September 27

Marin Dyckman
St. Petersburg Times, Retired

“LEON COLLINS: FLORIDIAN OF HIS CENTER”

Long considered the dean of Florida political journalists, Martin Dyckman reported on Florida government and politics for the St. Petersburg Times for more than forty years. Joining the Times staff soon after graduating from Florida State University, he served as the newspaper’s Tallahassee news bureau chief from 1969-76. Admired for his investigative journalism and hard hitting commentaries, Dyckman’s reporting uncovered numerous scandals and ethical lapses in state government. In the early 1970s Dyckman’s investigative journalism exposed a corruption and ethics scandal on the Florida Supreme Court. After a brief stint in the Times’ Washington bureau, he returned to Florida in 1979 to join the paper’s editorial board. Dyckman has won numerous awards for his work, including the distinguished service award of the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors, the Silver Gavel of the American Bar Association, the Associated Press Managing Editors Association public service award, and the Medal of Honor Award of the Florida Bar Foundation. Since retiring from the Times, Dyckman has put his journalism skills to work in writing history and biography. His first effort in the award-winning Floridaan of His Century: The Governor of Governor LeRoy Collins. Currently he is at work on a biography of former Florida governor Reubin Askew. His forthcoming work, A Most Disorderly Court: Scandal and Reform in the Florida Judiciary, will be released in 2008. Dyckman and his wife, Gay, reside in St. Petersburg, North Carolina. The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise

A native of Greenvile, N. Y. and graduate of Harvard College in 1962, Michael Grunwald is an award-winning reporter and writer. Grunwald worked for the Boston Globe and the Washington Post, and is now a senior correspondent for Time magazine. He won the George Polk Award for national reporting, the Livingston Award for investigative reporting, and the Society of Environmental Journalists award for in-depth reporting. In 2006, Simon & Schuster published his first book, The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise, which won the Florida Book Award’s Gold Medal for Non-Fiction. Mike lives in Miami Beach with his wife, Cristina Dominguez, a former attorney who now runs a Marimelko boutique, and their Boston terriers, Shamu and Candy.

October 11

Michael Grunwald
TIME Magazine

“The Swamp: The Everglades”

November 15

Stuart McIver
Author, Lighthouse Point, Florida

“DEATH IN THE EVERGLADES: THE SLAYING OF GUY BRADLEY”

A graduate of the University of North Carolina and native of the Tarheel state, Stuart McIver is the author of 14 books and nearly 500 magazine articles. Before moving to Florida in 1962, McIver worked at the Greensboro Daily News, the Charlotte News, and the Baltimore Sun. McIver’s latest book is Death in the Everglades, the story of the murder of Audubon volunteer Guy Bradley in 1905. His fascination with the Everglades dates back to the 1960s when he was a writer in producing documentary films, one of which, Alligator, won a Silver Medal at the Venice (Italy) Film Festival. His other books include Hemmingway: Key West and the Florida Chronicles Series: Dreamers, Schemers, and Scoundrels, Murder in the Tropics, and Trapped by the Sun. McIver edited the South Florida Historical Magazine for 22 years and is a former president of the Florida Chapter of the Mystery Writers of America and the Writers Network of South Florida. McIver and his wife, Join, are the parents of five children and live in Lighthouse Point, just north of Fort Lauderdale.

December 19

Les Standiford
Professor of English, Florida International University

“HUNTER FLASHER: LAST TRAIN TO PARADISE”

Les Standiford is the best-selling author of 14 books, including the novels Bone Key and Havana Run. He has also authored critically acclaimed works of non-fiction, Last Train to Paradise: Henry Flager and the Spectacular Rise and Fall of the Florida East Coast Railroad, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Non-Fiction. Mike lives in Miami Beach with his wife, Cristina Dominguez, a former attorney who now runs a Marimelko boutique, and their Boston terriers, Shamu and Candy.

January 31

Les Standiford
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“A Most Dangerous Man: MANNERS AND MICE IN ANDREW JACKSON’S WHITE HOUSE”

A graduate of Canisius College and the University of Notre Dame, John F. Marszalek taught at Gannon University, before coming to Mississippi State University in 1973. A specialist in the U. S. Civil War, the Jacksonian Period, and race relations, he is the author or editor of thirteen books and over 250 articles and book reviews. His most well-known books are Sherman, A Soldier’s Passion for Order (1993), The Petticoat Affair: Manners, Mutiny, and Sex in Andrew Jackson’s White House (1998), and Commander of All Lincoln’s Armies, A Life of General Henry W. Halleck (2004), all Choice Book Club selections. His publications have been the subject of major news stories in national newspapers including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. He is a popular lecturer and has appeared on ABC, CBS, CNN, and NBC Television, the Arts and Entertainment Network, C-SPAN, C-SPAN 2, Showtime Television, the History Channel, the Voice of America and Mississippi Public Radio. He is recipient of numerous teaching and literary awards, including the Richard Wright Literary Award and the B.L.C. Wales Award for national distinction in history. Marszalek is married to the former Jeanine Kromer, and they have three sons and three grandchildren.

February 28

David H. Jackson
Florida A&M University

“BOOKER T. WASHINGTON COMES TO FLORIDA”

A highly sought after public speaker, Atlanta native, David Jackson holds degrees from Florida A & M University and from the University of Memphis (Ph.D.). Before joining the FAMU faculty Jackson worked in private industry and as a high school teacher, earning accolades as Memphis City School system’s “Most Influential Teacher” for two years. Jackson won the Rettler Pride award for Community Leadership and the FAMU Teacher of the Year Award, and was named Advanced Teacher of the Year in 2006. He has published over a dozen scholarly articles and presented papers at numerous professional conferences. He is the author or co-author of A Chief Lieutenant of the Tuskegee Machine: Charles Banks of Mississippi (Gainesville, 2002), Retrieving the American Past (2005), and Go Sound the Trumpet: Selections in Florida’s African American History (Tampa, 2005). He currently works at a bank and length book study of Booker T. Washington’s southern travels from 1908 to 1912. Dr. Jackson has served as an historical consultant to many organizations and agencies, including the Florida National Register Review Board and the Florida Historical Commission. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors for the John G. Riley House Museum and Cultural Center in Tallahassee. Jackson and his wife, Sheila, live in Tallahassee with their two children, David III and Daja.

March 13

John F. Marszalek
Giles Distinguished Professor of History, Mississippi State University, Retired

“THE PETTICOAT AFFAIR: MANNERS AND MICE IN ANDREW JACKSON’S WHITE HOUSE”

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