

Sullivan & Friends

CLAS is pleased to introduce *Sullivan and Friends*, a new television show for tots co-produced by the University of Florida and the Children's Television Network. Breaking the airwaves this week, this unique show focuses on "giving" and "sharing." CLAS Dean Neil Sullivan teaches future Gators how to write checks and fill out donation forms. *Sullivan and Friends* makes early indoctrination fun through the use of games such as "Hide your money, and I'll seek it," and songs like "If you give me your cash, I'll name something after you." Co-producer and CLAS Senior Director of Development Cynthia Butler says, "If you can get kids to memorize their ABC's, you can get them to memorize their bank account number."



Pierre Ramond Questioned on Smuggling Charge

Physics professor Pierre Ramond was stopped in Paris, France last week for trying to smuggle three bottles of screw-top wine into the country. Airport security discovered three bottles of Arbor Mist stashed away in Ramond's checked luggage. Apparently, it was the metal on the screw tops that set off the alarms. French culture police refused to comment, alleging that an American "just wouldn't understand." Ramond had returned to his native France for a huge celebration of his 60th birthday.

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CLASnotes

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Budget Control

Chuck Frazier, David Colburn, and Neil Sullivan are instructed to put on special "don't panic" glasses before taking a look at this year's budget. The glasses are designed so viewers see more than is actually there.



Breaking News

CLAS to Reduce Itself to the Head of a Pin: When asked to comment, Neil Sullivan said, "Nano, Nano!"
College of Agriculture to Open Center for Humanities with Special Emphasis on Study of Humans: Agriculture categorically denies intent to replicate College of Letters, Arts and Sciences programs.

Turlington Webcam Footage Now On DVD

When Cindy Carrion, an executive secretary in the dean's office, logged on to the CLAS Web site recently to take a look at footage from the Turlington webcam, she was thrilled to see co-worker Sherry Feagle coming back from a vending machine carrying a Coke and a bag of Cheetos. "I thought to myself, my god. This thing does have a purpose after all," Carrion says. "I had wondered, for years, where Sherry went on her breaks, and now I know."

For years the Turlington webcam has been providing university staff, faculty and students with a rare glimpse of the non-consequential happenings in Turlington Plaza. Just this week, Neil Sullivan was spotted picking up a copy of the *Thrifty Nickel* from one of the many newspaper racks by the potato statue. "It's great," says Evelyn Butler, the dean's secretary. "I used to have to stand up and look out my window to see what's going on down there. Now, I just have to log on to my computer and wait 15 seconds for the footage to load. It's really made things more convenient."

For those of you who haven't been keeping up with the webcam's exciting daily footage, you can catch some of the highlights in a new movie compiled onto a DVD by college webmaster Karen Gill. Composed of shots taken at 15-minute intervals over the last five years, "It's kind of like one of those films where you watch a bean sprout grow," Gill says. "Except in this movie nothing much changes."



\$100 Donated to Renovate Turlington Hall

Multi-billionaire Charles Merlington-Wurlington has donated a small portion of his fortune to renovate the only modern-style building constructed in the 1970s at UF, Turlington Hall. Merlington-Wurlington said he spent his undergraduate years looking for his classes in Turlington, but after years of searching, he transferred to the College of Business. He now wants Turlington gutted and renovated with 1,000 additional windows. Merlington-Wurlington says he will work with a new architect because the original architect was obviously drunk when he designed Turlington Hall. Turlington will be renamed and dedicated as Merlington-Wurlington-Turlington Hall.

New Books by CLAS Faculty

Slept Right Through It: My Experiences as an Administrator in Tigert by Joe Glover

How to Knit a Sweater for Your Turtle by Karen Bjorndal, Director of the Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research

Why Can't Mr. Fork and Mrs. Electrical Outlet be Friends? A Book for Children by John Cech

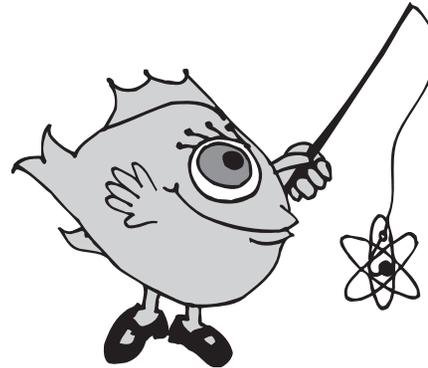
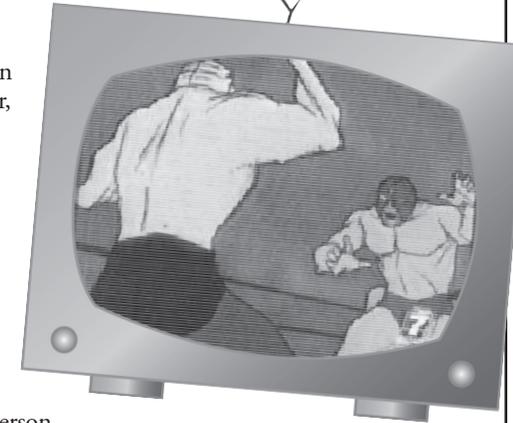
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Dana Peterson Injured in Amateur Wrestling Incident

AIM director Dana Peterson is recovering from minor injuries suffered during an amateur pro-wrestling match held in his backyard this weekend. Inspired by the hit television show *WWF Smackdown*, Peterson bruised two ribs and a disc in his back when taking a series of belly-to-belly suplexes against associate dean Lou Guillette. "I didn't mean to hurt him," Guillette says. "I had agreed to come to the event, thinking it was some sort of gathering for the World Wildlife Fund. When Dana started running toward me with a chair, I had to defend myself."

Injuries aside, Peterson was thrilled with his performance and plans to continue competing once he's healed. "It was one of the better matches I've had," Peterson said, in spite of the fact that he lost. After appearing on the television show "Inside Edition" for a faculty makeover segment, Peterson is hoping to jumpstart his Hollywood career with various wrestling matches.



Jack Sabin's Joke of the Week

Q: What do physicists do when they go on vacation?
A: They go fission.

UF Presidential Candidate Turns Out To Be A \$19,000 Salaried Construction Worker

The UF presidential search is well underway, and the search committee is again on its quest to find a candidate who can bring a certain amount of prestige to the university. They thought they had found their man in Kevin Harriott who listed on his CV, among other things, being a recipient of the Fields Medal. As it turns out, he had simply been awarded a Mrs. Fields chocolate chip cookie in the third grade for learning to multiply fractions. Harriott also had listed he received his PhD from Brown University, when actually he had completed delivery driver training for UPS. When asked why he misled the search committee into believing he was anything more than a humble day-laborer, Harriott relented that he had heard it was a part-time position, which would give him plenty of time to pursue other interests, such as traveling, drinking martinis and smoking cigars.

The search committee has regrouped and is looking at other applicants, including former Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Florida Attorney General Charlie Christ, and David Letterman. A search committee spokesperson has confirmed that none of these applicants have PhDs or any relevant experience in academia, which could make them top contenders for the job.

