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Let's Not Make Things Better, Yet Say We Did

Former interim CoB dean, Alvin Williams, noted more than once during his April 2007 inauguration meeting that the CoB's Joseph Greene Hall contained a work environment that was short on civility. However, in his 26-June-08 farewell e-mail to CoB faculty and staff, Williams spoke of JGH as if it were Disney World.

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On Behalf Of Alvin Williams Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2008 To: cob-facstaff@usm.edu Subject: [Cob-facstaff] Thanks!

Colleagues:

Today is my last day at Southern Miss. I now have my new 'retired' photo ID and parking pass.

Thanks immensely for your tremendous support over the past 28 years. All of you have contributed to a vibrant and fun environment in which to teach, conduct research, and engage in professional service. You have made Joseph Greene Hall special.

Best wishes for continued success! Thanks.

Alvin J. Williams, Interim Dean

College of Business

University of Southern Mississippi

Williams states in his e-mail above that <u>all</u> of the CoB's faculty and staff have contributed to make the CoB "vibrant and fun environment in which to teach, conduct research, and engage in professional service." Williams didn't stop there, stating that <u>all</u> of the CoB's personnel had contributed to making Joseph Greene Hall "special." Based on Williams' statement above, the CoB (JGH) has nowhere to go but down.

Pounders "Virtually Back" for More

The CoB's former Alternative Learning Coordinator, Katie Pounders (M.B.A., USM), is now embarking on an online teaching assignment of MKT 300 for MGT & MKT chair, Tony Henthorne. Pounders, a PhD student in marketing at nearby LSU, is also Henthorne's girlfriend. Their relationship began back during Pounders' graduate school days in the CoB.

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According to the summer 2008 USM course schedule excerpt above, Pounders' online section of MKT 300 is now closed, with 35 students enrolled. With the CoB now farming out online courses to non-terminally degreed instructors in other states, sources say that new CoB dean Lance Nail's control of instructor qualifications and assessment of learning will be tested from the outset.

Good Ol' Boy Awarded Kaetsu Professorship

CoB management professor, David Duhon, continues to soar to new heights. Two years after being promoted to professor, Duhon was named interim chair of two CoB departments, management/marketing and tourism management. Now, just weeks later, Duhon is set to become the *Kaetsu Distinguished Professor of International Business*, beginning with the 2008-09 academic year. This marks not only another milestone that Duhon has achieved in the past few years, it is also a milestone that Duhon's <u>rival</u>, EFIB chair George Carter, has yet to reach.



David Duhon, Kaetsu Distinguished Professor of International Business

Now, Duhon holds the professorship that once belonged to Carter's EFIB, but was taken away by former CoB dean, Harold Doty, the CoB CEO Carter staunchly supported.

"If Corky were Clark . . . " A Commentary by Duane Cobb

Recent news reports stated that three athletics coaches at USM were awarded contract extensions by central administrators in USM's Athletics Department. These are Larry Eustachy (head coach, men's basketball), Joye Lee McNelis (head coach, women's basketball) and Corky Palmer (head coach, baseball). One particular item in these reports was striking to me. That item was Palmer's base salary, just a bit over \$100,000 per year. My first reaction was "That's (Palmer's salary) several thousand less than John Clark's (salary)." In case you're wondering, Clark is an associate professor of finance in the CoB. He earns around \$110,000 per year. Palmer's USM baseball teams win 40+ games each year, and participate in NCAA Regionals. All Clark does is publish in marketing journals. Where's the justice in those salary figures?

It will only get worse, especially after Clark got some of his journal publications upgraded by the CoB's 2007-08 journal ranking team. It hit me recently that Corky and his assistants should put a committee together. That committee should re-work the evaluation mechanism that Richard Giannini, USM's Athletics Director, uses for Palmer. As it now stands, an NCAA Regional Championship, an NCAA Super Regional Championship, and a College World Series Title are the C-, B-, and A-level accomplishments, respectively, for Palmer. Palmer's committee could change these. I would suggest new classifications, so that a C-USA Championship and an NCAA Regional Championship are the C- and B-level accomplishments, respectively. Finally, the NCAA Super Regional Championship should be moved into the A-level, alongside the CWS title. Yeah . . . that's the ticket.

