Former officials: UF-Fla. Power ties too close

By Gina Thomas
Alligator Staff Writer

Former city officials say they’ve nagged UF administrators for years for a fair crack at becoming UF’s electricity supplier.

But, they add, their efforts were almost hopeless from the start.

The biggest stumbling block preventing Gainesville from replacing Florida Power Corp. as UF’s energy source is the close association between the UF administration and several members of the Florida Power board of directors, former city and utility officials said.

Four members of Florida Power’s board of directors also are members of either the UF Foundation, the UF Alumni Association or the College of Business Administration Advisory Council.

Despite the city’s claims that Gainesville could sell UF power at cheaper rates, the UF-Florida Power relationship helped cement the contract for Florida Power, those officials contend.

“I don’t think there’s any question that personalities played a part in that vis-à-vis the power situation,” said Robert Roundtree, former Gainesville utility director.

“Florida Power flowed money and benefits to UF. I don’t think these should influence the relationship between the city and university, but they did.”

UF Administrative Affairs Vice President Bill Elmore — named by city leaders as the main Florida Power advocate — emphasized the overlapping board memberships influenced the decision to buy electricity from the St. Petersburg-based Florida Power.

“We’ve never made an agreement at this university based on personal friendship,” Elmore said. “They (former city officials) are making some very serious statements about some very distinguished men who have helped this university.”

Those executives include Andrew Hines Jr., president of Florida Power; former chairman of the UF Foundation and UF Alumni Association; Robert E. Herlong, UF Foundation member and Florida Power Corp. board of directors member and Wilmer Bassett Jr., UF Foundation member and Florida Power Corp. board of directors member.

Frank M. Hubbard, another Florida Power board of directors member, also is a member of the UF College of Business Administration Advisory Council.

City postpones parking ban until March 15

By Andrea Strawd
Alligator Staff Writer

After lengthy debate, nine votes and pointedly cutting remarks about UF administrators, Gainesville city commissioners Monday night delayed the axing of 3,000 parking spaces around the UF campus until March 15 — two-and-a-half months after the original date for the proposed slash.

Testing out suggestions that the ban should encompass only those spaces that endanger traffic on narrow streets, commissioners went all the way in order to “preserve neighborhoods” surrounding the areas where UF commuters park.

“I’d like to take a macho position” and keep the original ban passed in October, Commissioner Bobbie Lisle said. “I’d hoped we would stand strong.”

While the ban includes all off-street parking in the student ghetto, Sasser Holland Law School and Norman Hall area, commissioners said residents, business customers and handicapped drivers will be issued parking decals. Only UF commuters are not eligible for the decals, commissioners said.

Six-hundred-and-fifty-one spaces will be banned even to decal parking because they exist on narrow streets, commissioners decided. Commissioner Gary Junior said visitors will be allowed special decals, which will be distributed by the Gainesville Police Department.

Heatedly opposing the commission vote, Mayor Mark Goldstein said “There’s no way we’re prepared to enforce this ban mid-year.” Goldstein wanted the total ban delayed until September, 1981.

But Junior insisted the ban be implemented earlier to save face. “We’re looking like a bunch of bluffers” if parking bans are delayed, Junior said. “Let’s not go back any further.”

Junior and fellow Commissioner Courtland Collier have tried to work with UF administrators in recent months to iron out alternative parking solutions for commuters, but negotiations broke down last week.

City officials and Tigert brass were slated to jointly fund two commuter lots. One was to be on UF property, the other on city land. But UF administrators last week decided that their budget was too tight to contribute to the project.

“UF is too big and cumbersome,” a bureaucracy to “get its act together,” Collier said. Collier Monday night proposed cutting only 454 parking spaces for “safety aspects.”

“Forget about who’s backing down in front of whom,” Collier urged.

UF officials — none of which were present at the meeting — were branded “totally impossible to work with” by City Commissioners.

Warehouse blues

Irma Hanley peaks out of the Gainesville Police Department storage warehouse Monday to check out some packages. Hanley, a traffic enforcement technician supervisor, was looking up the Sixth Street warehouse that houses motorcycles.
Deposit may earn interest for tenants

By Donie Wares
Alligator Staff Writer

If a Miami senator has his way, the $100-plus many apartment dwellers have tied up in security deposits could start earning them some extra money.

If a bill proposed by state Senator Paul Steinberg (D-Miami Beach) passes, landlords would have to provide 5-percent interest on deposits and advance rent they collect.

The proposal would toughen-up existing landlord-tenant laws because it would require landlords to deposit the security money in an interest-bearing bank account, something they currently do not have to do.

"Particularly in today's high money market, it's foolish to allow landlords to hold hundreds of thousands of dollars without providing interest," Steinberg said.

Former UF Off-Campus Housing Director Carl Opp said Steinberg's proposal would benefit renters but only if they know the law exists.

"I think it would be more self-enforceable (than other landlord-tenant laws) because tenants could make a big stink about it," Opp said.

If the bill is passed by the Florida Legislature, tenants will not be able to look to any local agency for enforcement, said Opp, an associate with Ward, Peck and Associates rental referral service.

Opp said he has been trying to revive a local landlord association -- which mediate between landlords and tenants -- but so far has not had much luck. The last landlord organization, the Gainesville apartment council, folded in 1978.

If a new organization could be started, it would be the best way for dealing with Steinberg's proposal and other tenant-landlord disputes, he said.

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Plan Board member Al Muzzell. The city board originally instigated last summer the ban that called for 651 cuts near campus.

When commissioners seemed to be considering somewhat smaller cuts Monday, student ghetto residents approached the podium to voice concerns and objections.

"I'm not doing anything to help us," residents of Bob Sussky said. "You're creating a ghetto." 

Commissioners voted down a proposal to expand the parking ban during UF home football games. It was suggested by UF student liaison Toni Volpe as a means to galvanize UF officials into doing something about parking.

"No one can take the tremendous amount of flack" that would be heaped upon them by interfering with alumni football enjoyment, Junior said.

Education official exits with memories

By David Goorevitch
Alligator Staff Writer

The telephone rang. "We caught another one at the bus station," the caller told Associated Press Tallahassee bureau chief Hendrix Chandler.

