

## **Perks for Buds V**

### **When the music stops . . .**

When Bill Gunther was ousted as Dean by President Shelby Thames, he received a nice spacious office that should belong to the director of the CoB graduate programs. It was empty because the person playing at the graduate programs job did not want to move into that office. It is mostly understandable that some people would want to give Gunther some kind of salve for his wounds; those people would be the fellow Economics people that benefited from Gunther's non-leadership, and the other usual suspects that work with them for the status quo they crave. Even to them, the idea had to be this was a transitional office as Gunther either retired or sought another dean's job elsewhere.

Years pass.

Years of doing little, combined with a new dean arriving, combined with a new graduate director wanting to be in the right office to try to do the job, means Gunther needs to move. Time for an office in the economics suite, right? Not exactly. The plan, apparently approved by Interim Dean Williams, is to move Gunther into Tony Henthorne's nicer, newer office when he retires. That space is Tourism Management's (TM) space; Henthorne is in it as Chair of that area. The office next to it in the suite contains the TM secretary. Why would anyone think to put Gunther, an economist, there? Because the "bureau" he fronts used to be in there? Drs. Lindley and Topping used to be in there, too; using that logic, move them back in there. No, there is no logic, as usual. There is only what they want to do (and before the new dean arrives), not what makes sense for the best interests of the CoB. What there is - of course - is yet another perk for buds.