

2007-2008 CoB Awards

Another academic year draws to a close, it is time to look back and salute some of the CoB faculty members who would not otherwise get their just rewards. The following is a list of the major awards:

Career Killer Award – Harold Doty. No one does it better. He still acts like he believes he is dean, still believes everyone should listen to him, and still believes there is a college of business out there somewhere that desires him as dean. 0-3, Harold.

Bob-and-Weaver Award – Farhang Niroomand. Out as an administrator, reportedly happy about it, yet searching to be a dean elsewhere: that just doesn't jive, does it? He still lurks trying to cast a Machiavellian spell over his followers while thus far having Doty-esque results in his search to be a dean.

Slicer of the Thinnest Bologna Award – Ed Nissan. We don't need no stinkin' new research when we can recycle the old. Besides, if you do anything really new, it would be hard on his outside typist(s) and on his inside typist (George Carter). I guess he is simply being thoughtful.

Ghost in the Machine Award – this is perhaps the most difficult award decision because of all of the contenders. The finalists are Jim Henderson and Marvin Albin in Accounting, Bill Gunther and Mark Klinedinst in Economics, Scott Magruder and Chang Hsieh in MIS, and Stephen Bushardt in Management. Both Albin and Bushardt pull at the heart strings because this is their last chance at this award, but Albin did no less than usual this year, and while Bushardt was around for the odd day of service, it was a normal year for him. Henderson repeats his typical year: teach, golf, golf, teach, repeat. Magruder, a fine faculty apparition, could have won, but he did mostly perform some service this year and met most of his classes – maybe next year. Hsieh was in a close race, but too many closed-door meetings with Alvin Williams and Steve Jackson to lobby for personal causes (and being seen in the halls going to and from these meetings) cost him. Had he spent the entire year like the second half of the spring semester, he may have been able to take home this year's award. Gunther was riding high until he brought in an associate director of the "bureau" who actually produces stuff. This now keeps Gunther's name in the Hattiesburg American under charts and in the occasional USM publication. Therefore, our winner is Klinedinst. He may have to retire from this competition. What more can be said than when asked about him, faculty members' responses tend to be either "Who?" or "I thought he retired."

Ghost in the Machine – Please Award – This award goes to the faculty member who, for whatever reasons, is all too visible in the CoB and does not need to be. John Clark received many nominations for his relentless whining and pontification. Donna Davis, another annual favorite nominee, was active in this category, but despite again (to paraphrase several CoB administrators) over-promising and under-producing, she did try to do something positive in the CoB. That alone makes people angry. Several economists vied for this award, but their usual lack of work ethic held them back. Our

winner this year is John Lambert. Mr. online degrees; Mr. vanity-style publications; and, one of the few faculty members able to alienate students while handing out high grades. He is also rumored to have hacked-off many staff members in the college and around campus. Your hard work paid off, Dr. Lambert.

Administrator of the Year Award - Best – Tony Henthorne. He himself admits no one believed it was possible. This year was awesomely impressive, even without any real competition.

Administrator of the Year Award – Worst – George Carter. The overwhelming choice for this award and also the consensus pick as the biggest impediment to future CoB success.

Retiree of the Year Award – we were over-run with competition this year. Many are worthy of praise and awards, but for his infamous shirts alone, Tony Henthorne is our winner.