

Sound Archives

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[**Robert Frost in Gainesville, 1967.**](#) Archie Robertson and others talk about Frost's time in Gainesville.

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[**Seminole Legends, Dances and Religious Songs, 1957.**](#) A recording of Seminole legends and songs made at the Big Cypress Indian Reservation.

[**Seminole music, n.d.**](#) A recording of Seminole music made at the Brighton Reservation in the 1930s.

[**Seminole songs, 1954.**](#) Harry Jumper sings traditional Seminole songs. The recording was compiled by Frances Densmore under the auspices of the University of Florida.

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Recording by: Louis Capron

Title: Things You Don't Know About The Seminoles

Date: unknown

Duration: 0.10:39

File name : CAPRON 1

Identification: Tape recording 115

Originally recorded on reel to reel tape at 3.75 ips in mono.

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The tape does not record the complete talk by Capron. Generally it is understandable but some of the words are indistinct.

Apparently this is a talk which Louis Capron gave at the Palm Beach Historical Society. He mentions that one will have to hurry to learn about the Seminoles as the older people will die and many of the esoteric matters will be lost forever. He presents some historic background about their settling in the state of Florida and how their numbers had been depleted after the Civil War. The Council of Elders and the Clan System helped them to remain aloof and also to retain their culture. Capron explains the matrilineal clan system and mentions a particular case when the system caused a problem. He then talks about the medicine bundles and their importance to the Seminoles.

[Recording by: Louis Capron](#)

Title: Cowboys in Central Florida

Dates: nd

Duration: 0:21:54

File name : CAPRON 2

Identification: Tape recording 116

Originally recorded on reel to reel at 3.75 ips

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This recording consists of three segments. Louis Capron is the speaker for each. In the first segment he gives Lilly Capron's recipe for sweet potato pudding. He lists all the ingredients and explains how to mix and bake them. The second segment is a reading of the poem "Paul Revere's Ride" which is incomplete. The third is an account of cowboys in central Florida. It starts with mention of the type of dog presumably used on the cattle drives. Capron speaks of some of the equipment used by cowboys such as the type of rope, the bullwhip, and a knife. He mentions the round ups and how the cattle were branded with a branding iron before a drive. If a branding iron was not available a running iron was used. He explains how brands were sometimes altered by cattle rustlers but that the original brand could still sometimes be identified. Cattle had earmarks too and today the brands and earmarks are registered in Tallahassee. Capron mentions how horses were not shod as the soil in Florida was sandy and provided soft footing for the horses. He also mentions cattle drives and how pens were built to contain the cattle overnight. He mentions the use of "catch dogs" which would go after a bull which might break from the herd.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: J. Wayne Reitz Student Union
Dates: June 4, 1967
Duration: 0:32:02; 0:10:47
File name: JWRU1 and JWR1b
Identification: Tape recording 117

Originally recorded on two reel to reel tapes at 7.5 ips
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This is a recording of the dedication ceremony for the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union on June 4, 1967. The first tape begins with Charles H. Ferguson, Chair of the Board of Regents, giving some introductory remarks and then introducing each speaker. The speakers included: Floyd T. Christian, Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of Florida; J. Broward Culpepper, Chancellor of the Board of Regents; William E. Rion, Director of the J. Wayne Reitz Union; R. Charles Shepherd, President of the Student Body; and Bruce W. Flower, President of the J. Wayne Reitz Union Board. Each of the speakers mentions the planning that went into the Union and complimentary statements about J. Wayne Reitz in whose honor the building is named.

The second tape begins with the sound of applause and then Chester H. Ferguson mentions that the formal part of the presentation has concluded but that he wants to give Wayne an opportunity to make a few remarks. Hearty applause precedes the short speech made by President J. Wayne Reitz. He begins by thanking everyone and states that he had thought there was a precedent that buildings were not named for a person who still held office. Reitz says that he nevertheless is honored beyond all deserts. He mentions the nineteen years of planning which went into the building and the finances. He again thanks all. Ferguson then asks Fran (Frances Reitz) to come up and say hello to the people. She speaks very briefly and says how grateful they both are. The ceremony concludes with Chester Ferguson asking Delton L. Scudder, Chair of the Department of Religion to give the Benediction which is recorded.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Lester Hale reads the "Christmas Carol"
Dates: December 16, 1957
Duration: 0:60:67
File name : WRUF 10
Identification: Tape Recording 118

Originally recorded on three reel to reel tapes at 7.5 ips
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For a period of forty or more years the reading of the "Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was an annual event at the University of Florida. The event was sponsored by Sigma Nu and Dean of Students Lester Hale did the reading in the 1950s and 1960s. This recording is from December 16, 1957 and it was held in the University Auditorium. The Anderson Memorial organ, played by the University Organist Claude Murphre, is heard at intervals during the reading.

