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Hoekstra: My first question is, were you the first person to attend Florida State University in your family; or to attend college or---

Pope: No---

Hoekstra: Was it a long standing tradition?

Pope: My sister went to Florida State College for Women, but she was in the first class that graduated from FSU. In fact, they were very upset that their invitations came for Florida State College for Women and they had to return them and they had to send out invitations that said Florida State University. And they said 'We didn't go to Florida State University' [laughs] except for one semester. But anyway, that was what happened then.

Hoekstra: The first group when the college integrated; became coeducational?

Pope: Exactly.

Hoekstra: Ok.

Pope: Exactly, so she was nine years older than me, so she went, you know, before me.

Hoekstra: So her attending there, did that influence you---

Pope: Yes, it did, it did. And also I wanted to major in Home Economics. I just adored my Home Economics teachers in high school and they encouraged me to go to Florida State University.

Hoekstra: Okay. So when you attended Florida State, did you live on campus in the dorms?

Pope: [nods in the affirmative]

Hoekstra: What were those dorms like? What was dorm life like?

Pope: Oh, well it was very interesting compared to what goes on today. We had to be in at ten o'clock and we had to be sure we signed in and signed out, anywhere we went off campus. That meant that even if we went across the street where there weren't any classes going on we had to

sign in or sign out. Then, if we had a date we had to be sure and introduce our date to the house mother in the dormitory and sign out and say specifically where we were going and when we thought we would be back.

Hoekstra: Okay. I know that you were in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Did you ever live in the sorority house?

Pope: I did. I lived there my sophomore and my junior year. Dr. Kitty Hoffman lived across the street from the Alpha Delta Pi house with her husband and young son. She was our faculty advisor. We loved her; she was wonderful.

Hoekstra: How was that different from living in the dorms? Were you given more freedoms?

Pope: No, I don't think you have any more freedoms. It was a smaller group of people and it was like having a family away from home. That's what I believe describes being in a sorority like; it's not so much that anyone is any better than the others, but it just gives you sort of a family away from home.

Hoekstra: Okay. What kind of events did the sorority host while you attended there? Were there any memorable events that you remember? Any charity functions that you guys organized, or any dances or anything else?

Pope: Yes. We had teas for various occasions. We had a lot of things that we did, which some of them were beneficial because even back then when I was in school our sorority's big benefit was the Ronald McDonald House; and that had been started by Alpha Delta Pi in the very beginning and so that was always our big project.

Hoekstra: What exactly would you guys do for the Ronald McDonald House? I mean, did you help raise money, or---

Pope: Yes we did. We had benefit things; we tried to come up with different ideas, of ways that we could do that and we also encouraged our families to make donations to that, for that cause.

Hoekstra: Any big events that coincided with Homecoming?

Pope: Oh yes. We always had a big Homecoming event. And we always participated in decorating the float and participating in that and having skits for that.

Hoekstra: Was there a theme every year?

Pope: Yes and that was always the theme that we decorated our float, decorated our front yard,

designed and wrote a skit.

Hoekstra: Do you mind talking a little bit about the Home Economics program at FSU? What were the classes like?

Pope: Oh they were great. I loved Home Economics. I was very fortunate that my counselor was Dean Hortins Glenn. She became the dean---she was not the dean when she was my counselor. She became the dean later on, but she was a wonderful woman and probably one of the most outstanding deans that the college ever had. I just was fortunate that that was the person that was my counselor. When I lived in a place called the Home Management House that all Home Ec. majors had to live, she was the person that was in charge of that program. I gained a lot of experience from that.

Hoekstra: What type of subjects---what kind of courses did you take in your Home Economics program? What were they like?

Pope: Well, my specialty in Home Economics was child development. We were able to observe in the child development nursery school program and also over at what was called the Demonstration School at the time, but it would be what people now would know as Florida High. That was one part of it. For the background, we were able to take a lot of various courses in Home Economics including clothing and textiles, nutrition, and we took child nutrition and a lot of psychology classes, but it was all interrelated.

