Regents vote on tuition hike today

By KAREN MEYER
Alligator Staff Writer

The Board of Regents is voting today on a tuition fee increase for next fall.

The Regents, meeting in Pensacola, are considering a recommendation to raise freshmen and sophomore fees to $14 per credit hour, junior and senior fees to $15 per credit hour, and graduate fees to $20 per credit hour.

THE PROPOSED fee hike, if adopted, will also require students to support 30 percent of the total cost of Florida higher education in the future, which will drive tuition higher if universities' costs increase.

The Regents' finance committee last week recommended the new tuition schedule be approved for implementation this fall.

The Regents will also consider a finance committee recommendation that $800,000 be shifted from within UF's budget to enable the university to meet its payroll.

The proposal now suggests 13 cents be transferred from the Activity and Service Fee fund to the new financial program.

If the new tuition schedule is approved today, it then goes to the legislature. If the legislature approves it or fails to act on it, it will go into effect this fall quarter.

The activity fees, amounting to $2.27 per credit hour per student, would have been cut by $3.75, which would have gone toward an expanded financial aid program.

Objections made by UF Student Body President Steve Morey and student representatives from five other state universities at the finance committee meeting last week resulted in a change in the proposal. Rather than taking 13 cents, the proposal now suggests 13 cents be transferred from the Activity and Service Fee fund to the new financial program.

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Humanities granted $1 million

By DONNA BRUGMAN
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Nearly $1 million has been awarded to UF’s humanities department by the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency.

The $999,747 institutional grant is the “biggest in the Southeast and the largest of this type anywhere,” Dr. Gareth L. Schmelting, chairman of the humanities department, said.

THE MONEY is being given to partly fund an estimated $2.7 million program titled “Humanities Perspectives on the Professions.”

The remaining $1.7 million of the program will be channeled from regular sources.

UF Public Information Officer Hugh Cunningham said the grant guarantees that UF will spend the $1.7 million on the humanities department over a five-year period.

CUNNINGHAM SAID more than $1.7 million is spent on the humanities over a five-year period. The grant ensures that UF will not neglect the humanities, he said.

The program’s focus is on relating the humanities to the professional student specifically in the Colleges of Medicine and Health Related Professions, Law, Engineering and Business Administration.

Another long-range benefit of the program is faculty development, Schmeling said.

THE PROGRAM is comprised of a three-tier elective course of study.

The courses will relate the humanities to the particular profession and then “wean” the students into new dimensions of the humanities.

Each of the courses will consist of about 25 students and a five teacher team.

THE GRANT MONEY will be used to achieve this one-to-five teacher-student ratio.

Schmeling gave the following example as to explain how this will work: If the English department donates teachers to work on the program courses, then they will be given funds to replace the low.

Grant provides courses

By DONNA BRUGMAN
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Dr. Gareth L. Schmeling, chairman of the humanities department, received a phone call about 11 a.m. Friday from President Robert O. Marston's office requesting a meeting between the two men.

Marston was between meetings, so Schmeling met him about 11:45 a.m. on the second floor of the J. Wayne Reitz Union.

TWO AND A HALF YEARS of planning and hard work paid off for Schmeling when Marston told him the humanities department would receive almost a $1 million institutional grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency.

The grant will fund a five-year program titled “Humanities Perspectives on the Professions,” and it will extend the current humanities curriculum.

The program, estimated eventually to cost $2.7 million, will be used to encourage a new collaboration between the humanities and each of these UF colleges: medicine and health related professions, law, engineering, and business administration.

THE NEW PROGRAM is scheduled to begin fall quarter with three or four core courses for each profession.

Schmeling said during the third year of the program there would be 24 of these courses.

Schmeling said he expected about 75 to 100 applications for each course. Each applicant will be interviewed and about 25 will be selected for each course.

HE SAID THEY are more interested in students “who know what their direction is.”

Medical and law students must already have been accepted into their upper division college to be eligible.

Students at any level could be accepted for the engineering or business courses.

These courses can be used as a student’s UC humanities requirement or as elective credit.

THE COURSES WILL try to maintain a teacher-

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A windfall for humanities

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"Ms. ERA' gives tips to workshop

By LESLIE GOLAY
Alligator Staff Writer

Yamaha 750 to victory before a capacity crowd yesterday. 67 contestants representing 12 nations competed in the grueling two and a half hour feature event of a week's racing.

The outlook for the ERA's chances in the legislature this April is close, according to Gordon. "It's fine in the House, but it's very close in the Senate. They need about two votes and four or five senators may change their minds."

"SENATE PRESIDENT' Dempsey Barron definitely could keep it out of the floor. He is against the amendment, but he won't influence anyone one way or the other. He doesn't really care that much, but he surely won't do anything to help it."

According to Burkholz, who spends much of her lobbying time working with the legislature, the outlook in the House is good but "it's very, very negative in the Senate."

"First, the leadership in the Senate is against it, and second, the opponents who voted against it last year did not have sufficient pressure put on them, since they are in four-year terms and did not have to run for reelection."

"Third, not enough 'no' votes were replaced with 'yes' votes in the Senate this year," she said.

Dean advises prof's, students to protest cuts

By GARY BALANOFF
Alligator Staff Writer

Dr. Bert Sharp, dean of the UF College of Education, told a group of education students and faculty in his college Friday they should talk with UF President Robert G. Marston and individual legislators throughout the state to protest the recent Board of Regents requested faculty cutbacks.

I think the problem is of such a magnitude that its solution lies outside the College of Education," Sharp said. "It's beyond the college's resources to solve this problem."

