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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** James Perry Cole

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**IDENTIFICATION:** LSU Dean of Students, 1932-1941; Director of High School Relations, 1944-1946; Direction of the Division of Student Life, 1946-1951, and Mathematics Professor

**INTERVIEWER:** Susie P. Crews

**SERIES:** University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

**INTERVIEW DATE:** April 28, 1977

**FOCUS DATES:** 1905-1951

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Cole arrives at LSU 1905; LSU years; graduates 1912; contributions to veterans and LSU after graduating; wounds in World War I; family background; Colonel Boyd; Lewis B. Sorley, commandant of cadets; recommends Troy Middleton for commandant of cadets, 1930; Cole and Middleton in military service; wounded and hospitalized; recovery and return to LSU; Nicholson; Colonel Thomas Boyd; moving the old campus; Fred Frey; leaves for Louisiana Tech; returns to LSU as Dean of Student 1932-41; Ione Burden; constitution for students; Dr. James Monroe Smith; Professor Broussard; Athlete's Hall of Fame; Arden French; tensions over salaries with Dr. Parker; High School Relations Department organized; Cole organizes the Louisiana State Guard; appointed to command Louisiana State Gaurd; organizes American Legion Post; deficiency exams (1911); Harold W. Stoke; Troy H. Middleton; became math professor; Director of Student Life and Dean of Student Affairs; disciplining students; organizing the first Boys State (1940) and the first Girls State (1941); Memorial Tower and Memorial Oaks; religion.

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**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hours, 32 minutes

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 61 pages

**RESTRICTIONS:** None