Pope recovering after assassination try

By United Press International

VATICAN CITY — A fugitive Turkish terrorist shot and wounded Pope John Paul II Wednesday in a close-range assassination attempt before 10,000 people in St. Peter's Square. Doctors removed part of his intestines in a "successful" 4-hour operation.

Witnesses tackled the gunman and police identified him as Mehmet Ali Agca, 24, a convicted murderer who publicly vowed in the past to kill the pope. Vatican guards prevented a lynching mob from seizing the suspect.

John Paul, 60, was wounded in the abdomen, right arm and left hand, hospital officials said. Though the surgery for his stomach wound was deemed a success, doctors expressed concern over the danger of infection.

A 60-year-old American woman wounded in the attack along with a Jamaican woman tourist was reported in critical condition with a bullet wound to the cheek.

Police said they found a letter written in Turkish in Agca's Rome hotel room. It said: "I killed the pope. This is to demonstrate to the world the imperialistic crimes committed by the Soviet Union and the United States."

The gunman opened fire with a Browning 9mm semi-automatic pistol from less than 15 feet away as the Polish-born pontiff stood under sunny skies in the back of a white open-top Jeep on his way to his weekly general audience in St. Peter's.

Hospital officials said it was not clear if the pontiff was hit by two bullets or three as police earlier said.

"How could they have done this," the pope was quoted as saying by a nurse before he underwent surgery for 4 hours and 20 minutes at the Policlinico Gemelli Hospital.

Agca is a member of an extreme right-wing group and escaped in 1979 from a prison in Istanbul, Turkey. He also was sentenced to death in absentia for murdering a newspaper editor.

Turkish police said that while he was on the loose, Agca had vowed to kill John Paul during the pope's visit to Turkey in 1979.

Turkey's ambassador to the United States, Sukru Elikdag, said Turkish police had standing orders "to shoot him (Agca) on sight."

The pope, five days short of his 61st birthday, had just finished hugging a baby boy as the shots rang out at 5:17 p.m. (11:17 a.m. EDT) in St. Peter's Square. He slumped into the jeep, blood staining his white vestments. Security men jumped aboard and surrounded the pontiff in a human shield.

The crowd in the square broke into screams and witnesses tackled the gunman.

"He was not hit in any vital organs," Dr. Giancarlo Castiglioni, one of the three-man surgical team, said after the operation when the pontiff was moved to the intensive care unit.

"He came through the surgery very well," Castiglioni said. "We'll have to wait and see if any complications set in. He's now running a high fever.

"He can return to complete normality," the doctor said, but added that because of the nature of the operation, during which part of his intestines was removed, "the prognosis is reserved."

Castiglioni said the pope would stay in intensive care 12 to 24 hours depending on his post-operative progress.

A hospital spokesman said the pope lost about a pint of blood because of his wounds.

"The main risk now is infection," the doctor said.

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Dean leaving UF with fewer ideals

By Adam Yeomans and Lisa Beckman
Alligator Staff Writers

Jerrie Blue says she used to be an idealist.

But the UF minority affairs assistant dean says the ideals she brought to UF a little more than a year ago have been "shattered" by a wide range of pervasive and unsolved problems that affect UF's 3,000 blacks, Hispanics and other minority students.

She has had enough. At the end of spring quarter, the feisty, affable 40-year-old will clear out of her Tigert Hall office and return to her home in Atlanta.

Sitting in her second-floor Tigert Hall office Wednesday, Blue paused between thoughts and sentences as she peered out her large picture window. She spoke of unresponsive UF administrators of the scarcity of women in decision-making posts and of UF's push to fill minority enrollment quotas while not retaining them to line up for graduation ceremonies.

Last December, a frustrated Blue threatened to quit. She decided to delay her resignation until late April, when she turned in her final letter of resignation to her boss, UF Student Services Dean Tom Goodale.

Blue says "personal as well as professional concerns" played a big part in her decision to leave UF.

"I don't think my talents, my skills, are being properly used here. They are wasted," she said. "Why should I stay? Why remain?"

Goodale took criticism from members of the UF Cacus of Black Faculty and Staff Wednesday night. Members said the job description Goodale was circulating was too general and accused the dean of "lying" to job applicants.

"Goodale who wants the $12,500 to..."
Student axes bisexual's door

By Ian Johnson
Alligator Staff Writer

Cliff Schwartz says he is a minority student — a bisexual. And he says that because he is, his door was axed by a drunken neighbor Saturday night.

Schwartz, a freshman, said that he was awakened by the sound of heavy pounding on his door in Murphy Hall the cries of “you disgust me.” The door did not break and was replastered and repainted this week.

UF Housing officials confirmed the axing incident and said it was unfortunate, but would not comment further because “disciplinary measures are being followed presently.”

Schwartz said he will remain in his dormitory. Pegged to his door Tuesday night was a note reading “fagged.” He said the jibes don’t bother him much, but the lack of support from other residents on the floor does.

“They don’t care,” said Schwartz. “Nobody does. I’m not scared anymore, just disgusted that there are people who go overboard when they drink.”

Schwartz, however, is unhappy with their measures. He said a freshman dorm resident received only a reprimand for the incident. Housing officials would not confirm the charge and the freshman could not be reached for comment by The Alligator.

Man flashes woman in library

For the third time in two weeks, a man has exposed himself to a UF woman in the stacks of Library East. UF Police Sgt. James Ward said Ward said.

Ward said the woman was studying Tuesday night on the second-floor stack level C of Library East when she noticed a “man looking at her as if he knew her.”

When she looked up a second time the man was standing there with his pants pulled down, “exposing the bottom half of his body,” Ward said. The woman yelled “you stupid bastard!” and the man ran away.

“This seems to be the time of year when this sort of thing happens a lot,” Ward said. He said the investigation is continuing.

Correction

Local black belt Mike Sawyer teaches women both major self-defense holds and minor holds. The Alligator reported otherwise in a May 11 article.

Weather

Today’s forecast: Fair today and partly cloudy late tonight. Highs in the mid to upper 80s (29-31 C), lows in the low 70s (18-19 C).

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SG observers praise Melear as he leaves presidency

By Ian Johnson
Alligator Staff Writer

Like any politician, Erik Melear's time has come and gone. At least at UF. The 30-year-old engineering graduate student was succeeded Friday as student body president by Mike Bedke, who won the spot in an April 22 election.

Melear plans to travel to Saudi Arabia to "make money." He says he'll return to Florida in four years with his newly earned wealth and run for the state Legislature. He will leave behind the belief by Student Government observers that he led the way to better communication with administrators and state officials.

"Erik commanded respect at Tigert and in the (student) senate. He opened doors and people would listen to him, not ignore his points," former Student Senate President Dean Saunders said.

Student Board of Regents member Gerald Sanchez agreed and said Melear may have had some shortcomings in his administration but as a leader he was "unparalleled."