Another state university professor had been arrested at the Tallahassee bus station and charged with committing homosexual acts, said the caller, an investigator for the Tallahassee Bureau of Investigation.

In 1962, the Legislature investigated the political beliefs and sexual preferences of State University System professors. New professors were fingerprinted and told to sign loyalty oaths.

"The credibility of the university system had dropped way down," Chandler recalled this week.

Still, he decided to leave his job with Associated Press to become corporate secretary for the university system.

"They offered $11,500. It was an unheard of salary for a reporter," he said.

This week, before television cameras and flood lights, a red-faced and smiling Chandler bowed his head as the Regents, reporters and spectators stood and applaud ed his 18 years of service to Florida's universities.

Chandler, 67, retired last week to write a 75-year history of the Board of Regents and the State University System.

In the 1950s, Chandler started his career as a political reporter for the Arkansas Gazette.

Later he joined Associated Press in Tallahassee.

As a reporter, and later as a public relations officer, Chandler watched the Legislature investigate the university system during the early 1960s.

"Sen. (Charles E.) Johns tried to ferret out the Communists and homosexuals," Chandler recalled of his first year with the university. "There was a fear in Florida that young minds were being exposed to radical ideas by liberal professors."

Chandler's first assignment was to write a code of academic freedom and responsibility.

"We made a policy offering freedom of expression in the classroom," Chandler said.

"Professors could use materials that expressed a variety of viewpoints."

Later in the sixties, Virgil Hawkins, a black law student, was refused admission to UF's law school. UF administrators argued that a black's presence would disrupt law classes.

Chandler wrote the state plan that reversed the UF administrators' decision.

"The plan called for equal access, equal opportunity for students and reversed the philosophy of denial to Virgil Hawkins," Chandler said.

Of all his accomplishments, Chandler says he is most proud of the citizens' committee that he formed to pass a $1 billion bond issue financing the construction of new buildings for the universities. The bond issue passed in 1963.

Chandler described state universities today as "a little bit of a throwback to the 1950s." Students now are more career oriented, interested in making a living and less concerned with social issues," he said.

"The momentum is accelerating," Chandler said. "More has happened in higher education during the past 15 years than the preceding 60 years.

"We now have the most favorable environment for the improvement of quality that I've seen," Chandler said. "We're on the threshold of becoming a nationally recognized university system."
UF board votes for city-funded parking lot

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Despite Elmore's denials, one of three students who met with Elmore months ago about an unrelated subject said the administrator boasted of his boyhood friendship with the president of Florida Power and said "we have to help each other out.

City Commissioner Mark Goldstein said that UF could save "hundreds of thousands" of dollars by buying power from Gainesville. UF now is in an energy bind because Florida Power's rates have been soaring. UF has an energy budget deficit of $950,000, and $22,000 of that money originally allotted for academic programs — to buy items such as microscopes — is going to pay electric bills. Although UF administrators say they previously considered a bid from Gainesville city commissioners, records of the Public Service Commission — which regulates public utilities — show that UF may not have been too serious about the city's proposal.

Turbulent relations between Gainesville and UF officials took root about 15 years ago, when the city sought to bid against Florida Power for UF's energy contract.

The conflict surfaced recently when city officials pressed for a chance to bid again. City commissioners Mark Goldstein and Courtland Collier say despite several overtures to UF, they never received encouragement.

Florida Power has served UF since 1948. The city's electric facilities are selling energy to Florida Power, which is in turn reselling power to UF at a profit.

Prior to 1948, Gainesville's power plants provided UF with electricity. But the city cut off power because its generators no longer had the capacity to supply an energy-hungry university with enough juice.

Thirty-two years later, with more generators, Gainesville's power plants are operating at excess capacity, Senior Engineer Jim Fort of Gainesville's Regional Utilities System, says he is certain that Gainesville can serve Florida Power each weekday. Particularly after the Deerrhaven II coal-fired plant starts pumping power in May.

City commissioners say that power administrators have been receptive to their offers. The administration, however, says the city will have to come across with a proposal.

But the underlying reason for administrators' indifference, former city utilities officials say, is Florida Power's "exclusive" relationship with Florida Power Executive Hines.

"We have the presence of the big guys, the city of Gainesville had no power to bid," said a former city commissioner, who asked to remain anonymous. "It is not a competitive position."

Another former Gainesville utility director, John Kelly, said even though Gainesville had at least once, UF administrators were reluctant from the start.

"There was obviously a lot of people in Florida Power Corp. that had an allegiance to UF," Kelly said. "Of course, these were the days when energy was a bargain. The situation has changed completely."

Kelly, Roundtree and the former commissioner say that when they bid against Florida Power, they had suspicions that the administration would take the city's bid to Florida Power and ask them to beat it.

After the contracts with Florida Power were signed, the rates went up, he said. The present contract between UF and Florida Power was amended recently to allow for automatic rate increases, according to PSC officials.

"In my opinion, every time the city has attempted to service UF, they (UF administrators) immediately took the proposal to Florida Power and asked them to beat it. And Florida Power always came in a tiny bit cheaper," said Roundtree, who retired from Florida Power.

UF would benefit from more stable rates — and possibly cheaper electric bills — if it would use the city's power sources, instead of Florida Power's.

City Commissioner Courtland Collier said the Gainesville utilities in 1977 after a 30-year-old agreement to fluoridate the city's water, and Florida Power would be charged for the service.

Kelly and Gainesville Regional Utilities System Director Dick Hester said they also supported the referendum showing the city's proposal to Florida Power.

Elmore scoffed at the officials' claims of preferential treatment for Florida Power.

"They are entitled to their opinion," Elmore said. "These statements are very serious and the person who is making them ought to consider what they're saying."

Collier said he does not believe the city should be completely responsible for buying the lot.

"It looks like the university is trying to get the city to do all the work on that," Collier said.

Collier said the city will look into the idea, however.

The lot, which would be constructed on land owned by the city, would provide between 300 and 500 parking spaces and cost between $10,000 and $15,000, UF planners had estimated.