Last week's cutback took 10.5 man-years in faculty positions from the College of Education. Seven faculty members were not renewed, including six interim faculty members and one graduate teaching assistant.

SHARP said he expected two of the interim faculty members to be renewed.

"It hit hard in childhood education," Sharp said. Sharp added students and their parents should let their state legislators know what problems the college and UF as a whole are facing.

Sharp argues with other deans to make the cuts across the board to a few colleges alone would not bear the weight of the cuts.

"Cutting the summer school budget across the board and the percentage of the budget used for faculty salaries next fall will be the only alternatives offered to the dean which would cut into the budgets of all UF colleges," Sharp said. "Somewhere, somewhere to hurt when the College of Education gives its 'fair share' of the cutback.

"The EFFECT of not hiring graduate assistants is seen in the resultant cutback in the number of courses which will be offered."

He added the students nearing graduation may have special problems in getting into sections they need to graduate. If graduation is held up, these students are hampered in getting a job immediately.

UF announced last week it would cut 25 per cent from the total summer school budget, and Sharp said he hoped to have a plan or the summer school cutbacks by Wednesday.

The UF women faculty at expressed fear of reprisal last week for going over their dean's or department chairman's head in reporting salary inequities to the UF administration.

"I am astounded," replied Robert Bryan, UF interim vice president for academic affairs, at a question and answer meeting with UF's Association of Women Faculty (AWF). EXAMPLES OF REPRISALS that have been used in the past against women are no granting of tenure, no use of graduate assistants, no summer half-time work, smaller office space and numerous other devices, according to Dr. Glenna Cork, associate professor of education.

The women faculty members asked Bryan about implementation of the affirmative action plan in times of tight budgets and no salary increases.

Affirmative action is a plan for equal employment opportunities for women and minorities.

CARR asked Bryan if it were possible to set aside one per cent of any salary increases next year for salary equity adjustments for women.

"The administration doesn't have a chance of a snowball in hell to get appropriations for women. I'm committed to it but women must work for it for themselves," he answered.

"I was asked about the possibility of reducing higher paid faculty and administrators' salaries to make up the inequity," Bryan said. "That is a totally unrealistic proposition in view of galloping inflation. I wouldn't touch it with a ten-foot pole."

"Higher paid people took less of a raise last year and the line I'm on took no increase. I made that decision," he said.

"The women asked Bryan questions concerning the disproportionately high percentage of women faculty terminated last week and the method for determining who was to be terminated."

The Board of Regents requested UF to cut back 90 faculty positions in order to pay back a 1.5 million deficit. Of the 20 faculty members who get their termination notices, six, or 30 per cent, were women.

THERE ARE ONLY 12.9 PERCENT total women faculty members at UF. Twenty-four per cent of the interim positions are held by women.

The decision on who would be terminated was up to the deans of each college and their decisions were based primarily on "programmatic priority," Bryan said.

"IT WAS THE DEAN'S problem. We localized it as much as possible. It would have been bad for Tigger to put the finger on anyone," Bryan explained.

Bryan said the deans making the decisions on who to cut were trying to protect departments that were devastated such as zoology, math, English and education.

WHEN ASKED why faculty were cut and not administrators, Bryan answered, "It's simple. There are only three people who hold the positions of assistant dean or higher who aren't tenured."

Tenured personnel are guaranteed employment until they voluntarily leave or are dismissed by the regents for cause.

"What do you want me to do? Send myself a notice?" he jokingly asked the women, since he himself is in an interim position.
Grad union demands fewer teaching hours

By GARY BALANOFF
Alligator Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) announced their opposition Saturday to making graduate assistants at UF teach more than the 13.3 hours they require to teach.

Sheri Dalton, GSU president, sent a letter to Dr. E.E. Mushclitz, UF chemistry department chairman on Wednesday which complained of abuses in that department relating to one-third time graduate assistants teaching between 20-30 hours per week.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL catalogue indicates one-third time assistants are required to teach 15 hours per week, but Dalton said that has been reduced to 13.3 hours.

One-half time assistants are required to teach 18 hours per week in chemistry.

The teaching time includes preparation and grading time as well as actual classroom contact hours.

"FROM OUR INQUIRIES, we have found most one-third time chemistry graduate assistants have duties requiring from 20 to 30 hours per week," Dalton wrote.

"Many of these assistants feel stifled in their degree program as they have little time for anything other than teaching," she added.

"We deplore such a policy and demand that the chemistry department plan to lessen the teaching assignments for the upcoming spring quarter.

There are more one-third time assistants in the chemistry department than any other type of assistant.

MUSCHLITZ SAID Sunday he will probably have an official reply to the GSU letter by Tuesday.

He added the graduate assistants were misplaced in saying 13.3 hours was the minimum limit. He said the graduate school catalogue specifies 15 hours per week as the minimum teaching hours limit in the one-third time assistants program.

Asked if assistants do work as many as 30 hours a week, Mushclitz replied, "That's not correct. There isn't anyone who teaches that many hours.

HE SAID ASSISTANTS can stay in their offices and spend as much time as they want with students, but actual teaching loads were no more than 30 hours. Dalton said the overloading of graduate assistants with teaching hours is spreading to departments throughout UF.

"We teach the same type of loads" as full professors, Dalton said, adding the Board of Regents don't consider graduate assistants as regular employees of the state system.

THE GRADUATE STUDENT Union is affiliated with the United Faculty of Florida (UFF), and are seeking to be included in the same collective bargaining unit with the faculty throughout the state.

Included in their proposal for a collective bargaining contract with the regents are reduced limitations for number of teaching hours required of graduate assistants.

