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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Paul C. Young

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IDENTIFICATION: [1892 - 1991] LSU psychology professor 1925 - 1960

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SERIES: University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

INTERVIEW DATE: 1980

FOCUS DATES: 1920s - 1940s

ABSTRACT:

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Educational background; Head of Department of Psychology in the 1920s and 1930s C. H. Bean; Psychology Department as part of the School of Education; LSU President James Monroe Smith and corruption; Huey Long firing LSU employees; faculty objection to paying deducts; Professor Cyril Smith's high academic standards and losing his job because of them; Charles Coates as absent-minded professor; discusses being the subject of rumors and relates some of the outrageous ones students told about him; teaching sex education at LSU and around the state; giving speeches on WJBO and having them published in newspapers around the state; describes psychology professor Harry M. Capps; use of political connections by some students to get grades changed; Head of the Psychology Department Nicholas Hobbs; Dr. Clarence Lorio (Huey Long crony) returning cattle that he appropriated from LSU to campus to avoid arrest; hiring a fraud to teach psychology at LSU; faculty afraid of Huey Long; John Uhler being fired for writing *Cane Juice* and being rehired at insistence of the faculty; reasons faculty members stayed at LSU during the Depression

TAPES: 1 (T74)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 28 pages

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