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The Dean's Ravings

Where Are They When You Need Them?

It was a quiet day in the Dean's Office. Too quiet. I had just settled back to read the latest exciting issue of the *Middle Management News*, when it happened. These people barged past my secretary and burst into my office. They were loud. And they were not happy.

"What are you going to do about it?" they demanded. "It's just not fair."

"You're really supposed to take a number, you know," I suggested. "But now that you're here, what's on your mind?"

"Look," said the most highly steamed of the group, "you clearly don't grasp the situation. The April 1 issue of *CLASnotes* is due soon, and we represent the coven of anonymous writers who provide the over-the-transom and under-the-door articles that have made this issue what it is. You depend upon us for the deep and highly insightful articles that constitute this scholarly work. And I gotta tell ya, we are at our wit's end."

"But why?" I asked. "You've always done so well in the past. Careful, reasoned essays that invariably strike to the intellectual core of the issues."

"Yeah, but that was then. This is now, and look what's happened. All the great story lines are gone," he moaned.

"You mean...."

"That's right. The colorful people, the unorthodox ones, the strange birds we could always count on, have moved on. First Andy left for 'Bama, and we thought we'd never fill the void, but then, just when we needed him most, John gave us some of the juiciest material we could have wished for. I tell you, it was like shooting fish in a barrel."

"Right," chimed in another, "that was good, but then Betty joined the team, and our cup ranneth over. These people were

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Bush Honors President Young

Chuck wins 1st annual One Florida award

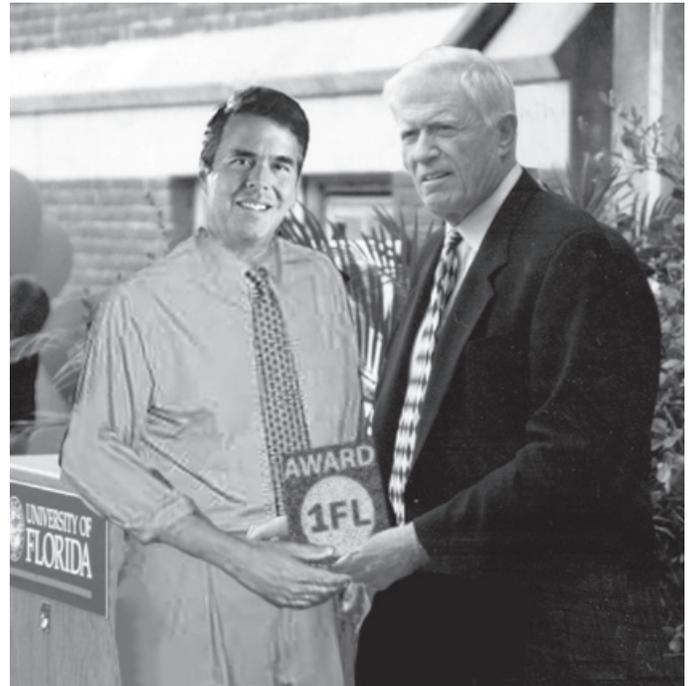
Governor Jeb Bush announced

last week that President Charles (Chuck) Young is the first recipient of the One Florida Award. This annual prize is awarded to that person in the state of Florida who has made the greatest impact on the goals and ambitions of One Florida. Young's award took the form of a one-way ticket to Los Angeles.

Governor Bush made the presentation as part of his campaign to commemorate Black History month in Florida. In making the award, the governor said, "President Young, first in California, and now once more in Florida, has stood up for what he knows is right. The extent of his support for One Florida is widely known. I am so pleased to name Charles Young as the first Poster Child of One Florida."

Clearly touched by the governor's warmth, Young expressed his deep appreciation for the honor. "You will never know how much this thrills me, Governor Bush. I truly count this among those prizes I never expected to receive. Indeed, nothing means more to me at this time. Much more."

