

Interview with Scott Kellar:

W-Sam Woods

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W-What made you decided to come to Century to coach?

K-The first priority was to be a teacher and in my first two years here I was a history teacher. That was the main thing, but I grew up in the Metro League and I played in the Metro League over at Glencoe and it was a great opportunity for me to come back and coach in the league.

W-What qualities did you have that convinced Century to hire you as their men's basketball coach?

K-What convinced them was that I took over the basketball program at Sandy High School and took that team, which wasn't really good and didn't really have many good seasons, and brought them up to be contenders for the State Tournament. Other things such as my dad, Elden Kellar, a highly respectable coach over at Hilhi for a lot of years and having played in the Metro League as a kid in high school myself. I just had a lot of history with myself in the league and it was great to be back.

W-What kind of problems did the Century Athletic Department have in the first years of the school?

K-There were several problems. The fields for baseball, football, and softball weren't ready and were uneven and unplayable. In the first year, the department was very hesitant in letting the basketball program hold basketball camp in the main gym because they didn't want to scratch up the floor and ruin it. So we had to hold the basketball camp at Brown Junior High.

W-How did you get new kids to come out for sports?

K-We had no problem getting kids to come out for basketball in the first summer. I think that the kids had an idea that it was a new coach and a new school and also they idea that the coach didn't know anything about me so I'm just going to go out there and give it all I got, and that there was no risk for trying out. And I don't think that we cut any of the kids that summer. I believe we had about 60 kids that tried out in the summer and they all made a team of some sort.

W-Now going moving on to teaching, what was the transition from being a teacher at Century to being a counselor at Century?

K-It was a fairly easy transition. The only really tough thing was that instead of only having to know about 90 kids from the block schedule to having to know all of the kids that are getting their job shadows and trying to get scholarships, but I enjoy it a lot.

W-Was the transition from regular schedule to block schedule difficult?

K-Not at all. It went from having to memorize about 150 names to memorizing 90 names. You got to know the kids a lot more. The only problem was that teachers didn't know how to fill the whole time with activities and lessons. Most teachers just decided to take their normal lessons and double it, which turned out to be a problem, but I think it was a good idea to switch over to block schedule.

W-How have kids changed throughout the years at Century?

K-The main change that I have seen since the first year at Century is that not as many people are into e-mail as much as they were the first year. I remember that first year when every kid would try to get to class early just to be able to get on a computer and use e-mail. Now there are kids that go throughout the whole year without checking their e-mail once.