whitney 32:48

pull out, oh, the race. Well, basically it was mostly they were pushing Vic. I mean, it was, it was people from Vic's Not, not just steering committee, it was his close Campaign Committee, and they were saying, You need to get out. And that was really talk about a rotten trick. There were a couple people on that, in that group who said, you know, you just really can't do this, and we can't raise you the money. And it, oh, boy, he was really mad. It was really upsetting, yeah, but we weren't there. But I heard quite a bit from people who were Yeah, so it was just really nasty. And everyone said at that point, we couldn't win, but we could. We knew it. Some of us, all of us, some of us knew, yeah, we could do it, and it was right that we did it, because Vic was good and terribly capable, not not political in the usual way, because he was not exactly a thriller, but he was so solid, yeah? And people needed someone solid they could rely on. The situation economically was such. It was just a little uncomfortable interest rates and just, you know, just just a little bit, and he was so solid, and so everybody, you know, you could trust him, yeah, and we did some things that helped him, and I loved it. Sharon page did this. We had had a meeting over at their house, at Megan Dolores, and we looked insurance of what is there was the framed invitation to come to the what was it the Green Bay Packers, wasn't it?

James Moore 34:43

Oh, the contract, yeah, yeah.

Carol Whitney 34:46

And so they offered him a contract, yeah, and, and nobody knew that. Seeing that, had never mentioned that!

James Moore 34:52

Oh nobody knew that? Oh my god,

Carol Whitney 34:54

Not until then, not until Sharon page, yeah. Well, I said, Oh my God, we've. We need, and this is the kind of thing we need to know about you. Vic, oh, well, I never thought about mentioning it. He never had, yeah, so Sharon put out this newsletter thing. Well, it was embarrassing. Sharon had so much enthusiasm. She was just great. But she she really got a little dramatic that we teased her about this. She wrote this article about Vic background article of all these things about him and and at some point in there it was after the football thing. But oh, the his brothers being in prison camp in Europe. And she said, and then fate entered the scene. We had this, this, what was it? It was a plaque that we gave to share that said, F, E, T, S, and anytime somebody was writing something for the campaign that got a little overdone. I would say, F, E, t, s, was just wonderful. But she just, she was so enthusiastic, but it was good. I mean, people hadn't heard this stuff, yeah, and how he came home because he didn't finish school, because he had to work in the business, and his brothers and he could have played for the beat Green Bay Packers. Yeah, was amazing. Yeah,

James Moore 36:25

I've looked at the letters he got from professional football. Yeah, teams, he actually would have had a better deal with New York Giants, really? Yeah, I didn't. They would pay him less per game, but they they guaranteed him, whereas the Packers, it was only if you actually played. So it's like I would have but they didn't give a contract either. So no,

Carol Whitney 36:44

well, it's just, it was, it's just, you know, it's fascinating to me, the things that people don't tell you, yeah, and I've had candidates who do it, well, why didn't you mention that? Oh, I don't know. I didn't think about it. Yeah. And my own father, I discovered when I was probably in my 40s or 50. He was on a farm team for St Louis baseball and but and they wanted him to come up and play, and he didn't go up to the majors because he couldn't afford it, because he had a wife and a baby, that was me, and so he had to turn him down because there was no money in those days. Yeah, and you just, you know, they don't. Oh, yeah, I didn't ever tell you that. Yeah, no, yeah, but it's, it was one of Vic was very much that way. He just didn't, didn't blow his own horn enough, but it worked for him because people trusted him, yeah,

James Moore 37:43

one thing in the primary. I mean, when he loses in 74 he feels good about himself, yeah, and he, I mean, he never

decided to run for office until too late, yeah, but in any case, but, but all during the four years, he would go to Dorchester, and people would stand up and cheer, yeah. And he was more visible, traveling a bit. He was less parochial, focused on watching county be more around the state. So when he's in doing the campaign in '78 Did you get a sense that people did know who he was? Oh,

Carol Whitney 38:15

yeah, when he came, he had a name ID of 90 some percent. Wow, favorable. Wow. He really was up there. Everybody knew who he was. Now it wasn't all favorable, yeah, yeah. People could identify nicotine, yeah. He The thing is, he told me when I started, he said, you know, the read. The thing that really was horrifying about that '74 campaign was that I had a campaign manager who did things without telling me, spent money without telling me, and ran a huge debt for the campaign. He said, I don't ever want you to do that. Yeah? I said, Don't worry, yeah. Because he said, No, that is just wrong, yeah. So

James Moore 38:57

Denny has exactly the same story for Danny too. Oh,

Carol Whitney 38:59

I figured, I figured. But no, he was very well known. But he was also perceived, if you look at polling stuff that I don't have any polls anymore, he was perceived as conservative and not terribly interesting, and that's part of why we had to change his image and show him as who he really was, that that football thing was important, yeah, that and other things about him that he never talked about, because he had to show people, yeah, not top brag or anything, but just be who he really was, yeah? And that that was the biggest thing we accomplished, huh?

James Moore 39:42

It's fascinating, because one thing about the football Three years later, Portland Interscholastic League starts a Hall of Fame for sports, and he's one of the he's in the opening class with two professional football players, yeah, like the coach at the Seahawks, and, yeah, and, and it's. Like, but as Vic told that, you know, you know, my football career gets better and better, the higher and higher my office goes. Yeah, it's amazing, yeah, because he never played varsity football, yeah, but

Carol Whitney 40:09

he, and he is, has that sense he sees and hears things that he has, that that sense of humor that is, yeah,

James Moore 40:22

he gets that funny little, yeah, little twinkle in the side. It's like, you know, you're whatever.

Carol Whitney 40:30

He was wonderful. I've got to find some of the, you know, if you haven't got all of those clippings that,

James Moore 40:36

well, we have when, when he's in office, we got big clippings and gigantic books. But, I mean, the primaries are tough

Carol Whitney 40:43

in the general I've got a look. I know. I've got an album thing that has some some of those old clippings, and they were really good. I'll go through. I've got, I'm in the process of cleaning out my garage, yeah, and I've got boxes of books and boxes of old I have a whole filing cabinet out there, yeah, because I can't, you know, I can't fit it in here. Yeah, I have my office is in the corner there.

James Moore 41:12

Anyway, that's having just come from my 80 year old father and his relatively new 77 year old wife as they put carpet in, moving furniture. It's a lot of things I'm looking at saying, you know, these books, really, if you're not going to put them on the shelves, yeah, don't give them to me. Take them to the book place and say, here. It's so hard though. I know, I know. But it's, it's not books that are forever theirs. It's, I know they would just find old books that they like, oh, and it's like, you know, you're not going to read it. It's a decoration out.

Carol Whitney 41:44

I read and read and read. I have managed to control myself. When I left Virginia, I got rid of, I think, 1500 books, yeah, something like that, yeah. I gave most of them away, and I sold a review. Yep, it was painful. Yeah. And there's still some that I wish I'd been able to keep. But of course, this is just one part of my

James Moore 42:12

book, but it's still amazing to me. I mean, I've been teaching now for 25 years, and there's still times I say, you know, I need that book from my freshman year in college, yeah? And I have it, and I look at it, and we use it, I and it's like, there we go.

