Women's sports funds boosted

By Christopher Barrus
Alligator Staff Writer

UF student senators approved a controversial women's athletic budget compromise late Tuesday night that would increase the $206,000 sum they had originally approved to a total of $280,000.

Senators discussed the compromise, which was drafted by UF Student Body President Terry Brown after he vetoed the original senate allocation, for about an hour before approving the plan almost unanimously.

One dissenting vote was cast.

Brown said in an emotional appeal to senators that the compromise proposal was "the best damn compromise that could be worked out."

And the senate apparently agreed.

Most of the compromise, which calls for Student Government to chip in an additional $280,000 to the Athletic Association to increase funding for women's sports, would be acceptable to UF President Robert Marston, who must approve the proposal, a top UF administrator said.

Dean of Student Services Tom Goodale said one part of the compromise, which calls for two more students to be added to the Athletic Association board of directors, would probably not be acceptable to Marston.

"I would recommend to Marston he veto that part for philosophical reasons only. I don't think it's appropriate for administrative policy matters to become part of spending bills," Goodale said.

Goodale said he believed the senators had done a "remarkable job" with the women's sports allocation and that Marston would "line veto" only the directors' portion of the proposal.

The proposal is expected to be approved on second reading at another senate meeting next Tuesday. The proposal would then go to Brown and Student Body Treasurer Ron Jarmin.

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Fit to a 'T'
In true dive's form, Boise Hoeffel is silhouetted against the clouds as she springs from the diving board. Her stretch for the skies is only an optical illusion — vanishing when he hits the water.

Shevin leads Graham in poll of UF students

Compiled from Alligator staff

Florida Attorney General Robert Shevin holds an 8.7 percent edge over opponent Bob Graham in the runoff for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, an Alligator poll of more than 600 UF students shows.

The latest poll revealed, however, that Graham's support among UF students has swelled enormously, increasing from 9.1 percent in an August Alligator poll to a current 45.6 percent.

Of the 425 interviewees who expressed a preference in the Graham-Shevin runoff, 54.3 percent supported Shevin (the figures are rounded off).

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ERA win predicted in Senate

By Goll Speeth
Alligator Staff Writer

Predicted results for Thursday's State Senate runoff elections paint a rosy picture for Equal Rights Amendment supporters — although not without a few thorns.

The latest count indicates ERA forces can obtain the 21 pro-amendment votes they need for ratification from the 46-member Senate, but they need to clinch a couple of other seats in the general election for insurance.

Florida National Organization for Women and other pro-ERA groups have targeted two runoff races that would insure the needed votes, barring upsets of pro-amendment candidates heavily favored over their opponents.

One of those races is the District 14 Democratic primary in Orlando, where Rep. Bill Fulford, an ERA opponent, faces former City Councilman George Stuart Jr., an amendment supporter.

The other race is the District 40 Democratic primary in Dade and Monroe counties, where ERA opponent and former Miami Dolphin Dick Anderson vies with supporter John Spotswood.

Florida NOW is claiming a 17-15 edge over ERA opponents in races already decided or apparently decided, and a United Press International analysis lists the advantage at 19-16. Stuart and Spotswood wins in the runoff would up the advantage to 21-14, with three seats still up for grabs in the Nov. 7 general election.

Although 21 votes would clinch ratification, a couple of insurance votes are needed, according to ERA supporters.

State Sen. Pete Skinner, D-Lake City announced in early September that he might reconsider his support of the ERA if the U.S. Senate passes a bill in a form approved by the House which extends the ratification date by state legislatures.

The Alligator poll, however, is not meant to be scientific, but an informal indicator of how UF students would vote. Of the total 657 students contacted in the survey, 63.6 percent said they were undecided.

The informal Alligator poll was conducted by eight writers who called every 10th name of every other page of the current registration listings.

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Shevin carried a 47 percent block of support compared to Graham's 37 percent.

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“I think there are some very basic questions regarding the action the House took on the proposed extension,” Skinner said from his Lake City office Tuesday.

Specifically, Skinner said he objects to the fact that the extension was passed by a simple majority vote. A proposed constitutional amendment must be passed by a two-thirds majority, as was the ERA in 1972.

In addition, Skinner said he favors amending the proposal to allow state legislatures to rescind actions taken on the ERA, as well as to ratify the amendment.

“in the event that the U.S. Congress will not address these questions, I will have to rethink my entire position even though I feel the ERA is an important issue,” Skinner said.

“I am not willing to sacrifice the Constitution of the United States for the principles of the ERA.”

Sallie Ann Harrison, president of the Alachua County Women's Political Caucus, said Tuesday she feels the ERA has 21 supporting votes even without Skinner's.

“His (Skinner's) waffling at this point is not to his political gain — he's losing credibility from backing down from a promise,” she said.

