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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

FALL LUNCHEON

Tuesday - October 23, 2018
Ball Room – Alumni Conference Center
11:00 a.m. Social; Noon - Lunch

Our Fall Luncheon speaker will be Dr. Matt Ducatt. Matt joined the FSU administrative staff in July 2015 assuming responsibility for the leadership and operational management of the Oglesby Union, Askew Student Life Center, Flying High Circus and Student Life Building. He brought extensive experience as Managing Director of the Student Union and Activities at Texas Tech (9 years); Student Union Director, Cal State—Bakersfield (3 years); Lane University Center Director, Frostburg State (2 years); Asst. Operations Director, Illini Union, Urbana-Champaign (6 years). Prior to his Union experience, Matt had 6 years' experience in other student service areas at SUNY—Oneota. For the past two years Matt has been engaged with architects, students, faculty, staff, and alumni in planning for a “new” Oglesby Union. He will share with us the vision for the future as the new Union rises on the site of the old Oglesby Union.



Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science Building.

Front Cover Photo

Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Science Building

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to welcome all of you to another year in our Association of Retired Faculty. This is a team effort as we represent the retired faculty and senior University administrators. Let me recognize with sincere thanks the service of Walter Moore. Walter retired from the University 19 years ago and has been associated with the Association as Treasurer, President Elect and President. He has two more titles to earn – Immediate Past President and then the Past Presidents Council. Betty Lou Joanos joins the Past President’s Council and Sue Hall retires as Secretary. Beverly Spencer completes her term as Member-at-Large – Tom Knowles was elected for a two-year term. Carol Darling replaces Sandra Rackley as representative of the Past President’s Council. Jill Adams joins as Secretary and Nancy Turner is President-Elect.

If you are recently retired from Florida State – whether from the faculty, the administration or the staff – a Seminole welcome into the readership of the Journal. Articles in this issue will tell you about upcoming activities planned for 2018-2019 – all detailed in the Master Calendar of Events. The tours of campus and the Fall Luncheon are of need of your immediate attention. We encourage you also to visit our website: retiredfaculty.fsu.edu.

Over the years, we have come to be called simply ARF. Take a moment to review our past leadership and current board organization in the back of the Journal – I know you will recognize some very special friends. Call or email any member of the Board if you have questions, issues or concerns. We all are here to serve.

If you looked at the Goals and Objectives for last year and compare them to the list for 2018-19, you will find little difference – let me highlight them briefly.

We have a proven system of welcoming new retirees and we waive the first year of membership – we hope and welcome your participation. It is a small ask, but membership is important. The scheduled events – the Fall Banquet, the Spring Barbecue (at Seminole Reservation) and the Spring Banquet are not only entertaining and instructive; they are opportunities for you to visit with colleagues you may not have seen for a while. Most important, our events are entertaining and feature the very best of the University. We continue to support the funding of the activities and ticket prices will not increase. Information on ARF dues and event purchase is available on the back inside cover.

Tours of the campus have become highly popular events and very educational. The Tours are listed in the Master Calendar of events – please accept our welcome back to campus this Fall and Spring. For arranging the tours, we owe our thanks to Special Advisor Max Carraway.

Community and university volunteer activities are vital. In the past year, we have encouraged volunteer service on our campus and in our community using columns in the Retiree Journal and other means. Board member Nick Mazza coordinates this effort – please let Nick know of any opportunity you might want explored.

The Great Give initiative through the FSU Foundation continues to increase our endowment to the Sliger Presidential Scholarship. The Great Give is a Spring



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social media activity and we hope everyone will participate when asked. ARF encourages support for the Southern Scholarship Foundation and for the Sliger Scholarship -both support Florida State's best students.

Regarding Committees, we are establishing a Bylaw Review Committee with Carol Darling as Chair, Max Carraway, Larry Gerber and myself as members. It has been a few years since we reviewed our organization and we look forward to providing a report to the membership in the Spring.

The Nominating Committee is Walter Moore (Chair), Max Carraway, Nancy Turner, Tom McCaleb and Nick Mazza. We welcome nominations for Chair Elect and Member-at-Large.

Finally, our publication is important and a vital outreach. Each year we publish three issues of the Retiree Journal. Tom Hart is our capable editor. The Journal is a valuable means of communication and we are eager to make it more valuable. I encourage you to recommend to Tom Hart or myself articles that can be developed.

Florida State University has been an important part of each of our lives. We hope that you will value your association with membership in ARF and participate in all the activities. Let us know if we can help.

For the Association

James H. Melton, President



James H. Melton
Retired President and CEO
FSU Alumni Association

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MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Association of Retired Faculty

The Florida State University

2018 - 2019

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TUESDAY - August 6, 2018

(Deadline for August Issue)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TUESDAY - August 21, 2018

Cottrell Conference Room

FSU Alumni Center

2:00 p.m.

TOUR OF CAMPUS *

WEDNESDAY - September 26, 2018

Ruby Diamond Tour

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

TOUR OF CAMPUS *

THURSDAY - September 28, 2018

Jim Moran Center

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

FALL LUNCHEON

TUESDAY - October 23, 2018

Ball Room - Alumni Conference Center 11:00 a.m.

Social

12:00 p.m - Lunch

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WEDNESDAY - October 3, 2018

(Deadline for November Issue)

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

DATE - TBA *(For Dues Paying Members)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TUESDAY - January 8, 2019

2:00 p.m., Cottrell Conference Room FSU Alumni

Center

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY - January 8, 2019

Following Board of Directors

Meeting

Cottrell Conference Room

RETIREE JOURNAL
MONDAY – January 14, 2019
(Deadline fo March Issue)

TOUR OF CAMPUS *
TUESDAY – February 26, 2019
Mag. Lab
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

TOUR OF CAMPUS *
THURSDAY – February 28, 2019
Scholars Centers
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY - March 5, 2019
2:00 p.m., Cottrell Conference Room
FSU Alumni Center

BARBECUE
WEDNESDAY - MARCH 20, 2019
FSU Seminole Reservation
11:30 AM

SPRING LUNCHEON
TUESDAY - MAY 7, 2019
Ballroom - Alumni Conference Center
11:00 A.M. SOCIAL; NOON – LUNCH

JOINT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY – MAY 19, 2019
(Old and New Board)
2:00 P.M. – Meeting Cottrell Conference
Room 3:00 P.M. – Reception, Pearl Tyner
House
FSU Alumni Center

EXCHANGE OF MATERIALS
MAY 14, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2019
(Time for Exchange of Materials from Old
Officers to New Board Members)

* Contact Max Carraway for Reservations at:
mcarraway@fsu.edu

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY MEMORIALS 2018

IN MEMORIAM

- Jack A Taylor May 6, 2018 (Faculty)
- Nancy Louise LaPorte May 22, 2018 (Staff)
- Richard Glick June 1, 2018 (Faculty)
- Margaret O'Brien Poston June 7, 2018 (Staff)
- Juel Elaine Kamke June 8, 2018 (Admin)
- John Donald Staron July 5, 2018 (Admin)
- Lou Bender July 7, 2018 (Faculty)
- James Leighton July 6, 2018 (Staff)
- Hunter Ray Hughes July 7, 2018 (Staff)



If any member learns of a death that does not appear in the Tallahassee Democrat, please let the Memorial chairs know about the death and their name will be added to our list.

Thank you,
Tom & Esther

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Membership News

The members of the Florida State University Association of Retired Faculty and Staff extend a cordial invitation to you to join our organization. Retirement is our time to keep learning and growing. ARF has a simple method for you to stay dynamic and connected to your friends and colleagues at FSU – join us!

Those eligible for membership include any faculty member and administrative staff member of the Florida State University and its direct support organization who is retired. Spouses of members and of deceased members are included in this eligibility. Current members of ARF, I ask you to encourage your friends that are not members of ARF to join today.