"He had very few faults as a student representative. He did not win everything, but he gave students credibility by being on top of everything all the time," Sanchez said.

Though he made gains with UF administrators, city and state officials, Melear's tenure might not have been "impractical." Former Student Senate President Mike Bedke said Melear "may have been internal within his administration, some observers say. Saunders said Melear's administration lacked a "driving force" behind the SG cabinet.

"I think Teri (Touma, Melear's vice president) was average. There's always a lot of enthusiasm in anything initially, but Erik's cabinet slacked off in the last six months, " Saunders said. Touma was in charge of the cabinet.

Bedke's vice president is UF planning major Susan Joyce. The cabinet will remain essentially the same, she said, but she will be more "active." Joyce says her priority is districting senate seats to better represent students living off-campus. Districts would possibly be divided up by zip codes and assigned a certain number of senators to represent them, she said.

Bedke's party platform has called for more student involvement in SG. "Erik did a good job of really opening things up and I want to continue this even more," Bedke said.

Deputies arrest Putnam fugitive

By Dana McIroy
Alligator Staff Writer

Alachua County sheriff's deputies thought it would be another routine arrest when they went to pick up a Gainesville man Tuesday afternoon with a warrant for a Putnam County drug possession charge. But when police arrived, they said they found more than $83,000 worth of drugs and cash in the man's apartment.

Police said Richard Carlton, 26, 3954-A SW 17th Lane, had been a fugitive from Putnam County drug possession charge. When the deputies arrived and searched the apartment, they found about 85 pounds of marijuana, 11 ounces of cocaine, 2,000 Quaaludes, assorted paraphernalia and more than $27,700 in his apartment.

Carlton was being held in the Alachua County Adult Detention Center.

Student withdraws, rests at home after being shot at Majik Market

By Dana McIroy
Alligator Staff Writer

UF sophomore Dan Eifert said he is "resting and recuperating" in his Maitland home after he was shot twice two weeks ago at the Southwest Gainesville Majik Market where he worked nights as a cashier.

Eifert was taken to Shands Teaching Hospital about 3 a.m. May 1 with a .38-caliber slug in his chest. The 21-year-old engineering major was shot when a man who robbed the store lived at him and a customer. The customer was not hit because he ducked behind a counter of merchandise.

Robert Reed, 28, 1212 NW Sixth Place, was charged with armed robbery and aggravated assault in connection with the shooting. Alachua County Adult Detention Center officials said Reed is being held at the center.

Eifert, who withdrew from UF, said he expects to return to his classes summer quarter. "There's no way I could make it in school now and the doctor wouldn't let me anyway," Eifert said.

Eifert said he went home to Maitland where he "can relax." "I'm doing fine," he said in a telephone interview. "I get a little more strength every day."

Although Eifert plans to come back to UF, he said he probably wouldn't be going back to his job at the Majik Market.

Eifert said he is spending his time watching television and writing thank you notes to the people in Gainesville who helped him when he was in the hospital. He said he is "pretty comfortable considering what happened."

"It only hurts when I laugh," he said.
Attacker threatened pope in 1979

VATICAN CITY — The 24-year-old Turkish terrorist who shot Pope John Paul II Wednesday threatened to kill the pontiff in 1979 and was sentenced to death — following his escape from jail — for the murder of a Turkish journalist.

Four hours after the assassination attempt against the pope, police said they located the hotel where Mehmet Ali Agca was staying and found a note in his room claiming responsibility for the shooting.

Turkish police said Agca, a member of an extreme right-wing group, threatened to kill the pope in November 1979 during his visit to Turkey, a few days after escaping from an Istanbul prison where he was being held for trial in the murder of a reading journalist.

Abdi Ipekci, editor of the Turkish left of center newspaper Milliyet, was murdered in February 1979, and Turkish police spent four months tracking Agca down before arresting him. After his escape, he was sentenced to death in absentia for Ipekci’s death.

Turkish military authorities gave orders after his escape that he was to be shot on sight. But within days, Agca grabbed the headlines when he issued a signed threat to kill the pope in the last week of November 1979.

The threat was received by newspapers in Istanbul and taken very seriously by the Turkish security forces who stepped up security around the pope even further.

Agca belonged to the extreme right-wing youth group called Ulkuculer, associated with the ultra-nationalist National Movement Party headed by Alpahan Turks, police in Ankara said.

The party itself is not known for extreme religious views but its right-wing tendencies spread to anything not regarded by its followers as purely Turkish.

Security sources said they did not know how Agca managed to escape from Turkey. However, Turkish press reports said a few weeks ago that Agca took advantage of the chaos in Iran and escaped to that neighboring country from where he flew to Europe, presumably under a false passport.

In Ankara, Deputy Foreign Minister Ilhan Oztok told the Akajans News Agency the Turkish government had informed Interpol of Agca’s activities abroad “several months ago.”

Heavy drinkers run risk of mouth cancer

NEW YORK — Heavy whiskey, beer and wine drinkers may run a greater risk of mouth cancer than those who did not drink.

Those who drank less than 6 whiskey equivalents a day had an oral cancer risk 3.5 times greater than those who did not drink.

Those who drank between 6 and 9 increased their risk to 15.2.

American wounded in pope attack

ROME — An American woman was shot in the chest and critically wounded in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in St. Peter’s Square.

Anne Oder, 2, of Buffalo, N.Y., was operated on at the Santo Spirito Hospital, a half mile from the Vatican, and doctors said her life was in danger because of damage to her internal organs.

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Pope's shooting shocks priest

By Bob Block
Alligator Staff Writer

Father Robert Baker quietly gazed off into the Gainesville skyline as he tried to find the words to describe his disbelief over the Wednesday morning assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

"I am shocked by this tragedy and distressed that it happened to a man who has been so open and available to the public," said Baker, a priest at the St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Even as Baker spoke, dozens of concerned worshippers filed into the Catholic Student Center for a daily noon mass. Most came to pray for the pope's speedy recovery.

The 60-year-old Polish pontiff was shot twice or three times as he rode in his white open-top jeep through a crowd of 10,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The gunman, described by officials as a "Turkish terrorist," was seized by bystanders and wrestled to the ground.

The pope was immediately rushed to the Policlinico Gemelli Hospital where he underwent surgery for the removal of the bullets.

"The pope had a strong desire to be available for the people, and for the people is prevented from doing that by events such as this," he added.

UF junior Clara Perez, an education major, continued doing that for the pope's sake.

"I think the pope is a great man," she said. "It's a frightful sign, but for humanity at large. (John Lennon, President Reagan and the pope) all in the same year. If ever the facts are crying out to do something, it is now."

Witnesses said four or five shots were fired in the attack. Ann Beach, 67, of Westbury, Conn., said that when the shots rang out "all of the birds on top of the columns flew away."