Another pro-ERA group, ERA-Gainesville, is devoting its efforts to passing what they term the equivalent of a state ERA, rather than pushing the national proposal.

Proposition Two, one of nine proposed constitutional revisions on the Nov. 9 ballot, states, “Basic rights shall not be deprived on account of sex.”

The extension (for the national ERA) does not affect Florida,” said Glenn Jonas, ERA-Gainesville's executive director. “We can be a ratified state by the end of this year if we can pass Proposition Two. If we fail to pass that we will never be a ratified state. It'll take 10 to 15 years to get Tallahassee to put it on the ballot again.

Editor's note: Alligator writers contributing to the survey included Diana Granados, Diane Nemrow, Robert Taylor, Gina Thomas, John Tucker and Brent Woronoff.
TV cited as one cause of poor writing skills

By Virginia Copeland
Alligator Staff Writer

Overcrowded high school classes, CLEP test exemptions, elective courses and the "linguistic lode of television" are cited as causes of declining writing skills of entering students, a UF report to be released Friday states.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Bryan appointed a task force in 1976 charged with studying the problem of falling writing skills after deans expressed concern. Bryan said he plans to release the report Friday.

The task force discovered that students were not alone in their poor writing skills. Many high school teachers themselves were unable to write well or had little or no instructional knowledge on how to teach English, the report states.

Television received heavy criticism in the report. Students spend more time watching television than reading, the report states.

For 18 months, the six-member task force — headed by English department Chairman Ward Hellstrom — worked with 28 Florida high schools "not to prove the freshman student was illiterate, but to find ways to improve the system."

Bryan emphasized that the blame for the decline in writing abilities should not fall on the teachers. "It's particularly inappropriate to blame high school teachers when you realize some teachers have to teach six sections to 40 or 45 students," Bryan said.

Among the recommendations cited in the report for improving writing were:
- High schools should provide teachers with courses on how to teach students to write;
- The size of English classes should be decreased;
- High school students should be required to take four years of English with no substitutions allowed.

Task force members said they hope some of these improvements can help students score higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Scores on the test have continually declined from an average verbal test score of 478 in 1963 to 429 in 1977.

Figures for this year's incoming freshmen were not available.

Increased emphasis on writing, restricting credit granted for English through the CLEP test, writing tests for juniors and additional tutors for the writing laboratory in the Instructional Resources Department were some of the suggestions the report made for improving the writing skills of UF students.

Hellstrom said good writing skills are extremely important to all career fields. Business professors continue to stress the need for good writing skills for future accountants and Hellstrom said he knows of a petroleum company manager who refuses to hire engineers who lack proficient English skills.

Hellstrom said it is difficult to tell if UF is graduating illiterate seniors since his college, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, only sees about 40 percent of all students at UF.

But Bryan said if UF students do not improve their writing skills, the reputation of UF would suffer. But, he added, "other universities are having the same problems."

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GRAHAM
"I do not favor decriminalization of marijuana." "I very, very strongly oppose that (Shevin's) position."

Graham, after spending one day working in a mental institution, supports his decision with: "...one of the nurses there told me that better than 50 percent of those there, under 25, were there because of marijuana."

SHEVIN
"I support the decriminalization of possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use."

Shevin, after spending 8 years as attorney general, supports his decision with: "I view marijuana as a social problem, not a criminal problem."

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Bob Shevin has done more for the University of Florida than his opponent. Prior to 1972 students were required to vote in their parents' home county. As Attorney General, Bob Shevin ruled that students had the right to register and vote where they attended school.

When the City of Gainesville told the students to pay a $1,900 carnival license fee or close down Carrigras — Bob Shevin's opinion stopped the city from extracting that illegal tax. Carrigras is alive and well and raising money for the Gator Loan Fund.

When the President of the University of Florida wanted to censor the articles and editorials of the Florida Alligator. . . Attorney General Bob Shevin said — No! Prepublication censorship would be an invasion of the newspaper's right to freedom of the press and the student's right to be informed.

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Patricia Hearst kidnappers get 10-year sentence

OAKLAND, CALIF (UPI) — William and Emily Harris,Symbionese Liberation Army kidnappers of Patricia Hearst, were sentenced Tuesday to a minimum of 10 years and eight months in prison for the 1974 abduction and three related crimes.

Whispering and laughing before sentencing, the Harrises appeared calm in the Alameda County Superior Court of Judge Stanley Golde.

Golde handed down consecutive sentences, ranging up to 1984.

They had pleaded guilty to the charges — kidnapping Hearst, kidnapping a man whose car was used in the abduction, robbing Hearst’s fiancé, Steve Weed, and false imprisonment. Charges of physically injuring Hearst, which would have called for life without parole, were dropped.

