No military draft planned yet

Number of current personnel sufficient to handle situation

By JOHN F. BERRY
Alligator Writer

Spokesmen for the Pentagon and the Selective Service said nobody yet is asking for the draft, despite increasing speculation that the United States may need it to maintain Operation Desert Shield troop levels.

"It's media speculation," said Pentagon spokesman Rick Oborn last week. "We have no intention of asking for a draft. That is a decision made by Congress, not us."

Pentagon officials have continued to say that America's 2.1 million service people on active duty and its 1.6 million reservists can handle any situation. The United States now has about 230,000 military personnel in the region with another 150,000 to arrive before Jan. 15, the date the United Nations begins to support force as an option to resolve the crisis.

A spokesman for the Selective Service, the governmental agency that delivers untrained manpower to the military and supervises the conscientious-objector program, said little has changed since the Middle East crisis began in August.

"Our mission is to remain ready, and there is no indication that a draft would be activated," said spokesman Larry Waltman from his Washington, D.C. office. "It has been business as usual."

Waltman said the Selective Service did see a small rise in registration after the Iraqi army invaded Kuwait. Normally, Waltman said 90 percent to 95 percent of all men from 18- to 25-years old register with the agency.

But curiosity about how the military will be able to maintain its troop strength in and around Saudi Arabia has concerned some national figures and UF students.

In a Nov. 26 telecast of ABC's "Nightline," Georgia Sen. and Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, said if the United States continues sanctions against Iraq for 12 months to 18 months, the military must rotate fresh troops in and out of the region.

"Then you have to think seriously about the draft," he said.

Robert McNamara, U.S. defense secretary during the Vietnam war, said in a Dec. 5 "Nightline" interview that he sees a draft being instituted after a year of "intensive" combat. He also said he favors a draft to support troop levels.

"I don't see a draft at the present emergency," he said.

Closer to home, UF freshman Brendan Orr, 18, filed with Selective Service last month. He said he is unsure if he would report for duty if drafted.

"If the U.S. was invaded, I would be first to fight," he said. "But I don't think the U.S. should be over there for oil. If faced with a jail term, I might go to Canada."

But UF engineering junior Gary Brown, 20, said he would report if drafted. Brown also agreed with no deferments for college students because it discriminates against the poor and non-college students.

"A person in college is a little more mature," Brown said. "He might be able to handle war better."

Because Brown is 20 years old, he would be among the first drafted. Waltman said the drafting order is from 20 to 25, followed by 19- and 18-year-olds. Waltman said about 14 million men are of age.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Good morning:** The Campus Diplomats, faculty and administration will serve breakfast to graduating seniors this morning from 8 to 11 in the Reitz Union Ronco Ballroom. Call 392-1201.

**CISPLA:** The Community in Support of the People of Latin America is meeting tonight at 7 at the Methodist Student Center. Call 375-6578.

**Environment:** The Environmental Action Group presents David Godfrey from the Florida Defenders of the Environment. Godfrey will speak about the Oklawaha River this afternoon at 3 in Aproxeter Engineering Room 503. Call Jennifer Tamum, 334-8542.

**Humans Against Animals:** The Amnesty International Gainesville chapter is meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the St. Augustine Student Center. Call Tom McDonnell, 329-2198.

**Help:** The Student Attorney's office is looking for volunteers to help Alachua County crime victims. Call Minerva, 374-3627.

**Clothes:** The UF Counseling Center Clothes Closet will be open this week, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Little Hall Room 311. The drive will continue until Dec. 19. Call 392-1575.

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**He Ho He:** The Third Annual Talk with Santa will be this Friday through Sunday for the children of UF students, faculty and staff. Santa will call the kids and wish them a Merry Christmas. Performance times are due by Thursday. Come by Florida Gym Room 214 to pick up applications. Call 392-0581.

**Peace:** The Middle East Peace Group is meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Methodist Student Center. Call 375-2563.

**Clearances:** The Florida Student Cereonos Alumni Association will have a meeting this afternoon at 4:45 at the Alumni Office. Call 392-1619.