Hoekstra: That was just for your Bachelor's degree?

Pope: [nods in the affirmative]

Hoekstra: Eddie [Woodward] informed me that you received your Master's as well.

Pope: No, I didn't.

Hoekstra: No?

Pope: No, I didn't get my Master's, but I did take some courses in that, but I did not get my Master's.

Hoekstra: From what I could gather from the research I did, you and your husband Mel married in 1956; and that was the year before you graduated.

Pope: Right.

Hoekstra: Did you meet him at school?

Pope: I did. In fact, we had our first date at a wedding that my roommate from the year before

had, and he was a good friend with her fiancé---her husband and we were both in the wedding. That was when we had our first date, but I had met him before. I had seen him around on campus, so we were already friends.

Hoekstra: Okay, did you have classes together, or in passing---

Pope: No we didn't have any classes together, but we saw each other at a place where all of us used to go to called the Amber House, which is now where Bill's Bookstore is. We ate there a lot and it was also a good place to just hang out and have a cup of coffee and visit with your friends.

Hoekstra: Was that the favorite hang-out?

Pope: It was, it was.

Hoekstra: How did that affect your last year in college; being married? Was there a big shift from when you were single?

Pope: It was a big shift. It was a big learning experience for both of us. But it worked out fine and it was good and we both made better grades. [laughs]

Hoekstra: Was there housing for married students? Where did you stay?

Pope: There was, but we were not able to get in that and so we lived in this little place called El Rancho which is---it's off of Tennessee Street not too far from where the new medical school is. It's probably about two or three blocks from that and we called it El Roacho Villa. [laughter]

Hoekstra: Did you attend any sporting events while you were at FSU?

Pope: [nods in the affirmative]

Hoekstra: What kind of events did you go to?

Pope: I went to a lot of those because he was playing football so I went to all the football games, but I had gone to football games before I met him and gone to basketball games.

Hoekstra: Were those big events or was it something that you---

Pope: They were; they were big events. We got all dressed up for football games. We wore heels and we wore really nice suits and hopefully---we always hoped that we would have a pom-pom corsage. And most of the times we wore a hat. Basketball games we did not dress up for.

Hoekstra: Okay.

Pope: Even though it was hot.

Hoekstra: Now I know football didn't become real big at FSU until a few years later so, how would you compare that now with when you were at FSU, going to a game? I don't know if you've been to any of the games recently---

Pope: [nods in the affirmative] I go to all the games---

Hoekstra: To compare with that time.

Pope: Oh there's no---it's like night and day. [laughs] But, you know, we just all had such a good time and we just thought it was the greatest thing because it hadn't been on campus very long, but it was a very big deal thing to go. And everybody wanted to go.

Hoekstra: Okay. What other kind of activities, other then---when you weren't attending classes or studying or writing a paper, typical college stuff, what would you and your friends do for fun on the weekends or at night?

Pope: Well, we would go to the movies---and there were two movie theaters in town. One was on College Avenue right near---between Monroe and Adams Street. The other one was down on Monroe Street and it was between Park Avenue and Call Street and it was called The Floridan.

Hoekstra: It was called the what?

Pope: The Floridan.

Hoekstra: The Floridan?

Pope: The Floridan and State Theaters. And in later years, not when I was a freshman, but when I was a senior, there was this place---and I can't remember what it was called, but it was right on the corner of College Avenue and Adams Street and we went down in the basement of that building. It was like all of the inside walls were just brick, and the pipe and everything was like it was there, but it was a coffee house. And Rita Coolidge who---and I don't know if you ever remember Rita Coolidge, but she was a real popular singer and really made it big time. And she came here two years ago and participated in the Seven Days of Opening Night---and she was a music major and she was very talented. But anyway, she would sit on a stool and sing all these ballads and everything and she was very bohemian. We were starting to see a lot of that bohemian movement on campus right about that time. That was kind of the preamble to the hippies. But we used to go to Silver Slipper and we'd have banquets there sometimes, but the Silver Slipper wasn't located where it is now. It was way out near A & M University on Adams Street.

