

Carter's Mercenaries

A Look at How George Carter's Politics May Ruin the Nail Administration

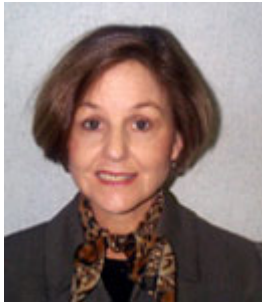
Have no doubts about it, EFIB chairman George Carter is on a mission to bring down the new Lance Nail administration of USM's College of Business. And, with the hiring and firing and "friendraising" efforts Carter has made over the past two decades, he may indeed pull it off before it is all over. This column is **Part 3** in a three-part series of opinion pieces that will attempt to explain just how Carter may pull off the *coup* that some in the CoB are hoping for and others are nervous about.

Part 3 is entitled "**Carter's Mercenaries**" for a reason. It presents details about a cohesive group of CoB faculty that sources have told USMNEWS.net reporters is becoming increasingly dissatisfied with changes that Nail is making vis-à-vis its unit.



Of course, the top beneficiary of the dissatisfaction of this group is Carter, (pictured above). As pointed out in the previous installment in this series, Carter is so *infamous* that he warrants [his own set of pages](#) here at USMNEWS.net. It is there that readers of USMNEWS.net are invited to peruse stories about Carter's [summer teaching schedule shenanigans](#) and his notorious [overload pay for friends](#) program. There one will also see reports on Carter's [use of USM facilities](#) to operate a [private enterprise](#). Carter is also the individual known for [using 12 years](#) over an almost two-decade period to achieve tenure, a process usually applied to academicians over a five or six year period. And, though there is so much more to cover concerning Carter, by presiding over one of the [darkest days](#) in CoB history, Carter is one of few CoB faculty whose actions form the basis for additional pages here at USMNEWS.net.

The preceding shows just what Carter has to lose by having to exist under a non-compliant Nail administration. Conversely, the text above also shows what Carter has to gain (back) by mounting a political phalanx aimed at Nail. How can Carter pull this off? It can be done with the help of malcontents, and the accounting faculty have, according to sources, become just that. At the head of this group is interim director, Steven Jackson. **Part 2** of this series included Jackson among the smallish group of satellite faculty that is available to Carter whenever he needs to muster a current/former (quasi-)administrators against one new Nail proposal or another. However, unlike other members of that group of satellites, Jackson is in a unique position to offer Carter a cohesive group of malcontents. These are the eight accounting faculty pictured below.



Starting from the top left and moving clockwise, these are (1) Mary Anderson, (2) John Brown, (3) James Henderson, (4) Charles Jordan, (5) Patricia Munn, (6) Gwen Pate, (7) Roderick Posey, and (8) Robert Smith. Each of these faculty has a skeleton in the CoB faculty lounge. Anderson, an assistant professor, is the sister of USM Chief Financial Officer [Joe Morgan](#). Anderson is also [expected](#) to be the next recipient of the *Morgan Distinguished Professorship in Accounting*, [named](#) for her father, a former professor of accounting at USM. The problem with an Anderson [selection](#), besides the fact that it is her daddy's professorship (or that she is an *assistant* professor), is the recent revelation that Anderson is one of the CoB's more notorious [slipstreamers](#), having built her research portfolio [on the back](#) of Ted Englebrecht, the Louisiana Tech accountant who mentored [Anderson](#) during her grad school days at LTU.

Next in line is instructor John Brown, whose job was recently saved from the shredder by former CoB dean Harold Doty (the very person who threatened Brown's employment). As **Part 2** in this series stated, Doty is thought to be one of Carter's satellites. The fact that Brown is one of the CoB's [biggest gut profs](#) suggests that he'll go far to keep his job. After Brown is Jim [Henderson](#), the associate professor of accounting who [sparked](#) the [latest SAIS scandal](#) just a few weeks ago. There are enough problems surrounding Henderson that Carter can easily count on his support. Following Henderson is professor Charles Jordan, the CoB accountant who coined the phrase "[without proper citation](#)" during the CoB's [disastrous 2006-07 AACSB re-accreditation](#) run. Jordan, and the phrase he coined, have in many ways come to represent the whole of the CoB's [administrative plagiarism scandals](#) under the Doty administration.

Beginning the second row we encounter instructor Patty Munn, who some refer to as the CoB's "[tenured instructor](#)." Munn is a USMNEWS.net [staple](#), having been [part](#) of CoB scandals from the very beginning. Though it's difficult to follow Munn, associate professor Gwen Pate does (above). Pate's *infamy* includes serving as the administration [spokesperson](#) for the CoB's HVAC replacement debacle. In that capacity, [Pate was an apologist](#) for the

Doty administration, though she did [receive](#) a nice "merit raise" in 2006 as a result of her dedication to the cause. Next to Pate is accounting professor, Roderick Posey. There is so much to say about Posey it's difficult to know where to begin. Well, not really. Posey claims, right on the USM website, to have "more than 100" publications on accounting issues. The claim seems far beyond reality given that [a contest with prizes](#) failed to garner any evidence of Posey's academic output. Despite a lack of evidence of any [hard work](#) for the CoB, administrators continue to shower Posey with [AT&T](#) Outstanding Faculty [Awards](#) and [Morgan Professorships](#).¹ Lastly, we encounter Robert Smith, the mostly absent former director of the CoB's School of Accountancy. Smith, however, is no stranger to the [multiple-counting](#) (of research) scandals that have plagued the CoB's evaluation process seemingly since 1910.

Jackson's accounting group represents eight faculty who, besides being disgruntled with some of the early actions of the Nail administration, have any number of reasons to serve the Carter political machine in opposition to Nail. This cohesive group has reach into other areas of the CoB, and if used properly, this group can help Carter forge a "legislative" majority. With the group in EFIB, the satellites, and this group from accounting, Carter may be well on his way to showing Nail how things are done at USM.

¹ The AT&T Award was formerly known as the BellSouth Award.