The UFF-GSU working draft proposal suggests one-half time teaching assistants spend six contract hours with students and 12 hours for preparation and grading, while one-third time assistants would be required to spend four contract hours and eight hours of preparation and grading.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS would be required to spend 18 hours on research per week if they were one-half time assistants and 12 hours if they were one-third time assistants.

The GSU sent the regents a letter on Thursday objecting to restricting graduate assistants as "graduate students."

Dalton said there was a clear difference between the two because not all graduate students have assistantships.

THE REGENTS HAVE expressed their disapproval of inclusion of graduate students in any collective bargaining units.

Those graduate students who do hold assistantships often perform identical functions as faculty and should be considered as such," Stuart Cohen, vice president of the GSU, wrote in the letter to the regents.

Cohen emphasized that "graduate assistants are state employees," and as such were eligible to become part of any bargaining unit.

GSU OFFICIALS are also interested in increasing the money which assistants receive for their nine months of teaching.

The UFF proposal suggests one-third time assistants receive $4,800 for a nine-month contract, and one-half time assistants would be paid $7,800.

One-third time assistants now receive between $2,900 and $3,500 while one-half time assistants get between $3,800 and $4,400. Dalton said most assistants are closer to the bottom of the pay scale when the top. "There's no way you could do a good job teaching and still get the research and classwork done," Cohen said.

"Most people enjoy teaching, but you also need to have a degree program," he said.
Public hearings open to determine size for faculty bargaining groups

By GARY BALANOFF
Alligator Staff Writer

Formal public hearings to determine the size of collective bargaining units in the State University System will begin at 8:30 this morning in Tallahassee.

Public Employees Relations Commission Chairman Charles Freeman is scheduled to act as hearing officer for the hearings, which decide who will be included in which bargaining units.

After unit determination is decided by Freeman, each unit will be allowed to vote for one of several different unions seeking to represent faculty in negotiations with the public employer — the Board of Regents.

The United Faculty of Florida (UFF) will begin the morning session because they were the first union to submit authorization cards from 30 per cent of the faculty and graduate teaching assistants in the SUS.

Dr. Norman Markel, UFF state president, will make an opening statement at the beginning of the session.

According to his prepared statement, "The issue here is simple: faculty and professional employees of the State University System have been consistently thwarted in their attempts to represent faculty and their employer (the Board of Regents).

"The efforts of the Board of Regents to turn this into a 'complicated' case, to postpone this hearing as long as possible, and to extend it once it begins are a part of a consistent attempt to deny faculty and professional employees their rights to bargain collectively," Markel's speech says.

The statement expresses two basic questions to be solved:

- How many bargaining units of faculty and professional employees should there be in the State University System?
- What is the distinction between managerial and non-managerial professional employees?

"We propose that all faculty and professional employees be included in a single unit," Markel's statement reads. "The moment that distinctions begin to be made in terms of location or type of work done, we will open up a Pandora's box that will violate both the letter and spirit of the law and the PERC (Public Employees Relations Commission) Rules."

"We urge that you not allow the Board of Regents to delay further the process of implementing the constitutionally guaranteed right to bargain collectively."

Bike thefts at UF decline

By LINDA HAASE
Alligator Staff Writer

Bicycle thefts on UF campus have declined 23 per cent during January and February, according to University Police Department (UPD) Public Information Officer Jim Schuler.

Schuler said only 102 bikes were stolen in the last two months, compared to 133 at the same time last year. However, the number of stolen bikes that have been recovered has declined by 22 per cent, he said.

UPD CHIEF AUDIE SCHULER cited "better police work" as the reason for the decline in thefts. To curb the thefts, the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP) has established an operation "Nightwatch," which has helped catch and two bike thieves apprehended during the past two months, as a result of SNAP's increased coverage.

ACCORDING TO LAMBERT, the UPD program "Operation Life," which has stopped more than 200 bicyclists in the past two months, has indirectly helped to curb the number of thefts.

"When a bicyclist is stopped, the serial number of the bike is checked with the Florida and National Crime Information teletype to see if the bike has been reported stolen," Lambert said.

"No stolen bikes have been found this way yet," said Lambert. "But if you've stolen a bike on campus at night the chances of being caught are much greater than before," he added.

Lambert said that stolen bicycles can be recovered easier if students engrave their social security number on the frame and register the bike with UPD.

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Regional Utilities Board seeks nuclear power

By BRUCE MORRIS
Alligator Staff Writer

The Regional Utilities Board (RUB) is offering to buy 195 megawatts of nuclear power from Florida Power Corp. at a cost of $236 million. A recent constitutional amendment allows public and private utilities companies to enter joint efforts for electric production, which was formerly prohibited.

FINANCIALLY TROUBLED Florida Power has taken advantage of the amendment and offered to sell portions of various electricity-generating plants around the state to interested companies. Two of the plants are nuclear power plants. One of these, to be located in either Orange or Levy county, is still in the planning stages and won't be completed until the mid 1980's. The other is in Crystal River is in 90 per cent complete.

ACCORIDNG TO GEORGE LINDSEY, assistant to the general manager of the RUB, it should be completed sometime in 1976. He said it was originally scheduled to be completed in 1972 but was beset with financial difficulties.

Florida Power has offered to sell 10 per cent of the total 825 megawatt output of the Crystal River plant. The RUB is offering to buy the entire 10 per cent at $500 per kilowatt hour, or $41 million.

LINDSEY SAID SEVERAL other companies are also vying for part or all of the amount, and an optimistic figure of what the RUB could expect to get is 10 to 12 megawatts.

Florida Power will make its decision April 1. The RUB has also offered to buy the entire 195 megawatts for sale from the other Florida Power nuclear plant. It has offered to pay $1,000 per kilowatt hour, a total of $195 million.