Carol Whitney 42:28

I used to have all of those. I gradually weaned myself of a lot of them, but I still have some of the history and political science stuff from college. Yeah. And glad I do, because the books they're putting out now are just pathetic, full of colored pictures. I don't use textbooks

James Moore 42:45

at all anymore, just because they're just there's no point and they're too expensive. Oh God, stunning. I know it. It's like, whoa. Will the ancillary materials be good for this? It's like, no, yeah, I'm gonna keep give my students a list of articles that are online from academic journals. That's the reading list. That's

Carol Whitney 43:04

what I do. A lot of I have, I have some, most of the books I assign are for all my courses I teach, are paperbacks, yeah, and a bunch of things that that are resources you should keep if you're going into the field exactly, and lots and lots and lots,

James Moore 43:28

yeah, there's like, a good budgeting book, yeah, keep that forever. The econ books you can get rid of the, oh, that was

Carol Whitney 43:36

the first thing I got, you know, I went back to school for it was just a whim. I was kind of tired of politics, and I, I mean, I liked it, but I just the whole travel, and I in 2005 I sat down with Jim Thurber, who was running the center. You

James Moore 44:01

know, he's actually good friends with Glenn Wood, who I mentioned, Oh, okay. And I met Jim because he comes out, he heal, yeah, so he's out here occasionally. I know that

Carol Whitney 44:09

he, he was, I, he was my favorite person there anyway. And I said, Jim, I, you know, I really want to get another degree. And why do you want that? I said, I just, you know, I just, I want to find out if I can teach the things that my students are supposed to be learning from me and or, I mean, if I could, can do that? And he's, oh, you don't need that, because this was before I went to George Mason, and he said, Just forget it. It'd be a waste. And I said, but what if I wanted, I mean, even just a master's in something different? He said, oh well. I said, I'm not going to do it here. He said, Why don't you go talk to Kathy rudder at George Mason School of Public Policy. And. And she's the Dean over there, and so I didn't I really liked her. And the nice thing was that George Mason School of Public Policy is with the Law School in Arlington, rather than out in the Tulis and she convinced me to come to there, and just I had a wonderful time. I loved it. I had more fun. I could have stayed in school forever, but they wouldn't let me keep getting more master's degrees. I didn't want to get a PhD in public policy because I was having fun taking i To me the course catalog was a smorgasbord. Oh yeah, oh yeah. I love that. I didn't want to focus on a narrow area, yeah. So I said, No, Kathy, I'm going to stay for it. I did get the Masters of Public Policy and I and I was in two honor societies. I wasn't that in Stanford, but I was, I had a 3.85 average. I was just, I was old as the oldest student, great, but I had a ball. I started a student run Journal of Public Policy. I just that was the most fun I've had in years. Yeah, so that's great. Anyway, that's, I don't know why I told you about that, or some reason, well, academic stuff,

James Moore 46:11

books, all that kind of stuff. Books, yeah. Just so, you know, I was undergrad at Stanford, you were, yeah. So the books I'm talking about from freshman year, you know, from that so, oh my gosh, yeah, when were you at Stan? I was I it's funny because writing about Vic, that's when I did not live in Oregon. I left to go to college in 77 Uh huh, and I didn't move back until I re met someone from my high school class, and we got married in 1989 so I moved back here in 1990 Oh, my God. And not never in the interim. Never thought I would ever live in Oregon ever again. Oh. I thought

Carol Whitney 46:43

that when I went back east that, Oh, my God, I'm out of Oregon. Yeah,

James Moore 46:46

yeah. Life happens

Carol Whitney 46:48

well, and it's I came to bend because I was so tired of traffic and tension and stress. And yes, I mean, I'd done it for so long. I was there 30 years, yeah. And I thought, No, I'm not gonna do it anymore. People thought I was insane. I said, Yes. Why would you go there? I said, band Oregon is wonderful. Yeah, I'm not going to live in Portland anymore. Yeah,

James Moore 47:09

it's amazing when we have job openings. I mean, they're all swamped, but about half of them are all people who are somehow from the West Coast and are trying to figure out how the hell to get back. Yeah, from Ohio or Florida or wherever. A

Carol Whitney 47:24

lot of them from the east, from the northeast. Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. I've met them all over at Home Depot, even, yeah. But I my The reason I lucked out, I got smart for a change in my old age, I had the opportunity to take a to get a grant to take a special course at AU in distance learning and teaching distance learning with different techniques. And I took that and converted my one of my courses there, and two of them into the speech writing course and the other writing course into distance learning. And it worked great, and I loved it. I was so surprised. Yeah, it's great because I have a very interactive classroom, but, yeah, I get to know the students better in distance learning. So that's why I was able. I thought, Heck, I've got enough money if I sell it. I sold that house in Alexandria for I've never made a profit before on a house boy, that one I did. I sold it for 700 and some 1000. When I bought it for 200 There you go. Gosh, that's scary. And then came out here, and yeah, at the worst the housing crisis, right?

James Moore 48:35

So you got deals? Yeah?

Carol Whitney 48:37

I just my, gosh, I could buy this place, and I like it, perfect for me. 200,000 Yeah, fantastic. Fully everything, yeah. Oh, it's perfect.

James Moore 48:49

Anyway, so let's get back to 78 so, sorry. So um, primary, like some

Carol Whitney 48:54

coffee or or water, water, water. Be great. You want bottled water, or maybe I have the water thing in the refrigerator. If you want out of this faucet is fine, unless you think of poison. Oh, probably no, no. I I usually use the faucet thing in the refrigerator. It's very handy. This new refrigerator is different. I

James Moore 49:14

don't like the other faucet thing. Possibly, yeah, but this has filtered the water. Well, that's very, very nice. Isn't that happy? And we never get those things because they tend to break down and

Carol Whitney 49:36

so hard to fix. Well, that's why I didn't get one on the outside. But this one, I need a refrigerator. I

James Moore 49:50

like it. I really do. It's unobtrusive. We put anything under these on the

Carol Whitney 49:55

table. Oh, I've got so I'll get some. Okay, I want to open this so he can go. I. Outside. If you want squat, I gotta take it for dog park later. So that's one thing about Ben. It has it is rated the number one dog friendly city in the country. More dog parks than any other, yes, seven or eight, large office charts, so I'm not gonna play ball with you right now.

James Moore 50:31

So primary night, yeah, did Roger Martin come to see you guys to concede phone calls. I know we'll get into, you know, going to Tom and that kind of stuff. But phone call, okay? And then, does Vic actually go over to McCall's campaign?

