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Still Invested?

By now you may have questions yourself about that list of anomalies known as the 2006 Merit Raises. If so, then it's clear you haven't heard about "Developing Careers," the plan where Doty identifies and assists his most loyal supporters, because as Dean *those are the people he should focus on the most*. It doesn't take an electronic screening report from Kintera to understand that he takes PRIDE only in what you do for *him*. Still all warm and fuzzy about life in the CoB?

Take Dr. Vest, for example. Think his head is spinning about being passed by the LOA guy? I'd bet on it. What about Dr. Becker? I bet she's thrilled to be in a place where she is supported by the man who exposed the illegal hiring practices of USM's central administrators. How's the view from 42nd Street? Not good? Well, don't count on the market- or equity-money cavalry coming any time soon. That money will be needed to provide additional "market adjustments" for PERS slaves and "equity raises" for CoB males.

In the meantime, we hope faculty like these two will stay invested in the College, and continue to give their all. Do a good job as committee/department Chair. Help the CoB stay accredited. If you do these things, Doty will take care of it. We've heard he's told some recent CoB retirees that he could arrange for them to receive 13 checks per year, instead of just 12, upon retirement. Who knows, if he could do that for you too, all the effort might seem worthwhile.

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