Oil refinery explodes; 3 die

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. (UPI) — Gas fumes leaking from newly installed equipment Tuesday exploded in a ball of flame at a Conoco oil refinery, killing three employees and injuring nine others.

The dawn explosion northeast of Denver in an industrial-residential suburb touched off a fire that sent flames towering into the air and thick heavy black smoke billowed into the sky for 3,000 feet.

Hundreds of firefighters from throughout the Denver area finally brought the fire under control about three hours later.

news in the world

Stella gives up swim after 2 1/2 days of nausea, sharks

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI) — "Swimming Nun" Stella Taylor endured stinging man-of-war, brushes with sharks, aching nausea and facial swelling for two and a half days, but finally surrendered Tuesday to the Gulf Stream and gave up her attempt to swim from the Bahamas to Florida.

She ended her marathon swim after 51 hours — a new endurance record for women — but still 20 miles short of the Florida coast and unable to break out of the Gulf Stream's strong northward current.

Although she failed to reach her goal, Taylor’s 51-hour swim was an unsurpassed physical achievement, just nine hours shy of the men's swimming endurance record.

Taylor surpassed her mid-August attempt to cross the Gulf Stream by 1 1/2 hours and exceeded the time for Diana Nyad, who had failed two months ago to swim from Cuba to Florida, by 9 1/2 hours.

Sadat demotes two officials

CAIRO, EGYPT (UPI) — President Anwar Sadat shunted Egypt’s two highest military officers to the less active posts by 9 1/2 hours.

Official sources said the shakeup apparently was aimed at Egypt's two highest military officers to the less active posts.

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Florida seeks federal funds for environmental projects

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — Florida is seeking $12 million in additional federal money next year to pay for flood control, navigation, erosion control and environmental restoration projects, it was announced Tuesday.

Department of Environmental Regulation Secretary Jay Landers plans to meet today with federal budget officials in Washington and will seek $72 million for public works projects in fiscal year 1980.

The bulk of the money requested will go for construction projects to improve navigation at Tampa Harbor and at Port Everglades in Broward County.

Sixteen million is earmarked for flood control projects around the state, and almost $7 million is being requested for projects to prevent beach erosion in Dade and Broward counties.

Prof blames high schools for poor university writers

PULLMAN, Wash. (UPI) — If college students today had written one composition a week in high school, they would not be such poor writers now, a Washington State University English Professor says.

Marlene Hache, assistant professor of English, contends that secondary schools are not requiring enough basic writing courses.

Hache, who surveyed 700 students in basic university writing courses for a research paper, said nearly half of those surveyed had written only one composition during high school.

Eighteen percent of the students replied that they had never taken a writing course in high school.
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Credit union shareholders to receive deposits today

Thousands of student members of the former Gainesville student credit union can let out a sigh of relief — the checks are in.

National Credit Union Administration agent James Baylen Monday said he will be outside room 129, Tigert Hall between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to pay shareholders their savings. Any members with loans will not receive checks for their savings, however. Their savings will be transferred directly to their loans, Baylen said.

While the liquidating process is nearly complete, members with loans won’t receive loan information until sometime next month. Baylen said.

The UF administration granted 35 students fee deferments. said Tom Goodale, dean of student affairs.

Attorney plans appeal of new prisoners’ rights ruling

By BILL DEPEPE
Alligator Staff Writer

Alachua Assistant Attorney Bill Cervone said Tuesday he plans to appeal a ruling by Chief Circuit Judge Theron Yawn that grants full constitutional rights to prison inmates charged with crimes committed behind bars.

The ruling, issued Monday by Yawn in response to pleas from four Union County prisoners facing a variety of charges, means an inmate charged with a crime committed while in prison must immediately be advised of his rights, be offered an attorney and scheduled for a hearing before a judge within 24 hours.

"It is an impossible burden," Cervone said. "We just do not have enough manpower to provide inmates with public defenders."

Yawn’s ruling is expected to bring about a new series of procedures governing prison policy toward inmates, said Ray Gray, regional director of the state Department of Corrections.

"Our superintendents recognize that this is a new era," Gray said. "We have to make changes. We thought we were in compliance with the law.

"We always contacted the state attorney (when a prisoner was charged)," Gray said. "I don’t know where we missed the boat."

Yawn’s ruling arose when the inmates — with the help of public defender Gary Dunham — sought dismissal of charges brought against them while behind bars at Union Correctional Institute. The changes ranged from attempted escape to attempted murder. One of the inmates had been in solitary confinement for seven months awaiting trial.

Dunham said the prisons have begun to "establish their own system of justice" governing inmates.

"It’s a good thing we have this Constitution to depend on," he said.

UF law professors contacted refused to discuss the ruling until they had time to review it.

