SPIRITS FLOWER IN STATE CAPITOL

TALLAHASSEE — Stressing "creative restraint," Gov. Bob Graham opened the 1979 Legislative Session Tuesday as neither late demonstrators nor rainy weather dampened the carnival-like atmosphere.

The day was not marred by work, whether work happened to be lobbying or politicking, as political factions called a truce to enjoy the day's activities, beginning with the House and the Senate convening at 10 a.m. Ceremonial items topped the agenda with a prayer for U.S. Congressman Claude Pepper's wife Mildred who last week died of cancer and the swearing-in of Rep. Carrie Meeks, replacing Gwen Cherry, who recently died in an auto wreck.

But as senators joined their House colleagues for the joint session, legislators became more lighthearted.

House Speaker Hyatt Brown, in the manner of a headmaster corralling a bunch of unruly school children, began the session, saying, "Members of the House and members of the Senate please take your seats," as he rapped his gavel. When Brown turned the show over to Senate President Phil Lewis, Lewis dispatched six legislators, led by

see "Graham" next page

SIDELINES

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Deans to bring life to dead week tests issue

By Christopher Barrus
Alligator Staff Writer

Entering freshmen would be required to take a writing skills placement test if a proposal to improve students' composition abilities is approved by the Council of Academic Deans at its meeting on Friday.

Although some of the legislators barely could see over the complimentary flower and plant arrangements that stood as much as 4-feet high, they all could hear Graham as he launched into an hour-long State of the Address.

The items Graham emphasized came as no surprise to the overflowing crowd in the popular state gallaries looking down on the House chamber.

They were campaign promises — more money for public education, tax relief and a war on crime, especially illegal drug traffic.

Graham, who lacks his own speech writer, borrowed former Governor Bob Graham's use of the Reubin Askew's speech writer, Jim Bachus, to help draft the opening address. Graham focused on the challenges of the next decade and a "philosophy of creative restraint." A phrase used often enough throughout the speech, to become the catch phrase of the Graham administration.

Graham, addressing his first legislative session as governor, said the receptive audience that ignored his less popular stances, such as abolition of auto inspection programs, and punctuated his speech with frequent applause.

"I offer an agenda for the 1980's. And I propose a philosophy of creative restraint," Graham said. "Creative restraint has many dimensions. And all these dimensions are mirrored in the agenda I offer today, an agenda which is written in the lines and echoes in the spirit of my recommended budget." Graham boasted of his budget, which is balanced but makes dramatic increases in law enforcement funds, the tourism budget, care for the elderly, and education funds.

Two Regents billed to testify before education committee

Two members of the Board of Regents are scheduled to testify about the impact of a proposed bill that would redesign the State University System today at 3:30 p.m. in Tallahassee.

Regents Chairman James Gardener and Gainesville Regent Jack McGriff will discuss the bill with the House Committee on Higher Education in room 214 of the state Capitol.

"No matter the demands of the moment, and no matter what our other concerns, we must never hesitate to fulfill the greatest obligation we have in state government — that of educating our children," Graham said.

Graham called for excellence in public education focusing on the State University System. He asked for an increase of $70.2 million in spending for the university system, a 19.6 percent increase over two years, as well as a special appropriation in 1981 to improve programs of excellence in the state's nine universities.

"One goal of higher education should be a program of national distinction in each major academic discipline somewhere in Florida," Graham said.

Although Graham has been a firm supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, he only devoted one sentence to the issue.

Following his speech, the crowd shifted 20 paces to the four elevators outside the House chamber.

While waiting for the elevator, one woman, dressed in bright red and identified by a stop sign-shaped button printed with "Stop ERA," headed to her companion and said, "I thought he had better sense than to mention that.

A few steps behind the woman dressed in red, a woman wearing a "Yes ERA" button told a friend, "This stop ERA stuff is ridiculous." Agreeing, her friend said, "Yeah, I feel like just going and tearing them up sometimes."

The four women boarded the same elevator and avoided each other's eyes, each in the center of what was a brief civil rights debate.

Irrespective of Graham's pro-ERA remark, the House Rules Committee had voted earlier Tuesday morning to schedule the House debate on the controversial amendment for later in the session. The House is expected to pass the measure and use it as a bargaining tool to force reluctant senators to support the ERA.
Bill favors dorm dwellers

By Ginie Thomas
Alligator Staff Writer

UF administrators soon may have their day in court if they fail to resolve dormitory residents’ complaints of leaky faucets, bug-infested rooms and overcrowding.

Dubbled an effort to better represent university tenants’ rights, a proposed bill by a Dade County legislator is aimed at extending the law that governs landlord-tenant relations to include dormitory residents—such as the right to take a landlord to court.


Grievances of unfair housing practices from dormitory residents at Florida Atlantic University spurred the proposal Eckhart said.

“The bill is very simple; if students are charged for rent, then they are entitled to take their unanswered complaints to court,” Eckhart said Tuesday.

The current procedure to handle complaints at the university is through a grievance committee. Students cannot take court action against the university.

UF officials flatly oppose the bill.

“Our system of housing already has a grievance system,” Housing Director James Grimm said. “We have a due-process system, so there is no need to involve the courts.”

Administrators also fear the act will force them to dish out extra money to upgrade housing.

“This would force the university to do something about the residence halls,” Student Affairs Vice-President Art Sandeen said during a staff meeting with UF President Robert Marston, who also opposes the bill.

Sandeen said the only money UF now receives to repair housing comes from student rent.

“If campus housing is not considered a part of the university, then we ought to get out of the business,” he said.

If the bill passes, Grimm said UF will be forced to hire more staff to answer students’ complaints, which may increase the cost of housing.

“If someone wants to transfer to another dorm room they can, providing there is another available. There is no lease to bind them to that room,” Grimm said.

Eckhart disagrees with the administrators’ stand that the due-process system at the university is enough to solve problems.

“Sometimes you exhaust your due process, and if the problem can’t be solved, either party will end up in court anyway,” Eckhart said.

UF student lobbyist Marshall Geiser said the Landlord-Tenant Act’s 30-day eviction provision conflicts with UF’s eviction policy.

“A student who is not in school and hangs around the dorm for 30 days could disturb the other students,” Geiser said. “He wouldn’t have to go to school, so he could stay up all night partying, and might create a disturbance in the halls.”

Geiser said the big advantages in the act are the “court remedies.”

The provisions of the Landlord-Tenant Act that would affect students are: The landlord must keep the building in good repair, maintaining the roof, windows and screens; provide locks and keys; exterminate mice, rats and roaches; and the landlord cannot enter into the dwelling without the tenant’s permission.

Student Body President Terry Brown, however, said the bill, which is being reviewed by his executive committee, “would not rectify problems on our campus.”

Brown said he expects the committee to take a final position on the bill next week.

UF Student Housing Director Lee Gunn also objected to the bill.

“Students would lose more (money) than they would gain,” he said.

Board of Regents member William Maloy of Pensacola said the bill would stop “capricious and arbitrary action of moving students from one dorm room to another.”

