New financing plan may be PIRG's downfall

By Ian Johnson
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A new compromise plan to finance the proposed Florida Public Interest Research Group could lead to its demise, the group's promoters warned Wednesday.

Student Regent Gerald Sanchez revised the wording of the PIRG rule to have a letter shot at gaining the acceptance of the 10-member Board of Regents. His plan would give each university president the authority to determine how PIRGs on his campus would get money to operate.

Each of the presidents could choose between three financing options. Under one, students would pay the fee automatically, but could receive a refund. The second plan would have students check off a box on their fee card if they do not want to pay for PIRG. The last alternative would give students the option of checking off a "yes" or "no" box to determine whether they want to finance PIRG.

"From our experience, President Marston has proven to be unsympathetic to public issues like these," Friedman said. "He will undoubtedly choose a yes/no check-off system which has proven not to work in other states."

Friedman cited a university in Indiana that set up a PIRG under the yes/no check-off plan. Only 9 percent of the student body chose to give money from their fees to PIRG.

In 1974, a PIRG was approved by the Regents and set up at Florida State University in Tallahassee. The groups subsequently folded for lack of money.

"How many students would choose to fund something if they had the choice?" Friedman asked.

Marston was in Washington, D.C., Wednesday. Bud-LEV spokesman Hugh Cunningham said Marston favors the "concept" of PIRG. "The problem he finds is that it is not fair to pay for something you don't want and then have to get a refund," Cunningham said.

PIRG members would research issues that include environmental and consumer concerns. Those issues would be decided by a board of directors popularly elected by the student body. In some states, PIRG members lobby for legislation of interest to students.

Under Sanchez' compromise, the university president would determine the issues PIRG could research — giving the president a great deal of power.

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Pipe bomb rigged to door seriously injures woman

By Dana McElroy
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A pipe bomb attached to a Gainesville man's apartment door exploded early Wednesday morning as the man and his girlfriend were leaving the apartment, seriously injuring the woman.

A Gainesville police spokesman said Nathan Hines, 29, and his girlfriend, Juanita Berry, 28, were leaving Hines' apartment at 636 NW 26th Ave. about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday when the pipe bomb containing an undefined explosive blew up, scattering shrapnel up to 100 feet away and causing about $2,000 damage to the apartment and door.

Shands Teaching Hospital spokeswoman Debbie Mason said Berry's leg and feet were cut and burned severely. Doctors operated on her Wednesday afternoon and she was listed in satisfactory condition after the surgery. Hines was treated at Shands for minor burns on his feet and legs and released.

No motive has been established in the bombing and police had no suspects Wednesday afternoon. A police check of other apartments in the quadruples revealed no other bombs.

Hines, a Marine Corps recruiter, was distraught when he was contacted at the hospital Wednesday afternoon while waiting to see Berry, whose address was listed on Box 82, Route 1, in Gainesville.

Surrounded by family and friends, Hines said, "I can't imagine who would have done this. I have no enemies. Everyone is just really puzzled about this whole thing."

The police spokesman said the device apparently was a homemade bomb in dark metal pipe and had been attached to the door so it would explode when the door was opened. Investigators from the Alachua County Bomb Unit and the state Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm ripped off the area around the apartment as they sifted through the debris to determine the bomb's makeup.

One of the investigators, who was not identified, said the bomb could have contained "some of inflammatory or explosive materials." He said the results of the investigation and parts of the bomb would be sent to Tallahassee for laboratory analysis.

Police said the apartment door was splintered by the explosion and pieces of metal flew in all directions. The main force of the explosion apparently was directed inside the apartment. No damage was done to neighboring apartment complexes and one motorcycle parked in front of the residence. A cracked light fixture outside the apartment next door was the only other thing that was seen to be damaged.

Neighbors in the area said the explosion was extremely loud. One man said he heard the explosion at his home two miles away.

Bill Erwin, who lives in the house next to the quadruples, said he was sleeping when he heard a loud boom" that made him jump out of bed to see what happened.

Erwin said that when he went next door he saw a lot of smoke and a woman laying on the floor just inside the apartment. Erwin said he ran back home to call the police and an ambulance.

"When I went out, I saw a big piece of the pipe in our yard," Erwin said.
Rainfall helps a little bit, but drought conditions remain

By Lisa Backman
Alligator Staff Writer

It was short and it was sweet, but the 63 inches of rain that pelleted Gainesville and Alachua County Tuesday did little to alleviate the drought-parched conditions in North Central Florida.