**Asian:** The Asian Cultural Night Committee is meeting to organize its divisions tonight at 7 at the Reitz Union Room 349. Call Tim, 371-0659.

**Speak Out:** The Middle East Peace Group is holding a speakout against the possibility of war in the Middle East today at noon in the Plaza of the Americas. Call 375-2563.

**Hanukkah:** The B'nai B'rith B'rith Foundation is having a Hanukkah candle lighting and dinner this afternoon at 5:45 at 16 NW 18th St. Call 372-2900 by noon for reservations.

**Show:** The B'nai B'rith B'rith Foundation is having a free showing of "Fiddler on the Roof" tonight at 7:30 at the Reitz Union Film Auditorium. Call 372-2500.

**Holiday Happenings:** The Morningglade Nature Center will present the following programs Dec. 15: canoe boiling, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Cooking with Cane Syrup, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Playtime in the Cabin, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 11 a.m. to noon; Cabin and Kitchen Tours from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., or 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. On Dec. 22: Cabin and Kitchen from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., or 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. On Dec. 28: Discover Live Animals, from 10 a.m. to noon.

**English majors:** Celebration 1991 has opened a new literary arts division. Assistant director applications are due Wednesday at the ODK office in the Reitz Union 3rd floor.

**What's Happening** is free public service space for upcoming events. The announcements are printed on a space-available basis, in random order and, when necessary, are edited or cut. Forms are available in The Alligator lobby, 1105 W. University Ave., and information cannot be accepted over the phone.
Protesters want peaceful solution to Gulf crisis

By ROBERT SUREN
Alligator Writer

A red Mazda drove by, horn blowing. Three arms stuck out of its windows, giving the thumbs-up sign.

Moments later, a black pickup truck sped by, its passengers shouting insults.

"Last month we were getting more negative responses. This month is more positive," said Scott Weinstein, 33, of Waldo, a member of the Middle East Peace Group.

For five Tuesdays, the group’s members and others opposed to U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf have banded around street corners to the mixed reaction of passersby.

Weinstein said the group plans to assemble every Tuesday “from now on,” meaning until a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis can be reached.

About 40 protesters lined the sidewalks at the intersection of West University Avenue and Southwest 13th Street last Tuesday afternoon, bundled in heavy jackets and waving signs that read, “No War For Big Oil” and “Peace Is Patriotic.”

Also, at the intersection of Southwest Archer Road and Southwest 34th Street, and the intersection of East University Avenue and Main Street, about 50 others assembled.

“We think there’s absolutely no truth to Bush’s reasoning to escalate troop involvement,” Weinstein said. “The real reason the U.S. is involved in the conquest is to gain political and financial power.

“I think the real issue is that people have to decide whether we should put our lives on the line, not some president.”

“Go home!” came the shout from a passing vehicle.

The Middle East Peace Group formed in early October, Weinstein said. But for some members, things haven’t exactly been peaceful.

Sandra Samaan, a UF anthropology junior and group member, said she’s gotten death threats since her phone number was printed in the “What’s Happening” section of The Alligator as a contact for the group.

“It’s scary,” she said.

Samaan, who is Palestinian, was raised in the United States but born in Palestine. She was studying in Jordan during the summer when the Iraqi army invaded Kuwait.

“It was tense. Everyone was really shocked when it happened,” she said. “A lot of students wouldn’t talk to me because they knew I was from the U.S.”

Charles Willett, a member of Veterans For Peace, protests each Tuesday.

“The real reason we’re over there is not because Saddam Hussein is like a Hitler or something, but to protect our big oil interest,” said the Korean War veteran. “And that is not a good reason.

“When you have a problem with someone, you don’t try to kill them,” Willett said. “You try to negotiate.”

Storms may hurt state’s power

Loss of nuclear plants could mean temporary blackouts

By ELIZABETH CLARKE
Alligator Writer

Another winter storm, like the one that brought snow and ice to Gainesville last year, could push Florida’s electric power supply beyond its limits and cause a power shortage, according to some utilities experts.

Professor Sanford Berg, executive director of UF's Public Utilities Research Center, said the 11-month loss of two nuclear power plants in Turkey Point, Fla., has reduced power capacity for all power plants in the state.

