

## **T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History Collection**

### **ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** David Lange

**COLLECTION:** 4700.0137

**IDENTIFICATION:** Former Lutheran Chaplain at LSU

**INTERVIEWER:** Karla Woggon

**SERIES:** University History - Religion

**INTERVIEW DATES:** June 1, 1992

**FOCUS DATES:** 1969 - 1987

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#### **Tape 190**

Family background; born in Texas; son of Lutheran minister; never wanted to be a minister himself growing up; attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis; came to Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1965 and has lived in the state ever since; Penny Anthon; Les Ulrich; Lange chooses campus ministry internship at Kansas State over Valparaiso; went from there to Natchitoches; had never had experience being a full-time student at a major university before coming to be a chaplain at LSU; ministry at LSU geared more toward students than community; conflict within Missouri Synod; campus ministry becomes a constitutionalized congregation in order to protect their budget; issues over biblical scholarship and women's participation in the church; Lange discusses his salary and benefits over the years; names several faculty involved with Lutheran ministry on campus; difficulties at Christ the King; ethnic makeup of student congregation; means of financial support; LSU Counseling Service; Chuck Wood; John Kuehn; Suzanne Jensen; Lange applies to LSU Graduate School in psychology in 1975; is offered a job at Ohio State the day after being accepted to graduate school; those involved in Lutheran campus ministry find ways to help him keep his job and still go to school, so he stays at LSU; explains reasons for retiring from campus ministry to pursue a career in counseling in 1987; explains how and why University Lutheran Chapel changed affiliation from the Missouri Synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; had to give up building because it was owned by Lutheran Church Missouri Synod; congregation met for worship at St. Albans for some time after the move in 1987, then closed the ministry in 1990; Missouri Synod group still using the old building, but not as student-focused as in the past; University Christian Movement; World Student Christian Federation; Delton Pickering; names others involved in UCM; Vietnam Moratorium; importance of Wesley Foundation just off campus to religious involvement in controversial issues; Harambe; shootings at Southern University; Big Buddy program; chaplains viewed as liberationists, not really trusted by LSU administration; remembers Chancellor Taylor as being more humanitarian than James Reddoch; Dean Margaret Jameson; Lange testified before board of supervisors on various issues, including dorm rules; development of religious studies department at LSU; faculty support; run-ins with administration; considers LSU's campus unrest mild in comparison to other universities' at the time; discusses value of LSU experiences for him; says he learned a lot at LSU.

**TAPES:** 1 (T190)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 1 hour

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 37 pages

**RESTRICTIONS:** None