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Do the Right Thing At Least Once

A belief shared by many is that CoB associate professor of economics, Trellis Green, is being forced to be a part of the group of five mostly senior economists who are retiring on 30-June-10 so that Sami Dakhliya, Akbar Marvasti and Daniel Monchuk can continue their USM careers. Unlike those joining Green in retirement – Mark Klinedinst, George Carter, William Gunther and Edward Nissan – Green's salary is not a hot, bloated mess. Yes, the average salary amongst these four relatively sluggish CoB economists is about \$112,000 year. Green, on the other hand, banks only \$78,500 per year. This is the real shame of it all, and many are wondering why Green, a single father, hasn't already put his attorney, Kim Chaze, to the task of securing his USM employment beyond June-10.

Why does Green have an attorney, you ask? The answer: Green had to file a lawsuit against Carter (back in 1994) just to get the deserved promotion to associate he (Green) sought and was wrongfully denied by Carter. USM settled that one for Carter to the tune of (1) Green's promotion to associate, (2) the promotion-to-associate raise and (3) an undisclosed financial settlement. Many CoBers have, since that time, been under the belief Chaze informed USM that further action against Green would result in a re-introduction of the Green v. USM battle. One would think this latest "forced retirement" episode would activated the Chaze trigger so many believe exists.

The recent news that Deniz Gevrek, another CoB assistant professor of economics, is now affiliated with Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi adds an additional dimension to this saga. Gevrek was set to joined Dakhliya, Marvasti and Monchuk. That will not happen now. Her USM salary, however, is, at \$75,000 per year, about enough to cover Green should he be allowed to rejoin his economics colleagues in the CoAL (after 2009-10). This is a perfect opportunity for USM to step out and do something good for a change. Of course, CoB dean Lance Nail apparently wants little, if anything, to do with USM economists. That's not necessarily so, however, when it comes to CoAL dean Denise von Herrmann. She has a golden opportunity to make a mark at this moment. Green, Green's daughter and so many others would be extremely grateful. And, to top it off, USM's reputation would get a boost in the process. That part is priceless.

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