The amendment was challenged in court by a state education commissioner. Ralph Turlington, on grounds that it violated a provision in the state constitution prohibiting substantive legislation in the budget. The Circuit Court upheld the measure's constitutionality. Turlington is appealing the decision, and another suit has been brought by the Florida Task Force, a gay rights group. No funding has yet been cut as a result of the law, claiming the United Faculty of Florida called an insult to academic freedom.

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The Lecture Series Committee (LSC) will present a lecture by former Congresswoman Bella Abzug on Wednesday, October 14, at 8 p.m. in Room 26-100. Admission is $1; tickets are available in lobby 10 and at LSC movies.

Final Examination schedules are now available in the Information Center, Room 7-121. Examinations for conflicts and/or extensions must be reported to the Schedule Office, Room E19-338, by Friday, October 23, 1981.

The Student Committee on Educational Policy will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, October 7, in Room 5-134.

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Employees organize NY Air boycott

By Charles Theuer

A group of New York Air employees recently organized a campaign to boycott the airline. Steve Linsay, a member of the Airline Pilots' Association, has commented that in order to make this boycott effective his organization, which consists of members of similar occupations of airline employees including flight attendants and members of the Teamsters Union, must appeal to college students who live in the Boston area and therefore might frequently fly New York Air.

The basic problem, according to Linsay, is that New York Air has been hiring non-union members. Linsay believes this is a violation of contract agreements because New York Air is a company established by Frank Lorenzo through Texas International Air (TIA). Consequently, the contract dispute arises because there is a clause in the TIA contract with the pilots, the same clause, which prohibits the hiring of non-union members within any part of any TIA company.

The main dispute centers on whether New York Air is a subsidiary or part of TXI. Linsay believes that TXI and New York Air are one company and that the scope clause is therefore binding to New York Air. He has organized the boycott in order to cut New York Air profits and persuade them to honor the scope clause. At the present time the case is in court and might not be decided upon for some time.

The boycott is being organized at airports so that travelers can understand the issue behind the boycott. The Airline Pilot's Association and the other unions are backing the boycott because they are afraid that other airlines might try to duplicate New York Air and hire non-union members in violation of contract agreements by organizing what Linsay termed a new airline consisting of planes that have only been repainted.

Linsay noted that the boycott should be more effective now that the situation involving the air traffic controller dispute is over. Previously, the New York Air boycott had been confused with the Air Traffic Controllers' picketing demonstrations and was not as obvious an issue.