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And So it Begins . . .

The search to find a secret replacement for Edward Nissan on the University Research Council is likely underway. A perusal of the USM website leads one to think that URC service is about as time consuming and bothersome as some of the prior service work Nissan has sought to avoid. One expects things will be no different in this case, and that the “Operation Rescue Ed” that worked to perfection to get Nissan off of the Academic Council will be redeployed in this instance. All kidding aside, Trellis Green should invest in Caller ID, like . . . yesterday, assuming he doesn’t have it already.

The recent election of Jon Carr and Edward Nissan to the University Research Council must be a surprise to many. It’s interesting that, if our understanding is correct, Jon Carr is now on the Academic Council *and* the University Research Council. So, while Jon Carr got saddled, Ed Nissan saddled up and rode (“Yippee Kayeh”). Maybe things are as they should be. The recent profitability spreadsheet shows that Carr’s grant work has withered away, meanwhile Nissan is the new Economics Professor of Economics. Maybe this election, and the “rescue” we expect will follow, only represent the proper use of the CoB’s human resources.

Here’s an interesting scenario, and one to watch for. While Carter and Niroomand are rescuing Nissan, Doty might extricate Carr, one of his favorites. In that case all bets are off. Other than John Clark, who is probably still reeling from the 2005 Brandt Award process, the field is wide open for a replacement. It might even require another one of those anonymous elections wherein CoB faculty get to e-mail their votes to the Dean’s Office in 211 JGH. How’s that for low-stress faculty governance, Tier IV-style?