"The pope was stretching out his hands to the crowd when suddenly we heard two shots," said Caterina Damiani of Rome.

"I saw two streams of blood," she said, adding she was about 10 yards from John Paul's jeep. "The pope was still for a moment, then he fell."

The pope, his face suddenly pale and blood spilling on his white silk vests, fell into the jeep and his driver sped the vehicle through Vatican's Arc of the Bells into the Vatican palace complex.

He was rushed by ambulance from the Vatican to the hospital in Northern Rome. The pope was immediately rushed to the hospital.

Five-year-old Jarrick Walters could very well have been a part of that scene. Small and wiry, he used to enjoy playing soccer in the island fields with his younger brother and sister.

But since January, a more formidable opponent has challenged him. That opponent is subacute encephalitis - a brain disease that destroys the nervous system.

Because the malady is so rare, doctors have no ready cure for it. In fact, it could kill Jarrick.

His mother, Janet Thomas, said that the beginning of this year, her son began "acting foolishly." He had fits of paranoia, threw up constantly and wouldn't eat.

When he got diarrhea, Thomas sought medical attention. After he was treated in Baptistman and University hospitals in Kingston, Jamaica, Jarrick's pediatric consultant told her he would have to get treatment in the United States.

"I knew I would get help," Thomas sighed in a thick island accent. "In cases like this, people love to help."

UF business school graduate Detrich Chapman referred the boy to Shands. Chapman is a member of the InternationaSisters, a charity that works with the International Rotary Club to provide special medical care for the needy.

Thomas and Jarrick received a free Air Florida flight to Gainesville. All his medical expenses are being paid by the charity and donations.

Chapman, who was a consultant for Shands, said she felt the hospital could give Jarrick the best medical aid possible. And his mother agreed - until Monday, when he was released.

"They can't help him," said Thomas. She fotted her son's legs and smoothed his chest with baby powder, almost oblivious to the nurses and public relations personnel standing around. "There is no cure."

"I still have the feeling he is going to get better," she said as she dressed him in a pair of bright blue stretch slacks and a lemon-yellow shirt.

"They shot him, an embarrassment with "Chip off the Old Block" in red, seemed to reflect Thomas' confidence.

Sick child finds no help at Shands
The city of Gainesville will have its days in court to fight two lawsuits challenging city laws.

Gainesville city commissioners Monday night ordered the legal staff to prepare defenses for one suit filed by Rickey's Restaurant and Lounge that challenges city zoning codes, and for a class-action suit tiled negligent or structural changes to the building.

When Rickey's added a counter-like bar to the restaurant, the Board of Adjustment claimed it had violated the renovation restrictions and ordered it removed. Rickey's maintains the change was to the furnishings, not the structure of the building. Rickey's is also challenging the wording of the restrictions, calling it unconstitutionally vague.

The City Commission also instructed the legal staff to prepare defense to the challenge against the Landlord Licensing Law, which forbids more than three persons unrelated by blood, marriage or legal adoption from sharing a household in neighborhoods zoned for single family residential.

The ordinance violates the Privacy Amendment to the Florida Constitution as well as the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution, charge the six persons, aided by the American Civil Liberties Union, who have filed the suit.

A UF journalism student currently on parole for burglary was arrested Wednesday and charged with theft of photographic equipment by using falsely obtained credit card numbers.

Alachua County Sheriff's deputies arrested Henry Lucas, 35, 123 NW 16th St. A sheriff's spokesman said Lucas is suspected of buying film, cameras, an enlarger and a lens kit using credit card numbers he got while employed as a salesman at Snappy's Photo Center in Butler Plaza. The spokesman said Lucas ordered the equipment from several different businesses across the nation.

Sheriff's Sgt. Kenny Mack said he expects to file more charges against Lucas in the next few days as soon as all the stolen equipment is organized and processed.
Women oppose pro-life bill

By Tom Butler
Alligator Writer

"I hope that what I have just said horrified the hell out of you."

Janis Compton-Carr, coordinator for the North Florida Abortion Rights Action League, had just finished speaking about an illegal abortion she had in 1967 when she was 19.

"I was one very lucky girl," Compton-Carr said. "I had a real doctor who didn't stick a knitting needle in me, or recommend a lye douche."

"Instead, the doctor performed the abortion while she lay on a packing crate in a storage room — in exchange for $1,000 in small bills."

"He inserted a catheter, and through the catheter he deposited some substance in my uterus," Compton-Carr said. "He told me if you have very much bleeding, go to the hospital, don't call here."

She went home and bled for 48 hours.

"I had to crawl on my hands and knees from the bed to the doorway. I would crawl from the doorway to the bathroom and sit on the john with my head between my knees passing clots."

Compton-Carr was one of three women who related their experiences with pre-legal abortions at a "Speak-Out on Abortion" Monday night at the Health Center Communicore Building.

About 90 people, mostly women, attended the seminar, which was organized by the Alachua County Coalition for Reproductive Freedom. The speakers presented arguments for the continuation of legal abortion and urged those attending to lobby against proposed anti-abortion legislation.

"In the current legal climate we can't expect much help from the courts," UF law professor Kathleen Waits said. "We are in a somewhat reactionary period."

Waits spoke against the proposed Human Life Bill that has been introduced into the House. The speaker's presented arguments for the continuation of legal abortion and urged those attending to lobby against proposed anti-abortion legislation.

"If the majority of the houses of Congress it would be declared as a medical fact that life begins at conception," Waits said. "Therefore the fetus is declared entitled to the protections of the 14th Amendment."

Janis Compton-Carr said. "The cause and the root cause is sexual immorality."

"There are alternatives (to abortion)." Soud echoed her. "Who knows what the answers are."

As the audience was leaving after the two-hour presentation, four persons stayed to give their anti-abortion viewpoint.

Gainesville resident Richard Soud stopped up to the stage carrying a Bible and said, "Now those of you that would like to hear the second half of the story... before he was drowned out by boos and catcalls from the departing audience.

"If you want to rent a building then you sign up for Communicore," said Betsy Mullhopper of the Alachua County Coalition for Reproductive Freedom. Health Center employees told the four to leave because the building was being closed for the night.

"These people are getting down to the root cause and the root cause is sexual immorality."

Soud echoed her. "Who knows what men are, what women are being murdered?"

"There are alternatives (to abortion)."

Thief steals costly cricket callers

There's a burglar around who's going to be quite popular with some hopping bugs.

UF police said someone stole two cricket callers from the UF Horticulture Unit on Millhopper Road last week. A motorcycle battery also was taken. They were attached to a pole outside the building.

Capt. Vernon Hoffman said similar devices for attracting crickets have been stolen several times before. The callers and battery were valued at more than $400, he said. An investigation is underway.
Landlords' haven

Oh, to be a landlord in Gainesville.

Not only is there a pool here of some 30,000 students hungry to rent places to live, but the Gainesville City Commission regularly cooperates with landlords by writing bits of nastiness into city codes.

