While you were on Spring Break…

The new Strategic Plan for Union was recently unveiled, calling for graduates capable of producing innovative ideas ("the goofier, the better," in the words of the plan). Not surprisingly, it called for an immediate elimination of the Department of Mathematics. "Sure, I'm sad," commented Professor Brenda Johnson, chair of the department. "It will mean that all 13 of us will be unemployed as of June. But if that's what it takes to get a new fleet of vehicles for physical plant, then we're all 110% behind it."

In a move described as "unrelated" by Johnson, the department has sold all of the Olivier Models and used the proceeds to have life-size wax sculptures made of each faculty member in the department. "The first two just arrived - we're all really thrilled!" said Johnson (see below).

Dean of the Faculty Therese McCarty was, however, not supportive. "Unrelated, my asparagus! I know what's going on here, and don't think for a minute that the College is going to stand for it. We've got Union's attorney working full-time to recover our precious models."

Dean McCarty denied that the actions of the Mathematics Department would have any effect on implementing the Strategic Plan, but did admit that a similar move to eliminate English and Biology has been "temporarily put on hold."

Statistical Analysis

The probability of any reader believing what s/he reads is .000742. If we sum this over the 407 readers of the newsletter and do a standard normalization with a division by one-plus-i-squared, we find that there are exactly three readers who will believe everything written here and seven others who will only question Dean McCarty's culinary reference. For this reason, we feel compelled to point out that, although the dummies in the department are real, the Olivier models will soon be safely housed in Bailey Hall.