If you have recommendations, please contact me and I will be happy to follow up and make contact if you wish. Each luncheon also features a stimulating speaker or entertainment from FSU. In December we gather to meet at the President's House for a Holiday Gathering with friends from across the University. Those of us who have been with ARF for some time have found these activities to be fun and rewarding.



Larry Gerber, Chair,
Membership Committee
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Friendship News

As the Friendship Chairs of ARF, we contact our members, spouses, and their parents who are residing in Tallahassee when health issues arise.

We appreciate your help in contacting us, so we can send cards from ARF, make personal visits, or notify other members of our extended family to provide that special care.

If you know of anyone who needs our attention, please contact John or Jenny Bryant at (850) 385-6610 - email: vbryant42@me.com, or Ivy Mitchell at (850) 286-3026 - email: ivymitchell@comcast.net.



Nominations: ARF Board of Directors

Please nominate anyone who might be interested in becoming a member of the ARF Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will meet in January to determine the slate of officers for 2019-2020. Elected positions that are open include President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large Board Member. A nominee needs to be a member in good standing of the Association who has agreed to be a candidate for office. If you have any questions about the roles of Board Members, please check our website:

<http://retiredfaculty.fsu.edu>.

Send your nominations by December 1 to Walter Moore, Past President and Nominating Committee Chair: wl_moore@comcast.net

AROHE

Transforming Retirement

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education

“Re-creating Retirement: Connect, Serve, Celebrate” is the theme of the ninth biennial conference of The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). The conference will be held October 7-9, 2018 in Atlanta, GA hosted by Emory University and Emeritus College. It will be held on the campus of Emory University.

The conferees will consider the many ways Retirement Organizations provide a gateway to a future of collegial relationships, intellectual engagement, and productive endeavor that benefit both retirees and the colleges and universities that are their homes. Florida State University’s Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) will be represented at the convention by Dr. Fanchon (Fancy) Funk who is a member of the AROHE National Board and by Dr. Thomas Hart, editor of the ARF Retiree journal.

AROHE sponsored an inaugural Innovation Award for 2018. Tom prepared and submitted a packet for the Innovation Awards competition from Florida State University. There were fourteen packets received and judged by a panel of AROHE judges. Three universities were selected as the winners this first year: Arizona State University Emeritus College, Clemson University Emeritus College, and the Council Of University of California Retiree Associations. Tom will be a presenter at the conference.

Florida State University’s membership in AROHE started during the tenure of University President T.K.Wetherell and ARF President, Dr. Marie Cowart, Thank you to Fancy and Tom for their representation of Florida State at the biennial conference.



Nancy Turner
ARF President-Elect and AROHE National Liaison

A Volunteer Extraordinaire

A former ARF member Wilma Rosenbloom was honored this spring by having a scholarship endowed in her name. Ben and Wilma Rosenbloom began their FSU journey in the mid-1980s when their two sons were FSU students. Their love and support for “the school” grew and grew. When Ben retired in 1991 the Rosenblooms moved to Tallahassee. Very soon after their arrival they appeared at the Oglesby Union on campus offering their time and energy to the Parents’ Association, Parents Weekend, and other parent activities. Following Ben’s death in 1994 an endowed scholarship was established in the Center for Civic Education and Service in memory of his service to the university. Each year a student—a student scholar—is

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awarded the “Ben Rosenbloom Memorial Service Scholarship”. In addition, a conference room in the Center bears the Rosenbloom name.

Wilma’s service to FSU expanded beyond her work with parents to include many facets of university life. She became a “permanent volunteer” in the Visitor’s Center where for the next fifteen years she talked with parents who accompanied their prospective students for a campus visit. During this time, she worked with hundreds of students who were University Ambassadors in the Visitor’s Center.

A few years ago, several former University Ambassadors began to dream of endowing a scholarship in

Wilma’s honor to be awarded each year to a deserving University Ambassador. The campaign to raise the \$25,000 kicked off in April 2017 and was realized in May 2018. They exceeded the goal and the “Wilma Rosenbloom University Ambassador Scholarship” is now a reality.

Wilma continued her volunteer service as a member of ARF. She served as a Docent at the President’s House and conducted the tours for ARF in the early years. Wilma has moved from Tallahassee to Sarasota to live with her son and his family. You can be sure, if her health permitted and the weather was warmer all year long, she would still be here keeping close tabs on her Seminole family. Her heart still bleeds Garnet and Gold!

Academic Excellence

By Provost Sally McRorie

Florida State University is starting its Fall 2018 semester in grand fashion!

We are welcoming some 240 new faculty to FSU, mostly junior, but some mid-career and senior faculty as well. These new Seminoles will be in departments and colleges all across campus. Among the total of new colleagues, some of which are replacements for retirements and those who leave us for other reasons, will be 125 totally new lines. This is the highest one-year faculty increase in FSU’s history, and is largely the direct result of our excellence in meeting the preeminence metrics and performance metrics, and the resulting new funding from the 2017 Legislature. Let’s be sure to welcome all our new colleagues with great enthusiasm!

FSU also is celebrating our highest 4-year graduation rate in our history. Our 2017-18 68.4% 4-year graduation rate is not only the highest of any Florida university, including our friends to the South, but also the highest ever reported in the entire state! This great result is due to many factors: bright and engaged students, a laser focus on student success initiatives, ter-

rific faculty and staff, and our Take 15 program that encourages students to take more than 12 credits per semester (this practice increases their grades and provides them the opportunity to graduate in 4 years), and all the many other things we do to help our students while they are in school and after they graduate.

Thank you all for your continuing love of and support for Florida State. Celebrate with us as our great new year begins!



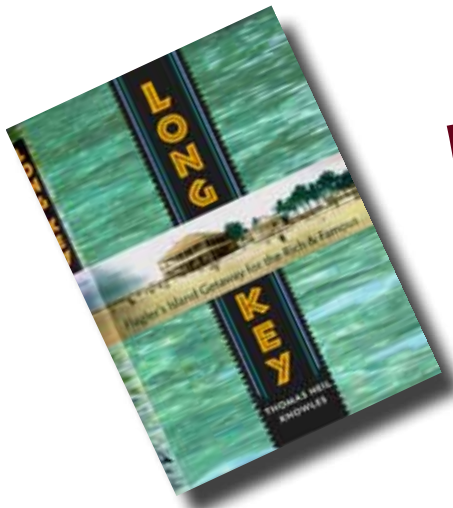
Sally E. McRorie, Ph.D.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

The REAL STORY Of My Nonfiction Books

By Tom Knowles

(Member of ARF Board)



When I began working on my family's genealogy in the mid-1990s, I had no inkling that this pastime would lead to a decade-long quest for information and result in two published books. Along the way I met some very interesting people, made new friends, and gained a new appreciation of my family and old friends.

In 1996 I came across a note that two of my father's relatives, Norman and Ethel Sweeting, a charter boat captain and his wife, had perished in the hurricane that struck the Florida Keys on Labor Day, September 2, 1935. Key West is my hometown, and while being raised there I had heard folks talk occasionally about the storm in general terms and that a lot of Conchs (natives or longtime residents of the Keys) had died because of it. I wondered why the Sweetings and other hurricane-savvy people succumbed to this particular storm.