The city's Landlord Licensing Law is one such bit. Passed in 1974, toughened in 1978, it prohibits more than three unrelated persons from living together in areas zoned for single-family dwellings.

Commissioners deny charges that the ordinance specifically is anti-student and say it is an attempt to clean up neighborhoods.

It is more than ironic, however, that 30,000 of the unrelated persons in Gainesville are students. And that they need to live together for financial reasons. And that they have a right to live together if they want to.

In fact, the law is unconstitutional. A suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union is asking to formalize that contention and we back it wholeheartedly for a number of reasons.

Primarily, the law cuts directly into the empty pockets of students. By limiting the number of housing spaces students legally can fill, landlords are given the upper hand. They can drive up the cost of housing because the demand is so high. The crunch is especially obvious each spring when the UF Housing office raffles off spaces in UF's dormitories. The thousand or so students that aren't lucky enough to be picked to live on campus are forced into the off-campus market, where three-bedroom houses hover around rents of $400 apiece. As any student knows, three persons contributing to the rent isn't quite as easy for four persons.

Finding the law unconstitutional would allow four persons or more to live together. Finding it constitutional would allow the city to continue to regulate the private lives of students. The laws steps directly into the private lifestyles of residents and — as the ACLU plans to argue — violates the state's recently passed Privacy Amendment.

The Privacy Amendment states that individuals "should be free from government intrusion."

We find this good grounds for the suit. A recent decision which stemmed from a similar landlord law in the university community of Santa Barbara, Calif., lends even more credence to the contention. California also has a privacy law and the state Supreme Court there ruled unconstitutional the Santa Barbara law limiting the number of unrelated persons residing together to five.

At best, the law is a very disorganized attempt to restrict neighborhoods. If city commissioners want to clean up neighborhoods and houses — as Mayor Mark Goldstein has argued — they should enforce other codes which regulate clean living and noise. After all, just 223 complaints have been filed since its inception.

City commissioners might as well begin drafting better housing codes that would accomplish their alleged intentions of improving neighborhoods. Their attempt to improve the quality of life by kicking out students from certain neighborhoods obviously is failing.

And it should be found unconstitutional.

A short cycle to class beat driving

Editor: Fred Schott, you and anyone who reasons like you should be ashamed. Your letter in the May 8 Alligator was beyond absurdity and faced with non-sensicality.

After reading your letter I became concerned about you and your Gatorwood Apartment friend's precarious plight on how to get to school.

So I visited Gatorwood. And I cannot help but realize how right I was in my belief that students who live close to campus need not be issued parking decals to drive on campus.

Schott, you said in your letter that there were no paved bike paths for you to use. I'm really surprised that you haven't noticed it, but directly across the street on the north side of Archer Road is a perfectly constructed and designated bike path. It is 8-feet wide and void of potholes.

The paved path will take you about 400 yards to North-South drive where it remains an 8-foot wide bike route all the way into campus. It is very adequate and lightly traveled. It took me only 5 1/2 minutes to get from Gatorwood to the Reitz Union and believe me, it was a casual pedal.

Admittedly, the transit system in your case may not be dependable transportation, but you have no excuse for not biking to campus. You mentioned that "some people will not get near a bicycle especially if they've been hit before." I cannot see any danger in being hit on the bike path from Gatorwood to campus unless you are just completely scatter-brained.

Come on Schott, try riding a bike to campus instead of driving. Hundreds of UF students have and enjoy it as good exercise, good transportation and good for the economy.

Patrick Cavanaugh

Abortion

my body, my choice

Editor: I want to address the growing crowd of people who would like to ban abortions. Some of them would do this in the name of God and the sanctity of a human life, no matter how undifferentiated.

Some of them think that they are all-important enough to carry out what they consider to be the will of that all-supreme being. Some of them think that they are great enough to tell me, if my method of birth control goes awry, that I can't terminate a process that originates in my own body. I might not have too much to lay claim to, but I can lay claim to my body, and that embryo is temporarily under my jurisdiction while it's stuck to the lining of my uterus.

Pay attention: I don't use God to justify my actions. People who do aren't wrong, but they are wrong in judging me with criteria by which they judge themselves. It is as simple as that.

Note this: One can apply this argument to 1) dying for one's country and 2) taking drugs and anything else that affects only the owner of the body in question and not thy neighbor's body.

Deanna Cimino
May 1979. The historic city of Armagh sparkled with pink and white tree blossoms, bursting forth with the liveliness of a belated but welcomed Irish spring. Our car soon sped by Armagh’s ancient “gaol” where a few days earlier bullets, rather than blossoms, had burst forth. The old jail has been modernized into a women’s prison holding Irish Republican Army operatives such as the notorious Price sisters and other accomplished car-bombers. Four female guards had strode out of the jail to take their midday tea break. Suddenly a car approached at high speed, slowed momentarily, and then discharged a deadly blitz. The women were machine-gunned at point-blank range. Nearby a young girl stood stunned, frozen with fear and disbelief. A moment passed. Then she began screaming hysterically.

The friend who accompanied me on that visit to Armagh is a high-ranking civil servant in Northern Ireland. He is also a Catholic and knows only too well the history, hatred and heartache that has scarred his native land for centuries. Although many Americans claim Irish or Scotch-Irish ancestry, most of us know little about the historical complexities underlying the current crisis. We seem simultaneously befuddled and bewildered by Bobby Sands starving himself to death and Margaret Thatcher letting him do it. To dig deeper, consider the following basic questions:

How did England get involved in Ireland in the first place? By invitation. An outlawedUlster Orange Order named King Billy, et al., had invited the English to come over and help him regain his position. In the bargain, Ireland ended up with its first English overlords, King Henry II.

James Burns

Perspectives

So the English then flourished in Ireland? No, they virtually disappeared. These “old English” were absorbed into the fabric of everyday Irish life. By 1400, English influence did not extend “beyond the Pale,” a small region around Dublin.

Why didn’t the English simply abandon Ireland? Geography. The Emerald Isle’s strategic location made it a prime target for English ascendency.

Why then did Ulster become a Protestant stronghold? Queen Elizabeth I continued her father’s policy of Anglicizing Ireland. Jesuits Day now, before there was all the mass confusion and raised tempers on the part of uninformed people who do not understand our purposes. First of all, it threatened the tithes and taxes, but never rooted, in Irish soil.

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We come eight sight to the Bobby Sands-Margaret Thatcher confrontation of 1981. The British government is morally committed to not “sell out” its loyal colonial outpost in Ulster unless a majority of the people there vote to opt out. Meanwhile, the IRA, its supporters and sympathizers seem equally determined to make Britain back down on prisoner status. Once the sun never set upon the British Empire, but now territory 20 miles away is too close for comfort. Yet neither the IRA nor the Dublin government has any valid legal claim to Northern Ireland. The American Indians have a better claim to American soil. A more complex and multi-layered relationship is that a 1978 survey found 50 percent of Northern Catholics in favor (largely for economic reasons) of remaining with Britain.

