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**ABSTRACT:**

The Travis D. Laster collection consists of an audio recording, biographical form, and interview outline of an oral history interview conducted between Laster and Zeara Alvarez in October 2010. Laster attended Minnesota State University, Mankato from 2008-2010. In this interview, Laster talks about his experience as a veteran coming in to MSU, his reasons for his decision to attend college as a college athlete, as well as his overall experiences as a student at MSU.

This oral history interview was conducted as part of the Tell Your MSU Story Oral History Project conducted by the Southern Minnesota Historical Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Travis was born and raised in Miami, Florida. The latter part of his high school years he lived in Griffin, Georgia. He served as a Marine before he went to college; however, he had plans to attend college before entering into the Marine Corp. Although he did not anticipate having to go to war, he ended up fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He began his college career at a community college while he was stationed in San Diego, California. He then transferred to Mt. San Antonio College to play football and earn his Associates Degree. Following Mt. San Antonio College he was recruited to play football for Southwest Minnesota State University where he stayed for a year, then transferred to play football and run Track & Field at Minnesota State University, Mankato. It was at Minnesota State University, Mankato he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies and continued his education at a graduate level, also in Communication Studies. At the time of this interview he was training to possibly play professional football, which is his first choice in careers. His second choice is to use his degrees to pursue something in the field of news/media.

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

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**ACQUISITION:**

Travis D. Laster donated this collection on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Zeara Alvarez processed this collection in December 2010.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

Visit the Tell Your MSU Story website for a list of all interviews completed as part of this project. <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/oralh/msustory.html>

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

- Laster, Travis D., 1981- interviewee.
- Laster, Travis D., 1981—interviews.
- Alvarez, Zeara, 1975, interviewer.
- Minnesota State University, Mankato.
- Oral History.
- Football.
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- United States. Marine Corps.
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