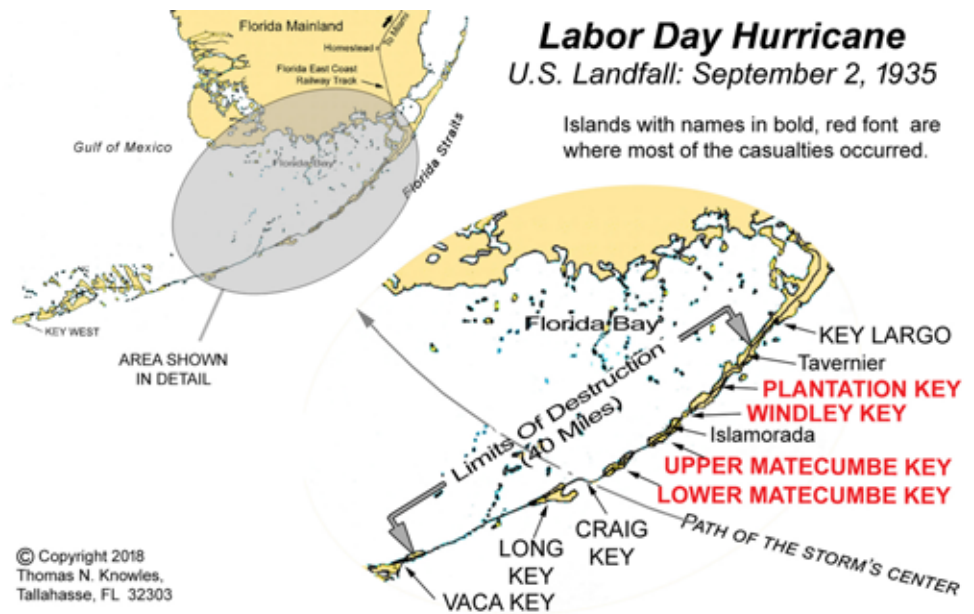
The note contained no specifics about the circumstances of the Sweetings' deaths so I decided to find more information about them and what made this storm so lethal. I enlisted the help of my wife Barbara. Working together, we spent weekends mining information at the Florida State University's Strozier Library and evenings scouring the internet. We downloaded some information from the web, but Strozier and other libraries were the mother lode of authoritative material.

Barbara had been a newspaper reporter before we were married and she had a knack for finding information. My familiarity with the Florida Keys helped, but my forte was organizing information into a meaningful context, a skill I used daily in my administrative position at the University. We made a good team and our research was very productive.

The Florida Keys are low-lying islands (keys) that form a 220 mile-long arc beginning at the southeastern tip of the Florida Peninsula and ending in the Dry Tortug-

as, 70 miles west of Key West. In 1912 Henry Flagler linked 29 of the islands to the mainland with 100 miles of railroad track that terminated in Key West; these islands are what most people refer to as the Florida Keys. The Sweetings had lived in Islamorada, a small settlement on Upper Matecumbe Key.

Upper Matecumbe Key and three neighboring islands were where the most destructive part of the hurricane came ashore. Their population had more than tripled to a thousand people in the months just prior to the storm due to the Roosevelt administration sending seven hundred unemployed veterans of the Great War (World War I) to the Keys to avoid a politically explosive confrontation in Washington, D.C.



When the hurricane made landfall in the Keys, its central pressure had dropped to a record setting low. Sustained winds of 185 miles per hour with gusts to 225 tore apart most things in their path creating a deadly fusillade of de

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bris. This was accompanied by a storm surge towering more than 15 feet above sea level that swept over the islands from Long Key to Tavernier. People and debris were washed into Florida Bay, large ships were stranded on the reef, and miles of railroad track were uprooted and mangled. After the storm passed 485 bodies were recovered; of these 257 were veterans.

The placement of war veterans in harm's way became a national issue. There was extensive coverage in newspapers, magazines, and newsreels. Congressional hearings held in 1936 produced a 600-page record that included exhibits and the testimony of survivors and people connected with the veterans' camps and railroad. One of the exhibits was a chart of the Keys showing where bodies were found and their disposition.

Ethel Sweeting's body was found on Upper Matecumbe Key and cremated six days after the storm. Two weeks later her husband's body was found and cremated on Barnes Key, 17 miles west of Islamorada. It is probable that both were killed by the storm surge; the locations suggest that Norman was taking care of his boat and was swept into Florida Bay while Ethel stayed at home or with friends.

By the end of 1996 Barbara and I had collected an enormous amount of material, much of which was unknown to members of recent generations. I began to think about writing a book. We were having such a great time working together that we mused about doing research and writing books on a fulltime basis after my retirement. I had been employed at the Florida State University for over twenty-five years so retirement was not that far off.

A book about the storm would be incomplete without the firsthand recollections of survivors and victims' relatives, so I asked my family and friends if they knew of any such people. In April, 1997, my sister in Key West called and told me she had heard there was a survivor of the hurricane living in Tallahassee. His name was Wilbur Jones. I contacted him and he invited me to his home.

Wilbur was 85, in good mental and physical health, and had an ability to recall details that was extremely sharp. With my tape recorder running, I listened to him reliving his brush with death when he and nine other men sought refuge in a boxcar after the Islamorada train station was blown apart. The storm surge tipped the boxcar over, trapping the men inside as the car began to fill with seawater. It was a fascinating account.

Wilbur had worked as a clerk at the headquarters for the veterans' camps located on Upper Matecumbe Key. He said as he was leaving the building to go to the train station he saw George Pepper and a Key West girl preparing to drive to the mainland even though the wind and rain was picking up. Post-storm editions of Key West newspapers had devoted significant column space covering the search for Rosalind



Wilbur Jones being interviewed by Tom Knowles in 1997.

Grooms and George Pepper, so I contacted her younger brother, Bascom Grooms, who was a family friend and lived in Key West. Although in the advanced stages of lung cancer, he agreed to see me. I flew down and he generously shared his recollections about his older sister and the situation in Key West during the storm.

In 1935 Rosalind Grooms Palmer was a beautiful, intelligent woman of 21 years who had a zest for life. She married a naval officer in August 1934 then became involved with George Pepper six months later. George was a first cousin of Claude Pepper, a Florida politician who served in Congress for more than four decades.

Bascom did not know much about George, so when I returned to Tallahassee I called Frank Pepper, Claude's brother, who lived in town. He suggested that I talk with George's sister, Woodrow. I interviewed Woodrow several times over the phone and at her home in Titusville. In addition to her recollections, she provided a wealth of material about her brother including photographs and a letter sent to her parents written by Rosalind's mother after the hurricane. Combined with information from Rosalind's family and others, the couple's love story and tragic ending emerged.



Studio portrait of George Pepper and Rosalind Grooms taken in Miami in spring, 1935.

While in Key West I encountered a high school classmate who told me his aunt's baby boy had been killed in the storm. He spoke with his aunt, Caroline Lowe, and she agreed to let me visit with her. I thought that it might be stressful for her to talk about losing her son, so I picked up a box of chocolates to thank her for sharing her story. She was a little reticent at first, but the candy broke the ice and soon she was telling me of her courtship with the man who became her husband, and how, despite superhuman efforts, their twenty-three month old son was literally ripped out of his father's arms. Small and wiry with an indomitable spirit and crystal clear recall, Caroline was a remarkable woman. She was very proud of her twenty-nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and said she would have a lot of help eating that box of candy.

Two more survivors came to my attention when Liz Williams Chance, who lived in Middleburg, Florida, called my sister in Key West to order a book about the Florida Keys. My sister and her husband operated a small publishing house specializing in historical works about the Keys and Key West. While chatting on the phone Liz mentioned that she and her sister Evelyn had been on Upper Matecumbe Key during the '35 hurricane. That led to several visits with Liz and Evelyn in Middleburg, Florida where they told me about their life on the Keys during the Great Depression, how they survived the storm because of their father's ingenuity, and the trying circumstances of his death. Our first interview was so poignant that I described it in the prologue to introduce the book.

Sometimes help finding people involved with the storm came from unexpected quarters. While he was president of the Florida State University, one of Sandy D'Alemberte's priorities was the physical appearance of the campus in general, and the placement and exterior design of new buildings in particular. FSU's capital construction program and the design and construction of new buildings were among my responsibilities, and my boss, Vice President John Carnaghi, and I would meet with Sandy periodically to keep him apprised and to seek his input.

In August 1997 we were in the President's office for such a meeting and John asked how my book on the hurricane was progressing. Upon hearing it was about the 1935 hurricane, Sandy said that Janet Reno's parents had been involved with the storm. He and Janet had worked at the same law firm in Miami and were good friends. Then he said he was going to see her the next week in Washington and would let her know of my research and ask her to call me.