Alachua County needs at least 13 to 14 more inches of rain in order to overcome the rainfall deficit and to restore underground reservoirs, said Connie Phillips, spokeswoman for the St. Johns River Water Management District office in Palatka. The last rainfall reported in Alachua County before Tuesday was March 30.

According to the weather satellite picture from WUFT-TV, there is no rain in the forecast at least until Saturday. But Phillips said there's no way of telling how long the dry spell will last and when the regular summer rainy reason will begin.

"There has been four to six inches of rain that we should have gotten within the last four months that we haven't gotten," Phillips said. "We just don't know what's going to happen." The National Weather Service in Jacksonville predicts more of the same: fair with mild nights and lows near 60, warm days with highs perhaps touching 90, and light winds.

Since the last drought ended in May 1980, the water table beneath Alachua County has dropped to a historical low — 50.24 feet above sea level. "Ninety-five percent of the 19 wells the county utilizes are at the lowest they've ever been," Phillips said.

But the rain cooled the city and helped reduce the amount of water residents used Tuesday.

Gainesville homes and businesses have been drawing up to 37 million gallons of water a day, most of it during the peak 4 to 9 p.m. period. But the rain that fell Tuesday between 7 and 8 p.m. lowered the usage to about 30 million gallons for the day.

"We did notice a marked reduction because of the rain, but we can't count on a rainfall every day at that time," said Regional Utilities spokesman Mike Doyle.

The St. Johns River Water Management District, which includes Gainesville and eastern Alachua County, last week ordered a water conservation effort. Alachua County residents should reduce their water usage by 15 percent and shift their main water usage hours from the evening to another time of day.

Men wielding shotgun, pistols hold up residents of NW home

Three men wielding a sawed-off shotgun and pistols burst into a Gainesville house early Wednesday and robed the four residents, a Gainesville police spokesman said Wednesday.

Police said that Charles Schienbaum, Pamela Starling, Donald Hall and UF sophomore Stephanie Choate, all of 310 NW 13th Terr., said that three men came into their house at about 1:15 Wednesday morning.

Police said that Schienbaum was the only one awake when the men came in and demanded that he wake up the other three. When all four were awake, the men made them lie with their faces under the sheets of one of the beds while they ransacked the house.

Police said that the men took four cameras, some money, two cartons of cigarettes and some black colored capsules of an "unknown drug." While the men were running away, they dropped one of the cameras and a few of the pills, police said.

Police say that no one had been arrested as of Wednesday night and the investigation was continuing.

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Nattress to delay assembly's plan to pave ROTC field

By Adam Yeomans
Alligator Staff Writer

Though UF Executive Vice President John Nattress said the ROTC Drill Field would remain green for at least another year, UF Campus Planning Assembly members Wednesday approved a recommendation to pave over the recreational field as soon as money is available.

Nattress said he will delay taking action on the committee's recommendation for at least one year. He said UF does not have the $1.2 million needed to convert the field to an asphalt parking lot. In a year, UF may even have the money to build a parking garage on the field, Nattress said.

Committee members say paving over the ROTC field would create about 1,200 new parking slots and relieve some of UF's current parking woes. If the ROTC field is paved, about eight acres one mile west of campus near Maguire Village would be converted for intramural use. UF Planning and Analysis Director Gary Koopke said work on the fields will begin shortly and will include adequate parking space so students will not park in married housing lots.

Only one committee member stood firm Wednesday against paving the ROTC field. UF Housing Director James Grimm said he did not like the idea of paving over "green pasture" close to campus. He said he did not want UF's 6,500 dormitory residents to have to drive to a distant recreational field when one is already located near campus.

"I understand that, but I disagree with taking green pasture," Grimm said. "Again, I would argue, distant parking, anything, anything but doing what I think is far from parochial.'"

Koopke said, however, the alternative fields were designed primarily for off-campus students. On-campus residents would not have to use the Maguire Paradise field, but could use other fields near campus, he said.

If the ROTC field is paved, the newly created lot would serve student and faculty commuter traffic Friday and, O'Connell Center patrons during special events.

Nattress, however, said ROTC students can still twist their rifles on the drill field next year. Nattress said he wants UF to provide parking for textbooks and uniforms for ROTC students.

