Proposal would revamp universities

By SUSAN PUNTIC
Alligator Writer

A bill that would merge UF with the University of North Florida (UNF) in Jacksonville, diminish the power of university presidents and eliminate the Board of Regents was filed for the 1984 legislative session.

If passed, the bill also would mandate an increase in the math and English requirements for all university students.

Already the target of mixed reviews by educators and legislators, the bill would:
- combine seven of nine state universities, UF with UNF, University of West Florida(UNF) with both Florida State University(FSU) and Florida A & M University(FAMU), and Florida International University (FIU) with Florida Atlantic University (FAU);
- establish a Board of Trustees for each of the newly combined universities, which would drain decision-making power from the university presidents;
- eliminate the Board of Regents, a 13-member board that runs the state's nine public universities;
- make the Gordon rule which dictates that university students take 6 semesters of math and 12 of English, a statutory law - leaving no room for exceptions;
- raise the 12-hour a week minimum teaching requirement for university professors to 15 hours. UF recently was cited by the state auditor general for violating the 12-hour rule.

United Press International reported Wednesday that legislation combining seven of the state universities was filed by Rep. T.K. Wetherell, D-Allandale-a town 10 miles south of Daytona Beach. Wetherell could not be reached for comment late Wednesday night.

Rep. Walt Young, the Florida House Higher Education Committee Chairman, said the proposed legislation aims to smooth the working of the State University System. The Regents have in the past often come under fire for being parochial. There have been several moves to diminish their power and further abdicate them.

The idea of merging state universities also is not new.

Rep. Sid Martin, D-Hawthorne, said, "Most of the legislators were for it three or four years ago, but it's not going to pass. It should have been passed then, but I'm not going to vote for it now."

Young called the bill "politically unpopular."

"Parts of it will pass, but other parts of it will wait a hundred years," Young said.

Rep. T.K. Wetherell, D-Allandale, said he had neither opposed nor supported the legislation. "We're interested in it, but it is not the best for the university," he said, adding many questions on the bill have yet to be answered.

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Residency rule doesn't sit well with state's education officials

By BILL McGRATH
Alligator Staff Writer

SARASOTA - A new state law that toughens Florida's residency requirements for university students to receive in-state tuition discounts may harm the state's universities and economy, top education officials said here Wednesday.

To study the effects and constitutionality of the new law passed last spring by the Florida Legislature, the state Board of Regents decided to appoint a task force.

The Regents decided to postpone ratifying the law so as to give them more time to determine how it will affect the state and the state's universities, and Regent Frank Graham, the newly appointed student member of the 13-member committee that oversees Florida's public universities.

The law, approved by Gov. Bob Graham July 12, prohibits out-of-state students from applying the time they spend in state universities toward the one-year residency requirement.

Florida law requires students to live in the state for at least one year before they can be eligible for in-state tuition discounts. In the past, students could attend a state university for one year and then receive the discount.

The result is that out-of-state students will have to pay the higher tuition for as long as they attend Florida universities.

"It is a situation the Regents said they fear, will hurt business away from the state and is contrary to the state's attempts to lure top scholars to the state," Regent Graham said of many of the state's National Merit Scholars come from out of Florida and the higher tuition would turn them away.

"In the past," Graham said, "Florida has been able to attract business because it has had a commitment to higher education.

"But business may not come and some may close up shop because Florida may not be able to provide the talent the high tech businesses require, Graham argued.

"I think we may be losing ourselves into a corner with this rule," Graham said.

Regent Robert Gilbert said the residency rule contributes to the state's efforts to get into the top 25 percent of state university systems because it will run the state's affirmative action efforts. Gilbert said job discrimination minorities is part of the movement to reach the upper quartile.

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Convicts confined home to ease jail overcrowding

By CORY JO LANCASTER
Alligator Staff Writer

Drug users, car thieves and robbers could be serving time at home instead of prison because of a new program to lower Florida's skyrocketing prison population.

Criminals would be placed into the Community Control Program beginning Oct. 1. These people will be supervised by control officers that will make sure they do not leave their house except to go to work or school.

They will be required to work, so that they can pay the state $20 a month has not been a burden on the program. They also will be forced to repay their victims for any losses.

State legislators established the program last spring along with a plan for shorter prison terms and a gain-time provision that enables convicted criminals to cut their prison sentence in half.

These reforms were approved by legislators to stop the state's growing prison population, which jumped from 14,000 prisoners in 1975 to more than 28,000 now.

Each prisoner costs state taxpayers more than $25 a day.

People placed in this new program, or "control," will cost taxpayers $1 a day.

Initially, only 40 people will be allowed into the program, because state law limits the amount of people to 20 to control for every control officer.

But control officer Paula Thomas said she thought the program would expand quickly because "it is so much cheaper than setting someone to prison."

This program will be used throughout Florida, starting with 12-month. Other counties, like Duval, have looked into buying electronic devices that would attach to the control officer's leg and track him everywhere he goes.

