

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 2122

SPONSOR: Education Committee and Senator Peadar

SUBJECT: Designations/University Buildings

DATE: April 10, 2003

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Dormady</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Fav/CS</u>
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I. Summary:

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This bill creates several undesignated sections of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether they are included in the Florida Statutes or remain as laws.

The act will take effect upon becoming law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Accordingly, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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Biographical information set forth below was provided by the state universities.

Section 1: Designates the renovated transplant housing unit at the University of Florida’s Shands Hospital as the “Gerold L. Schiebler/Shands Transplant Housing Complex.”

An anonymous donor contributed approximately \$600,000 cash and in-kind gifts to renovate the transplant housing unit at Shands Hospital. This donor wishes to name the renovated facility in honor of **Dr. Gerold L. Schiebler**. Dr. Schiebler has served the University of Florida and the State of Florida for more than 40 years. During that time he initiated several programs to improve the health and lives of children and high-risk pregnant women. Dr. Schiebler has received multiple honors and awards for his dedication to Florida’s children.

Section 2: Designates the new Structures and Materials Research Laboratory for the College of Engineering at the University of Florida as the “Powell Family Structures and Materials Lab.”

The Powell family has a long history with the University of Florida, including generations of University of Florida alumni. **Robert O. (“Bob”) Powell** and **Ann Catherine Powell** maintain a longstanding commitment to the University of Florida, which includes participation in university organizations and service on the University of Florida Foundation’s *It’s Performance That Counts* Broward County Campaign Committee. The Powells have been members of the President’s Council since 1993. They donated \$3 million to the University of Florida, which helped establish Powell Hall, the exhibit and public education facility for the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Section 3: Designates the track/soccer stadium at the University of Florida as the “James G. Pressly Stadium.”

James G. and Kathryn S. Pressly are active professionals in the Palm Beach community. Mr. Pressly is the president of Pressly & Pressly law firm and the Palm Beach County Bar Association. Mrs. Pressly manages the couple’s rental properties in West Palm Beach and Gainesville. Both are members of the Palm Beach Civic Association. The Presslys have been Joint Distinguished Members of the President’s Council since 1997 and are members of the University of Florida Alumni Association. Mr. Pressly is a trustee emeritus of the University of Florida Law Center Association and serves on the Gator Booster Board. The Presslys have donated funds to the Freeland Eminent Scholar Chair, sponsored two book awards in the College of Law and supported the University of Florida’s athletics programs, including their recent pledge for track/soccer facilities for the university.

Section 4: Designates the Academic Advising Center at the University of Florida as “Farrior Hall.”

J. Rex Farrior, Jr. and Mary Lee Nunnally Farrior have played an integral role in the University of Florida’s history. Mr. Farrior played football and received both a business and law degree from University of Florida. He is a member of the University of Florida Hall of Fame. Mr. Farrior served as the President of the University of Florida Alumni Association of Tampa and spent several years on the board of the University of Florida Foundation. He was a trustee of the Law Center Association and was a lecturer on the University of Florida campus. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior were Bull Gators and Cabinet Level members of the President’s Council. Since Mr.

Farrior's death, Mrs. Farrior has continued this commitment to the University of Florida by fulfilling their pledge to build an academic hall on campus.

Section 5: Designates the proposed band rehearsal facility at the University of Florida as "Steinbrenner Band Hall."

George M. Steinbrenner, III, has a long history as an entrepreneur, sports enthusiast, and philanthropist. Mr. Steinbrenner is best known as the owner of the New York Yankees, the New Jersey Nets and the New Jersey Devils. Beyond business and sports, Mr. Steinbrenner is known for his philanthropic generosity. He is the founder of both the Silver Shield and Gold Shield Foundations, which provide support to families of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. He and his family have given millions of dollars to people in need. He has helped revamp the North Seminole Little League and salvaged the floundering Florida Folk Festival. Mr. Steinbrenner also maintains a strong connection to the University of Florida. He is a longtime member of both the Bull Gator Club and the President's Council, and has also served on the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council and the University of Florida Foundation Board. He was elected to the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981 and gave the keynote speech at the Corporate Leaders Weekend in 1995. Mr. and Mrs. Steinbrenner have generously decided to support the construction of the Steinbrenner Band Hall.

Section 6: Redesignates the North-South Drive on the University of Florida campus as "Gale Lemerand Drive."

L. Gale Lemerand is well respected in the construction community and was named the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year in the Construction and Real Estate Division by Ernst & Young in 1995. Mr. Lemerand has served as the director of SunTrust Bank, WCEU –TV Channel 15 and Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital. He is a trustee for both Daytona Beach Community College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. In addition, he has lent support to numerous community organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys and Girls Club of America, the March of Dimes and the United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties. He was the recipient of the Chi Chi Rodriguez Foundation's Humanitarian of the Year Award in 1996. At the University of Florida, Mr. Lemerand has generously contributed to the new basketball training facility and has committed additional major gifts for program support in athletics and university academics. Mr. Lemerand currently serves as a Distinguished Director of the Gator Boosters and is a member of both the President's Council and the University of Florida Alumni Association.