Cervone said he plans to make his appeal to the First District Court of Appeals in Tallahassee. Yawn’s ruling will be difficult to enforce, he predicted.

County audit withheld from public

An audit covering the Alachua County Commission’s spending during 1976-77 will not be released until commissioners talk with state auditors, county commissioners said Tuesday

The audit — conducted by the auditor general in Tallahassee — is "just working papers" and not a matter of public record, according to Commissioner Ralph Turlington. The final audit will be released in about three weeks, he said.

Turlington said the commission still needs to go over the audit with officials in Tallahassee before releasing it to the public.

"Even auditors are not without mistakes," Turlington said.

An audit covering the commission’s spending during 1973-74 resulted in the indictments of three commissioners and one county administrator. County Attorney George Nickerson said the audit was "highly critical in the area of compliance and accounting procedures."

Commissioner Tom Coward said Nickerson received the undisclosed audit Monday morning, and neither he nor any of the other commissioners have had time to examine it thoroughly.
Maharishi monitor

Deficiencies threaten TM school's licensing

By Dan Majors
Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville's Maharishi International Academy, an instructional center requiring course work in Transcendental Meditation, is facing difficulties in its dealings with the state agency responsible for licensing Florida's independent colleges.

The nine-member state Board of Independent Colleges and Universities, which licenses nearly all independent instructional institutes in Florida, has scheduled a Nov. 9 hearing to review the academy's difficulties.

Dennis Wittenberg, the board's assistant director, said he found 17 deficiencies when he visited the Northwest Sixth Street academy in August. The deficiencies include such things as the failure to produce a lease to the building housing the academy and a failure to show "permanence." The academy's temporary license expired in August after the end of the summer quarter, said Carolyn Bralley, president of the school.

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But the academy operates on a quarter basis but the quarters are only six weeks long. During the summer quarter the academy offered a psychology course that was taken by three students, she said.

The Maharishi University system also offers courses in philosophy law and government. But a prerequisite for all courses is a class in Transcendental Meditation.

"We have a structural course," Bralley said. "The course in the Science of Creative Intelligence is a prerequisite for other work."

"We want our students to validate the theory by practical experience," she said. "Just as you would have a laboratory class anywhere else. It makes the course more solid."

Wittenberg said the academy's prerequisite makes its "survival dependent upon a separate corporate entity" and therefore, it is "not self-sufficient." Self-sufficiency is seen as a structural quality demanded by the board.

Another problem facing the academy is that the temporary operating license requested in April was for a Miami branch. Wittenberg said the academy, however, is in Gainesville.

Despite Wittenberg's findings, Bralley sees the upcoming hearing as "just a procedural type of thing we have to go through to operate in the state of Florida."

"The report may sound negative but we feel it's really very positive because its goal is to provide for quality education."
Becker expects win in Thursday's runoff

By Malody Simmons
Compiled from UPI

Peak predictions: Rep. Alan Becker, who, according to recent polls, trails Tallahassee attorney Jim Smith in the race for attorney general, claimed Tuesday he will come from behind, peak and defeat Smith Thursday "between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m." (the voting hours).

Becker, who said he has made big gains in the "vote market" since the Sept. 12 primary, predicted the victory over Smith because he said the "people are insulted" by Smith's claims to be a protector of consumers.

Closed campaigning: Secretary of state candidate George Firestone held a private campaign meeting in Dade County Tuesday while his opponent Beverly Dozier cam-

The winner of that race will face Republican Ander Crenshaw Nov. 7. Crenshaw spoke at a UF Student Senate meeting Tuesday night in the J. Wayne Reitz Union.

Broken pont: They exchanged smiles and campaign buttons on a united Democratic front just a few days ago, but the truce between gubernatorial runoff candidates Robert Shevin and Robert Graham ended with Shevin's refusal to withdraw some of his television commercials blasting Graham.

Shevin campaign worker Tuesday said the race between the two Dade County candidates would continue to sizzle with "inflammatory rhetoric" until Thursday night, when the final precint results are counted.

During vote hunting trips through South Florida, was raised in a suit filed by the Floridians Against Casino Takeover that seeks to have the amendment ruled off the ballot.

The proposed addition of casinos to Florida's Gold Coast has split residents in the north and south ends of the state.

Let's Help Florida, the pro-casino force, and No Casinos Inc., the opposition in the raging campaign, currently are blitzing state media outlets in an effort to sway voters.

No answer: A Gainesville appearance by lieutenant governor candidate Paula Hawkins was canceled Tuesday because of an airplane malfunction in Orlando, according to Pat McGrath, president of UF's Interfraternity Council.

McGrath said his organization will try to re-schedule another Hawkins appearance as soon as possible.

crime briefs-

Man jumped, robbed while visiting friends

A man visiting friends in a Northwest Gainesville home was jumped and robbed Monday night, Gainesville police said.

