

Happy Thanksgiving

Even with the bad national news all around us, CoBers and USMers alike have lots to be thankful for this year. First, in such harsh economic times we are fortunate to have such a budget-conscious president in Martha Saunders. The decision to lease a \$2 million airplane is a stroke of genius, especially now. I had heard a rumor that USM was considering reopening its old USM-Natchez branch, and now I think it is probably true. What a brilliant way to raise tuition dollars!

The CoB is so fortunate to have such a polymath in George Carter. Through his paper "How do We Know?", Carter took the time to regurgitate several pages out of various (*uncited*) anatomy, philosophy and statistics books so that EFIB faculty could see, possibly for the first time, what constitutes knowledge and just how that knowledge is processed. How will the CoB get along after he retires?

Speaking of getting along, how will the CoB, or perhaps even USM for that matter, get by post-Donna Davis? She teaches, administrates, assesses, and sometimes does research. Take her out of the CoB and there is a hole that is left that can't possibly be filled by a single individual. It will actually take less, which is good for the CoB given USM's dire budget situation.

Finally, no lists of thanks would be complete without props to former CoB dean Harold Doty. Without Doty the CoB would not now have Syracuse's academic integrity policy nor Central Missouri's AACSB definitions. Without Doty, the CoB would never have had the local sheriff's PRIDE acronym nor that management text's "Developing Careers" chapter title.