

# Seven Questions

## Interviews with Current/Former CoB Faculty about Life in and Outside the CoB

This is a series here at USMNEWS.net where current and former CoB profs are interviewed by USMNEWS.net. Their answers to *seven questions* promise to be both informative and interesting. Here we have answers to *seven questions* from a former CoBer:

**Q1.** What did you think about new CoB dean Lance Nail's attempt to move ECO to liberal arts?

I understand that's a battle he lost, at least for now. He shouldn't have made such a blunder so early in his administration. That said the ECO faculty should know that president [Martha] Saunders hates bad press, and because of that she has to stick with Nail (her choice) for a good long period. Knowing that, and that Nail wants them gone, I would have thought they might have thought better about staying in the CoB. It all just shows [EFIB chairman George] Carter's influence over them I guess.

**Q2.** What about USM's new plane?

Talk about a public relations disaster. Detroit CEOs now selling their jets and Saunders buying one. Bad idea.

**Q3.** What do you think about speculation over Mary Anderson's move from the Coast to Hattiesburg?

Honestly, I was always dumbfounded as to why she wasn't part of CoB-Hattiesburg from the beginning. My guess is that she will soon hold both the directorship (maybe as an "interim") *and* the *Morgan Professorship*.

**Q4.** Do you have any information, or have you heard any rumors, about the CoB that CoBers might find interesting?

Maybe. I heard that a former CoB administrator is seeking a position at UT – Permian Basin. Lateral move? Yeah, right.

**Q5.** Do you have any thoughts on the selections of Gwen Pate and Kenneth Zantow as assistant deans?

Not really.

**Q6.** What are your thoughts on George Carter's paper "How Do We Know?"?

They aren't good, that's for sure. I can't believe that he has somehow gotten all of those new people (in EFIB) following him and hanging on his every word. Just think how many people, going back to the late 1970s, know he is a joke. This whole story must really speak to the caliber of the hiring being done in the department.

**Q7.** Will Nail succeed in turning the CoB around?

I thought he might at first, but am having my doubts now. In fact, from what I'm hearing he may not even be all that interested in doing so now. I hear he is networking like nobody's business in an effort to get out of there.