Police said Wallace Wilson was robbed at 103 NW 10th St. Arrested and charged with robbery was John Charles Days Jr., 19, of Gainesville.

Days also was charged with possession of less than five grams of marijuana.

Unlocked apartment hit by burglar

After leaving his apartment unlocked, a 23-year-old Gainesville man was robbed of about $600 worth of merchandise, Alachua County sheriff's deputies said Tuesday.

Deputies said the thief entered Jose Gonzalez’s Regency Oaks apartment at 2130 SW Archer Road between 11 p.m. Sunday and 1:30 a.m. Monday.
Endorsements
Mary Anne Sherman:

Editor: The following student leaders wish to announce their support for House of Representatives seat 27 candidate Mary Anne Sherman and make the accompanying statement.

We consider Mary Anne Sherman to be, by far, the most qualified candidate to fill Rep. Bill Andrew’s shoes as UF’s strongest advocate in the Florida Legislature. It is a necessity for this seat to be filled by someone who intimately understands the needs and problems of UF and of the whole district. What is even more important is for our new representative to have the direct experience with our government in Tallahassee that is going to be needed in order to be effective in obtaining proper support for this area.

We feel that Mary Anne Sherman best fits these criteria because of her extensive experience in dealing with our district’s issues and problems and because of her experience as a public interest lobbyist in the Florida Legislature.

Furthermore, we would like to commend Sherman for her efforts in assuring us a campaign consistently conducted under the highest standards of conduct. We feel that this shows additional promise of good judgment for the future.

Jeanette Blevins — President, Law Association for Women Madeleine Brown — past president, UF National Organization for Women Susan Cline — past president, UF Student Senate

Landlord-Tenant Act and fighting for consumers’ rights in general. Vote Alan Becker Oct. 5.

For Secretary of State — Miami Sen. George Firestone offers the professional experience, corporations knowledge, appreciation for culture and positive approach required of this jack-of-all-trades Cabinet post.

He takes a more comprehensive, more aggressive approach to attracting business to the state. His opponent, Beverly Dozier, lacks the political expertise required of the office. Worse, she considers her sex a qualification — “We (women) have a little different kind of intuition,” — an insulting slam against feminists everywhere.

Firestone is the better choice for the Democratic nomination.

For State Representative — Mary Anne Sherman is a tough, bare-knuckle lobbyist who’ll not be gobbed up by the political monsters in the Florida Legislature. She offers five years of intense political experience and expertise and a determined, persuasive approach to serving the district. Her opponent, Jon Mills, has an impressive list of qualifications and a resourceful knowledge of state and federal governments — but his judgment is lacking and he doesn’t know the ropes as well as Sherman does.

Mary Anne Sherman offers the right blend of spunk, drive and seasoning needed to represent UF and local interests in Tallahassee. She deserves your vote.

For School Board — B. Shelton Boyles, after four years on the board, possesses the experience and perspective required to look after the public schools system. While opponent and College of Education Professor Robert Wright also is qualified, Boyles is a product of the local system, and has taught in two local high schools. Vote Boyles in the runoff Thursday.

Jon Mills:

Editor: We, the following student leaders of UF, are proud to announce our endorsement of Jon Mills for the Florida House of Representatives. We feel his extensive experience with government as director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility at the law school makes him the clear choice in this race.

The most important issue facing students at this time is funding. To be effective in protecting the university, the legislator from this district must have experience in the budgeting process. Jon Mills has been called on as a consultant by the Congresional Budget Office and the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee. This is an example of the degree of experience that Jon Mills has, and his opponent does not have. He is also committed to the “flagship” concept, a commitment his opponent has failed to make.

We are not endorsing Jon Mills because he will agree with us on every issue. We are endorsing him because of his experience in government, unquestionable integrity, and ability to represent the entire district, including the student community.

Tom Arnold — pro tem of the Student Senate
Bob Alkin — programs vice president of SAVANT
Edward Atkins — treasurer, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity
Barry Bleidt — former director of health, SG
Doug Bowden — IFC
Paul Carrey — ASFSU member
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I was surprised to read in your endorsement editorial that there were no significant differences in the positions taken by the two democratic gubernatorial candidates. It seems to me there are major differences.

