

CoB News, December 2007

CoB Turf Wars

The CoB's recent Distinguished Alumnus Award dinner, hosted for recipient Bruce Aust, was covered by Hattiesburg's society magazine, *Signature*. Photos from the event appeared in *Signature*'s December 2007 issue.

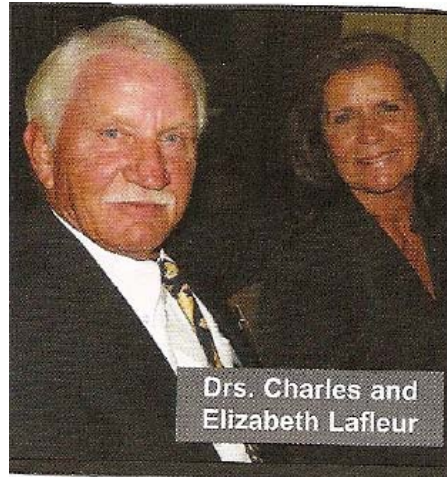


One photo depicts what sources at USMNEWS.NET say will be a CoB faculty faction to be reckoned with in the coming months and years. That faction, led by former



CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand, includes economics professors Akbar Marvasti, Edward Nissan, and Mark Klinedinst. All four of these faculty are shown in the *Signature* photo above. Though not pictured there, EFIB chair George Carter will likely support this faction, as will economist Sami Dakhli.

The faculty shown above will likely be opposed by a group led by Jon Carr (MGT), John Clark (FIN) and Michael Wittmann (MKT). Already being called "The Three CoB Tenors" by some, this group will do well to secure support from MGT/MKT chair Tony Henthorne, among others. Marketing professor Elizabeth LaFleur, shown below, may also join this group of faculty, as will management professors Stephen Bushardt and David Duhon.



Stay tuned for more as the CoB's future turf wars take shape.

Williams to USA

Sources have informed USMNEWS.NET that Interim CoB Dean Alvin Williams (shown below) has accepted a position at the University of South Alabama.



USA is located in Mobile, AL, and is within a close enough distance from Hattiesburg to offer Williams an opportunity to commute two or three times per week, if necessary. It is believed (by sources) that Williams had locked up the USA position at the time he (Williams) announced to CoB faculty and staff his intention to retire from the CoB (in June of 2008) in order to pursue other teaching opportunities.

This story will be interesting to follow, given that USA is a research-oriented institution and that Williams has one of the weaker research portfolios in the CoB.