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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** John W. "Jack" Fiser

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**INTERVIEW DATE:** December 29, 1993

**FOCUS DATES:** 1930s

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**Tape 596**

Background information; decision to write a history of LSU; reasons for building a new LSU campus; obtaining land for site of the new campus; Governor John Parker's support of the university; Huey Long and LSU; reasons LSU moved from Alexandria to Baton Rouge; William Tecumseh Sherman's support of LSU; describes Olmsted Brother's plans for the new campus; Theodore Link as campus architect; Campanile and its chime player; LSU's prominence in sugar chemistry; discusses boundaries of LSU; building on campus during the 1930s; LSU Scandals; discusses LSU Presidents David and Thomas Boyd; describes Quadrangle before construction of Middleton Library; Memorial Oak Grove; Cadet Corps as integral part of LSU.

**TAPES:** 1 (T596)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 45 minutes

**PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 34 pages

**RESTRICTIONS:** None