Control officers here doubt they will use the electronic devices because they cost more than $100 a month, said Florida Martin, local circuit administrator for the Department of Corrections.

According to Florida law, anyone convicted of a crime, except murder and some rape cases, can be put in the program. But Parole and Probation Commission officials predict the majority of convicts will be under 25 years old and convicted of a non-violent property crime.

County Judge Nathaniel Smith said judges would be very hesitant to put violent criminals back on the streets.

"I think judges will be very cautious about who they place in the programs until they are assured that the program will work," he said.

Each community control officer must check on each of his 20 control officers at least once every month, including weekends. They also will check with the control officer, or send a police officer to check late at night to make sure the person does not leave their house.

These criminals are forbidden to go bars or participate in any outside activities unless they get permission from their control officer.

If the control violate any of the program's rules, he will be taken before the judge and punished, or even sent to prison.

Each control officer also have to do at least 140 hours of community service, such as working for a non-profit organization, county park or public school.

Senators show up, then skip out

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But UF Academic Affairs Vice President Bob Bryan said Wednesday the bill would raise more than a few questions.

"The bill seems destined to promote antagonism among the universities. I cannot believe that it would not generate tremendous opposition, and I don't think it's going to get very far," said Bryan, who was attending a Board of Regents meeting in Sarasota Wednesday.

Calling the proposed law an omnibus bill that attempts to do too much, Bryan estimated the length of the bill to be about 60 pages long.

In reference to the merger with UNF, UF spokesman Hugh Cunningham said, "The University of Florida has not ever sought this legislation and has never taken opposition on it."

Regent Terrrell Sessums said, "I wouldn't dismiss the idea out of hand, but I think it needs to be re-examined in terms of its geographic and political ramifications.

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Alligator staff writer Bill McLean contributed to this report.

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Florida A & M University is about 80 percent black. Enrollment figures for 1982 show that 4.5 percent of its first-year students came from out of state. The higher tuition of the new rule could reduce drastically the number of minority applicants at the university, Gibson said.

State Education Commissioner: Ralph Tedford said another impact on the university system would be felt in South Florida. Florida International University, located in Miami, caters to many resident aliens, such as Haitians and Cuban refugees. And they may be discouraged from attending.

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**By TOM BUTLER**
Aligator Staff Writer

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New senators did see some action during the two-hour first meeting, the number had dwindled below the 41-member quorum mark, finishing the last meeting for the senators, upon advice of the nine-member Student Senate, before the senators realized they had lost a quorum. The current 64-member Senate cannot vote or take legislative action unless they have a quorum of 41 senators and a quorum mark, finishing the last meeting for the 64-member Senate.

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NAACP blasts desegregation plan

TALLAHASSEE — The NAACP Legal Defense Fund is urging the U.S. Department of Education to once again reject Florida's plan to "fully desegregate" its colleges and universities.

There are still "major deficiencies" in the proposal despite the hundreds of pages of supplemental material submitted by Education Commissioner Ralph Turnbull and Charlie Barbee, according to the federal government's rejection of the plan this summer, the defense fund has charged.

Defense fund lawyers James Turner and Elliott Lichtman contend, specifically, that Turnbull and Barbee have failed to specify 1984 and 1985 higher education enrollment goals by race or allocate funds "crustal" for bringing traditionally black Florida A&M University in Tallahassee up to par with the right largely

EASTERN PAY SLASH

MIAMI — Eastern Airlines, apparently struggling for sur-

vival, confirmed Wednesday it was asking its employees to

accept a 15 percent across-the-board pay cut Nov. 1 and possibly another 5 percent by the first of the year.

HEROES RISK ALLIGATORS IN RESCUE

DAVIE — Two men dove into a 40-foot-deep canal filled with alligators to try to rescue two young women whose pickup truck slid down a boat ramp and sank to the bottom of the canal Wednesday.

Danielle June Finchel, 19, of Miami Beach, the driver of the truck, escaped with the help of the men and survived. Her companion, Janet Cakora, 20, of North Miami Beach, drowned.

TWO MORE WOMEN TO FLY SHUTTLE

The United States will put the first two mothers into orbit next year aboard the space shuttle Discovery, the space agen-
ty announced Wednesday.

The women, Rhia Siddon and Anna Faier, were among 16 astronauts named to fly the shuttle on missions next June and August.

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GNP HEALTHY

WASHINGTON — The nation's Gross National Product is surging at a strong 7 percent rate in the current quarter, on top of its 9.3 percent April to June burst of speed, the govern-
ment projected Wednesday.

GAINS STRIKE ON LOS ANGELES — Threat of a teachers strike in the na-
tion's second largest school district loomed largeger Wednesday, with union officials reporting that school board's latest wage offer, Contract negotiations broke off Tuesday night after the teachers turned down the board's offer of a one-time, 1 percent increase on top of the 7.8 percent salary hikes that was earlier implemented.

NAACP still to visit Philippines

President Reagan said Wednesday that he has no plans to cancel his November trip to the Philippines, although sides aid's activities will be scaled back for security reasons.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos told The Washington Post in an interview published Wednesday that cancellation of Reagan's visit would be an "unthinkable" snub.