Caught in this squeeze play are the people of Northern Ireland, Catholic and Protestant. The Protestants know that their loyalty is not returned in like measure by the British citizens, 73 percent of whom do not favor retaining Northern Ireland and its problems. Once the sun never set upon the British Empire, but now territory 20 miles away is too close for comfort. Yet neither the IRA nor the Dublin government has any valid legal claim to Northern Ireland. The American Indians have a better claim to American soil. A more complex and multi-layered relationship is that a 1978 survey found 50 percent of Northern Catholics in favor (largely for economic reasons) of remaining with Britain.

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Gays sit on the blues

Editor: I can hear it already, “Who do these gay men and women think they are? Are they trying to tell me what to wear?” Yes, I can hear all that now, and it will be in response to the planned Gay Blue Jeans Day which is scheduled to take place at UF and in Gainesville this Friday.

I want to explain the meaning and purpose of Gay Blue Jeans Day now, before there will be all the mass confusion and raised tempers on the part of uninformed people who do not understand our purposes. First of all, Gay Blue Jeans Day is the day of Gay Awareness Week when all gay men and women and our friends wear their jeans to show support for gays. For those who are not gay, it gives them a chance to feel what it is like to be “different.” We, the men and women at the UF Lesbian and Gay Society, feel that this day is a day of pride for us and a day of awareness for our straight friends, teachers and fellow students.

Bruce McCoy
Co-director UFLAGS

Beyond bombs, bullets and Bobby Sands

they would dissolve the union with Britain and merge the province with the Irish Republic. Catholics under Unionist rule tended to end up with poorer jobs, poorer housing and political celibacy.

Is this what the current “troubles” started in 1968? A qualified yes. Sporadic IRA efforts to force a united Ireland had almost died out by the mid-1960s. Then Bernadette Devlin and other students at the Queen’s University in Belfast launched a series of “civil rights” marches to protest discrimination against Catholics. They drew inspiration from Berkeley and Munich. Butcher King but also a frenzied and violent reaction from Protestant extremists. Soon the near-extinct IRA was back in business.

What has been the result of the ensuing troubles? Political stalemate and 2,100 deaths. Thirty years of disruption and violence, including the emotional cripples such as the little girl in Armagh who witnessed the machine-gun-murder and screamed hysterically. In 1969 the Stormont government had to summon the British Army as the troubles escalated beyond their local constabulary’s control. This Belfast-based government was itself deposed in 1972 and replaced by direct rule from London. An attempt to form a power-sharing Protestant-Catholic coalition failed in 1974 when “loyal” Protestant workers went on strike.

Derrmot MacMurrough, 1170. The Ulster Plantation, 1610. Partition of Ireland, 1920. Bernadette Devlin, 1968. We come sight to the Bobby Sands-Margaret Thatcher confrontation of 1981. The British government is morally committed to not “sell out” its loyal colonial outpost in Ulster unless a majority of the people there vote to opt out. Meanwhile, the IRA, its supporters and sympathizers seem equally determined to make Britain back down on prisoner status. Once the sun never set upon the British Empire, but now territory 20 miles away is too close for comfort. Yet neither the IRA nor the Dublin government has any valid legal claim to Northern Ireland. The American Indians have a better claim to American soil. A more complex and multi-layered relationship is that a 1978 survey found 50 percent of Northern Catholics in favor (largely for economic reasons) of remaining with Britain.

During our stay in Northern Ireland, myself, my wife and three sons were routinely frisked and had “friendly” guns pointed at us by soldiers. An IRA roadblock, a Belfast bumbling and the report of a man shot in the back while walking his children to church, marred our experiences there. Yet it is a beautiful country. The people warmly welcome visitors. They just don’t get along with each other. But Americans should neither judge nor condemn Ireland’s situation without fulfilling two prerequisites. One, be informed of and appreciate the complexity of the Irish troubles. Secondly, take stock of America. An Ulsterman recently reminded me about Los Angeles’ 32 murders in one weekend and Miami’s death-a-day murder rate.

James Burns is an industrial systems engineer at UF.
Four UF students will be among the eight student reporters competing for the nation’s top college journalism prize in San Francisco Monday.

Gina Thomas, David Dahl, Robert McClure and David Putch represent the largest group of finalists from one school ever to qualify in the national write-off sponsored annually by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Students from the nation’s 80 accredited journalism schools are eligible to compete.

The four finalists and four other UF journalism students already have won the team championship with points accumulated in six monthly contests. UF journalism students have won the national team championship 19 times in 21 years of competition. Next closest competitor, Nebraska, has won it three times. UF has produced four national individual champions, the University of Texas two and no other school more than one.

Three write-offs, a taped interview with a national newsmaker, then a news and a feature story based on the interview. Judges this year are Michael Gartman, editor of the Des Moines (Iowa) Register-Tribune; William Woestendiek, executive editor of the Arizona (Tucson) Daily Star; and Robert Haiman, executive editor of the St. Petersburg (Florida) Times. They also judged the monthly competition, in which each school can submit two students entries. Finalists are selected from the monthly winners plus two others whose entries finish next highest.

Monthly entries had to be published in newspapers produced solely by students. All UF entries appeared in the Independent Florida Alligator the five-day-a-week off-campus publication by a non-profit corporation of UF students.

Jon Rosenbaum, chairman of UF’s Department of Journalism, said UF’s consistent domination of the Hearst competition is due to “a real good combination of a very strong student newspaper, a very good faculty and a good newspaper state.” Prof. Jean Chance is UF Hearst competition coordinator.

The other four UF journalism students who finished in the competition’s top 30 were: Sally Stewart, a senior from Sarasota; Diane Julin, a junior from Gainesville; Robert Block, a junior from Miami; and Jay Mallin, a junior from Coral Gables.

At stake in the competition is a top prize of a $2,000 scholarship. UF students already have won scholarships totaling more than $5,000 this year in monthly competitions, a total that is matched with scholarships for UF’s College of Journalism and Communication.


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Jerrie Blue

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$20,500 a year slot filled by fall — said the new assistant dean will have narrower responsibilities. He said he wants to eliminate academic advising tasks for the new assistant dean and have the person focus more on student life. He said the job description purposely was written in general terms to give the position "breath.

Caucus members volunteered to write a new draft for the job description. Goodale said he would consider the change.

Blue said last December she was "fragmented" because of her "encompassing" job responsibilities. Besides serving on five UF advisory committees, Blue is required to counsel students. She points to the 123 white students she counseled last quarter, compared to about 50 minority students, to illustrate her contention that she spent a disproportionate amount of time working with white students.

Goodale said all seven UF Student Services deans must deal with students — that’s just part of the job. But Goodale agrees with Blue that blacks and other minorities’ problems are “compounded.”