The UF parking committee voted against using another potential parking lot site on UF property next to Maguire Village because of its distance from campus.

The planning assembly agreed Monday with the parking committee's decision. Meanwhile, city officials are moving ahead with plans to eliminate about 3,000 parking spaces on streets near campus on Jan. 1.
Earthquake death toll past 1,000

NAPLES, ITALY — The death toll in Italy's devastating earthquake soared past 1,000 Monday and new aftershocks rocked the area as an army of rescuers pulled bodies from the rubble in 97 shattered cities and villages.

An official tabulation based on police reports put the number of bodies recovered from the wreckage by Monday evening at 1,012. Thousands more were wounded.

There were fears the death toll would go much higher as reports filtered down from shattered mountain villages where telephone, road and rail communications were severed by the massive early Sunday evening. The interior ministry said at least 97 cities and villages were hit.

The observatory on the slopes of the Vesuvius volcano, near Naples, reported about 100 aftershocks during the night and day following the first tremor. The initial shock was felt in cities and villages across southern Italy and sped a wave of destruction and panic with an initial strength of 5.5 Richter Scale units.

The death toll could rise to the thousands, authorities said, as survivors fought frantically to recover bodies from the rubble of thousands of buildings, homes and factories that crumbled in the devastating quake. At least 1,000 were killed and 500,000 people were left homeless.

The earthquake was the most powerful in southern Italy since the turn of the century and threatened to exceed the death toll in a 1930 quake east of Naples that killed 1,425 people.

Sunday's quake was the most extensive in Italy in living memory, experts said. Damage spread over an area roughly 120 miles by 40 miles and it was felt all the way from Sicily to the Adriatic coastline and into Yugoslavia.

Worst hit were the southern provinces of Avellino, Naples, Potenza and Salerno, with a combined population of 5 million. At an emergency cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani declared "a state of natural calamity" and ordered a day of national mourning.

Thousands of tents and blankets were sent to the stricken areas to house tens of thousands spending a second night in the fields and city squares. They feared another major earthquake that struck the Friuli region of northeastern Italy Wednesday would cause the same kind of destruction.

Search for bodies continues at MGM

LAS VEGAS — Rescue teams pumped out the basement of the MGM Grand Hotel Monday in the search for more victims of the disastrous blaze that claimed at least 84 lives.

Still remaining in the checkered hallways were elevators flooded by deep water from the basement sprinkling system, and debris-clogged rooms in the casino and basement.

Authorities said as many as 40 more victims could be in the wreckage.

Clark County Coroner Dr. Otto Ravenholt said about 200 people were considered missing, although most of those probably were left Las Vegas after the fire without checking in with authorities. Efforts were under way to contact them by telephone.

Algerian officials consult on Iran's hostage reply

Algerian officials held high-level discussions on the next step in the hostage crisis Monday after two ambassadors, acting as intermediaries in the negotiations, brought the latest terms from Tehran for the release of the 52 Americans.

Secretary of State Edmund Muskie said in Washington, "Our posture now is that we are holding and circling." Foreign Minister Mohamed Bouzahya summoned Abdelkrim Gherab, ambassador to Tehran, and Reda Malek, ambassador to Washington, to a meeting in Algiers which Western diplomats said probably was to decide how Algeria will forward the document to Washington.

Two envoys delivered the U.S. reply to Iran's conditions for the captives' release in Tehran Nov. 13 and brought back the Iranian regime's position Sunday night. Monday was the 387th day of the hostages' captivity.

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Congressman denies charges in ABSCAM trial

NEW YORK — Rep. Frank Thompson of New Jersey, on trial with another congressman on ABSCAM corruption charges, denied Monday that he shared in a $50,000 bribe or received any money from FBI undercover agents.

"No. I did not. Never absolutely not," Thompson answered with a shrug from the witness stand during more than two hours of questioning by his attorney, Daniel Reznick.

"If you ever receive any money in connection with any of the matters alleged in the indictment," Reznek asked at the end of his questioning.

"I did not," the tall, white-haired congressman said emphatically.

Thompson's co-defendant, in the bribery-conspiracy trial, is in his third week in the trial, is Rep. John Murphy of New York. Both are Democrats — the first committee chairmen to stand trial in the FBI undercover probe code-named "Arabscam" or ABSCAM for short.

Comeback for Garbo?

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Legendary screen star Greta Garbo, 75, has agreed in principle to do a comeback film, according to the director of a company which was rumoured to be one of the suitors for the actress.

Legend had it that Garbo had been seen in New York on Monday, apparently in the company of the producer of a film which would bring her to public notice again.

How to apply for a mortgage...

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved legislation Monday creating a $1.6 billion "superfund" to clean up toxic waste dumps and chemical spills across the nation during the next five years.

The vote sent the bill back to the House, which has passed a similar bill and is expected to take up the Senate bill when it returns from its Thanksgiving recess next week.

If the House refuses to go along with the Senate legislation, differences would have to be worked out in a House-Senate conference committee before the bill can go to President Carter.

Final passage came shortly after the Senate approved, by a 78-0 vote, technical amendments. Sen. Jennings Randolph, D.W.Va., said the size of that vote indicated another roll call vote would be superfluous, and asked for the unrecorded vote.

"The country has waited a long time for this moment," Sen. Robert Stafford, R.Vt., said before the final vote.

Two congressmen have been convicted of ABSCAM crime — Reps. John Jerrette, D.S.C., and Michael Myers, D-Pa. — and three others await trial.

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Peace mission ends with no agreement

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. Peace Envoy Olof Palme ended a week of talks with Iranian and Iraqi leaders Monday, failing to win agreement from the two sides on an end to the Persian Gulf war, now in its 10th week.

Communications from both sides indicated heavy fighting persisted.

Iran's official Pars news agency reported Iranian forces launched an Iraqi brigade and claimed 400 to 500 Iraqis were killed. Tehran radio said Iranian forces launched an Iraqi brigade and claimed 400 to 500 Iraqis were killed.

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“I know that one!”

Al Huber (right) of Murphree Area’s orange team struggles for an answer during residence hall competition of the UF College Bowl Monday as teammates Kelly Bodger (left) and Robert Fonte wait. Murphree went on to defeat Broward Area 275-10 in the consolation match to finish in third place.