“Such abuses have taken place on some campuses,” he said. “But I would have preferred that the board take action against an irresponsible administrator.”

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Carter plans to lift U.S. oil price controls

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter plans to propose in his new energy package this week a windfall profits tax on domestic oil and a gradual lifting of price controls, administration officials said Tuesday.

Under the plan, they said, all controls on domestic oil prices would be removed by Sept. 30, 1981.

Officials indicated the president wants a higher tax on oil producers than any of his advisers have recommended. He is now wrestling with the question of whether the tax should be in one tier or two tiers.

Higher oil prices as a result of decontrol would add billions of dollars to the coffers of oil producers.

Some officials estimate that gasoline prices would go up as much as 7 cents a gallon. Carter is reported to believe higher gasoline prices may encourage conservation.

The gradual decontrol, beginning immediately, and a new tax over a two-year period would be the centerpiece of a new energy program that the administration has drafted to attack problems resulting from the interruption of Iranian oil supplies and the escalation of world oil cartel prices.

Meantime, if Carter had any intention of proposing new initiatives in the nuclear energy field, he will probably delay them.

Carter will announce his energy plans on national television Thursday evening.

in brief—

China to break treaty with Russia

PEKING (UPI) — China decided Tuesday to break off its 29-year-old peace and friendship treaty with the Soviet Union, a move certain to deepen the split between the two communist rivals.

The official New China News Agency said the standing committee of the Fifth National People's Congress voted unanimously to terminate the treaty when it expires April 11, 1980.

The vote came only seven days before the treaty would have been automatically extended for five more years. The two nations still maintain diplomatic relations, however.

Although Peking's move was an obvious slap at the Soviet Union, China also proposed new talks with the Russians in an attempt to work out their differences.

The high levels of risk of CVD deaths among pill users, cited in the British study, "appear to be exaggerated," reported Dr. Christopher Tietze, senior consultant with the Population Council.

Pill 'safer than believed'

NEW YORK (UPI) — The birth control pill does not raise the risk of heart attacks, strokes and other circulatory diseases among its users, two doctors reported Tuesday.

In presenting their evidence, the doctors challenged the validity of a British study that women taking the pill are four times as likely than non-users to die of cardiovascular — CVD — ailments.

Evacuations plans remained ready.

Civil Defense officials said there were indications that some of the 200,000 people who left the four-county area around the plant are returning home. Area schools remained closed but many planned to open today.

Pregnant women and young children were still advised to stay out of an area within five miles of the reactor.

"I feel pretty good right now," said Robert Reid, the mayor of Middleton, three miles from the Susquehanna River power plant. "I feel confident things are shaping up but I don't think we're out of the woods yet.

"The people in town are still a little jumpy. They feel as though they're almost over the hump going down the other side but they know there's still a problem."

Teamsters' strike shuts two factories

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The three-day-old strike-lockout by the Teamsters Union and trucking industry shut down two auto plants Tuesday and idled or shortened the shifts of more than 67,000 workers.

Negotiators were expected to resume bargaining in Washington later this week, possibly Thursday, in an attempt to end the labor strike.

Management bargainers met in Washington with about 150 industry executives to develop a strategy. The teamsters called about 350 representatives of union locals to Chicago for a meeting.

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NAACP director stresses equality

By Kit Carlson
Alligator Staff Writer

A veteran of civil rights wars told a University Auditorium audience Tuesday night that the battle for equality is far from won and must continue in the face of attempts to slash Affirmative Action programs.

"In the area of race relations, we have problems on every hand," Benjamin Hooks told a large audience. He cited the Bakke decision, Proposition 13 and the move for a balanced budget as problems that could jeopardize the advances made by the civil rights movement of the 60s.

Hooks, executive director of the NAACP and former member of the Federal Communications Commission told of his lifelong struggle for equality — how he had traveled to DePaul University in Chicago for his law degree because his home town of Memphis had no law school that would admit blacks. He also told how he grew up using "separate but equal" facilities.

"I'm 54 years old and I've spent half my life fighting," Hooks said. "I've worked so hard, if I were white, I'd probably be president of the United States."

Affirmative Action programs and admissions quotas still are necessary, Hooks said, because racist attitudes still underlie admissions policies. Hooks pointed out that of 8,500 black students, fewer than 275 were admitted to medical school in 1968. Although the number of black admissions rose to more than 800 in 1976, total admissions were up to 14,500 nationwide.

"Six thousand new seats were added in that time span and we got less than 600 of them. We didn't take anybody's seat," he said.

"The whole concept of Affirmative Action was designed to open doors to those who were cut out for years, so that they could be told the doors were open. It became necessary judicially and administratively to set up goals and timetables like that."

Hooks said discrimination problems have not disappeared, even though the unemployment rate for blacks is twice as high for whites.

He said Proposition 13 and the balanced budget movement also were hindrances to blacks because Proposition 13 was a vote by the people of California to cut welfare, as is the balanced budget.

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Activists blast naming of UF activities center

By Robert McClure
Alligator Staff Writer

Naming the newly completed mass-seating facility after a former UFL President would create "a monument to racism," a student activist told a group of fewer than 30 Tuesday.

Activist Tim Brooks told the rally that Student Government leaders misrepresented students in 1977 by allowing UF administrators to name the center after former UFL President Stephen C. O'Connell.

"At this point the Student Government didn't do anything," Brooks said. "It just decided to sit back and kiss the administration's ass."

More than $13 million in student money helped pay for the center, Brooks said.

Brooks, campaign manager for Students for Education and Equality, helped set up Tuesday's program at the Holland Law Center Auditorium and spoke at a series of speeches Thursday on UF investments in apartheid South Africa.

Norman Marks, a UF speech professor and University of Florida organizer during O'Connell's presidency, said the move to rename the mass-seating facility with his former boss's name represents reactionary interests.

State University System Chancellor F. T. York and the naming of the sports arena after Stephen O'Connell are the last rumbles of the agri-business control of the government of the state of Florida," he said.

Those agri-business interests are the same ones that opposed integration and the professor's union, Marks said.

Despite O'Connell's efforts to keep blacks from enrolling at UF and his refusal to recognize the faculty union, a university committee and President Robert Marston in 1977 supported naming the building after O'Connell, Brooks said.

As a Florida Supreme Court justice in 1967, O'Connell refused to admit a black to the UF law school despite the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Brown v. the Topeka Board of Education. That court decision nullified separate but equal education for blacks and whites.

In a move that eventually led to 67 black students and 10 white students arrested, O'Connell refused to hear the students' demands for a minority-affairs vice president, Brooks said.

"From 1971 to 1979, this position still hasn't been filled. There's still not a vice president for minority affairs," Brooks said.

"There's that office for minority affairs that is shelved in a little closet like they shelved the minority-affairs director in her closet."

Activities center plans concrete

Construction of the O'Connell Center is on schedule in spite of previous delays caused by bad weather and faulty concrete seating, a UF administrator said Tuesday.