"I think it's time for the administration to do away with ROTC," Nattress said. "It's been a distraction to the ROTC field."
Warfare plane crash kills 14, injures 45

JACKSONVILLE — A plane used to jam enemy communications landed "right of the center line" on the flight deck of the nuclear carrier Nimitz Tuesday night, crashed into other parked aircraft and set off a huge fire that killed at least 14 people and injured 45 others, the Navy announced.

Damage was estimated at considerably more than $100 million.

The 92,000-ton Nimitz, one of the world's two largest carriers with a crew of nearly 6,000 and a capability of carrying 90 planes, was on a training mission 60 miles off the Florida coast from Jacksonville.

Navy firemen fought the blaze on the huge carrier for 70 minutes before putting it out with a chemical foam. Cmdr. Ken Pease of the Atlantic Fleet Headquarters said "This fire was substantial, and when we say substantial, it's a big fire."

Helicopters carrying 19 Navy doctors and medical aides from the Jacksonville Naval Air Station were rushed to the carrier and 24 of the most seriously wounded crew members were taken to the station for treatment.

Helicopters shuttled supplies and emergency crews back and forth between the ship and shore all morning, base spokesman Nick Young said.

A helicopter crewman involved in the evacuation said he saw "just a mess of aircraft on the bow" where the Marine EA-6B — dubbed the Prowler because of its radio jamming capabilities — crashed into several sophisticated fighter jets.

The Navy, which did not announce the crash until after dawn Wednesday, did not immediately release specific dollar figures, but damages were expected to top easily the $100 million mark. A Tomcat alone is valued at $20 million.

Union official puts timetable on coal talks

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the United Mine Workers Union and the soft coal industry resumed talks Wednesday under a short-term timetable calling for major progress soon on ending the 62-day strike or a halt to negotiations.

Union President Sam Church Jr. threatened to break off the talks unless there are major developments soon.

Church met with his 39-member bargaining council Wednesday morning to explain his rejection Tuesday of a contract package presented by the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, despite general agreement on a crucial sub-contracting provision.

A key factor may still be a clause involving a special royalty fee that coal operators must pay for any non-union coal processed by their facilities.

The absence of that provision was cited by many of the miners who voted to reject an earlier tentative agreement, saying it protected them against establishment of more non-union mines.

The union has demanded the clause be put back into the pact.

Although the walkout has cut into coal exports and placed miners throughout Appalachia on unemployment and food stamp lines, the overall economic effect to the nation has been minimal, because about half the coal produced in the United States comes from non-union mines.

After Tuesday's two-hour meeting, Church issued a warning to the industry that immediate progress must occur or he would break off the talks.

Hunger striker calls off fast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — British authorities said Wednesday that a hunger striker from the United Irish Republican Army (IRA) had rejected an IRA statement Tuesday that he was ready to break off his 14-day fast to death.

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Police also said they raided the headquarters of the Protestant Ulster Defense Association and found seven machine guns, a revolver and more than 500 pounds of ammunition.

McLaughlin, 29, a serving a 12-year sentence on firearms charges, was transferred from Belfast's Maze Prison to the military wing of the city's Musgrave Hospital last Thursday, suffering from a bleeding ulcer.

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Petition protests anti-abortion bill

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UF women's rights activists say the government is infringing on one of their most important civil rights — their "reproductive freedom."

In protest, members of UF's National Organization for Women chapter are collecting signatures on a petition against a congressional bill that would reverse the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. The members say they have 2,000 signatures and expect to collect more at the Reitz Union today.

The bills, sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-North Carolina, and Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Illinois, declare that "human life exists from conception" and that the fetus should not be "deprived of life without due process of law" under the 14th Amendment.

The intent of the bill is to equate abortion with murder — to circumvent the high court's decision — and also to make illegal intrauterine devices and birth control pills that prevent implantation of a fertilized egg, said NOW member Sandy Malone.

NOW chapter president Ruth Segal, also a UF student, said the Helms-Hyde bill would give fetuses rights that women have not yet gained. "It's ridiculous," she said.

But Pastor Mike Braun, an outspoken critic of abortion, says he is skeptical that the Helms-Hyde bill would effectively eliminate abortion or outlaw birth control devices.

"It needs to be tested in court," said the pastor of the Community Evangelical Free Church. "But following their (the justices') track record, I have serious doubts it would ban abortion. There is serious medical debate on how the intrauterine-device and birth control pills work, so I don't see how they can say that they will be banned."