Nader research group seeks to establish itself at UF

By Mark Journeay
Alligator Staff Writer

Facing the powerful opposition of Salt Lake City and Mormon Church leaders, more than half of the University of Utah’s students signed a controversiai petition supporting one of consumer advocate Ralph Nader’s brainchild.

If successful, the students would be charged an “optional fee” to fund a student-controlled research group serving as a watchdog on such state issues as polluters and unscrupulous landlords.

Friedman, a former staff member in New York, allowing some states to sell energy rip-offs, and, in some instances, lax environmental laws.

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— Neil Friedman

Last year the students took their petition to the university’s board of trustees. They failed on a 4-3 vote. Ironically, their own student body president cast the vote that spoiled their dream.

But Neal Friedman, who is starting a similar campaign at UF, said this year the students will be successful. And if they can do it in “conservative” Oregon, they can do it anywhere — including Gainesville, Friedman said.

Speaking before an audience of about 70 students and campus residents — whose dogs varied from “hippie” to conservative — Friedman outlined his plan to spawn the Public Interest Research Group at UF last week.

Florida is a “muckraker’s paradise,” Friedman said, because of chemical waste dumps, “energy rip-offs” and, in some instances, lax environmental laws.

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Friedman outlined his plan to sponsor research on issues the group investigates.

Friedman said he wants to propose a new rule that will allow his organization to tack a $2.50 a semester fee to student tuition. If students didn’t want to pay the fee, it would be returned.

The money collected, Friedman said, would be used to sponsor research on issues such as product safety, landlord-tenant law reforms, toxic waste clean-ups and water pollution control.

Research results would be taken to the media, government agencies, the state Legislature and, if necessary, the courts.

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The group is not “communist or socialist” and will not be “highly reactionary,” the pamphlet states. Students are to choose which issues the group investigates.

Friedman said he wants only to see “students involved in non-student issues.”

PIRG groups, he said, have sprung up on more than 160 campuses across the country and some have existed for more than 10 years. They have successfully lobbied for issues such as allowing students to review their errors on standardized academic tests in New York, allowing some states to sell cheaper generic drugs instead of name brand medicines and keeping telephone companies from raising their rates.

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Thieves net $890 from coaches

At least five UF football coaches will be a little poorer when they make their trip to the Tangerine Bowl in late December.

UF police reported someone entered the coaches’ locker room under Florida Field late Friday afternoon and removed $890 in cash from clothing hanging up in coaches’ cubby holes.

Money was stolen from offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan, receiver coach Lee McNeill and defensive coach Jim King, and defensive coach Virgil Knight while the Gator football team practiced, police said.

Police said the door to the locker room had been left open.
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Jail director stresses keeping people 'out'

By Rocky Moretti
Alligator Staff Writer

Donald Cabana wouldn’t make much of a hotel manager. He runs a 119-bed place out by the airport. And even though it will expand to 167 beds in early 1982, Cabana believes the emphasis should be on keeping people out of his place instead of further expansion.

As the departing director of the Alachua County Department of Corrections, Cabana says the expansion of the Alachua County jail to 167 beds will help alleviate a lot of overcrowding problems. He warned, however, that in the future the county must further emphasize alternate sentencing which keeps people out of jail.

"We need to keep as many people as possible out of here," Cabana said Monday. "More and more expansion is going to break the taxpayer's back. Expansion is not a cure all."

Earlier this year, the population at the jail rose to 190 inmates. There are now fewer than 119 inmates at the jail.

Cabana said he would like to see more use of restitutions programs, where the non-violent criminal does not go to jail, but instead reimburses the victim. Cabana also advocates keeping people charged with mostly misdemeanors from behind bars.

"Although Alachua County does more to divert sentences than any other county I’ve been in, I think we need to do even more," Cabana said.

Cabana, who has held his present job since March 1978, has announced he will leave his job no later than February 1981. He said he expects to become the director of a new, not-yet-open 500 bed medium security prison in Pacific, Missouri.

He called this type of harassment a "sophisticated obscene phone call." A clinical psychology spokeswoman said there was no "Jim Townsend" in the clinical psychology program.

The experimental psychology department in the Psychology Building also does not have a graduate student named Jim Townsend seeking a masters' degree.

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By Adam Yeomans
Alligator Staff Writer

At least one UF student complained Monday of a man conducting a telephone survey which led up to several "personal" questions being asked.

A fourth-year journalism student, who asked not to be identified, said a man called her Monday afternoon and said he was a "psychology major pursuing a masters degree at UF." The man identified himself as Jim Townsend and asked if he could ask a few "compatibility" questions.

The woman said Townsend asked such questions as: How old are you? What is your major? How old is your roommate? How did you meet her? Where are you from? Do you drink? How much do you drink? What age did you start? Do you smoke pot? How old were you when you started?

The man moved on to more personal questions, the woman said, such as: Do you have a boyfriend? How long have you been dating him? Do you have sex? How often? Do you smoke pot? How old were you when you started?

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New System

A plush suburban neighborhood in the Northwest section of town is the home of Gainesville's power elite.

That's where four of the five city commissioners currently live. The four that are white.

And, of course, non-students.

Though students comprise almost 39 percent of the local population—and pump $92 million into the local economy each year for food, housing, entertainment and taxes—there has never been a student on the five-member panel that runs Hugotown.

The reason? Well, actually there are many.

Student apathy is one. Prejudice against college types is another.

But one of the most important—and often overlooked—elements keeping students from breaking into the circle of power is the inherently discriminatory nature of Gainesville's system of at-large elections.

Because each of the five commissioners is elected from throughout the city, the minority vote—such as the student vote—is easily diluted. Folks who live in areas like Porter's Quarters and Cin City, for example, have problems peculiar to their own areas. But because they rarely have the clout to get their own representative on the panel, those problems often are ignored.

There is, however, a simple solution to the problem—one that would combine the best elements of two existing plans.

In order to ensure that every major section of the city receives fair representation, commissioners should be elected from a combination of at-large and by district system. The UF area, for example, could become a designated district. This would give students—the lifeblood of this community—a voice they have long deserved.