Recorded by: WRUF
Title: Theodore "Ted" Sorensen lecture
Dates: nd
Duration: 0:51:01
File name: WRUF 14
Identification: Audio recording 119

Originally recorded on reel to reel tape 7.5
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The year and the event are not indicated but the lecture occurred around the time that Sorensen's book *The Kennedy Legacy* was published (1969). After being introduced, Sorensen begins his lecture with several jokes. The tape stops but then continues. Sorensen speaks about the Kennedy legacy and Kennedy's effect on the Office of the President. He states that the model used by Kennedy was akin to that of Lincoln where the office bears the imprint of the personality of the man holding the office. Sorensen mentions the many areas on which President Kennedy had an effect (strengthening the American economy) as well as crises he faced (the Cuban missile crisis). Following his lecture there is a question and answer session. The tape concludes with one of the questions.

Recorded by: WRUF
Title: Dedication '72
Dates: February 13, 1972
Duration: 0:81:07
File name : WRUF 15
Identification: Tape recording 120

Originally recorded on reel to reel 7.5 ips
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Dedication '72 was part of the Dedicatory Performance Series for the University of Florida Music Building. Dedication '72 presents the musical compositions of Russell Danburg, a professor in the Department of Music. The concert was on Sunday, February 13, 2008 at the University Auditorium. Presented during the first part of the program are four instrumental works which Danburg composed at the request of students and faculty members. These compositions required anywhere from two to four instruments. The last number *Chorale and Fugue for String Quartet and Four Dancers* involved four musicians and a dance choreographed by Kim Tuttle for four dancers. After the intermission the first piece *Beyond Time* was composed expressly for the Dedication of the Music Building. The third and final work "Let Us Go Forth" is from the *Heritage of Freedom* (1961) in which Danburg set the Inaugural Address of President John F. Kennedy.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Religion-in-Life, Bishop Pike
Dates: January 24, 1967
Duration: 0:93:95
File name : WRUF 16
Identification: Tape recording 121

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Bishop James A. Pike's address was given as a part of Religion-in-Life Week at the University of Florida. The title of his talk was "The Real Conflict between Science and Religion" and it was given during the University Convocation. In this talk he suggests that advances and changes resulted in the church being in great peril with declining membership in churches and fewer young men entering the priesthood. He states that there is a conflict between science and religion but it is not the old conflict but rather one of methodology. There has been a change from believing what a bishop or president says because they are the authorities to one of judging what they say. He believes authority basis will lose out to empirical method.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Florida Future #1 – Earl Faircloth
Dates: ca. 1967
Duration: 0:14:28
Identification: Tape recording 122
File name: WRUF 1

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Herschel Connor introduces the program and the guest Earl Faircloth, attorney general of the state of Florida (1965-1971), and the interviewer Jack Detweiler. He also says that the program is produced by Radio Center of the University of Florida in cooperation with the Altrusa Club of Gainesville. In answer to what the biggest problems facing the state in the next ten years Faircloth mentions the need for a top flight educational system and the necessity to fight organized crime. Faircloth talks about the attorney general's role in fighting organized crime. Faircloth also gives a long reply to the question Detweiler asks about the three major areas in which Faircloth is interested (education, crime, and conservation) and why he is including conservation. Faircloth also mentions the (Ted) Randall - (Jerry) Thomas Bill and its ramifications.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Faculty Concert: Willis Bodine at the Organ
Dates: October 3, 1961
Duration: 0:30:40
Identification: Tape recording 128
File name: WRUF 24

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There do not appear to be any verbal announcements throughout this concert by Willis Bodine. The program as printed on the original box lists three compositions which include: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by J.S. Bach, Prelude on *Wenn Wir In Hochsten Noten Sein* by J. S. Bach, and Chorale in A Minor by Cesar Franck. According to the actual printed program two additional compositions were played in the second part of the program after the intermission. Bodine played the Anderson Memorial organ in the University Auditorium. Generally the sound quality is good although there is some fluctuation in volume.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Florida Future #14: Junior Colleges
Dates: 1967
Duration: 00:14:21
Identification: Tape recording 129
File name: WRUF 25

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Herschel Connor announces the program by posing several questions about junior colleges in the state of Florida and then states that the program is produced by Radio Center in cooperation with the Altrusa Club of Gainesville. Jack Detweiler interviews guest, James L. Wattenbarger, from the College of Education, who was a leader in Florida's effort to create a system of junior colleges.