Hoekstra: What exactly was the Silver Slipper?

Pope: It's a restaurant.

Hoekstra: Oh okay.

Pope: It still exists today and when we went, the present owner's grandfather ran it, then next his father ran it, and now he runs it and now his son helps him. It's a wonderful Greek restaurant.

Hoekstra: Now, you weren't originally from Tallahassee, correct?

Pope: No, I grew up in Polk County, in Winter Haven and Lakeland.

Hoekstra: When you came up to Tallahassee how did you get around campus, if you went off campus? Did you have your own car or---

Pope: No. I didn't have a car, but I was so lucky. My freshman roommate, who was from Lakeland, had a car and so---and she just parked it right in front of the dorm. Then when I was a sophomore, and I lived in the sorority house, my roommate there had a car. I was lucky; I had friends who had cars.

[laughter]

Hoekstra: The next best thing.

Pope: [laughs] Right.

Hoekstra: What was the registration process like to sign up for classes?

Pope: That was the worst experience of my entire college career! [laughter] It was awful. They had all these tables lined up in the gym, in Tully Gym, and we just had to go stand in line to get the class you wanted. They had these punch cards and it was hard, it was so unreal. If you think of what goes on today and how that was, it was just awful. And I'll never forget, a lot of people left school---they were so upset about it, and I said, after I finally got registered that they couldn't pull me out because after I'd gone through that nothing else was going to be bad.

[laughter] That was true.

Hoekstra: Was it hard to get into the classes you wanted---

Pope: [nods in the affirmative] It was; there was just so high demand and then you'd have to worm your way into the next best thing.

Hoekstra: What about the professors that you had? Were there any that were your favorite

or that stuck out? What was it about them that, you know---

Pope: Well I think, by and large, I can't remember but there were two that I really didn't care too much about or had much respect for what they've done, but all the rest were wonderful and very outstanding.

Hoekstra: Okay.

Pope: I particularly loved---you know, I already said I loved Hortins Glenn, I thought she was so wonderful. I loved Dr. Holschu [sp??] in the art department and also loved Tommy Wright, and he's still teaching Music Appreciation I think.

Hoekstra: Were there any issues in Tallahassee or in the news at the time at FSU, maybe, that sparked some kind of interesting events while you were there? I know of the war in Korea --was that before you attended?

Pope: No that was going on---

Hoekstra: Was it going on then?

Pope: No, it was over, but the U.S. had peace keeping responsibility.

Hoekstra: Was there any kind of---you know how in the '60s there was a lot of protesting and---was there anything like that on campus at FSU? Any kind of groups or anybody that---

Pope: No, you know that's really funny because the Korean War was really one of those conflicts that they call it 'the forgotten war' and there was really not any controversy about it. You know, everybody was very supportive of it.

Hoekstra: Let me go back to---

Pope: Now we had all the---you know we were all intrigued, I think, that had not grown up in Tallahassee, with all the legislative things that went on. At that time, unlike today where they have a lot of lobbyists that have entertainments going on, a lot of the local people assumed the responsibilities for being hospitable to the legislatures when they came to town. So many people locally would host parties and things like that and I just observed that. We didn't participate in it, but when we went through Rush, a lot of the outstanding alums in all the sororities would have some of the legislative people, that were here, attend our Rush party and stand in the receiving line, which was kind of a very formal kind of thing that went on. Rush was a lot different then than it is now.

Hoekstra: Could you talk a little bit more about Rush Week? What was the pledging process and what was that like with the sorority? Can you describe that a bit?

Pope: The first day, we went from house to house in what they call Ice Water Tea. They couldn't serve us anything but just ice water. But it was so hot in September that that worked out really fine and to our benefit anyway. We were very dressed up, much more than the girls would go through Rush today. The guys that were going through Rush---their Rush was so different from the girls Rush because we were very protected and it was very formal. They were very cavalier about theirs, and they were offered pledge pins, you know, all during the week and all that. But the girls when they went through, they had their tabulation which was done, all the sororities together worked on their lists and then the invitations were issued at exactly the same time and they put a little invitation on your door, in the door lock. Then you went to the house and later on, a day or two later, each group had their own pledging process and then that's when you received your pledge pin, but not before then.