UF Planning and Analysis Associate Director Gary Keeper said Dixon and Co., contractors of the massive activities center plan to meet the Nov. 16 deadline for substantial completion of the multi-million-dollar complex.

This February, two sections of the concrete seating, mounted on the outside molding of the circular structure, failed to meet national concrete safety guidelines. The building failed 12 of 15 stress points when tested by an independent testing agency and faulty seating sections were reinstalled despite cracks found in its foundation.

Keeper said no further problems have occurred in construction of the facility that will seat 12,000.

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Ardene Wiggins, interim vice president for development and alumni affairs since October, saw the "internim" removed from his name Tuesday.

The 33-year-old 1970 UF graduate, a member of the development and alumni staff for more than eight years, becomes the executive director of the UF Foundation, a non-profit corporation that raises funds for UF. He also will be the executive director of the 11,000-member Alumni Association.

Wiggins was chosen from a list of more than 100 applicants that was reduced to three finalists.

Police briefs

Blasts make fishy issue in Lake Wauburg probe

UF police were called early Tuesday morning to investigate reports of dynamite fishing at Lake Wauburg.

Dynamite fishing involves setting off dynamite charges under the water to kill fish and then collecting the dead fish as they float to the surface.

Though the sheriff's department said it has received several reports of such fishing in the lake, investigating UF police found no dead fish or dynamite.

"It could have been a gunshot, it could have been anything, but it wasn't dynamite fishing," caretaker Mark Blake said.

Craving for Coors leads to break-in of car

A six-pack of Coors Lite sitting in a locked parked car proved too strong a temptation for someone to resist.

Late Monday night a thief tried to break the lock on a car parked at 1000 NW 31st Drive. When that failed, the thief smashed the driver's window, Gainesville police said.

The only item missing was a six-pack of the beer.

Trio of police officers fired at outside house

Early Tuesday three Gainesville police officers were shot at while answering a domestic disturbance call.

According to Gainesville police, three officers were standing outside a house on the 900 block of Southeast Seventh Avenue when a shot was fired at them from a wooded area across the street.

The area was sealed off and searched by dogs, but no suspects were found. No property damage or injuries were reported, police said.

Police arrest jogger for dodging demands

An evening jogger was arrested this week when he failed to listen to a police officer's orders Monday night.

Gainesville police Officer Jim Davis told Otto Von Mering to stop several times as he ran by 1000 NW 18th St. Sgt Mike Allison said Tuesday.

Instead of stopping, Von Mering ran into a wooded area, Allison said.

Allison said he did not know exactly why Davis had wanted Von Mering to stop, but said the area had been plagued by a number of burglaries.

UF police report two crimes against frats

A plastic Focus party campaign sign outside Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity was smashed Monday night when someone threw a concrete block through it.

Gainesville police reported $400 damage to the sign.

In another crime reported by a fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega member Don Cameron said $83 had been stolen from his unlocked room. It was the third such theft reported at ATO in a week.

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Issues

Through open classroom windows came the sweet sound of protest Monday as a real, '60s style demonstration returned to the Plaza of the Americas.

More than a hundred joined the Catfish Alliance in the afternoon sun to listen to the songs of another age — today vocalizing opposition to nuclear power.

Just when the decade enters its final year, a sense of deja vu is creeping into the hearts of old activists. It's not hard to understand that suddenly has gained momentum with the recent accident at Harrisburg, or decriminalization of marijuana, the campus conscience is being pricked once again.

The sense of deja vu is refreshing. At a time when most students seem more concerned with foosball and Frisbees, it must not be forgotten that racism and repression take no holidays.

The problems of society do not go away even if those who care about them sometimes take a day off. What's heartening is that Monday's outburst of anger was just the last in a recent pattern we've been noticing.

Take the upcoming Student Government elections. One party, Students for Education and Equality, is running on a 28-stand plank that focuses on some critical issues of concern to UF students. The party's program calls for a referendum to decide whether the mass-seating facility should be named after a man whose attitude toward students and minorities can hardly be called benign.

Another issue SEE is hawking is the propriety of UF Foundation investments in companies that trade with South Africa.

One doesn't have to look too far off campus to find other worthy issues. Congress is talking about rekindling the draft. The City Commission is talking about cleaning up the student ghetto.

The state Legislature, led by a new breed of young progressives, is talking about restructuring the State University System.

These are heady enough issues for anyone to take on. How fitting if we come full circle and end the '70s on the sweet note of protest.

... answers

While we're talking about issues, perhaps we should address some proposed answers to long-term problems:

Foreign students: Rep. Wayne McCall's idea to strip foreign students of their civil liberties by threatening to expel those who protest reminds us too much of darker days — days when U.S. Sen. Joe McCarthy was conducting his witch hunts. The idea is so ludicrous and totalitarian it bears no further comment.

Landlord bashing: Rep. Barry Kutun of Miami Beach is proposing a bill to strengthen the state's Landlord-Tenant Act. An Alligator special report in November found massive violations of the law in Gainesville. Kutun's bill would award a tenant triple damages if a landlord unreasonably withholds a tenant's security deposit. We're with Barry on this one.

Revamping the university system: The House Committee on Higher Education is proposing a major overhaul of the SUS, including changes in the Board of Regents. The changes are numerous and require careful scrutiny. Committee members have promised to hold public hearings on the proposed bill. The sooner they hold a meeting here at UF the better.
**Anti-logo attitude hurts UF football**

**Editor:** The letter in Thursday's Alligator by Bruce Turkel was a blatant display of impulsive, misguided, shotgun-tacticism. Rather than the proposed logo for UF, the company responsible for the design and a football coach who is doing one hell of a terrific job, why didn't Turkel use his time to show us his idea of a "prominent, professional and successful design"? Instead he states that the logo "resembles a broken football helmet." Taking the cheap shot at Coach Pell was the low blow of his flow. For those who missed the fluff, Turkel stated "...I hope that Pell's football sensitivities are more sophisticated than his artistic ones." While you are at it Turkel you might as well condemn the university for hiring Pell.

I only hope that Turkel's attitude does not manifest itself in the upcoming football season, because if it does, it is highly probable that 10,000 Florida State University fanatics will again outnumber 50,000 UF fans on GATOR TURF as they did in 1977. We should try to avoid another "Turk Syndrome" football season.

David A. Palumbo

**Cynicism - not apathy - robs students' power**

The past three columns I have written concerning educational issues have been based on crunching methods, the curriculum, and the examination — have been an attempt to bring to light what every student here experiences but, unfortunately, not what every student does anything about. That is the illness of education at UF.

That the vital signs of this institution are not good, perhaps even critical, and glaringly clear for anyone who stops for a moment to think about it. Teaching methods, with their emphasis on lecturing and passive learning, are strikingly similar to the first universities dating back to medieval times in the 12th century. The curriculum is too timid to offer students the tools we need to cope with an increasingly complex and ugly world and offers to passively inundate us with piles of abstractness and theory. The examination and the course emphasis on it teaches little more than rote memorization because of the desperation of retaining knowledge rather than gaining wisdom.