The program probably took place in 1967. Detweiler asked his guest a series of pertinent questions related to the growth of junior colleges in the state such as why so many students choose to attend junior colleges, will there be an end to four year universities, how are the occupational programs faring, and what is the most important thing for people to know about junior colleges in the next ten years. The growth of junior colleges is the most significant thing in the interview. Beginning in 1957, enrollment grew from about six thousand students at four colleges to twenty-six junior colleges and a hundred thousand students in 1967.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Florida Future #16: Interview with Floyd Christian
Date: ca. 1967
Duration: 0:14:20
Identification: Tape recording 130
File name: WRUF 26

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Herschel Connor introduces the program by posing several questions and then mentions Floyd Christian, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He states that Florida Future series are produced by Radio Center in cooperation with the Altrusa Club of Gainesville.

Jack Detweiler asks a series of questions of his guest Floyd Christian which are answered in a forthright manner. One of the most interesting questions was when Detweiler asks what the state of Florida might face in the next ten years in terms of racial integration. Christian states that Florida has been a leader in the south. Even though there are still some trouble spots the citizens and the school people should be congratulated for doing such a fine job. Another important question is that of the rapid growth rate in Florida and how that has affected schools. Christian says that there has been some leveling off in grades one through twelve but that the increases in both junior colleges and senior institutions indicates that there cannot be cut backs in the planned growth program. Christian also discusses the matter of those who feel they should pay few taxes if they have no children. He states that if there were no cooperative funding for education then he wonders who would have paid for the education of these folks. He further says that public financing of education in this country goes back to the days before we were ever a nation when the colonists levied taxes for schools.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Florida Future #24: Poverty and Race Relations
Dates: ca.1969
Duration: 0:14:30
Identification: Tape recording 131
File name: WRUF 27

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Herschel Connor introduces the Florida Future with a set of questions. The series gave perspectives on the next ten years and was produced at Radio Center at the University of Florida with a grant from the Florida Department of Education.

The guest on this program is Neil Butler, chair of Gainesville's Human Relations Advisory Council and also the task force chair for the Coordinating Council of the Concerned. Neil Butler was also the first black mayor of the city of Gainesville. Jack Detweiler is the interviewer for the program. Detweiler first asks why Gainesville was chosen by the governor as Florida's first model city in the state's anti poverty program. Butler admits that he does not know why Governor Kirk chose Gainesville but that it was possibly due to the progressive atmosphere in the city. Detweiler asks about the role of the Human Relations Advisory Council. Butler then gives an interesting account of how a particular bar was desegregated and the role various people played in this effort. Detweiler asks questions about the role of the task force and the team members. Butler's answers demonstrate the interaction the team members (mainly white persons) had by going into the black community and how that has helped. When asked where team members were drawn from Butler states that they come from labor, student government, officials of the city government, church groups, social clubs and basically all those people who care.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Claude Murphree, University Organist
Dates: May 12, 1957
Duration: 0:61:75
Identification: Tape recording 132
Filename: WRUF 28

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The tape is a concert given by Claude Murphree who served as the University of Florida Organist from 1925 until his death in 1958. He was a skilled organist and gave many concerts at the University of Florida on the Anderson Memorial Organ as well as in other locations. The program on this tape includes the following compositions: Sonata No. 1, in A Minor by Felix Borowski, *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* by J.S. Bach, *Symphony in B Minor* by Alee Rowley, *Daguerreotype of an Old Mother* by Harvey B. Gaul, *Fantasy on Nursery Tunes* by Robert Elmore, and *Sonata in E Minor* by James H. Rogers. The sound quality is not particularly good but Murphree's mastery is still evident.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Inauguration of Stephen C. O'Connell
Dates: October 8, 1968
Duration: 1:30:45
Identification: Tape recording 133
File name: WRUF 29

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This tape includes the complete inaugural ceremony for Stephen Cornelius O'Connell when he was installed as the sixth president of the University of Florida. All that is missing from the tape is the musical prelude. The convocation took place in the Florida Gymnasium on Tuesday, October 8, at 9:30 AM.

After the processional the invocation was given by Reverend U.S. Gordon. Chester H. Ferguson, the Chairman of the Florida Board of Regents presided over the event. He introduced and recognized some of the important visitors and mentions that the governor and members of his cabinet are not present as their planes cannot land (probably due to weather conditions). Greetings are offered to the President by representatives of the students, the faculty, the alumni, and the State of Florida. As the governor (Claude R. Kirk, Jr.) did not arrive the greeting was extended by Tom Adams, the secretary of State.