Hoekstra: With the dorms, dorm living was required at FSU?

Pope: [nods in the affirmative]

Hoekstra: Was it just for the freshman year or for the entire time---unless you were living in Greek housing, were you required to live in the dorm?

Pope: Right. None of the girls lived anywhere else except in dorms or sorority houses. They couldn't live in an apartment, and on top of that, they couldn't visit any males that were living in an apartment; that was completely off limits.

Hoekstra: Okay. What would you say was probably the biggest thing you remember about your time at FSU? Was there any singular event or something that when you look back at your time at FSU, what really stands out?

Pope: Well, collectively, I would say that it was a very protective environment. Of course, the school was much smaller, so that would be easier for that to be carried out. I'll have to say that I felt like the people that were in charge really took good care of the students to make sure they were safe and taken care of. But I'm sure if students today looked at [laughs] what we experienced they would just think it was too much hovering and too much over protection.

Hoekstra: But at the time, did it bother you? How did you feel about that?

Pope: Well we thought some of it was pretty excessive and over bearing and I don't know that we always participated in the manner that we were supposed to, but we tried to. I think everybody pretty much adhered to what they were supposed to do.

Hoekstra: I see in one of your notes here you have written about the dress code.

Pope: [nods in the affirmative]

Hoekstra: So there was a required---

Pope: Oh yes, you could not be seen in jeans or slacks or shorts of any kind. If you were, you had to wear a raincoat which had to be, not clear raincoat, you had to have on a cloth type raincoat over that type of clothing. That's why even when we went to town to go shopping, even if we were just going to buy a spool of thread or just a few little items, we always put on a nice dress and high heels and many types of hat and gloves. [laughs] Which is kind of ridiculous when you think about it.
[laughter]

Hoekstra: Do you mind talking about the cafeteria? What was that---for your meals---how did that work?

Pope: That was good. Their food was very good and it was very affordable, it was probably the best place to eat for the money.

Hoekstra: Did it have specific hours?

Pope: Yes they did, but they were pretty good hours. It wasn't like it was impossible to get there if they started early and they were open until---I can't remember what time they closed in the evening, but it was never a problem. I didn't always eat there. I ate at the Amber House a lot and then we ate at some of the downtown restaurants, also they were very affordable, so we ate downtown a bit.

Hoekstra: I noticed, you have notes here that men didn't have the same restrictions that you--

Pope: Oh no, they didn't have any restrictions. They could do anything they wanted.

Hoekstra: They didn't have a dress code?

Pope: No, they didn't have a dress code. They could wear walking shorts.

Hoekstra: How would you describe the atmosphere on campus now that it was a coeducational place? Was there a lot of dating; what was the social scene like?

Pope: Well, it was really good. There weren't very many boys here, but there were a lot of military bases nearby, so we had a lot of military guys that came and dated the girls on campus and then, a lot of the girls dated boys at the University of Florida too. But we went to fraternity parties here which was kind of fun. And there was always a lot of different sports events and things going on that gave you the opportunity to meet people.

Hoekstra: Can you talk more about the sorority and fraternity life? You mentioned going to

parties; what were the parties like? I'm sure they're not what they're like now.

Pope: Well, each sorority and fraternity had a sister---a brother-sister sorority. I don't think they have that anymore, I'm not sure whether they do or not. Each sorority had a particular fraternity that was supposed to be their brother fraternity, so they always kind of looked out for each other and helped each other with projects, like during Homecoming, things like that. Or if they had a fundraiser that they were working on, and each month or each week, I can't remember whether it was each month or each week, we had a different party with a different fraternity. So you got to know all the different fraternities and likewise, they got to come to our house for a party too. And I can't remember whether it was once a month or once a week that we entertained a fraternity or a fraternity entertained us.

