

Retirees

What will the economist retirees do once they depart in June? Here are some thoughts:

George Carter – George has his military retirement, social security, and now his state retirement, so money is probably not an issue. If he wants to stay active in some way, he can continue his consulting business (as an expert witness on economic issues) without running it off of USM premises. He could lease some space, hire his old secretary, Janet McKee, to reprise her role as secretary and cheerleader. They could sit around, drink coffee, and reminisce about how great they were (in their own minds) and how horrible all of their malcontents were. That sounds like heaven on earth for them.

Bill Gunther – he may be ready for the rocker, but West Florida may call. He may also try Spring Hill College; if they will hire Stephen Bushardt, they will probably hire him. Bill may be like Obama is right now: he may go somewhere he is not wanted, try to do something no one needs, and be paid an embarrassing amount to do it.

Ed Nissan – surely England calls. England: that fortress that still allows tobacco in a lot of places. With family and friends there, and nothing left here, it is time to go.

Trellis Green – phasing to retirement in his deer stand. It is indeed ironic that the one faculty member who – through his lawsuit against USM – could have prevented or delayed some of the Doty-era harm, especially from Carter, allowed it to happen and paid the price. How sympathetic should anyone be?

Mark Klinedinst – the odds are he will not be going anywhere except across the street to the College of Arts & Letters. It is a shame that all his publicity of the past several months has been about whining, complaining, and seeking “fairness” he never wanted to bestow. He will seem less liberal across the street, but no more productive. Does Martha really want a permanent malcontent?

The story begins in about ten weeks. Stay tuned.