

Old Jackson Intermediate

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too costly to repair, one of the proposals in the "Make Room For Children" bond election in February 2000 included the demolition of the old Jackson and building of the De Zavala campus on the former site. The bond program was approved overwhelmingly by voters. The old Jackson was demolished in 2001.

"I have many pleasant memories of the school," Woitena said. "It was so deeply rooted in tradition. I can see that De Zavala will be headed that direction. They're on good soil."

Tom Hancock, retired deputy superintendent and a

former principal at Jackson, had unique ties to the Jackson campus. Hancock attended Jackson from 1952-54 and returned to the school in the leisure-suited days of 1977 as the new principal.

Hancock said his fondest memory of Jackson was a humorous one. Shortly after he became principal, he was approached by a member of his faculty. But it wasn't just any faculty member. It was one of his former teachers.

"He walked into my office and we started talking about old times," he said. "Here was my old teacher telling me about the things I used to do as a kid and now I was his boss. There also were several other of my former teachers who were still teaching there when I came in as principal. It

was pretty funny."

Hancock said he's pleased that the former Jackson site is being used for a new school. He also was thankful that most of the trees surrounding the campus were spared.

"The trees are what made the Jackson campus so beautiful," he said. "Most of them were saved and now they line the De Zavala campus. I'm glad to see that part of history live on."

Hancock also shared an interesting story about the planting of the trees on campus. "Back when the campus first opened, each homeroom bought a tree," he said. "Under each tree, a time capsule of some kind was planted. I guess you could say the memories of this campus truly run deep." ★



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