Carol Whitney 50:55

I think I'm trying to remember, because I went with him somewhere. I think so

James Moore 51:00

okay, he does a story of getting there, and not only was the media there, but Tom had been drinking, yeah,

Carol Whitney 51:04

oh yeah, and it was very drunk, yeah, it was one of the hotels. I can't remember, yeah, yeah. That was bad, yeah. Interesting little side thing on on that campaign a few years ago, I was at Pat and Bob carpenter house at Chesapeake beach, and they had a party, and whole bunch of people from Oregon came because Pat Jardine had lived here anyway. Greg Wallen was there, and Mark Cushing was there. Hadn't seen him since the campaign in 78 he proceeded, honest to God, this was maybe not even 10 years ago. Just a few years ago, he argued with me about our winning that race? He said, Well, it just, it was just, you got lucky and all this stuff. And he what we did was exactly right. Our attacking Tom McCall was perfect. That's exactly the only way we could have done it, not you fool. That's the only way you could lose. And he still believes that 100% that he did it right,

James Moore 52:24

huh? Talking with Roger Martin. Roger Martin, you know, talks about he had all these young guys, yes, and Mark Cushing was, was I was his campaign manager or something, yeah, but he said he doesn't

Carol Whitney 52:38

talk to Mark anymore. Well, Mark is arrogant, yeah, still, yeah. I shouldn't say this, but that,

James Moore 52:44

oh, you believe the things that are. I talked to a 92 year old in Roseburg a couple of days ago, and he was dropping the F bomb about everything. Well, you're World War Two vet. You just go for it, and it's in the archives. Oh, dear

Carol Whitney 53:06

No, the the primary. I was so stressed. Primary night, I went home and threw up. I had just been so tense through this whole thing. Yeah, we all were very Yeah, very chance, yeah. And the general, of course, was even worse. Yeah, absolutely, it was. So it got so bad in the fall that at a certain point, Greg Walden and couple other people came into my office one morning and they said, Get Brett, get your coat on. You're going to the beach because I had a beach house in London City. Go to the beach. I have work. They say you need a vacation so badly. And we need a vacation from you for a day or so, or two this weekend, you're going to be at the beach, at your beach house. And they took me to the beach and left me there without a car, because they said it was just, you know this, it's got to be too much. Yeah, yeah. Anyway, but we had a good bunch

James Moore 54:13

during that summer. People talked about, there was some drama about what McCall would do endorse Straub or stay

neutral or as an independent so, yeah, what do you? What do

Carol Whitney 54:32

you? He talked about endorsing straw, yeah, yeah, yeah. And that just, I mean, couldn't do anything about it, yeah, so we just kept going, Yeah? He just, he was drinking so much at that point that he just was not in great shape, yeah, but he didn't get actively involved for straw. But he, I think he was supporting him. And. And Strom could have won re election if Well, one thing Did, did well, I'm sure Danny must have told you about the crisis in the fall. What was his name, Dave. He was a democratic consultant who was famous of New York, who was supposed to be the the genius party politics and Straub campaign hired him, and he right away spotted the one thing that we couldn't get Vic to change, that that was a weakness for him, and that was that people thought he was indecisive. And I've been he said, Oh, no, I'm doing fine. You know, everybody loves me now, and we have a huge campaign by fall. And Dave, what was his name, came right? I mean, they came straight at him with ads all over the radio on week, indecisive and voided that hit because I had committed to do some tracking polling. Yeah, and it was relatively new then, yeah, and, God, we had that machine that brought in, what were those things that before regular faxes, they were, or was a telefax or so I was a it was very slow, yeah, yeah. It was a page every six minutes. Yeah, ridiculous. Anyway. So they would send us the results of the daily tracking on that machine, and Danny and Greg and I would be kind of and when that the bomb dropped out. Yeah, and I remember I called Paul Newman, and I said, Paul, we got a problem here. The bottom has just dropped out of our numbers. He said, Well, how could I said, this is what they've done. They did exactly what we were hoping. Vic could do something about. It would ahead of time, and we did. That's when we went. We really want strong Vic. I'm sure Danny must have told you the story about the situation where Greg Walton got in trouble. Because does Paul Newman convinced him to quick run up to the Oregonian and and take

James Moore 57:34

this he didn't tell me that Greg was involved. Oh, great. That's

Carol Whitney 57:38

why Greg was never in the in the office with the it was horrible. No, it wasn't Greg's fault.

James Moore 57:45

Yeah? Paul Newman. Oh, yeah, yeah, Paul Newman, did it. Yeah, yeah. He

Carol Whitney 57:49

got Greg. He said, Yeah, take this. And I hadn't seen it. Vic hadn't seen it. Yeah, go there. Next morning, Vic comes into my office. There's just, like, I was just Denny and I both just sitting there. And Greg wasn't even there at the time. But I said, Vic, we I really think you, you did have to say that, and it was important. He said it was wrong. And you, you know that put me in he said, I've got to retract it. I said, Vic, what you've got to do is not just retract it. You have to fire me, because if your manager can't control the campaign, then you got a problem, and so you've got to say, you know, it was my fault, and you have to fire me. No, I don't have to do that. I said, Yes, you do. That's the only way you can deal with this. If you insist on retracting this, it makes you look very weak, which is what they're saying you are. And so you've got to blame me for it. That's the only way you can survive. And he just argued and argued, and finally said, Okay. And thank goodness. Thank goodness. He said, okay, and then so we did that, and we got tough. Did you hear about the did he tell you about the ad, the TV ad with Roger Martin, and what was, what's his name, LBJ, so funny. We decided we had to make Vic look like tough people really respected him. Yeah. So we had Roger Martin and LB day sitting in these black suits in front of a brick wall talking about how wonderful Vic was, and he was just the best. And these women campaign supporters called what is going on? It looks like two mafia hit me endorsing. Yes,

James Moore 59:45

wonderful. We have just, just within the past six weeks, digitize all the ads that we have so and now the digitized, they're all on a hard drive. Yeah, but they're so they're being transferred so we can all look at them on the web.

Carol Whitney 59:57

Oh, that's great. I had have some. Old, old tapes of them, but not all of them. But that was most effective at because it was just so startle. I mean, every day, yeah, they both look just mean, but that's the kind of thing we had to do to get back.

