



A Disclaimer

The Dean's Ravings

As is well known to our fanatical readers, the scholarly submissions that comprise this annual April journal come to us surreptitiously and anonymously (under the door and over the transom). Our contribution is to edit out any residue of taste before assembling these manuscripts for our readership.

So OK, now listen up; here is the official CLAS Disclaimer: The similarity of anyone mentioned in this issue to ANY character (living or semi-comatose), particularly those associated with Tallahassee or Tigert Hall, would arise strictly in the twisted and bizarre mind of the reader.

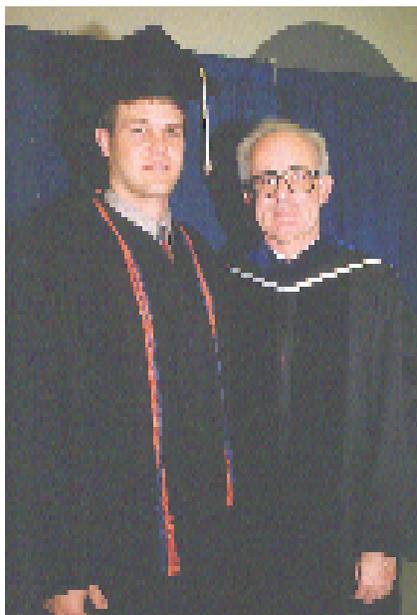
We in the editorial office of CLAS find it shocking that faculty and staff could be misled about our intentions. Each year we are plagued by calls, cards, and letters from readers who take this April 1st issue seriously. For whatever malformed reason, they find it compelling to believe that these stories are based on real life occurrences. Or that we are attempting to parody some person or real academic initiative.

It should be clear to the observing reader that our authors must strain their imagination to the utmost to find anything untoward to parody at this university. And let it be known once and for all that we would never, never (well, hardly ever) impugn the intentions of our esteemed leadership.

Finally, let me point out that all our printed matter is run before the CLAS Editorial Review Board (Larry, Moe, and Curly), who have found nothing that offends their sense of style.

Alfred E. Newman
Guest Editor

Wuerffel Named New UF President Chancellor Sacks Lombardi



Dr. Lombardi grudgingly turns over the reins of power to newly appointed President Wuerffel.

Chancellor Charles Reed announced yesterday that Danny Wuerffel has been named the new president of the University of Florida. A hastily arranged inauguration ceremony at Florida Field drew some 75,000 people to cheer on the change in UF leadership.

Reed indicated that he and the Board of Regents have long wished to do something meaningful for education at UF. "We've been accused of not always knowing what we're doing, but this time we got it right," said Reed. "Besides," he added, "this seemed to be the only honor Danny hadn't received."

Wuerffel's salary was announced as \$1,200,000 per year. "Wouldn't want him to make less than Steve," Reed said.

It was also revealed that an obscure clause in the state statutes permits the president to participate in one extracurricular activity of his choice at the university. Wuerffel announced that he plans to use that eligibility to continue quarterbacking the Gators into the indefinite future.

Reed said this had nothing at all to do with the change in presidents, but noted that John Lombardi "absolutely wasted" his eligibility by electing to play clarinet in the Gator band. "And I think he was actually faking it," said Reed. "Who can tell in such a big band?"

The Chancellor also praised the language style of the new president, who frequently calls upon a higher power. Reed notes, "Lombardi often used the Lord's name too, but it comes out a bit different."

Wuerffel maintains that being both president and quarterback should not affect significantly his relationship with head coach Steve Spurrier. "Of course," promised Wuerffel, "if he tosses that gosh darn visor on me one more time, he's toast."

When asked about his future plans, Lombardi indicated he was going back to his "first love — teaching." The Department of History plans to accommodate his wishes with an annual eight-course teaching load. ☺