COURT ORDERS TREATMENT

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — The Tennessee Court of Appeals Wednesday ordered the dying daughter of a minister to undergo cancer treatment despite her religious beliefs. The decision was immediately appealed to the state supreme court.

Doctors say 12-year-old Pamela Hamilton will die without chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Her parents believe only God can heal their daughter.

KILLER BOYFRIEND GETS 6 YEARS

MONTA MONICA, CALIF. — The opened boyfriend of actress Dominique Dunne was convicted Wednesday of a misdemeanor assault and charge of voluntary manslaughter and another of assault for strangling the young woman during a lovers' quarrel. John Sweeney, 27, faces a maximum six years in prison for the manslaughter conviction and six months for the misdemeanor assault charge.

News talks

PEKING — The United States and China are close to an

accord in nuclear cooperation but final agreement is not ex-
pected to be reached at negotiations now in Peking, sources said Wednesday. The two sides ended a second day of talks and one said they were discussing an agreement to permit U.S. companies to sell nuclear technology to China for the first time.

ROBES STORM MARCO'S PALACE

MANILA, PHILIPPINES — Red light district police opened fire Wednesday on thousands of protesters who linked hands, Molotov cocktails and homemade bombs in an attempt to storm the presidential palace. It was Manila's bloodiest street confrontation in nearly two years. At least eight people were killed and 105 injured, authorities said.

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Palatka baby heads to Pittsburgh for transplant testing

By MICHELLE FOWLER
Alligator Staff Writer

Jeremy Fields’ sister, 8-year-old Jennifer, grabbed a small, white, furry unicorn and sobbed loudly. Her mother, Sheila, cried as she hugged and kissed her sister in-law, her mother-in-law, a niece and then Jennifer goodbye.

"It's going to be all right, I'll call you tonight," Sheila reassured her daughter, who continued to cry as she grabbed her mother tightly around the neck.

Sheila boarded the jet Wednesday at Sun-

ny South airport in northeast Gainesville.

She was accompanying her 1-month-old

son, Jeremy, to a Pittsburgh hospital, where he will undergo tests for a possible liver and in-

testinal transplant.

Jeremy, who is from Palatka, may be the se-

ccond child to be named a person to have a new liver and highly risky intestinal operation. Another person died after undergoing the operation, said Don Fisher, a physician with Care

Flight, which provided life support equip-

ment on the jet taking Jeremy to Pittsburgh.

"If he survives the operation, he will be the first successful operation of this kind," Fisher said.

Jeremy was born with a large portion of his intestines outside his body. Surgeons placed the intestines back into his body but the body rejected them, Fisher said. Jeremy has only about six inches of intestines and his body needs 20 feet to live, Fisher explained.

"Jeremy has a zero to 5 percent chance of surviving the operation," Fisher said. The in-

fant has been hospitalized at Shands Teach-

ing Hospital since being born with the condition known as short bowel syndrome and a defective abdominal wall.

For about two weeks, he will be observed

at the University of Pittsburgh Children’s

Hospital to determine if his body can handle the operation. He also will need a heart

transplant because without proper intestines, his liver is being destroyed, Fisher said.

After learning that Jeremy’s parents, Richard and Sheila, could not afford transportation to the hospital, Gov. Bob Graham offered his Lear jet last week.

Scheduled to leave Monday, Jeremy’s had his trip postponed because he had a fever; however, nursing supervisor Michelle Davis said.

Because of the baby’s illness, state officials allowed Jeremy to leave the jet because the jet could not adequately hold the life support systems, said Steve Hull, Graham’s press secretary. The

results of legal proceedings.

A motion to have the police report on the accident was denied by Circuit Judge John Crews, so Parlapiano took the case to the First District Court of Appeals.

"There I was, the briefs trembling in my hands," he recalled. "And we won the god-darn thing. I walked out of that place holding my head with both hands. That's when the full potential of the law really hit home to me."

One year later, Parlapiano decided to change careers, he said.

"I enjoyed being a public defender. It's a popular role because it in-

volves defending "the ones who have the least," Parlapiano prefers not to remember disappointments.

"We got out of the courtroom. I thought about rectifying all the social injustices in the world, I thought I could help people without getting them right from the crime scene. So I thought, 'I prefer to not go into 정치men. Things will all get better because they must. The lifetime for me was the people whose problems could be solved. The greatest satisfaction for me is selfish perhaps. It's those individual victories."

He recalled a case of a man he defended who was facing prison after conviction on several drug charges.

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Jack Fine and Thomas Farkash, both former assistant public

defenders. He also will continue to teach law at UF.

In an interview in his office after he returned from Tallahassee, Parlapiano reflected on his years as assistant public defender, his decision to resign and his future.

As a law student in 1969, Parlapiano’s first client was a man accused of killing a person while the client was drunk driving.