James Moore 1:00:18

Yeah, yeah. So you ran the last campaign to defeat an incumbent governor in Oregon, yeah. At what point did you for the first era of America? Exactly, exactly, yeah. At what point did you begin to know that you could do this, that you were gonna carry this off. Was it the beginning? Because straw, it's like you never jelled with people. We so we were

Carol Whitney 1:00:48

very worried we were doing really well in building yeah through the summer, yeah and all this. We had the billboard campaign where it what we did was we started out with a small showing, 25% showing statewide, then 50, then, you know, and it kept growing. And people thought, my gosh, look, everybody's climbing on and, yeah, there were, there were stories in the newspaper about all these people are joining Vic Atiyeh's campaign. There's just, it's everywhere. And we did a lot of, we did Bandwagon Effect, yeah, yeah. But that, that stuff by Dave, what was his name? Yes,

James Moore 1:01:23

killed it just killed us. It's in the straw biography, so it just

Carol Whitney 1:01:27

killed us. And we had, that's how we had to really work to come back. And we did. We really worked, and we checked that, that the results from the tracking every morning, just please, and you could see it would start moving up, come on. Then we'd hit it harder and do some more things to really. And Vic knew something was wrong when the polling, oh, and that was something Greg and I were dealing with the with the results from the tracking at that point, and we did something that wasn't totally honest. We you know, Vic was working constantly. He was exhausting and traveling constantly, and we were trying to get him to take breaks. We had Paul taking the fishing rods with him, so that it was just and the when it when the bottom fell out of it, Greg and I said, Oh, my God, we can't tell Nick this. So we took some of the old stuff and showed him when he asked us, and he went out to Eastern Oregon, came back from that trip, and came into my office, said, Okay, I want to know why you've been lying to me? He said, I can see it out there. I can feel people are not as happy with me, and you're not telling me the truth about that. That was brilliant. Yeah, we'd no one else knew. Yeah, Greg and I and Danny, I think. But no, I don't even know if Danny knew that. Yeah, that point that we were,

James Moore 1:03:00

he had such an amazing sense. There's only one election in his entire career that he didn't know that if he was going to win or lose, yeah, and that's when he, I think it's when he moved to the Senate, and he drove to the party not knowing if he was going to win or lose, and it was fine, and he inched it out. Yeah, but it's just amazing. I

Carol Whitney 1:03:18

we were really worried, yeah, the fall, we really, I mean, we were sitting there saying, what do we what do we do if, yeah, we can't let him lose because we felt so responsible. It was so important to him, yeah, he just, we thought, we can't let that happen to him. So we were fought like mad to get back up there because he he needed to have it, yeah. And we thought, what do we do if he loses? Oh, but then the last then we saw it coming back, yeah. And we all sorts of things started happening, like the I got this call from one of the Democratic committee men, committeeman who was very active in the Democratic Party, and he said, Would you like the list of names and addresses and phone numbers of all of the Democratic committee people in the state? Be nice. We sent them all a letter inviting them to join us. It was wonderful. It just was

James Moore 1:04:26

great, strong people. We're just

Carol Whitney 1:04:30

trying to get, you know that bandwagon thing, yeah, again toward the end. And it could help, yeah with those phone bags we had everywhere. Yeah, we had them, or we didn't even need them. Yeah, and not just phone banks. We had materials. I can't I mean, there was so much I've never done that much in a campaign and since then, and it was just everyone was talking about it. I mean, everybody got calls. It was just. Right? And they weren't even necessarily calls saying vote for Vic. They were just different kinds of calls from the campaign. And they were just everybody was

overwhelmed at all the stuff we had. Yeah,

James Moore 1:05:12

so with your campaign plan going in, how closely Did you stick to it? You know, you're coordinating. You've got television going on, radio going on, you got the volunteers going on. So did you stick to the plan? Or were you jogged off of it because of the poll numbers?

Carol Whitney 1:05:30

Or I was prepared to be off of it. The campaign was not all that definite, and it was left room for the point was that, you know, we had a goal. And at least to me, I knew what the strategy had to be. How could we win these things that had to happen, like, like, it was important that Roger Martin and Tom McCall get into it, and these other things happen, and that Vic is perceived, oh, when we did one of the debate, things that we did in the campaign early on the I don't remember which newspaper, but There was an article about it that said that, that said something, not even just about that. So talk about Vic Atiyeh, moderate Republican candidate in the primary, moderate campaign. Candidate that was so wonderful, because it worked, and we put a lot into that image thing. But the whole point I what I had as a campaign plan wasn't necessarily what everybody else would do, but the point was that it told where we were going and how we get the strategy and the message of the campaign. We knew what the message was when I taught, and I still have taught fairly recently, strategy and message for campaigns. I have a little graph thing that i It's a that looks like a small anyway, it has boxes with the strategy is, who is going to be persuadable to vote for you and why? And then the message is, why Vic Atiyeh is the best choice, and then from there, the tactics, how we get that message out, that's the basic campaign plan, and everything comes from that. And our thing was to be the biggest volunteer organization they'd ever seen to show and the bandwagon effect to show that people love Vic a TIA, and they would do anything for him, and he deserved that kind of thing. And just as you there were a lot of things happened around it, and a lot of things that we did, that we were able to do, even that, we'd had a plan that we would add on. We didn't do it instead of we would, we would try to get to the level we needed in advertising. And that was something that was a little difficult, since we had no money in the primary we we had, we had to use some techniques that I've used since the we would offer people the opportunity to put radio ads on not theirs, but ours, that we would made the ads and said, If you want, you know, you can sponsor one.

James Moore 1:09:03

So it'd be Moreland plumbing, yeah, pays for the tea or something. It couldn't be more, yeah, yeah, but whatever, what, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Carol Whitney 1:09:13

And so in the primary, people did that, yeah. And some did in the general. The other thing that helped, I think it was in the primary? Well, we had, yeah, because we had been at Dorchester, was not too long before the primary. We were really, really hurting for money. And I remember Dale, who was the the advertising first week. He said, You gotta have these ads. And I said, when I know I said the money, got to get the money and put these on. It's important. Well, the mail came, and I opened this envelope, and it was a check for 5000 Dollars. There's man's what's going on here? It's not fake. Yeah, it was this man from the lumber industry somewhere who had not been involved in politics, but saw vickatey and met him and was really impressed with him. So he sent \$5,000 my life is saved. I can live, yeah, I was just, that was the most exciting thing. I just couldn't believe it showed everybody they were \$5,000 nowadays, \$5,000 is nothing, but it was, that was a lot, yeah, for no apparent reason. Okay, hell. And he said, We Vic, Vic was horrible about calling and thanking people. Dolores had to bring him in and sit him in a room, and he called and said, thank you. It's really great, and I appreciate it. And the man said, Would you like some more?

James Moore 1:10:57

I'm a salesman. Why? Yes. What size carpet would you like?

Carol Whitney 1:11:04

I've never heard of that. Would you like more? I think altogether, he gave us 15 to \$20,000 Wow. It was just wow, saved our lives. Yeah, yeah. It's great, yeah.