After his official induction, O'Connell delivers his inaugural address. This is followed by the awarding of honorary degrees to Edith Briston Tigert, Rt. Reverend Msgr. Jeremiah P. O'Mahoney, Elvis J. Stahr, and Jack K. Williams. The Thomas Jefferson Award was given to Dr. Gerald Langford. The inaugural convocation concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater, the benediction by Rabbi Simeon Kobrinetz, and the recessional.

Recording by: WRUF

Title: Lecture by Michael Gannon on History of St. Augustine

Dates: ?

Duration: 0:48:91

Identification: Tape recording 134

File name: WRUF 30

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Approximately the first third of this tape is inaudible even at the highest volume level. Once the tape is audible then Dr. Gannon's voice can be heard giving a lecture on the history of St. Augustine, Florida. He mentions the Nombre de Dios mission which he says was the birthplace of Christianity as well as scholarly activity in this country. He recounts the singular success of the Spanish in America with their establishment of missions and the activity of missionary work among the Indians. He then tells how the missions were systematically destroyed by the English in the period of 1702 to 1708. Gannon also relates how the Indians were also wantonly killed. Following his talk there is a question and answer session in which questions are asked pertaining to certain aspects of Gannon's lecture as well as present day activities such as the restoration of the old city of St. Augustine. Because of what is mentioned at the conclusion it seems apparent that one or two of the men present were in the process of producing a film about the city.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Interview of Dr. Maxine Margolies
Dates: 1976
Duration: 0:28:50
Identification: Tape recording 135
File name: WRUF 31

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Michael Gannon, host of the radio show Point of View, interviews anthropology professor Maxine Margolies concerning the changing role of women in American society due. Margolies states that surprisingly women spent about 53 hours per week in 1926 but that fifty years later (according to labor department statistics) women now spend 56 hours per week on household tasks. This increase took place despite labor saving devices and Margolies thinks that it is due to higher standards and life style. Many other things are discussed such as the status of women, the percentage of women who work full-time, equal pay, and the changes which have occurred in the home and work place. Margolies mentions that President Carter has even mentioned a woman or a black as a possible running mate. She states that this would not have even been discussed twenty years ago.

This program was prepared for broadcast at Radio Center at the College of Journalism and Communication at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: "Point of View" Interview of Erich Farber
Dates: July 5, 1976
Duration: 0:28:28
Identification: Tape recording 136
File name: WRUF 32

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The program begins with program host Michael Gannon quoting M. King Hubbard that the United States is running low on natural gas and oil and will soon exhaust these resources. Gannon says that Americans are listening to this and are beginning to consider other sources of energy including sun power. Gannon's guest is Dr. Erich Farber, professor of mechanical engineering and director of the solar energy lab and the energy conservation lab at the University of Florida. Throughout Farber answers Gannon's questions about solar energy, the solar house on the UF campus, the equipment, and the availability of that equipment.

Recording by: WRUF (Gainesville, Florida)
Title: Point of View: Interview of Dr. Wilse Webb
Dates: 1975
Duration: 0:27:31
Identification: Tape recording 137
File name: WRUF 33

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This tape is a recording of the series "Point of View." The host is Dr. Michael Gannon and the guest is Dr. Wilse Webb a professor of psychology at the University of Florida and an internationally known authority on sleep. Gannon begins by mentioning Webb's book Sleep: The Gentle Tyrant (1975). Webb answers questions about the nature of sleep, why we need to sleep, how much sleep is needed, why some people have difficulty sleeping, and the nature of dreams. She also talks about encephalogram (EEG) studies on brain waves and dream states.

Recording by: WRUF (Gainesville, Florida)
Title: Point of View: The Place of Women in American Society
Dates: ca. 1975
Duration: 0:28:30
Identification: Tape recording 138
File name: WRUF 34

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This tape is from the series Point of View and the theme was the place of women in American society. In this program Dr. Michael Gannon interviews guests Dr. Irene Thompson, associate professor of English, and Dr. Mary Ellen Caldwell, professor of law. Many issues are discussed such as salaries for women, the role of Affirmative Action and how this has mandated equal pay for equal work, the paradox of legal redress and the decreasing numbers of women seeking positions which require a higher level of education, the effect equitable salaries has had on the family and the role of men as fathers and husbands, and the importance of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Recording by: WRUF (Gaineville, Florida)
Title: Point of View: Interview of Richard Hiers
Dates: ca. 1975
Duration: 0:28:28
Identification: Tape recording 139
File name: WRUF 35

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A recording of program #37 in the Point of View series. The topic is entitled "The Bible and Modern Research". Dr. Michael Gannon interviews Dr. Richard Hiers, professor of religion at the University of Florida. They discuss the revolution in scripture study in both the old and new testaments over the past 100 years. Gannon also asks Hiers about the position of the Department of Religion at UF and Hiers explains that there is not an attempt to teach a particular view but rather to try to teach students about the events that precipitated biblical faith. Toward the end of the program they talk about some of the important developments such as the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and archaeological excavations.

