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*Groundbreaking Celebration for
Jim & Alexis Pugh Hall
housing the Bob Graham Center for Public Service*

*September 30, 2006
9:30 a.m.*



Program

Welcome and Introductions.....	Neil S. Sullivan <i>Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</i>
Opening Remarks.....	J. Bernard Machen <i>President of the University of Florida</i>
Benefactor Comments.....	Jim Pugh <i>1963 Alumnus</i>
The Importance of Public Service.....	Bob Graham <i>1959 Alumnus, Former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator</i>
Conclusion	J. Bernard Machen

Jim & Alexis Pugh Hall: A Home for Public &

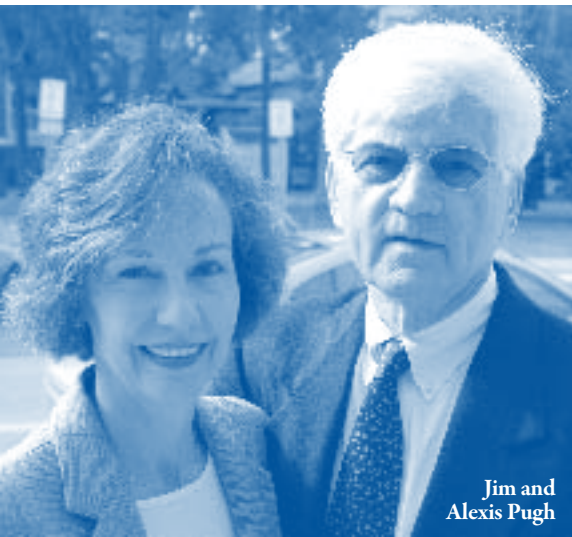
Though the grounds for the new Jim and Alexis Pugh Hall are just being broken on the University of Florida campus, the foundation for the new building was laid here more than 50 years ago when two future leaders of the state met and became fast friends.

Jim Pugh, chairman of Epoch Properties in Winter Park, Florida and one of the state's "Most Influential Floridians" according to *Florida Trend* magazine, met Bob Graham, former Florida governor and retired U.S. Senator, as an undergraduate at UF. The two were fraternity brothers in Sigma Nu and maintained their friendship long after Graham earned his bachelor's degree in history in 1959 and Pugh his bachelor's in building construction in 1963.

When Senator Graham retired from public office in 2005 and made plans with UF and the University of Miami to focus learning on public leadership, Pugh and his wife Alexis quickly decided to give their support. "We feel this is an opportune time to do something for Bob Graham and the University of Florida," said Mr. Pugh.

Pugh Hall is being constructed between Newell and Dauer Halls in the heart of UF's historic district. The 40,000-square-foot facility will include a teaching auditorium and public spaces for lectures and events. It will be home to the university's new Bob

Graham Center for Public Service, which will provide students with opportunities to train for future leadership positions, meet current policymakers and take courses in critical thinking, language learning and studies of world cultures. Senator Graham's active leadership will be a beacon for students interested in pursuing public service careers.



Jim and
Alexis Pugh



The Pugh Family

After earning his bachelor's degree in building construction from UF in 1963, Jim Pugh served as a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger and commander of a Special Forces unit. Since 1970, he has owned Epoch Properties, a company that builds hotels, time-shares and rental housing, developing more than 30,000 multi-family living units in 56 cities from Florida to California. He is also the chairman of Epoch Management, a comprehensive real estate management firm established in 1973.

Mr. Pugh was named one of the "Most Influential Floridians" by *Florida Trend* magazine in 2004 and "Most Influential Businessman" by *Orlando Business Journal* in 2005. He is active in numerous civic organizations, including the Orlando Utilities Commission, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Board and the Orange County chapter of the UF Alumni Association.

Alexis Pugh has more than 30 years of experience in advertising and public relations, having worked with various agencies in Atlanta, Washington, D.C. and Orlando. She is the owner of Lakeshore Advertising Consultants in Orlando, which designs and produces collateral materials for clients in the multi-family housing industry. Mrs. Pugh has also volunteered for numerous community organizations, serving as a founding board member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida and a member of the board of trustees for Bethune-Cookman College and the United Arts of Central Florida.



The Bob Graham Legacy

Bob Graham has dedicated his career to public service. After earning a bachelor's degree in political science from UF in 1959 and a law degree from Harvard University in 1962, the Miami Lakes native served 12 years in the Florida Legislature while working in his family's cattle business and community development businesses. In 1978, he was elected Governor of Florida and served two successful terms. His passion for education was apparent, and in 1985 the Council of Chief State School Officers recognized him for his national leadership in education.

Graham was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986, serving three consecutive terms. One of his most important contributions came during his last term, when he was named chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He co-sponsored the bill to create the Director of National Intelligence position and co-chaired the "Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001." Graham later authored 2004's *Intelligence Matters*, revealing serious faults in the U.S. national security system.

Since retiring from public office in early 2005, Graham spent the 2005–2006 academic year at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He now plans to focus his efforts on training the next generation of public leaders and mobilizing the academic resources of the University of Florida to solve public policy challenges facing Florida, the nation and the Americas.

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