

31st & Pearl

... Seven Questions to Save the CoB

We're just two installments in and already the new "Seven Questions" series here at USMNEWS.net is one I am looking most forward to checking each day. It's clear that the results of these interviews would be useful to a sitting dean at any business school, but that is especially true in the case of new CoB dean Lance Nail. He has only just hit the (CoB) ground running, and there are few sources of good information out there. The landscape he inherits is filled with snakes in the grass.

What Nail does with the information being provided by "Seven Questions" is certainly his decision, but he would be remiss if he chooses not to read it altogether. Of particular interest to him should be some of the thoughts and feelings of those current CoBers who are subsequently interviewed as part of the series. In keeping with that thought, if you get contacted (as a current CoBer) by USMNEWS.net about participation in this series, please participate. Nail can't act on information he has yet to receive, and it's clear from the first two installments that the process is anonymous.

After completely hyping up the new "Seven Questions" series, another new series here at USMNEWS.net has piqued my interest, and that of many others, even more. The series that I speak of now is the one about the political machine that EFIB chairman George Carter is oiling up and readying for a campaign to discredit, defeat, and probably even denigrate the new Nail administration (Nail should really take some time to peruse the "What Carter Thinks" catalogue here at USMNEWS.net). Whether Nail was a product of USM president Martha Saunders or of new USM provost Robert Lyman, the Saunders administration is going to have to support Nail, and wholeheartedly so, over the coming weeks and months if the CoB is to improve. It was, if you recall, Saunders herself who said that the job of dean at USM (these days) is not one for the faint-hearted. Let's hope she backs that up in Nail's case. With all of the snakes in the grass, he's going to need it.

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