LINDSEY SAID THE REASON for the higher rate on the new plant is because of the brunt of inflation it will face during its planning and construction.

The Crystal River plant has felt less of the inflation impact since it has been in planning, and the money for it invented, over the last 10 years, he said.

By combining several small generating units, the RUB's present system is 225 megawatts, according to Lindsey. The largest of these units is the Deerhaven II plant with an output of 81 megawatts. A 235 MEGAWATT Deerhaven II generator is being planned by the RUB. Lindsey said the RUB would have to receive 50 megawatts or more from the Crystal River nuclear plant for these plans to be altered.

The addition of the cheaper nuclear power to the RUB system will not reduce electric rates. Rather, it will help to minimize future increases. Lindsey said.

The cheaper operating costs of nuclear power offset the higher initial installation costs, he said.

GAINESVILLE RESIDENTS will be paying an 18 mill fuel adjustment cost in March, an increase of three mills over February. This is a reflection of the increased fuel consumption in January, Lindsey said. However, April's charge will be less, since more of the cheaper natural gas fuel was used in February, he said.

He could not predict how much lower April's bill will be.

He said the fuel adjustment charge should continue to be lower for several months to come.

NUCLEAR POWER: HOW SAFE?

Plants not hazardous * Danger: Toxic waste

By TERKI SALT
Alligator Staff Writer

The dangers of nuclear power plants are small, said Dr. Otte Elderd, UF professor of electrical engineering.

However Elderd went on to say, "In no human endeavor, not even flying a jet, is it zero."

PEOPLE CONSTANTLY take risks riding in cars and planes and just walking across the street. Elderd explained.

To lead the kind of lives Americans want, he explained.

He SAID it takes 10 years to build a nuclear power plant with approval and permits in America while it takes only four years in Europe.

The building of nuclear power plants has waits, he explained.

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"we have to take risks," Elderd said.

Radiation emissions from nuclear power plants are definitely below risk levels, he added.

ELGERD ALSO SAID thermal or heat pollution is not a hazard of nuclear power. Nuclear reactors are cooled by water which is then discharged into nearby bodies of water, usually the ocean. The hotter reactor water raises the temperature of the surrounding ocean water.

The small amount of heat given off into water would not harm sea life, he said. "THERMAL POLLUTION doesn't kill."

Chemical pollution kills," Elderd said.

Elderd was institute director of the Fourth Florida Water Institute on electric energy engineering held last week in Gainesville.

The technology is available, but the rules and regulations governing nuclear plants have held the development of nuclear power back.

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Anthony explained the waste products of nuclear power plants are radioactive and must therefore be stored for thousands of years.

TOM BALLET'TIN is an environmental engineering graduate student who helps advise the Environmental Action group. said one of the main dangers of nuclear energy is storing the fuel and reprocessing plant.

He explained that after one percent of the fuel in a reactor is used up, the remaining fuel must be taken to a reprocessing plant where it is cleaned for future use.

"The reprocessing plant is a dangerous point," Ballentine said.

Transporting the large amounts of radioactive material to the plant and storing the wastes at the plant cause serious safety problems.

There have been major leaks of radioactive materials from nuclear reactors, Anthony said.

NO ONE HAS BEEN injured or killed but leaks have occurred," Anthony said.

He went on to stress the possible danger of these "fantastically toxic" materials leaving into drinking water.

"The biggest problem of nuclear power is finding a satisfactory way of dealing with radioactive waste products," he said.

MODEL OF FLOATING NUCLEAR PLANT

UF's wave tank is scale model of ocean floor for tests

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Courses
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student ratio of one to five. Each course will be taught by a five teacher team consisting of humanities and professors from the upper division colleges, depending on the course. According to the proposal, developed by Schmeling, Dr. Sam Blanks, former professor of community health and family medicine, and Dr. Gene Moos, associate professor of English, the program will consist of a three-tier course of study based on a pilot program on the humanities and medicine already in use at the UF College of Medicine.

THE FIRST TIER would be a hard-core course using the humanities approach to one of the professional schools, such as ASC 530, Humanistic Issues in Health Care, which deals with the resources and perspectives of the humanities that bear upon human events in the health care arena.

The second tier would be directed toward “weaving” the student off humanities courses related to their college into regular humanities department courses, for example, EH 499, Images of Death and Dying in Literature, a straight forward English class dealing with interpretations of the meaning of existence in literature.

The third tier course would be used to add new dimensions in humanities for the student with the hope that after the student has completed the second tier, he will continue into the third. The student will elect his third tier course from humanities courses already in existence.

THE THREE TIERS are used to focus the interests of the professional student in the humanities. Schmeling said, “We want to make humanities a more central part on campus, the student should learn that everything belongs to him.”

The medical college pilot program, set up in winter 1973, has already spent the $40,000 grant money which funded it. The program is now being funded by the humanities department and it will be revitalized under the new program.

KATHY MAYER FUND: Money will be collected until 11 a.m. on Tuesday in Florida Gym, room 222. Open to everyone.

PHI SIGMA ALPHA: will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Larson Hall, room 320. For further information call 378-0265.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS: College Council will meet this afternoon at 4 p.m. in Larson Hall, room 320. For further information call 378-0540.

THERAPY OPEN HOUSE: to familiarize those interested with the purpose and functions of physical therapy will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Hillel Student Center. For further information call 372-2967.

ALIYAH SPEAKER: Michael Rosenberg will speak on Life in Israel. Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Episcopal Student Center. 1522 W. University Ave. For further information call 392-1109.