Both of Turkey Point’s Florida Power and Light plants supply 10 percent of the company’s electricity. They will be closed until Oct. 1991 due to new equipment installation company spokesman Gary Mehalik said.

Florida Power and Light is buying power from Georgia and other areas to make up for the shortage, he said.

“But if we have another freeze like last year, all bets are off,” Mehalik said.

Since all power companies in Florida, and in the country, are linked in a grid system, the rest of the state may feel the shortage this winter, he said.

Darrell DuBose, manager of Gainesville Regional Utilities Electric Control Systems, said GRU has extra power and shouldn’t have a problem this year.

“We have ample capacity, barring a breakdown at the wrong time,” he said. “The risk to GRU is if the whole state has big demand.”

A long, cold winter throughot the state could mean problems for GRU customers as well, he said.

“GRU is going to be asked to conserve or will see rolling 30-minute blackouts or ‘rolling’ blackouts, DuBose said.

Mehalik said Florida power plants aren’t built to withstand heavy use of heaters and other appliances that come with extended cold spells.

“We don’t build power plants to provide power once every ten years when it gets that cold,” he said.

While conservation during a shortage should help prevent blackouts, Berg said long-term conservation probably won’t decrease the possibility of a power shortage.

Electricity can’t be stored the way other commodities can, he said. Conserving energy today doesn’t mean more will be available during a January cold spell.

Conservation of power during the shortage may be the only way to prevent rolling blackouts, Berg said.

DuBose said customers should turn the thermostat down 5 degrees to 10 degrees from current settings, conserve hot water and not use major appliances during a shortage.

And they should know the worst time for energy consumption during the winter is early in the morning, DuBose said.

“The alarm clock goes off at 6:00 and everybody gets up and turns up the thermostat at the same time," he said.

If everyone conserves 10 percent to 15 percent during shortage alerts, DuBose said GRU will notice a big difference and may not have to use rolling blackouts.
FDA approves birth control implant.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Food and Drug Administration Monday approved an implantable birth control device that lasts up to five years and appears as safe and effective as birth control pills.

The FDA's long-awaited action on Norplant was hailed by family planning groups as a major step toward widespread contraceptive options available to American women. About two-thirds of the 60 million U.S. women of child-bearing age currently use some form of birth control.

"It offers women a new contraception option for the first time since the Pill," said Dr. Wayne Bardin, vice president of the Population Council in New York, a non-profit group that developed Norplant.

The device consists of six rubber capsules containing the same hormone used in many birth control pills. When the match-sized capsules are implanted under the skin of a woman's upper arm, they gradually release low doses of the hormone, preventing pregnancy for up to five years.

Norplant is 99 percent effective at preventing pregnancy in women who weigh less than 150 pounds, the FDA said. Birth control pills are about 94 percent to 95 percent effective when user error is taken into account, the FDA said.

Norplant was previously approved for use in 16 countries and more than 500,000 women are currently using the implants.

The implant can be removed at any time by a minor surgical procedure, and the effect of the contraceptive wears off in two days, the Population Council said. Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories of Philadelphia, which makes levonorgestrel — the hormone used in the implants — will market Norplant in the United States.

The company said it would not say when it would be available or how much it would cost.

The hormone-laden capsules are inserted under the skin of the upper arm through an injection-like surgical method done under local anesthesia. The capsules usually are not visible, but can be felt beneath the skin.

Studies involving more than 55,000 women showed the major drawback to Norplant was its tendency to cause irregular menstrual bleeding.

Other side effects include headaches, weight changes, mood swings, acne and nervousness, the FDA said. About one-quarter of women who received implants had them removed before their five years of effectiveness was over due to such side effects.

However, an FDA advisory panel last year unanimously endorsed Norplant, saying the implants appeared as safe and as effective as birth control pills.

Like birth control pills, Norplant should not be used by women who have acute liver disease, unexplained vaginal bleeding, breast cancer or blood clots in the legs, lungs or eyes, the FDA said.