Recording by: WRUF (Gainesville, Florida)
Title: Inauguration of UF President J. Hillis Miller
Dates: March 5, 1948
Duration: 0:45:50
Identification: Tape recording 140
File name: WRUF 36

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The tape begins with J. Hillis Miller's Inaugural Address. The preceding events are missing. Miller begins his speech by mentioning Florida's good economic health. He mentions the huge growth in enrollment in higher education and he outlines three areas of development to meet this need. He then focuses on the University of Florida and stresses the needs which must be met such as the construction of new buildings. In particular he mentions the plans to build a new chemistry building as well as six new dormitories. Miller also suggests that not just buildings are needed to have a great university but the university also has to be a great cultural center. After his speech concludes the conferring of honorary degrees takes place. Five were awarded but the first two are missing from the tape. The citation to Governor Millard F. Caldwell, the singing of the Alma Mater, the Benediction, and the Recessional conclude the tape.

The sound quality is not good especially near the end of the tape when there is a lot of cracking and popping sounds.

Recorded by: WRUF (Gainesville, Florida)
Title: Visit of Vice President Nixon to the University of Florida
Dates: 1960
Duration: 00:96:72
Identification: Tape recording 141
File name: WRUF 37

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This tape documents the visit of Vice President Richard M. Nixon to the University of Florida campus in the fall of 1960. It begins with his arrival at the Gainesville airport where he is welcomed by UF President J. Wayne Reitz, student body president Joe Ripley, Hugh Edwards, and Gainesville mayor S. J. "Red" Atkins. The UF band plays and the announcer comments on the delay of the flight, Nixon's itinerary for the evening, and what is occurring at the airport. Nixon speaks briefly to those gathered to greet him.

Nixon had been invited to the University of Florida as a part of the speakers' series which was held in the Florida Gymnasium. Nixon tells the audience that with President Reitz's approval he has asked that the format be changed and that he will answer questions from five distinguished panelists rather than give a speech as he felt it would be more informative. The five panelists included Dr. Lyle McAlister (the head of the History Department), Sandra Dennison (president of the Women's Student Association), Ralph Turlington (state legislative representative), Joe Ripley, and Dr. Kenneth Black (professor in the College of Law). Each asks a question which is related to current events in the United States such as the Commission on Civil Rights, summit talks and world peace, the role of the World Court, the recent settlement of the steel strike, the role of the federal government in education, and civil rights. The questions and answers provide an interesting historical perspective.

The session concludes with Nixon mentioning his optimism about the role young people will play in the future and he thanks the audience for their patience. Reitz thanks Nixon and then presents Pat Nixon to the audience. The announcer, Rex Anthony, gives a few concluding remarks and further states that the broadcast was live from the Florida Gymnasium before an audience of about 10,000. He mentions that Nixon was accompanied on this trip by his wife and by Herb Kaplow of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).

Recorded by: WRUF (Gainesville, Florida)

Title: Tigert Hall Dedication

Date: October 15, 1960

Duration: 00:47:60

Identification: Tape recording 142

File name: WRUF 4

Originally recorded on reel to reel tape at 7.5 ips

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The tape is a presentation of the naming ceremony for the administration building honoring former University of Florida President John J. Tigert. The ceremony took place on the lawn in front of the new building. Because the street is adjacent to the lawn there is a fair amount of traffic noise throughout the ceremony.

President J. Wayne Reitz's voice is first heard welcoming people. Dr. U.S. Gordon gives the invocation and then Dr. Reitz introduces Charles Archibald Robertson. Robertson relates Dr. Tigert's many achievements at the University of Florida. The speakers who follow are each introduced by President Reitz. They include Mr. Raymer Maguire, Dr. Madison Sarrett, and Mr. J. J. Daniel. The Phi Delta Theta sings one of their fraternity songs in honor of their fellow member, Dr. Tigert, but the singing can barely be heard. Dr. Tigert asks that Reitz recognize Klein Graham who has contributed so much to the University and Dr. Reitz does so. The ceremony concludes with a short benediction by U.S. Gordon.

Recorded by: WRUF
Title: "Electric Man and the End of the Neolithic" – Marshall McLuhan
Dates: July 23, 1965
Duration: 0:89:71
Identification: Tape recording 143
File name: WRUF 5

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This lecture was the fourth in a series of lectures sponsored by the University College in 1965.