Asked whether his previous chilly reac-



The Jebster presents President Young with One Florida Award.

tion to the One Florida policy was now a thing of the past, Young said, "The answer to that should be obvious to all who know me. At this time, the Guv and I have a unique relationship. Just let me say that I support his programs with all the enthusiasm I can muster. My opinion of him has never been higher." Following the award ceremony, President and Mrs. Young were invited to the Governor's Mansion for dinner and conversation with the first family. Young indicated that Bush asked him to provide tutorials for his wife on Customs Line etiquette. "My first suggestion was that her passport was maybe not the best place to store the foreign purchase receipts."✉

Ready, Fire, Aim! —Official motto of the Florida Legislature

Way Around the College

DEPARTMENTS

Astronomy

With the addition of six more faculty this year and 15 over the past three years, chair **Stan Dermott** says the department will soon be able to address their daunting backlog of undergraduate majors.

Criminology

Chuck Frazier will present a keynote paper at the National Society of Criminals meeting (Marion, Illinois) entitled, "How My Research on Organized Crime Prepared Me for Success in the Provost's Office."

English

The search for a **senior faculty member** in Creative Writing will be extended into its fifth year. Recent fiction writing candidates rejected by the department included Carl Hiaasen, Jesse Ventura, Harry Potter, Danielle Steel, and Bill Clinton.

Sociology

Chair **Mike Radelet** has suggested a new mode of execution for death row inmates, namely that they be pecked to death by ducks. "I got the idea from my experience as chair. This method should satisfy even hard core death proponents, since it is both more painful and of longer duration than current execution modes."

Tigert Hall

A **well-placed Tigert official** observed, "You know, they really do serve good food at Hooters." His future plans include checking out the cuisine at Café Risqué.

Thought for the Day

According to my calculations,
your problem does not exist.

—Joe Glover

Job Opportunity:

Norman Hall

Dean of Education sought. No experience necessary. First person to bring in this ad guaranteed position.

UF Renamed

Herbert moves to capture essence of Florida

Chancellor Adam Herbert announced that the university formerly known as UF now has a new, more appropriate title. "For the indefinite future, this old Gainesville institution will be known as Florida Interim University," he said.

"Given the extent of temporary positions currently being experienced, it would seem inappropriate if we failed to take this into account.

Florida Interim University represents 'truth in advertising' that is so important to all of us. As is well known, never would we wish anything but success to what we all in Tally refer to as our interim-flagship university. And let me add that Albert has been retained as interim mascot."

UF's interim president and interim provost both declared their interim satisfaction with the interim designation. "We are most impressed with the chancellor's interim support," they emphasized, "given his interim attention span."



The entry sign at University Avenue and 13th Street, updated to reflect Herbert's decision.

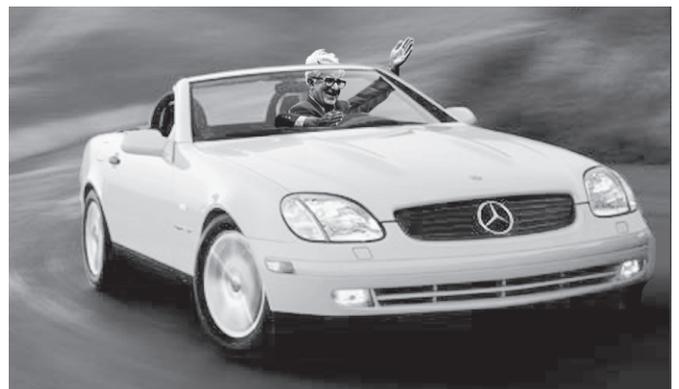
Lombardi Sells Truck **Opts for sportier life-style**

Former UF President John Lombardi has sold his legendary red pickup truck, after placing a "for sale" ad in the *Alligator*. The aged vehicle was purchased by a visiting graduate student from Venezuela, who said Lombardi told him the truck was only used to drive back and forth daily from the president's house to Tigert Hall.

"He spoke Spanish so fast that I didn't really get all the details, but he assured me the truck is in mint condition and a real bargain at \$15,000," reported the student. "But is Lombardi really a Latino name, like he said?"

To replace his truck, the former president has purchased a gold Mercedes SLK230 Kompressor Special Edition. "Who says The UF Bank didn't work?" a smiling Lombardi reportedly said as he paid the dealer in cash.

Asked about the new car, Lombardi said, "I was so sick of that GD pickup truck that I could scream. Sure, it was a good prop for me as president, and I must say, I got a lot of PR mileage out of it, but what I really wanted was wheels that scoot. Wanna drag?"



