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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Lisa Richard Jones

**COLLECTION:** 4700.0620

**IDENTIFICATION:** McKinley High School graduate, Class of 1977

**INTERVIEWER:** Carmen Posey

**SERIES:** McKinley High School Oral History Project – History of McKinley High

**INTERVIEW DATE:** June 12, 1995

**FOCUS DATES:** 1974 - 1977

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**Tape 904, Side A**

Born in Baton Rouge in 1959; parents were high school graduates; mother was a housewife, father worked at Exxon; Jones attended McKinley 1974 through '77; typical day at McKinley included physics class with teacher V.T. Jones, other classes and teachers; education at McKinley left her well-prepared for college at Tulane University; participated in Math Club, Honor Society, Distributive Education Club of America, and was a majorette; fellow students knew her as a majorette, or as a smart student; godmother, Elizabeth [Belaire?], was her role model, also inspired by V.T. Jones; memorable moments at McKinley include a standing ovation at Honors Night and a near-accident while baton twirling with flames; favorite teachers Mrs. Jones and Mrs. [Cass?], her English teacher; after school, spent her time at band practice, cleaning her house, babysitting, or talking on the phone; history of Baton Rouge and McKinley High are intertwined; differences in school since she was there include more honors classes and sports for girls; doesn't like to see kids bused out of the neighborhood to attend other schools; during her time, McKinley had better reputation for sports than for academics, which she felt was unfair; she liked proving that McKinley was strong academically; community atmosphere of McKinley; lots of involvement of parents, siblings, and alumni; opinion of current majorettes; rivalry between McKinley and Capitol High Schools in football and basketball was always friendly; advice for future McKinley grads to read and set goals; recommends other people to interview including her brothers, Lawrence and Mark, and her sister-in-law, Patricia; end of interview.

**TAPES:** 1 (T904)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 24 minutes

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 10 pages

**OTHER MATERIALS:** Correspondence

**RESTRICTIONS:** None