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ABSTRACT

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FOCUS DATES: 1970s - 1990s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 114

Family background; educational background; decision to become a minister; student activism at LSU in the 1970s; reasons for supporting student protestors; changing rules for women's dormitories; relationship with administrators; change in university organization; weekly meetings with other chaplains; role of campus ministry; creation of faculty human development group in 1972; relationship between the university and townspeople; chaplains' role in shaping university policy; contrasts relationship of pastors of different religions with that of students of different religions; preachers at Free Speech Alley; cult activity at LSU; university policy toward cults; Christ the King Church's fight to hold onto parishioners; removal of Claretian order from Christ the King; impact of Vietnam Moratorium (1969) on St. Albans; building St. Albans (1929); diocesan support for St. Albans; ministering to students of other faiths; work as counselor at the campus Mental Health Center; Dean of Men Arden French; making career out of service at St. Albans; relating to students; decline of congregations of main stream churches; general clergy's view of campus ministry; duties as pastor of St. Albans

Tape 161

Day-to-day duties at St. Albans; reasons for entering the ministry; change in focus at St. Albans from resident community to students; make-up of congregation; conflict between faculty and townspeople; Vietnam War Moratorium; appointment as chaplain; departure of his predecessor Bill Pregnall; involvement in peace movement; CISBES (Committee in Support of the People of El Salvador); Billy Graham Crusade at LSU (1970); radicalism of English professor Herbert Rothschild; support for student protestors; role as liaison between the protestors and the university; Faculty Crisis Intervention Group; streaking at LSU; townspeople's animosity toward students; women's dorm walk out (Dec. 1970); Harambe and search for site for black cultural center; Unification Church (Moonies) on campus; Crossroad Movement of the Church of Christ and attempt to infiltrate dormitories; cult recruiting techniques; Campus Crusade for Christ; openness at St. Albans; relationship between St. Albans and LSU; nature of Episcopal church; decline in congregation; evangelicalism as a crusade

Tape 162

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Reddoch and women's dorm walk out; Dean of Men Arden French and religious life on campus; Margaret Jameson as Dean of Students; faculty advisor for Deeks; attempts to soften emphasis on rules and regulations; depersonalization of LSU in the late 1970s; conflict over open housing and Citizens for Morality; decline in number of students living on campus; counseling students at Mental Health Center

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