FRANK MANKIEWICZ will speak at the Catholic Student Center, 1730 W. University Avenue, Tuesday at 9:15 p.m. Admission is free. For further information call 373-0500.

FLORIDA STATE PARKS is the topic of the lecture and slide presentation by Walter J. Kenner Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Larson Hall, room 310. For further information call 378-5502 or 372-2368.

SPELUNKERS: The Florida Spelological Society will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Little Hall, room 215. For further information call 378-6144.

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Atribute to Sigma Phi Epsilon

EDITOR: I am sure most of the public is aware of the tragedy which has befallen the members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity this weekend. It is still a shock to most of us that on the Tallahassee run to raise money for the Heart Fund they were hit in the rear by a tanker truck, killing four and injuring 11 persons.

I am appalled by the Alligator's handling of this news. The Alligator covered the story with the usual aloofness of the community newspaper, which is all too evident. Alligator's coverage of the Sigma Phi Epsilon tragedy was a clear demonstration of the newspaper's lack of sympathy.

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Before discussing the PIRG funding, let me address the question of what type of degree in health care services should be offered. The role of the UF Student Infirmary has always been the most important. If the Infirmary is to continue to operate, it must be able to provide the best health care services commensurate with students health needs and the funds and facilities available.

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I have talked to some of the Gainesville business community - who had sponsored the boys on their run. One business man mentioned that the boys were so enthusiastic, and it was such a good cause that there was no way that you could refuse to support their run.

I understand that Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity had raised approximately $9500.00 contributed by the business community for the Heart Fund Run. It is difficult for me to express on behalf of the Heart Fund and myself personal the loss that we share with Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers, little sisters, friends, and families. The brothers and little sisters who shared in the planning and participated in this run for the Heart Fund are certainly a tribute to their Fraternity and their University.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones and our constant attention and prayers are with those who have survived.

Richard J. Morrissey
President
Alachua County Heart Fund

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EDITOR: This letter is in response to your letter last week, "Cash Clang Comes to UF.

I am certainly glad Mr. Schuster had "a good ole time" at the Johnny Cash Show. I, for one, would not have wanted to read a review of his if he had not enjoyed the show. The article was very interesting in Jane Carter and the other members of the family and show.

I don't think Stuart Schuster can afford to be as critical as he has in his last column. From what I have seen since I've been at UF since last June, there just are not too many well-known stars who will perform in the illustrious surroundings of the Florida Gym. I thoroughly enjoyed the show even though I am not an avid country fan. Ap. Mr. Schuster, you are not familiar with the Johnny Cash Show (it was on television four a couple of years) or you would not have purchased your ticket to attend. It's a sporty sporty like reason I feel the driver of the gasoline tanker should be more serious than careless driving.

Furthermore, the Florida Highway Patrol denied the truck, yet they admit telling the Fraternity no permit was required. FHP also concedes that an escort probably wouldn't have been needed. I did not know personally any of the people on the flatbed, nor do I know anyone in Sigma Phi Epsilon, but I do feel that those four young men killed that dark night can never be replaced, and an empty spot will remain inside all who knew and loved them.

I realize the Florida Highway Patrol has a legal shield to encompass its sacred institution, but the Independent Alligator has no excuse for indifference towards students at this university. If the Alligator has the guts to print this letter perhaps your standing in my eyes and the eyes of those who believe as I do will again rise to a level of support.

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First of all, PIRG was petitioned by a majority of the students to be funded through the official fee billing of the University.

Second, PIRG does not now, nor has it ever, nor does it intend to, use the taxpayers money to finance any of its activities. The University has the ability to withhold 10 percent of the funds collected to pay for any charges that may be incurred in such billing procedures.

I am sorry there are so many students on this campus are misinformed about PIRG. In the future we hope to correct this matter.

Anyone having any questions about PIRG at this time, please feel free to contact Roxann Marietta, President or myself.

David Valler, 4ED

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**Editorial**

Shaving range

Push comes a bit closer to shove this morning in Pensacola when the Board of Regents vote on a proposal to raise tuition.

If approved by the regents and the Florida Legislature, the fee hike seems certain to shove some students out of the state university system.

Under the plan, undergraduate tuition would be upped to $14 per credit hour for lower division and $15 for upper division. Undergraduate tuition is now $13 per credit hour.

The new proposal also includes raises in graduate school and out-of-state fees.

The plan comes on the heels of last year's new per credit hour tuition plan, which either forced students to pay higher tuition or restricted their course selections and thus the scope of their education.

The depressed economy, which is forcing the university system to try to operate next fiscal year with no budget increase, seems to leave the state with no choice but to make students pay more for their education.

Of course, students will be paying for less.

Hard times are forcing the elimination of 288 faculty positions throughout the system—109 at UF—and inadequate support to the system. To mention not-so-incidental inconveniences such as no air-conditioning in the UF libraries, which at their present rate of deterioration may not be worth visiting anyway.

And we have never been too impressed with the regents' foresight in fiscal matters. Remember only last quarter the board voted to ask the legislature for $120 million to build mass seating facilities for all nine state universities. That decision now makes it likely that Hughes' "Spruce Goose" wooden sea plan, about to be chopped up for museum kindling, look like a stroke of brilliance.

Another important factor that will go into how the board votes this morning is a pattern of knee jerk reactions to the slightest wind blowing from Tallahassee.

One of the neatest examples of this was last quarter when a couple of legislators raised a stink when it was learned a convicted felon was attending Florida State University law school.

Within a week the regents were voting in an absurd policy to bar convicted felons from state university programs, to withdraw it a few weeks later when the issue faded.