Both St. Petersburg and Jacksonville, have city commissions that are elected by such a method. In terms of population, both cities are twice the size of Gainesville. And that's the statistic opponents jump on when they want to criticize the district plan.

They say Gainesville is too small for such a setup. They say the plan would create little fiefdoms of power—as if they didn't already exist.

But like Jacksonville and St. Pete, Gainesville is a rapidly growing city.

According to the UF Bureau of Economic and Business Research, the Gainesville metropolitan area for the next 10 years is expected to have a growth rate of between 15 and 30 percent. Much of this growth is due to the commission's policy of "systematic annexation." In laymen's terms, this means they are gobbling up most of the land in sight.

Commissioner Courtland Collier himself said that as the Gainesville population grows, commissioners tend to become "remote" from the citizens who elected them.

Local Rep. Sid Martin has the power to bring them closer to home. Martin can push a revision of the City Charter calling for a change in the election system. It might even increase voter turnout.

And no one—not even city commissioners—can argue against the merits of that.

Counterculture disturbs reader

They are not only concerned with limiting our production capacity, but also our military capacity.

The "no-growthers" are in favor of world domination by the Soviet Union. They have defined series of actions can prevent any further decline. These are: to remove all stifling restrictions on energy and industrial production to eliminate inflation; to limit federal spending to a percentage of the gross national product to support our allies; to come up with a flat rate income tax (say 10%); and to reduce bureaucracy. Only with a deliberate policy designed to re-establish the superiority of the United States can we ever hope to remain a free country.

I would like to thank William Simon and his book A Time for Action in helping write this letter.

Robert Conklin, 4LS
Students for a Liberation Society Treasurer

Reader disagrees

with stereotypes in technological article

Editor: I am writing in response to the Nov. 20 article, "Future deserves technological toast..." It is true that our world has become very technical and there are times when life can feel almost dehumanizing. However, there is still a great deal of humaneness left. Creativity and hard work are still rewarded...

There are many students at UF who truly love to learn and feel the knowledge they're acquiring is expanding their horizons and perceptions of life. Not everyone is "fat, lazy and stupid." In fact, I believe that a great majority of college students do not fit this stereotype. If they did, they would never have made it this far in their education.

Machines do a lot of work for us and we do rely heavily on them. However, I myself know that there is nothing greater and more valuable in this world than a human being, and there never will be.

Evelyn Rieh
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Album 'just another compost pile'

Savage Cabbage is a vegetarian New Wave group sprouting from the organic gardening scene, fertilized by New Wave's rich philosophy.

After listening to their debut album, Raw Lunch, I have hopes they'll go far — at least out of earshot! Pungently punctuated with such cuts as 'Eat It Over the Sink,' 'Get Off My Sweet Acidophilus,' 'You Make Miso Hungry,' 'Fast Until Ya Freak' and 'Bulgarian Yak Butter Boogie,' the esoteric lyrics have made the album just another compost pile in the United States. However, their single, "I Brake For Ants," has become a smash in Sri Lanka and other Buddhist countries.

The sound reproduction on this lp is so poor it's hard to know what the singers are screaming. One cut about the new body therapies, "Gonna Change Your Mind With My Bare Hands," features vocals that sound like Yoko Ono getting rolled by Alice Cooper.

One must resort to liner notes to decipher lyrics, like these from "Barbara's Indecently Delicious!"

The glory of her green eyes was strong wine
And I gazed to drink.
She asked have you worshipped Kama in the flesh-divine?
And she gave me a slow wink.
She wrapped her arms around me like fragrant vines,
That's when I felt my Kundalini start to rise.
Then she taught me how to dance the Shiva-Shakti Shoe!

The music of Savage Cabbage is very heady, but lacks any real meat. Yet, those dedicated vegetarian punks are not just spores in a faddish, musical breeze. They are taking root anywhere New Wave music plows down in the field of human culture, and with this first album they have really broken wind!

Mark Cantor
AJM

Student gives thanks to forefathers

Editor: A long time ago, there lived a people in a land far away. These people were under a great oppression. They could not worship freely in their own country. They did not fit into their country's established religion. They wanted so much to worship their God that they were willing to leave their country of birth and live in a nearby country where they could worship more freely.

They did well in their adopted country, but discovered to their dismay that their children were acquiring bad attitudes from the native people. The parents were afraid their children would soon be totally assimilated into that country's secularistic society. They so loved their God and were so committed to Him that they were now to risk everything they had for the privilege to serve Him freely and raise their children to his standard. They risked all to find this place of worship.

They gathered their belongings and proceeded to set forth on that long and arduous voyage to, not just a new country, but to a new world. The singular purpose being that of free worship to their God. The journey was rough. It claimed many lives through sickness and disease, but the people were determined to obtain their goal.

They deviated from their original course which caused them to land in a place more remote than the one intended. In this virgin land they founded a new society, free from the oppression of the others. They dedicated this new land to their God. Being a good God, He blessed the people and the land abundantly, and to this day the God remembers the reasons the country was founded, and He blesses them.

These were real people. Those of you who are good at history will recall the people who lived in England 400 years ago who migrated to Holland seeking refuge and who finally came to the new world to create the foundations of our country.

They were followers of Christ and the Father God. We now call them the Pilgrims and they set forth the principles of our great country, which I know are being espoused again:

"One nation, under God, Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

This the spirit of the first thanksgiving to God. I am proud my Christian forefathers paid the price for my freedom to accept my inheritance and state my beliefs publicly.

Michael Herr
2UF

Creation

Previous writer misunderstands theory

Editor: While reading the Nov. 14 letter from Lamar Smith, I was reminded of the apocryphal story of the talking dog. The truly amazing thing about this dog, of course, was not that he could speak perfect English, but that he could speak it at all!

Perhaps Smith's woeful misunderstanding of both genetics and thermodynamics does not really spring from what seems to be the incredibly insidious creeping ignorance of scientific things that currently alienates the vast majority of American adults, but I wouldn't bet money on it.