Henry Reno and Jane Wood circa 1935.

Janet Reno was in her fourth year as Attorney General of the United States. She had already dealt with the Branch Davidian situation at Waco, Texas, and the bombing of the federal building at Oklahoma City among many other things, so I was surprised and delighted that she found time to call me two weeks later. We talked for twenty minutes about her parents. She put me in touch with her sister, Maggie, who provided photographs, a manuscript about the storm written by their father, Henry, and a memoir her mother had written about the family. And that is how Henry Reno, a crime reporter for the Miami Herald, who was the first reporter to reach the Keys after the storm's passage, and Jane Wood, a social worker who had been interviewing veterans on the Keys just before Labor Day, came to be in the book.

I always enjoyed interviews because I never knew what they would reveal or where they would lead. One even had a dramatic dimension. Janet Reno had said Helen Muir was a friend and colleague of her parents. I had just read Helen's book, *MIAMI, USA*, in which she mentioned the concern residents of the Florida Keys had about the obstructive effect created by Henry Flagler's railroad construction crews filling natural water passages between many of the islands. Thinking she may have additional information about this concern and the Renos, I called her and she graciously granted me an interview.

I flew down to Miami, rented a car, and headed for Coconut Grove where she had lived for many years. It was a hot, humid, June afternoon in 1998. As I turned into the driveway the brilliant sunshine was yielding to building clouds; a prelude to the daily showers that frequent the area at that time of year. As instructed, I drove past the main house that had been her home and was now the residence of her son and his family, back to the guesthouse where she lived. Still slim, she carried her 88 years with amazing grace and with an authority that left no doubt as to who was in charge. After she dismissed her housekeeper for the day, we settled down in the small living room.

By this time it had grown quite dark outside so I was surprised when she asked rhetorically would I mind if she turned off the lights. She did so, and as if on cue, it began to rain and thunder. She sat on the carpet on the other side of a small coffee table and began to talk softly in her deep, husky voice of how she came to be in Miami when the Labor Day hurricane passed through the Keys. Outside the cottage, palms thrashed and rain pelted the windows while she described that stormy night when she was a 24-year-old newspaperwoman, sitting alone at the rewrite desk in the vast city room of the Miami Daily News, experiencing her first hurricane. Rolls of thunder and flashes of lightning accentuated her narrative as she told me of her fear of being cut to pieces each time a blast of wind flexed the huge, unprotected glass panes that made up one of the walls of the newspaper's city room. It was more of a performance than an interview, and a very special experience.

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Not long after my return from Coconut Grove, my wife had serious trouble breathing and had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance. The diagnosis was emphysema, an incurable disease that progressively damages the lungs. I was told she would be fortunate to live five more years. Barbara immediately quit smoking, but it was too late. Soon she was on oxygen around the clock; however, she was still mobile with portable tanks and could take care of herself. Our focus now was on learning how to manage the disease and maintain her quality of life.

I believed she would live longer than five years, and knowing that the last years would be the worst for her and the most demanding for me as caregiver, I immediately entered the deferred retirement program. Barbara joined a support group and began spending much of her time sharing her recently acquired knowledge of emphysema with others. She urged me to continue with the hurricane book project, which I did as her needs permitted.

When I retired in 2003 Barbara was still able to get around, but she tired easily. Progress on the book was slow; she was my first priority. She was as thrilled as I was when the manuscript was accepted for publication in August 2007. In 2009 the hardbound edition of *Category 5; the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane* was released by the University Press of Florida. She was pleased that I dedicated the book to her. When FSU Provost Larry Abele sponsored a book signing event at the Alumni Center that June, she insisted on going. Although it was physically demanding for her, she sat beside me chatting with people as I signed books. The outing, which she enjoyed immensely, was the last public event she would attend.



Barbara Knowles chats with Max Carraway as Tom Knowles signs books at the FSU Alumni Center, June, 2009.

I had written about the destruction of the Long Key Fishing Camp, in the Category 5 book, but page constraints did not allow me to elaborate on the history of this forgotten rustic resort and its notable clientele, among whom were British nobility, Pulitzer prize-winning poet Wallace Stevens, baseball great Lou Gehrig, and President Herbert Hoover. The camp was Zane Grey's favorite place for fishing and writing in the Florida Keys, and the bestselling author's patronage made the Flagler resort famous around the world during the early 1900s.

Shortly after the Category 5 book signing in 2009, good fortune led me to Pat Duane, the daughter of the Long Key Fishing Camp's caretaker. Although the decline in her health was accelerating, Barbara urged me to write another book. Pat's never-before-published, firsthand recollections and her family's photographs combined with material Barbara and I had gathered resulted in *Long Key; Flagler's Island Getaway for the Rich & Famous*, which was published by the University Press of Florida in the spring of 2014. Barbara, who had been bedridden for months and under in-home hospice care, did get to see the finished jacket of the book, but she died three weeks before Long Key was released.

In retrospect, the books helped Barbara and me cope with a very difficult period in our lives. The many people who contributed in one way or another to making these books a reality will always have my heartfelt gratitude and greatest respect. They were caring people with a strong desire to see history preserved. No one did more toward this end than my wife Barbara.

ABOUT THE BOOKS

Author's Name: Thomas Neil Knowles

CATEGORY 5: *The 1935 Labor Day Hurricane*

Nonfiction, 368 pages, 56 photographs, 15 maps & drawings, index, & bibliography.
Paperback edition: ISBN 978-0-8130-6130-6. University Press of Florida--2015.

LONG KEY: *Flagler's Island Getaway for the Rich & Famous.*

Nonfiction, 208 pages, 55 photographs, 17 maps & drawings, index & source notes.
Cloth: ISBN 978-0-8130-4976-2. University Press of Florida--2014.

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Don Rapp On Mr. Rogers

Dr. Don Rapp is a retired child development professor, a certified personal trainer, an author and a juggler. WFSU's Mike Plummer talks with the high-octane octogenarian about juggling, brain development and his adventures on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood back in the 1970's.



Don Rapp convinced the Director of WFSU-TV to invite Mr. Rogers to Tallahassee. He came and performed at the Jr. Museum and then invited Don Rapp to perform twice on His Show.

Photos of two appearances on "Mr. Rogers":

1. Juggling and speaking about expanding your mind and motor control.
2. Sewing Bean Bags and throwing them.



Don Rapp Juggling for the WFSU "Mr. Rogers" 50th Anniversary Special

WFSU Celebrating 50 Years of "Mr. Rogers"

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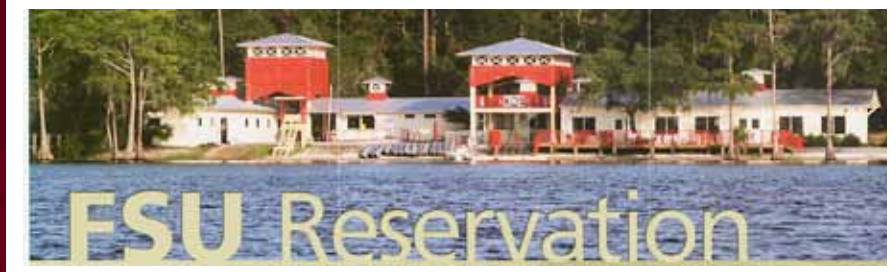
A video that will also be televised on WFSU (Oct. 2018 - see the WFSU Schedule) will appear on the screen, so you can see the Special on your Device.



The first time he juggled and shared with the audience the various techniques of juggling and balance.

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ARF
Barbecue
at the Seminole Reservation



Max Carraway & Jim Melton

STUDENTS EXTRAORDINAIRE

For the past several years, ARF has invited undergraduate and graduate scholars to attend the annual Barbecue and share their academic journeys. Lisa Liseno, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Program for Instructional Excellence and Fellows Societies introduced the undergraduate presenters following a brief introduction. D. Craig Filar, Director of national Fellowships introduced the graduate presenters.



