

Perks for Buds XI
Fall 2008 – Another Advantageous Semester for John Clark

As the fall semester approaches in the CoB, we once again find John Clark teaching little to a few. He is scheduled to teach his beloved investments course to probably 40-45 students and retirement planning to 30-35 students; two classes, probably no more than 80 students, minimal prep time. His onerous teaching schedule is Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:45 and 11:00 to 12:15. Since he is not a morning person, he will seldom darken the doors of the CoB until 9:27 or later each class day. As usual, he will have very few office hours, and in actuality fewer than that because he will not be in his office for a lot of those posted hours. That allows his colleagues to be interrupted in their work to respond to Clark's students with the all too familiar "I do not know where Dr. Clark is" line. Clark will occasionally be in the pretend "Center", but certainly not the three hours a week he has release time for. Research? Not unless he gets his co-authors to work for him. He is too busy huffing and puffing about being busy and, naturally, being over-worked and under-paid. What are the tax payers of Mississippi getting for their overly large salary paid to John Clark? Two half-days a week. It surely is great work, if you can get it, and through his buddy George Carter, Clark seems to get it every semester. Production and value be darned! This is perks for buds, Clark and Carter style.