Panel 16 and Panel 17: Expansion and Diversification (1978-1987)

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Poynter passed away. After witnessing something he dreamed about for decades—"Well, Chester, I've waited thirty years." Sadly, later that day—waited fourteen years to see this happen." Poynter replied, Ferguson said to Poynter, "You know, Nelson, I've including Board of Regents member Chester Ferguson and June 15, 1978. Many notable civic leaders attended the event, Carlton Towers restaurant filled the bill. Pinellas County—came at a cost. Many of the small busi-nesses would soon vacate the harbor. Caladesi Islands—would have to move so that sleek new classroom buildings could take their place. Marine repair shops, a Venetian blinds manufacturer, the Regent Hotel, and other industrial busi-nesses would soon vacate the harbor. Any tensions existing between the USF campus and its less-than-glamorous neighbors were certainly smoothed over by a beer and burger at the Stick & Rudder, a tavern along Seventh Avenue where local sailors and tradespeople rubbed elbows with members of the campus community. This dive—once-located along the parking lot in front of Davis Hall—was the first ‘tavern’ where Bayboro folk gathered. For upscale fare and fancier palates, a short walk to Aunt Hattie’s, Uncle Ed’s, or the upscale Harborage at Bayboro. A new leader would have to serve as acting dean while the campus searched for a permanent leader. This marked another pivotal point in the his-tory of the campus. A new leader would have to shape the north shore of Bayboro Harbor, John Hinze’s. As an overflow site for classes. Pool tables and a few other relics of a once-busy place remained for the handful of stu-dents who clambered in the building. Also, matriarch science labs and offices expanded into the rest of ‘A’ Building. Hinze decided to return to teaching in the summer of 1985. Samuel Fustukjian, then director of the Poynter Library, agreed to serve as acting dean while the campus searched for a permanent leader. This marked another pivotal point in the his-tory of the campus. A new leader would have to...