McLuhan's talk focused on how electronic communications from the telegraph to television radically changed our environment. Rather than a tool based culture (where tools were an extension of the human body) we became an information based one. In the very beginning of his lecture he mentions the disappearance of the story line and any unifying connection. The novel Ulysses by James Joyce and newspapers are given as examples of this phenomenon. He mentions the role of artists which is to create anti-environments to enable people to perceive their environment because otherwise the environment is invisible to them. The sudden leap out of the Neolithic Period with its fragmented technologies into an integral world of circuitry is as drastic a leap as man has taken in any period of evolution. McLuhan concludes by saying that until now there has been no strategy to cope with the advent of a new technology. Following his talk a question and answer period follows which is interesting.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Inauguration of J. Wayne Reitz
Dates: February 17, 1955
Duration: 0:12:31
Identification: Tape recording 144
File name: WRUF 21

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This is a short tape with excerpts from the inaugural ceremony of J. Wayne Reitz and the installation of him as President of the University of Florida. Fred H. Kent, chair of the Board of Control presides. President Reitz speaks and his address consists of two short excerpts. He mentions the three things a university should undertake and he expands on each of them. The tape concludes with Reitz mentioning the problem of increasing enrollment and that quality should not be sacrificed. He suggests that there is an urgent need to support a sound program of junior colleges.

[See also Moving Image Collection 7](#)

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Robert Frost in Gainesville
Dates: March 23, 1967
Duration: 0:55:05
Identification: Tape recording 145
File name: WRUF 22

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Michael E. Wayda interviews Dr. Archie Robertson, professor emeritus of English, who had been a friend of the poet Robert Frost. Wayda asks a number of questions regarding Frost's poetry and Robertson's friendship with the poet. Robertson first became aware of the poetry of Robert Frost when he was a senior at the University of Florida (1914 and 1915). He first met Frost in 1938 when Frost read his poetry to a small group of faculty and students in a room on the second floor of the Florida Union.

Frost lived in Gainesville but left soon after the sudden death of his wife and did not return until Robertson met with him a few years later in Boston at the request of Lesley, Frost's daughter, who was visiting in Gainesville at that time. From then on Robert Frost had a long association with the University of Florida from 1946-1960. He generally came every spring around March 10th or March 12th.

Robertson mentions Frost's love of walking in the woods and how he often walked from the Robertsons' cottage (where he was often their house guest) to campus. He mentions the visit Frost and he made to visit Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings after a bad accident she had. Robertson also talks about the outward demeanor of Frost and how affable he was.

A short interview with Mrs. H. G. Metcalf, who was principal of Kirby Smith Elementary School for twenty-one years, follows the Robertson interview. Mrs. Metcalf mentions how she met the Frosts and briefly relates how Lesley's two girls, Lee and Eleanor, were enrolled in Kirby Smith. She tells of the sudden death of Mrs. Frost from a heart attack and the shock it was to Robert her husband and how he would later come yearly to the University of Florida to read his poetry.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Arnold J. Toynbee – “The Role of the Generalist”
Dates: 1965
Duration: 0:51:83
Identification: Tape recording 146
File name: WRUF 6

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Byron S. Hollinshead comments about the University College lecture series and introduces Dr. Harry Philpott, Vice President of the University of Florida, who will introduce the speaker. Dr. Philpott comments on the great impact on the intellectual life of the world that the 10 volumes of A Study of History by Arnold B. Toynbee has had.

Arnold B. Toynbee first says he wants to add to the title of his talk which now will be “The Role of the Generalist in the new world into which we are now moving”. Since World War II many U.S. citizens are now working abroad and that they now need to know much more than their parents or grandparents knew. The configuration of the world has changed. In early history there were self contained groups which led life independently and often knew nothing about the existence of other groups of people. He states that all this has changed and that we are living in one and the same world. Even those groups still in a pre-civilization stage are rapidly being absorbed into the wider culture.

Toynbee states that ninety-nine percent of human history has so far been spent in a food gathering stage, one percent in the agricultural phase, and one-half of one percent in the civilization stage. He stresses the importance of remembering prehistory as knowledge of it is very important to our present day problems. Likewise it is important to have a general view of the universe. Specialization is important but one needs to acquire a general knowledge of science and the humanities.

A question and answer period follows his talk. The questions are related to his lecture. The last questioner asks if it is better for those abroad to be generalists. Toynbee suggests that it is and that one needs to have some knowledge about the people of the country where one is in order to better understand their state of mind. He mentions Vietnam and that everyone he has spoken with in America gives the American point of view but there is no discussion about how it would be viewed from the perspective of a Vietnamese person. He finally says that ordinary American citizens have to know a lot about the whole world. He ends with, “this is something quite new in American experience”.