At the time, police were allowed to investigate accidents confidently, without fear of lawyers asking

"When I got out of law school, you were asleep," said Sarah Poss, student
ticket director. That's almost half of the available 72,000 seats in the stadium.

Comedian Bob Hope will emcee the pep rally, which will be performed in the round Oct. 21. The show will feature student skits, fireworks and a laser show. The Beach Boys tentatively are named as the musical entertainment, but Lambort still has not received a signed contract.

Coupons for the show can be redeemed for reserved East Stand tickets Sept. 28 and 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

So far there have been no reports of scalping or forged tickets, UF police Lt. Gene Watson said.
Killing freedom

Several state legislators, trying to protect Florida's university students from turning communist, are themselves exhibiting the traits of a totalitarian form of government. They have, we regret to say, joined the ranks of the anti-Cuba faction that has been demanding a show of strength from the state legislature. In many cases, they are merely attempting to make blantant political gains by supporting such a bill. Most constituents in predominantly Cuban areas of Miami obviously will support an anti-Cuba bill because of their abiding, and anti-Castro's Cuba. The concerns of a vocal minority, however, should not scare us into making a decision that would be detrimental to the University of Florida's academic reputation. It is our opinion that any attempt to legislate against Cuba will have to come from state legislators. If UF's academic reputation is not to be guaranteed free from petty politics, the legislators will have to come from Cuba. The country is the mess it is made out to be under Fidel Castro, and then should become again under Fidel Castro. But even if working with communist Cubans would not produce such a picture of Cuba, it should be encouraged nonetheless. A prestigious university must not remain in the forefront of research if its source material is cut off. The Latin American Studies Center, which is one of the top centers in the country, would be put at a severe disadvantage if it were not allowed to study with Cubans. The opposition to the bill has no current plants for a formal exchange program with Cuba. This is too bad, and, administrators argue otherwise, it is probably due in part to pressure that the legislation put on UF when three Cuban scholars visited the campus earlier this year.

A formal exchange program actually would be in UF's best interest because it would give UF something other universities are discouraged from doing. It is in the best interest of the federal government's traditional anti-Castro tirades. But more important than the benefit UF or this country could derive from studying with Cubans is, of course, what happens to those participating in the program. There is, possibly unwritten, but a clear one, a rule that academics should be free of politics.

This policy is called academic freedom and was formed over the years as the tried and true method of fostering higher learning. To impose restrictions on a university based on a relatively new political conflict would be more destructive and a more sure-fire way of destroying UF's reputation than any funding cutbacks that legislators could impose.

Realistically, administrators must play the political game of appeasing biased legislators, yet understand they can't buckle to their written or implied restrictions. But if UF and Florida's other eight universities are to be guaranteed free from petty politics, the legislature must come to a compromise with state legislators. Already local Reps. Jon Mills and Sid Martin have come out in opposition to the proposed bill bringing better education to the state. USF's Kirkpatrick, D-Gainesville, also should guarantee UF's academic reputation by opposing the plan.

And to prevent the possibility of another such threat from occurring, legislators should pass a bill guaranteeing that they will not interfere with the autonomy of the state universities. Illinois legislators do hold the purse strings, they must not be able to dictate curriculum.

If these legislators, anyways, communists;

Degree of black progress debatable

By JOEL W. CHAMBERS

From within the veil

What about the claim that more black people are middle class than ever before? Let's examine this claim.

In 1970, the average income of black families was 56 percent of that of whites. Black families had only 56 cents to every dollar white families had. That figure did not change very much. Between 1964 and 1969, the average income of black families rose to 63 percent of white family income. Then came affirmative action and the "great strides" notion took effect. Since 1970 the income gap has widened steadily, and the recent census tabulations show the black family's average income has fallen back to 50 percent of white family income- worse than in 1969 and apparently the same as in 1930! In 1970, 47 percent of white families were middle class, as compared to 24 percent of black families. Then came affirmative action preferential treatment and the great flood of non-middle-class black people right! What happened? As of 1976, 50 percent of white families were middle class and black middle-class families remained at 24 percent. No movement.

According to National Urban League figures (1982), from 1970 to 1980 (during the "great strides") era after inflation, white family real income rose $1,304. Black family real income fell 128. Some individuals argue that reason black people have not been privileged is that most of the momentum in education and the actual pay-offs for black people in relation to white people. The occupational situation, which had seemed to be improving during the 1960s, actually (contrary to popular belief) worsened during the years of "great strides."

This very same progress curve can be duplicated in other areas of the black condition. However, the mentioned areas seem to be the most frequently identified as those receiving the greatest progress for black people. It should be understood that my feelings are not an attack on affirmative action but an individual who deserves to improve the condition of any or all Americans-black, white, brown, yellow, female, male, or anyone else. It is simply to discuss my perceptions of a popular myth concerning the progress of black people in American society in hopes that we assume that we are more interested in the conditions to the black people, we analyze the situation and our feelings a little better.