Numerous other columns could have been written on aspects of educational illness at UF such as the subjectiveness, irrelevance and harmfulness of grades; inadequate professors; a congestion of rules, regulations, fines and penalties leading to an overall restrictive atmosphere not conducive to learning; administrative rigidity, inefficiency, and lack of touch with the average student and classmate, and ridiculousness, etc. But perhaps the columns that have appeared have prompted students for the action that is now needed.

"We are a terrified, cynical, maybe mad. Action is a thing of the past. It's well known we can't make any difference. Wrong unregistered breath. We can assume fairly correctly that our generation is being worn down by educational-illness problems, that students are aware of the problems, that we are not happy with them, that many students feel powerless and that many see UF Student Government as doing little or nothing to help. If we can assume that students are cynical, we can assume that we are involved in a lot.

act if they see an avenue through which to do so and if they feel that they won't be wasting their time. Not that it is logical since we are affected every day by the classroom and educational illness — since it is such a big part of our lives.

There are at least three avenues through which we as students can make a tremendous difference.

**Student Government** It is not inconceivable that candidates for SG positions could bring out 100 percent of the student body vote. But the only way they can jump from their traditional 15 percent is to cease being traditional and concentrate on those areas that most affect students — the classroom and education.

Once they are in office, they could reorganize SG for increased effectiveness. Task forces could be established and existing committees could be pushed for curriculum improvement and the examination of teaching methods. SG could push for more stringent faculty evaluations and demand that if used once students fill them out. SG could push for written evaluations of grades. The elimination of exams could be worked toward. SG could promote the use of the geste-type traffic gaugers as well as decals, all fines, dorm rules and other annoyances that contribute to a restrictive learning atmosphere. SG could push for the establishment of learning centers and adequate funding for the centers.

The student government could do a lot.

Like what? Talking with professors about new ways of learning the course and material being evaluated; voting for SG candidates who will do something about the educational illness at UF and demanding that they do it once in office; writing letters and columns to The Alligator providing additional insight into the classroom and campus and ideas for improving it. These will take time to have their hoped-for effect but if, after an appropriate amount of time, they don’t do any good other channels are open for students. As long ago as the 17th and 18th centuries, American students used the effective strategy of boycotting classes and even threatening to withdraw enroll masses if their demands weren’t met. These and similar strategies are still viable.

On Tuesday, March 27, The Alligator ran a front page story entitled, "Sex and the professor: going all the way for an "A". This would be a very good start toward a trend concerned with an investigative analysis of education at UF. More stories are needed on every aspect of education at UF — depicting the good as well as the illness — so that the importance of improving the classroom situation can stay at the top of everyone’s attention.

But before we begin to do all this, we must be conscious of what we are ultimately working toward — an end to all of our goals. Perhaps they could be this: to have an unrestricted atmosphere where effective teaching methods combine with a relevant curriculum to produce healthy individuals who can cope with and change society and the world; who can live effectively and meaningfully with themselves and others and who are prepared for whatever fate

This generation — you and I — can no longer afford to be passive in changing society. The world is growing increasingly ugly, and we cannot only continue down that dark, forbidding road if we only sigh and do nothing. We can begin to change society by improving our institutions. Since educational institutions have such a tremendous impact on our society, what each of us does to improve them will be extremely significant. It’s time to do it.

Brian Ballin

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**Carlos Sires’ tactics political insincere**

**Editor:** April 2 I read an article in your paper concerning the candidates in the Student Government elections. Within the article was a statement about a villainous endeavor of Carlos Sires, presidential candidate for Impact party. It noted his pursuance of the reestablishment of an off-campus housing office. It has taken months for me to decide to make a statement concerning the real story behind his endeavors, but this article finally "broke the camel’s back.

First let me make clear my position so my statements cannot be associated with political endeavors. I am an independent. I am not affiliated nor am I actively supporting any party. I have been in SC since I was a freshman in the dorms because I enjoyed being involved. That is all.

In June, 1978, I was appointed assistant director of community affairs under Scott Hawkins. I was then put in charge of researching and coming up with a new organization to replace and improve the services that were provided by the now dormant off-campus housing office.

But in January 1979, Carlos Sires spoke with Student Body President Terry Brown and was appointed to the project. After a couple of weeks, he had taken over and when I consulted with him as to what was happening, I was informed that things had changed and I was no longer in charge. I still wanted to see the project through.

I feel the environment in off-campus housing was politically motivated (he is now running for student body president) and seemingly insincere, and that I wouldn’t actually be allowed to actively contribute to the project. I also felt respect for Sires due to the manner in which he handled his take-over. But I saw no way to fight a stacked deck as a student.

This letter is the only source to air this incident. An election is now at hand and I could no longer bear to see politicians. SC by using an important issue as a political ploy. There is my statement, give it your vote.

Janice E. Schwertkow

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The people For Rational Marijuana Laws say that their purpose in sponsoring the benefit is to "gain widespread publicity and support for their efforts to raise the mis-measure/fecony threshold for marijuana from five grams to one ounce." The people who initiated the idea of the Ganja protest (and those who donated money) don’t want cheap publicity; they want to honor a man who died for a cause.

Perhaps I may be wrong and protest will legalize pot. That is PROTEST. A complaisant and lethargic gathering for beer and tawdry music just doesn’t seem appropriate for the purpose at hand.

The purpose of the protest, whether you agree with it or not, would rather the College Republicans handle the event.

Brian Ballin
Ardene Wiggins Named Development, Alumni VP

J. Ardene Wiggins, 1970 graduate of the University of Florida and member of the development and alumni affairs staff since the 1967-68 academic year, has been named interim vice-president for development and alumni affairs.

The 33-year-old former generation Floridiana of New Orleans and the Current City is the second to hold that office. He succeeds Steve Wilkerson, who resigned to become director of development at Boston University in October. Wiggins has served as interim vice-president since that time.

Wiggins received the bachelor of science degree in journalism in December, 1970. He was assistant director of the Alumni Association from that time until June, 1972, when he was appointed in acting capacity to be in charge of alumni and development while a search was made for a vice-president. From March, 1973, through October, 1978, he was director of academic support.

Wiggins was selected from more than 10 applicants, narrowed to three finalists, who were interviewed last week.

In announcing the appointment, President Robert Marston made the following statement:

"The President of the University of Florida Foundation, Inc., Mr. Joe Cordell; the University Alumni Association, Representative Don Fuaia; the Screening Committee, and the Executive Committee have jointly appointed Mr. Wiggins to this important position.

The Executive Committee and almost half of the members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation have been involved individually and personally in this search and the members of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association by telephone poll have endorsed this selection.

"Much of the current success of our Foundation and Alumni programs, especially during the past year when Ardene has been the Interim Vice President, has been due to the leadership Ardene, Bill Stone, Charlie Penno and other members of their staff have given. Mr. Cordell and Representative Fuaia assure me of the wholehearted support the volunteer leadership of these two organizations will give to maintaining the momentum we now have.

