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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** John Anderson Hunter

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**IDENTIFICATION:** [1914-1985] President of LSU, 1962-72

**INTERVIEWER:** Jack Fiser

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**Tape 32**

The expansion of LSU in New Orleans, Alexandria, and Shreveport; Ed Jeansonne, dean of Loyola School of Medicine becomes dean of the LSU School of Medicine; LSU, flagship of operation for Louisiana Tech; Northwestern, McNeese, Southwestern and UNO; Louisiana Legislature, generous political body as far as education; Allen Ellender and B.B. Rayburn, responsible for the building of the School of Veterinary Medicine; most important quality for the president of the university, flare for public relations; Jim Corbett, head of the Athletic Department, master in public relations.

**Tape 33**

Charlie McClendon, head football coach; Hunter disappointed with shortage of funds; LSU student body relatively conservative during 1960s; black students want fraternity; Hunter didn't want LSU and Southern to merge; alumni chapters in Central America attract a great response from foreign students; programs in agriculture and medicine in Panama make Louisiana an ideal place for Central Americans to come to; high coaching ethics at LSU; does not believe in fund raising ventures for collegiate athletics; Hunter believes outlook for LSU is bright.

**Tape 34**

John McKeithen, most exuberant governor; Hunter and McKeithen change retirement system at LSU.

**TAPES:** 3 (T32, T33, T34)

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