First, either The Alligator was mistaken or Graham should halt his advertisements opposing the office of a סרטive that our crowded criminal detention system that acts as a criminal training ground. Should pot the editor from disgruntled sources are given almost too- aligator's pseudo-reputation for unfairness or inaccuracy is exaggerated and overblown. Otherwise, The Alligator would not enjoy the reputation as America's premier college newswriting contest, the Hearst I'm sorry to hear that our story was not to your liking. But we'll print Brown's defamatory letter anyway. It will serve as a reminder of the importance of fairness and accuracy in our reporting. We went to some pains to ensure that the facts were correct. We print stories as a way to hold our government and its policies accountable to the people. However, we have to be careful not to cross the line of fairness and accuracy. We aim to be a voice for the people, not to be a mouthpiece for any particular candidate. In the case of Governor Bob Shevin, we have been critical of his decision to decriminalize marijuana. We believe that this is a mistake and that it will have negative consequences for our society. We also believe that Bob Shevin is not a friend of the students, and we will continue to hold him accountable.
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Reed defends commission report

In a rebuttal to State Budget Director Joe Cresse's recent criticisms of the report of the Commission on the Future of Florida's Public Universities, commission Chairman Don Reed this week urged Cresse "to join other thoughtful Floridians in efforts to make needed improvements in Florida's State University System."

Cresse had said the report is "full of errors" and "discredits" the faculty, staff, students and graduates of the state's nine universities.

"I cannot let such statements go unchallenged," said Reed, a Boca Raton attorney who acted as chairman of the 31-member commission.

"Nowhere in the report does the commission disparage students, faculty, staff or universities," Reed said. "The commission does, however, provide results of various surveys, studies and reports which emphasize that there is need for improving many aspects of these institutions."

Reed added, "Our commission has made a wide range of recommendations, which, if followed, will help to inaugurate a new and vital era for higher education in Florida."
PSC member backs UF's phone bill rebate decision

By Robert McClure
Alligator Writer

A UF housing official's decision to retain a recent $13,000 phone bill rebate instead of sending it directly to UF students was upheld Tuesday by at least one member of the Public Service Commission.

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City skips UF in search of downtown plan

By Cindy Spence
Alligator Staff Writer

The Gainesville City Commission voted Monday night to pay an outside consultant $30,000 to develop a plan for downtown redevelopment.

Commissioner Mark Goldstein cast the single vote against the expenditure, protesting it as unnecessary since UF professors could create a plan for less money.

Commissioner Gary Junior said the city needs “a plan that will qualify us for federal dollars,” adding that the best plan would come from a professional consultant.

Goldstein, however, said the city could save on a redevelopment plan for the depressed downtown area by paying UF professors about $5,000 to do the work.

“The grant-getting done most successfully in the Southeast is done by the University of Florida,” Goldstein said. “There are some real brains in this town. We’ve never asked the real experts in this community and I think we ought to try it first.”

Once the commissioners voted on the expenditure, the next question was where the money would come from. Commissioners finally decided to pay for the study from a general reserve budget.

While three commissioners wanted the money to come from block grant funds usually used to renovate houses in poor neighborhoods — Goldstein and Commissioner Aaron Green objected.

“We’re taking money that should be used to rehabilitate a house in 1644 (an area under rehabilitation) and putting it into the hands of a consultant who will spend it in Chicago,” Goldstein said.

Green said his only opposition to the plan was using block grant money instead of general reserves to pay for it. He said paying a consultant with block grant money would mean the lack of street lights or sewers for areas planned for rehabilitation.

In other business, commissioners:

• Voted against a Plan Board request that each board member be given a complete copy of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances at a cost of about $130 each. Mayor Bobbie Lide said she was concerned that “these things disappear,” adding that if given complete codes, each of the seven members should be accountable for loss of the code. Commissioners instead voted to give Plan Board members only a set of zoning ordinances;
• Delayed discussion on acquiring open space, mainly concerning land along the Hogtown Creek flood basin, until 12:30 today in the library conference room;
• Celebrated Commissioner Gary Junior’s 38th birthday, during a break in the meeting with cake and soft drinks.

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what's happening

By Vidi Vagelotis
Alligator Staff Writer

Find out how your brain got in its present condition tonight when Population Bomb author Paul Erlich boggles UF with the latest on "Race and IQ," at 8 tonight in McCarty Auditorium.

Catching "The Art of Belly Canto" concert by Gordon Myers tonight at 8 in Santa Fe Community College Auditorium.

Check this out, future politicians — you can earn two quarters of experience plus receive a full salary if you are chosen to be a UF student lobbyist. The three positions available — director, assistant director, or spring intern — entail working winter and spring quarters. To get your foot in the door, apply for any of the positions before 5 p.m. Friday in the Student Government office on the third floor of the J. Wayne Reitz Union.

And other events

Good stuff! Religion majors are invited for an evening of good conversations at 8 tonight at 111 NW 12th St., Apt. 14.

UnGodly entertainment! The UF Shokatan Karate Club will hold beginning and advanced classes tonight at 6:30 in room C1-2 of the Communications building.

A real class! The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Council Executive Board meets tonight at 7 in the CLASSIC office, 3355 General Purpose Building A.

