

"Deep in the Heart . . ."

A LOOK AT WHAT FACULTY ARE DOING TO ESCAPE THE COB

Former CoB economics professor Charles Sawyer's journey since leaving the CoB after the 2006-07 academic year has been an interesting one. Sawyer joined Texas Christian University's ADDRAN College of Liberal Arts in August of 2007 as its *Hal Wright Professor of Latin American Economics*.



Sawyer's 530-mile move to Fort Worth was full of twists and turns. For one, sources tell USMNEWS.net that Sawyer left his family, two children (one attending USM) and wife (employed at USM), behind in Hattiesburg. In doing so, his oldest child no longer qualified for the full tuition credit that had resulted from the dual USM employment of Sawyer and his wife. (As reported previously by USMNEWS.net, former CoB dean Harold Doty, and Doty's wife, Susan, have taken advantage of this benefit over the past few years by sending their daughter to USM.) Second, not only was Sawyer's family behind in Hattiesburg, the new *Hal Wright Professor* lived in a "student apartment building" in Fort Worth during the 2007-08 academic year. According to the TCU Department of Economics' [Annual Newsletter 2008](#) (see inserted excerpt below), Sawyer "could not escape the loud, late night talking and yelling of rambunctious students returning home from a night on the town or after an evening of post-football game celebration."

Charles Sawyer, Endowed Chair of Latin American Economics (prepared by our Latin American correspondent).

This was Dr. Sawyer's first year in our economics department. That means he spent some time adjusting to his new life here in Fort Worth, and particularly to life at TCU. Dr. Sawyer didn't face too much of a shock, though. He's a native son, having grown up in west Texas. Still, there was a bit of an adjustment to make. You see, Dr. Sawyer stayed in a student apartment building this past year. Living there, he could not escape the loud, late night talking and yelling of rambunctious students returning home from a night on the town or after an evening of post-football game celebration. Dr. Sawyer describes it as "an informative year." And Dr. Sawyer endured! But now, a year older and much wiser, he has moved to a house.

In classic Sawyer form, that year in the student apartment building was described as "informative." These days Sawyer is reunited with his family, and the Sawyers are living in a house. The cost of 2007-08 was that Sawyer "worked on" only two academic papers (see newsletter), though one of these is pedagogical while the other, according to sources, is several years old.