As I stated earlier, I have no earth-shaking panacea for curing the ills of this society as it relates to the black condition. However, I do agree with many individuals that black Americans need to become intimately involved in the decision-making processes of this nation on all levels. Black people should not only seek decision-making positions, but influence and hold accountable those currently in those positions. Further, it is important to become an aggregate voter in the selection of decision makers. 

I am not at this time, and it has been, quite apparent that the condition of one society's segments affects the condition of the total society. In other words, what happens in the black condition affects all Americans. Subsequently this collective concern requires the assistance of everyone, if "progress." In the future, we will be asked for everyone's atten.
New city budget approved

By GREG LAMM
Aligator Writer

Gainesville city commissioners gave their final approval Wednesday evening to a $27.6 million 1983-84 budget, which includes a 4 percent increase in property taxes.

In a separate vote, city officials also OK'd a 10 percent hike in utilities rates.

Money from this increase, about $1.5 million, will be transferred to the city budget to help offset last year's deficit of about $2 million.

City commissioners also had to dip into the reserve account for $600,000 to balance the budget, which covers the fiscal year from Oct. 1, 1983, to Sept. 30, 1984.

This leaves the surplus account, which is less than $200,000, at the lowest level in modern Gainesville history, said acting city budget director Glen Gabriel.

City Manager George Morgan called the new budget, which is $1.4 million more than last year's, manageable but "barely adequate."

"It's going to call for substitutions, modifications and compromises in city services," Morgan said.

The city spending package calls for increases in 11 of the 17 departments and asks residents to pay more property taxes and more for utilities.

"The increase in various departments will probably be just enough to handle operating expenses," Gabriel said.

Gainesville homeowners will pay 4 percent more in property taxes next year. Commissioners raised the millage rate from 5.5 mills to 5.7 mills. This means a tax of $5.70 will be assessed on every $1,000 worth of property.

In addition, Gainesville Regional Utilities customers can expect a 10 percent increase in their electric bill and a 6 percent increase in water charges.

This is an increase of $5 in monthly fuel adjustments and 30 cents more a month in water fees.

Commissioner Gary Gordon was the only one to vote against the utilities rate hike.

"I haven't been presented with facts that would convince me that this increase is necessary," he said.

City, county talks hit stalemate

Gainesville city and Alachua County commissioners met Wednesday to discuss land annexation, but the only thing they could agree on, and then not unanimously, was to meet again in two weeks in a forum some said would be a three-ring circus.

Most of the discussion focused on the city's request to put a moratorium on residential construction in an area where airport noise is considered excessive for residential zoning.

The parcels border 39th Avenue on the south, 53rd Avenue on the north and Waldo Road and U.S. Highway 441 on the east.

Mayor-Commissioner W. E. "Mac" McEachern said a moratorium would be a protection for the city against possible lawsuits for noise damage.

County and city planning staffs gave presentations on annexation. The county opinion is to keep current zoning which is mostly industrial and some agricultural.

But the city staff recommended agriculture, public service, commercial and conservation zoning across the proposed annexation sites.

Commissioners, who said that Wednesday's meeting was the first they heard from their staff, finally decided they needed more time to discuss the zoning.

So in a move called "bizarre" by County Commission Chairman John Schroepfer, officials voted 8-2 to meet in two weeks as three separate bodies—the city commission, the county commission and the corporate limits council—all at the same time.
Seagle Building facelift shaping up

By CLAY CAMPBELL
Alligator Writer

Gainesville residents planning to buy the only penthouse in the tallest building in Gainesville may want to decide on another dwelling.

Realtors are working on a long-term lease for a prospective tenant for the $220,000 penthouse apartment in Gainesville's historic Seagle Building, said Ruth Slobody of Trend Realty, marketing coordinators for the building. Slobody said she could not release the buyer's name until the contract is signed.

The penthouse, perched on the 11th floor of the Seagle Building, offers more than a bird's-eye view of downtown Gainesville. Other assets include a Jacuzzi, stained-glass windows, wooden floors, ceramic tile, carpeting and a raised platform in the bedroom.

There also is commercial space for rent in the building.

Trend realtor Betsy Whitaker said the realty firm is negotiating contracts with a few restaurants, a health spa, a travel agency, attorney firms and a retail computer company.

The penthouse is not the only apartment available in the Seagle Building. There are 16 other condominiums, with prices ranging from $56,000 to $86,000, Slobody said.

All this is quite a change for the 47-year-old building. Just a year ago, the Seagle Building had fallen into such a state of disrepair that authorities condemned it. Officials said the structure in the Ohio development firm of Scribner and Wellington for $1,000 so the city would receive tax revenue once the building was renovated.

Scribner and Wellington then hired the construction firm of Arnold and Wright for the renovation, setting completion date for Nov. 1, 1983.

The building is on schedule, said Dick Newsome, who heads the project for Arnold and Wright. Newsome said the architects did an "exceptional job."

Fred Vyverberg, architect for Dumpe, Palluzzi, Vyverberg and Taylor Architects Inc., attributed the speedy renovation to a lack of major problems. He added that Gainesville's rainy weather hasn't been a hindrance since most of the renovation work is on the inside of the building.

