

***Note:** The piece below is a response to an e-mail that EFIB Chair George Carter sent to EFIB faculty wherein Carter stated that he (Carter) was **not** receiving any compensation for teaching an overload section of BA 301 on Monday nights during spring semester 2007. Carter's overload assignment has been the subject of reports here at usmnews.net.*

A Variation on an Old Trick

There is an old trick that says a person is holding two coins. The two coins total 55 cents. One coin is not a half-dollar coin. What are the coins? The answer, of course, is a half-dollar and a nickel. One coin is not a half-dollar: the other coin is. It is a simple, classic, misdirection ploy.

United Way (among many) says to potential donors that you can designate to which organization you want your donation to go. You can, for example, direct your money to go to the Boy Scouts because you like them, and to keep it out of the hands of Planned Parenthood. This is to make the donor happy because the total dollars going to each agency is virtually never affected by one donation. Your money goes to Boy Scouts so you are happy, but Planned Parenthood gets other donors' money up to its allotment. Again, this is a classic misdirection for success and happiness for some.

Dr. George Carter says he does not receive over-load pay for his "added" Monday night class. Is that because the Monday night class was "not the half-dollar" and another class is? All he said was that he did not receive over-load pay for "that" (Monday night) class. Also, he would not respond to how much Charles Sawyer receives as over-load pay each semester. How many semesters in a row does it take teaching 12 hours before it is no longer considered an "over-load"? Starting in the fall should Dr. Sawyer teach 12 as usual and get over-load pay for the additional 3 hours to 15 hours taught? This is not a trivial matter, nor a confidential one, when there is clearly discriminatory treatment in this area in the same department from the same chairman. How can it possibly be "causing trouble" to ask a chairman to articulate a rationale rule, and then – gasp! – equitably apply it to all. Is that not supposed to be a routine task for a departmental chairman? If a chairman cannot do this, is it not a sure sign it is time to no longer be a chairman? Stop the silly word games, misdirection games, and petty shell games, George. If you want to retire with any dignity re-gained, you have to start with acting like a man before you try to act like a leader.