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**Title:** Layton McCurdy, MD, Interview by Brooke Fox, 7 May 2009

**Interviewer:** Fox, Brooke

**Interviewee:** McCurdy, Layton, 1935-

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**Subject (Names):** McCurdy, Layton, 1935-

Colbert, James W., Jr., 1920-1974.

McCord, William M. (William Mellon), 1907-1996.

**Subject (Genre):** Oral histories.

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**Summary:**

Dr. Layton McCurdy was chairman of the MUSC Department of Psychiatry during Dr. James W. Colbert's tenure as Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr.

McCurdy discusses the creation of the Vice President for Academic Affairs position, Dr. Colbert's recruitment, and his numerous accomplishments. He describes meeting Dr. Colbert for the first time and his subsequent interactions with him over the years. Additional topics include Dr. Colbert's role in the settlement of the 1969 hospital workers strike, his role in the development of AHEC and the MUSC Department of Family Practice. He recalls Dr. Colbert's relationship with Dr. McCord. He describes the impact Dr. Colbert's death had on the university as well as his personal feelings. Dr. McCurdy describes the process to rename the MUSC Education Center and Library Building to James W. Colbert Education Center and Library Building.

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