

# Nail Pops Carter . . . Again

## CoB's Stats Courses will be LARGE in Fall 2010

With elimination of the CoB's economics degrees, and the imminent departure of all CoB economics faculty, the fate of the CoB's managerial statistics courses (BA 301 and 303) went into a suspended state. Most CoB faculty believed that these courses would be made much larger - as in peer institutions (in terms of size) - than they were under former EFIB chairman George Carter's leadership. Now, this speculation is answered by the recent release (by the USM Registrar) of the fall 2010 Hattiesburg campus course schedule.

Table 1 - Fall 2010 Stats Offerings

Course	Instructor	Days	Times	Enrollment Cap
BA 301	Magruder	TR	3:50pm-5:05pm	150
BA 301	Malik	MW	2:00pm-3:15pm	56
BA 303	Laatsch	MW	9:00am-9:50am	30
BA 303	Laatsch	MW	10:00am-10:50am	30
BA 303	Laatsch	TR	9:30am-10:45am	30

The information above is quite revealing. CoB dean Lance Nail plans to offer only two sections of BA 301 on the Hattiesburg campus in the fall of 2010. One of these sections will be set up for 150 students, while the other will accommodate 56.<sup>1</sup> On top of that, three sections of BA 301 will be offered, each housing 30 students. Note also that Nail has moved stats education to finance. All three of the BA 303 sections are to be taught by FIN chairman Francis Laatsch. Interestingly, Carter favorite Farooq Malik is being pulled back into stats education, a line of work from which Malik was "rescued" by Carter just a few years ago.

Of course, the low number of large sections flies in the face of Carter's scheduling practices as EFIB department chair. In the spring of 2007, Carter [assigned himself](#) three sections of BA 301 (i.e., 50% more than the fall 2010 total). Carter's long-time friend, Edward Nissan, [was assigned](#) six sections of BA 303 that same semester (spring of 2007) - a number that is twice as large as the number of sections being offered *in all of the CoB* for fall 2010. Throw in [one section](#) of BA 301 (spring of 2007) taught by newcomer John Lambert and we have a total of *at least 10 sections* of stats taught during fall 2007, compared to the *five* offered during fall 2010. Clearly, Carter appears to have been playing games with stats offerings while chair. The information above shows that a *new day* has arrived in CoB stats education.

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<sup>1</sup> The trend to larger stats offerings under Nail is actually already underway. A 100-students section of BA 301 was offered in spring 2010. Still, the move to 150 for fall 2010 represents a 50% increase from this most recent "large" section.