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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Armond Brown

COLLECTION: 4700.1593

IDENTIFICATION: Baton Rouge native and the Principal of McKinley High School.

INTERVIEWER: Mary Sciaraffa

PROJECT: McKinley High School Oral History Project

INTERVIEW DATE: June 12, 2002

FOCUS DATES: 1967-2002

ABSTRACT:

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Armond Brown born April 14, 1954; went to Capital High, a McKinley High rival; was asked to leave Belaire for McKinley High; came to McKinley high as an Athletic Director and Head football coach under Principal Charlie Thomas from January to May; was offered Assistant Principal position during the summer; attended Southern University as a linebacker on the football team from '72-'76'; did not get drafted for professional football and fell back on education; taught at Scotlandville High School; left during Scotlandville's switch to Magnet status due to loss of football program; went to Belaire High School then to McKinley; richness of South Baton Rouge; working for Mr. Sampson Carroll; the youth not knowing the richness; losing the traditions that used to be passed down; South Baton Rouge's great pastors, like Rev. Charles T. Smith and T. J. Jemison; enjoying the Ann and Temple Theatres; being connected with the McKinley Oral History project since he was Asst. Principal at McKinley; supports the project due to his learning more about the South Baton Rouge community through the process; the project impacts the community by connecting the generations; McKinley High has positive involvement; the students gain a sense of community; personally enjoying seeing the seasoned people talking to the students; hesitant and not knowing what to expect from the Oral History project; wanting to know why, how, and to what extent the histories would be collected; no misinterpretations with the projects goals or ideas; suggesting interviewing George W. Eames

TAPES: 1 (T3174)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 17 minutes

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OTHER MATERIALS: Copy of transcript

RESTRICTIONS: None