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Wolves no longer secretary's pets
Neighbors' complaints force UF employee to get rid of animals

By AMY K. WILES
Alligator Writer

A wolf howl gliding across the crisp December night air might be a hauntingly beautiful sound to some people, but to Barbara Dorsey's neighbors, it is nothing short of a noise ordinance violation.

On Nov. 30, Alachua County Court Judge Thomas Elwell ordered Dorsey to find a new home for her 17 pet hybrid wolves by Dec. 8 or face a 60-day jail sentence. The UF journalism department secretary and her son Kent, 26, have been battling neighbors' complaints about the wolves' howls since moving to their six-acre property near Jonesville in 1988.

Howard Aggers Jr., a neighbor of the Dorsey's, first filed a complaint about the noise with the State Attorney's office in late 1989. Aggers lives 1,300 feet away from the Dorsey's property line and claims the howling disturbs his sleep at night.

Aggers said he visited the wolves' enclosure after putting his dog inside, however, he later said that he did not think the family had selected a good-quality hybrid.

"Even though we have to respect the laws of nuisances, it's my personal opinion that those wolves are of much less risk and concern to the environment than many household pets," Coleman said. "These wolves probably do not make any more noise than many neighborhood dogs."

The wolves lived in a concrete "wolf house" the family built on their property, Barbara Dorsey said. The kennel is 110 feet long and has its own septic tank. It also has eight indoor and outdoor runs and a fenced-in exercise area.

UF journalism Professor Bill McKeen said he visited the Dorsey's property and was impressed both by the kennel and by the wolves' behavior.

"My kids love animals, so I took my 11- and my 8-year-old out there," McKeen said. "(The wolves) are just like overgrown puppies. I had no fear that my kids could get hurt by these animals. Some of them are terribly, terribly shy."

McKeen said he offered a videotape of his children playing with the wolves to the County Commission hearing the Dorsey's case but received no reply.

Aggers said his only complaint is the noise, not his family's safety.

Seven of the wolves were put to sleep Dec. 1, and the remaining 10 were moved to a wooded area outside the county on Saturday. The Dorsey's will continue to take care of them in the new location.

"I think this whole thing is due to ignorance and prejudice, frankly," Dorsey said.

Dorsey said the family's Jonesville property, located between Gainesville and Newberry, is for sale. They plan to move to a more isolated location and get their pets back.

Euthanasia only alternative for 7

By AMY K. WILES
Alligator Writer

The controversy surrounding the Dorsey family's hybrid wolves increased Dec. 1 when the family decided to put seven of their animals to sleep.

A Nov. 30 court order ordered the Dorsey's to move the wolves from their Jonesville property by Dec. 8 or face a 60-day jail sentence. The Dorsey's euthanized the seven wolves they felt would be traumatized by the required transition.

Kent Dorsey said an acquaintance offered him several wooded acres outside Alachua County for 10 wolves. Dorsey said he and his sister, Shannon, chose the 10 most likely to adjust to the new environment.

"It's the hardest thing possible to determine which animals were to live and die," he said. "I don't endorse the usual causality of euthanasia at all, that's why this was so hard for me. But the fact is I had too many animals and had to look ahead to the future."

Dorsey said the new area complies with state regulations and is close enough for him to continue taking care of the remaining wolves.

Minutes before the Nov. 29 hearing, Dorsey learned that Gene Schuler's Wado Wild Animal Retirement Village had space to take the wolves. Dorsey said he rejected the offer because he could not agree to Schuler's conditions.

Schuler only would accept all 17 wolves or none of them. The wolves would be neutered if they were brought to the animal village. And if the Dorsey's wanted any wolves back, they would have to take all 17.

"I had a matter of minutes to decide (about the offer) before the hearing," Dorsey said. "I had a problem with putting my animals in a zoo-like environment. They're just not used to that."

The seven wolves were sedated and given a lethal dose of sodium pentabarbital Dec. 1 at the Alachua County Animal Control Center. National animal rights groups recommend the drug as the most humane form of euthanasia available.
Freedom of speech

Following the saga of the White Student Union is somewhat like following a three-ring circus. It's just so hard to keep up.

