

## CoB News, 31 October 2007

### **Are BAC Faculty Scholars Becoming Extinct?**

The number of CoB faculty who remain surprised at things that routinely happen now in the CoB is diminishing with each passing. Thus, it was likely the case that not very many of the CoB's faculty were surprised to learn from Interim CoB Associate Dean Joseph Peyrefitte's recent e-mail that not a single business student had applied for a Business Advisory Council Faculty Scholars stipend (\$1,000) for spring of 2007. As a result, the CoB's administration has extended the deadline and is now asking CoB faculty to spread the word to students.



Elizabeth LaFleur

The BACFS program is designed to pair student protégés with faculty mentors in an effort to teach some of the CoB's best and brightest about academic research. However, the program is being increasingly over-run with CoB faculty who wish to use students in other pursuits. For example, Elizabeth LaFleur (professor of marketing; shown above) informed CoB faculty (at a recent college-wide meeting) that she had been using her own BACFS to work on the CoB's AACSB Maintenance of Accreditation reports. So much for original intent.

### **"Bring 'Em All Home" Odds**

What are the odds that, after conducting national searches and selecting the five (5) best candidates as finalists, the CoB's Management & Marketing Department would have also selected three (3) individuals with doctorates from Mississippi State University? We would love for an enterprising USMNEWS.NET reader to show us some odds-numbers on this. Just send them via e-mail, and we will publish them in a future **CoB News** installment.