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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Max Goodrich

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IDENTIFICATION: [1905 - 1999] physics professor; dean of the Graduate School

INTERVIEWER: Melisse Campbell

SERIES: University History – Distinguished Faculty & Administrators

INTERVIEW DATES: March 27, 1995

FOCUS DATES: 1930s - 1990

ABSTRACT:

Tape 726
Background information; teaching high school math at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah; decision to go to graduate school to study physics; discusses meeting his wife; job shortage during the Depression; taking position in the LSU Physics Department; describes the Physics Department when he arrived; Atkinson Hall; building Nicholson Hall; Physics Department's shift from teaching to research; addition to Nicholson Hall; discusses his research - artificial radioactivity; research at Oak Ridge; named dean of the Graduate School in 1961; impact of administrative duties on teaching and research; discusses physics professor George Jaffe; discusses various heads of the Physics Department; discusses his dissertation topic - electron scattering in gases; making money in stock market after his retirement and using it to establish a lecture series at LSU; adding graduate degrees to various departments while dean of the Graduate School; friendship with Chancellor Cecil Taylor; moving to East Lansing, Michigan, after his retirement; discusses the educational backgrounds of his children; role in revitalizing the Friends of the Library

TAPES: 1 (T726)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour, 4 minutes

PAGES TRANSCRIPT: 46 pages

RESTRICTIONS: None