Uhlfelder Enters UF Race

Presidential search committee ecstatic

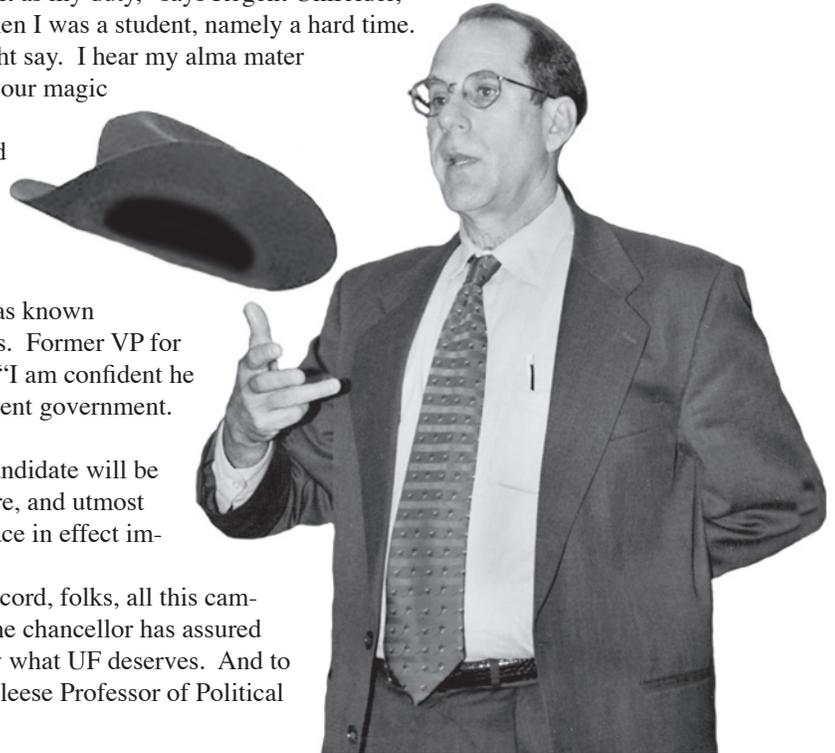
In a Tallahassee press conference yesterday, controversial BOR member Steve Uhlfelder threw his hat into the ring as a candidate for the president of the University of Florida. “I see it as my duty,” says Regent Uhlfelder, “to give back to the university what it gave to me when I was a student, namely a hard time. No, seriously, I have a sense of *noblesse oblige*, you might say. I hear my alma mater calling to me, ‘Come back, Steve, come back and work your magic here once more.’”

“And,” continued Uhlfelder, “so many faculty have urged me to run. It’s almost enough to make me sorry I once called them a half-assed collection of effete deconstructionists. As president, I will restrict that sobriquet solely to the Department of English.”

When he was a student at UF in the 1970’s, the regent was known for his political activism and crusading for various causes. Former VP for Student Affairs Art Sandeen remembers Uhlfelder well. “I am confident he would be every bit as good as president as he was in student government. He was a legend in his own mind—I mean, time.”

Uhlfelder announced that his campaign as presidential candidate will be based on complete faculty autonomy, instantaneous tenure, and utmost respect for disparate views, a platform he promises to place in effect immediately after Hades reports widespread ice skating.

In a closing aside to reporters, Uhlfelder said, “Off the record, folks, all this campaigning stuff is a drag and a complete waste of time. The chancellor has assured me that the presidency is a lock. Adam says I am exactly what UF deserves. And to show his utmost respect, he plans to name me the John Cleese Professor of Political Silly Walks.”



Architectural Triumph at Lake Alice

Shoreline masterpiece dedicated

The Center for Creative Parking Solutions recently held the dedication of its newest aesthetic jewel. While the location at Lake Alice was opposed by what the administration called “bunny huggers,” parking officials declared, “Something had been missing around this otherwise useless area, and now the ambience is complete. The clean, parallel lines of the multiple parking decks flow in joyful symmetry across the water foreground, lending a certain *je ne sais quoi* that will be difficult to dismiss.” The dedication was completed by breaking a magnum of High Detergent WD-40 across the entrance gate.

Plans were also unveiled for the next parking garage, or as referred to at UF, a Temporary Automotive Repository (TAR), which will be added on the Plaza of the Americas, another site that officials declared “was not carrying its fiscal



Admirers gather daily to celebrate newly enhanced view at Lake Alice.

weight.” Further clarifying his position, he added, “Our objective is to spread TAR around the campus on any remaining tract

before Arts & Sciences tries to turn it into a useless people area.”

