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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Albert L. Clary

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FOCUS DATES: 1942 - 1988

ABSTRACT:

Tape 558, Side A

Born in Opelousas, Louisiana January 27, 1926; Father's service in World War I and political office, City Marshal and Lord Constable in Opelousas and in the First Ward of St. Landry Parish; Father's death when Albert was 12 years old; Elementary Schooling; Graduation from High School in 1942, school had only eleven grades, entering LSU at age 16, earlier involvement in Boy Scouts, trips to BR for LSU football games with father and boy scouts, discussion of campus in late 1930's, trimester system during WWII, entering the service through the V-12 program, entered LSU in 1946, married in 1948 to Lucille Mosely

Tape 558, Side B

Received master's degree in education and commissioned into military in 1948, taught at Baton Rouge Junior High School (first full-time male classroom teacher in that school), involvement with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and Scabbard and Blade, GI Bill and older student population after World War II, discussion about the business establishments around campus before World War II, using buses to get around town, dress codes, negotiating with University president Harold Stoke about veterans housing.

Tape 559, Side A

Employment in Registrar's office at LSU, organization within the Registrar's office, procedures in Registrar's office, integration, status of student records, training and service in Korean War, responsibilities in education program for Chinese and Korean prisoners of war,

Tape 559, Side B

Location on Koje Island while in the service in Korean War, testing procedures for prisoners of war, using statistics to streamline the university administration, predicting enrollment, data

processing with early computers(punch cards), increased workload during registration, discussion about John Hunter, discussion of Peg Crow in Institutional Research,

Tape 560, Side A

Changes in the Registrar's office from 1956 to 1974, test scoring in the Registrar's office, open admission policy at LSU, university handling of protest on campus, the beginning of selective admission to LSU, admission of international students, university policy of In Loco Parentis,

Tape 560, Side B

Continued discussion of In Loco Parentis, discussion of Richard Morningvague (director of the physical plant), discussion of Dean Trant (Dean of the College of Commerce), discussion of Leo LaSalle(Dean of the College of Engineering), Roger Richardson(Dean of the College of Engineering) and CEBA building, Barrett Stout(Dean of the School of Music), Edward Baner Robert(Dean of the College of Education), Dean Lee (Agriculture), Norman J. Efferson (Dean of the School of Agriculture), Johnny Cox, Paul M. Hebert (Dean of the Law School), William Ross(Dean of the College of Business Administration),

Tape 561, Side A

discussion of the physical campus in late 30's, who Alex Box was, Arthur Choppin(Dean of Chemistry and Physics), Boy's State and Girl's State, Choppin's interest in hurricane relief, Arthur Choppin, Jr., Bernie Schlagger, Irvin Berg(Head of Psychology Department and Dean of Arts and Sciences),

Tape 561, Side B

Berg's interest in the new Life Sciences Building, discussion on building planning policy on LSU campus, placement of CEBA building, traffic and the Tiger Train, Troy Middleton(President of LSU), John Hunter(Registrar, Dean of the Junior Division and later President of the University), recall conversation with Middleton during integration, establishment of the School of Veterinary Medicine, John Hunter.

Tape 600, Side A

Discussion of A. P. Tureaud and the integration lawsuits, LSU policy concerning integration, Clary's involvement in integration lawsuits, professionalism among Registrars, becoming Registrar, accepting credits from other universities and colleges, professional organizations (AACRO, SACRAO), involvement with the College Entrance Examination Board, receiving the Distinguished Service Award by AACRO,

Tape 600, Side B

Process for recognition by the Office of Education, consultant with the American College Testing program, differences in the amount of dues for national, regional and state professional associations, personal details about John Hunter

Tape 626, Side A

Discussion of Clary's involvement with American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Offices, committees Clary was a member of, evaluation of credit hours versus contact time from one institution to another, problems for the registrar's office with increased

enrollment, growth projection for university enrollment, discussion of Jim Fernberg, Wally Jokenin, Bill Bonifait, Jerry Baudin, Peg Crow; membership dues to professional organizations associated with Registrar's Offices; evaluation of other countries transcripts; policy on admission of students who have committed a felony, including drug abuse; residency requirements for LSU; In Loco Parentis and the Buckley Amendment; confidentiality of student records

Tape 626, Side B

Confidentiality of student records; falsified degrees, diplomas and transcripts and methods to evaluate these documents; grade inflation from another institution; discussion of Clary's involvement in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the associations role as an accrediting agency; accreditation of University of Texas at Austin; LSU's acceptance to Phi Beta Kappa; test scoring for the faculty; discussion of Ordell Griffith, Ray Sommers, Pat Lee; Clary's best moment – speech to the Rotary Club that initiated changes in funding of LSU; Clary's most enjoyable moment – working in institutional research; Clary's worst moment – having to retire from LSU

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