That good of a learn hospitality? Become a Florida Cicerone tonight at 7:30 in room 235 of the Union. Fun, fun, fun.

An allegedly fast and exciting sport! European Team-handball practice is tonight from 5 to 7 at Fleming Field.

Book in the garden! The Ornamental Horticulture Club meets tonight at 6:30 in room G186 of McCarty Hall. Don Goodman, director of the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens will be the guest speaker.

New names! Slatting for the Independent Students Alliance, formerly Inter-Residence Hall Association Policy, is today through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Union College and tonight and Thursday night from 7 to 9 in room 533 of the Union.

A personal military machine! The Billy Mitchell Drill Team needs members. Interested persons can apply from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Van Fleet Hall.

Some serious craziness here! The Criminal Justice Association meets today at 5 p.m. in room 2542 GPA.

Altruistic actions! The Volunteers for International Student Affairs meet tonight at 6:30 in the International Student House.

Not quite free but reasonable! The University United Methodist Church and Student Center is having a student supper tonight at 6, with a $1 donation.

The rush is on! Phi Chi Theta Women's Business fraternity is having its fall rush tonight at 7:30 in the Matherly Faculty Lounge on the third floor.

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Wild, chattering flocks of parakeets descend from Florida skies nightly, serenading the residents of bird havens in St. Petersburg, New Port Richey, and Fort Lauderdale.

The colorful tropical birds, native to Australian deserts, have taken over many areas of Florida, the only state where wild parakeets or “budgies” can be found.

Parakeets rapidly are becoming more common than the sparrow. A recent count estimated 5,400 birds in a single roost in Seminole — and there are many roosts.

Anne Shapiro, a 23-year-old UF graduate student in wildlife ecology, claims to be the first person to study the wild parakeet. Shapiro has been doing field research since April, nest in boxes built specifically for the birds by town residents. Shapiro also has observed some birds roosting in lamp post openings and a few hollow trees.

“Usually I find them in retirement areas where mangrove swamps have been filled in for new housing developments. There is little natural vegetation for the budgies to roost in,” Shapiro said.

“I think it’s a sociological thing for the retirees. They get a lot of enjoyment out of watching the birds. One person will put up a box or a feeder and then his neighbor sees all the activity and does the same thing,” she said.

“Pretty soon hundreds or thousands of birds are living in the area. Eventually the budgies become so concentrated that the least dominant strains are pushed into other places, starting new roosts,” she added.

The exotic birds, first imported to the U.S. from Australia many years ago, have become a favorite family pet because, with much patience, parakeets can be taught to talk.

About 20 years ago, bird breeders on the west coast of Florida began to release huge flocks of parakeets. Because the less common blue and white birds are more desirable as pets, the breeders freed the green and yellow birds they could not sell. The budgies flourished in Florida’s lush climate, and now their greatest concentrations occur in the areas where they originally were released.

Shapiro suspects the parakeets will fan out and invade more of the East Coast, Miami and Central Florida.

“I suspect they could live in the interior parts of the state, but I don’t know whether or not they would eat the food crops or use the natural cavities for nesting,” she said.

If the seed-eating budgies move into new areas and use natural vegetation for nesting, they might like woodpeckers, bluebirds and other native feathered friends.

The parakeets have few natural enemies in Florida and the budgie population is skyrocketing. Sparrow hawks prey on the birds, but the hawks are not a controlling factor in the population growth, Shapiro said.

“Because of the lack of research, no one knows if parakeets are subject to any particular diseases, or if they might transmit germs to humans.”

“I am checking one roost with two females. Every chick they rear loses its feathers and has a twisted beak, which falls out and grows back in. I don’t know if it is a genetic disorder or not. I’ve tried asking breeders and pet stores but nobody knows anything about it,” she said.

Shapiro is keeping one of the chicks at her home, along with two other parakeets, to observe the bird as it matures.

Although her field research will be finished in December, Shapiro intends to check on the birds as often as possible.

“I want to find out if they stop breeding when it gets cold. People have told me that the past two winters the birds have been unable to hatch or have grouped in large flocks and left.”

In warmer weather, the peak breeding time should be around Christmas, Shapiro said.

“Because we don’t know anything about the parakeets, and because they are so abundant, it is important to consider all the potential problems they could pose. People have become fiercely protective of them, feeding them, sheltering them, and encouraging them to brood,” Shapiro said.

“But people always have had a very ignorant attitude about releasing exotic creatures into a new environment,” she added.

“This is a situation I consider out of control. But public reaction to some kind of control would be amazing. People would go crazy — just like the woman who wanted red-shouldered hawks killed to protect her budgies.”

