

Shattering glass ceilings

It seemed like the odds were against them. After all, only one woman has ever served on the Florida Supreme Court.

But that didn't deter 11 women from applying for a seat opening when Stephen H. Grimes, who will turn 70 in November, retires. Only nine men applied.

And last week, the Judicial Nominating Commission narrowed the number of its eligible applicants down to five — four of which happen to be women. Gov. Lawton Chiles has 60 days to make the appointment. Well, it looks like the Flor-

ida Supreme Court finally is joining the rest of the country in the 20th Century.

After all, the U.S. Supreme Court already has two women sitting on its bench. President Reagan appointed Judge Sandra Day O'Connor in 1981. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed by President Clinton in 1993.

Rosemary Barket was the first woman to serve on the Florida Supreme Court. She left three years ago when she was appointed to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

It is good see another glass ceiling shatter at the feet of aspiring women.

everybody subscribed to this pinnoscopy.

In the last quarter of the championship game — the teams were tied — one of his linebackers purposely let a blitz go through. QB had a chance to dodge it, but he sacrificed himself to make the pass.

His team won, but QB was stuck in the infirmary. He went through hell trying to repair the damage done to his throwing arm. After three days though, he got up and spoke to his linebackers.

He told them to do as he did and then they too could turn pro. Then QB returned to his father and joined the NFL.

Well, all hell broke loose soon afterward. The linebackers tried to tell fans what QB had said — but the fans were too busy drinking

sumo-wrestler, Buddah, and he had a short-lived career as a Las Vegas lounge singer.

So the fans lived for two, hate-filled millenia, sure in the words of linebackers, and drunk on the hopes of happiness.

None went pro. There is a moral. You can't depend on the testimony of tired defensive linemen and drunk, irate fans to recount the words and motivations of a quarter back who lived 2,000 years ago.

And you certainly cannot blindly dictate to 5 billion free-thinking humans rules and regulations based on nothing more than words printed on paper by tired, old men.

Weisman is a sophomore who scraps football tickets and puts the money in the poor box.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just A Bunch of Hippy-crits

Editor: This letter is in response to the *Alligator* editorial, "Look Out," published on Oct. 15.

Using inflammatory language, you managed to indict NASA, nuclear power and somehow Rush Limbaugh. But you only make yourself appear partisan and ridiculous.

Such an attitude reminds me of a cartoon I saw titled, "Hippy-crits," featuring hippies driving a van with "Save the Earth" and other politically correct bumper stickers.

But the irony was in the big plume of burning oil, smoke and pollution billowing out the rear.

Nuclear power is the only "environmentally friendly" power source capable of providing much of our long-term energy needs.

So if you don't want to be a hippy-crit and believe your concerns about "good old Planet Earth" to be valid, then you should turn off MTV, your hot water heater, and A/C — and stop driving your car.

But really now, can't we all just be reasonable?

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