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Thursday. The similar bill, also passed by the House, would eliminate incest and rape as grounds for abortion under the federally-financed Medicaid program. The bill would only allow government-financed abortions if a woman's life was in danger.

If the Helms-Hyde bill passes, said NOW president Ruth Segal, abortions under any circumstances would be illegal — even for women who become pregnant through rape or incest.

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Concert promoters: cables needed for big-name acts in O'Connell

By Adam Yeomans

Concert promoters across the state agree: if UF wants big-name rock stars, the O'Connell Center better have some cables. No matter what the cost.

They say practically every rock performer will not play the UF coliseum because it lacks the ability to suspend sound and light equipment from the ceiling. Promoters reel off the names: Tom Petty, the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, Earth, Wind and Fire, Kenny Rogers — the list reads like a rock and roll Who’s Who.

And if a UF student wants to see them, they’ll have to travel to Jacksonville or Tampa or Lakeland, where they can hang equipment, promoters say.

“I’d love to play the building. It’s really said under the conditions they’ve spent all that money,” said Joe Lambasta, spokesman for the Orlando-based Cellar Door productions. “I think the building needs to be developed.”

A University of South Florida study revealed last week that only about 30 percent of the big rock acts and other performers, such as the Ice Capades, could play in the Sun Dome — the O’Connell Center’s smaller cousin — unless massive renovations were undertaken.

UF officials estimated the renovations would cost about $150,000.

UF officials say the study’s findings probably mean they will have to spend a similar amount to install a cable system in the UF coliseum. This year, UF will receive $1.6 million from state legislators for the O’Connell Center. But only $150,000 is earmarked for a cable system.

The O’Connell Center already has lost more than $100,000 in concert revenue. That amount could easily double, says Chris Qualmann, UF Student Government Productions chairman, unless cables are installed before next year.

UF Planning and Analysis Director Gary Koepke said the decision to install cables is not that simple. Major renovations probably would require the center to be closed down, he said. UF officials first have to look at all options available before making a final decision, he said.

Promoters say, however, either the O’Connell Center gets the cables or the center does not get the big shows.

“We enjoy playing in Gainesville, but we can always go somewhere else,” said Wilson Howard, vice president of the South Florida Beach Club Booking, the largest concert promoter in the Southeast.

Lambasta said about 95 percent of the big groups will not play the center in its current state. Other promoters agree. Cable systems are the “wave of the future,” they said.

“The thing of the future is to make the stage as clean as possible and hang them (the lights) over the stage,” said John Stoll, spokesman for Fantasma promotions in West Palm Beach. The O’Connell Center and the Sun Dome currently are the only major mass seating facilities in Florida that cannot hang equipment, Stoll said.

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Lipnick and other promoters agree the $500,000 cable investment could be paid off in five to 10 years. Qualmann also says it could happen.

“I don’t know what the snag is,” Qualmann said. Officials are “dragging their feet” in placing the cables inside the center, he said.

Center Director Jim Dalrymple also wants the cables, but says he’s willing to go through the administration channels to get them.

“It’s foolish to have to have it (the center) and not use it,” Dalrymple said. “We’re going to fight like hell to get (the cables).”
Two-day election bill goes to Bedke for OK

By Ian Johnson
Alligator Staff Writer

Without any of the debate that has held up similar proposals, the Student Senate Tuesday gave final approval for two-day Student Government elections.

The senate’s decision will add an extra day for voting in an effort to increase voter turnout, senators said. The bill’s sponsor, Sen. Jim Ingham, said he hoped the extra day would add at least 5 percent to the turnout total. Recent SG election turnouts have fluctuated around 15 percent of UF students.

If passed by Student Body President Mike Bedke, the rule would go into effect this fall. If the two-day elections don’t work well, a clause in the bill allows senators to kill the second day up to four weeks before any subsequent election. The rule would save the expense of keeping poll workers and machines open “for no reason,” Ingham said.

In other action, the senate struck down a proposal by Sen. Jim Fried that would give off-campus senators the option of attending city or county commission meetings instead of sitting at constituent tables three hours a quarter. The senators, who represent students living in off-campus areas, are currently required to sit at the tables in front of GPA to mingle with their constituents.

Fried said the tables are “ineffective” and “a waste of time.” Students seldom ask senators anything more relevant than “the time of day,” he said.

