

CLAS SUPERLATIVES

The College Assembly recently

voted to award superlatives to the following faculty members. President pro-tempore **Carol Murphy** suggested the superlatives as a good way to recognize faculty in yet another meaningless way.



Hulvey

- Most likely to kiss a turtle**—Karen Bjorndal
- Most likely to miss a deadline**—John Leavey
- Most likely to wear red socks**—Jack Sabin
- Most likely not to wear socks**—Lou Guillette
- Best Legs**—Lou Guillette
- Best Dressed**—Lou Guillette
- Best Dressed in the 1970s and best hair**—Harry Shaw
- Most likely to change hair color**—Jane Douglas
- Most likely to become a soap opera star and best hair**—Alex Piquero
- Most likely to run for Congress**—David Hedge
- Most likely to be mistaken for Santa Claus**—Bob Hatch
- Most likely to audition for *The Last Samurai***—Yumiko Hulvey
- Most likely to baptize a fellow faculty member**—Ron Akers
- Most likely to wear a cute bowtie**—Albert Matheny
- Most likely to wear an ugly bowtie**—Marty Heesacker

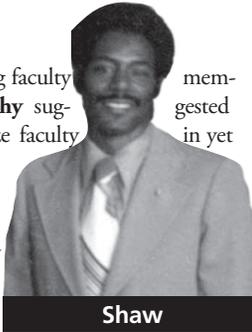
College Clown—Marty Heesacker

Biggest Flirts and Life of the Party—Jim Mueller and Mary Ann Eaverly

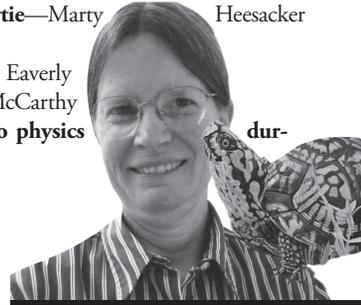
Most likely to write another book on Florida history—Kevin McCarthy

Most likely to go off on a tangent about something related to physics during a meeting—Neil Sullivan

Most likely to become the fourth member of The Supremes—Marilyn Thomas-Houston



Shaw



Bjorndal

Joke of the Week

(Submitted by Krishna Alladi)

Q: What kind of tree does a math professor climb?

A: A Geometry!

April 1, 2004
Vol. 18

CLAS notes

The University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Sponsored by Friends of CLAS



MACHEN ME CRAZY

In an effort to be accessible to the UF community and build camaraderie among UF administrators, **President Bernie Machen** has started up a genuine biker gang on campus. Calling themselves the Swamp Devils, Machen says anyone can join as long as they can keep up with him on the road. Machen travels all over campus on his own Harley and has made several trips around the state with his assistant, **Sandy Hayden**, holding on for dear life. "It's a great way to save money," says Machen. "I don't need these fancy limos and planes taking me everywhere I go. Plus, being out there on the open road really gives me time to think about nothing."