Lisa Liseno



D. Craig Filar



Andrew Moffort



Erin Harrell



Sabrina About



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Charlene Rucker



Tonya Harris



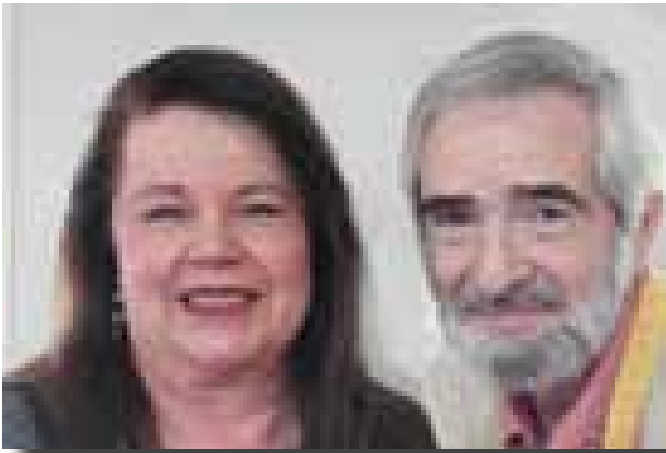
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Tom Denmark



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Marie Cowart & Margaret Ray Kemper

Irene Yerger



Todd Adams

Ike Eberstein & Kirby Kemper



Don Rapp & Pat Hogan

Ellen & Gary Fournier



Ron & Liz Goldsmith



Ray & Kathy Bye



Tim & Paula Fortunas



Ivy Mitchell & Sandy Rackley



ARF wishes to thank Jill Adams for taking photos. Cal Zongker, our official photographer was not able to attend the event.

SPRING LUNCHEON



John Thrasher (FSU President)



Jim Melton & Pat Hogan



Betty Lou Joanos & Sue Hall



Ruth Pryor



Rose Zongker, Tom Hart & Nancy Turner



Fanchon funk, Natholyn Harris & Paula Fortunas



Mary Ann Braswell, Ron Braswell & Mildred Trezza

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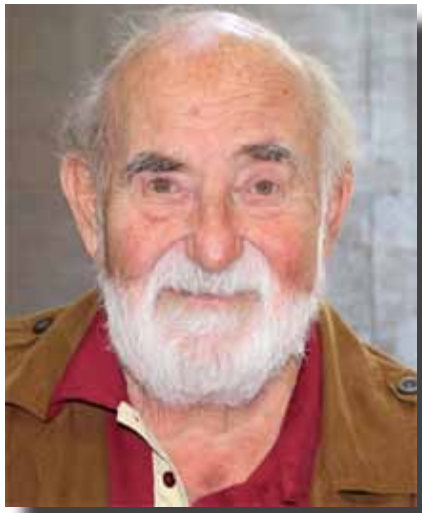
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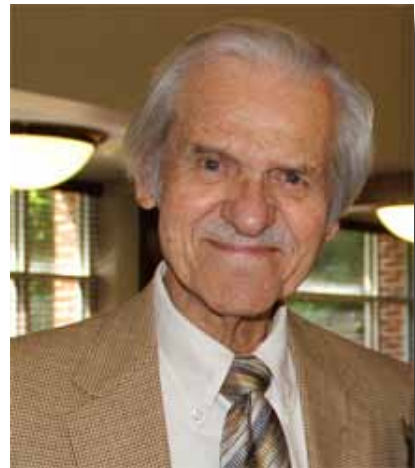
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Tom McCaleb & Carol Darling



Margarita Grant & Beverly Spencer



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Tom Knowles & Bob Spivey



Ann Barrett



Sherry Hart



Sandy Rackley & Feddie Groomes-McLenden



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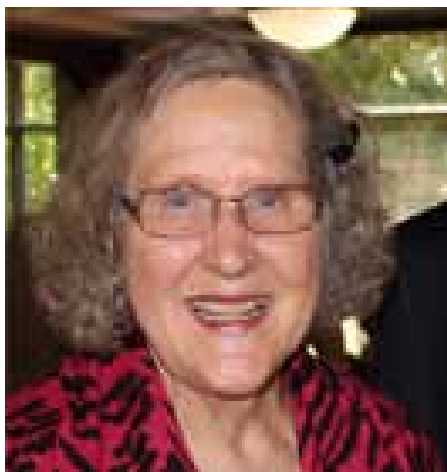
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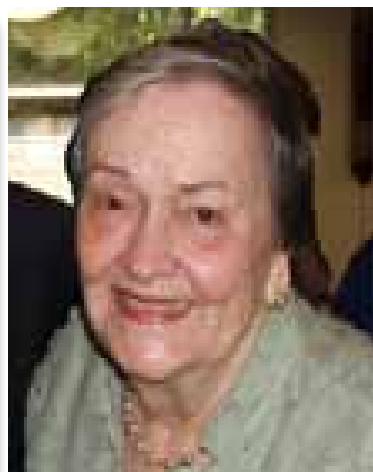
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“Information from the FSU Website”

Undergraduate Research

Florida State University’s efforts to expand student engagement in undergraduate research have received national recognition from the Council on Undergraduate Research. In both 2015 and 2016, the Washington D.C.-based council selected Florida State as one of six research-university finalists for the Award for Undergraduate Research Accomplishments (AURA). About 25 percent of FSU undergraduate students currently conduct out-of-class research with faculty members, with many more participating within the classroom. The university’s signature undergraduate research program, the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, helps students from any major participate in undergraduate research by serving as research assistants to faculty members and others across campus.

“Best Value” Public University

Florida State consistently delivers an affordable, high quality education and offers distinctive opportunities to engage its students.

In 2018, **Kiplinger’s Personal Finance** “Best College Value,” ranks Florida State as the 4th best value among public colleges for out-of-state students, an eight-place jump over last year. FSU was rated 14th best value among public colleges for in-state students. FSU is ranked #25 among public institutions in Forbes’ 2017 “Best Value Colleges.”

Top Ranked Programs

The Journal of Criminal Justice Education ranked Florida State’s College of Criminology and Criminal Justice No. 1 in the nation for faculty research. U.S. News & World Report, “Best Graduate Schools,” 2018 edition, ranks the School of Information’s school library media program No. 1. College Choice, a leading online authority on college rankings and resources ranks FSU’s master’s degree program in Sport Management the top program in the nation, 2018. Variety lists FSU’s College of Motion Picture Arts as one of the world’s Best Film Schools, 2018. Numerous other programs at Florida State rank in the Top 5

Florida State University is among the best universities in the nation — and the world — according to the Times Higher Education/Wall Street Journal World University Rankings 2016-2017. Among U.S. public universities, Florida State is tied with nine other institutions at No. 33 on the list. Florida State has also been recognized as one of the world’s most innovative universities, according to Reuters Top 100: The World’s Most Innovative Universities, 2017.

Prestigious Awards

Florida State was one of four universities to receive the 2017 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, the top honor from NAFSA: Association of International Educators. FSU earned the national honor for its extensive offerings in global education and is the only university in Florida to win the annual award.

“Moonlight”, written and directed by Florida State University alumnus Barry Jenkins, and produced by FSU alumna Adele Romanski, won the 2017 Oscar for Best Picture at the 89th annual Academy Awards. A total of seven Florida State graduates worked together on the project which also won Oscars for Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor.

Best for Vets

Military Times ranked Florida State No. 22 in the latest “Best Colleges 2018” rankings, which are published annually by the magazine. Florida State’s online graduate program in criminal justice is ranked No. 4 nationally for educating veterans, according to U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Online Programs for Veterans” rankings (2018).

