

Has Ed Lost That Lovin' Feeling?

Ed Nissan was present for the start of classes this semester. It is a wonder that was not picked up by news services. Dedicated readers know (and newer readers can discover in the archives) that old Ed has been M.I.A. at the start of virtually all semesters for years. George Carter, Ed's erstwhile typist and future former Chair, would cover for Ed's disappearance by handing out the syllabi and perhaps teaching a class or three for Ed. As reports to usmnews.net noted earlier, Dr. Nissan did not return for Dean Nail's Retreat, but did cut his vacation short to start classes. Does this signal the waning of Ed's protection? Does it signal Ed's understanding that his work life will be changing if his performance does not? When Donna Davis is at the helm over the economists, this type of behavior will be far less tolerated and certainly not rewarded. Until then, remember that if George thinks it would get him one more day as Chair, he would throw Ed under the proverbial bus.