continued inside

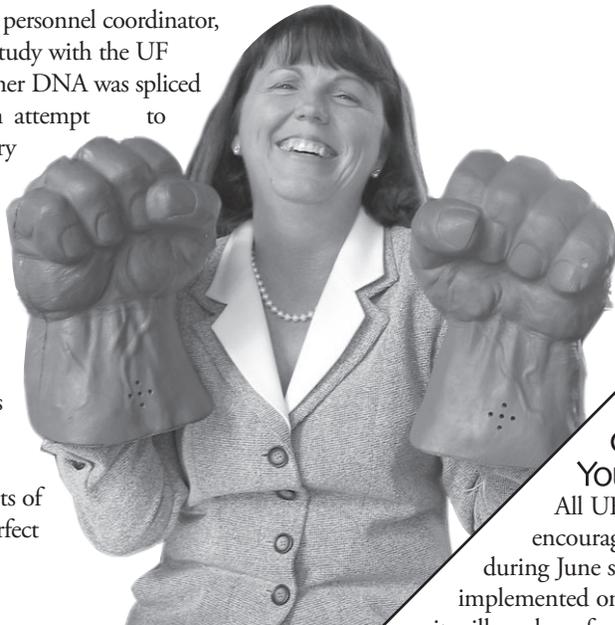
CRAZY continued

Bernie recently required all vice presidents and deans to attend Bike Week at Daytona Beach and is planning a summer retreat for the UF administration at the Annual Harley Davidson Convention. **CLAS Dean Neil Sullivan** was slightly injured during Bike Week when the moped he was driving (because he fell off a real motorcycle multiple times) crashed. Sullivan was trying to avoid hitting a sea turtle nest and a European tourist in a yellow Speedo. He sustained minor injuries but still plans to explain the physics of motorcycle riding to a group of undergraduates this week on campus. Bernie had to transport Neil to a local medical center in his sidecar.

While some of the administrators appear to be enjoying this new wheeling adventure, others aren't sure that riding motorcycles fits in their job description. "When I found out I was going to have to ride a motorcycle and wear one of those ugly helmets that would mess up my hair, I decided to resign as provost," says **David Colburn**. "I'm just too young to deal with this."

Personnel Coordinator Volunteers for Frivolous Genetics Research

Mary Anne Morgan, CLAS personnel coordinator, just completed a six-month study with the UF Genetics Institute, in which her DNA was spliced with that of broccoli, in an attempt to determine whether the flowery green vegetable, which can last for months in the bottom of your fridge, holds any clues for slowing down the aging process. An unfortunate side effect of the experiment was that Morgan's hands and forearms were swollen and turned into a Hulk-like green color. "Maybe I can use my new fists of fury to splice together the perfect employee," she says.



Quantum Physics Solves Parking Problems

Harried motorists no longer have to worry about showing up late for the office due to lack of parking, thanks to a quantum mechanics based invention that renders it impossible to locate the position of their vehicles precisely by making them invisible to all but the most highly trained quantum theorists. "It's a campus revolution," gushes **Sam Trickey**, director of the Quantum Theory Project. "Now we can park anywhere we wish, and the police won't ticket us." Users of this new product are warned to remember that the vehicles are still solid and not to obstruct pedestrian traffic. Inventors are still working on a way to help drivers remember where they parked.

PeopleSoft is Coming! Save Your Money Now!

All UF employees are strongly encourage to set aside extra money during June since PeopleSoft Systems will be implemented on July 1, and there is no guarantee it will work perfectly. While everyone is expected to be paid on time, there might be a few glitches since UF is switching to a brand new financial system. In the event this happens, **Project Director Fred Cantrell** says he will buy those affected a smoothie, and UF will not require them to work on

July 4.

America's Sweetheart

Sherrel Brockington, a painfully shy program assistant in the Academic Advising Center, recently auditioned for the hit Fox television series, *American Idol*, in an attempt to overcome her paralyzing fear of speaking in front of an audience. The would-be diva—decked out in a pink mini-dress, stiletto heels and a Tina Turner wig—knocked the judges' socks off with her rendition of The Weather Girl's 1980s pop hit, *It's Raining Men*. She was a favorite among the judges but was disqualified when a rigorous background check proved that the talented songstress did not meet the 16-24 age requirement. "I really didn't care what they thought," she says. "I just wanted to prove to myself that I could shed this timid, wallflower persona of mine once and for all." Brockington has adopted the stage name "Hot Chocolate" and can be found at any area sports club on Karaoke night.



UF Foundation and Physical Plant Division Launch Naming Campaign

In order to keep those foundation accounts full of cash, the Foundation and Physical Plant have teamed up to promote a new fundraising campaign this week to name various items on campus after individuals who donate money. Now, you can have a shrub named after you for \$100, a trash can for \$500, and for a donation of \$1,000, a physical plant vehicle will be named in your honor.



UF Gears up for 152nd Anniversary Celebration

Due to the huge success of the university's sesquicentennial celebration in 2003, UF will celebrate its 152nd birthday in an even bigger way in 2005. The \$1.52 million budget is 10 times larger than the sesquicentennial celebration price tag, and the celebration's slogan is "We're two years better than the last time we partied."