Although neither Vyverberg or Newsome would talk about the actual cost of the renovation, both said the construction work is "on budget."

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FIT and FRIDAY: Student Health Services is sponsoring free wardro dance and modern dance classes. Modern dance classes are held Friday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in room 1450 of the O'Connell Center. Modern dance classes begin 10/20/83 in the O'Connell Center basket area. No registration is necessary.

Four Thoughts: Michael Glenn holds a PLEASANT free movie night at 7:30 in room 329B of the Union. Glenn will wear dressing clothing and bring a blanket or towel.

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what's happening

Alpha Kappa Psi: Nields meet tonight at 7 p.m. and brothers at 9 p.m. in the Sunco Union.
CAMPUS: The Bible Cord Fellowship meets Thursday night at 7:30 in room 146 of the Union. The film, John Wesley, will be shown.

Giddies-up with the UF Equestrian Club in room 109 of McCarty Hall tonight at 7. Members will discuss the Homecoming parade,barbecue and games.

Ultimate Technology: Interested persons are invited to join the UF Women's Ultimate Frisbee team at practices every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 p.m. on Home Field.

Hispanic showcase: The Hispanic Engineering Honor society meets tonight at 7 in room 329B of UF Hall. UF Women's Ultimate Frisbee team will attend the meeting for the election of new officers.

UF Theta Kappa: An important organizational meeting will be held tonight in room 341 of the Union. Membership applications will be accepted, and discussion of officers will follow.

A link in the green: Students are invited to attend the UF soccer open house tonight at 7:30 in room 307 of the Union. Approvals are free for the public.

UPLIFT speakers series: The first meeting of the year will begin on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the conference room of McCarty Hall. Flowing it will take place.

UF Athletics: A general meeting will be held tonight at 8 in room 150 of the Union.

BUFFalo rear: serving on the committee also are invited to attend the Student Government general meeting tonight at 7:30 in room 347 of the O'Connell Center.

Kwan Karate Club will compete in the tournament at 8 in room 325 of the Union.

Augustine Catholic Church, Women for all numbers and brothers at McCarty Hall will be leaving the police station at 10 a.m. in room 150 of the Union.

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UF hosts architects' conference

By ALTORIA BELL
Alligator Writer

Preservation is the word. More than 70 architects and educators from 15 countries today will continue discussing architectural preservation during a three-day conference at the Reitz Union.

"We are trying to coordinate our work in teaching restoration of buildings," said Mark Jaroszewicz, UF College of Architecture dean.

Jaroszewicz said UF was chosen to host the conference because it runs two institutes of architectural preservation. One of the two institutes is the nation's oldest — located on Nantucket, an island outside of Massachusetts. Puerto Rico is the site of the other.

The institutes operate during the summer and accept only 15 students from all over the country.

"They instill in students how to measure existing buildings and how to reconstruct them," Jaroszewicz said.

The conference is sponsored by the Organization of American States, the Caribbean Plan for Monuments and Sites and the UF College of Architecture.

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A boardwalk, bench at Devil's Millhopper offers Santa Fe Community College student Paul Marmaro a tranquil setting to practice his clarinet.

Go to the Devil

Devil's Millhopper is a sinking experience

This is the first in a series of places to go and things to do — that is, when you’re not studying diligently. Stories will appear every Thursday.

By WADE KIMBELL
Alligator Writer

There’s a hidden treasure to be discovered in northwest Gainesville. But this is no pirate’s chest, it’s a sinkhole.

It’s called the Devil’s Millhopper, and it’s the largest natural sinkhole in Florida. Unlike the barren sinkholes that swallowed cars and houses in the summer of 1981, the Millhopper is a natural formation, alive with grovyness and animals.

Here, in the moist soil surrounding the sinkhole, grows a lush variety of water plant life. Lichen-covered mangroves, sweetgums, dogwoods and other hardwoods form a stark contrast to the surrounding pine forest.

Usually, a sinkhole’s vegetation is the same as the surrounding area, park ranger Les Munden said.

Traveler’s guide

Location: Devil’s Millhopper State Geological Site is 21 miles northwest of Gainesville on State Road 232. To get there from campus, take Northwest 12th Street or Northwest University Avenue to the first stoplight. Take a right on Northwest 43rd Street — also known as State Rd 592 and Millhopper Road — and turn right. Follow Northwest 43rd Avenue, which will curve slightly to the left. After the curve, the road becomes State Road 232. The Millhopper is about a mile past the curve on the left.

Admission free

Hours: 9 a.m. to dusk, daily. Guided walks given on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

Parking free and ample parking on the premises.

Naturalist Lex Munden describes the Devil's Millhopper, a natural sinkhole near Gainesville, Fla. The sinkhole is surrounded by a lush variety of water plant life, including lichen-covered mangroves, sweetgums, dogwoods and other hardwoods.

A sinkhole is a natural cavity beneath the surface of the earth that forms when a large body of groundwater collapses. Devil's Millhopper is one of the largest sinkholes in Florida, with a diameter of approximately 200 feet and a depth of around 100 feet. The sinkhole was formed due to the collapse of an underground cave system.