2nd Annual Student Dental Clinic Thursday, Friday

The College of Dentistry's second annual Student Clinic Day will be held Thursday and Friday.

The program, which is open to local practicing dentists and dental auxiliaries, will consist of case presentations, lectures and table clinics by UF graduate dental students. In addition, 13 manufacturers of dental equipment and supplies will exhibit products Thursday, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the 13th Street Holiday Inn.

The Dental Day program will open at 9 a.m. in Room CI-11 of the Health Center's Communicore Building. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Frank S. Bowyer, leader in the field of dental health in Tennessee, past-president of the American Dental Association, and a recent recipient of the UF Distinguished Alumnus award.

Following Dr. Bowyer will be four case presentations and three lectures. At 1:30 p.m., three graduate students will give presentations of their work. Four student teams will be set up and theontic continued. The three students will participate in the corresponding national competition at the American Dental Association's fall meeting.

Self-Help Counseling: Call NEXUS, 392-1683

Students and others needing advice can utilize the "Self-Help Counseling Services," offered by the University Counseling Center through the NEXUS phone system at the Reitz Union. Eighteen audio tapes are available to help callers who may need assistance with everyday problems. Call 392-1683 between 7 a.m. and 1 a.m. to call the University Counselor. The counselor can give a brief tape which is to be played for you.

The following tapes are available:


The University Counseling Center in 311 Little Hall offers personal, marital, vocational and other counseling services free to students and student spouses. Stop by, or call 392-1570.

3rd Annual Comparative Drama Conference Thursday-Saturday

The University of Florida's 3rd Annual Comparative Drama Conference, sponsored by the Classics Department and the only such conference in the southeastern United States, will be held Thursday through Saturday and includes a mixture of scholarly papers and live performances. The conference theme is "From Apollo to Dionysus: The Diversity of Drama."

Thursday's afternoon session will be devoted to papers comparing ancient drama with modern and will be held in Room 346 of the J. Wayne Reitz Union. Later Thursday, UF Professor Sid Hansen will present a short play, Beckett's "Come and Go," followed by a discussion of the play's meaning, in Room 441 of General Purpose Building. At 8 p.m.

Classical drama will be the subject of Friday morning's discussion in Room 346 of the Reitz Union, while European drama will be the subject of the afternoon session. Dr. William Nethercut of the University of Texas will speak at 8:30 p.m.

Sign Up Now For Rafting Trips

Members of the University community can register now for the May 4-6 White Water Rafting Trip sponsored by the J. Arthur Bowyer Rafting Foundation. Sign up at the North Carolina trip is in the Union Information Office, Room 330 JWRU, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until midnight. The trip is $20 and will include transportation and equipment and instructions. A $2 deposit must accompany each registration.

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UF journalism school ranks
tops in national Hearst contest

UF's College of Journalism and Communications apparently has won the national William Randolph Hearst writing contest again this year, the eighth time in 19 years.

UF has a total of 158 points in the annual competition, while runner-up California State at Fresno has only 78. The national Hearst committee will formally announce the winner later this month.

So far, the college has received a total of $4,050 in scholarships as a result of victories by Alligator staff writers in five of six monthly contests.

Non-hyper hypothesis: "Innovation and Diffusion Theories" will be the subject of Brian Dutoit's lecture from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in room 290C, Norman Hall.

Blow, Gabriel, Blow! Student horn recitals will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Music Building, room 120.

Take a flying leap: The Cuong Nhu Karate Association will present a karate demonstration at noon today on the Union North Lawn.

No possibility of exploding: The Benton Engineering Council is having a barbecue from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at the UF Livestock Pavilion on Archer Road. Tickets will be on sale through Friday outside Larsen and Weil Hall. Tickets for the feast, featuring chicken, oysters and beer, are on sale for $2 through Thursday and $2.50 on Friday.

No frills flights: The Campus Eckankar Satgur Society will have a discussion class on Eckankar, the science of soul travel, tonight from 7:30 to 9 in the Union, room 336. The class is free and open to the public.

Seed of Light: The women's role in helping to bring the new age to the planet will be discussed at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Seed of Light Sufi Center, 414 NE Fifth Ave., No. 6.

SEE Africa: The Students for Education and Equality will have a symposium on "Should the UF Foundation Divest Itself in South Africa?" at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Law Center Auditorium. The symposium is open to the public.

Attention healthy majors: Eta Sigma Gamma meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in room 357 of the Union.

Inside outlook: The three professional colleges - law, business, and med school - will have a conference to discuss current trends and future prospects beginning at 9 a.m. in the Gainesville Hilton Thursday and Friday.

Hot Maple Charms: VISA, Volunteers for International Student Affairs, will meet to discuss the International Festival at 7 in the International Student Center tonight.

Don't passout: The Hillel Student Center has extended its Passover Seder deadline to Thursday. No one will be admitted at the door without a ticket.

Not yet developed: The Little Sister Team Racquetball sign-up deadline is set for 5 p.m. Thursday in room 229 of the Florida Gym.

They boldly go where no man has gone before: University Trek, the UF Star Trek organization; will discuss FUTURE plans at its 7 p.m. meeting tonight in room 150-A of the Union.

Who has the day?: Woman Unite Take Back The Night meets at 8 in building A, room 1101 tonight.

Careful planning here: The Planned Parenthood Volunteer Training Session will start at 7 p.m. Thursday upstairs at the Presbyterian Student Center, 1402 W. Tennessee Ave.

Big straw users: The UF Scuba Club meets at 8 in the Union, room B-5 tonight.

Dr. John Clark will be the guest speaker.

Young animal studies: Veterinary Ophthalmology will be the subject of the Pre-Vet Club meeting at 7:30 tonight in McCarty Auditorium.

Graduat The UFF Graduate Student Union will have a stewardship meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in room 150-B of the Union.
New faces, old issues set pace for City Commission campaigns

By Beverly Bard
Alligator Staff Writer

Before every city election, there are always those who work feverishly behind the scenes, gearing up for the upcoming election — and Gainesville is no exception.

Community energy advocate Jim Notenstein said Tuesday he plans to run for Gary Junior's soon-to-be-vacated City Commission seat, but he wants to know the issues first.

Notenstein, who has served on several city committees, said his campaign strategy will consist of knocking on doors, phoning residents to ask them what issues are important.

Stressing "harmony, economy and vitality," Notenstein said he plans to contact about 1,000 city residents before he announces his candidacy.

Notenstein's opponents-to-be are already making their platforms known.

The six announced candidates fighting for Junior's seat are emphasizing issues ranging from lowering taxes to community development.

Landscaper Al Muzzell said he supports "holding a line on government," with an increasing citizen participation in local government.

Muzzell also said he wants to bring back the panhandling ordinance issue, although commissioners previously refused to vote on it.

Another candidate, UF civil engineering Associate Professor Courtland Collier, said his platform will concentrate on "keeping the integrity of the neighborhoods."