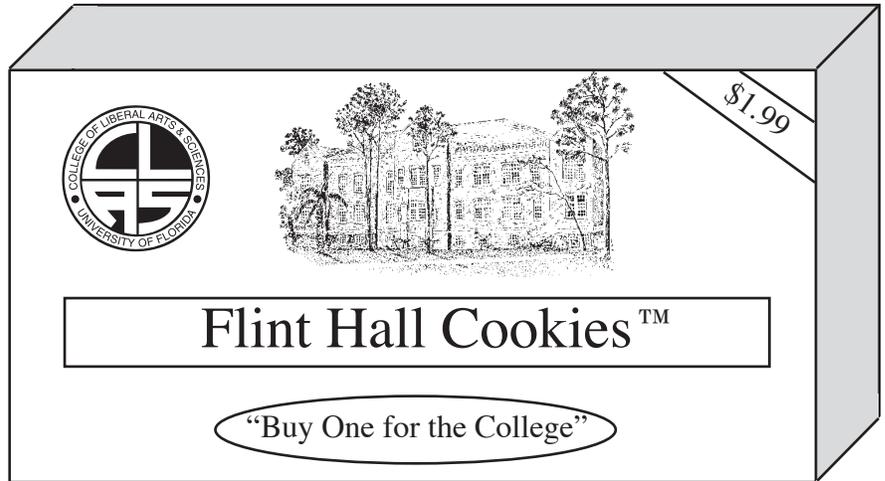
Flint Hall: Renovation in Our Time

The latest scheme to fund the renovation of historic Flint Hall, boarded up and unused for the past 19 years, was introduced at a news conference by President John "Don't-say-I-never-helped" Lombardi. The heralded solution is a special cookie sale (see product pictured right).

"I want everybody in CLAS to get behind this effort, and with their help, this is a sure-fire success," said Lombardi. "Hey, we all know that I believe CLAS to be the heart and soul of the university, and as an historian myself, I have a deep and abiding respect for our historic buildings."

"Anything I can do, short of actually providing funds, is very high on my priority list. I'll be right out there on the street corners with Dean Harrison selling these wonderful Flint Hall Cookies."

A subdued Harrison, appearing beside Lombardi, indicated he was "simply thrilled" about the prospect of selling the Flint Hall delicacies. "Only 4,000,000 of these puppies to sell and



the building is ours again," he sighed.

"Obviously, this is so much more satisfying than gaining state funds," he added. "And besides, I certainly couldn't expect us to move ahead of the new \$20,000,000 building allocated for the College of Mortuary Science."

"Absolutely not," agreed the president. "After all, CMS has increased their body count — students, I mean — from 10 to 50 over the past 20 years. Any 500% increase like that deserves a new build-

ing. CLAS has merely tripled over that period, so they have a long way to go yet."

In off-the-record comments to reporters afterwards, Lombardi indicated he was really getting tired of Harrison's "bellyaching" about Flint Hall and his insistence that more classrooms were needed. "Listen, I've checked this out carefully. There's lots of available teaching space from midnight to 6 AM. When they use those slots effectively,

Ho, Ho, Ho, Yourself!



A shocked Santa Claus emerges from his recent budget hearing in the College Office.

Post Retirement Review

Regent Steve Uhlfelder has presented the latest proposal in his comprehensive program to review and evaluate faculty in the SUS, with the stated aim of weeding out incompetents, misfits, and laggards. This stimulating new initiative is called Post Retirement Review (PRR).

Uhlfelder, reviewing his long-term interest in faculty life, lamented still the failure of his former efforts to remove tenure, which led him next to propose Post Tenure Review. After seeing that movement also "founder upon the rocks of disinterest," he now has issued his latest and most sinister proposal, Post Retirement Review.

"If they won't let me get those d - - faculty while they are employed," Uhlfelder noted, "I'll get them in their homes, I'll get them in their retirement villages. After all, they're still drawing a pension, aren't they? And besides, I saw one of them mowing the yard

Wednesday afternoon, and you know my position on that."

Uhlfelder's proposal calls for each retired faculty member to prepare a PRR portfolio covering critical productivity measures such as courses taught, research grants obtained, students advised, classrooms swept out, etc.

When reminded that these were not normal faculty assignments in the retirement agreements, Uhlfelder responded, "Listen, I keep telling you that faculty are basically deadbeats who will get away with whatever they can. I say hold their feet to the fire all the way to the end. And I mean The End."

Uhlfelder announced that he would be happy to answer any further questions about his proposal. "Just call my office anytime during my normal working hours of 10-11AM, Tuesday and Thursday (except holidays)."

Capaldi Treated for Chemical Dependency

“I never had a clue” — John Lombardi

An in-depth investigation by courageous CLAS reporters has revealed that Provost Elizabeth D. (Betty) Capaldi, the first woman ever named as chief academic officer of UF, was secretly admitted for a chemical dependency problem earlier this semester.

Confronted with the evidence, Capaldi has now admitted that she is indeed a recovering chocaholic.

This cover-up occurred during the New Year’s holiday period when she visited New Orleans, ostensibly to see the Gators kick butt in the Sugar Bowl. However, she was instead spirited away to the Martha Stewart Center for Chocolate Abuse where she underwent a rigorous detoxification process.

There Capaldi was force-fed a foul tasting Indian tea which permanently altered her DNA by destroying the dominant chocolate gene. “Actually, everything tastes like hell now,” bemoaned Capaldi.

“But none of this is my fault, you know; it was all my parents’ doing,” she argued. “Yes, it’s true, I was chocolate abused at home. They kept this highly addictive drug always available, right out in the open. What chance did a kid have?”

