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## UF pharmacist denies 'morning after' pill

By JON GLASS  
Alligator Writer

Although it is a UF Infirmary policy to fill any prescription ordinarily available on the market, one pharmacist — a Right to Life advocate — has made it his personal policy to refuse prescriptions calling for a certain form of birth control.

UF pharmacist Michael Katsonis, who was a speaker at a Gainesville Right to Life seminar Saturday, said he will not fill a prescription for Ovral, better known as the

controversial "morning after" pill.

Ovral is a legal birth control method that, if taken soon after intercourse, will prevent a fertilized egg from planting itself on the uterine wall.

An *Alligator* staffer recently handed Katsonis a prescription for Ovral, but the pharmacist would not fill it based on what he said were religious reasons.

But local women's advocates said that decision could leave some female UF students who accidentally had unprotected sex or who were victims of rape without the

low-cost and convenient option of turning to the Infirmary.

Erica Merchant, a campus National Organization for Women member, said she is concerned the Infirmary employs pharmacists not willing to dispense Ovral or other controversial birth control medicines although Infirmary doctors and nurse practitioners prescribe the drug.

"It's appalling that the university hires people that don't do their jobs," Merchant said. "He is denying them medication that they have every right to. If he has problems

with giving certain medications, then he needs to find a job where he isn't asked to give those medications."

But Infirmary officials were quick to point out that Katsonis has the legal right to withhold his services.

Infirmary director Boyd Kellett said UF's position is to accommodate the religious beliefs of all of its employees.

"In this case there are two people involved," Kellett said. "We attempt to respect

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## Unruly fans could lose bloc seating

By JOANNA GOLTZMAN  
Alligator Writer

The Gators score another touchdown. You yell, clap and turn to exchange high-fives with a group of friends you came with to the game.

But sharing a football game with friends may become a privilege of the past at UF, Student Body President Dean Cannon said Monday. Bloc seating may be eliminated from football games next year if students within blocs don't improve their behavior, he said.

"President (John) Lombardi's office received complaints from Tennessee fans that fans were rude to them at the Tennessee game (Oct. 12)," Cannon said. "The president said unless there are some improvements, we won't have bloc seating next year."

Bloc seating, which allows large groups of students to sit together at sporting events, is administered through Student Government. Reported problems include standing on bleachers, overcrowding and objects being thrown.

But Cannon said the problems can be eliminated if students realize they need to improve their behavior.

"We want to send the message that bloc seating is a privilege and make sure students don't abuse it," said Cannon, who plans to speak at an Interfraternity Council meeting about the issue within the next week.

"In bloc seating, the main problems are crowding into blocks — people squeezing in," Cannon said. "Students who didn't turn in cards on time use normal student tickets to get in, and the whole bloc ends up standing up for the entire game."

Student Services Dean James Scott said if behavior improves, bloc seating won't be eliminated.

"We've had a number of complaints this year regarding students in bloc seating sections," Scott said. "We're in the process of talking with the fraternities and others in blocs to see if we can resolve the problems."

But Scott said if bloc seating is discontinued at football games, it won't affect bloc seating at other

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REGGIE GRANT — ALLIGATOR STAFF

Satellite trucks line up Monday afternoon on Southeast Third Street next to the Alachua County Courthouse before Tuesday's grand jury hearing on the August 1990 Gainesville student murders. The jurors are scheduled to hear testimony from about 50 witnesses and evidence from more than 4,200 case files in the next two weeks.

## Murders grand jury convenes

### Jurors to begin reviewing evidence from Fall 1990 slayings

By JAIME ABDO  
Alligator Writer

After a year of anticipation, it seems the public will glean little from closed jury doors and the sealed lips of prosecutors as one of the most talked about and speculated about cases goes before a grand jury today.

For 14 months, murder task force investigators have gathered more than 4,200 files about the murders of five local college students, but Florida law will keep most of that evidence under lock and key until the case goes to trial.

And prosecutors say that trial could be as far away as two years.

State Attorney Len Register said Florida statutes prohibit him and the jurors from commenting on the case or

on the testimony. Leaking grand jury testimony is a first-degree misdemeanor, he said.

As a result, Register said he only will be able to reveal the general progress of the case to the horde of print and television media expected to descend on Gainesville to cover the case.