While most senators agreed with Fried’s assessment, they also said his proposal, which would make attending the meeting the only alternative to sitting at the tables, too restricting.

Also at the meeting, the senate accepted the resignation of Sen. Mark Gibson. Gibson, the chairman of the senate’s Budget and Finance Committee, lost to Sen. Skip Dvorak in a recent election for senate president.

Gibson said he resigned for “several reasons,” including his recent appointment to co-chairman of Florida Blue Key’s Homecoming Committee.

Gibson said a recent opinion handed down by Honor Court Chancellor Ted Doran also swayed his decision to quit. Doran, responding to a hypothetical question by another senator, said it would be improper if someone vied for one senate seat while filling another that represented a different constituency.

Before the ruling, Gibson had done just that.
If some state legislators have their way, the State University System would turn out a master race of students. The student enrollment would comprise big, healthy people: entirely heterosexual, fully American.

You know the type: clones.

Forget a cosmopolitan atmosphere on university campuses. And exchange programs. Or the right of students to choose their sexual preferences.

Republican Rep. Ted Ewing and Sen. Dick Langly would rather see good ol' Americans at the state universities than, say, Iranians. In some odd attempt to get back at Iranians for the hostage crisis, the pair has filed bills forbidding Iranians from attending state universities. Two more bills would establish higher tuition for foreign students.

Add this bit of dilution of America's melting pot to another plan. Sen. Alan Trask tacked an amendment on to the senate appropriations bill that would prohibit universities from giving space or money to organizations condoning premarital sex. The appropriations bill is a politically-organized package and it could take some magic to pull off Trask's amendment.

But it should be killed, as should the attempts to keep out Iranian students. The legislators should not be considering how they should kick out people, but how all people can be better educated.

And a university with a free-flow of information and ideas is a university at which people learn a lot.

As the legislative session winds down, we again urge local Reps. Sid Martin and Jon Mills and Sens. Pete Skinner and George Kirkpatrick to pluck these birds, before the master race is with us again.

No bucks

If there is anything that UF President Robert Marston can do, it's solicit gifts for UF from private sources. He does a good job at it: UF brought in about $19 million last year.

Nationally, other administrators brought in $3.8 billion to universities, for about 6.4 percent of their budgets.

But for all those efforts, the money administrators bring in won't do much to offset the losses to be incurred by President Ronald Reagan's budget cuts. In Florida, those cuts could be doubly bad — tuition may be increasing as well.

A recent report by the Urban Institute — a private research group — shows Reagan's 1982 education budget will be 18.4 percent less than the budget originally planned for under the Carter regime. Reagan plans to cut some $700 million from education in 1982 alone, and a total of $5 billion from 1981 to 1984.

Students will feel this in financial aid cutbacks, in the loss of research materials and ultimately, in the loss of professors. Also, the tuition increases would mean some 22,000 state university system students would not be able to attend Florida's campuses.

Even Robert Marston couldn't fix that ill. Not with the money he tries to pull in. But he can help by lobbying legislators against tuition increases and national lawmakers to stop this threat to education.

It would make his job a lot easier.
opinions

Three-point plan for snuffing violent crime

Editor: There appears to be no end in sight to violent crime, a blatant disrepect for the sanctity of life itself. We have come to realize brutality and senseless murder far too intimately. Fixation on these cruel happenings is part of the American way of life.

Governments are applying cosmetic solutions to an exponential growth of violent crime through additional police protection, more prisons, more programs, capital punishment and other such remedies. Until we deal with the cause instead of the symptoms, tranquility will continue to be only a vision. If the administration wants to make a significant contribution, it must commit our nation to a long-term comprehensive plan.

Proposed below is a three-point resolution rooted in the medically accepted principle of behavior that "when ever attention is focused on an idea over and over again, it spontaneously tends to realize itself." Based on this premise - that people as well as groups gravitate toward that which they think about - this three-factor approach essentially involves taking our attention off of barbarous interaction and focusing it on humane and civilized behavior.

The first component of this plan involves slowly phasing out this fixation on violence as a top news item. I am not referring to governmental censorship because regulations in this area contradict one of the constitutional principles our nation was founded on - freedom of the press. The goal instead should be a nationwide cooperative effort, backed by individuals and government, to persuade the media to focus less attention on murders and other aggressive acts in newspaper headlines, news stories and television programs.

We must face the facts. Continued subjection to violence is negative suggestion and a reinforcement of this type of behavior.