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Diversity

For a second consecutive year, Florida State University has been recognized by INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine as a Diversity Champion in higher education. FSU is one of only 10 colleges and universities nationwide to receive the award by the magazine, which is the nation's largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. Florida State's continuing efforts to move diversity and inclusion to the forefront of the university mission have also received national recognition as the institution earned INSIGHT Into Diversity's "Higher Education Excellence in Diversity" (HEED) Award in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, which annually recognizes colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. In addition, Florida State's College of Medicine earned distinction as one of 24 recipients of the Health Professions HEED Award – the only medical school from the state of Florida to receive the award. The Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP), named FSU as one of the top 10 "Access Improver" institutions in the nation for its outstanding efforts in supporting and educating traditionally underrepresented students.

Florida State University has also been identified as a top performer for black student success, with one of the highest graduation rates among African-American students of nearly 700 universities examined in a 2017 national study by The Education Trust. The report found 74.5 percent of FSU's African-American students – who make up 8.4 percent of the student body – graduate within six years. Nationally, about 40 percent of full-time, African-American students earn a degree in six years.

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The FSU College of Medicine is the only Association of American Medical Colleges member institution ranked in the top six for enrollment of both black and Hispanic students among 136 U.S. medical schools. Its enrollment percentage for black or African-American students is double the national average.

Leading the State of Florida

All three Rhodes Scholars from public universities in Florida since 2006 were FSU students. Highest percentage of alumni giving back than any university in Florida. Highest amount of National Science Foundation research and development expenditures in the state. College of Law is the No. 1 law school in Florida in job placement and maintains one of the highest passing rates on the Florida Bar Exam.

U.S. Rankings

College of Business, undergraduate risk management and insurance program: FSU is one of four Top performers for risk management and insurance undergraduate curriculums in the U.S., Best's Review, 2018.

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice: No.1 among all criminology and criminal justice program faculties for faculty research, Journal of Criminal Justice Education, 2016.

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice: No. 1 Best Value Online Colleges for Criminology Degrees, OnlineU, 2016.

Criminology and Penology: No. 1 among the world's leading universities in 227 subject categories, based on the number of research articles in top-tier journals, Center for World University Rankings, 2017.

College of Education, Sport Management Program: No. 1 ranked master's degree program in Sport Management in the nation, College Choice, 2018.

School of Information, School Library Media Program: No. 1, U.S. News & World Report, "Best Graduate Schools," 2018. The School also is ranked No. 12 in the nation, and its services for children and youth program is No. 7.

College of Law, Student Bar Association: For the sixth time in 10 years, the FSU College of Law Student Bar Association (SBA) received the National Achievement Award, which honors the best SBA in the nation from the American Bar Association's Law Student Division, 2017.

Education and Educational Research: No. 7 among the world's leading universities in 227 subject categories, based on the number of research articles in top-tier journals, Center for World University Rankings, 2017

College of Law, nation's best for public service: preLaw magazine, 2016 has ranked the nation's best law schools for public service, ranking Florida State University College of Law the 2nd best law school nationally in the category of public defender/prosecutor.

Operating Efficiency No. 2 Most efficient school among national universities, Best Colleges, U.S. News & World Report, 2018.

Askew School of Public Administration and Policy faculty research productivity: A study published in the International Public Management Journal ranked the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy third in faculty research productivity in the U.S.

Most Competitive Medical School: Third most competitive medical school in the country for admissions, U.S. News and World Report, 2017.

Faculty Fulbright Scholars: FSU is one of the nation's top research institutions for producing Fulbright U.S. Scholars and students, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. Seven faculty scholars from FSU were awarded Fulbright grants for 2015-2016, tying for third in the nation among research institutions.

College of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Graduate Program: No. 5 in the nation, U.S. News & World Report, "Best Graduate Schools," 2019.

School of Information, Services for Children & Youth Program: No. 5 in the nation, U.S. News & World Report, 2016.

School of Theatre: Top 5 in the country for a BFA in Acting, OnStage Blog, 2016-2017, and the No. 6 BFA Musical Theatre Program in the country for 2017-18, OnStage, 2017. The Musical Theatre Program was also listed in the Top 10 of Playbill's Broadway Big 10! FSU is also among the 10 most represented colleges on Broadway in the 2017-2018 season, Playbill's Broadway Big 10.

Department of Economics: No. 5 among all Master in Applied Economics programs ranked, TFE Times, October 2016.

College of Business, undergraduate real estate program: No. 6 among public universities and 10th overall, U.S. News & World Report, 2016.

College of Medicine: The FSU College of Medicine is the only Association of American Medical Colleges-member institution ranked in the top six for enrollment of both black and Hispanic students among 136 U.S. medical schools.

Psychology, Social: No. 6 among the world's leading universities in 227 subject categories, based on the number of research articles in top-tier journals, Center for World University Rankings, 2017.

Best Schools for Public Relations: **College of Communication, Advertising, Public Relations**, College Magazine, 2016.

Black Law Students Association: For two consecutive years, FSU's Black Law Students Association (BLSA) won first place in two major advocacy competitions and won a Chapter of the Year award at the Southern Region Black Law Students Association (SRBLSA) Regional Convention in Durham, North Carolina. Florida State's BLSA won first place in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, and the BLSA Moot Court Team also won first place in the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, an appellate advocacy competition.

College of Law, Moot Court Team: The FSU College of Law Moot Court Team won first place in the 2018 Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. FSU's Moot Court Team also won first place in the 2017 Appellate Lawyers Association National Moot Court Competition, the Best Brief Award, and took first place in the 2017 William B. Bryant-Luke C. Moore Civil Rights Moot Court Competition, held at Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Most Beautiful Campus: FSU voted most beautiful campus in America, by House Beautiful, 2015 and No. 7 by College Magazine, 2016.

Top Real Estate Team: The FSU Real Estate team placed first at the Villanova Real Estate Challenge held in Philadelphia on March 31, 2017. The team defeated students from 18 invited universities, including the University of Southern Cal. (2), Villanova (3), and U Penn-Wharton (4).

Interior Design graduate program: "Most Admired" by Design Intelligence's "America's Best Architectural and Design Schools," 2017.

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- Computer Information Technology, Online Graduate Program:** No. 7 among the nation's best online graduate computer information technology programs, U.S. News & World Report, 2018.
- College of Law, Best Value:** No. 9 "Best Value Law School" in the country based on employment, bar passage rates, tuition, cost of living and average debt upon graduation. National Jurist, 2016.
- College of Law, Environmental Law Program:** No. 10 in the nation, "Best Graduate Schools," U.S. News & World Report, 2019.
- Best Value University among large colleges:** No. 12, Kiplinger's Personal Finance "Best College Value," 2017, ranks four-year schools that combine outstanding education with economic value. Florida State was the No. 12 best value
- Among all public colleges for out-of-state students and No. 28 best value among public colleges for in-state students. College of Education, Online Graduate Program: No. 13 among both public and private universities, U.S. News & World Report, 2018.
- College of Business, Online MBA Program:** No. 16 best online MBA program among both public and private universities, U.S. News & World Report, 2018.
- School of Public Affairs, Public Management Administration Program:** No. 17 in the nation, U.S. News & World Report, 2017.
- Department of Economics:** No. 18 among all ranked public universities with Master in Economics programs, TFE Times, October 2016.
- Public Affairs:** No. 19 best public affairs school in the nation, U.S. News & World Report's "Best Graduate Schools," 2017.
- College of Motion Picture Arts:** The FSU Film School is ranked No. 20 in the nation among all colleges and universities, The Hollywood Reporter, "Top 25 Film Schools," 2017.
- School of Public Affairs, Public Policy Analysis Program:** No. 21 in the nation, U.S. News & World Report, 2017.
- Department of Retail, Merchandising and Product Development:** No. 22 best fashion merchandising school in the nation, Fashion-Schools.org, 2016. The program is also No. 6 best in the South and No. 16 among public institutions.
- School of Public Affairs, Public Finance and Budget Program:** No. 21 in the nation, U.S. News & World Report, 2017.
- College of Law:** No. 24 in the nation among public universities and No. 47 overall, "Best Graduate Schools," U.S. News & World Report, 2019.
- Best Value College:** No. 25 among public institutions. Forbes, "Best Value Colleges," 2017.
- College of Social Work, graduate program:** No. 25 in the nation among public universities and No. 38 overall, U.S. News & World Report's "Best Graduate Schools," 2019.
- College of Business:** No. 27 undergraduate program among public universities, U.S. News & World Report, 2018.
- School of Communication Science & Disorders, Speech Language Pathology program:** No. 28 among the nation's top speech-language pathology programs, U.S. News & World Report, 2017.
- Best Public Colleges and Universities:** No. 29, Business First, 2017.
- Top Public Universities:** No. 33, U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges," 2018.
- College of Education, graduate program:** No. 35 in the nation among public universities and No. 46 overall, U.S. News & World Report's "Best Graduate Schools," 2019.
- Department of Psychology, Clinical Psychology Graduate Program:** No. 36, U.S. News & World Report's "Best Graduate Schools," 2017.
- Department of Political Science, graduate program:** No. 40, U.S. News & World Report's "Best Graduate Schools," 2018.

