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HATTIESBURG --- Investigators at *usmpride.com News* are piecing together some of the details surrounding the departure of former assistant professor of finance Larry Eisenberg. Sources tell *usmpride.com News* that George Carter recommended that a terminal contract be given to Eisenberg for the 2006-07 academic year. Before the year began, Eisenberg departed the CoB, reportedly sending Carter a brief note with few details (other than he would not return).

Sources now tell *usmpride.com News* that Carter visited EFIB faculty during the time leading up to the EFIB's vote on Eisenberg's 3rd year review application in an effort to generate support for a negative vote on Eisenberg's application. According to one source, a tenured member of the EFIB told Carter that he had not planned to participate in Eisenberg's 3rd year review process. Carter reportedly told that individual that he (Carter) needed people to participate so that his (Carter's) terminal letter recommendation would be supported by more than just an 0/2 vote (for/against) amongst the EFIB faculty regarding Eisenberg's application. Sources tell *usmpride.com News* that Carter stated (to the faculty member in question) that, although Ed Nissan would not likely participate, EFIB faculty other than those in finance needed to participate.

Departmental votes serve as an advisement role for the latter stages in the 3rd year review process. It appears that, in this case at least, an attempt was made to fold the departmental vote into a separate part of the process, namely the Chair's recommendation. Sources indicate that a number of EFIB faculty ultimately participated in the vote on Eisenberg's application, though some may have done so only under duress. This story appears to be converging into reports regarding the Trellis Green lawsuit from 1994 and items in the "What Carter Thinks" series that relate to Carter's views on academic tenure. Investigators at *usmpride.com News* will continue to follow this story as it develops further.