In the latest twist, WSU met on campus to see if it could provoke administrators to action. Because WSU doesn't have a faculty adviser, it's not a student group and therefore isn't allowed to use campus facilities.

Administrators didn't seem to care whether the group wanted to meet on campus. They say they didn't take action against the group because they didn't know about Friday night's scheduled meeting. We find this difficult to believe when we ran a front-page story with the headline: "WSU to defy UF policies by meeting on campus." No administrators saw that headline or read that story. Yeah, right.

But a couple of groups did read the story and decided to make WSU's life a little difficult.

The campus chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reserved the room WSU was planning to use, OK, that seems innocent enough. After all, the NAACP has a campus branch and WSU doesn't.

But then WSU members tried to move to an auditorium. WSU officials say members of the NAACP and Project 99 followed them into the auditorium and harassed them. The NAACP says its members simply positioned themselves around the room.

Or, as Project 99 Lt. Commandant David Padgett put it, his group will keep attending WSU meetings to "rake them over the coals" until Project 99 is sure WSU isn't linked to white supremacist organizations.

We do not, by any means, agree with WSU or its stance on Affirmative Action. But we do believe the group's members have the constitutional right to say what they want, no matter how ignorant we consider their ideas.

The group does deserve to meet and express its ideas without being insulted, which is exactly what it sounds like NAACP and Project 99 members did. If WSU tried to disrupt one of their meetings, they'd scream their civil rights were being violated. This meeting sounds like a reversal of the same thing.

But everyone shares a little bit of the guilt in this episode.

Even though the group should be allowed to meet without difficulty, it shouldn't be allowed to meet on the UF campus. UF has specific rules about what student groups must do to be registered, and WSU hasn't been able to meet those requirements. If WSU was really a group that wanted to further its ideals, members would meet at someone's house. Obviously, WSU finds more fun in stirring others' houses around the room.

Administrators don't get off the hook either. By not addressing WSU's campus meeting either before it took place or at the meeting, administrators sent WSU and other non-registered student groups the signal that they can do whatever they want, and the administration isn't going to care.

If administrators later decide to take action against the group, their words of admonition aren't going to carry much weight.

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Going green for the holidays

Embarrassingly enough, my roommates and I have a plastic Christmas tree in our living room. It was left in the house by former tenants, a tacky reminder of the commercialism of the season. I love Christmas—the twinkling lights, the shopping rush, the warm feeling of joy and peace (You can feel this some places, I swear, just not during Dead Week). But holiday time means a big strain on the planet.

At the risk of sounding like a grinch, I think Christmas trees are an outdated and unnecessary tradition. On one hand, you have plastic trees made from petroleum products. They never degrade and are made at processing plants.

Then there are real trees, cut down in the prime of life so they can sit in a house and die a slow death. And did you know those wonderful "natural" beauties are sprayed with chemicals and often green paint? That explains all the green needles falling off the tree and landing on the carpet. Those needles probably are brown and dead or you just don't know it. Couldn't you just go without that decorative centerpiece this year?

You can have a great holiday without a tree, trust me. Hang ornaments on house plants, decorate the mantle with holly boughs, and string lights around the yard. Clip some branches off a pine tree or two and make your own wreath. My mom does this, and it looks great. If you absolutely, positively, can't do without a tree, buy one that can be replanted. And please stay away from those tacky metallic or plastic artificial trees. They don't even smell nice.

While you're doing your part to make this a truly green holiday, think about your gift list. The meaning of the season is Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men and all that, not 'Shove the lady in front of you so you can reach the last item on the sale table.' It doesn't mean becoming so grumpy from shopping, wrapping and baking that you snap at everyone around you and need it to recover from the "holiday." Try giving real presents this year. How about taking your dad to a museum, ball game or even hardware shopping. A little one-on-one from a child usually wrapped up in a flurry of schoolwork and other activities means a lot more than another tie or shirt.

Make a cool tape of college-type music for your younger sister or brother. Wash the car for Mom. Write a poem for your sweetie. These aren't just easy on the wallet (a must for me during this tight budget

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College enrollment hasn’t protected draft-age men from military service since 1971, and Selective Service hasn’t conducted a draft since 1973.

