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As long-time readers are aware, from time to time USMNEWS.NET reporters visit the data available at RATEMYPROFESSORS in order to gauge the quality of instruction across the faculty in the Southern Miss CoB. This was recently done once again (May 2008), and the results are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Ranking CoB Professors by RATEMYPROFESSORS Scores

Rank	Prof	Unit	RATEMYPROFESSORS Score
1	Gunther, William	ECO	5.0
2	DePree, Marc	ACC	4.8
3	Posey, Roderick	ACC	4.6
4	Hood, Matthew	FIN	4.5
5	Duhon, David	MGT	4.4
	King, Ernest	MIS	4.4
7	Green, Trellis	ECO	4.2
	Munn, Patricia	ACC	4.2
	Smith, William	MKT	4.2
10	Sevier, Amy	MGT	4.1
11	Zantow, Kenneth	MGT	3.7
12	Smith, Robert	ACC	3.5
13	Vest, Michael	MGT	3.1
14	Loyd, Dolly	MKT	3.0
	Nissan, Edward	ECO	3.0
16	Henderson, James	ACC	2.9
	Monchuk, Daniel	ECO	2.9
18	Albin, Marvin	ACC	2.8
19	Osmonbekov, Talai	MKT	2.2
20	Chen, Kuo Lane	MIS	1.8
	Fennell, Wanda	MGT	1.8
22	Klinedinst, Mark	ECO	1.5
	Lai, Fujun	MIS	1.5

Note: The gold frames above denote CoB faculty who are departing after the 2007-2008 academic year.

Table 1 above reveals a familiar theme: Marc DePree (ACC), Ernest King (MIS) and Trellis Green (ECO) are among the top instructors in the CoB. Near the bottom are Kuo Lane Chen (MIS), who sources say somehow managed to escape a terminal contract after 2007-08, which some CoB faculty believed was forthcoming due to Chen's abysmal teaching, and Marvin Albin (ACC), who appears to be dragging the CoB down at nearly every turn. According to USMNEWS.NET sources, Chen survived a push by Interim Dean Alvin Williams and SAIS Director Steven Jackson to have a terminal contract delivered to her by Interim USM Provost Bobby Middlebrooks and USM President Martha Saunders. With a RATEMYPROFESSORS score of only 1.8, one can see why various CoB faculty opposed Chen's continued employment in the CoB. However, Chen's defeat was not to be, thanks to what sources refer to as strong backing from the *McCarty Distinguished Professor of MIS* Chang-Tseh Hsieh.

When it comes to appearances in the top 10, ACC leads all other CoB units with four. FIN, MKT and MIS have the fewest top 10 appearances, with one each. In terms of bottom 10 appearances, ECO leads all other CoB units with three. FIN is the only unit that does not appear among the bottom 10. These results confirm the prior **pick*a*prof** study that indicated that ACC is best CoB unit in terms of instruction, while ECO is the worst. Only time will tell if new CoB Dean Lance Nail will institute any changes to push ECO to do better in the classroom.