

# **BREAKING NEWS UPDATE**

## **More on Rifts & Secret Plans Involving ECO**

**HATTIESBURG** – Information regarding the [3-Nov-08](#) **BREAKING NEWS** and **BREAKING NEWS UPDATE** stories about the [secret plan](#) to ship the CoB's economists over to the College of Arts & Letters continues to come into USMNEWS.net headquarters. According to information just received by USMNEWS.net, one of the three named economists who was marketed by new CoB dean Lance Nail and new CoAL dean Denise von Herrmann to the CoAL's international affairs and political science faculty as a "social science economist," and who was offered to the aforementioned CoAL faculty, complained to all who would listen that a move to CoAL would stifle his chances at future raises. Insiders say that Mark Klinedinst, one of the "ECO 3" who was included as part of what is being called the "sub-option," complained throughout the corridors of JAG and elsewhere that the five economists constituting the "sub-option" would be among the highest paid faculty in all of the CoAL, making each of them targets for a form of class discrimination/warfare at merit raise time every year. And according to insiders, Klinedinst's concerns were (or are) possibly valid.

What is more interesting about Klinedinst's complaint, however, is what it says about the CoB, especially under former deans Harold Doty (2003-07) and Alvin Williams (2007-08). That is that Klinedinst had come to expect "merit raises" under these two regimes, despite not having published an index journal article since 1998, which goes as far back *the beginning of* the William Gunther administration (1998-2003) of the CBA (CoB). Klinedinst's lack of productivity since 1998 has been well documented here at USMNEWS.net. Yet despite such documentation and derision from USMNEWS.net editorialists and columnists, Klinedinst picked up **\$16,496** in "merit raises" over the only three merit raise processes that fell under the Doty/Williams regimes ('04, '06 and '07). Individually, these raises were **\$7,725** ('04), **\$4,745** ('06) and **\$4,026** ('07), meaning that three-fourths of his total came from the two-thirds portion controlled by Doty. Thus, as sources say, for some (unknown) reason Harold Doty loved (loves) Mark Klinedinst.

Now, Klinedinst and the rest of the "ECO 3" are left to ponder the idea that Nail no longer wants them in the CoB – an idea that must be disconcerting to them. Perhaps it is time, as one insider suggests, for these three to reconsider their position on the matter ("sub-option").