The second element of this proposal concerns governmental appropriations. Even during this period of severe economic constraints, educational allotments must not be reduced. In fact, an increased budget, especially at the elementary school level, must be made available to provide better qualified teachers and to research innovative teaching methods aimed at stimulating the desire for education within the young students themselves.

Our priorities should be reassessed. We overlook the obvious: ignorance breeds crime and crime is an expensive burden on society. It is a fact that far more violent acts are committed by individuals with an inferior quality of education. Therefore, it follows that better education is a key in developing a relatively non-violent society.

The final idea is probably the most controversial as it involves the indoctrination of our children through the public school system. Yes, indoctrination! The time has come to teach a new subject in elementary schools - humanities - and its priority should be equal to reading, writing and arithmetic. The subject matter is basic: love, friendship, compassion, brotherhood, racial equality, honest and deep respect for life itself. As students progress to higher grades, more sophisticated classes applicable to a wider variety of issues and disciplines are possible. From this foundation the individual can abstract decisions and exhibit moral behavior throughout his or her life.

We need to brainwash and mold our children into moral people through the school system. By "moral" I am not referring to religious or sexual attitudes, for these matters are the right and responsibility of the family. The morality I am endorsing is confined to the establishment of a strong foundation of humane character in our children.

This idea of compassion has been given far too little attention in the classroom and has obviously been under-emphasized, ignored and even contradicted in the home. Too great a percentage of parents have failed to cultivate a sacred respect for human life within their offspring. It is imperative that we condition these young impressionable minds through school programming, for otherwise the powerful indoctrination process employed by society and the media will prevail, and violence will continue to thrive.

Eliminating this epidemic of senseless violence may prove to be a slow process. Societal attitudes cannot change over-night, but they will never change until we go beyond the superficial and deal directly with the source - man's values.

Mark Heeler, 4LAE
Tom Avrutis, 1LW

Graduaphobia

fear of neckties,
9-to-5 drudgery
and independence

Deep in the dark recesses of every college student's mind, beneath even the twin fears of flunking out and becoming a career convenience store clerk, is an anxiety so worrisome that most people choose not to even think about it. Prevalent at this time of year, especially among seniors who see the end of 16 years of the only real existence they've ever known, is the fear of graduation.

Now wait a minute, you might say, isn't this the reason people go to college in the first place, to learn a career and pick up the coveted sheepskin? Well, yes and no.

For a lot of us with no desire to enter the workaday grind of a job at the tender age of 18 nor the skill to do anything worth real money, college presents the perfect excuse for blowing off a few more years as a happy parasite of Mom and Dad or Uncle Sam. It's considered wise, it's socially acceptable and it looks good to friends and relatives. And in earning that degree, perhaps an idea will pop in the student's head about what he can do next to put off inevitable independence.

But because few alternatives exist after accumulating 160 or more hours, as well as a huge debt to parents or government, most students graduate - ill-advised about the tremendous horrors ahead and unprepared to face them. Oh sure, grad school is one last safety valve for those with the grades and money, but how would it look to all those highbrow, work-ethic relations of yours to have a "professional student" in the family? That would be unbearable.

So after paying those parking tickets accrued since your first quarter (and you really thought you could weasel your way out of them), you grab your diploma, shake the hand of somebody you never met before, and it's over.

What next?

The elusive answer to that question is precisely the cause of graduaphobia, the fear of graduation. The "real world" can be a mean, cold place so different from college life that it's comparable to the first few weeks after birth following nine months in the womb. Imagine a place where people rise with the sun five or six days a week, actually work eight hours a day and then come home dog-tired. It just doesn't sound like much fun after four years of creative hedonism mixed with the intermittent cramming of facts into the brain long enough to regurgitate them in a blue book.

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Air controllers threaten strike

By Mark Brown
Alligator Writer

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"Marston could always have reduced our powers and how we are funded when he signed the PIRG contract, but if you start with nothing, you cannot bargain down any further." Friedman said.

But setting up PIRGs at other universities is not as laborious as setting one up at UF, Friedman said. FSU President Bernard Sliger supports Friedman’s plan — the refundable system.

Despite the controversy surrounding the financial system, almost no one disagrees
Officials study UF hiring plan

By Adam Yaumans
Alligator Staff Writer

U.S. Department of Labor officials are on campus this week to determine whether UF administrators will meet their hiring projections for minorities and women during the next five years.

