

Early Memories **by Don Barebo (1968 graduate)**

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I will do my best to think back to 1963-65 but I am 84 years old.

I was 31 when I began college. I had been through the Korean War and had a wife and three children. I did not finish my second year and we used of high school and the day I turned 17 I joined the Army. I took the GED Test and passed. I began college that week.

The students will die when they hear I went to college for seven dollars a credit hour.

We had two buildings and we used the dining hall for a chapel. Our classes were small and the professors very understanding. I worked the night shift and took too many hours one semester. I worked from 4 pm to 1 am and I took so many hours I had to have lunch at school and then get home so I could go to work. After lunch I would sometimes fall asleep with the sun coming through the window, and I can remember some of my friends telling me that Professor Hetzle would say, "Let him sleep he has to work tonight."

I took double Greek the first year they offered it and that was all I took that year. Two hours of Greek a day was too much for me. I had a good friend who Greek was very easy for him and he worked with me on Saturday mornings.

I took typing and the second week I put a finger in the saw at work. It was hard but I did enough to pass. Today I hunt and peck.

I took voice at age 33 and sang my first solo in chapel. I thought I would die but that was my final.

I did not have much to do with college life as I had a family, I worked and pastored a small church in Illinois my last three years.

When I graduated, we had a class of 12 and everything took place in the dining hall.

I have a great appreciation for St. Louis Christian College (SLCC) and try to help as much as I can.

My wife Ellen of 60 years went to be with the Lord a little over three years ago. She was a great wife, mother Christian and a great pastor's wife.

I had fifty full years as a pastor and now am retired. If that is possible.

May the Lord keep His hand on St. Louis Christian College.

Don

PS: One of my favorite professors was Albert McGee.