If so, however, I would suggest that he and others similar ly inclined take it upon themselves to read the now classic works of people like Oparin, and then, perhaps, take several relevant courses in current molecular biology and molecular genetics in order to clear up their apparent gross misapprehensions about what separates fact from fancy in evolutionary theory.

It is sad that so many people today seem to be afflicted by "creationist hydrophobia." That is to say they seem to have been bitten by a rabid dogma!

Leslie Eaton, Ph.D
Post-doctorate Microbiology Researcher

I'll never understand women.
Just after I perfected my
Aba Aida/Phil Domanie,
they want: Charles Bronson/Chuck Birschard!
Two-Day Holiday Begins Thursday; Revised Campus Schedule Provided

Classes will be dismissed for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday and most campus offices and facilities will be shut down for the four-day holiday weekend. Employees who must work as part of essential personnel will receive compensatory leave time.

LIBRARIES

Libraries Eve will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, reopen Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and return to their regular schedule on Sunday. The Law

Library will open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-1 a.m. Saturday through Monday, Dec. 8. The Health Center Library will be closed Thursday and Friday and reopen on its regular schedule Saturday. All other branch libraries and reading rooms will be closed Thursday through Sunday.

The Reitz Union Cafeteria will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday, reopen Saturday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m., and open from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. The Snack Bar closes at 7 p.m. Wednesday and resumes 9 a.m.-7 a.m. Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The Orange and Treetop cafes close at 7 p.m. Wednesday and reopen 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Sunday. The Arredondo Room will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday, reopen 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday and close Sunday.

Johnson Hall Cafeteria will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday, reopen 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and close Sunday. Graham, Hune, Broward and Tulbert food services will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday, reopen Monday at 7 a.m.

5 Named Outstanding Grads For Fall Commencement

Five graduating seniors will receive Alumni Association honors as outstanding graduates at Fall Commencement ceremonies on Saturday.

The male leadership award will go to Thomas R. Arnold, an economics major from Fort Lauderdale. He is a member of Florida Blue Key, Omicron Delta Kappa and Savant honoraries and has served as Student Senate president, pro-tempore and chair of the Social Rules and Finance Committee.

The female leadership award will go to Jennifer A. R. Vukasin, an English major from Jacksonville. She was one of the Outstanding Young Women of America and the 1978 Outstanding UF Woman Leader for Spring. She is a member of the Black Student Union, Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority, and a founding member of the Minority Business Society. She has served on the Stephen C. O'Connell Activities Center Board of Managers and the J. Wayne Reitz Union Board of Managers.

Alan Reynolds, a finance major from Miami, will receive the Outstanding 4-Year Scholar award. He has maintained a 3.9 grade point average and has continuously been on the Dean's List and President's Honor Roll. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key and Phi Beta Sigma honoraries and is also a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi social fraternity. He worked last summer at the Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center.

The Outstanding 2-Year Scholar award will go to Benjamin F. Cesnoba, an agriculture major from Gainesville. He earned his A.A. degree from Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville. Camp has maintained a 3.9 grade point average at UF and has received a UF Senior Honors Scholarship, the Hugh Fogg Foundation Award and the R.D. Keene Memorial Scholarship Award. He has continually been on the Dean's List while at UF.

Anthony Bruce Kajawa will receive the

Library

Legislative Weekend Upcoming

About 45 state legislators are expected for the Legislative Weekend Friday evening and Saturday. They will be joined by invited representatives of the community at large, the UF administration, faculty members and students from campus-wide organizations.

They will attend a buffet-reception Friday evening at the Gainesville Hilton, a continental breakfast, workshops and luncheon Saturday morning at the J. Wayne Reitz Union and the Florida-Miami football game Saturday afternoon.

The program will feature a video documentary, narrated by CBS sports commentator Pat Summerall, detailing the Gomez-Altman case and other legislative funding of the past two years.

The event is co-hosted by the University, the Alachua County Commission (which pays for hotel room for legislators) and the Greater Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, through which funds were raised for the Friday evening affair.

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New plan may increase energy cost at peak times

By Kiki Bohi
Alligator Writer

When they call home for money, they do it after 11 p.m.
College students have long been aware of time-of-use long distance telephone rates that can save them cash.

Now it's time to learn about a similar rate structure for utilities.

Preliminary screening of volunteers for a time-of-use utility rate pilot program begins tonight at 7:30 in the O'Neil Auditorium on the fourth floor of city hall.

The pilot — initially limited to 100 singlefamily homes — is to offer electricity at different prices depending on when power is used.

"We don't want people to think that this will be some sort of panacea that will save everyone money," Gainesville Regional Utilities System spokesman Mike Doyle said.

"The extent to which a family or individual can shift to off-peak times will determine how much money they save."

The system is based on the fact that during peak times — usually the dinner hour — additional smaller units must be added to the base combustion turbines that produce electricity. These smaller units burn a high grade of fuel and push utility rates up.

"Those responsible for the peak load are those responsible for the extra cost," Doyle said.

The pilot is to provide more expensive rates for peak times. People on the program not able to shift consumption hours could end up with higher utility bills.

Doyle is reluctant to call the project an experiment because the terms imply scientific results. It is instead an "experience," giving the city's utilities company its first taste of a possible new rate structure, Doyle said.

If the time-of-use plan is adopted on a wide scale as the state Public Service Commission advocates, it also would provide benefits other than saving consumers money.

Problems of visually impaired topic of new two-credit course

By Ellen Mishkin
Alligator Writer

Visually impaired people who have a hard time finding their way around campus may be aided by a new course being set up by a UF administrator and a UF professor.

The Environment of the Visually Impaired, a two-credit course to be offered for the first time winter quarter, is designed to sensitise people to the special needs of visually impaired people.

Interested students can attend a meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. in room 213 of the College of Architecture to learn more about the class. Although the course is offered by the College of Architecture, students of any major may sign up.

The course, designed by architecture professor Frances Cappellari and Assistant Student Affairs Dean Mary Skorheim, is a step toward developing a large scale tactile map that would make it easier for visually impaired people to get around on campus.

Cappellari and Skorheim already have constructed a brief tactile map of the UF campus to distribute to incoming visually impaired students. But they both feel something more can be done to help these students feel more comfortable on campus.