College of Nursing, Online Graduate Program: No. 43 best online graduate program among both public and private universities, U.S. News & World Report, 2017. FSU is now tied with Florida Atlantic University as the top online graduate nursing program in Florida.

College of Medicine: Florida State's College of Medicine earned distinction as the only medical school in the state of Florida to receive the Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award, 2017.

National Science Foundation Funding: Receives more in National Science Foundation funding than any other university in the state.

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science Funding: FSU received more in U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science funding than any other university in the state system in fiscal year 2016. The Office of Science is the Nation's largest supporter of fundamental research in the physical sciences.

Age-Friendly University: Florida State is the first university in Florida and the first in the South to be named a member of the Age-Friendly University Initiative, an international effort to highlight the role higher education plays in meeting the challenges and opportunities of an aging population.

Rhodes Scholars: All three Rhodes Scholars from public universities in Florida since 2006 have been from FSU.

College of Law: Florida State is the #1 law school in Florida in terms of the percentage of 2015 graduates employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term, bar passage-required or J.D.-advantage jobs, 2016, American Bar Association. FSU Law is 26th in the nation among public law schools in job placement. Graduates also continue to excel on the Florida Bar Examination with a 76.7 percent 2018 passage rate compared to 57.9 percent overall for first time test takers.

Department of Art, Graduate Program: No. 1 Master of Fine Arts program in Florida, U.S. News & World Report, 2016.

Student Fulbright Scholars: FSU is a top research institution for producing student Fulbright scholars with six students receiving awards in 2017-2018.



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This is a tour of the #1 most beautiful campus, according to “House Beautiful”. It begins at Westcott and then goes around the North end to the round-about for Ruby Diamond Concert, Past Dodd Hall and on to the “Alpha Delta Pi Meditation Pavilion”, through Landis Green, the Heritage Walkway through the center of camps, science heritage walkway and ending at the King Biology Building.





Two hawks on the fire escape stairs of Dodd Hall (old library). They have a nest high in a heritage pine tree. The photo to the right is the 100 year anniversary Pavilion of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.



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The above angle walk is made from broken pieces of concrete to create a walkway where there had been a dirt path.



The University is tearing down the oldest part of the Student Union to make a new Community.



To the right is the heritage statue of the first black male student, baseball player, and Homecoming Princess,



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The first handicapped accessible labrynth in the U.S. Also it is lit at night.



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King Biology Building and the floor scenes in the Lobby. The ants are in the terrazzo and lead to the office.





Typical student housing options do not offer college students the opportunity to embrace their green thumb. To remedy that issue, the Florida State University Sustainable Campus organization has opened a new Seminole organic garden, giving students the chance to experience hands-on gardening.

FSU Sustainable Campus has started many ecological initiatives on campus, including the game day recycling program “Garnet and Gold Goes Green” and the waste-eliminating Food Recovery Network. The Seminole Organic Garden is a refurbished concept.

The ground was broken for the original Seminole Organic Garden in 2014. After a prosperous three years, an expansion on Legacy Walk in early 2017 meant demolition for the garden.

Louis Castillo, a senior majoring in environmental science, has been the garden manager since August 2016. He oversaw the process of disassembling and rebuilding the garden.

“When the extension was built, we had to remove the garden so that the construction vehicles could get in and out of the area,” Castillo said. “Once they finished construction, we were able to rebuild everything and add our new Sustainability Hub.”

The Sustainability Hub is an outdoor learning center committed to informing students about renewable energy sources and advocating for sustainable lifestyles. Solar panels sheath the top of the structure, generating renewable energy to the surrounding area.



The project was funded by FSU Sustainable Campus with help from FSU facilities and FSU alumni. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new pavilion was held on Friday, October 20 at the garden site, which can be found off Varsity Drive near Doak S. Campbell Stadium, in between the Flying High Circus and Wildwood Hall.

Just after the Legacy Walk development was completed towards the end of the 2017 spring semester, Castillo wasted no time getting back to work.

“It was complicated at first because we had a new garden layout that was different from the previous one. We had to map everything out and make sure that everything was at the right angles,” Castillo said.

After a summer of planning, Castillo constructed all 22 beds, which doubled the previous amount of beds, for the renovated garden within two weeks during August. The Seminole Organic Garden held its first workday since reconstruction on September 21. The weather permitting workdays are every Monday and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Castillo explained that you don’t need to have a bed rented to attend the workdays.



We’ve finally finished the rain garden!

The purpose of the rain garden is to help filter water runoff, improve water quality before it reaches the stormwater drain, and reduce potential flooding!



Residence Hall Staff “Block Party” in June at the Seminole Organic Garden.

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Grounds & Landscape

DEPARTMENT

Who are We?

Grounds and Landscape Operations is a division of Florida State University Facilities. We are subdivided into five general areas of responsibility:

- Athletic Fields Maintenance
- Grounds Maintenance
- Landscaping & Nursery
- Outdoor & Mall Amenities
- Solid Waste & Recycling

The general mission and goals of the Florida State University Grounds and Landscaping Operations is to consistently maintain a safe, clean, sustainable and attractively landscaped environment for the students, faculty, and staff of our institution.

It is our desire to transform our campus into an arboretum. An arboretum is a place where trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants are grown for scientific and educational purposes. Plants are maintained, labeled, cataloged and mapped. Each arboretum is unique, due to the characteristics of the setting, the collections, and the research and educational goals.

The mission of the Florida State University Arboretum is to preserve the stately historic campus landscape, to build upon the diversity of the collection with sustainable species, and to reinforce the aesthetic character of the campus. It seeks to provide visitors with a broader understanding of the campus landscape and promote long-term stewardship of the environment.

Grounds Maintenance Division



The Grounds Maintenance division of FSU's Grounds department manages over 574 acres of land. Tasks that we perform include mowing, edging, leaf and debris removal, mulching, weeding, planting, pruning, and special landscape projects.

We have an irrigation crew that installs and maintains campus irrigation systems. We have a tree crew that performs tree removal and limb pruning to ensure safety and good tree health.

Landscaping and Nursery Division



The Landscaping and Nursery division of Grounds at FSU maintains over 1/4 acre of flower beds-planting, weeding, and mulching to give our campus bright color accents.

We plant trees, shrubs, groundcovers, annuals and perennials to add to the beauty of our surroundings. We also maintain a holding area (nursery) for new plant materials and transplants.

Outdoor and Mall Amenities



Like many universities around the world, FSU has a sizable investment in the art on campus. Our sculptures, in particular, are very important to our FSU history, but will deteriorate and be lost if they are not appropriately maintained. Even bronze will suffer from neglect and deteriorate if not taken care of correctly. The FSU Grounds Department has a Mall and Outdoor Amenities division to provide maintenance on a routine basis to the sculptures on campus. This crew also has the responsibility of maintaining all mall amenities on a periodic basis which includes picnic tables, benches, trash cans, recycle containers, bollards, etc.