He said Blue’s post carries an “emotional intensity” that other jobs might not.

When she first accepted the job in late 1978, Blue said she hoped to create some meaningful change that would improve the status of minority students at UF.

Blue says she was effective in dealing with students, but the realization came in “bits and pieces” that she was not a genuine policy-maker.

Blue maintains that her main responsibility at UF is the recruitment and retention of minority students. However, she said, “the retention rate here is not a big problem with students. I’m concerned about the graduation rate. I’m also concerned about the number of students who are special admits.”

Some UF minority students are admitted through a special admissions program that downplays low SAT scores and grade point averages. Blue says UF administrators fill their minority quota through the use of special admissions, while failing to provide “support systems” afforded most white students, in such areas as entertainment and social functions.

“One of the easiest things in the world is to admit students,” Blue said. “I’m saying, balance it out.”

According to UF Program of Academic Counseling and Tutoring records, 23 percent of the 762 black students admitted to UF were special admissions in the summer of 1975 had increased almost three-fold since he arrived at UF in 1973.

Blue said she proposed to UF President Robert Marston last week a new academic monitoring system that could warn a student if he or she were heading for academic trouble. Marston told Blue there were “fairly good parts” to the proposal, but has not indicated if he supports its implementation or not.

There are no women in top UF administrative positions. Blue said, and as a result, there are no role models for women at UF.

Before coming to UF, Blue said she aspired to stay in a higher education institution, perhaps someday becoming president of a small college. But that desire faded in a single year. She will go home to think and plan the future of her career.

And after 18 years as a teacher, counselor and assistant dean, Blue wants to get out of higher education.

“I am an idealist. I’ve had some of those ideals shattered,” she said. “I don’t know where it’s going to take me.”

Blue asks herself if she wanted to be an administrator like the ones at UF and other state universities. “My answer to that was ‘hell no.’”

Blue is the third person to leave the minority affairs assistant dean post since it was created in 1973. Meek said the “high burnout” rate is not uncommon for people who hold Student Services posts. The average length a person stays in one job is about two or three years, she said.

“I don’t feel negative about my experience here. I’m somewhat disappointed,” Blue said. “I’ve seen the reality. I’ve grown in some ways.”

Sandeen said Blue is very good at dealing with students. Without her, “It’s not going to be an easy thing,” he said.

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Senate fills key committee posts

By Ian Johnson
Alligator Staff Writer

The Student Senate spent four hours choosing six people for key senate slots — half of which were on the Budget and Finance Committee, which recently has been granted increased powers.

One senator called the session "the most political meeting of the year."

UF students Andre Brooks, Clay Burton and Sue Cresson nominated student senator Kenneth Tefertiller, the vice president of the University veterinary school and James Will Schucht in their bid to fill third-vote spots. Then Blumenthal narrowed the field to two candidates. But senators argued that Dvornick should have had a list of top three vote-getters after the race that included Espeseth and Craig Folds. Then Blumenthal lost.

But senators argued that Dvornick should have selected the top three vote-getters after the race that included Rogers. Espeseth then would have lost. In the second vote, Blumenthal lost by two votes — the same margin by which Gillon lost.

Sen. Jim Fried called the two-vote margin for both losers "suspicious." Blumenthal and Gillon are affiliated with the Florida Student Party, which lost the recent election to the Students United Now party.

"Isn't it coincidental? They both lost by the same margin. It happens so often and they wonder why I'm paranoid," Fried said.

Senator president pro-temporum Michelle Sharp said the recent "swing away from fraternities and sororities" spelled the defeat of Blumenthal, a sorority member.

In other business, the senate approved bills which included:

- a $4,300 appropriation to pay telephone bills. This money is unrelated to recent illegal long-distance phone calls which cost almost $1,400;
- a $100 appropriation for the National Organization for Women to bring a national touring presentation on women in pop music.

The senate also announced openings for seats in veterinary medicine and Schucht and Maguire villages. Members who are interested can pick up applications in room 316 of the Reitz Union.

Vet dean search narrowed to two

By Tom Butler
Alligator Writer

The search for a new dean for UF's College of Veterinary Medicine has boiled a list of 28 names down to two candidates.

Acting Vice President for Health Affairs Kenneth Finger said the choice is now between John Tasker of the Louisiana State University veterinary school and James Will of the University of Wisconsin. Finger and Kenneth Teleffler, vice president for agricultural affairs, will recommend their choice to UF President Robert Marston.

"Those are the top recommendations," Finger said. "If they aren't satisfactory, we'll go right on down the list."

That list includes six more possible candidates from a total of 28 applicants, according to James Ticer, chairman of the search committee.

"We had a search that we conducted last year that resulted in interviewing five people," Ticer said. He said the search started with 20 persons.

When three of the five withdrew, the committee began searching for more candidates and compiled a new list of 28 applicants, some of them from the first list.

Ticer said the committee has been searching for a replacement for Charles Cornelius since February, 1980. Cornelius founded the UF College of Veterinary Medicine after his arrival from Kansas State University in 1971.

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Budget cuts threaten Sea Grant

By Catherine Peterson
Alligator Writer

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In North Carolina, a Sea Grant project to stop shoreline erosion has already saved the state $1 million in property damages and repair work.

In Minnesota, scientists working for Sea Grant developed an antibiotic treatment for pet turtle industry and expanded new investment in turtle eggs which helped prevent the death of more than $2 million. Total federal grants over the program's 13-year life amounted to $270 million.

"Sea Grant pays for itself," said Marion Clarke, coordinator of the UF marine advisory program.

Meyer, co-director of UFLAGS, at 7:30 p.m. in room B-70 of the Union.

"Florida School of Messages" meets this afternoon from 1 to 3 at the school, 1115 N. Main St. The topic for today's meeting will be Natural Dental Wellness.

Public Relations Student Society of America: meets tonight at 7 in room 1094 journalism building.

Presbyterian Student Center: will sponsor guest speaker Harry Barrow, Director of Admissions at the Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, at 8 p.m. at the center, 1402 W. University Ave.

"Contemporary Botswana Society": African Studies Students are sponsoring the lecture with guest speaker M.L.A. Kgasa tonight at 8 in room 472 Grinster Hall.

Insurance Society of UF: will sponsor a career night at 7 p.m. in the Arredondo Room of the Reitz Union.

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Just a cloud away from Heaven, forest rangers read the Bible and look down on birds from their towers

By Lisanne Renner
Alligator Staff Writer

It's not some low-rent student squall. It's a fire observation tower and the view is from 100 feet. That's higher than most birds fly and taller than most trees ever grow.

And climbing 135 steps to get there is enough to make an acrophobic's knees turn rubber, especially when a sign at the base of the steel skeleton warns, "VISITORS ASCEND AT OWN RISK!"