James Moore 1:11:15

Bob tells about Vic. They stopped at some timber place in southern Oregon, and Vic went in and they wouldn't give them a check because, you know, they were holding out and but then Bob remembers, at some point before the primary happened, all of a sudden, those kinds of things, yeah, they said, Oh, McCall's not going to win, or at least we're going to hedging the best, but it kind of loosened up. And, you know, he said Bob came in, or Vic came out of that first meeting, he was, he wasn't angry, but he was just so disappointed. Yeah,

Carol Whitney 1:11:52

well, we got he, he wasn't great at asking for money. He didn't do it as well as he could. And we decided. Roy Livermore called me, you know he was the trainer, and he said we got to do something. Vic doesn't ask you to take him into a room with two or three people who are rich. And he doesn't ask, Well, yeah. He just says, well, I could use your help, yeah. He said, we're gonna have to sort of surround him. So we I would go, and he would go to these little lunch meetings and breakfast meetings, and Vic would go, you know, this is great, and I can use your support, and I really appreciate it. And then Vic would leave the room, and I'd say, Okay, we appreciate your checks today. And I had the pitch because

James Moore 1:12:44

he couldn't do it, yeah, to the end of his life, yeah, we have not been able to get as much money as we should for the Atea collection, really, because Vic, we're doing okay. But Vic goes and he will say, I could use your support, and he plays poker with him, yeah? And it's like, no, you've got to say to x guy in Southern California, you 100 grand would be a big help. Yes, you've got to say that. And he won't, I know. And so

Carol Whitney 1:13:10

I can't tell you how many breakfasts and lunches I had with small groups of men saying, okay, they laughed at me because I was this tough. Their money? Well, it wasn't just asking. It was just okay. Now it's time to pay for it. Yeah, exactly. And it worked, yeah. But Vic was just terrible, yeah, yeah. So it was we got, he got better, uh huh, but, and we raised a lot of money in the general election. Yeah. So was it? Was it Vic who? Or somebody else? Oh, no, that was K or when the state chairman said, No one's ever raised that much money for a campaign, you can't do that. And the young man I had brought in as the finance person, I was the consultant for them, said, We're gonna raise half a million. And even Kay said, can't raise half a million. We did. Yeah,

James Moore 1:14:10

one of these, like, it might have been the 78 one, but at one point, Vic broke the record. Yeah? And when you look at the record in today's dollars, it's like, 2 million bucks. Yeah, it's like, you know, 2 million bucks basically is entry for a state level race, I know. So it's just amazing. Well,

Carol Whitney 1:14:27

what's his name? God, I'm terrible on names today. Danny congressman. Danny Smith, yeah, he broke the record for congressional when he first ran, and it was hilarious because I told people, I said, watch out, because if you hold out your hand to shake his hand, he's his hand is like this. It was just amazing. Yeah,

James Moore 1:14:54

another thing I discovered, because the I've got I go to the Oregonian historical site archive, yeah. But I print out the whole page, because printing out the articles doesn't work, so I got the whole pages. That's fine. So on one of the pages with one of the articles, it has the Forbes richest people in the world. It's like, Jay Paul Getty is number one or something. He's it's about \$4 billion which in today's dollars would be \$9 billion it makes him 157 on today's list. It's just a there's a shift, I know, just amazing, just amazing. So, so anything else stand out about this? I mean, did become a better candidate over time? Did he grow in? I mean, he'd already had a run through four years earlier, but he

Carol Whitney 1:15:40

was funny, though. He never had a big ego, except after the election in 78 I think his head got well. You know, we always in with the Governor's Association. We joke about the Imperial Governor syndrome that they would get after a while. That kind of got it. And it was after I went to work for the RNC, and we were putting on this training thing in Seattle, and Vic came and spoke to the group, and he talked about how he run won his election in 78 and he said, I had 20,000 volunteers or something. He said, those people loved me, Phil I say, excuse me, they loved shirt page. Yeah, but,

I mean, he said stuff that just, I thought, boy, I wasn't there. I mean, it was just he was, you know, you can't win with just people, political people, yeah, you have to be Vic. Shame on you.

James Moore 1:16:51

He got bad. There's a there's and everybody does it, I do it. But with Vic, because he did an oral history in the early 90s of the ordinary civil society, there are a whole bunch of stories that he told to me, word for word, word for word, the same, and that I'm reading The Oregonian coverage from the mid 80s, and it's word for word. So there's things we just get in our heads, and they become our story, the reality, yeah. So the Green Bay Packers story of going down to see the game. Everybody involved thinks that it was another game in another place, and so it's like, okay, so there's these realities, oh, of impressions. But no, actually, it was here. There these people like that. And that's the fun of writing a book like this.

Carol Whitney 1:17:35

Oh, I know. Well, everyone has their own reality. Yeah, that's and it's all based on things in their past, and they're learning in their whole Yeah, yeah. It's, but it's you go the same places, people see different things. Yeah, absolutely. That's why they don't use eyewitnesses testimony at as high a level as they used to. It's,

James Moore 1:17:55

yeah, I went to Northwestern for my doctorate because Political Science is so heavy into stats and modeling, and I don't use it. I hate it, but the stats is to be in good stead with being a political analyst. Great. So you want to know polls, I can do polls from now until the cows come home. The

Carol Whitney 1:18:12

irony was, I had never had statistics until, well, my the graduate degree I got at George Mason, but I learned to read poll results, and I could, I could see what they meant, and that sort of thing from the beginning in politics. And I knew about statistics. I knew all of that, yeah, yeah. And I never, I, it kills me that I didn't take it at Stanford, because people kept saying, Oh, no, you don't need that's hard and it's not fun for people like you. Who are, you know, more liberal arts. You just

James Moore 1:18:48

don't take it because it's not the hard math, it's the one that you'll actually use in your job. I know, yeah,

Carol Whitney 1:18:54

when I took that, got that master's degree, I wanted to take things that I didn't know, yeah, and I took statistics of course. And I took a course in GIS and spatial analysis. Oh, great. Oh, that was wonderful. I had the best time in that. Yeah, I only got a B plus, it's one of the lowest grades. But I loved it. Yeah, plotting disease vectors and things. Oh, I love that. And naru kaizumi And I did a she was the professor. We did a study on immigration and criminality and there was a study done by a professor in New York showing that new immigrants were generally less criminal, and nobody believed it. So we did it in Virginia, we studied it, and I got all I got hold of stuff. I don't know how I got hold of. Mm. And we did it there. The same thing, yeah, new immigrants are much better behaved. They're working hard, yeah. And later on, they generally adapt, yeah,

James Moore 1:20:10

yeah. But the third generation, there are no differences. It's

Carol Whitney 1:20:13

really, yeah, it's kind of, it was, it was interesting, but we did that study, yeah, using the what do you call it, I still have yet that arc I have, they still said, I don't know why, but the company still sends me their their arcs off their regular publication all the time, all about all the new studies. I love it. That's

James Moore 1:20:34

great, yeah. One of the fun things about Vic is family is, you know, immigrants are Democrats, yeah, and yet his father was a staunch Republic. Yeah. He was so staunch. You know, the little boys growing up some of their first memories of politics. Our dad would always have a Republican gathering on election night. And except for 1928 the party would go

for three or four hours, and then we get very quiet, and everybody would just go home and but, but, so I'm trying to peg down. What is it? Because he was a merchant. Were the Syrians from that part? Did? They turned into Republicans, and that village, that village, has been studied. So I'm actually going to be able to go to towns in Pennsylvania and look and see if they were or not. So there's in Argentina, of all places. So there's some this village. People went to the United States, mainly Pennsylvania. And there are 20 people from that village that came to Portland, huh? And the kids didn't know any of them. The parents occasionally would go to the Syrian neighborhood. But the kids never, ever went

Carol Whitney 1:21:41

well, you know, they, when we, when Vic was running, we had a wonderful event with that put on by the Syrian Lebanese community, food thing that they, they paid for all the food. And he was fabulous. He was really popular with them,

James Moore 1:21:58

yeah, but he, he was not a part of the community. In effect, yeah. So it's just a fascinating they all tended to be Republican. I mean, there's, yeah, yeah, yeah. And so I just have to take that down. And by this, by the second generation, I mean, the kids grew up, there's no immigrant stuff going on there. They're really interested in the Middle East.

