

## *Special Report*

# **AT&T Award Stays in ACC**

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The CoB's 2008 AT&T Outstanding Faculty Award was just recently awarded to accounting professor, Charles Jordan. Jordan's 2008 victory follows the SAIS', and Accounting's, 2007 victory, when the Award went to accounting professor and former SAIS Director, Rod Posey. What's interesting about these selections is that each of these two CoB faculty has been mired in one controversy or another over the past several months. Posey, the 2007 AT&T Award recipient, has been dogged by his own false (and public) claim of having published "more than 100" articles related to accounting over his three-decade academic career. Not only has Posey's claim, which is made on USM's web site, been proven by reporters at USMNEWS.NET to be false, it is believed that the real number of publications produced by Posey is somewhere between 3 and 10.<sup>1</sup>

Jordan's recent controversies have arguably been even more significant than Posey's. Regular readers of USMNEWS.NET will recall that, as a key figure on the CoB's AACSB Accreditation Committee(s) in 2006 and 2007, Jordan was tasked by then-Dean Harold Doty to assist Doty and EFIB Chair George Carter in what has been referred to by sources as "covering up" the decision by Carter and Doty to plagiarize various AACSB definitions from Central Missouri State University. Jordan's so-called cover-up task consisted of obtaining *ex post* permission from CMSU officials for the CoB to copy, "without proper citation," work product from CMSU's own AACSB accreditation efforts.<sup>2</sup>

Now, perhaps even as a reward for completing the task, Jordan holds the 2008 AT&T Outstanding Faculty Award. Besides the controversies and the AT&T Awards, Posey and Jordan have at least one other thing in common – they are both in their PERS retirement window. And, because funding for awards such as the AT&T Outstanding Faculty Award are transmitted to recipients through the USM payroll process, these awards will most likely increase the base income totals that will be used to determine the PERS retirement benefits for each of these accountants. In other words, Posey and Jordan will likely benefit from receipt of these AT&T Awards for years to come. Thus, it would appear as though these Awards have been co-opted by CoB administrators as a

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<sup>1</sup> For more on the Posey controversies, see:

<http://www.usmnews.net/Find%20Poseys%20Tale%20Contest.pdf>

<http://www.usmnews.net/Bad%20Information%20In%20Wrong%20Choice%20Out.pdf>

<http://www.usmnews.net/How%20Far%20do%20Tall%20Tales%20Travel.pdf>

<http://www.usmnews.net/Special%20Report%2032.pdf>

<http://www.usmnews.net/200708%20Already%20Off%20to%20Bad%20Start.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> For more on the plagiarism caper, see:

<http://www.usmpride.com/Plagiarism%20in%20CoB.pdf>

<http://www.usmnews.net/Without%20Proper%20Citation.pdf>

<http://www.usmnews.net/31st&pearl%20Disgraceful%20Exits.pdf>

<http://www.usmnews.net/Local%20Academics%20Comment%20on%20Plagiarism.pdf>

method for making political payments for political services rendered. This idea is not new, as various reports in USMNEWS.NET's Archives show how the CoB's premier research award, the Louis K. Brandt Award, has fallen victim to political pressures in the past.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> For more on the LKBA, see:

<http://www.usmnews.net/Brandt%20Award%20as%20Friendraising.pdf>,  
<http://www.usmnews.net/Brandt%20Award%20as%20Political%20Football2.pdf>,  
<http://www.usmnews.net/Special%20Report%20116.pdf> and  
<http://www.usmnews.net/Brandt%20Award%20Merit%20Raises.pdf>.