Section 7: Designates the Track and Field Center at Florida State University as the "Michael Allen McIntosh Track and Field Center."

Michael and Winsome McIntosh generously funded the present track building and have given and pledged \$1 million for the renovation and expansion of that building. They are the parents of three sons, two of whom attended Florida State University and participated in the track program. In addition to his longstanding support of Florida State athletics programs, Mr. McIntosh is best known across the country as an advocate for civil, racial and environmental justice. He helped found the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the Thousand Friends of Florida, the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, and other civil and

environmental organizations. Currently, Mr. McIntosh serves as a Director for the National Audubon Society, Physicians for Peace, Southern Legal Counsel and the Wilderness Society.

Section 8: Designates the Student Life Building, 113 South Wildwood Drive, at Florida State University as the “Reubin O’D. Askew Student Life Center.”

Reubin O’Donovan Askew is the thirty-seventh Governor of Florida, a former Florida State Student Body President, and the Askew Eminent Scholar in Florida Government and Politics in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University.

Governor Askew was the first Florida State University Alumnus to serve as Governor of the State of Florida; he served two consecutive terms, during which time he signed into law the act giving the Student Government Associations of Florida’s public universities the authority to allocate the activity and service fees on their campuses. He was appointed as the United States Trade Representative by President Carter. Governor Askew’s career came full circle as he returned to Florida State University to teach, lead and serve as a model of scholarship and public service.

Section 9: Designates the proposed entrance pavilion at the John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Ringling Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota as the “John M. McKay Visitors’ Pavilion.”

A native Floridian, **John M. McKay** has dedicated his life to serving the people of the state of Florida. Mr. McKay is a 1971 graduate of Florida State University who was elected to the Florida Senate in 1990 and served consecutive terms until 2002. He served as President of Senate in 2001-2002.

During his successful tenure in the Senate, Senator McKay received numerous awards for his leadership and dedication to improving life in Florida. In addition, Senator McKay was instrumental in passing legislation that created the affiliation between the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and the Florida State University.

Section 10: Designates the Education and Administration Building at Florida State University as the “John E. Thrasher Building.”

John E. Thrasher received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 and a J.D. with Honors in 1972 from Florida State University. He served the people as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000, and ascended to the leadership position of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1999. During his successful tenure in the Legislature, Mr. Thrasher received numerous commendations and awards for his dedication to the citizens of Florida.

As an alumnus and supporter of Florida State University, one of his most memorable accomplishments as a legislator was his facilitation and support of the passage of a law creating the College of Medicine at Florida State University, the first new medical school to be created in the United States in over 20 years.

Mr. Thrasher now serves as the first Chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees.

Section 11: Designates the new residence hall complex at Florida State University as “Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall.”

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs **Sherrill Williams Ragans** joined the staff of Florida State University in 1959 and has served the university for many years. Ms. Ragans has worked as a Resident Counselor, Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Residence Programs, Director of University Housing, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

Ms. Ragans has received the Ross Oglesby award for Outstanding Leadership, Service and Scholarship; the President’s Humanitarian of the Year Award; and the FSU Alumni Association Circle of Gold Recognition. Ms. Ragans has been honored as Advisor of the Year on two occasions, and in 1994, the Golden Key International Honor Society selected her as the Southeastern Region Advisor of the Year. In addition, Ms. Ragans received the Governor’s Award for Outstanding Public Service in 1995.

Nationally, Ms. Ragans is an active and visible leader in professional association work. She served in leadership roles with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International. Upon her retirement in July, 2003, Ms. Ragans will have more than 40 years of distinguished service to the university community.

Section 12: Designates the School of Business and Industry building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Sybil C. Mobley Business Building.”

Dean Sybil C. Mobley has served FAMU for more than two decades and is the founding dean of the FAMU School of Business and Industry (SBI). Under her leadership, SBI has prepared minority students to compete internationally in the world of business.

Section 13: Designates the new allied health building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Margaret W. Lewis/Jacqueline B. Beck Allied Health Building.”

As Dean of the FAMU School of Nursing, **Dr. Margaret W. Lewis** has molded, shaped and nurtured the university’s nursing program for more than 13 years. **Jacqueline B. Beck** has the distinction of being the founder and first Dean of the FAMU School of Allied Health Sciences. Dean Beck has been vigilant in expanding the school’s programs and has worked to secure funding for research and academic programs from federal, state, and local sources totaling more than \$13 million.

Section 14: Designates the architecture building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Walter L. Smith Architecture Building.”

Dr. Walter L. Smith served from 1977 to 1985 as FAMU’s seventh president. Under his leadership and vision, FAMU was granted authority to offer its first Doctor of Philosophy degree, was instrumental in the merging of the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering, and developed the statewide Conference on the Education of Blacks, which resulted in the Florida

Legislature developing and funding the Florida Statewide Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks.

Section 15: Designates the Archives Building at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University as the “Meek/Eaton Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum.”

