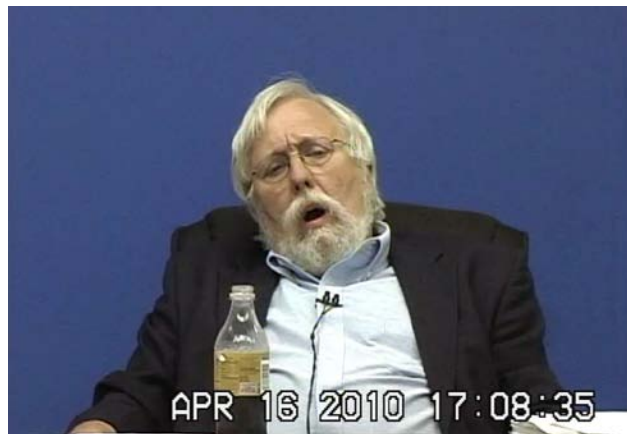


31st & Pearl

Cannonized

The new USMNEWS.net series about USM scientist Gordon Cannon's recent stint as ombudsman is opening eyes. Cannon's work on behalf of the Martha Saunders administration's investigation of the USMNEWS.net editor is looking like one of the more glaring examples of sycophancy seen in quite some time. That administration, represented at times by Cannon, appears to be averse to due process/procedural integrity, principles our country stands for in daily life. What's not shown in writing by the new series is covered well by the accompanying photo of Cannon, which is inserted below. "Arrogance" is just a beginning.



Cannon's attitude is pervasive, at least at USM. That there are so many so-called academicians around campus willing to engage in such political hackery is a sad commentary on life at USM. As more and more outsiders visit USMNEWS.net, the behavior of officials at USM only seems to get worse and worse, while the number of officials engaging in it only grows. Watching the actors multiply over time surely gives a new meaning to the term *boilerplate*. The only real mystery here now is *who* will be the next to be Cannonized.

31st & Pearl is a series housed at usmnews.net that features commentary on aspects of life in the CoB from a variety of columnists.