

GH Chatter

Stories are spreading that the Lance Nail administration threw Skip Hughes and the accountants a bone when Charles Jordan was presented with the 2010 *AT&T Outstanding Faculty Award* at the recent CoB awards banquet. Jordan won the award back in 2007 as well. Chatter is that Hughes et al. were smarting a bit after ACC was basically passed over in the BAC chairs process, despite the fact that ACC owns both the *Morgan Professorship* and the *Horne LLP Professorship*. With recent reports indicating that ACC has no shot at the 2011 *Louis K. Brandt Research Award*, this process of entitlement for the accountants may continue into 2011. Look for Stanley Clark or another accountant to pick up the 2011 *AT&T Award*.

The word that former CoB dean Harold Doty, currently the dean of business at the University of Texas at Tyler, may be looking for a job at Central Michigan University or somewhere else has a number of people amused. Long-time readers of USMNEWS.net will recall that Doty was on the job trail shortly after arriving in Hattiesburg in July-03. In fact, the video of Doty on the front page of the website was made during a Sept-05 interview with the University of South Florida. Needless to say, Doty bombed that visit (“... the fun money is . . .”), as he did others between 2003 and now. Some CoBers are now wondering if another former CoB management professor, Stephen Bushardt, is being kept abreast by Doty about these recent job searches. Bushardt, currently a management professor at Spring Hill College, is headed to chair Doty’s management unit at UTT after the 2009-10 academic year. The 2009-10 academic year has been a tumultuous one for Bushardt, who had a restraining order (claiming spousal abuse) placed on him by his wife, a Hattiesburg-based physician.

USM’s baseball team is now 16-14 on the season, having been defeated three times in a row by the University of Central Florida just this past weekend. As it looks now, the team will be staying home for the postseason. It is understandable, then, that Eagle Nation is now starting to get restless about the athletics situation. The old standby, hopeful comment of USM fans – “At least we’ve got baseball season . . .” – has been falling apart at the seams since famed baseball head coach Corky Palmer stepped down after last year’s College World Series appearance. If USM president Martha Saunders thinks governing the institution is difficult now, just wait until this debacle further develops.

The recent report on the 2011 *Louis K. Brandt Research Award* has some asking why management’s Fujun Lai is sticking around the CoB. Lai has amassed a large number of A-level journal publications, and across multiple business disciplines, in the past few years. Readers of USMNEWS.net should keep in mind that in the last 10 or 15 years USM b-school faculty have been able to move on to Alabama, Auburn, Kansas State, Kentucky, Miami, Missouri, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Ole Miss, San Francisco, Texas Christian, Texas Tech, Tulsa, Wake Forest, and Washington State.

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