Hoekstra: Okay. You had mentioned the Home Management House.

Pope: [nods in the affirmative]

Hoekstra: Was that somewhere that you lived or was it part of---

Pope: We did, we had to take a class and in that class we had to live in this Home Management House and we had to manage it just like it was a regular family home. We divided up, and we moved out of where we were and lived there for about---I think it was like four weeks. So I took that course in summer school and---so that was a good time to do it too, although you could do it all during the year. But you would move out of your dorm or out of your sorority house and live in that and then you divided up the---that was all part of the course work. You had to take turns providing the meals and shopping for them, making sure you met the budget, and keeping the house clean. Making all those different plans.

Hoekstra: So then at the end of that four weeks then you would receive a grade for how well you managed all that?

Pope: [nods in the affirmative]

Hoekstra: What was a typical course load like? How many classes would you take a semester?

Pope: Generally what they did---you could take between 12 and 21 hours and most people took about 15 hours and so---

Hoekstra: How many classes would that be? About three or four?

Pope: Yeah. You would go---some classes would be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and then some would be Tuesday and Thursday, and then Tuesday and Thursday ones would be longer; but they'd be an hour and a half long and the others would be like an hour long.

Hoekstra: What is this about the President and Mrs. Campbell?

Pope: Yes, they would have us over to their house like at Christmas time and have hot chocolate and cookies and sing around the piano, the Christmas carols and things like that. They were very nice.

Hoekstra: Who all did they invite?

Pope: Everybody. Everybody on campus, and of course we didn't have, you know, the large population that we have now, so it would be impossible for the president to do anything like that.

Hoekstra: Okay. Is there anything else that we may not have touched on that was a significant part of your time at FSU? Did you participate in any other organizations other than the sorority?

Pope: I did. I participated in several of the groups that were in Home Economics and child development. They had different little groups---

Hoekstra: What were the names of them?

Pope: I can't remember. One was the---I can't remember the name of it, but it had to do with people that were majoring in early childhood education. Some of those people were also in the College of Education, as well as the people who were in Home Economics.

Hoekstra: Did you ever organize any trips with any friends while you were in school?

Pope: Oh yeah, we did a lot of that.

Hoekstra: Would you go far or just---

Pope: Well sometimes I went home with my roommate who was from Panama City---that was my sophomore year. Then, one time I was invited to a dance in Pensacola, a fellow that I had dated and there were about five girls and five guys and---the girls all, went to stay in a motel together. So that worked out, that was kind of fun. We went to---Glenn Miller was playing over at the Officer's Club. We went to the beach a lot just down here, you know, we went to Wakulla Springs, but we had to have permission to do all that from home. We had to make that, we couldn't do it in the spur of the moment, we had to have permission.

Hoekstra: I think that's about all of my questions.

Pope: And I spent the night with sorority sisters that were from Tallahassee. I had to have permission for that too.

Hoekstra: You had to have permission from your---

Pope: Parents.

Hoekstra: Okay. That's all of my questions right now. Was there anything else that you would like to add?

Pope: I can't think of anything, but probably I put it on that paper.

Hoekstra: Okay.

Pope: But that might tell you.

End of Transcription

The narrator provided hand written notes about her time spent in Tallahassee and at FSU prior to our meeting. They have been transcribed and attached here at the end of this interview transcription as an addendum.

Addendum

1953-1957 at FSU: Doak Campbell-president.

Freshmen Girls Dorms: Bryant, Reynolds, Jenny Murphy

Sign-in/Sign-out for all activities not on campus

Lights out-in your room by 12am (room checked by counselors)-must be in dorm by 10pm; 12am. on weekends (Fri. and Sat.)