So with dire groaning about cost cutting from boogy-men like Senate President Dempsey Barron, the regents are likely to recommend the tuition raise, though you never know.

Last year, when the regents passed and sent to the legislature the new fee system, it was never acted on. Still, it became law. And where's the elected representative at whom students or their families can point a finger of blame for voting on the system? Nowhere to be found, that's where.

The responsible answer comes from Alachua County's new State Rep. Sidney Martin, who has filed a bill that would force the legislature to approve any tuition hikes or else they wouldn't go into effect.

That way, representatives directly responsible to their constituents would be put clearly on the line to answer for any new tuition raise—at the polling booth.

When nine regents from around the state, insulated by nine-year gubernatorial appointments, start pushing, it's hard to push back.

Martin, Bill Andrews, Bob Saunders, and Kenneth MacKay of the Alachua County legislative delegation, are, on the other hand, right in shoveling range.

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**OPINION**

"No reason to turn over John. All I said is that Castro's not so bad!"

**Brian Donerly**

No honor in honor system

Much has been written lately about the Honor System. The cheating scandal in the College of Business, the retirement of Paul Marmish, and other shenanigans have kept it on the front page of The Alligator.

One could easily get the impression that standard procedure for an accused cheater is as follows:

He or she is brought in front of the Honor Court. Earnest young law students strive mightily to search out the truth. And standing by at all times is the mighty Alligator, making sure that justice is done.

Well maybe that's how it is done. I'm not drawing any conclusions today. But I would like to tell you a story.

I'll call this protagonist of the story Mary. She's a UF freshman on academic probation. If she doesn't get a decent GPA this quarter, it's time to pick a new career.

Not too long ago, Mary was taking a test in YUK-121. It was one of those strange rituals that UF freshmen go through. A large room. Lots of people. Enough, she just took the test and paid no attention to what was going on around her.

In a stroke of incredibly bad luck, Mary had managed to position herself among four guys who were cheating. Worse yet, the cheaters were caught and turned in. And the classmate who turned them in thought that Mary was cheating too.

So, it's at this point that we go trudging off to the Honor Court while giving out interviews to Alligator reporters. Then the earnest young law students do their thing, and the four cheaters get their just desserts, and Mary is exonerated.

Except that's not exactly what happened.

Instead, the professor calls the five accused students into his office in Little Hall. He informs them of the charges against them and finds them guilty.

Then, he tells them that there has to be some way that they, as reasonable people, can avoid taking this mess to the Honor Court. He suggests that they all just take nice quiet exams and don't go to the Honor Court.

Now this is the best offer the four cheaters are going to get. If they went to the Honor Court, the would probably end up with the E plus some penalty hours. They accept quietly.

Mary is in a somewhat different position. An E in the course might well blow her out of school. And besides, she's innocent.

Naturally, she protests her innocence. But that doesn't mean much to the professor. All cheaters claim they're innocent.

SO MARY GOES back to talk to the professor again. She threatens to go to the Honor Court.

The professor informs her of a few facts. First, she's got a good chance of losing in court even if she's innocent. Then she'll get penalty hours plus a notation on her record that she cheated.

Second, if she goes to the Honor Court, the four guys will have to go too. And surely, she doesn't want to subject them to that.

Third, our professor informs her that "most teachers feel that the Honor Court is a bunch of shit."

SO MARY GOES back for two more meetings with the professor. She points out that she scored about 20 points higher on the test than the cheaters (an inexact cheating ring, if it was one). He diss.

Then Mary goes to her advisor. The advisor tells her that her chances aren't too good if she goes to the Honor Court. He counsels against going to the Dean. That might zip the lid off. And lads are supposed to stay on around here.

I talked with Mary Thursday night. At that point, she had given up and was taking the E.

Well, this is one example of how the Honor System, our "greatest tradition" according to the undergraduate catalogue, is working down in the trenches.

I CAN'T TELL YOU for sure how common this is. I know that I've seen other instances of it. You'll have to draw on your own experience to come to your own conclusions about our "greatest tradition."
Emerson Besch, an environmental physiologist, has been named as acting dean of the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

Besch, who received his doctorate at the University of California, will assist the dean in coordinating the teaching program, as well as in faculty development and administrative affairs.

The new college expects to admit its first 40 students as soon as funding permits. Meanwhile, construction is expected to begin for the new facilities during spring quarter.

Besch was on the faculty at Kansas State University and the University of California at Davis before joining the UF faculty.

He has served as a consultant to the National Cancer Institute, the Animal Resources Branch of the National Institutes of Health and the Institute of Lab Animal Resources, National Academy of Sciences.

Besch serves on the editorial advisor board of the American Journal of Veterinary Research, and is a member of numerous honorary and professional societies.

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been "taken from the hands of engineers and put in the hands of lawyers," he said.

"Nuclear power is being buried in bureaucracy," he said. THE COST of building a nuclear plant is twice the cost of building a fossil fuel plant. However, once it is built, the operating cost is 10 times cheaper because only a small amount of fuel is needed to run a nuclear plant, he said.

For example, an entire year's energy produced by Turkey Point, a nuclear plant south of Miami, is generated from "a few truckloads of fuel," Elgerd said.

A fossil fuel plant generating the same amount of energy would require continuous trains of fuel truckloads, he said.

MANY UTILITY companies consider nuclear electric power the best future energy source, Elgerd said. "We have three energy sources we can count on in our lifetime — fossil fuels, solar energy, and nuclear energy," he said.

The United States depends on the three fossil fuels, oil, natural gas, and coal, to provide 95 per cent of its energy needs, he said.