Robert Scott Cisson, ASLA

Director of Grounds & Landscape Operations

Scott Cisson has been with FSU Grounds since 2008. He provides oversight and direction of the Grounds Maintenance, Landscaping, Solid Waste Management and Athletic Grounds operations. He plans and coordinates the grounds/landscaping services needed for new construction and renovation plans. He develops and implements policies and procedures to establish constraints and controls relating to the services and activities of the Grounds department. Mr. Cisson prepares and monitors the annual Grounds budget. He previously directed the activities of the Grounds and Landscaping at Arizona State University (1986-2008). Mr. Cisson has a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Arkansas and 26 years of experience as a Landscape Architect.

Staffing Pattern for the Division

- 3 Arborists
- 6 Garden maintenance staff
- 5 Tree maintenance staff
- 3 Pruning staff

Scott Scisson Interview

In June 2018 I interviewed Scott in his office.

What are the most recent projects?

1. Friendship Plaza



2. Recycling Concrete



3. Speicher Tennis Complex entrance

The following photos show the improvements:



4. Labrynth between Psychology and Medical School Buildings

Scott Scisson shared that it is the first handicapped accessible one in the U.S. Also it is lit at night, making it more accessible.



5. Addition of the Master Craftsman Studio to the Division



The Master Craftsman Studio is a unique university auxiliary under the Facilities Department. We specialize in realizing the institution's creative desires for its campus. As an in-house studio, we work with a wide variety of university entities such as maintenance, grounds, planning, design, public relations, athletics, and academics.

We are a self-subsidizing auxiliary of the university, which means we generate our own funding. Students see a working professional studio and are exposed to the inner business workings from estimates and ideas, to installation and invoices. This format allows us great opportunities to demonstrate to students the confluence of creativity and entrepreneurship. This practice helps students see that their creativity is a powerful tool that can solve any problem.

Following are their areas of expertise:

- Architectural Glass - windows, doors, walls, tables, countertops, room dividers, sculpture
- Stained/Leaded Glass - colored windows, doors, walls, restoration
- Kiln-Formed /Cast Glass - Cast logo, décor, plates, bowls, jewelry, votive, vases, awards
- Bronze Sculpture/plaques - Life size statuary, busts, plaques, custom castings, reliefs
- Custom Mosaics - Tables, walls, floors, glass, tile, restoration
- Concrete/Terrazzo - Floors, tables, casting, countertops

- Mold Making - plaster, rubber, sand, foam, wood, silicone, glass cast
- Sign Making - LED, Glass, Concrete, Plaster, Bronze, Aluminum, steel, wood
- Custom Carpentry - Frames, shelving, boxes, plaques, signs, CNC router relief, Restoration i.e. cannon carriage
- Metal Work - Welding and fabrication with Steel, Stainless, Aluminum, Bronze, Copper, plasma pattern cutouts, water-jet designs
- Restoration - Glass, Crystal, Stained Glass, Metal, Wood, Concrete
- Design Consults - Brainstorm, drawing, modeling, scaling, layout, rendering, samples, prototype

6. Moving the Nursery

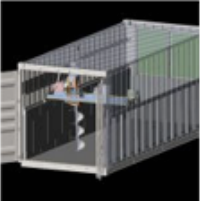
When FSU build the new Biology Building (King), Scott had the old biology greenhouse moved out to near the FSU Golf Course. The new road from the Airport will go through a major part of the greenhouse area, so it will probably be moved to Eisenhower St., near the new intramural fields.



7. Composting Project

Once the Nursery is moved, Scott plans to acquire a “large composter”.

It will be similar to the following:

INTERMODAL EARTH FLOW		1000 lbs – 1.5 tons/day	\$60k-\$90k	Parks & Resorts, Corporate Campuses, Equine Facilities	A fully automated in-vessel composting system that provides optimum conditions for hot, aerobic composting. The Earth Flow system installed in a shipping container for ease of transport.
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8. Future Projects

- Moving \$100,000 of plant material from the old Student Union site to Langford Green.



THE Ultimate Ranking of FRESHMEN DORMS at FSU

So, picking a dorm can be such an exciting thing, but there are definitely pros and cons when choosing where to live out your time at college. Some of the dorms at Florida State are brand new and full of nice little luxuries that make you feel like you're at home... and others, not so much. Here's the ultimate ranking of freshman dorms at Florida State University from best to worst!



1. Azalea & Magnolia

These dorms are so new (opened June of 2017) and definitely have changed the game for living on campus. They have dark wood furniture, tons of space, and a pretty great location. Also, Azalea holds 1851, a dining area with a variety of different smaller restaurants inside. These are prime living spots, so they tend to be the first to go when housing registration opens.

2. Dorman & Deviney

These dorms are absolutely amazing. They are still fairly new (opened in 2015), and are in a wonderful location. Both are right across from a 24/7 Denny's and a parking garage. Also, the walk to the library, gym, and most classes is about 10 minutes or less.





3. Wildwood

Wildwood is a prime spot for people who love to have fun. It is located right near the stadium, so getting to Doak for game day is always simple. With that said, it is home to many student athletes, so it can tend to get a bit loud. If late nights aren't your thing, this might not be the place for you. It is a bit further away from most classes, but is extremely close to the gym. It is also really close to parking, so that is certainly a bonus.

4. Landis

Landis definitely has one of the best locations that you could want. It is directly across from the library, has a beautiful view of Landis Green, and quite close to Chick-Fil-A and other dining spots. With that said, it is reserved for only honors students. It is more of a quiet dorm known for study sessions.



5. Broward & Gilchrist

These dorms have a pretty wonderful view of Landis Green, are right near Sweet Shop (so your morning coffee is always close by), and are extremely close to many of the sorority houses. One downside is that a meal plan is required for these dorms, so make sure you're always ready to take a trip to Suwannee. They also aren't necessarily new, being that the last renovation took place in 1998.



6. Jennie Murphree/Reynolds/Bryan

These buildings are in a pretty good location for most freshmen classes. They are also fairly close to Dunkin Donuts. With that said, they aren't necessarily the newest and definitely can feel a little dated. Something else to keep in mind is that meal plans are required, so if you're not a fan of the dining halls, this probably isn't your place.



7. Cawthon

Ok, so everyone that I have met that lives in Cawthon loves it. They love the people they live with and have a ton of spirit. However, it is the music living learning community, so it can get a bit loud. It is in a good spot when it comes to studying, located right near Chick-Fil-A and Strozier Library.



8. Degraff

Degraff is fairly new, and is quite comparable to Dorman and Deviney in terms of the building itself. However, the location isn't great. You have to walk through a dimly lit tunnel to get to the main part of campus, which can be a little scary if you're alone. It is very close to the Strip, which can definitely be a perk if you love to party.



9. Salley

This Dorm is in need of rennovation and will be soon.



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Kitty Hoffman 104th Birthday



John and Jean Thrasher with Kitty Hoffman

A gala concert honoring the 104th birthday of Professor Emeriti Kitty Hoffman was held at the Maguire Center at Westminster Oaks on August 1, 2018. Catherine “Kitty” Blood Hoffman has loved and served Florida State as a student, alumna, faculty member, administrator and benefactor for over seventy-five years. During her nearly 40-year tenure at FSU, she served as a member of the Chemistry department. She served as FSU’s Dean of Women and President of the Faculty Senate. She served on the boards of the FSU Alumni Association and the FSU Foundation.

Kitty was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science by Florida State. She received nominations from many including Past ARF Presidents Robert Spivey, Marie Cowart and Betty Lou Joanos. Kitty served as President of ARF in 1996.

A friend wrote “Dr. Hoffman inspires all who come to know her presence to behave better, straighten their shoulders and stand taller – in short, to be their better best.”

All of us at the Association of Retired Faculty wish Kitty a great 104th birthday and thank her for her lifetime of service to Alma Mater.



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We are also including photos of Officers and Committee Chairs with their articles for the first time. These features have been added to help with any historical research in the future, since this information is added to our Website for each issue.



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