

Good Time Charlie

Charles Sawyer, CoB retiree, professor at TCU, and confidante to the smiling assassin, George Carter, was once again on his old stomping grounds the Friday before spring break week, sources tell us. He was here – nominally – to present a paper. He was probably here – with or without direct funding – to write-off his trip home from the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. That creativity is laudable. That is the same self-serving maneuver that Sawyer specialized in his entire USM CoB career. This time he even received pizza and soda.

We do not know, but we imagine old Charlie had time to sip a coffee with (even older) Carter and discuss the candidates Carter is trying to lure to EFIB. Longtime readers will recall that Carter said mining vitas was one of Sawyer's greatest gifts. While there has been difficulty in attracting candidates to the rancorous EFIB faction, Sawyer will be able to point George to the right sort of person to continue the status quo for EFIB. They do not want to get better, because with that comes the potential for outspokenness and even the dreaded "malcontent" situation. Since Carter is basically clueless on his own, and most of his support system is going or gone, this strategic visit from Sawyer must be like shore leave to a young sailor after a long voyage. That may just require the sipping of other, cooler beverages.