Capaldi explained, “It all started during Christmas with Brach’s Chocolate Covered Cherries, which next led me to abuse Whitman’s Samplers, and then I became dangerously into Fannie Mae products. Finally, I was taken over the edge one day by a chocolate pusher who introduced me to the most deadly variety — Belgian chocolates.”

Capaldi paused, searching for words. “After that, it was



Provost Capaldi warning CLAS students to “Just say no.” all downhill. The guilt, the shame. At one point, I even forced one of my loyal employees to smuggle chocolates back from Brussels. I was at the end of my rope, and even someone as naive as Lombardi was starting to suspect. I had to come out of the closet.”

“They say I’m fine now. These occasional temper tantrums and withdrawal twitches are supposed to be only temporary.”

Car Thieves Hit UF



Late Afternoon



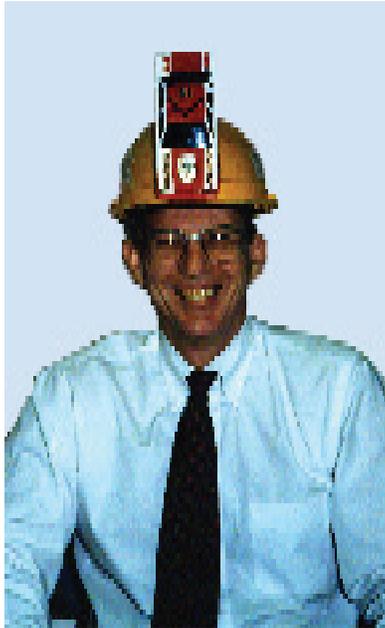
Next Morning

University Police were startled last week to find an entire block of cars stolen overnight. No motive for the sudden disappearance was available. “Most of these vehicles were old faculty clunkers, anyway,” said one officer. “I can’t imagine who would want them.”

UF@Waldo

An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Associate Dean Chuck Frazier unveiled the latest plan for UF's ever expanding academic imperialism. Drawing upon the great success enjoyed by his UF@Santa Fe program, bold moves are underway to implement phase two, namely the takeover of greater Waldo.



Chuck Frazier sports the official headgear of the CLAS Parking Czar

"The Waldo campus (or UF Northeast, as it will be known) has many potential advantages for an ambitious institution like ours," said Frazier.

"First, it has virtually unlimited parking opportunities, which is the obvious driving consideration in academic matters today," insisted Frazier, the infamous Parking Czar at UF.

He explained that for 1997-98, all student parking permits will be reassigned to Waldo. In addition, all faculty who complain about anything, but most particularly the RA tuition charges, will also find their parking privileges transferred to Waldo. "However," he noted, "be assured that efficient shuttle buses will run twice daily."

A key element in this transaction is evidently the train depot in Waldo. "How many towns this size can claim to be on the Amtrak system," asked Frazier? "And what large city is just uprail from Waldo? That's right, Jacksonville. Can you say 'Big Bucks', boys and girls?"

Plans presently being developed in Academic Affairs call for high technology people-movers, "Otherwise known as cattle cars," explained Frazier, to transport thousands of students early each morning from the city — and back late in the day — for classes at Waldo's UF campus. "Today Jacksonville, tomorrow the world."

Finally, he announced that the new UF ownership would retain "the guaranteed fund raising mechanism, the famous Waldo Speed Trap."

"By lowering the speed limit to 10 MPH and extending the jurisdiction to include all parking lots, where the really fast driving takes place, program growth will be assured," smiled a gleeful Frazier.

UF@Waldo: Creative management at work. 🐾

Post Partum Tracking

"It's Never Too Early"

The outstanding success of the recently introduced Universal Tracking program has led to its next logical step. President Lombardi issued Executive White Paper No. 847, which describes the gist of the new directive.

"The current policy of requiring students to declare an academic major as a part of the admissions application has been wildly successful," declared Lombardi, "but it does have some minor faults. Primarily, I'm concerned that we still allow students too much wasted time thinking about career interests."

"We thought first about requiring students to select a UF major in middle school, but even that seemed late," intoned Lombardi. "So we are now implementing, in conjunction with Shands, our latest tracking policy — Post Partum Tracking. Why not begin right away?"

"I know some misguided folks will suggest this as a tad early to make life-defining decisions. They will say we are jumping the gun. They will say the thought process is not quite mature. They will say the kid could make a mistake at that stage. Well, I say Tough Cookies! Every kid on its own bottom."

The president continued, "The most important consideration here is that we will be able to plan for these future students. We will have the sections ready, the faculty hired, and a full curriculum laid out."

"By the time the infant and its mother are dismissed from the hospital we will hand them a four-year class schedule and an assigned seat at Commencement," Lombardi said. "Is that great planning or what?"

Any Port in a Storm



Associate Provost David Colburn asks for directions to Tigert Hall.