Recorded by: WRUF
Title: Erskine Caldwell Lecture
Dates: February 25, 1965
Duration: 0:74:93
Identification: Tape recording 147
File name: WRUF 8

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At the beginning of the tape a woman welcomes people and states that the Forums Committee of the Florida Union Board has brought outstanding political and literary speakers to the UF campus for the series. She then mentions the background and achievements of the guest speaker, the title of his talk "Out of the Caldwell Workshop", and then introduces Mr. Erskine Caldwell to the audience.

Caldwell begins his talk with several amusing stories. He then mentions his own writing history and how his acquisition of a typewriter, when he was in high school, formed a continuing thread in his writing career. He mentions how the typewriter is both a symbolic and practical tool. Several stories are related about his experiences carrying a typewriter with him at all times in the United States and around the world. The first story is an account of renting a room in a hotel in Baltimore. He then launches into a discussion of literature and the ability to discern the difference between good and bad writing. If one reads only predigested books then one cannot learn to tell the difference. According to Caldwell such acceptance encourages intolerance. He feels that the more a person learns the more tolerant he becomes. He suggests that students today should be given more credit than they have been for the progressive changes introduced into American life. Finally he mentions the matter of censorship and briefly mentions his own experiences with having to defend his writings in court.

He closes by mentioning the hope that young writers will base their fiction on good old rousing story telling and hopes that you will be among them. There is a question and answer period but only one question is asked and then the woman who introduced Caldwell asks attendees to come to the reception for Mr. Caldwell in the Bryan Lounge.

A second part of the talk is included on the tape. Duplication is found in the first and last parts but the middle portion of his talk concerns what makes a writer and why a person decides to write. The rest of the tape then is a duplication of the earlier part of the tape in which he talks about the typewriter.

Recorded by: WRUF

Title: Vice President Hubert Humphrey Speech at the FBK Banquet

Dates: 1966

Duration: 0:32:52 (0:57:34)

Identification: Tape recording 148

File name: WRUF 9

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The tape begins with Vice President Hubert Humphrey thanking dignitaries present. Most of the early part of Humphrey's talk is a series of jokes and humorous asides.

Vice President Humphrey then begins his more serious address. He commends President Reitz , the Board of Regents, the governor, the legislature, and the great citizens of the state of Florida in having expanded and improved one of the great universities in America. He mentions the dedication of the new law school and the fine health center.

He then speaks about the political scene and mentions the trip of President Johnson to Thailand and how important it is to focus attention on Asia. We need to impress upon those who threaten their neighbors in Asia that we will in concert with others resist their aggression. The President has said that the central principle of his administration is reconciliation and Humphrey expands on this theme. He mentions that people need hope and that the Alliance for Progress can do for Latin America what the Marshall Plan did for western Europe. War is more costly than any aid and America needs to lead but needs cooperation from other nations. He mentions how our economy is the miracle of the world and that it was not government which did this alone but rather the partnership of government, business, labor, and the university. Thus it is important that investments are made in health, training, cities, retraining, and equality in the ballot.

Finally he mentions the challenge we are facing today in the proliferation of nuclear weapons and that the highest national priority is that of the nuclear non proliferation treaty. He concludes his talk with thanks for his being here and he praises Florida Blue Key.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Florida Future: Manning Dauer interview
Dates: ?
Duration: 0:14:10
Identification: Tape recording 149
File name: WRUF 12

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Herschel Connor introduces the program Florida Future produced by Radio Center and the University of Florida in cooperation with the Altrusa Club of Gainesville. Manning Dauer, the chair of the Department of Political Science and author of *Florida's Reapportionment Program*, is the guest on this program and Jack Detweiler is the interviewer. Throughout the interview Detweiler asks pertinent questions about problems in local government and distinctions between city and county government. Dauer answers the questions succinctly and knowledgeably. For instance, he suggests that the distinction between city and county is no longer valid particularly because both want and need the same goods and services.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Religion in Life: Max Lerner
Dates: January 1965
Duration: 0:29:40
Identification: Tape recording 150
File name: WRUF 13

