

# GH Chatter

Talk is going on about the promotion class of 2007-08. Though there is no official confirmation, some are saying that Gwen Pate, associate professor of accounting and Director of Undergraduate Services in the CoB, is being promoted to professor without having to go through the usual channels for doing so. Ten years ago you would've said "No way!" Not these days, however. We'll have to wait and see.

Students are starting to really wonder about the viability of USM's CoB as an ongoing concern. The latest faculty departure announcements -- Jon Carr and Stephen Bushardt, both of management -- leave MGT & MKT struggling to staff 2008-09 its course sections with terminally qualified instructors. Of course, staffing course sections is the duty of a department chair, and Interim MGT & MKT Chair Tony Henthorne agreed to just a single year. Bushardt and Interim Dean Alvin Williams, also of MGT & MKT, are departing along with Carr. Now, Bill Smith's name is starting to get more and more play around the water cooler.

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