TRENTON, N.J. — Would you have trekked cross-country between five years in prison and a register for the draft within a week?

That’s what Ron Paul, said he resisted doing in 1969.

Paul Jacob went to jail in 1981 for not registering. Current law requires men to inform themselves about their rights and to register for the draft. While he has not conducted a draft since 1971, he has not protected draft-age men from military service since 1971. The Selective Service spokesman Larry Waltman said.

Seeley said that the thing to do is to keep your mouth shut rather than spend a couple of years in prison for not registering. Although Selective Service grants draft-free status to 100 or more people a year, they are not required to register for the draft. It is too late to apply for the draft. Applicants will be asked to prove this claim.

The Selective Service requires that those who wish to declare objector status in the event of a draft prepare now. If at some point you do move and have not registered, you will not be able to declare objector status. The Selective Service requires that letters written to newspapers, published artwork, and other documents be included with the application. No letters from community leaders and family stating these beliefs should be included with the application, Seeley said.

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Seeley also said potential objectors should review past applications and make sure they can clearly present their stance. Past questions asked applicants to state their objections and why they hold them.

“Anybody who can deal with these things in their head or on paper will be better prepared,” Seeley said.

Camil said a combination of determination and preparedness may save a possible objector from military service, which could result in death.

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2. Letters from civic leaders, teachers or clergy stating history of anti-war stance.
3. Photographs showing participation in anti-war rallies.

Seeley also said potential objectors should review past applications and make sure they can clearly present their stance. Past questions asked applicants to state their objections and why they hold them.

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IFAS Scientist Wins Patent For Safe, Natural Fungus That Kills Whitefly

A UF scientist has won a U.S. patent for a fungus that safely kills one of the most damaging agricultural pests—the sweet potato whitefly (SPW).

IFAS entomologist Lance Osborne has discovered a fungus that quickly kills the sweet potato whitefly. The whitefly feeds on sweet potatoes and other crops, causing damage that can exceed $1.5 billion annually in the U.S., and $15 billion worldwide.

Osborne, a professor of Entomology and Plant Pathology in the UF/IFAS Department of Entomology and Nematology, said he was surprised earlier this year when he found a fungus that kills the whitefly when he was trying to grow new plants in his greenhouse. Osborne said the fungus was 99 percent effective, killing whiteflies in all stages of development.

Osborne and his colleagues, in collaboration with Emylou McCoy and Greg Story, are studying a whitefly from the southeastern United States that is resistant to the fungus. The resistance is most likely due to a fungus that was introduced into the United States, and that is resistant to the fungus. This fungus may be able to be used to control the whitefly in the future.

UF/IFAS scientists have been working on this project for the past three years. They have found that the fungus is effective against the whitefly in greenhouse tests. This year, Osborne said they will begin field trials to test the effectiveness of the fungus in controlling the whitefly in crops.

"We're excited about the potential of this fungus as a biocontrol agent," Osborne said. "It has the potential to reduce the use of pesticides and improve crop yields."
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Walk-ons overlook odds, dream of starting for UF

By ALEX MARVEZ
Alligator Writer

Every day before football practice this fall, Harold Monk would sit in the UF locker room and spend more time pondering his day’s fate than recalling his playing time on Florida Field.

It was UF equipment manager Bud Fernandez who indirectly controlled Monk’s destiny. Fernandez would hand Monk a jersey, and whatever number the shirt had printed on it would dictate the position Monk would play that day on the Gators’ scout team.

When Monk wore No. 90, he would line up at tight end, the position he originally played when he reported to Florida in 1986. Monk switched to running back in the spring.

“Monk’s exploits, though, are unremarkable,” Wabbersen said. “I’m looking for playing time. It needs to be done.”

This is my shot to show the coaches I want to play.”

A difficult goal, but not an impossible one.

Nine UF walk-ons have advanced to the NFL, the most famous of which are Oliver, now starting at free safety for the Miami Dolphins, and Bell, a quarterback who served as a graduate assistant this season while recuperating from knee surgery.

