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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Marion Ferguson

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IDENTIFICATION: Pan-Hellenic Director for LSU (late 1940s), President of Zeta Tau Alpha House Corporation Board (1960s)

INTERVIEWER: Melisse Campbell

SERIES: University History - Sororities

INTERVIEW DATES: 10 March 1993; 7 April 1993

FOCUS DATES: 1958 - 1973

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Tape 354

Family history; attending Centenary College; joining Zeta Tau Alpha, role of sororities at Centenary in the Greek system; Pan-Hellenic Director at LSU; Greek life at Centenary; sorority lodges at Centenary; costs of belonging to a sorority during the Depression; serving as state membership chairman for Zeta Tau Alpha; recommendations for sorority membership; defines legacy for a Zeta; establishing the Zeta chapter at LSU; sorority rooms in the Pan-Hellenic Building; decision to build sorority houses; raising house building fund; member input in designing the house; problems with the lot they were assigned; Dean of the School of Architecture O. J. Baker designed the house; drawing for lots at the Board of Supervisors meeting; serving as president of the House Corporation; university specifications for houses; serving as province president for Zeta Tau Alpha; Dean of Women Helen Gordon's role in building sorority houses; parents' view of sorority houses; housemother Adrienne Roy; formal dinners at sorority house; describes other members of the House Corporation; financing Zeta Tau Alpha House; lists women active in other house corporations; brown-outs burning light bulbs in sorority houses; Hurricane Betsy destroys Zeta Tau Alpha; finding homes for sorority members displaced by the hurricane; supervising the builders of the Zeta Tau Alpha house

Tape 362

Hiring Adrienne Roy for the position of housemother; Roy's competence as housemother; sorority house rules; locking kitchen; sorority house bus boys, cooks, and maids; Dean of Women Margaret Jameson; dedication of house; rush in the Pan-Hellenic Building; first rush in the ZTA House; rush the year Betsy destroyed the ZTA House; becoming director of Dean Helen Gordon's Building Committee; describes Helen Gordon; outlines involvement with ZTA; importance of Greek letter life; concerns for future of higher education in Louisiana; T. Harry Williams; image of ZTAs;

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