Carol Whitney 1:22:22

It's so, yeah, well, there it's, it's fascinating. I know I'm that I get on these things that I got to find out more about that I'll start studying. Why am I doing this? I do I worked on a project when I, again, when I was at George Mason, I did a, an independent study with Sue tolch and Susan tolchen and her husband, wrote a lot of foreign policies done and I, I was after we, I had worked on with it was really fascinating on What was it, a world in flames? Was the book. It was all about civil unrest and wars and various reasons for it around the world. And that was really interesting working on it. I edited it for and after that, I was I signed up for a course. I had trouble finding courses to take, because so many of them were things I taught, yeah, but I took. I signed up for a course with Richard Florida, who turns out to be an absolute ass. I'm sorry you ever meet him? No, I didn't. What a jerk. You ever read his books? Yeah, he is an ass. He really is. I mean, biggest

James Moore 1:23:42

ass I ever met was Nelson polsby. Oh, he's just a jerk. Well, they're coming

Carol Whitney 1:23:47

around. But anyway, Richard, Florida, I signed up for this class of his that was a required class, and was something where technology and society are. I don't know he was, it was this, this first week, the homework was, I mean, the assignments were like high school, and I had done a lot of actual work on change management, and it was like, This course was supposed to be on change management, and I knew more than he was teaching it. So I I asked somebody, what am I going to ask one of the advisors? What am I going to do? This is stuff I don't even need to go in at the break for class, talk to him and say, you know, you really would appreciate if he could give you some more advanced stuff to do, because you're interested, and you've done a lot, and so I I had to do it soon, because I couldn't drop a class without penalty in another day or two. And I talked to him, and he said, Oh, good grief. He said, Just drop the class. You know more about it than I do. Got. God's sake. He said, you don't want to be in here. And he said, I just, you know, it's silly for you to be sitting in my class. What a wonderful man. Anyway, I found out more. He was terribly should never have been a professor. He would leave, he would leave the country during the course of the of a course. And his assistant told me once, his teaching assistant said, didn't know what to do. I didn't know where he was. He never came just off anyway, so I just I didn't know what I was going to do. So I came out of the classroom just as Sue told you went by and says, What am I going to do? She said, do another independent study. She said, Do on on one thing. When I worked on that book with her, I did a chart on what do you call it? The commissions on my mind is just I've been thinking about too many different things, uh, reconciliation in

James Moore 1:26:03

Rwanda, kind of things. Or South Africa, Truth and Reconciliation there.

Carol Whitney 1:26:08

There have been a lot of reconciliation commissions at that time, like pound 26 right? Nobody had a list of them, yeah. And so I put together a list of all the ones that had taken

James Moore 1:26:17

one of my senior theses. Used it about two years ago. Oh, really, yes. So thank you for the list. Oh, you're welcome.

Carol Whitney 1:26:23

But it was Yeah, and I What, why? You know why it was done, and how it worked and all that, and I had done that, she said, Do it something on the truth and reconciliation commissions. Compare a couple of countries. So I compared South Africa and Sierra Leone, I think. But South Africa was interesting because it was the only one that they monitored regularly with survey research. And the thing that I found fascinating, I wanted to talk to the woman who was the chief professor in the Department of peace operations, or whatever it was called, and she said, Oh, there isn't any survey data. That's the problem. You're not going to have trouble finding any. I found this wonderful series. It's a regular publication, and and it was the South African one, discouraging, but it was much more successful than any of the others, yeah. And it was mainly because of the concept of Uhuru that are Uhuru reconciliation is what it is, yes, the whole Swahili idea of what you do, yeah. No wonder it worked there, yeah, and not anywhere else, yeah. But anyway, so I did that and gladly got rid of but what I should have done is she said, Why don't you cut it down and submit it for a journal article? I didn't want to. I didn't want to cut it down. It was 6070, pages, and it was, I loved writing it, working on it, but, you know, yeah, I wasn't in the mood, yeah. I used to think, I mean, I've written books, not whole books of non fiction. I've done just chapters, the sections, but I've published fiction for a while. I have I do that's good. I've done a lot of things because I like a lot of things. So that's great. I love, I really like research, yeah, and I just can't help myself, yeah,

James Moore 1:28:21

that's why this is my first sabbatical ever. It's like, yeah, you know, I really like research. Oh, it's just so much, except I don't know how to stop well,

Carol Whitney 1:28:32

I'll find it. I'll be looking at on one track. And there's something piercing I never thought of that

James Moore 1:28:38

I wonder, no, I can't afford a day and a half of my life over there. I really have to do this.

Carol Whitney 1:28:44

Well, it's like I was reading, oh, I don't know. I don't few years back, I was reading a series of mysteries. Charles Todd, it's actually a woman and her son. They're good, they're well done, they're all historical. And in this mystery, this the detective was one of the first people in the area of England to have a car, and he was driving and got caught in a snowstorm and all this stuff, and I he'd have to wipe the wind. I thought, I wonder when they had windshield wipers. So, of course, I studied the history of windshield wipers, and it was fascinating. A woman invented the first windshield wipers, but no one would buy them from us. We don't need that, yeah. And she no one would buy it. And then the Ford Motor Company stole it from her, yeah? I mean, just nasty stuff, but I had the whole history of windshield wipers. So I was at a meeting in Virginia. It was a some kind of writers thing, and I ran into the son of this couple that wrote this book. I said, I don't know about the history of windshield wipers. That's

James Moore 1:29:58

great. It's fascinating. Because, just like maybe. 15 years ago, they finally resolved the stealing of the intermittent wipers. I know same thing. No, I know, yeah. What's about? What shield wipers?