However, these fossil fuels are not in endless supply. Their scarcity has caused the present energy crisis, Elgerd said. Furthermore, he said, the fossil fuels create a great amount of air pollution.

"We should free ourselves from fossil fuels," he said. "WE HAVE PLENTY of energy. We must learn to use it," Elgerd said.

"Solar energy is by far the best possible source of energy available. The problem is that solar energy is so diluted we have great difficulty converting it into something useful," Elgerd said.

Elgerd explained that energy from the sun is low in energy density and must be concentrated for use. Special mirrors can compact the solar energy but are costly and impractical, he said.

NUCLEAR ENERGY, however, can be converted to electricity and can fulfill all consumer needs. Elgerd said.

"Right now one fourth of Miami's power comes from nuclear energy," said Elgerd, describing the Turkey Point power plant.

Elgerd said he is optimistic about the energy crisis. He explained it would be easy for extremists to obtain plutonium, a toxic byproduct of the nuclear energy process from nuclear plants and place it in the ventilation system of a large building to kill hundreds of people.

Large doses of plutonium can cause instant death while smaller doses cause gradual deterioration, he said.

Dr. William Bolch Jr. of UF's environmental engineering sciences said there is some risk involved for people working in nuclear plants.

Under normal conditions, the workers do not come in contact with high levels of radiation, he said.

However, when refueling or repairing the reactor, workers must come closer to radioactive materials and are exposed to higher levels of radiation, Bolch said.

Some question surrounds the death of Karen Wilhwood, a nuclear plant employee in Oklahoma. Atomic Energy Commission reports said she swallowed microscopic amounts of plutonium seven days before she was killed in a car accident in January.

TRACES OF PLUTONIUM had been found in her apartment and in her urine samples.

Anthony said plutonium can also be used in making atomic bombs.

He said the cost of financing expensive nuclear power plants is an additional problem.

Ballentine said, "I have a lot of doubt whether nuclear power will be a viable energy source."

HE SAID THE FUEL used by the nuclear plant is small, but the amount of energy used in getting that fuel is large.

Many tons of ore must be mined to get a few pounds of uranium to drive the reactor, he said.

Furthermore, Ballentine said the present nuclear power plants are dependent on fossil fuels.

He explained the energy used in mining ore and building the nuclear plant and its equipment comes from fossil fuels.

"THE REAL QUESTION is whether nuclear power can go on its own," he said.

Anthony explained he is not absolutely opposed to using nuclear energy but "we should approach its use with great care and much thought."

"We have been going through a period of readily available cheap energy. Those days are behind us," Anthony said.

Stressing energy conservation, Anthony said, "We should be concerned less with increasing our energy supply and more with living inside our energy budget."
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Gators drop season finale to Vandy, 102-83

By Alligator Services

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — John Letz led his Gator basketball team into the Vanderbilt gym Saturday night to face the Commodores in UF's final game of the season.

The Gators responded by outscoring Vanderbilt from the field, sinking 35 shots to Vanderbilt's 34. HOWEVER, THE FINAL score read different: Vanderbilt 102, UF 83.

The difference was the Gator's overabundant ability to foul. It was a disappointing season for Letz, who took his first losing season in many coaching years. The Gators finished sixth in the SEC with an 8-10 conference record, an overall 12-16 mark.

Vanderbilt capitalized on 30 Gator fouls, hitting 34 of 44 free throw attempts and outscoring the Gators from the charity stripe by 21 points. THAT MADE the difference.

UF was only down by eight, 48-40, going into the second half, as Jerry Moore's 10-point first half and Al Bonner's nine kept the Gators within reach.

Vanderbilt nailed the lid shut, however, in the first seven minutes of the second half, holding the Gators to a mere four field goals. VANDERBILT LED by 30 points, 70-40, with 12:37 to play, and ballooned to as much as a 31-point lead before substituting freely from the bench.

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The Gators did manage to secure one top spot in the SEC: the SEC free throw accuracy crown. Eight Gators hit 13 of 16 free throws for an 81.3 per cent average, improving their season average to 76.5 per cent, one tenth of a per cent higher than Vanderbilt.


The worst finish in 20 years. A problem-riddled UF swim squad could only muster a fifth place finish in last weekend's SEC championships held in Knoxville, Tenn.

"IT'S A SAD time for Coach Harlan (UF swim coach) and us," UF's diving coach said after the meet. "This is the worst finish we've had in 20 years."

Tennessee's swim team captured the SEC title for the fourth consecutive year. The Volunteers won 11 of 18 events and recorded four new records in the meet.

The Gators left for the SEC championships with only 12 members on the team, two of which were divers. The skeleton crew knew they were too weak to finish any higher than fourth and ended up one notch below that.

WILL ARTLEY was one of the few bright spots for the Gators. He finished second in the 200-yard backstroke. UF's highest finish in the four-day competition.

The 400-yard and 800-yard freestyle relays, both composed of Gators Jim Bucher, Victor Arnold, Will Artley and James LaRochelle took fourth-place.

UF's 400-yard medley relay team consisting of Will Artley, Mel Zajac, Victor Arnold and Jamie LaRochelle also took fourth.

Trouble beset the Gators beginning with a rash of swimmers quitting, the cancellation of two dual meets by Athletic Director Ray Graves, Coach Harlan offering his resignation, Graves refusing it and finally the agreement to finish out the season with those swimmers who remained.
Third-ranked Hurricanes deal
UF netters first loss of season

By KEITH CANNON
Alligator Sports Writer

UF tennis coach Bill Potter smiled—as he always does, win or lose—and said: "We don't have anything to be ashamed of. A few points here or there would have been the match."