“Sure, it’s a very pretty, charming bird, but such a mass population will probably have an impact on the ecosystem. The walking catfish and the snails in the Miami area are examples of that,” Shapiro said.

“People need to change their attitudes and become more educated about wild creatures like the parakeet.”
'A Special Day' is for special people

It would indeed be a special day for anyone fortunate enough to see Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni in "A Special Day." Directed with insight and sensitivity by Ettore Scola, "A Special Day" is the story of one day in the lives of two lonely people — two people who sidestep the constant flow of living for just a moment. But it is a moment that neither will want to forget.

Unfortunately, Fate has cast these two individuals together for a brief but significant moment. It's a moment that is seldom, if at all, for many of us.

The central theme of this work neither concerns itself with the horrendous atrocities perpetrated by Hitler and Mussolini, nor the controversial issue of homosexuality. Rather, it's a touching portrayal of human need. "A Special Day" is a wonderful small film that isolates a slice of life and magnifies it for us all to see.

But don't misunderstand. It's diminutive in the size of production only; not in its artistic scope. Where many movies overwhelm you with empty spectacle and millions of dollars, "A Special Day" enchants you with simple warmth. And isn't that the aim of all good art — to capture the small events and remind us of our humanness?

The drone of the Hitler-Mussolini rally in the background of the movie serves as a reminder that truth is often an elusive thing. Sometimes it appears where you least expect it. As the two dictators are busily duping the unwary public and giving them false hope, the two strangers are sharing a small moment of truth.

Wild histrionics appeal to large masses. A mob's mentality does not reason it acts like an animal. It's true that they're highly emotional, but they don't really feel — with the heart.

To feel with the heart often goes against society's grain. The two dictators are busily duping the unwary public and giving them false hope, the two strangers are sharing a small moment of truth.

Unfortunately, "A Special Day" is not a movie that will entertain everyone. It's not fast-paced excitement. It doesn't have a Hollywood ending. But this is no ordinary day. Fate has cast these two people who sidestep the constant flow of living for just a moment. But it is a moment that neither will want to forget.

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I went into the game with the idea that I would play,” Fisher said. “We knew we could get to the quarterback. When he got pressure from us, he quickly got out of the pocket. They had a good offensive line, but our front four is pretty quick. After awhile, the quarterback looked gunshy from all the sacks we had.”

At 6-feet, 195 pounds, Fisher is certainly no giant among defensive linemen, but his size enables him to get to the ball carrier a lot faster than “normal” nose guards.

“My size both helps and hurts me,” Fisher said. “But look at Sammy Green. He had a great career here and he only weighed 210 pounds.”

The decision by UF’s coaches to keep Fisher at nose guard was the main reason he chose UF over schools like the universities of Alabama, Pittsburgh, and Georgia.

“I didn’t want to play linebacker,” Fisher, 18, said. “The defense here lets the nose guard do a lot of things. And besides, I figured I would get the chance to play as a freshman.”

MSU will attest to that.

Fisher begins his Gator career with a bang
John Darr rates as one of the top three in the SEC. University Auburn and Louisiana State tatives include the University of Alabama, University, and the always-tough University national champion Oklahoma State western schools. The field includes defending early chance to compete against some canceled. Therefore, the team opens its nament, and goes against a tough field comprised of season opener Wednesday. western and southeastern schools in its W.

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elevated at least 20 to expect too much too fast. make your running easier. At this time of 160 It should be approximately between check your pulse for important isn't important at the start, Hill says. 'The best starting point is to begin a mile. The best thing to do for shin splints is grazing nearby. But watch where you step. If running on grass is more to your liking, there are two places within a five-minute area used by the cross country team for races. It's beautiful, especially with the cows grazing nearby. But watch where you step.

The Corbet Tourney gives the Gators an early chance to compete against some of the western schools. The field includes defending national champion Oklahoma State University, and the always-tough University of Houston.
The Southeastern Conference represen- tatives include the University of Alabama, Auburn University and Louisiana State University — a team UF Assistant Coach John Darr rates as one of the top three in the SEC.

"Playing against these teams gives us an idea of how we stand against the national competition," Darr said. "I expect to win," Darr said. "We're better than last year. I'm looking forward to more consistency." The players he looks for consistency from this week are seniors Larry Rinker — 1978 SEC champion — Terry Anton, sophomore Pat Vestler, and two junior college transfers Kenny Green and Rick Pearson.

"This is not a set lineup," Darr said. "We have more players as far as a total team competing for the top five spots." Sophomore Steve Waggoner, freshmen Don Whittemore and Mark Calvacevichia are three players expected to see a lot of action this year, not playing in this tourney. Darr said the short distance of the tourney site, the Sherwood Forest Country Club would aid the Gators.

"We're better on short courses than we were last year," Darr said. "Both Green and Pearson are good around the greens."