Carol Whitney 1:30:09

Well, but just imagine if you didn't have the first ones that they had people had. Yeah, no,

James Moore 1:30:14

I've seen because 50 years ago in, like in Germany, and some of the Volkswagen Beetles and the Citroen Yeah,

Carol Whitney 1:30:23

just amazing, but it was fascinating to study that. Yeah, see, I just like doing things like that, yeah. But anyway, so if I didn't have a computer, I don't know what I would do, yeah, so I gotta get a new one. You that happens? Yeah, I hate it,

James Moore 1:30:41

yeah. But just, but, yeah, you gotta do it. I used to not get a new computer until all my software didn't work or stuff. So I got my first computer in 89 and I got my third computer in like 2006 and after that, I said, you know, I'm finally making enough money I can get a new computer like every three or four, and they're cheaper too. Yeah. I mean, it cost me 6000 for the computer and 6000 for the printer in 89 oh, I know. And now, you know, I got the top of the line Mac and all this stuff, and it cost \$2,200 yeah,

Carol Whitney 1:31:15

my first computer was just was my first computer was wonderful, because I found this man who was at the Justice Department who, as a hobby, was building computers. It was a new thing. It was in the 80s, and he said he would build it for me. And it was a pretty reasonable price, \$2,000 you can build this thing for me. And he but the printer cost more than I paid for Yeah, and it was a dot, not a dot matrix, but it was a, yeah, it was the advanced dot matrix. Okay, yeah. And, but that computer was so much fun, yeah? I mean, he told me, just play with it. You can't destroy it. Just play with it. Do what you you'll find all sorts of things on

James Moore 1:32:04

it. I used to teach a class for sophomores on research methods, but we spent two weeks how to really use your computer. Yeah, it's not just a typewriter and a gaming thing. It does all sorts of stuff. But the lesson number one is, you can't break it. Yeah, you know, it's not better than you if it gives you too much help, unplug it. Yeah, it's okay.

Carol Whitney 1:32:27

It's just amazing. My very first computer had a green screen, and it got after a while, it got kind of iffy. It would do funny things in a startup. Well, I would hit it and and a woman at the Computer Help thing once actually told me hit it

James Moore 1:32:47

those Catholic rates I did when I was a research assistant in graduate school. I did transcripts of divorce proceedings at Northwestern the state of Illinois on one of those screens that big with green,

Carol Whitney 1:33:02

yeah. Oh, those were just,

James Moore 1:33:05

just awful, oh yeah, just

Carol Whitney 1:33:10

off when I was head of Field Operations at the RNC way many you know 1981 one of my regional political directors was a computer nut. He was, this was new, yeah, and this, this 1981 he suggested, you know, there were, I had 12 or so top field people, regionals. And he said, you know, why don't you see if you can get get them all portable computers, just it'd be wonderful. Well, I got the portable computers. This one woman from Iowa called me and said, Why are you getting us portable computers with no porters, because they were huge, enormous, but they did good things. Yeah, boy, I'll tell you that campaign for governor of New Jersey that we won with Kane, that that stuff really helped, plus the fact I put all my field people up there. Yeah, but Bo, why are you getting tired of this whole thing? You're being good. I tell you, you're doing great. Yeah, you're doing great.

James Moore 1:34:30

So any other big things you he appointed you to work in the administration? Yeah, I and then what

Carol Whitney 1:34:37

happened there was kind of interesting. I didn't know what I was going to do. And a lot of people were disturbed that he wasn't going to make me the Chief of Staff. Did you meet the chief of cell okay? Because I didn't have the kind of experience for that. Yeah, and I really didn't. But who wasn't one of the one of his key

James Moore 1:34:58

No, that stuff, that's. Voters.

Carol Whitney 1:35:00

No one of his supporters, the key supporters, and I don't remember whose name was convinced that I should have been press secretary instead of Danny. And I said, Well, if I could, I'd love to, but Danny's got, I mean, he promised Vic, promised him if he did, worked on the campaign he had, but this man went ahead and really had a quite a project, trying to get me as that. And I said, you know, I can't, can't do anything about that, because I just, you know, it's not, yeah, not a possibility, yeah. And then these women came to see me and this group of women from state government, and they said, We want you to go after the job as affirmative action director for the state. And I said, me, they said, Yes, we need somebody in there. This is they told us about all the things that were going on. My gosh, all these, I mean, over in the highway department, they tell people we don't hire criddles here, and things like, Oh, it was awful, the women just being treated like dirt. And so I went after it, and I had to have Senate approval and confirmation and all that thing. But no, I've, I've always liked to go after, you know, be the underdog and go after the upper dog. Yeah, that's why I did chaos campaign, too. It's just, you know, it's, yeah, it's a challenge, yeah. And I enjoyed, I was glad I did it, but I didn't stay that long, because it was easy to fix by just changing. It was they had the affirmative action directors reporting to the director in each agency.

James Moore 1:36:45

Oh, there you go. Well, no wonder, God sounds like the military.

Carol Whitney 1:36:50

We We adjusted that a bit and said the affirmative action director reports to the Office of affirmative action in the governor's office, and that fixed it. So when the RNC called me and asked me to come to work as a regional political director, I said, That sounds fun. Politics is

James Moore 1:37:16

fun. Yeah. Did you see Vic interaction with the Presidents with Reagan? Well, I mean, you were, you were in government when Carter was president. You know that kind of well. But did you see

Carol Whitney 1:37:32

with Reagan? I wasn't there when Carter was you

James Moore 1:37:35

were in Salem, yeah, yeah, but I'm but you're back in DC with with Reagan, yes,

Carol Whitney 1:37:40

that was funny. Oh, something that happened during the campaign. Got a call during the campaign, and it was not at the very end, was earlier, and it was from what's his name. My mind is going today. I uh, the reagentown guy, oh, God, he was a mike Deaver. No, no, no. Called me and said, we want to send a contribution to your candidate. And the problem was, Vic was still seen as very conservative, and the Ford campaign had the Ford people hadn't said anything. It wasn't a campaign then, but it was the Ford group. And I said, I'll have to check on it. And he said, You You're telling me you don't want myself. I'm not telling you that. I just have to tell Vic and then I immediately called around and said, you know, we got a problem because, and Victor said, Oh, it's not a problem, because we'll call so and so at the Ford group and get them to send something. And then the Reagan people said something, but Lynn Nafziger never got over that. They said it, but he made a comment to me when I was back in Washington. He said, you know, your friend the governor who didn't support Reagan, and, oh, he was nasty about it, Dick. We had a run in with him once back there. Yeah, just a very mild but that comment, you know, yeah, not exactly a loyalist. Yeah.

James Moore 1:39:23

This is fascinating, because, talking to Pat Amedeo, they found the Reagan administration really tone deaf dealing with natural resources out here, yeah, in the whole West, but also Vic once 79 you know, 8081 hitting at 82 there's some increasingly harsh letters to David Stockman about what the heck are you guys doing to the states? So it's just a

fascinating dynamic, one of my favorites, yeah, but

Carol Whitney 1:39:57

I don't know Vic, did I mean he was. A surprise for everybody when he was elected. In fact, one of the most fun things during that campaign was when the RNC and the Governor's Association sent in the regional political director and somebody else from the RNC to try to right after the primary, we weren't supposed to win the prime Yeah, they had given money to Tom McCall, and which was generous. And they came to see me. Mm, hmm, nice of you fellows to come. Vic said, if you want, you can kick them out of your office. You don't have to talk to and they came in. They started telling me what I needed to do in the rest of the campaign. I said, we already have a plan. He said, No, you don't, you know. You're not aware of the latest and all so on. And what you should do are these things, and you can't do the phone banks the way you've been doing them. You've got to professionalize them. And I said, it's working fine. And they got so annoyed. And I said, I'm sorry. We just, you know, we're running our own campaign here, and I wouldn't let them come back. Vic wouldn't let them come back unless they brought money. And they did, yeah, yeah, ooh, they really that. And nobody believed Vic was going to win that primary. Yeah. People in Washington were stunned at that. And then when he beat the incumbent governor in the general, they really woke up. Yeah, yes, yeah. He definitely was more than they had expected. Yeah,

