

Guide to

Florida Southern College
Campus Publications
1893 - Present

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General Information:

Academic Catalogs and Bulletins:

These catalogs and bulletins detail course information, faculty lists, as well as college policies. Also included in the collection are specific editions for academic schools and semesters, such as summer school sessions.

The McKay Archives contains catalogs and bulletins from 1893-1894; 1895-1896; 1897-1898; 1904-1905; 1907-1908; 1911; 1912-1914; 1916-1917; 1920-Present. More recent academic catalogs can also be viewed online at:

<https://www.flsouthern.edu/about/academics/catalog.aspx>.

Athletics Media Guides and Record Books:

These booklets provide information on the different sports that form the Athletics program at Florida Southern College. Media guides provide seasonal information for the sport, while record books provide historical information and data about each sport. Such data can include schedules, athlete information as well as box score data.

Both media guides and record books can be found in the FSC Athletics Records collection at the McKay Archives: <https://www.flsouthern.edu/getattachment/library/archives/finding-aids/FSC-Athletics-Records-Box-List-Updated-June-2022-1.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>. The most recent record book for each sport can be also found online on the FSC Athletics webpage at <https://fscmocs.com/index.aspx>.

Alumni Newsletters

A College alumni newsletter began as early as 1929 and has undergone various name changes throughout the years. Most recently, the publication is a magazine titled *Southernnews*, which is distributed seasonally to alumni. Another alumni publication was the *SUMPthing* email newsletter, which was distributed from 2002-2005, 2009-2010, and in 2019.

The McKay Archives contains alumni newsletters from 1929 and 1944 through present. *Southernnews* Issues from 2011 to 2022 can also be found online at <https://www.flsouthern.edu/alumni-giving/alumni/southern-news.aspx>.

Campus History Books

Multiple books have been written about the College throughout the decades. Below is a selection of books that were written by Florida Southern faculty and staff members during their respective tenures at the College.

Florida Southern College: The First 100 years

Written by Assistant to the President Ted Haggard, this book details the history of the College from its beginnings in Orlando, Florida in 1883 to the celebration its centennial in 1985.

This book can be also viewed online at

<https://archives.flsouthern.edu/digital/collection/p15558coll1/id/969/rec/3>.

Of Fact and Fancy

Edited by then College Chancellor Charles Thrift, Jr. in 1979, this anthology contains essays written by various members of the FSC community, such as faculty, staff, alumni, and Trustees.

This book can also be viewed online at

<https://archives.flsouthern.edu/digital/collection/p15558coll1/id/733/rec/4>.

History of the Citrus Institute, Florida Southern College: 1947-1993

Written by Professor Thomas B. Mack in 1993, this book details the history of Florida Southern's Citrus Institute (founded in 1947) as well as Mack's reflections and experiences as a professor at the College.

Through Three Decades

Written by then College Vice President Charles Thrift, Jr. in 1955, this book details President Ludd M. Spivey's first thirty years as President of Florida Southern College.

This book can also be viewed online at

<https://archives.flsouthern.edu/digital/collection/p15558coll1/id/566/rec/6>.

Student Handbooks

The Student Handbooks produced by the College provide insights into student life, such as information about student residences and the regulations students have had to follow over the years. From the 1930s to the 1960s, the student handbook was known as the "S" Book.

The McKay Archives has student handbooks dating back to 1934 until 2000.

Student-Led Publications:

Cantilevers Literary Magazine

Started in 1989, *Cantilevers* is an annual student-run literary magazine that features poetry, short stories, photography, and other works of art created by students.

The McKay Archives has issues dating back to 1989 through present.

The Southern Student Newspaper

The Southern, Florida Southern College's student newspaper, was first published in August 1908 when the College was located in Sutherland, Florida. After a fire in 1921, the College temporarily located to Clearwater, Florida and publication of *The Southern* was put on hiatus. In 1922, the College moved to Lakeland, Florida, and *The Southern* resumed publication.

The McKay Archives' collection contains physical issues from 1908 to 2020 and 2022 to 2023. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, issues after March 2020 were published online only until Fall 2022 when physical distribution resumed. Issues digitized by the McKay Archives can be viewed at: <https://cdm15558.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/search/collection/Southern>. More recent issues can be viewed at: <http://fscsouthern.com/e-edition/>.

Yearbooks

The first student yearbook was published in 1911 as *Surf 1911* in Sutherland, Florida. The *Alligator 1912* followed the year. Publication of the yearbook ceased after 1912 and restarted in 1924 as the *Interlaken*, once the College had found its home in Lakeland. In 1926, the first *Interlachen* yearbook was published. In the 1935 edition, Professor Harris Sims (Class of 1928) wrote a brief history detailing the first fifty years of the College. Beginning in 2005, *The Interlachen* began digital publication on CD-ROMs and by 2009, the yearbook became fully digital. *The Interlachen*, as a yearbook, ceased publication in 2016. However, in recent years, the name has been revived in the form of a student magazine, named *Interlaken*, featuring student-created articles and photo essays.

The McKay Archives collection contains yearbooks from 1911-1912, 1924, 1926-2016 as well as *Interlaken* issues from 2018-2019. Yearbooks from 1911-1912, 1924, 1926-2013 can also be viewed online at <https://archive.org/details/flsouthern?and%5B%5D=subject%3A%22College+yearbooks--Florida%22&sort=date>.

Fine Arts Events:

Child of the Sun Music Festival

The Child of the Sun Jazz Festival began in 1987 with its name coming from Frank Lloyd Wright's description of Florida Southern as "every building is out of the ground, into the light; a child of the sun."

The McKay Archives has programs for the festival from 1987 through 1995.

Festival of Fine Arts

Originally known as the Concert-Lecture Series, the Festival of Fine Arts began in 1970. The event series included performances from both College artists as well as outside performers, such as orchestras, dancers, and circus performers.

The McKay Archives has programs from 1970 through present.

Vagabonds Programs

Founded in 1927, the Vagabonds is the College's acting group and is the longest running club on campus.

The McKay Archives has programs for productions performed by the Vagabonds from the 1930s through 2009.

Restrictions:

None

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