

Move Over Boys

When Mark Klinedinst arrived at USM in the mid-1980s, relatively fresh from his doctoral studies in economics at Cornell University, his wife boldly informed his new USM colleagues that they would need to move over and make room for the man who would soon be publishing regularly in the likes of the *American Economic Review* and numerous other top-shelf economics journals. Some snickered, all waited and watched for the display of talent from the *uberhire* who stood before them. It never came.

Klinedinst arrived at USM in the mid-1980s, but his research talents didn't produce any output for some time. When they did, the results were less than stellar. Klinedinst finally got on the board in 1991 with publications in the *Australian Bulletin of Labor and Economic Analysis & Workers' Management*. Meanwhile, Trellis Green had already published in *Land Economics*, and Charles Sawyer had been published in the *Review of Economics & Statistics* -- both top-notch journals. And, those boys went to Florida State and Arkansas.

The next year, 1992, Klinedinst followed with articles in the *Journal of Economic Issues* and *European Economic Review*. About six years had passed, and no AERs. Maybe he was just cracking his knuckles, and warming up (stretching out). Though nothing was published in 1993, the faculty in the EIB tenured and promoted Klinedinst to associate professor. They must have sensed he was a hot commodity who was about to depart, so they acted hastily, and secured him forever.

1994 followed with an additional *Journal of Economic Issues*. 1995 was dry. In 1996, another *Journal of Economic Issues*. Another four years, still no AERs. In about 10 years overall, maybe a single USM A-level publication. Still, the EIB had to act quickly to secure Klinedinst, so he was promoted to full professor in 1998, on the basis of these *JEIs* and another in the *Journal of Comparative Economics*, along with an invitation to "revise and resubmit" another to *JCE*. Both of these *JCEs* were eventually published in late 1998. After two more years, maybe three USM As.

That was 1998. This is 2007. Nothing more. Game over. As "CoB Confidential, Part 4" shows, EBSCOhost can't locate another. No AERs. Done. Everytime I hear this story, it's difficult not to think about what Will (played by Matt Damon) said to the Harvard graduate student in the Cambridge bar (during *Good Will Hunting*). Classic Klinedinst.