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The announcer states that this presentation is the final lecture in Religion in Life whose major theme this year was "The Enmities of Man". He then provides some background information about the noted speaker, Dr. Max Lerner. The title of Dr. Lerner's talk is, "The Five Revolutions in America". He mentions two types of revolution, the type which entails a seizure of power by direct action and the type which is an accelerated pace of change. He states that this is a new age which is computer geared and information driven and he hopes that it will not be a brave new world sucked dry of human values. His dream is of an emergent man who meets the challenges of his time with alertness but is not dehumanized. Lerner then begins to talk about the five revolutions. The first he discusses is that of weapons technology and his concern with nations stockpiling weapons so that their overkill capacity exceeds that of other nations. Eventually he mentions the second revolution that of technology. He makes a distinction between the tragic and the pathetic. The tape ends there and the concluding tape was not found.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Norman Thomas speech
Dates: February 20, 1963
Duration: 0:63:37
Identification: Tape recording 151
File name: WRUF 17

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A man is heard introducing Norman Thomas. He welcomes those present on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville and the University Liberal Forum. He states that Thomas's talk is on "New Ways Toward Peace".

Thomas begins by stating that he wants to combat the idea that a great war is inevitable either because of fate or because of the wickedness of the secular world. He also wants to combat the idea that we are doing all we can do to avoid war. He mentions some of the reasons wars have been fought in the past and goes on to say that a nuclear war is unthinkable because of the devastation which would result. Thomas also mentions the garrison state and states that the worship of the great god military leads to the taking away of our basic rights. In order to have peace we need to do more such as work toward disarmament but that this is not the sole means to peace. We must substitute law for war which requires the strengthening of the United Nations. At the conclusion of his talk he pulls together four strands - disarmament, strengthening a federated authority such as the UN, a progressive attack on the crises of our own making, and disengaging from dubious commitments beyond our wisdom and strength - to create a lifeline to peace.

Recording by: WRUF

Title: Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson speaks at the Florida Blue Key banquet

Dates: October 27, 1961

Duration: 0.1.22.23

Identification: Tape recording 152

File name: WRUF 18

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James (Jim) Quincey, president of Florida Blue Key, begins the proceedings. He recognizes four professors who are to be commended for their academic contributions and Quincey asks the Honorable Spessard Holland to present the certificates. The four professors are: Robert E. Carson, Armin Henry Gropp, Ernest R. Bartley, and Ants Oras. Quincey then introduces the Toastmaster, former governor Fuller Warren. What follows is a very long introduction of distinguished banquet guests interspersed with comments both humorous and serious. Coach Ray Graves says a few words and President J. Wayne Reitz gives a short welcome. Finally Warren introduces Senator George A. Smathers who then introduces Vice President Johnson.

Johnson gives a fairly lengthy talk and he concentrates on the threat of communism and the Soviet Union. He emphasizes the strengths of America both militarily and economically. But Johnson suggests that the most effective tactic that the communists could use is to plant seeds of doubt so that Americans lose confidence in themselves. Toward the conclusion of his speech he mentions the young men who are putting on uniforms to serve their country. He concludes with a story and thanks to all.

Bob Gunn leads in the singing of the Alma Mater accompanied by Willis Bodine on organ.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: Florida Future: E. T. York and Florida Agriculture
Dates: ca. 1970
Duration: 0:14:29
Identification: Tape recording 153
File name: WRUF 19

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E. T. York, the Provost of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) is interviewed by Jack Detweiler. Detweiler asks E.T. York various questions about the state of Florida agriculture such as the trends, the effect of the program Operation DARE (Developing Agricultural Resources Effectively), the future of small farms, what role the University of Florida is playing, and other questions. The DARE program studied a ten year period from 1965-1975 and during the program York mentions that the program is at the halfway point so this radio program was probably broadcast around 1970.

Recording by: WRUF
Title: University Concert: Elwyn Adams
Dates: 1972
Duration: 0:28:11
Identification: Tape recording 154
File name: WRUF 23

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An announcer states that this broadcast is another in the series of "University Concert" from Radio Center in cooperation with the University of Florida Department of Music. The program features Elwyn Adams, a violinist and associate professor in the Department of Music, who is accompanied by Yuri Yamamoto Smylie on piano. The first part of the program is sections one and two of the Mozart Sonata in F Major while the second part consists of compositions from Portugal, Spain, and Brazil.

Recorded by: Ronald L. Hayes
Title: Dean Lester Hale reads the *Christmas Carol*
Date: December 1, 1970
Duration: 73:53
Identification: Tape recording 155

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The reading of the *Christmas Carol* in the University Auditorium was a University of Florida tradition for many years. Dean of Students Lester Hale continued the tradition in the 1950s and was the reader until the early 1970s. This recording was made by Ronald L. Hayes, Broadcasting '70, on December 1, 1970. Other performers, including organist, Helen Bell Jones, and carillonneur, Willis Bodine, are listed in the accompanying program. CDs and programs donated by Ronald Hayes.