Dress Code: Skirts or dresses. Slacks, jeans, or shorts must be worn with a cover-up such as a cloth raincoat (sometimes girls wore p.j.'s under raincoats to early morning classes)

Going to Town: ("town" consisted of the area between Duval and Call Streets, North to Carolina, and South to Gaines Street) Girls wore heels, hose, gloves, hats. Some walked up town, some caught the bus, a few had cars. Cars could be parked on the street in front of dorms or in parking lots at sorority houses.

Meals: School Cafeteria-most affordable, served cafeteria style. Soda Shop-under Beth Moor Lounge. Other Places: Amber House-where Bill's Bookstore is now. Mecca-next door (part of Bill's now). Sweet Shop-next to Methodist Student House. Student Union.

Boys liked a place called Monroe Inn, or "House of Seven Starches."

When going off campus you must sign-out and sign-in upon returning. Anything 5 miles away required a permission letter from your parents. Spending the night and/or visiting local Tallahassee girls you needed a letter from your parents.

If you had a date with a boy: You had to introduce him to the house mother; and sign-out and describe the mode of transportation and destination and the estimated time of return.

Many girls dated military men stationed at the nearby service bases located in Moltrie, Bainbridge, Valdosta, GA, or Panama City and Pensacola. Girls also dated men from University of Florida, University of Georgia, as well as FSU.

There were twice as many girls on campus as men.

Men could wear anything, stay anywhere, drive all over campus, park anywhere, and had no curfew, and also lived in apartments. Girls could not live in apartments or visit men in apartments.

Girls could smoke anywhere.

What girls wore on dates (or to fraternity parties): a nice, pretty dress or a nice blouse and skirt. Shoes could be heels or flats. Earrings and jewelry.

What girls wore to church: nice dress or suit and hat, heels, gloves, earrings, and jewelry.

What girls wore to football games: nice dress or suit and hat, heels, gloves, earrings and jewelry. (Every girl hoped her date would bring her a pom-pom corsage.)

Sororities and Fraternities:

Rush was the first week after registration. Very dressy—high heels. Sororities had receiving lines with officers, local alumni, and distinguished guests such as governors, legislators.

Fraternities were much less formal. They served alcoholic punch and etc. (even though Leon County was dry). They also had distinguished guests around such as distinguished and influential alums.

Membership for sororities was issued after a formal tabulation was done by all sororities collectively. The invitations were engraved and placed on your dorm door at a designated time.

Men's invitations were verbal and carried on all during Rush Week. Pledge pins were given out all during Rush Week for men.

Sororities had formal ceremonies at each sorority house for new pledges.

On campus, all freshmen were issued "Rat Caps." These were small beanies with very small bills; they were garnet and gold.

Registration for classes was a nightmare!!

There were long tables across Tully Gym; several rows. People stood in line for very long times to get in a class. Registration usually took several full long days.

Every student had a guidance counselor; many trips back and forth to the guidance counselor. Guidance counselors were like your parents away from home. They kept up with you all the time, all year long. You talked to them about any and all things; most especially academic problems and opportunities.

We were on the semester system. Most people took 15 hours; you could take up to 21 hours, you could take as little as 12 hours. Second semester began at the end of January; finals were at the beginning of January and the end of May.

It was very much frowned upon to cut or miss class.

The library was located in what is now Dodd hall.

Classes began and we were put in several different groupings as freshmen and basically moved around from class to class with many of the same people in each class.

My major was childhood development in the College of Home Economics (now Human Science). My wonderful and loving guidance counselor was Dr. Hortins Glenn. She later became one of the most outstanding deans of the College of Home Economics (Human Science). I was fortunate to have her for a number of classes also. There were so many outstanding professors. I loved my major.

I also loved my sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, which will celebrate its centennial anniversary this January in 2009. Our house mother was a lovely woman named Ellen Barrett. She was a widow who never had children of her own. She treated each of us as if each of us was hers. She pushed us, scolded

us, bragged on and about each of us. She lived to be 102. When Mother Barrett was 100, many, many of “her girls” celebrated her birthday in Jacksonville (where she had retired) with a large luncheon honoring her.

I lived in a dorm freshman year, sorority house sophomore and junior year.