Congresswoman Carrie Meek was the first African-American elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction. She has had a successful career as a public servant, college administrator and educator. Prior to serving in Congress, Representative Meek served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, where she established herself as a skilled debater and one of the Legislature’s most effective members. Congresswoman Meek has dedicated her life to serving the people of the State of Florida, especially minorities, the handicapped, children and the elderly.

Dr. James N. Eaton, Sr., is a Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum at FAMU. Dr. Eaton has made numerous contributions to FAMU and its students through his 42 years as a history professor, including founding the Southeastern Regional Black Archives Research Center and Museum. Dr. Eaton has been selected as FAMU’s Teacher of the Year 25 times and was the University’s first Distinguished Professor.

Section 16: Designates the charter elementary school located on the Tampa campus of the University of South Florida as the “Dr. Kiran C. Patel Charter School.”

Dr. Kiran C. Patel has been a cardiologist in Tampa since 1982 and is a significant benefactor both locally and internationally. Dr. Patel has provided \$400,000 to build the charter school. In addition, he and his wife, Dr. Pallivi Patel, have committed to provide an on-site medical clinic for children in the school, with the intent of subsidizing care of those children who are unable to pay for services. The Patels have also given a \$100,000 endowed scholarship in Medicine at University of South Florida. The Patels have given generously to the arts in Tampa Bay and sponsor a charity hospital in India that serves over 100,000 people per year.

Section 17: Designates the building that houses the University of Central Florida Downtown Center as the “James and Annie Ying Academic Center.”

James and Annie Ying are the parents of Dr. Nelson Ying, who made a significant gift to the university in 2001. Dr. Ying has supported UCF over the past several years with contributions to multiple scholarships and programs. Dr. Ying has served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the UCF Foundation and is now an emeritus member of that board.

Section 18: Designates the student/community educational facility for health at Florida Gulf Coast University as the “Kleist Health Education Center.”

Peter D. Kleist and Eleanore A. Kleist are residents of Fort Myers, Florida, and have been generous benefactors of higher education throughout the United States for many years. The Kleists, through their foundation, are providing \$1 million for the health education center.

Section 19: Designates the academic facility at Florida Gulf Coast University that will house the Resort and Hospitality Management Program as the “Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden Hall.”

Herbert J. and Margaret S. Sugden provided \$4.2 million to build the facility for the Resort and Hospitality Management Program at Florida Gulf Coast University. This donation is eligible under the Courtelis Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program for a \$4.2 million state match.

The Sugdens, residents of Naples, Florida, are generous benefactors of the area’s arts, educational library, hospital and church needs. Facilities in the community that bear their name include the Sugden Community Park, the Sugden Community Theater, Sugden Auditorium at Naples Community Hospital and the Sugden Welcome Center at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Mr. Sugden served as President of the Freedom from Hunger Foundation under President John F. Kennedy.

Section 20: Designates the new nursing building on the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University as the “Christine E. Lynn Nursing Building.”

Mrs. Christine E. Lynn has donated \$10 million to Florida Atlantic University to be used for a new nursing building and a program endowment. Mrs. Lynn and her late husband, E.M. Lynch, are generous philanthropists who previously donated \$2.5 million to FAU.

Section 21: Designates the new library addition on the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University as the “Herbert and Elaine Gimelstob Building.”

Herbert and Elaine Gimelstob are Palm Beach County residents who have engaged in numerous volunteer and philanthropic activities. Mr. Gimelstob is a member of the Florida Atlantic University Foundation Board. He also devotes a significant amount of time to the International Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Stand Among Friends, the Anti-Defamation League, and the American Jewish Committee. The Gimelstobs founded the Herbert and Elaine Gimelstob Eminent Chair for Judaic Studies at Florida Atlantic University.

Section 22: Designates the new lifelong learning complex on the Jupiter campus of Florida Atlantic University as the “Elinor Bernon Rosenthal Lifelong Learning Complex.”

The family of **Elinor Bernon Rosenthal** made a major gift in 2002 to Florida Atlantic University’s building campaign for its John D. MacArthur Campus in Jupiter. The gift was made in tribute to their mother for her encouragement and support of education. Ms. Rosenthal is a Lifelong Learning Society member and is on the advisory board of the Lifelong Learning Society.

Section 23: Designates the new lifelong learning auditorium on the Jupiter campus of Florida Atlantic University as the “Tamar and Milton Maltz Center for Learning and the Performing Arts.”

Palm Beach Gardens philanthropists **Tamar and Milton Maltz** donated \$1 million to Florida Atlantic University for construction of an auditorium at the lifelong learning society facility on the Jupiter campus of the university. The Maltzes are known for their philanthropy both in north Palm Beach County and in their native Ohio. They previously donated \$1 million to help renovate the Jupiter Theatre. Mr. Maltz was also involved in the founding and development of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, and is the founder and chief financial backer of the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

Section 24: Authorizes the respective universities set forth in the act to erect suitable markers for the designations made by the act.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The universities will incur the cost of erecting suitable markers for the newly designated buildings, usually about \$250 each.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
