

When is the School of Accountancy's G5 Coming?

A Guest Editorial by **Victoria Tyler**

CoB dean Lance Nail is throwing around so much money these days, particularly to the benefit of the School of Accountancy, one can't help but wonder when the SoA's Gulfstream V is going to be delivered. After all, if USM president Martha Saunders gets to have an airplane, why can't the big dogs over in USM's b-school have one?



It wasn't long ago that the SoA greeted *assistant* professor Paula Parker with a six-figure salary. Then new SoA director "Skip" Hughes hit the 'burg (from LSU) at what many believe is no less than \$150,000 per year in salary alone. Now we hear that Michael Dugan is coming in August from the University of Alabama as the new *Horne Professor*, a title that could catch as much as Hughes' deal.

We once thought former CoB associate dean Farhang Niroomand was a big spender until we ran across these guys. Surely these "fat cats," (to borrow a phrase from a recent *31st & Pearl* column) can use a plane from time to time. Perhaps the SoA can work out a sharing deal with Nail (\$225,000 per year), who could use the jet to raise \$5 million to get the new CoB building deal off the ground. Maybe even CoB accountants Robert Smith and Charles Jordan can use a G5 to lessen the toil of their commutes from Atlanta, GA, and Panama City, FL, respectively. And, who knows what obscure accounting meetings Steven Jackson, Gwen Pate and Roderick Posey can find to get to on a G5. All of this seems too good to pass up, and one would think that Nail could fund the starting costs by doing some internal reorganizing, as CoB MIS professor Donna Davis told the USM faculty senate that he did in order to afford Dugan.