Although Courtland owns property in the "student ghetto," he contends his property is "properly maintained and is not of the typical ghetto-type house."

Another UF professor, also a former Gainesville mayor, James Richardson said he believes all issues he hopes to tackle if elected May 1.

His priorities include making sure the 9,000 newly annexed residents receive city services, emphasizing human rights, and broadening the economic base and redeveloping deteriorating neighborhoods — specifically the downtown and "student ghetto" areas.

Another candidate, civil engineer Jack Erwin, said he intends to focus his campaign primarily on the efficiency of city government and the utilities.

And W. E. "Mac" McEachern, a Southern Bell technician, said he will concentrate his energies on lowering taxes and improving county management relations.

"If anything our taxes should be decreased, and we should cut down on the bureaucracy," McEachern said.

Eastern Airlines customer service representative Jim Shelton is pushing for different issues.

"We need to go into districts so everyone will get more representation," Shelton said.

Shelton said splitting Gainesville into districts will give UF better representation.

"There would be someone from the university being represented," Shelton said.

Other persons wishing to join in the increasingly crowded race have until April 10 to file.

Notenstein said he will qualify before the deadline but wants to make his campaign "short and sweet."
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UF spring election ballot to contain wet question

By Jay Mallin
Alligator Staff Writer

UF students will get a chance next week to decide if they want to save the endangered Florida Pool.

Court Chancellor Craig Hoffman confirmed Monday that a referendum question concerning the pool won enough petition signatures to be placed on the spring election ballot.

The question will ask students, "Do you favor saving old Florida Pool, located behind Alligator Alley?"

UF administrators plan to close the pool and possibly turn it into a parking lot because a new pool will be opened in the O’Connell Center in fall.

UF Student Sen. Erik Melear, who headed the drive to put the question on the ballot, said he believes if students agree to pay to maintain the pool, it can remain open if UF administrators will pay to renovate it.

"If we reorder our priorities, there might be money found (by administrators) to pay for renovations of the pool," Melear said.

UF Administrative Affairs Vice President William Elmores and Student Services Dean Tom Goodale, however, denied such a deal could be made.

There is no money to renovate it now, Goodale said.

Melear disagreed. He said administrators have hinted to him they might change their minds if Student Government agrees to pay the $35,000 a year now needed to maintain the pool.

The 50-year-old pool needs renovations in its pump, piping, electrical and chlorine systems. Estimate work costs range from $35,000 to $116,000.

A second question, which failed to get the ballot, would have asked students if they favored SG funding for the pool.

Melear and Hoffman said the second question may have failed to win enough signatures because it was on the second two pages and many people did not turn the second sheet.

Melear's fight to line up student funding for the pool won another victory Wednesday night when the Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee agreed to keep money available to maintain the pool in the event UF administrators agree to save the pool.

Melear said many students he has talked to are not aware that the pool is in danger.

"They are totally ignorant of what is going on."

Focus On
The Past

As Student Senate President, Presidential candidate WALTER GRAHAM...
- Authored a bill creating a Student Government Affirmative Action officer to watch dog SG and the University
- Worked to increase the efficiency of the Senate
- Supported increased SG funding of Black History Month

As Cabinet Director of Community Affairs, Vice Presidential candidate SCOTT HAWKINS...
- Originated the re-establishment of an Off-Campus Housing Office
- Organized the most successful campus voter registration drive in the past 10 years
- Brought two City Commission meetings to campus to allow students to voice their concerns

As ASFAC Coordinator, Treasurer candidate TOBY MENDELSON...
- Obtained $30,000 in capital improvements funds for the dorms
- Initiated a 200 percent increase in funding for the AID program, an academic information office serving the students
- Supported increased funding for the College Councils

Focus On
The Future

If elected, GRAHAM-HAWKINS-MENDELSON will continue working for you by focusing on these issues.
- Preventing the proposed destruction of Florida Pool
  - Re-establishing the Halloween Ball
  - Creating fair funding guidelines for student organizations
  - Establishing an emergency loan fund
  - Supporting the creation of a University Vice-President for Minority Affairs
  - Investigating the re-establishment of the Student Credit Union under the auspices of the College of Business Administration
- Working for student control of the intramural program
  - ending the bickering among top student leaders and focusing on student concerns
County delays uprooting oaks in tiny community of Windsor

By David Futch
Alligator Staff Writer

Execution of six oak trees in Windsor was postponed Tuesday as Alachua County commissioners gave engineers two weeks to prepare alternate plans to save the trees.

Residents of Windsor, a tiny community east of Gainesville, showed up in force at the County Commission meeting to voice disapproval of uprooting the trees county engineers have called a traffic hazard.

Since 1976, four deaths have resulted from traffic accidents at a bad curve on County Road 234. Engineers blame the oaks that they say are too close to the road.

"Windsor residents are sympathetic to those who get killed, but would like for the county to straighten the corner instead of taking down 30, six or even one tree," Windsor resident Maurice Hope said.

Instead of removing the trees, residents suggested the county install large reflectors at the curve, paint white lines on the edge of the road or erect "bad curve" signs to warn drivers of the danger.

Commission members agreed that cutting down 300- to 400-year-old trees would be an injustice.

In other business, commissioners heard an audit report by Gordon Bennett, owner of Alachua Waste Inc.

The audit is a result of inefficiency by Alachua Waste that caused a recent garbage pickup in Southwest Gainesville apartments. The audit said that firm lost $105,000 during the first year of operation and could not afford to maintain equipment to keep up with collection.

Because of the debt, Bennett asked the commission to initiate procedures for a $3.50-a-month rate hike on garbage collected from county residents.

Commissioners, however, said Bennett cannot apply for an increase until Alachua Waste completes its two-year contract with the county in September.

Even with a rate increase, the commission said the indebtedness of the garbage collection agency would not be solved.

Commission members asked that an in-depth analysis of the firm's financial status be conducted to determine if Alachua Waste should keep its franchise.

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Nurses gain little footage in march on state Capitol

By David Futch
Alligator Staff Writer

Nurses from throughout Florida captured the attention of Tallahassee legislators Tuesday when a 1,000-strong group marched on the state Capitol, protesting legislation that would prohibit nurses from policing their own ranks.

But the request by the group to remove the word “nursing” from a bill that provides one watchdog for 25 different professional groups was received with mixed feelings. The watchdog, a “Superboard”, would lower professional standards and lead to patient abuse, according to nurses who participated in the march.

Protesters want a board composed of four registered nurses, four practical nurses and four non-nurses to regulate their profession. "By remaining autonomous, we feel like we can better serve the consumer and ourselves," said Gail Hallas, organizer of the march. "But we still think we were being avoided even though legislators listened to our complaint."

