

# GH Chatter

Jon Carr's final days in the CoB are nearing. Carr, who recently had a publication in the *Academy of Management Journal*, had a number of other "revise and resubmit" situations with various premier journals in business (management, IB) during his CoB tenure, however these failed to further materialize. Word is that former CoB dean Harold Doty rewarded those "R&Rs" as actual publications, giving Carr undeserved merit raises throughout the years as a result. One story has it that, as a result of the largesse aimed at Carr's "R&Rs" by Doty, one CoBer often stated that in the CoB's "merit raise" process "one bird in the bush is better than two in the hand."

How will budget cuts affect the CoB? That's the question some are pondering these days, as CoB faculty are facing a future sans "merit" raises, etc. These days it's more about hanging on to travel allowances and the few remaining benefits that exist for CoB faculty. Based on recent news reports, the economists should be thankful just to remain in JAG, though there is some chatter that they could still be expelled. Recent events surely indicates that dean Lance Nail wants them out.

Stories about the true harm done to the CoB by the interim administration of Alvin Williams (2007-08) are making the rounds. Based on some of the actions taken by Williams as interim dean, actions that brought Williams disfavor all the way up to the top of USM's central administration, his legacy was significantly tarnished by the actions he took in the final 18 months of his tenure at USM.

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