The Devil's Millhopper is a popular attraction for visitors, offering a unique and fascinating look into the natural processes that shape the earth. It is accessible to the public, with guided walks available on Saturdays and a network of trails for exploration.

The Devil's Millhopper is an excellent place for nature lovers, geologists, and anyone interested in understanding the natural processes that shape our planet. It is a reminder of the power and beauty of the natural world and an opportunity to connect with the earth.

No question is too outrageous for librarians

BY BARBARA NEWLAND
Alligator Writer

"Who invented the flush toilet? What do you feed a pet box constrictor? How much electricity does an electric clock use?"

These may seem like off-the-wall questions, but believe it or not, there are people in Gainesville who can answer them. In fact, they answer an assortment of bizarre questions as part of a regular day’s work.

They are the reference librarians — librarians of the serious student who has a term paper due in two days and hasn’t read a book since the last one. Students could avoid some of the problems by doing their own research, faculty said, but Debby Simone, supervisor of reference services at Santa Fe Regional Library.

Not long ago, a UF engineering student asked Simone to help him locate in- formation for a project. When Simone asked him if he had tried the engineering library, he looked at her with a blank stare and asked, "What engineering library?"

"We do have students that come in and just want to do the whole thing for them, but they are the exception, not the rule," Library West reference librarian Fleming Montgomery said.

And many students expect reference librarians to know it all, Simone said. "It's a very stressful job, because you are expected to know so much," Montgomery said. "The information explosion is incredible. I enjoy it a certain degree, but it is not an easy job."

The librarians must be able to find answers to questions about almost everything you can think of. One minute they have to fact out the mating habits of marshmellows, and the next they’ll have to answer a question about the plug you got in 1974, Simone said.

Simone also said she hears the same questions again and again. "At Christmas time we get all types of Christmas questions like how did the Christmas tree custom get started?"

Some questions are repeated so often that the staff at Santa Fe Regional Library keeps the answers on their desks.

They include the names of political representatives, toll-free phone numbers for various hot lines, and figures for the current Consumer Price Index, Simone said.

But not all of the questions are predictable. The word Malachand, chairman of reference and bibliography at Library West, said the weird questions make his job interesting. He said he learns new things while helping others.

"Everyday is a brand new day, and the questions are brand new," he said. "I never get bored."

The library is part of Library West, the largest reference facility in Florida, with 156,000 inquiries this year. Simone said librarians at Santa Fe Regional Library will field about 50,000 questions in 1983.

And, don't be shy, say the librarians. "I try to encourage people that no question is a stupid question," Simone said. "Curiosity of any type is worth answering."
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Australia II wins to slice Liberty's lead down to 3-2

**NEWPORT, R.I. — Australia II stayed alive Wednesday in the battle for the America's Cup, winning her second race in the best-of-seven finals over U.S. defender Liberty, crippled with a damaged mast.**

Australia II crossed the finish line 1:47 ahead.

It was the first time a foreign boat won a second race against the Americans since 12-meter racing started in 1958. But Liberty, at 3-2, remained one win away from keeping sports' longest winning streak alive—the 132-year American domination of the world's most coveted yachting trophy.

**NCAA to get no-freshmen proposal**

A special committee looking to improve NCAA control over member schools has come up with several proposals, including freshman ineligibility, annual athlete report cards and the creation of a 36-member NCAA advisory body.

The Select Committee on Athletics and Problems and Concerns in Higher Education came up with the proposals Tuesday, and their recommendations will be forwarded to the NCAA Council, which may or may not include them in the NCAA's January convention.

The chairman of the committee, John P. Shaffer, said the freshman ineligibility question was unanimously opposed in a meeting of athletic personnel earlier this year. He said the opposition came largely because of possible financial losses schools would suffer.

As far as the report card proposal, nearly all of the 80 college presidents meeting with the select committee Tuesday and Wednesday supported the idea.

The other major change, the advisory body, is still up in the air. The proposal is the committee's answer to the American Council on Education's (ACE) suggestion for a dictatorial control over the NCAA.

The ACE proposal would give the 36 members power to set aside convention votes and would allow them to create rules and abolish rules without member school input.

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**Belue to USFL**

**Jacksonville — Former University of Georgia quarterback Buck Belue signed a free-agent contract Wednesday with the Jacksonville Bulls of the United States Football League.**

Belue, who graduated from Georgia in 1981 after playing on the Bulldogs' national championship Sugar Bowl team, played for the Montreal Expos' West Palm Beach baseball farm team this past summer.

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The Ole Miss that Billy Brewer, the Rebels' new head coach, remembers never "went 4-7. A player back to the late '50s when Ole Miss was one of the powerhouse in the Southeastern Conference was used to nine-win seasons and huge births.

Yet, Brewer, in his first year as head coach, has compiled a 3-1-1 record in the Southeastern Conference. And he's more than happy with what he's been able to accomplish in his first season.

