

2007-08 Already Off to Bad Start

Accounting's Roderick Posey Named Morgan Distinguished Professor

The ink on our predictions for the 2007-08 CoB Professorships was barely dry when **usmnews.net** readers began contacting us to say that one of our predictions had already missed the mark. That one, the SAIS' Morgan Distinguished Professorship in Accounting, will not go to Stanley Clark or Charles Jordan, as we predicted. Instead, it has already been awarded to accounting professor Roderick Posey. That means we missed the mark, and by a mile.

Before we go any further, **usmnews.net** reporters would like to state that two of our other predictions may now be in jeopardy. Neither Harold Doty nor Farhang Niroomand were included among our list of Professorships predictions. They were omitted based on our reasoning that putting them up for anything, at this time for sure, would have to rank as one of the most embarrassing decisions an administration could make, even an interim administration. However, with the Posey selection, all bets are off. Doty and Niroomand may yet have a shot. They may indeed be candidates in the catch-all BAC/Partnership Society/Economics Professorships category. We'll have to wait and see. In the meantime, back to Posey.

Posey's claim of having "more than 100" accounting publications – placed front and center on his USM webpages bio (see below) – has been discussed in numerous reports and columns at **usmnews.net**. The most recent example is the coverage of Posey's selection as the CoB's 2007 BellSouth Outstanding Faculty Award winner, given out annually at the CoB's Spring Awards Banquet. This year the presenter of that award went through a list of accolades for the assembled audience. Included in that list was Posey's "more than 100" claim, which is demonstrably false based on investigative reporting by contributors to **usmnews.net**. Columnists and contributors to **usmnews.net** were quick to pounce on the story, pointing out how Posey's claim is an embarrassment for the CoB, its students, and its alumni. With the selection of Posey as the 2007-08 Morgan Distinguished Professor of Accounting, and the near \$20,000 stipend that goes along with the honor, the CoB will begin the 2007-08 academic year under a renewed version of the same embarrassing cloud that shrouded the end of 2006-07. Stay tuned to **usmnews.net** for updates on how our other predictions held up.