"Why don't we make the visually impaired feel as comfortable as we can?" Cappellari said. "I think we have the resources and the time to make good use of this idea."

LSAT study session tonight

A study session for the Law School Admissions Test is scheduled tonight from 7 to 11 in room 113 of Little Hall.

Geometry, grammar, and logic are to be covered by John Mike, owner and founder of Mikay Services, an exam preparation company.

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Two men rob student in dormroom

Gail Lipinski discovered staying home on a Friday night can be just as expensive as going out on the town.

UF police reported Lipinski, a UF sophomore, was reading in her Jennings Hall room early Saturday morning when two youths she didn’t know entered her room. The two men asked Lipinski what there was to read, police said.

Lipinski told the two to leave and went back underneath her loft to read, police said.

Police said Lipinski heard one of the youths grab something off her dresser and when she got up they ran out the door. She chased the two down the hall and caught one by the stairway, but he managed to break away, police said.

The pair escaped in an unknown type of vehicle, police said.

Police said Lipinski reported two rings worth $400 were missing from her room.

Police described both youths as white, 17 to 19 years old, 155 to 160 pounds and about five-feet 11-inches tall. One had blond hair and the other had brown hair.

Study Abroad: The general orientation for Study Abroad programs is today at 4 p.m. in room 36 of the J. Wayne Reitz Union.

Mysticism and Dance: presented by the Sufi Order of Gainesville tonight at 7:30 at 1624 NW 5th Ave.

History Forum: is scheduled to begin Monday from noon to 5 and run through Friday of next week in room 4115 of General Purpose Building A. Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, is now accepting applications.

Wild Turkey: The Black American Law Student Association is having its pre-Thanksgiving party Wednesday night at 9 at the Universal Dance Studio, 6 E. University Ave.

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UF moves up to 18th
The UF football team achieved its highest ranking of the season Monday when it finished 18th in the UPI coaches poll. Here is the top 20 rankings after 12 weeks with firstplace votes and records in parenthesis:

1. Georgia (40) (10-0) 11. North Carolina (10-1)
2. Notre Dame (2) (9-0-1) 12. Ohio St. (9-2)
3. Florida St. (9-1) 13. Brigham Young (10-1)
4. Pittsburgh (8-1) 14. UCLA (8-2)
5. Penn St. (9-1) 15. Washington (9-2)
6. Oklahoma (8-2) 16. Mississippi St. (9-2)
7. Michigan (9-2-1) 17. Southern Cal (7-2-1)
8. Baylor (10-1) 18. FLORIDA (7-2)
9. Alabama (9-2) 19. SMU (8-3)
10. Nebraska (9-2) 20. Texas (7-3)

Brantly finishes 88th

Brantly’s 30:48.2 finish over the 10,000-meter course placed him fourth among Southeastern Conference barriers.

“To finish in the top 100 in the NCAA Cross Country Championships is a great accomplishment,” UF cross country coach John Randolf said. “Keith ran a very aggressive race, particularly at the beginning. He was in the top 25 after the first two miles and then faded to 88th.”

Duran-Leonard fight tonight
Tonight’s the night. Promotor Don King calls it “World War IV” out of respect of their first fight.

But whatever you call it, tonight’s World Welterweight Championship fight between Roberto Duran and Sugar Ray Leonard promises to be equally as exciting as when Duran took the title from Leonard June 20.

Tonight’s three-bout card can be seen at the Great Southern Music Hall at 9 o’clock. The $25 reserved tickets can be purchased at Nell’s Takeout, Cost Plus II and Bobby’s Sporting Goods.

UF-Miami tickets are ready
Student tickets for the UF-Miami game can be picked up today and Wednesday at Gate 13 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The ticket office will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving.

Kickoff now is at 12:25 p.m.
Football fans returning early from Thanksgiving for Saturday’s UF-Miami football clash should take note of a second kickoff time change.

The game now will start at 12:25 p.m., which is 10 minutes earlier than announced last week, when ABC agreed to televise the game on a regional basis.

UF surfers defeat UCF
The UF surf club placed three finishers in the top five Saturday in New Smyrna Beach as it easily bested Central Florida to win its first competition of the season.

Walter Snell and Curt Collier paced the Gators with first and second place, while UF’s Scot Richardson finished fourth.
Married Gators

Players find time for football, family and school

By Rhonda Bright
Alligator Staff Writer

For any UF football player, succeeding in athletics and academics usually demands stark discipline in dividing time amongst the two pursuits. But players Jim Subers, Mark Massey and Jimbo Pratt have a tougher balancing act to perform—they have the added responsibility of caring for a family.

They are three of the six married Gators on the 1980 roster. The Subers (Jim, 22, and Janice, 21) and three other couples manage a husband-wife household, while the Pratts (Jimbo and Karen, both age 20) and the Marseys (Mark and Marie, both 17) also are each rearing a child.

Unlike most of their bachelor teammates, the married scholarship athletes live away from Yon Hall athletic dorms. They may eat five meals a week at the team training table, said Gator academic advisor Wright Waters, and they usually choose four lunches and one dinner. The husbands aren't checked for midnight curfews but they are required to attend scheduled study halls.

Off-campus scholarship athletes receive checks totaling the hypothetical costs of room and board for one person.

“We take the cost of Yon Hall room and board for a player and subtract the (cost of) meals they receive there,” said Waters. “We're obligated only to the athlete, not his wife.”

Extra support money for their households comes from a variety of sources—parents, off-season part-time jobs or selling some of their four allotted game tickets. Jimbo and Karen Pratt receive free rent and utilities in exchange for working for Vandal Watch night patrol at a local high school.

When discussing priorities of the three spheres of their undergraduate lives, the student-athlete-husbands quickly state that family comes first. On that point, Jimbo Pratt stands firm.

“I don't think there could ever be enough time for family,” he said.

Education and football, however, garnered differing orders of importance to the student-players. But all agreed that during fall season, football is the sphere of their life that is most demanding.

“Oh, it’s a regular eight-hour-a-day job when you consider practices, games and meetings,” senior Subers said. He then went on to describe his college occupation.