"What we found here," said Brewer, "was a need for discipline, a change in attitude and not a great deal of talent."

The talent deficiency is not something he can remedy so soon, but under Brewer both the attitude and the amount of discipline have changed.

"Coach Brewer came in here and laid it on the line," said quarterback Kelly Powell. "He told us he would do what was necessary for the betterment of the team."

"There's no question we'll be better," said Kent Austin, the Rebel's starting quarterback before the Rebels got off to their 0-3 start this season.

Senior flanker Janes Harbour, the Rebels' third leading receiver last year, will be a favorite target of Austin, who was necessary for the betterment of the team.

"Basically, we like to run the ball," Cam Newton, the Ole Miss' one-two offensive threat, said. "There's no question we'll be better," said Kent Austin, the Rebel's starting quarterback before the Rebels got off to their 0-3 start this season.

Auburn, which scored 265 points a year ago, appears to be run

"I lost the ball to turnovers only 14 times last year," Dye said. "That's a credit to Lionel, Bo and Randy Campbell, who made the offense work better a season progressed. I can't say enough for the job they did."
Auburn should be the team to beat in SEC race

By SCOTT KLINE

Auburn, Ala.—Hands behind his head and leaning back comfortably in a plush swivel chair, Pat Dye stirred a shiny orange and blue plaque on his office wall.

"That plaque," Dye said to a reporter, "would go to one by some Auburn fans last year after our football team beat Alabama. You ask what the atmosphere is around here, what the pressure is like going into the `83 season. This team is going to have to live up to that this year. Everyone's expecting great things. Not just beating Alabama, beating everybody."

Last year, the performance of Dye's Tigers was a pleasant surprise to Auburn faithful. Coming off a 5-6 season, the 1983 Tigers rolled past the Crimson Tide, whom they hadn't beaten in 10 years, and came within an inch of salvaging the Southeastern Conference championship from Georgia.

A 33-26 Tangerine Bowl victory against Boston College confirmed the Plainsmen's arrival. And, because the SEC-AAC football poll names the SEC team for the Montreal Expo, is still another problem. Incumbent John Doolin, the 1982 SEC Athletic Director, would have to be the No. 1 pick for a nuclear weapon.

But Dye is easily replaced. No longer the "Moneybags" Herschel Walker, he might not be so uptight right now. That's what's happened to Dye during the off season. Indeed, Dye, who has turned around program at East Carolina and seems to have the right touch, figures to be the No. 1 pick for a football team for the Montreal Expo.

"Every coach in America worries about meeting everyone's expectations," Dye said, "and it only becomes worse if you believe what you read. "The media has gone gung-ho on this team," Dye said as he leaned forward, a look of concern on his face.

"Every coach in America worries about meeting everyone's expectations. I got 10 or 12 calls just the other day about Playbypoll ranking us No. 4 in the nation. How do you react to that? I tell them, 'Well it's nice. I know we have a good team, but who runs place a number on exactly how good? If I can do that, how can the media?"

Dye, the media sees an Auburn football team that had but one last day in 1982 (a 17-1 loss to Nebraska). They see Bo Jackson and Lionel James, whose every Dye expects to be "two of the finest running backs in the nation."

"They see quarterback Stan Clemons, who threw for more than 1,000 yards last season. They see a defensive line manned by Donnie Humphrey and Doug Smith, "two of the best in the SEC," according to Dye.

"I think we can live up to the expectations everybody's making," said James, a 5-foot-7 senior who has rushed for more than 1,500 yards in his collegiate career at Auburn.

"Last year we were one of the best teams in the country, and we've got almost the same team back. Why shouldn't we be up there in the rankings? Everybody we play are going to have to stop our wishbone and beat us. And that's not going be easy."

Indeed, Dye, who has turned around programs at East Carolina and Wyoming, already knows he has some of the same problems in 1983 to his ability to run near perfection a high-risk offense like the wishbone.

"It will be difficult for the quarterback, , coming into this season. The offense, led by a junior tailback who rushed for 1,000 yards last year, lost its-and, of course, a new head coach."

The Crimson Tide has the top quarterback in the SEC in Walter Lewis (24 of 44 passes, 71 percent, 434 yards, two of the top three running backs, the conference's leading scorer and, of course, a new head coach.

The first three are all good. The fourth could go either way. While no one believes Ray Perkins wasn't qualified to replace Bear Bryant, there is the concern about what the pressure can do to a guy who is replacing possibly the greatest head coach ever.

The Tide has shown they aren't yet, evidenced by easy wins against Georgia Tech (20-7) and Ole Miss (40-0). Last year was an off year for Alabama (8-4). But despite last year's record, Dye isn't double-fisting the defense. He expects anything other than a SEC crown from the new boss.

If the only problem Bulldog head coach Vince Dooley had was replacing Herschel Walker, he might not be so upright right now. Not that "Moneybags" Walker is easily replaced. No matter who Dooley inserts at the backfield slot, he will be like snipping band grenades for a nuclear weapon. But as