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An Interview with Mike Monaghan

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Mike Monaghan was born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1951. He graduated from Griffin High School in Springfield, Illinois in 1970, then went on to study at Lincoln Land Community College and Bradley University, where he earned his BA degree. He earned his MA in Legal Studies from the University of Illinois-Springfield. Monaghan has worked for the Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois State Senate, and the Illinois Community College Trustee Association. Currently he is the Executive Director of the Community College Trustee Association. He began with the Community College Trustees in 1989 and became the Executive Director in 2005. This interview covers the formation of the Community College System in Illinois, the development of boundaries, the establishment of funding sources (for 39 colleges), and building construction. Also covered were the roles of the Higher Education Board, the Illinois Community College Trustees, and the individual College Trustees. The interview highlighted the years 1965-2012.

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