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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Kathy Marcel

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ABSTRACT:

Tape 463

Marcel's immediate family history and early schooling; why Marcel wanted to attend college; ability of freshman to live on campus; Marcel's first experiences on campus; classes with T. Harry Williams; students living in dorms and permission needed to leave; Marcel's favorite professors; experiences student teaching; dorm rules; student fear of Dean Gordon former Dean of Women; Marcel's extra-curricular activities; rush held in the Panhellenic building; sorority alumni holding teas prior to rush; differences in awareness of the rushees between Marcel's rush and current practices; the importance of recommendations; pledgship and first year on campus; initiation; activities held at Ms. Burden's house; Marcel's final sorority choices; the role of sororities and fraternities; fraternities that she knew members of; the effect having houses had on rushing practices; offices that Marcel held in the Kappa Delta sorority; social life at LSU and sporting events; activity points; student during Marcel's undergraduate education who were influential on campus; LSU Darlings; Miss LSU; the history of sororities at LSU; why no sorority houses at LSU; what sorority members thought of getting houses; the layout of the original Kappa Delta house; the layout of the new Kappa Delta house after the original was burned; the rules of the sorority house; employees of the Kappa Delta house; moving into the Kappa Delta house; the positive aspects of living in a sorority house; the student view of Dean Jameson former Dean of Women; her first job after graduation working as one of the national field secretaries for Kappa Delta; entering graduate school; working at LSU for the housing office.

Tape 464

Becoming the Assistant Director of Greek Affairs at LSU; current responsibilities of the Director of Greek Affairs at LSU; suspending a group from campus; alcohol; how rush currently works, mutual selection and quota adds; computerization of rush process; low rush numbers; impact of LSU selective admissions policy on sororities and fraternities; the lifetime commitment of rushing a sorority or fraternity; community service points; historically African-American groups on campus; Marcel's view of the future of sororities; involvement of students

with disabilities; diversity in sororities and fraternities; local sororities and fraternities; list of when the sorority chapter were founded on campus; reputation of sororities and fraternities; the impact that being a member of Kappa Delta had on Marcel's life; the people who she has touched through her work as Greek advisor; differences in approachability between her and former campus officials.

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