Pat Moorer, a linebacker on last year’s squad, had several scholarship offers but wanted to play at UF. And just three months after he walked on as a freshman in 1986, Moorer was given the starting nod at inside linebacker — a position he played for four years.

Gregg Diamond played in all 11 games as a member of UF’s special teams and received 19 minutes of playing time at linebacker against Auburn.

Walk-on running back Brady Ackerman scored a touchdown against Akron, and defensive back Jim Franklin played 15 minutes against the Zips.

The only walk-on to earn a scholarship last season was senior running back Chuck Wabbersen, who garnered the honor after UF’s spring practice drills.

“It is a long process,” Wabbersen said. “The first thing you’ve got to do is come out and prove you want to be here. You’ve got to work hard every day to try and break through.”

Like Monk, Wabbersen didn’t begin his walk-on career in 1988 in the same position he’s at now. Wabbersen played quarterback, the same position he played at Broward Community College before transferring to Florida.

Wabbersen said he kept motivated by setting personal goals.

What motivates Monk and some of his teammates is a dream, one that came true for former UF greats Louis Oliver and Kerwin Bell.

The reverie of finding stardom and playing elsewhere in the SEC suits up every player for non-SEC away contests.

The first was dressing for a game, the only way to prove yourself what the in-coming game, For a walk-on, recognition is a long process.”

Brown, a defensive back, saw action against UF’s first opponent in spring drills in 1988 while Oliver was injured and Andy Newman was suspended. But once Olive-

"If I wanted to prove I wasn’t too slow to play," said Brown, the only walk-on from 1986 to play at UF this season.

"You just want someone to take notice. I’m going to have good memories of the people on the team, but a bitter taste in my mouth from not being able to play when I felt I was good enough to."
Steroid use may be increasing

United Press International

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — A survey of athletes at five NCAA Division I schools shows the problem of anabolic steroid use in sports may be greater than many thought.

The Penn State study released Monday also found the level of use probably has increased during the past four years.

Charles Yesalis, a professor in the College of Health and Human Development, said the projected rate of anabolic steroids use in all sports surveyed was 14.7 percent for male athletes and 5.9 percent for females.

The level of projected anabolic steroid use is significantly greater than that reported in 1989.

Doug Kauffman, UP’s strength and conditioning coach, said he was surprised by the findings.

“It surprises me to hear that because I feel college students are a lot more educated and are aware of the safer alternatives,” Kauffman said.

“Students know about the dangers, and in our program, we try not to let it be an option.”

Kauffman said his staff spends time trying to show athletes there are plenty of positive alternatives to steroid use.

“We try not to let (steroids) be an option,” Kauffman said. “People can achieve the same goals naturally.”

Among men’s sports, football reported the highest projected use at 29.3 percent, followed by track and field at 20.6 percent. A 1989 NCAA study listed use at 9.6 percent for football and 2.3 percent for track and field.

The greatest projected anabolic steroid use for women’s sports was 16.3 percent for track and field. The NCAA study listed use at 15 percent.

In previous surveys, athletes were asked about their own level of anabolic steroid use. This time they were asked to estimate the level of anabolic steroid use among their competitors.

Yesalis said such a survey method probably is less threatening since it does not require respondents to divulge information about themselves or specific teammates.

But Kauffman questioned the scientific validity to the testing system.

“It seems like they got a bunch of opinions,” he said. “There’s a lot you don’t know about other people. If two people are working out and one increases his bench press by 20 pounds and the other doesn’t, the first thing they’d do is accuse them of cheating.”

Assisting Penn State researchers were those from Michigan State, Vanderbilt, West Virginia, UCLA and Ohio State.

The majority of football players and male track athletes stated that anabolic steroids could greatly enhance their performance,” Yesalis said.

“The majority of respondents in most men’s and women’s sports believed that anabolic steroids could at least enhance performance.”

Applying the projected estimates of steroid use and those from 1989 to the number of participants in NCAA Division I sports causes concern.

Yesalis said his research would indicate 1,800 to 8,300 Division I male and female athletes of a total of 56,000 in 10 sports have used anabolic steroids as believed by their peers to have used them.

Alligator Staff Writer Ron Kasprzak contributed to this report.