"These are Nail's Decisions," by a 31st & Pearl Columnist

If you're like me, you're aghast at the news that management professor, David Duhon, is now the *Kaetsu Distinguished Professor of IB*. There are so many things wrong with this situation, it's difficult to figure out where to begin. First, the *Kaetsu* belongs in the EFIB, not in MGT & MKT. With Duhon, that's two holders in a row from MGT & MKT to have held the professorship (former interim dean, Alvin Williams, was the first). Second, endowed professorships don't belong in the hands of administrators. This is something CoBers are having a difficult time understanding. And, in the case of the *Kaetsu*, Duhon marks the second administrator-holder in a row (again, Williams was the first). Third, distinguished professorships don't belong in the hands of Duhon. This is the same guy who only two years ago needed a "letter of agreement" (with former CoB dean Harold Doty, and Williams) to reach the rank of professor. His research record is nowhere near the top of the CoB, even with all of the faculty attrition since 2003.

Who made this decision? Surely, Williams signed all of the necessary paperwork. It's not beneath Williams to have even promoted Duhon for the title. However, new CoB dean, Lance Nail, is being kept in the loop on every decision in the CoB these days. The means that Nail countenanced the Duhon decision, and the others that have been coming from the second floor of Greene Hall in recent weeks. Nowadays, Duhon is a distinguished professor. These days are Nail's days.

GS Cites in ECO & TM

It's time to revisit some of the CoB faculty Google Scholar citations data. This installment of **CoB News** revisits the economics and tourism management faculty. GS cites from both units, as of late June of 2008, are shown in Table 1 below. ECO is listed first, and faculty within each unit are listed from most to fewest GS cites. Table 1 also provides each person's academic rank heading into the 2008-09 academic year.

Table 1
Google Scholar Cites in ECO & TM (as of late June '08)

Name	Rank	Google Scolar Cites
Niroomand, Farhang	PROF	88
Klinedinst, Mark	PROF	86
Nissan, Edward	PROF	86
Marvasti, Akbar	PROF	83
Gunther, William	PROF	42
Carter, George	PROF	39
Green, Trellis	ASSOC	25
Dakhlia, Sami	ASSOC	21
Monchuk, Daniel	ASSIST	17
Becker, Cherylynn	ASSOC	63
Price, Catherine	PROF	29

As Table 1 shows, a few things have happened since our last annual GS cites <u>report</u> came out in April of this year. Although Niroomand is still on top of ECO, the GS cites totals of every ECO faculty except Gunther have grown by more (since April) than Niroomand's. While Niroomand's total is up 3, to 88, Mark Klindedinst's total has risen by 13. After that, the totals of Nissan, Carter, and Marvasti are all up by 8, while those of Monchuk, Green and Dakhlia have risen by 6, 5 and 4, respectively. Not surprisingly, Gunther's total has remained constant.

With his 13 new GS cites, Klinedinst has moved ahead of Akbar Marvasti, and into a tie with Edward Nissan, who also ranked higher than Klinedinst back in April. By the time of the next annual report, Klinedinst is expected to be atop ECO, with Nissan and Marvasti fighting for second. Carter should supplant Gunther, while Monchuk may be able to move ahead of Dakhlia, sending the newly minted associate professor into last place. It will be interesting, according to sources, to see Klinedinst atop ECO as the *lowest paid full professor* on the roster.

Perhaps the most notable characteristic of the TM portion of Table 2 is that there are only two tenure track faculty carrying over from 2007-08 and into 2008-09. This is a symptom of the situation that former USM provost Jay Grimes wrote about in his February 2007 letter excoriating former CoB dean Harold Doty for allowing the CoB's TM program to essentially disintegrate. The TM portion of Table 2 also shows that there is not much of a race with respect to GS citations. Former TM chair Cherylynn Becker leads professor Catherine Price by a wide margin. Becker's total of 63 is respectable, and it has grown by 10 since the 2008 annual report on CoB GS citations was posted back in April of this year. At this pace, Price has little hope of catching Becker. ECO's Gunther and Carter will not likely ever surpass Becker either.