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naturals. It was a writing Valhalla.”

“Ah, yes,” she continued, “those were the days. But look at us now. We’ve got nothing to work with. Oh, sure, there’s Young and Colburn, but come on. What kind of Interim high-jinks can we pin on them? I mean, Chuck may have had some moments in his early days at UCLA, but no one at UF cares about that. Besides, the statue of limitations has probably crumbled by now anyway.”

“But what about Colburn?” I asked. “Surely he’s always good for a story.”

“Well, that is a fall-back position,” another admitted. “We can always go after his Napoleonic complex, but he has behaved himself so much better since his promotion that a lot of the fun has gone. He’ll be back, of course, but for now it’s sparse pickings.”

“So what do you think I can do about it? How can I help?”

“Well, for starters, we’d like for you to nominate Andy for president. Just his return alone would solve many of our problems. Then if we could get Steve (Spurrier or Uhlfelder) as Academic VP, future April 1 issues would be secure for a long time.”

“Listen folks, I appreciate your concerns, but I think you underestimate both yourselves and your target audience. I have every confidence that many unexplored, high visibility stories are out there just waiting to be written. Now quit your cry-baby, whiney-ass sniveling and go out there and do what you do best. The Pulitzers are waiting.”

They slowly left my office, muttering under their breath. They were not convinced, but I was. If history has shown us nothing else, it is this—as long as there’s a Florida, writers of their ilk will never want for good material.

Dave Barry,
Interim Dean
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Flint Hall Gets Full Restoration

Plans call for complete authenticity

The renovation plans for historic Flint Hall (soon to be Keene-Flint Hall) are on schedule for completion by January 2001. University architect Al Dompe indicates that this project, supported by generous private funding from Ken and Janet Keene, is very special, in that it calls for full restoration of the building to its original pristine state. UF historian emeritus Sam Proctor says it’s about time: “Dean Harrison has been renovating these old UF buildings all wrong. I have

tried to tell him, but you know he doesn’t listen well. What we need for these treasured buildings is to get rid of any trace of modern accommodations. Back to the past, I say.” Dompe outlined plans for the authentic restoration called for by Proctor. This includes (1) removal of all air conditioning, with dependence instead on window awnings; (2) replacement of computers by vintage Underwood typewriters, the model currently used by Dr. Proctor; (3) shift of rest room facilities from internal plumbing to “a little house out back;” (4) restriction of parking permits only to vintage vehicles; and (4) in keeping with historical accuracy, the banning of all women students and faculty from the building. Dompe is working closely with Janet Keene to select period furniture from turn-of-the-century catalogs.

“When completed,” said Dr. Proctor, “this building will look just like it did when Eddie Flint and I first occupied the place in 1912. I’m sure the faculty and students will love what we have done to recapture that time.”

Proctor announced that his next project will be the restoration of the William Jennings Bryan Lounge in Dauer Hall. “I intend to go directly to our dedicated CLAS benefactors, Ken and Janet Keene, to talk with them about funding the restoration. Frankly, Janet Keene’s architectural taste and sense of history are much better than Dean Harrison’s, and I know she will love this project.”



Flint Hall as it will look fully restored.

AlliCator System Expanded

Now SUS-wide in coverage

The Registrar’s Office announces that its popular and highly efficient Class Room Allocation Program (CRAP) will soon be expanded beyond campus borders to permit further improvement of the system. By closely matching class enrollment to classroom capacity, a minimum amount of wasted seating is guaranteed. CRAP software has now been refined to incorporate all extraneous classroom space at other SUS universities into the UF inventory. The greatest opportunity arises from a major excess of classroom availability at the University of West Florida (Pensacola). Gulf Coast University (Ft. Myers) also reports space to spare. CRAP will take busy faculty and student travel schedules into all due consideration, with every intention to schedule UF classes no more than three days a week at Pensacola or Ft. Myers.



Associate dean **Lisa McElwee-White**, CLAS space czar, is shown here on her tireless search for additional classrooms. “Nobody ever promised faculty a 10 minute walk. If I can get here on this bloody beast, so can they.”