The brunt of his day begins at 2 p.m. when team trainers tape the players’ ankles and knees and dress their wounds. At 3 p.m., there is a team meeting to preview upcoming opponents on game films. From about 3:30-5 p.m., it’s on-the-field drills and scrimmages. After the wear and tear, there is injury treatment and cleanup. Home is about 6 or 7 p.m.

Twice a week, the athletes attend a post-dinner meeting to listen to a critique of the weekend’s game and to an update on the Gator scouting report.

Classes fulfilling a full-time minimum of 12 credit hours are squeezed in before afternoon workouts. “Most of the players have classes in the mornings,” said Waters. “Practices start late on Monday so they can have one day to schedule later classes.”

Time management is the key to success during football season, said Jim Subers, who maintains a 3.4 honors GPA in business and starts as the Gators’ right offensive guard. Jim does most of his studying in the early mornings and while he is being taped for practices.

“Jim is so organized, it’s incredible,” said Mrs. Subers. “He goes to class every day, but our family is the most important thing to him.”

Jim also finds time for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a club very special to him. He served as its former president and met his wife at one of the group’s functions.

“He is so organized, it’s incredible,” said Mrs. Subers. “When Jimbo's out on the field, the game is everything to him. l think ‘I hope he doesn’t get hurt.’”

He puts a lot of trust in Mark Massey's ability to take care of Jimbo. “Some times, I take notes on the plays, like ‘he sacked the quarterback when he was coming around left,’” said Karen. “I’m the biggest critic of my husband, a defensive end.”

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“Mark, a quarterback, stretched out his legs on the floor of his apartment and contently smiled as his baby crawled over his trailer and grabs the bottle to his mouth to keep him quiet.”

Karen, a former scholarship springboard diver, is Mark’s best support. It’s great being able to come home to someone who understands life as a football player.

“I was a teaching intern at a junior high school, finds that fans regard the Gator players with a more heroic image.

“Some, they’re like movie stars,” she said. “My kids at school went crazy when they found out I'm married to a football player. My father and brother age now bigger Gator fans than ever.”

After the Subers spent three years in a fraternity-like environment—Jim in Yon Hall and Janice in a sorority house—life in a married housing apartment was a much-welcomed transition. Their wedding had a football atmosphere, with six fellow players as groomsmen and many other teammates as guests. The Subers still retain some of that Yon Hall flavor in their home with a hat rack of Gator sculptures of football scenes hung on the walls and sculptures of football objects.

“My lifestyle isn’t much different than when I lived in Yon Hall, but I’m much happier,” said Jim. “I like to come home and put away the football. She offers me encouragement and support. It’s great being able to come home to someone who can soothe your aching muscles.”

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**One of the harshest things I find is making sure I don’t demand too much of Jimbo. Sometimes, he comes home totally exhausted and fails asleep right away. I have to learn not to take him personally.**

— Karen Pratt

Jimbo Pratt, a Yon Hall dweller for two and a half years, also unashamedly favors his new lifestyle with his wife and three-month-old son, Burt, in their trailer home.

“I have a lot more responsibilities being married than single. I’m more on our own and we love it,” praises Jimbo, also an FCA member. “The meals are just as good but there’s more tender loving care put into them."

Jimbo has adjusted to the familiar plight of his married peers—family time often is limited to dinner and evenings. “We don’t have much time together, but it’s quality time,” he said.

Like time is savored, so is sleep. “She’s really concerned about me getting my sleep,” Jimbo says. “When she hears the jeep pop out of Burt, she takes him to the front of the trailer and grabs the bottle to his mouth to keep him quiet.”

During the football season, the married players’ households are often traditional in that the student-athlete husbands come first. The women do much of the housekeeping duties. And the wives often help their expensed spouses cope with their busy schedules.

“At 7 in the morning, she’s got breakfast on the table. Then she helps me get ready for school,” said Jimbo of Karen. “She takes care of me in all ways—that’s my athletic trainer and emotional booster all in one. She does a good job.

“She really works a double schedule with me and Burt.”

Karen Pratt, who just finished her studies at Daytona Beach Community College before matrimony, had equally-high compliments about her husband. “Sometimes he’s just hurting when he comes home but he’s all smiles, Jimbo’s the strength. He is just great as a father. It’s fun to watch him feeding and changing the baby.”

His blond hair still closely cropped to his head after freshman shavings, Mark Massey said being a student-athlete/husband/father right after high school is “a lot easier than I expected.” His wife Marie, decided to forgo a college education to rear their 10-month-old son Joseph.

“I do most of it (caring for Joe). I like it. Joe keeps me busy all day,” said Marie, a shy housewife. “I have all day to cook the meals."

Mark, a quarterback, stretched out his legs on the floor of his apartment and contently smiled as his baby crawled over his trailer and peeled on his lap.

“We’re teaching him to walk now. He’s learning pretty quick. He’s pretty strong,” he said. "He’s a little spoiled, though. He comes into our bed at night.”

**Football games are extra sentimental to the wives who sit in the stands and root for their husbands. It’s a time of joy, sorrow and apprehension about injury.**

“Sometimes, I take notes on the plays, like ‘he sacked the quarterback’ to discuss the game with Jimbo,” said Janice. “It also helps him understand the game better. I get nervous for him and loud when I’m in the stands. When Jimbo’s out on the field, the game is 10 times more exciting. If he was ever pulled out on a stretcher, ’I’d just die.’”

And if anybody were to boo him, “I’d say, ‘Don’t cut him down, he’s my husband!’”

Following the game, the wives wait outside the locker room alongside parents, fans and reporters for the athletes. Conversation is usually about the game.

“One to two hours after a game, he’s worried about the films,” said Janice.

Remembering her athletic days, Karen can empathize with her husband’s future career. “My father had to know what to say to him—especially if it hasn’t been a good game. He always asks me ‘Did I give my full 100 percent?’ He puts a lot of trust in my advice.

And with the close of the last Gator game and their Spartan training, the student-athlete/husbands find more room to fit their family, and studies in their lives. August to September is a trying time for all, but “It’s all worth it in the end,” said Janice Subers.