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Hello My Name IS Gerard Smith
This is for my Butte History class
AND I am interviewing HEAD
Football coach at mt tech
Bob Green.

(Gerard) Question 1" Tell me a little
about your self, your family AND
the world as you know it.

(Bob Green) My name is Bob Green I'm
fifty five years old. I have coached
at Montana Tech for the last
19 seasons, I have coached for
a total of 32 years. I have
lived in Butte Montana longer
than I have lived anywhere
in my life. Like a lot of
coaches, Gerard I moved around
a lot before I came up here.
It's just the nature of the
business. I have been lucky
enough to call Butte my
home, for going on 20 years.
My wife is a teacher at Butte
High School. Prior to coming
here to Montana Tech I was
an Assistant coach at North
west Missouri State University
for 5 years. After that I
was the head football coach
at Broken Bow High School in
Broken Bow Nebraska. For 1 year
Prior to that I was an
Assistant coach at University
Northern Colorado for two years.

Prior to that, I was head coach at the famous military high school. I was there for 4 years. I was also a assistant coach at Nebraska at Cornwell. I played for 4 years also. I was in the marine corps from 1968 - 1969, and I got out in 1970. (Faded to mention that he fought in Vietnam)

(Green) Question 2k what led you to football, what made you want to become a coach.
(Bob Green) Coach Green, well I love the element of football. Trying to synthesize the efforts of a great many in our case US guys that play twenty for feet toward one goal. I really enjoy the atmosphere, the smells, the sights, the sounds. The whole effort that goes into one game every weekend. Football is quite an orientation prepared game. Its the only game, that if were your an offensive lineman, and your wide receiver lines up way out side and you run it away from and has off sides

That the entire team gets
a penalty. And they come
back because he wasn't perfectly
lined up. It's the ultimate
team game. I guess
that's what gravitated me
toward football. I played
football. I was a not great
individual football player.
I started in college for
a couple of years, at and
in a very good program.
I was never what you
would call the star of
the team in either
high school or college.
But I just gravitated toward
football. I liked the
atmosphere. I liked the feeling
of it. All the work that
goes into it. I like every-
thing about the college game.
I even like the recruiting,
some coaches don't like the
recruiting. I like it.

(G5) Question 3rd Now if you
could pick one of your
football games to be your
favorite which one would
it be?

(G9) That's a tough
question, no we have had

Some very Big wins, over
the years. We also have had
some very Big losses.

Every win is just a
great experience, it is good
for the prayers to school.

It's just like I talk to
you guys on Friday nights
before games, that tense moment
like the feeling of winning
the game, and the clock ticks
down and you have won
it, you're out there on that
field, all the hard work and
labor you've put in preparation
has worn through. And it
really makes you feel great.
On the contrary when
you lose it's devastating.
I'll be honest with you.

I had a guy years and
years ago tell me that
I get way too high and
I feel way too good about
the victories, and so bad about
the losses. But really I
haven't changed I still continue
to feel that way.

(Gans) Question #4 If you could
tell us a story about
a certain game that
means something special to
you.

(Bob Green) (CG) well we have had
so many great wins, that
its hard to say. But one
game I was talked about
the other day. with a
coach that used to coach
here. we were training
Rocky Mountain college in
1980 they led us by 14
points. they had the ball
first and goal on the
5 yard line. with some minutes
left to go in the game
and we came back and
win the game. they tried
to throw it we intercepted
in in the endzone. went
all the way down. we had to
score two touch downs. to tie
or win. and we went for it
on 4 & 10 and didnt make it
but we held them on defense.
they had to punt then we
had a great drive and scored
in those days you dont
have over time, so we
failed the PAT and went
for two got it. and on kick off
we missed it. Did Not Get
it. But then we held them
and held when and they
tried to throw we intercepted
it and scored on
a very short pass.

The same way you guys
run today. So we kicked
off P.A.T. and we
by one. we have had
more games national champion
ship in 89. This year when
we went to AZUSA Pacific
and beat them. only the second
game they lost at home
in 5 years. Every year this
year has been great. recent
all great wins.

(G1) Question is if

How do you think
we will do next season?

(C2)

Well next year we
can be a pretty good team I
think, we have a lot of guys
coming through the system. we'll
insert some new guys I think
we will have a chance to be
very good, we need leadership
to bring our team along
I think it will, Guy's
like you, who need to come
in step up, and be the guys
on the field. At your position
on the conference front, we
graduated some really talented
guys. So there are men we
need to have guys step up.

SO YA I THINK WE'LL
HAVE A CHANCE TO BE
REALLY GOOD AGAIN. I'M ANXIOUS
TO START.

THANK YOU TO
COACH BOB GREEN.

INTERVIEWED BY HERMAN SMITH

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