Two labor department officials are studying UF's hiring records and scrutinizing a UF Affirmative Action plan, which is mandatory if UF is to receive federal dollars. The plan — developed by Affirmative Action Coordinator Jackie Hart and effective through 1986 — predicts which faculty and staff positions will be vacant during the next five years and how they will be filled.

Minority and women activists have criticized UF in the past for equal opportunity hiring efforts they called "window dressing." Women comprise 12.8 percent of UF faculty, compared to a national average of 20 percent. Blacks make up about 6 percent of UF faculty.

Administrators have said that they strive to hire as many qualified minorities and women as they can. A limited amount of money stifles their efforts to hire women and blacks who are lured to other universities that pay more.

John Vickers, a federal equal educational opportunity officer, said Wednesday UF is using a "good faith" effort to employ more minorities and women. He added that UF President Robert Marston and other officials have cooperated with U.S. officials and "we don't know of any institution who could not do better."

At the week's end, the two labor department officials will tell UF officials whether their goals for hiring are "realistic," said Alice Forsyth, Office of Federal Contract and Compliance Programs area director.

Because U.S. census reports have not yet been released, Vickers was cautious in making any predictions about UF's hiring status. "The university is using a good faith effort in trying to achieve the goals it has set for itself." Vickers said some universities are a "little" better than others in the recruitment of minorities and women, but added "no one has a monopony on that."

Forsyth said labor department officials selected UF for the hiring audit because it is the largest of the nine state universities. The review should be completed by the end of June, she said.

**whats happening**

By Ellen Shanegan
Alligator Writer

Planned Parenthood: meets tonight at 6 at the Red Cross Building, 821 NW 13th St., for a covered dish supper and In-Service program for volunteers.

Florida Delta: meets in room Cl-3 of the Health Center Communicore Building at 7 p.m. for a discussion of women in dentistry.

Circle K: will meet tonight at 6 in room 305 of the Betsy United. The general meeting will be the last of the quarter.

Annual Black Awards Program: the program, sponsored by the Office for Student Services, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the University Auditorium. Awards will be given to students, faculty and staff who have demonstrated achievement in academics, leadership and service.

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2 Gators named to All-South team

UF baseball players received more honors Wednesday off the fruits of one of UF's most successful baseball seasons ever.

Center fielder Glenn Carpenter and shortstop Steve Lombardozzi were named to the All-South Region team, a squad made up of players from the Southeastern Conference, the Ohio Valley Conference, the Southwestern Athletic Conference and eight major independents in the area.

Carpenter, who led the Gators in hitting with a .376 average, and Lombardozzi, who hit .337 and set a UF single-season record for runs scored (68) were named to the first team. UF pitcher Larry Mikezell was chosen to the second team. All players were picked by a vote of all the area coaches.

Lombardozzi and Carpenter were also named to the All-SEC team and All-SEC tournament teams. Carpenter was also named to the Academic All-SEC.

Jim Yonker and Craig McGraw were also picked for the All-SEC squad. Dave Falzone, Mike Henley and Randy O'Neal were tabbed for the All-SEC Tournament team.

Coach Jay Bergman wasn't left out — he was chosen SEC Coach of the Year.

School records took a beating this season, as the 1981 Gators set 12 new team records and broke or tied 13 individual marks.

3 Lady runners at AIAW national meet

Three Lady Gator track athletes are in Austin, Texas, today through Saturday in an attempt to bring home national honors in the AIAW Women's Outdoor Championships.

Leading the UF contingent is sophomore Lori Dinello, seeded sixth in the 100-meter hurdles. In the 400-meter dash, Alverretta Pitts will represent the Lady Gators and Nancy Raczka will compete in the javelin. The three earned berths in the national by surpassing qualifying standards earlier this season.

Preliminary rounds in each event are scheduled today, with those advancing competing again Friday and Saturday.

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Thanks to an 11th-hour settlement last year, the major league baseball strike was averted. The settlement was actually a postponement of the problem until this year. If major league players and owners can’t come to an agreement over the sticky compensation question by 12:01 a.m. Friday, the players will be left with the choice whether to strike.

**To strike or not to strike?**

New York Yankee millionaire Dave Winfield is not one to complain about free agency or inflated salaries. He will receive more than $32 million in the next 10 years, which probably is more than the entire budget of Minicatopy for the same time period.

