

***usmpride.com News* DEVELOPING STORY**

HATTIESBURG --- It is being reported to usmpride.com that Ray Canterbury, the CoB's new "Scholar-in-Residence," is no longer affiliated with USM. CoB administrators are saying that Canterbury has an unnamed illness that has prevented him from serving in the CoB during the 2006-07 academic year.

As reported earlier at usmpride.com, Canterbury was brought to USM by EFIB Chair George Carter just days before the beginning of Fall semester 2006. Sources are now telling usmpride.com that Carter's decision to hire Canterbury in the Scholar-in-Residence capacity was done without consultation from EFIB faculty, and that EFIB faculty were as surprised as faculty in other CoB departments to receive the e-mail from CoB Dean Harold Doty announcing the hiring of Canterbury. Investigators at usmpride.com also confirm that Canterbury's employment line is not presented in the newly printed 2006-07 USM Budget.

It was also reported earlier at usmpride.com that EFIB recently selected, by a vote of 7-5, a three-faculty governance committee to handle personnel issues for the department. However, yesterday sources confirmed that George Carter assigned Canterbury's sole teaching responsibility – ECO 672, International Economics – to Professor Frank Mixon without consulting others on that committee.

Reporters at usmpride.com have confirmed that Mixon is not an international economist. Our staff has also confirmed that a number of other CoB economists are specialists in international economics. These include Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand, who studied under famed international economist Mordechai Kreinin at Michigan State University (Niroomand recently served as host to Kreinin for a Boardman Series lecture at USM). Investigators indicate that Niroomand, who has presented numerous papers on international economics at the Central Bank of Iran, and who currently serves as Editor of the *Journal of Current Research in Global Business*, is not teaching any courses in the Fall of 2006. Another qualified faculty is Charles Sawyer, author of *International Economics 2e* by Prentice Hall. Sawyer has reportedly taught ECO 672 on numerous occasions in the past.

Sources indicate that EFIB Chair George Carter has been unavailable for communication with the other members of the EFIB governance committee. Carter took Wednesday afternoon off and left town on personal business (what is being reported as a social engagement) over the Thursday-Friday, September 14-15, 2006, period. Two sources have independently confirmed that Carter's Friday morning classes did not meet.