Four nurses remained in Tallahassee and are scheduled to speak to legislators today.
Uelsmann: A mystic with a camera

By Jonathan Suskind
Staff Writer

For thousands of years, alchemists have searched in vain for the philosopher’s stone, the magical substance which could transmute base metals into precious gold and silver. Photography, for Gerry Uelsmann, has succeeded where alchemy failed. Only he turned the tables on the mystics. With camera, darkness and seething imagination, he transforms silver into magic.

In art circles, Uelsmann is known as one of the persons significantly responsible for changing the scope and direction of contemporary photography. His works have won him worldwide acclaim and representation in major photographic collections. Preceding his latest exhibitions, Art patrons praise his innovative style and creative genius.

But in Gainesville, Uelsmann is better known as an easygoing member of the UF art faculty who wears jeans to school and converses readily with his students. The 44-year-old graduate research professor doesn’t look comfortable at the desk in a shared Floyd Hall office, rambling good-naturedly while gesturing with the stump of a chewed cigar. Success is a far off word for the slightly disheveled artist, but nonchalance about his achievements is a bit disarming. He is as much at home talking about his racquetball game as talking about his life’s work and hobby.

But step into the darkroom in the rear of his eclectic Southwest Gainesville home. Uelsmann is truly in his element here, patterning around in the cramped orange-lit darkness. From a battery of enlargers, chemical baths, light boxes and other photographic equipment, he produces a “visual diary” of life’s experiences.

You and I are quite content to take the bland, untroubled snapshots of friends or scenic vistas, and let it go at that. But Uelsmann’s photographs never let the viewer get away so easily.

“There is data here of some kind—a way in which I’ve related to the world,” says Uelsmann.

At that background of desert underground, a man stands, hands on hips, a tortured yeses quite spring forth from where his head should be. An innocent baby nestles snugly in a symmetrical palmetto frond. A gothic cathedral spires upward from the base of a gnarled cypress stump. Two huge maple leaves fade into the clear sky of a rippling beach.

Some photos are so eye-catching as to be worth 10 times a thousand words. Critics and reviewers have termed Uelsmann’s art “unexpected,” “oddly logical” and “dreamlike.” A recent biography says his images “give the viewer an intimate glimpse of the past.”

Uelsmann says he is no mystic, just a modern, creative artist. He sees in responses to his work a reflection of the human psychic consciousness. “My work directs itself at the creativeness of the viewer,” he says.

But in the more relaxed darkroom setting, Uelsmann admits, “Photography is a form of contemporary alchemy, not just a science. It is magic. There are no two ways about it. It is an incredible process.”

Unlike most photographers, who are camera and lens oriented, Uelsmann does most of his image making in the darkroom. His one workhorse camera is a Bronica. “But does it matter what kind of typewriter Hemingway used?” he asks.

“There are a lot of fine cameras, but the problem an image maker has is to come up with something that is visually exciting.” Uelsmann defines the artist’s creativity as “vividly sensory” ability to distinguish fortuitous visual experiences. And he uses a key phrase in describing his artistic philosophy—“in-process discovery.”

“There are ways in which you can engage yourself in the world when you’re taking a camera. But you don’t do it in a hurry.” There is a dialogue between the artist and the art—that’s in-process discovery. A simple way to think about it is to walk to your car. It may take you 10 minutes. If you have a camera, that same walk could take you a couple of hours, because suddenly you will be looking at things in terms of other dimensions.

Uelsmann’s lectures and shows have taken him from Alaska to Europe, but he believes “we are never in a strange place. We are the holders of the value system, and you always seek out familiar forms and objects.” Crest Beach and St. Augustine, his favorite places to photograph, are “like old friends. They seem to hold their mystery longer.”

Sometimes, he adds, “The pictures are looking for me.”

The human form is a favorite artistic opportunity in many of his prints, though he does not usually concentrate on the body’s landscape aspects. “The Nude figures are more symbolic, more enigmatic in their connotations.”

Uelsmann received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in photography at Rochester Institute of Technology and earned two Masters degrees in photography and audio-visual communications at Indiana University. From there he came to UF in 1966, “because there was a job here.” In retrospect, he says he is glad he took the faculty position at UF, which gives him both contact with students and time to continue creating. “Had I found a job in an urban area,” he says, “it would have affected my work because I would have expended so much of my energy trying to defend my photography as art.”

As an established and respected artist, Uelsmann now has little time to respond to critics who still question photography’s place in art. “The phenomenon of man creating images is as old as man himself,” he says. “I’m part of a long tradition. I believe in criticizing. I understand where it is coming from. But the reality is that you know more about what you’re doing than anyone else. You answer by your work.”


He is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society.

Visitors to the opening of the Thomas Crane in February saw his first major show in Gainesville outside of UF art faculty exhibits. Uelsmann donated the photo for the Center’s publicity, calling the untitled work “a reminder of things past.” He was impressed with the show’s professionalism. “as fine as ones I’ve had in New York.”

Uelsmann also helped the Hippodrome with two publicity prints for its shows Streamers and Statements/The Island. “You do these favors for friends,” he says, adding with a smile, “We are a couple of old timers.”

An artist in her own right, Uelsmann’s wife Diane Farris also is his best and most sympathetic critic. Their modern house overlooking a quiet pond “has a lot of visual things to play with,” Uelsmann says in his best understated tone. The walls, tables and air are filled with memorabilia, knickknacks, photos and unusual junk (particularly cherubs and angels). Sharing their home are a cat, a dog named Tod and their first child, Andrew Light, Uelsmann’s newest photographic subject.

Uelsmann says success has not spoiled him or appreciably changed his goals. “Success is never a goal. It’s a sort of journey you find yourself on. I’ve influenced the history of contemporary photography. I sensed from early on that I was doing something that other people had not done. It feels a bit rewarding, but I don’t think about it much.”

Sometimes Uelsmann the artist finds Uelsmann the public man a bit detrimental to his work. He frequently spends a whole day answering piles of mail, and he makes many trips for lecture. “Economic wealth is not where it’s at,” he says, but 25 years of two rolls of film a week and a box of photographic paper a day add up.

As for the future, Uelsmann says he plans to spend the rest of his life in Gainesville, although he has received lucrative offers from other schools.

He continues to believe that “art is not always a positive visual desert. There are real issues that can be dealt with.”

“I’ve got no long-range plans. I would like to keep active as an artist. Once you get the reputation or the folly of being an image maker, then it affects the way you view things. As you get older, perhaps you get gentler in your dealings with the world. I’m more inclined to be playful, experimental, to do things that I might not have done before. I also feel free to investigate things I’ve done before and do them differently.”

At times, Uelsmann the artist musest mysteriously over his darkroom work. His restless penalistic identity “is a double Gemini with Capricorn rising—one is some element of truth there”) speaks up again.

There’s no logical reason for this to happen,” he says, pointing to prints rinsing in clear running water. “You saw what happened in that developing tray.”

“If that isn’t magic, then I don’t know what is.”
Goldstein shows signs of anger about city's billboard ordinance

By Beverly Bard
Alligator Staff Writer

Advertisers hoping to plaster giant posters along Gainesville's streets may be in for a surprise.