Social activities on campus included:

Dorm socials and teas.

Sorority parties, dances, dinners, and teas.

Fraternity parties and dances.

Academic department and colleges teas and dinners.

Academic honorary groups.

Politics on campus included party affiliations. Officers of each class had to run and be voted on the student newspaper.

Sports: Intramurals for both men and women.

Collegiate sports: football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, swimming, synchronized swimming, tennis, golf, bowling, track, gymnastics, circus.

President and Mrs. Campbell invited students for hot chocolate and cookies to their home and we sang Christmas carols at Christmas time.

1955-December: Met Melvin Pope at a wedding in Panama City. He was SAE. Actually we had been friends since September, but never dated until the wedding of my former roommate.

1956-July: Married. We lived at El Rancho Villa (we called it El Roacho).

1957-July: Graduated from FSU.

1958: Mel finished his Master’s in Insurance and Real Estate. Mel played football on scholarship, 1956-1958.

Favorite things to do:

Movies: Floridian-on Monroe between Park and Call. State-on College between Adams and Monroe.

Silver Slipper Restaurant-located South on Adams, near A & M University.

State Bakery-corner of Duval and Pensacola.

Bennets Drug Store- College and Monroe

Go to Wakulla Springs to swim-must have written permission.

Go to Coast-must have written permission.

Go to Airport Café-on North Monroe-off limits- not allowed at all.

Fraternity Parties.

Attend Sports Events.

Mutt and Jeff’s Drive-In (now Paradise Grill)

Play cards, knit argyle sox [sic], hang-out at Amber House, Student Union.

Coffee House-in basement of building on corner of Adams and College. We listened to Rita Coolidge-very Bohemian place. Many “Bohemians” on campus; preamble to the Hippies (Free Love was whispered about).

Favorite fraternity house beverage-Purple Passion (a mixture of purple punch and vodka, or any booze available. Dry county—very illegal). Mixed in wash tub with a block of ice.

Styles:

Girls: wore full skirts and crinoline underskirts to poof out full skirts (poodle skirts). Small box

purses, tight sweaters, peter-pan, ponytail hair, collars, scarves, small blonde streaks in summer. Sunbathing on rooftops of dorms—iodine was added to baby oil to insure “dense” tans. (Air Force training patterns managed to fly over dorm rooftops.)

Elvis was all the rage.

Pink and black two-tone cars were in, as well as turquoise and white.

The Twist and Chubby Checkers were in. There was Peppermint Patio located between A & M and FSU—Chubby Checkers came several times and performed.

Hula hoops were cool.

Little Richard played at many fraternity parties at FSU and University of Florida.

Pensacola Air Station had big band dances with Glen Miller and others famous at that time.

Boys: wore crew cuts, loafers, white socks, sometimes saddle oxfords and high-top gym shoes. White tee shirts with sleeves rolled up, wide legged jeans with cuffs rolled up—socks showing—sometimes khakis, cuffs rolled up.

Friends: (Men on Coach Nugents football team):

Such as Bert Reynolds.

We double-dated with Betsy and Lee Corso (they married before graduation also).

Steve and Jean Holton from Perry married and lived at Fla-vet (located across the street from President’s home).

Paul Gleason-played quarterback only one year-went to Hollywood, became an actor (starred in “The Breakfast Club”-principal, and “Die Hard”-police chief “I’m in charge here” now deceased about a year ago).

Paul Smith-Paul was largest man on the football team-he sat on a foot locker when he came to our apartment (chairs were too small). He later went to Hollywood, starred in two movies, “Midnight Express”-he was the guard, and “Pop-Eye”-he was Bluto.

Ted and Sarah Rodrique-married in college also-Ted played on same football team-This couple donated land where present Fraternity Row has recently been established.

Ron and Nella Schomberger-Ron retired as Paper company executive, then joined wife, Annella in the restaurant catering business as business manager.

Bill and Caryle Cullom-married in school also-head of Miami Greater Chamber of Commerce after heading Ryder Trucking Lines.