

Everything Has a Price
George Carter Edition

George Carter is infamous for several things; one of those things is saying “Everything has a price” in response to why he was retaliating for behavior he disapproved. Whether Carter was giving a punitive teaching schedule, an unwarranted low annual evaluation, or assigning travel money to friends, this was one reason why he was tabbed the “Smiling Assassin”. The following items are examples of what Carter and his followers are now reaping from their actions:

1. Economists, to quote George, are rightfully viewed as “pariahs”. They are all that matter; not students, colleagues, their college, or their profession.
2. The Economics Department, at least in the College of Business will cease to exist in a matter of months. A mere shell will exist in the CoAL.
3. Only through last minute backroom deals – an Econ specialty – will any economists survive. The five most senior economists will be allowed to say they retired.
4. George Carter failed as an administrator. He is no longer a chair. This was his whole identity. “Everything has a price.”
5. The vast majority of your “colleagues” do not care that you are being forced out or are “retiring”. They are happy the malcontents will be gone. What does that say about you? Everything has a price.
6. After running the college for too many years, economists are not in charge of anything and are not even on any college committees. Everything has a price.
7. The “retirement” of the five economists will lower the average age of CoB faculty by at least 7 years. Everything has a price.
8. Travel money? What travel money? No more George plotting to shuffle money to his best buds, and no more undeserved BAC professorships to accomplish the same thing. How do you like a level playing field? Everything has a price.

9. Old George always bragged about being a master at “playing the game”, and in giving the devil his due, he was with a lot of help from Farhang and others. How does it feel to get not just beat, but completely wiped out in the game? For all you have done to so many, George: Everything has a price.

10. In trying to create a perception of the “moral high ground” on this whole issue, what you have done is maneuver others into believing your cause is right. It is not right, and more than that it is shameful what you have done. It shows what you really are and what your Southern Miss legacy will be. Everything has a price.

11. Do you really wonder why people believe you are what you are? As it always has been it remains: it is all about George. Enjoy your “retirement.” Everything has a price.

12. Smile, laugh, and appear happy. Is it a façade for pain and blues? Everything has a price.