

**T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History Collection**

**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** David Schorr

**COLLECTION:** 4700.1512

**IDENTIFICATION:** 1965 LSU graduate, ROTC, U.S. Air Force, IBM employee

**INTERVIEWER:** Dominica Ramirez

**SERIES:** University History – Ole War Skule

**INTERVIEW DATES:** November 9, 2001

**FOCUS DATES:** 1961-1965, 1965-2001

**ABSTRACT:**

**Tape 3077, Side A**

Born in New Orleans on August 4, 1944 to Alphonse, a foreman at a textile plant, and Ethel, a housewife; both parents left school after sixth or seventh grade; his three older brothers, Robert, Thomas, and Gerard; Robert was a Marine, now deceased; Thomas was in the Navy, now working for University of Pittsburgh; Gerard was in the Army, shot down as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam; Schorr was positively influenced by his father's good advice; first college experience at LSU-New Orleans, (now University of New Orleans); dropped out of college because of disinterest in school and lack of proper study habits; started LSU in 1961; fraternity activities with Sigma Pi; discussion of sorority and fraternity members and activities on campus; remembers Bob Hope visiting campus in 1961 and 1964; involvement in ROTC and Arnold Air Society; description of ROTC hierarchy and daily life for ROTC members; description of freshmen rituals/rites of passage like the Pajama Game; military training and discipline helped him improve academically; Arnold Air Society details; ROTC summer boot camp at Eglin Air Force Base, summer 1964; feels proud to have attended LSU; inexpensiveness of LSU and other colleges in the early to mid 60s; first military assignment as a radar controller at Truax Field in Madison, Wisconsin; working on SAGE [Semi-Automatic Ground Environment] Air Defense System; worked briefly as a radar controller; attended computer programming school at Keesler Air Force base in Mississippi; transfer to Luke Air Force base in Arizona in 1967; honorable discharge in 1969; military was an extension of his college education.

**Tape 3077, Side B**

Schorr never wanted to be a career military person and move all over the country; SAGE experience led him to work for IBM in Kansas City, Kansas, in Houston, and in Minneapolis; worked on the space shuttle in Houston and Cape Canaveral, Florida; worked for Lockheed Martin in 1981; worked for the FAA from 1982-1986; hired again by IBM in Houston and still working there at time of interview; first wife and daughter in Minnesota; second marriage; thinks mandatory ROTC participation should still be the policy at LSU.

**TAPES:** 1 (T3077)

**TOTAL PLAYING TIME:** 51 minutes

**# PAGES TRANSCRIPT:** 36 pages

**OTHER MATERIALS:** Informed Consent, LSU Salutes Biographical Information Form

**RESTRICTIONS:** None