ABSTRACT

Interviewee Name: Melvin Dakin

Identification: [1908 - 2002] Assistant to LSU President Harold Stokes, 1948-50; LSU Law Professor Emeritus

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Focus Dates: 1937-1951

Abstract:

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War service with SEC; returned to LSU, 1946; LSU President, Harold Stoke, recruited Dakin as assistant, 1948; Stoke tried to make Board of Supervisors non-partisan and reduce agricultural and athletic influence on LSU; Stoke's appointment; Stoke's personnel appointments; Richard Russell, Cecil Taylor; Pel Mel and the "Stormy Affair"; religion on campus; comparison of Hebert and Hodges; Hebert's fiscal reforms; Dan Borth; Stoke's conflicts with the Board of Supervisors regarding athletics; demise of Southern Review; origins of campus street names; denies university role in Charles Hyneman's departure; Stoke's and Middleton's approaches to budgeting; 1939 commencement; growth of the university in the 1930s; law school debates regarding French Civil Code vs. common law; James Broussard; rapid expansion as source of scandals; James B. Trant; John Hunter's inauguration as Pres. of LSU; Paul Hebert's national reputation and activities.

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