"We are not able to share a great deal with you," Register told reporters at a Monday morning courthouse press conference.

The grand jury is scheduled to meet at 9 this morning to begin hearing evidence about the Fall 1990 mutilation slayings.

Register said he and three assistant state attorneys will present 50 witnesses to the panel during the next two weeks. About half of those testifying will be lab

technicians, law enforcement officers and agents.

Register said the other half will be "friends and associates of targets of the investigation."

The voluminous murder task force investigative reports also will be available to prosecutors and jurors via a cable hookup between the grand jury room and the task force's computerized file.

Because most of the main evidence in the case is genetic, Register and his fellow prosecutors may spend a lot of their time teaching jurors the complex logistics of DNA sampling from the ground up.

"We plan a presentation on DNA as education for the grand jury before the

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# City commission hopeful criticizes opponents

By JOHN F. BERRY  
Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville credit consultant announced his candidacy for the City Commission on Friday by firing several salvos at his opponents.

Jack Carter, the fifth declared candidate aiming to fill Commissioner David Coffey's seat in

March, said other candidates impede industrial progress in Gainesville.

"There are people in this race who want Gainesville to be rural, but actually, it's urban," Carter said standing in front of Gainesville City Hall, refusing to name which commission candidates he was referring to.

Carter, 40, also said another candidate, Charles Chestnut IV, 29, would be no problem in the race because of his age.

"I'm more mature about the issues," Carter said. "I can do the job 10 times better than he could."

Although Chestnut filed his paperwork with the Supervisor of Elections in October, he made his

official announcement Friday. The candidate's step-mother is state Rep. Cynthia Chestnut, D-Gainesville. His father, Charles Chestnut III, is an Alachua County School Board member.

If elected, Carter said he will try to bring "low-tech or high-tech" business to Gainesville.

"It could be manufacturing, but

it doesn't have to be smokestack."

Carter also said he wants innovative solutions to crime and drug problems.

Carter joins UF law student Clayton Proulx, social worker Rick Trachsel and homemaker and former businessman Bruce Delaney.

## Anti-abortionist could sway Planned Parenthood funding

By JON GLASS  
Alligator Writer

A UF pharmacist and Right to Life advocate who has been denying female students access to a certain birth control prescription also could reduce the local Planned Parenthood's chance for funding.

This year, pharmacist Michael Katsonis requested to join a United Way committee that reviews Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, an agency that annually receives United Way money to support educational programs.

Planned Parenthood is a family planning clinic that has been targeted

by anti-abortionists.

But Katsonis said at a Saturday Gainesville Right to Life seminar he was recommending not funding Planned Parenthood's abortion counseling.

Katsonis also said he specified his personal United Way donations not go to Planned Parenthood.

Sharon Althouse, the local Planned Parenthood executive director, said Monday she was aware Katsonis participated in the Right to Life seminar but was astounded by Katsonis' predetermined decision.

"If that is true, he never made any effort to make an impartial evaluation," Althouse said.

course and the second pair 12 hours later.

Katsonis said at Saturday's seminar he no longer participates in distributing Ovral because he feels he is providing an abortion alternative.

"I honestly can't continue to dispense this knowing that I'm helping somebody do this," Katsonis said, adding he has an arrangement with Kellett that allows him to unknowingly fill those prescriptions.

Katsonis said he receives prescriptions marked "no diagnosis" and is unaware why the Ovral is being prescribed. The drug also can be used as a long-term birth control measure.

Sharon Althouse, Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida's executive director, said her office does not offer Ovral because it is understaffed.

But Althouse said she regularly recommends that UF students visit the Infirmary because of its convenience.

Because Ovral needs to be taken within a couple days, Althouse said time and access to the pill are the

United Way's \$30,500 contribution makes up half of the education programs, and Althouse said Planned Parenthood specifically separates that funding from clinical aspects.

Katsonis said he will announce his recommendation Wednesday at a United Way committee meeting.

Steve Reardon, United Way's executive director, said Katsonis will remain on the committee even at Planned Parenthood's requests to remove him.

"We've communicated to Planned Parenthood that due to the way the process is unfolding, we'd have to continue with the current process."