But for the towerpersons who look out from towers in Alachua, Putnam, Bradford and Union counties — the Florida Division of Forestry's District 8 — it's just part of getting to work. As long as you don't look down, you're OK.

Mounting 135 steps is nothing for 25-year-old forest ranger Marc Farner. Trim and tan, Farner sometimes even jogs up his tower at the end of a day to watch the sun set. "I've always had an affinity for heights," he said, surveying the view from his tower in Archer. "It's a free feeling just miles and miles of miles and miles."

It's a panorama of treetops and faraway water towers and it's better than a bird's-eye view. "It's quite a view when you're looking down on the birds," said LaCrosse towerperson Betty Bass.

That's neat, watching an eagle from above," said Farner, who is often visited by chirping sparrow hawks on his lofty win- dow sill.

And there's plenty of space for the birds to perch. All four walls of the tiny watchtower room are half window — the better to see fires with. And towerpersons keep more of an eye open for fires than for birds. That's their job for 40 hours a week. From their observation point they monitor a circular territory 12 miles in radius. On a clear day the view extends to a breathtaking 12 miles.

The location of any suspicious smoke signal is estimated with an alidade - an "upside down compass" — pointed in the fire's direction. The towerperson radios in the direction to headquarters in Gainesville.

That can set you on edge," she said. "A person goes squirrelly just sitting here reading, not reading," Farner said, adding with a petition at her church, beating the preacher's best reader of The Forest Ranger Handbook.

Gordon takes advantage of her time in the tower. She won a Bible-verse-reading competition at her church, beating the preacher's daughter by two verses. Most of the scriptures were read in the fire tower — a bit closer to the heavens than most of the congregation gets.

Bass and Gordon share the tower in Archer and are married to forest rangers who help fight the fires their wives report.

One thing that gets my adrenaline flowing is if I turn in a big fire and I know my husband is working it," said Gordon, who has kept a lookout for 12 years.

Bass once watched her husband battle a crowning, whirlwind fire from her lofty spot. "That can set you on edge," she said. "I enjoy it when we're in fire season. It keeps you busy when you're on the alert and you know you're protecting something." Gordon said, "But in the summertime it gets pretty boring."

Then there's lots of time to kill and a lot of restrictive forestry service rules to endure.

Because towerpersons aren't supposed to go for more than three minutes without scanning all four directions for fires, TV and engrossing books are out.

The only reading allowed is the Holy Bible and The Forest Ranger Handbook.

Despite the rules, Field and Stream and True Story magazines show their glossy covers in observation towers. So do Harle- quin Romances.

"A person goes squirrely just sitting here not reading," Farner said, adding with a grin that he can be described as an avid reader of The Forest Ranger Handbook.

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Gordon has also made the tower her "second home."

"I figure if I'm going to be up here until I retire I might as well make it comfortable," she said. "I decorate it sometimes for Christmas — a little Christmas tree there in the corner on the shelf, garland across the ceiling." Year-round there's a bright green carpet covering the floor and a stuffed swivel chair in one corner. "You have to do something to make it more like home instead of a place where you're completely bored," she said.

Bass' "little room" has wood walls she painted a cheerful sky blue, making the 7-foot-by-7-foot cubicle appear larger than it is. A chair with a patchwork pillow, a half-completed quilt folded on top of a sewing table and a jar of peanut butter make the primitive bedroom seem more like home.

A productive seamstress, Bass has lugged her sewing machine up the tower and made both her daughters' wedding dresses where no one could disturb her. She's also pieced quilts for almost everyone in her family and "I've made umpteen afghans up here," she said.

Like home, friends sometimes drop by to visit. Most just shout greetings from the ground. Farner sometimes brings man's best friend — his 9-month-old part dalmation Whimpy — into the tower for company.

Without a fire going on, something to do or someone to talk to, the tower's isolation can turn to loneliness. "You have to be a special type of person to be able to handle the tower," Bass said. "You have to be able to handle being alone seven hours a day."

Please with his peace, Farner said, "The solitude's fine."
By Jennifer Mielili
Alligator Writer

Engineering majors are bad risks, but agricultural majors are OK. People who sport "Arrive Stoned" bumper stickers on their cars or who read Rolling Stone probably wouldn't get the nod, either.

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By Brent Braunworth
Alligator Writer

Mary Ann Campbell vowed 10 years ago that she would set up a school for exceptional children. After a decade, 51-year-old Campbell is one step closer to her goal.

Campbell plans to open a non-profit summer camp in Melrose for retarded and disturbed children ages 5 to 11. The camp, which is scheduled to open June 22 and end July 31, would cost parents or an organization sponsoring a child $2,500 a summer session.

There are no children enrolled yet. "We're just sending information out now throughout Florida to special ed groups and private physicians," said Joy Rawls, who is helping Campbell with the project.

Campbell, who is starting the camp with her own money, said she has worked with special children for 15 years and Rawls has worked in the field for seven.

"We'll teach the children basic learning skills with developmental games, have arts and crafts, gardening and swimming," Rawls said.

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Confident UF golfers seek first SEC title in six years

By Chuck Mulling
Alligator Staff Writer

If a Hollywood film producer ever makes a movie about this year's UF golf team, he just might win an Oscar.

And while this season already has yielded many potential plots, the climax of the script would most likely be the events surrounding this weekend's Southeastern Conference Championship.

It's not so much that the Gators are considered a strong challenger to win the SEC tournament, which begins today in Augusta, Ga., for the first time since 1975.

Rather, it's the fact that UF has overcame so much adversity this year in arriving in the favorite's role this weekend.

After a bang-bang start last fall, which bagged the Gators a pair of tournament victories in November, UF fell into a slump at the start of the winter season. The low point came in an eighth-place-finish at the Gator Invitational in February, which prompted the firing of head coach John Darr by UF Athletic Director Bill Carr.

In the meantime, Carr himself added another character to the script when on Monday he named Oklahoma coach Lynn Blevins to succeed Darr beginning June 15.

But instead of giving up hope of salvaging a successful year, particularly with the status of having a lame-duck coach, the Gators have put together an impressive string of solid finishes in recent weeks.

UF started its comeback trail last month with a fourth-place effort at the All-American Intercollegiate in Houston, followed by a third-place showing in Statesboro, Ga., at the highly-regarded Chris Schenkel Invitational. Then came a second-place tally two weeks ago at the Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga.

"This team has pretty much made winning the SEC its goal," Darr said. "The point about these guys is that they feel good about what they can do."

Darr said that nothing less than a win this week would be indicative of the team's capabilities.

"If we get a couple of guys hot, we'll beat any team in the conference," Darr added. "If we play well, we'll win. It's that simple."

The quintet that Darr will be counting on this weekend to bring home the trophy are Tony Deluca, Larry Rentz, John Givens, Chip Hall and Steve Waggamon.

