




# *Reflections of O. Charles Roddey*

Having elected recently to retire from “active duty,” I find myself doing what I expect most everyone does under similar circumstances – reflecting back on my career. And since so many of these reflections have an LSU origin or connection, I wanted to share a few of them.

To begin with, my career, perhaps not too remarkably, bears little or no resemblance to those plans I had so many years ago. What may be a bit more unique is my conviction



The experiences were all new – big-time football, rush week, the military, and learning that self discipline was to play a much larger role in this new educational experience. Adding a marvelous grace note was the exposure to more good-looking girls than I'd dreamed could be assembled on any one campus.

My class at LSU was strongly affected by World War II. In the weeks following Pearl Harbor, many classmates elected to enlist in one or the other of the services; many of us, in or