James Moore 1:41:34

well, in 82 as well. You know, all political science says there's just no way he's going to win, yeah. And yet, not only is he win, he wins by record number, yeah, yeah, just amazing, yeah,

Carol Whitney 1:41:46

he's good, just amazing. He was, I can't keep saying he is. He was good. Mm, hmm. Hated to see him go when I saw him. The last time I saw him

Unknown Speaker 1:41:56

was

Carol Whitney 1:41:58

at a memorial get together for Pat jardina Carpenter, out of its winery, out glass, we go. And was such fun going because I had just moved out here, and I was seeing everybody I hadn't seen in years. And Vic showed up, and he came in the door. He said, Carol, look, you're old now. Thanks a lot, because he always felt like I was so young when I ran his campaign, and he's now, you're old too. That's not nice. But you know, that was just him. Yeah, he was so funny. That's wonderful. Oh, that's yellow. Yeah, hi. What yes are you? Are you gonna go ahead and go to a friend whose dog is one of both best friends? Oh, good, going over to the dog. Good. So I said, I'll try to join her. Yeah? I think we've talked a lot, yeah, yeah. I didn't realize, no,

James Moore 1:43:00

it's Yeah. Usually this go an hour and an hour and a half or an hour and 42 right now. So, well,

Carol Whitney 1:43:04

I talk a lot. That's one of my that's good. That's good. When I did it, when I went to my 50th reunion at Stanford, they had this new thing where they would invite people to come and be interviewed and for the part of the record, and then they gave us, sent us copies of what they put together. But I can't tell you how long it was, like two hours. We talked Stanford, stuff that we did and stuff that I hadn't ever told anyone we did, and because I was vice president of the senior class, so they wanted me to talk about it, and I did talk, yeah, that's good. So,

James Moore 1:43:49

yeah, sometimes I taught it, you know, a little bit at Northwestern, but mainly I taught at University of Portland and then Pacific, and there's no culture of practical jokes, yeah, you know, you know, at Stanford. Oh, you cannot believe the thing is, so I'll tell them occasionally. So people, when skiing, they came back their door was gone because we shoot rocked it, yeah, and they, you know, they couldn't find their door. Oh, but you check here, here's an easy one. Try this. But you know, nothing

Carol Whitney 1:44:23

serious. They're so serious. We had my one in my one of my neighbors at my the freshman dorm was Estelle Noland, who was the daughter of Senator Nolan. She thought she was pretty, pretty important, and she went somewhere for a weekend, and we took all our furniture and hid it. But the very best the whole time I was there was the campus, campus, six, five, kappa, six. I don't remember which that is. My ex husband was in the fraternity. They bought this old. Shooting boat, and they Ted, and somebody else went out and got from a navy facility, borrowed a big pump, put it on the back of this boat, took it out on Lake Lagunita, and everybody knew that this was the Aqua wazoo. He's out there on Lake Lagunita, and they were going to have a big takeover, and a lot of people were sitting at the boathouse, and they played the boat came roaring out onto Lake Logan. You can imagine that. Oh, yeah. And they had a pirate flag, and they were playing the music from victory at seas. Victory at sea, exactly, but the unfortunate Sigma Chi's had been worn, and Robin Moore was that his name, the swimmer, was a Sigma Chi and he and some others got this big log, made it into a battering ram with a metal and they came out from under the dock. What, after the Battle of the Aqua, was absolutely wonderful. That's great. It was just, I mean, that kind of thing is just, you know, yeah,

James Moore 1:46:20

yeah. And it's just that's not the culture, no,

Carol Whitney 1:46:25

just amazing. I don't know how we got away with some of it. When we were forced. Instead of, you know, it used to be that you the girls could draw for housing and stay if they wanted their whole right, they changed it the end of our sophomore year and said, you have to draw every year now, because we were in Stillman and we were happy, oh yeah. We got stuck in Florence Moore, and it was brand new, yeah. And that was not what we had in mind. And there was a fire road that came down from above, and

James Moore 1:46:56

for three years, so I oh yeah, inside and out, yeah.

Carol Whitney 1:47:00

So there were, there were posts in there that changed, yeah, that annoyed us, because it was such an easy way to get in there, and they wouldn't let us. So one night, just girls doing this, we took the posts out and we bought, had bought quick drag Smith and could fix it up and filled the holes, there

James Moore 1:47:25

you go. They got really bad. It

Carol Whitney 1:47:30

was just, you know, I mean, college was supposed to be fun, yeah, exactly. Worked hard,

Unknown Speaker 1:47:35

but we had fun.

James Moore 1:47:36

Yeah, one of the freshmen in my dorm, I lived in Paloma my first year, yeah, and he had been conceived in Paloma when it was an all women's dorm, and Dad stuck in the window.

Carol Whitney 1:47:49

Oh, I was in.

James Moore 1:47:52

There's a longer Cardinal. Merlot, yeah, yeah, yeah. Laurel Faison gavinlin, yeah.

Carol Whitney 1:48:00

Well, I'm glad you understand. People think, oh, Stanford, that must be very serious. No. Oh, you have. Everybody studied

James Moore 1:48:08

like hell, but they did it, you know, however they did it, and when things had to happen, we made the battering rams. I interviewed a guy from Cal yesterday. I didn't know he's from Cali. Didn't know he's from Stanford, and eventually got around. I said, Yeah, we go to the basketball games with Vienna sausages and throw them on the floor. So he said, Yeah, we'd throw oranges at you in the football safe. That's why we had our lacrosse team to catch them and throw them

Carol Whitney 1:48:34

back the football game. So we used to take, oh, there were some medical students who would inject oranges with vodka, and I was going out with one my freshman year. And boy, that used to be fun. Yeah,

James Moore 1:48:47

exactly. No, you can't have liquor, but have an orange. Cigarettes is good for you. We're so

Carol Whitney 1:48:54

healthy. Yeah, it was really but we had such a good time. Yeah, did a lot of the one of the favorites, though, that we did we had in Florence Moore, we were paired with chi sigh for spring singing, and they didn't do anything. They just wouldn't practice or wouldn't do anything. And so I had this habit of writing new words for popular songs that what that we'd we'd do fun. And I wrote one, and I don't remember what the song was. I have it somewhere, but it's a song about the Kai size, and we all wore black and with big kaisi pins this and sang this because it

James Moore 1:49:38

was crazy. That's wonderful.

Carol Whitney 1:49:40

Anyway, that was, those were the days Stanford was a fun place to be, yeah, and I worked while I was in school too, because I the only way I could make it, but still, there was time for fun.

James Moore 1:49:53

Yeah, yeah, it's amazing. I wash dishes my first year. Oh, and which. Going back even for my 10 year reunion.

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