Angered by fellow Gainesville City Commission's decision to tack a "sundown clause" to an emergency billboard ordinance Monday night, Commissioner Mark Goldstein said he will propose a billboard tax of $50 a square foot to the five-member commission Monday.

An emergency ordinance is in effect that prohibits the construction of billboards larger than 24 feet high and 160 feet wide.

Monday night's delay gives the City Planning Board additional time to compromise the ordinance with city advertisers.

If no proposal is approved by the commission within a 180-day time period, the emergency ordinance will be void and the old law — allowing billboards of all sizes — will go back into effect.

"I think the city should get the revenues from billboards on city property," Goldstein said Tuesday.

The commission unanimously delayed action on the ordinance, but Goldstein, who voted for the delay, said he plans to introduce the alternate motion next week.

"It's rapidly becoming the ugliest city in the South," Goldstein said. "Let us respect the city enough and say we won't have any more of this."

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**Baseball '79: uniforms change, champs remain**

Royals to challenge
Series-bound Yanks
for American League

The **Eastern Division** belongs to the New York Yankees once again. Perhaps the Bronx Bombers are starting another dynasty, or rather, owner George Steinbrenner is buying one. How much does a dynasty cost these days? With the purchase of free-agent pitchers Lain Tiant and Tommy John, the Yankees have spent $13.5 million dating back to 1975 with the purchase of Catfish Hunter.

The Yankee pitching staff is the best in baseball with Tiatt, John, Cy Young award winner Ron Guidry, Hector, Ed Figueroa and other capable hurlers. The pitching staff can count on plenty of run scoring to make their jobs easier. With Reggie Jackson, Mickey Rivers, Graig Nettles and Thurman Munson wielding bats, the Yankees can scatter runs with ease. Even if he somehow gets injured, the team can still score runs.

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The Angels now have Carew. The Rangers may give the Royals a scare. The Angels will not be able to score runs with hitters. Greg Luzinski, Mike Schmidt and the Phils staff could win the division. The state rivalry finished only 1 1/2 games out last year and may chase the Phils again. Dave Parker deserves to be the game's highest paid player, as he is, and may possibly win a triple crown. The Pirate team can hit. Their problem is a weak pitching staff.

The Chicago Cubs lack power. That's their biggest weakness, otherwise, the Cubs have a sound team. The pitching staff is good. Bobby Murcer needs a great year to get the Cubs in division contention.

The Montreal Expos may play a different pre-game anthem, but this team can play with any team in the division. The Expos lack a reliable pitching staff. Dave Cash is their best hitter, but that's not saying much after the mediocre season he had last year.

What about the St. Louis Cardinals? Like the football Cards, the baseball Cards have had better teams. Bring back Bob Gibson and this squad may do something. Otherwise, catcher Ted Simmons can't do it by himself. Pity the Card fans.

Twenty-six teams start the season. By season's end only four will remain. Then two. Leaving us with the World Series winner.

Will the Yankees repeat for the third time as champs? Can Pete Rose live up to his fat contract and bring the Phillies a Series crown? Is Rod Carew's magic bat capable of waving the Angels into post-season play?

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Lady netters use new blood, to win in style

By Don McMullen
Alligator Staff Writer

The Lady Gator netters Tuesday put in a strong performance against Flagler College, winning 9-0 without losing a set in singles or doubles.

Four Lady Gators, who never have seen action in dual competition, were inserted into the lineup by head tennis coach Liz Broughton.

The new doubles team of Carolyn Butler and Lisa Grattan defeated Becky Geyer and Tamu Venzina 6-0, 6-4 on court 2.

The other new doubles team of Donna Montesanti and Sue Rosenblum, in the closest match of the day, defeated Jane Sanderlin and Alice Briggs 6-4, 6-4 on court 3.

On court 1, Cheryl Maskell and Paula Schub defeated Kelli Costenbord and Gymy Gonter 6-1, 6-1 rounding out the doubles play.

Joyce Portman led the singles with a 6-0, 6-2 defeat of Costenbord on court 1. Portman made short work of her opponent on strong first serves that rattled Costenbord's confidence. And the fresheman from Flagler was no match for Portman's powerful serve in backhand serves.

"After playing in a long tournament (Texas) you either get in a good groove or a bad groove," Portman said. "I seem to be concentrating more on the ball now."

Julie Presley defeated Venzina on court 2, 6-1, 6-0, by mixing a variety of lobs, cross-court backhands and down-the-line forehands.

In other singles action, Ilene Friedland defeated Briggs 6-2, 6-2. Cassie Dougman defeated Gonter 6-1, 6-2. Maskell sidelined Sanderlin 6-0, 6-1, and Schub defeated Geyer 6-0, 6-1.

"Any time you raise your level of play like we did at the Texas tournament you're bound to get better," Broughton said. "I hope we can stay in this form for the match Sunday against the University of Miami."

The 9-1 Lady Gators' match against Florida State University Thursday was cancelled, but they will play Saturday against Stetson University at 2:00 p.m. on the Varsity Courts.

Miami is the only team to have beaten the Lady Gators this year, and the UF women are thinking about the upcoming rematch.

"I feel we are in a better position as a team to defeat Miami this time," Portman said. "We have a lot more confidence."

Hot Gator golfers take on the best in Houston All American

By Mike Servidio
Alligator Staff Writer

The eyes of the college golf circuit will be focused on the Houston All American this week, the tournament can be labeled nothing less than paramount.

UF assistant coach John Darr laid out the significance of the matches:

- All of the top 10 teams will be competing.
- The winner will probably earn itself a No. 1 ranking.
- The eventual National Collegiate Athletic Association championships for the past several years has finished in the top five in this tournament.
- The Gators, who have won six of their last eight matches, begin the prestigious event today in Houston, Texas. On paper it appears to be the toughest test for UF this season.

It has been thought of as one of the premier college tournaments," Darr said. "It is, for all practical purposes, a preview of the NCAA championships."

The Gator freshmen to compete in the scheduled four-round spectacular is a hot one.

Terry Anton and Larry Rinker finished second and third, respectively, in last week's Cape Coral Invitational. UF won that affair by 21 shots in a tune-up for Houston.

Rick Pearson, Mark Calcavecchia and Pat Venker round out the team. "They've all been playing quite well," Darr said of his stroke. "I'm very proud of them."

An enthusiastic Rinker is looking forward to the tourney, especially because of the top competition from some western teams the Gators haven't faced all season.

"We can play with anybody," Rinker said. "There will be the strongest teams we've seen this year, but if we play well we can beat anyone.

"What helps a lot is that we've got five players who can win the tournament," he said. "We've got a lot of depth."

Another strength UF has is that this is its third match in as many weeks. "When you play every week you're a lot sharper," Rinker said.

The nationally fifth-ranked Gators will match strokes against about 36 teams, but that number will be cut in half after the second round. Included in the field will be the nation's top-ranked team, Oklahoma State University.

"This gives all the coaches a chance to see how their teams stack up against national competition," Darr said.