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## Roger Frazee oral history interview by Andrew Huse, April 12, 2005

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- Roger Frazee serves on the Manatee/Sarasota Alumni Association Chapter, National Alumni Board, and USF Leadership Council. He chairs the President's Round Table, and was given the National Alumni Service Award for 2005.
- Became a student at USF in 1969 as a transfer student from Manatee Community College, and graduated in 1971 with a double major in finance and accounting.
- Describes the campus and student population during the late 1960s and the early 1970s, as well as the political and social situation on campus and how it reflected the mood of the country at that time.
- Employment during and after his college career and his use of the GI Bill.
- Describes how and why he became involved with the USF Sarasota/Manatee Alumni Association in 1989.
- Describes the University of South Florida's involvement with New College of Florida, as well as the establishment of the University of South Florida Sarasota campus.
- Describes the Florida political battle to grant funds to USF Sarasota and St. Petersburg versus the USF Tampa and Lakeland campuses.
- The founding of the USF Sarasota/Manatee Community Leadership Council; this council led to the "reorientation of the perception of USF in the community."
- The establishment of new honors programs, as well as the establishment of new fields of study in the USF Sarasota campus.
- Describes the expansion and development of the USF Sarasota campus, the community's reaction, and its environmental impact on the community.
- Describes the legal action against the University of South Florida Sarasota, as well as the university's political involvements both state wide and nationally.
- Describes his role as the Sarasota/Manatee representative on the search committee that selected Judy Genshaft as USF president.
- The role of Judy Genshaft as university president and how it impacted the university as a whole.