If the current negotiations between the players and owners are not resolved by Friday, however, Winfield soon will be eligible for unemployment. Not that Winfield needs the bucks but if the players strike, like they propose if an agreement is not met, he could stand to lose a large sum of money.

Owners have had control over their players for as long as cowhide balls have been stitched. They simply want the players to agree to a compensation clause for lost free agents.

Baseball players would rather agree to spending a couple of years in a cheap Iranian hotel. They feel that the owners’ attempts at securing compensation would ruin the free agent market.

Under the owners’ compensation program a team that acquires a high quality player would have to relinquish a player of a specified talent. Players say such a plan would lower their salaries because there will be little to gain from acquiring free agents.

There is a dense cloud of smoke over a tense conversation. Muffled voices on either side of the room are almost silenced by a heated debate.

“This is all a question of supply and demand,” says an owners’ representative, extinguishing the tiny remnants of a cigarette.

Discussion of compensation for free agents has been brewing for some 15 months. Today the issue is no closer to resolution than when it first appeared.

“Don’t you realize that slavery was abolished with the 13th Amendment,” a grey-haired man interjects for the opposing viewpoint.

The problem with the baseball negotiations is finding a middle ground between the owners’ need for adequate compensation and the players’ idea of little or no compensation.

Ray Grebey, chief negotiator for the club owners, came up with modifications of the compensation plan just 10 days before the May 29 strike deadline.

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**Analysis**

Before the modifications can be discussed, the original plan must be reviewed. In that plan, a club signing a ranking player as a free agent would have to send its own 16th or 17th overall selection to the former employer.

The braintrust on the owners’ end described a ranking player as one who had enough times at bat or started enough games on the mound or made enough relief appearances to be in the upper half of all players within his category.

Although this seems a little confusing, the point is that it covers a wide spectrum of individuals.

Grebey’s latest proposal adds some performance statistics to the definition. There is no minimum cutoff point, meaning a player with two hits in three at-bats conceivably could be ranked high enough on batting average and on-base percentage to be included in the elite group.

The players, led by Players Relations Committee labor leader Marvin Miller, don’t like the “last chance” attitude that the proposal was given with, and they see no reason to accept it.

Miller, who may be known as the man that took baseball off the sports pages and dropped it in the business section, has a clearcut conviction to free baseball from its economic indentured servant status.

Meanwhile, not everyone in the owners’ camp is for the home team to score. Along with Milwaukee Brewers general manager Harry Dalton, who was fined $50,000 by the owners’ disciplinary committee for making comments that favored the players, Baltimore Orioles owner Edward Bennett Williams sways toward the players.

“It’s wrong thinking to try to demean the players and the Players’ Association,” Williams said in an interview taped by the National Broadcasting Company on May 24.

“If owners, we should be boosting the players. We need the players to be respected and liked across America. We shouldn’t have these ugly confrontations.”

The result of this anti-owners outburst by Williams was an invitation to meet with Grebey and Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn. Kuhn and Grebey are trying to keep their efforts united — the meeting probably was to kindly tell Williams to shut his mouth.

Because of situations like this one, Miller believes Kuhn and Grebey are deliberately trying to force a strike. They, of course, disagree emphatically.

Double bargaining sessions everyday have been fruitless between Grebey and Miller. Players don’t accept the ranking of free agents idea, and owners need some fool proof form of compensation before any agreement is made.

The thought of Reggie Jackson walking in a picket line with his spikes scratching against the cement and an “On Strike” sign dangling off the end of his bat is humorous, but the chance of it happening is slim, according to baseball realists.

Ball-park workers would lose their jobs; cities no longer would have the large revenue from stadium rentals, and the game would lose its credibility as the national pastime — if it hasn’t already.

Fans will be the main loser in the scuffle. As players enjoy higher pay, and teams are experiencing more profits, the fans are picking up the tab in the form of higher ticket prices.

Oh yes, if anyone is worried about the poor old owners, they can rest easy tonight. Apparently, the owners have accumulated a “financial assistance fund.” Grebey said that the $11.1 million the owners collected will carry them through for two weeks when they cast collect on $50 million in strike insurance. The owners have paid only about $2 million in premiums on this insurance, he noted.

The National Labor Relations Board’s general counsel, William G. Lobbers, who is helping mediate the dispute, said Tuesday that owners have been bargaining unfairly. He is asking for an injunction ordering the owners to release financial information. The players say such an injunction could avert the strike.