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An Interview with Edward L. Krolak

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Edward Krolak, a career English teacher for decades at Illinois Valley Community College. He discusses the history of the community college and its ties to La Salle-Peru Oglesby. He was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key-Community College* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Ed Krolak was born in La Salle, Illinois in 1932. He graduated from St. Bede High School in 1950. He earned a BA in English from Loras College in 1954 and later an MA in English from the University of Notre Dame. He started his teaching career at Lostant High School from 1954-1956. He spent two years in the Army, and then returned to the LaSalle area teaching at the LaSalle-Peru Township High School. He also taught classes for the LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College which was run by the La Salle High School. When the new Illinois Valley Community College was established, Krolak joined in 1969 and taught English there until 1994. This interview covers the relation of LaSalle-Peru Township High School and LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College. It also covers almost thirty years of the history of Illinois Valley Community College.

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