"We're not really thinking about finishing second or third," Givens said. "We're thinking about winning. I think that maybe not winning the past two tournaments makes us hungrier this week."

Deluca, who finished third individually at the SEC's last year, and the only Gator who has experience on the Westlake Country Club course, agrees with Givens' optimism.

"The thing that has to have the other teams worried is that the last two tournaments we've finished ahead of everybody else (in the conference) but I haven't played that well," said a confident Deluca.

"We've played with some good competition the last few times and this is our week." Deluca added. "We're gonna bring home the cheese."

Softball team in national tourney

By Arnold Summers
Alligator Writer

The wait has ended. After its disappointing third-place finish in the state tournament three weeks ago, the Lady Gator softball team hopes to redeem itself in the National Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament, beginning today in Raleigh, N.C.

"We were disappointed," said UF coach Linda Marker, reflecting on her team's losses to Florida State and South Florida in the state tournament. "We played well but lost two really close games."

Since only the top two teams from each of the three regions that participate in slow-pitch softball automatically receive bids to the national tourney, UF had to rely on an at-large bid that was also given to six other teams.

UF enters the three-day tournament seeded seventh, with a 32-11 record. FSU heads the 13-team tourney, having won both the state and Region III crowns. Fourth-seeded South Florida finished second both times.

The tournament marks the first time a national slow-pitch softball championship will be decided, and the thought of UF winning the initial one has Marker smiling.

"To win would put us indescribably in the record books for being the first one," Marker said. She also said she would like for the Florida schools to finish 1-2-3.

A UF upset is not a remote possibility. The Lady Gators lost six of their 10 games to FSU, but have fared better in head-to-head competition against the rest of the teams, including second-seeded East Carolina and third-seeded North Carolina.

"We've beaten all the good teams before," Marker said. "We are just going to have to clutch hit."

Since fast-pitch softball is played by the majority of the universities across the nation, the slow-pitch tourney will be overshadowed by next week's fast-pitch tournament.

UF begins play at 2:30 p.m. today against Northern Kentucky with the winner playing East Carolina at 7 p.m. The Lady Gators won two of three from Northern Kentucky this year.

Luckie signs contract with Chiefs

UF's Dock Luckie, a sixth-round draft choice of the Kansas City Chiefs, signed a contract and began practice Wednesday in the team's mini-camp.

Rapp wins Lady Gator award

UF swimmer Betsy Rapp, a freestyle specialist, was named Lady Gator Student-Athlete of the Year Tuesday night at the Lady Gator Sports Banquet held at the Turkey Creek Golf and Racquet Club.

Rapp is the fifth recipient of the award. Previous winners are Bonnie Broyles, Judy Arker, Jackie Gordon and Barbara Burrows.
When the SEC Outdoor Track championships open Friday night on Percy Beard Track, it will be a case of an odd-on favorite fending off five challengers to the throne.

So powerful are the Tennessee Volunteers, league indoor champions last March, that the outdoor title is barely a clean sweep, that the race already appears to be on for second place.

"Tennessee should win the meet largely on the strength of their great sprinters and hurdlers and overall balance," conceded UF coach John Randolph, who figures his squad to be in a dogfight with the Vol's.

The Volunteers, who have suffered only one defeat in team meet competition to powerful UCLA, have a balanced attack long on depth and nearly unbeatable in the smorgasbord of sprints.

They're led by U.S. Olympians Anthony Hancock and Willie Gault, two of the nation's best in the 400- and 100-meter events.

The Tennessee hurdle corps is equally impressive with Anthony Hancock in the 110-meter high hurdles and David Patrick in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles. Patrick also doubles as the Vol's best half-miler.

No relief is in sight in the relay events either, where coach Stan Huntsman's crew should clean up, as indicated by their three relay wins in the Penn Relays several weeks ago.

Assuming Tennessee will dominate, as it did in February's indoor league meet when it outsored second-place Auburn by 53 points, all five schools have a shot at second place, including the host Gators.

A big draw this year will be the Georgia Bulldogs' sprint duo of Mel Lattamy and freshman football phenom Herschel Walker.

Lattamy, another 1980 Olympian, is an All-American at both indoor and outdoor competition and holds the collegiate 100-meter record at 10.04 seconds. Walker, meanwhile, should show the amazing quickness that helped carry the Bulldogs to a national football championship.

Other Bulldog strengths are the hurdles and jumps, which feature five all-conference performers in five events.

With a sixth place finish nationally in 1980, Alabama, the defending league outdoor champion, figures to be a force to contend with. Hit hard by graduation after dominating SEC competition a year ago, the Crimson Tide lacks depth in many areas. All-American Calvin Smith and freshman Walter Monroe, regarded as the second-best prepster in the nation last year, lead a highly-ranked sprint pair.

Javelin thrower Barry Darling, who won the league title in 1980 with a toss of 244-4, is back to try to make it two straight. The Tide also have a formidable duo in the high jump with Rodgolph and Tom Wize.

Alabama's cross-state rival Auburn brings its tremendous distance performers, the class of the league, to town. Chris Fox, a 1980 All-American, is a long-distance threat, while Larry Brooks, Bob Hicks and John Tuttle are strong in the 800- and 1500-meter events. Pole vaulter David Speivey, a former Santa Fe Community College standout, is one of the nation's best.

This will be the Tide's second trip to Gainesville this season. They were defeated 99-78 by the Gators in mid-April.

The Bayou Bengals of Louisiana State, who defeated the Gators earlier this season in indoor competition, graduated only seven seniors from a squad that finished 13th nationally last season.

Coach Bill McClaire's team includes six All-Americans, and features defending 110-meter hurdle champ Orlando McDaniel.

LSU should garner a lot of points in the field events, especially the shotput, where 6-4, 292-pound Joe Maejeceyck resides.

The youthful Mississippi State Bulldogs are considered dark horses. Laden with foreign talent such as Kenyan half-miler Joseph Gwaro, the Bulldogs have only three seniors and little depth.

For the Gators, this meet presents an opportunity to test its youthful bunch in a big meet, as well as a chance to improve on its last-year's eighth-place NCAA showing.

"We'll have to do well in the big events with our top guys," said Randolph. "Our sprint corps is going in to help us out, and our young jumpers will have to have a good meet."

UF's defending SEC titlists are pole vaulter Mark Bradley, discus thrower Eric Joseph, and hurdler Kenneth Gray. A 1978 league titlist, Stanley Holmes, will try to reign the title he won before transferring from Tennessee.

Other key Gators, Randolph said, are sprinter Floyd Brown, discus and shotput thrower Neil Serafenas and freshman distance runner Keith Brantly.

"I think we have a good shot to move up in the rankings," Randolph said. "We have been building toward a peak season and hope our best performance comes out this weekend."

Aside from the decathlon, which starts this afternoon with no Gators participating, the bulk of the action begins Friday with the field and running trials and continues Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

Admission is $1 for children and $2 for adults.