DONALD LEVAN — ALLIGATOR STAFF  
**UF pharmacist and Right to Life advocate Michael Katsonis said he will not prescribe the "morning after" pill because it is against his religious beliefs.**

most important factor.

"The sooner you can get to the medication, the better chance you have at it being a successful contraceptive."

## Budget cuts force SFCC to ax tennis, track programs

By LUCY LAZARONY  
Contributing Writer

Intramural programs at Santa Fe Community College are scrambling to fill the void left by the cutting of the college's tennis, track and cross country programs.

In April, budget restraints forced SFCC to cut its women's tennis and men's track and cross country programs. Budget restraints also have left W.D. Rollins, faculty coordinator for SFCC's intramural program, with limited funds.

"On a \$6,000 budget, there's not much I can do," Rollins said.

The college's intramural program includes football and team tennis for the Fall and basketball for the Spring. Rollins said equipment needs and training and salaries of qualified officials use most of his intramural funding.

Rollins planned to have a Timex Fitness Week from Oct. 21 to Oct. 24 with events in running, walking, biking and aerobics. Rollins said because of a limited staff and facilities, only running events were held.

"Things are still tight, and facilities are short," Rollins said. "But we're still having fun."

Relief for SFCC's strained intramural program and the return of its tennis, track and cross country teams is unlikely. Track and cross country coach Byron Dyce said he does not understand why his teams were cut and does not believe the teams will return to SFCC any time soon.

"I'm not very optimistic at all," Dyce said. "It's almost like the program has been erased from existence."

Dyce says across-the-board cuts rather than cutting of whole programs would have been more appropriate.

Neither Dyce nor tennis coach Jack Hall were consulted before the cuts were made. Hall and the women's tennis team were preparing for the state championships.

"It was cut, they said, by the school for the financial crunch," Hall said. "I didn't have much say about it."

It was quite a shock both to myself and the girls on the team," Hall said.

Hall said it took him 11 years to build the team's national reputation, and it would take several more years to rebuild the program. Hall, who is teaching full-time in the physical education department, plans to retire soon and will not be involved when tennis returns to SFCC.

Dyce, a math instructor at SFCC, plans to continue teaching. Dyce said he could rebuild the track and cross country programs fairly quickly.

"It could be turned around certainly in a year's time," Dyce said.

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sporting events.

SG Recreation Cabinet director Bill Schmidt, in charge of administering bloc seating, said students apply for football game blocs during the first week of Fall classes. Schmidt, an aerospace engineering senior, said there are about 120 blocs this year, which include dormitories, fraternities, sororities and special interest clubs.

"I think a lot of the joy of going to football games is sitting with group members," Schmidt said.

But Schmidt said being with a group of friends during a game can lead to problems.

"If you're with people you know, you feel more comfortable throwing a cup or sneaking in alcohol," Schmidt said.

UF police spokeswoman Angie Tipton said UF police don't categorize football game problems according to where people are sitting, and the problems may not be caused by bloc seating.

"I can't say for sure bloc seating is the culprit," Tipton said. "But we do have problems in bloc seating with throwing objects and switching seats."

## JURY

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presentation of evidence," said John Joyce, spokesman for the murder task force and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Semen samples possibly link prime suspect Danny Harold Rolling to all of the scenes, and hair samples possibly link former UF student Edward Lewis Humphrey to at least two.

Both men have spent the majority of their time behind bars since the murders.

Humphrey recently was released from prison where he

served part of a 22-month sentence for beating his grandmother in her Indianalantic home.

Register has said he will not actively seek an indictment against Humphrey, but rather let the facts speak for themselves.

The mutilated bodies of first-year UF students Christina Powell and Sonja Larson were discovered on Sunday, Aug. 26, 1990, in their off-campus apartment. Just a few hours later, early on Aug. 27, the decapitated body of SFCC student Christa Hoyt was found in her duplex. The bodies of UF students Tracy Paules and Manuel Taboada were discovered the next day.

Even if Rolling is not indicted by the grand jury, he is almost guaranteed to spend the rest of his life in jail.

During the past two months, judges in Ocala and Tampa have sentenced the drifter to four life terms after being ruled as a habitual violent felony offender and convicted of a series of home burglaries and grocery store hold-ups.

Rolling also is awaiting trial for the Aug. 27, 1990, robbery of the First Union National Bank on Archer Road.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.