For the lack of one doubles set, the Gators barely missed an upset of the third-ranked Miami Hurricanes, falling in a 5-4 thriller before an overflow crowd at the University Courts. It was UF's first loss of the season.

Trailing 4-2 after the singles matches, the Gators appeared to have little, if any, chance of staying in this one. However, the UF players didn't think so and played some of their most impressive doubles of the year.

JUAN DIAZ and Dave Presly finished first, with a strong 7-5, 6-1 victory against Joaquin Raggado and Pedro Martinez. Down 1-3 in the first set, the UF pair came back to take a 4-3 lead; they did the most damage with Presly serving and Diaz making some formidable slams at the net. The Miami duo came back to tie the set at 5-5.

In an 11th game which featured lobs, drills, and almost every other shot you could ask for, UF tied the match at 4-4 when John Kunnen and Jim Oescher beat Joe Garber and Lain Bennett 6-4, 6-4 in No. 3 doubles.

KUNNEN AND Oescher took a 3-0 lead in the first set, but it melted to a 4-4 tie. But the UF team broke Garber's serve and went on to a 4-6 victory. Kunnen and Oescher won the second set by the same score.

Meanwhile, there had been some dramatic, and un-fortunate events in No. 2 doubles. UF's Chap Brown and Mike Borling upset Miami's tandem of Alvaro Fillol, the No. 1 singles player, and Ron Meyers, a talented freshman, 6-4 in the first set. Borling and Brown complemented each other well, with Borling playing the baseline well and Brown sending rocket-shot forehands down the middle between the two Hurricanes.

The UF team dropped the second set 2-6, but were ahead 2-0 in the set which was to decide the match when Borling turned an ankle while trying to track down a shot by Fillol. That stopped play for about 15 minutes, and it was later learned that Borling has a possible fracture of a bone in his foot.

THE JUNIOR from Orlando, bobbled but game, completed the match. But the tide had turned against the Gators, and Fillol and Meyers overwhelmed the UF pair in six straight games to win the set 6-2 and the match.

For the first time this year, UF was beaten in singles. The Gators only victories came in the No. 4 match, where Brown made short work of Myers 6-3, 6-3; and in No. 5 singles where Oescher downs Bennett 6-4, 6-2.

IN THE other singles matches, Diaz and Presly were defeated for the second time in three matches.

Fillol of Miami edged Diaz 6-7, 6-3, 7-5 in the No. 1 match. RAGGADO'S QUICKNESS was too much for Presly, who lost the No. 2 singles match 6-4, 6-7, 6-2. Presly was at his best in the second set, baffling Raggado with powerful serves on his way to a tiebreak win.

For Miami, Garber finished up the singles with a No. 5 victory against Borling 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

The loss for the Gators left their record at 5-1 and broke a 19-match home winning streak for UF. The last loss at home came against Miami last year, 7-2.

Miami boosted its record to 4-0. The Hurricanes have lost only to No. 1 ranked Stanford.

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Lady Gators beat Miami; gymnasts 2nd

The Lady Gator Netters continued their impressive tennis play by thwarting FSU 8-1 to remain undefeated. The Lady Gator doubles pair of Sue Elges and Tina Keyes kept pace with the team's unblemished record by defeating Mary Wilkinson and Leah Horney, 6-0, 6-4.

GATOR DEBBIE DUNKIN, number three in the lineup, managed to pull out a win going three sets for the second day in a row despite tendinitis in her right foot.

Dunkin paired with Kathy Heusner Saturday to defeat FSU's Rochelle Smith and Francis Merrill 7-5, 6-4.

LADY GATOR COACH Sue Whiddon was pleased with the three days of play that saw her season record improve three wins to 5-2. "We played well and showed strength and maturity that comes as the season progresses," Whiddon said.

Whiddon explained that the doubles team gained needed experience adding that she had been particularly pleased with some of the singles wins "that had been pulled out despite some tough sets."

WHIDDON COMPLIMENTED the doubles team of Keyes and Elges and noted, "Against FSU our No. 1 doubles team of Acker and Black were very, very strong. They had strong volleys and their serves were tough to return."

The coach said that the Lady Gators needed some work on aggressiveness and volleys but overall, she was extremely pleased.

THE LADY GATOR GYMNASTICS TEAM took second over the weekend in regional competition with a score of 106.35.

Southwest Mississippi Junior College took first with a score of 106.35.

ALTHOUGH THE GATORS came in second, their 93-point total was a strong showing for the national meet. UF gymnasts faring well were Patty Broomefield, who took a fifth on the parallel bars and ninth all around, and Paula Northius, who took a sixth in floor exercise, sixth in balance beam and tenth all around.

'Sweep' (from page 14)

Keith Morcroft. Roger Holt then hit a slow grounder to third which retired Morcroft for the second out while Murrie went to third and Holt to first.

With the crowd cheering, up and down - second baseman John Cortese stepped up to the plate. Cortese fouled off the first two pitches to fall behind 0-2, but hit the third deep to center field.

AMI CENTERFIELDER Rick D'Inocenzio appeared to have a play at the ball as he raced back looking over his left shoulder. But then he turned and cranked back to the right, and the ball sailed over his head, allowing first Murrie and then Holt to score as the entire UF ball club swarmed onto the field in jubilation.

"It feels great to win," said an ecstatic Cortese after the game. "I think it's a big win for the team, and I think we're going to be right in the mix of things in the SEC." "It's just like we won a championship," Pippin beamed. "With this team, with everybody so close and everything, it makes me feel so happy."

"I've said all along there's not much difference in college baseball teams," Coach Fuller said. "This should prove to our kids that they're as good as anybody."

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