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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Marian Baun

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IDENTIFICATION: [1915 - 2008] Former Psychology professor at LSU

INTERVIEWER: Mary Hebert

SERIES: University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

INTERVIEW DATES: June 3, 1998; June 9, 1998

FOCUS DATES: 1930s-1990s

ABSTRACT:

Tape 1454

Birth place and family information; how Baun and her first husband Charles Arthur Reynard former law professor at LSU came to live in Louisiana; Charles Arthur Reynard's education and employment information previous to LSU; Baun's graduate work; reactions to moving to a segregated part of the country (Louisiana) in 1948; demonstrations in the early 1950s; the impact of the depression; views of F. D. R.; reactions to the use of the atomic bomb in Japan; hearing about the bombing of Pearl Harbor; where Baun and Reynard got there liberal outlooks from; how Baun and Reynard met; her parents view of Reynard; Reynard's early involvement with fighting for school desegregation; Reynard's involvement with the LSU faculty petition against school closer; Reynard's testimony in front of the Louisiana Legislature; President Middleton's testimony in front of the Louisiana Legislature in favor of academic intellectual freedom; accusations of communism among those faculty in favor of desegregation; receiving threatening phone calls; how the community treated them especially their church; the wire tapping of Wade Mackie's house and involvement of Jack Rogers; Baun's involvement with O.P.E.N. Organization for Public Education Now.

Tape 1455

Baun's involvement with O.P.E.N. Organization for Public Education Now; the political reasons for firing Hollis Hayward as YMCA director at LSU; Demonstrations to integrate a downtown Baton Rouge lunch counter; political cartoons; student conflicts to lower the LSU flag after Martin Luther King was shot; YMCA racial dialogues; efforts by segregationists to record people attending OPEN meetings; Baun's involvement with the Governor's commission on alcoholism and her work on alcoholism; Baun's involvement with the Associated Women Students at LSU and their attempt to change campus regulations for female students; Baun's involvement with the Committee on Campus Environment; Baun's experience as chairman of the Subcommittee on Co-ed Dorms regulations; protest for gender equal campus regulations led by Lila Tritico; Dean Jamison former Dean of Women; the final vote for regulation recommendations made by the Committee on Campus Environment; William Sloane Coffin and the protest in Birmingham; how Baun was hired by the Psychology department; serving as

Assistant and later Associate Chairman of the Psychology department; Baun's work with the Committee on the Status of Women and the Day Care Center Committee; Baun's involvement with the Disciplinary Committee; examples of incidents of cheating in Baun's courses; the influence of the athletic department and Don Kennard former Athletic Academic Director at LSU; Baun's involvement with establishing Phi Beta Kappa at LSU.

Tape 1456

Baun's involvement with establishing Phi Beta Kappa at LSU; Baun's volunteer activities after she retired from LSU; Baun's work with the Parenting Center and manning a Awarm line@ where parents could call to talk about issues dealing with their children; Friends of Public Education; CHIPS Coalition Helping in Public Schools which consisted of Volunteers in Public Schools, Friends of Public Schools as well as other community based groups; Baun's involvement with the Dial-A-Teacher program a homework hotline for students; the development of a Math homework television show; a final reflection on the work she has done in life.

TAPES: 3 (T1454, T1455, T1456)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 3 hours

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 109 pages

OTHER MATERIALS: Correspondence; proper name list; booklet: A Life and A Legacy Charles Arthur Reynard Dec. 14, 1913- Feb, 2, 1959 (23 pages); 3 newspaper articles; biographical data sheet for Charles Arthur Reynard; biographical data sheet for interviewee (2 pages).

RESTRICTIONS: None