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CoB Backer Passes Away

Long-time CoB supporter Bruce Rossmeyer died recently (in late July-09) while riding his motorcycle in Wyoming. According to *WFTV-9*, Rossmeyer owned 15 Harley Davidson dealerships across the United States, and is credited with raising millions of dollars for Central Florida charities. Hundreds of people attended the recent Ormond Beach, FL, funeral service. Rossmeyer was 66 years old.

Though it is not known how much Rossmeyer contributed to or raised for the CoB, it is well known that former CBA dean William Gunther worked (1998-2003) to build strong relationships between USM's b-school and private sector donors such as Rossmeyer and Gene Carlisle. Those relationships, however, reportedly slipped significantly during the Harold Doty (2003-07) and Alvin Williams (2007-08) administrations of the CoB. Whether current dean Lance Nail has been able to rebuild some of those relationships is also not known.

ECO GS Cites

As speculation continues regarding the possible elimination of the CoB's economics program, **CoB News** staffers decided to examine the current Google Scholar citations of the CoB's 10 economists. Some of these were highlighted in the recent *Special Report* entitled [10 Over 100](#). The data are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Google Scholar Cites in ECO, Aug '09

Name	Rank	GS Cites
Akbar Marvasti	Professor	129
Edward Nissan	Professor	116
Mark Klinedinst	Professor	115
George Carter	Professor	50
William Gunther	Professor	47
Daniel Monchuk	Assistant Professor	38
Sami Dakhli	Associate Professor	32
Trellis Green	Associate Professor	28
Yosef Bonaparte	Assistant Professor	15
Deniz Gevrek	Assistant Professor	0

As sources indicate, the numbers above are *unimpressive* relative to what ECO once brought to the CoB's research portfolio. These days 50 citations gets one safely into the top 5 (half) of the unit. This would not have been the case 2 or 3 years ago.

GS Cites: Carter vs. Duhon

Regular USMNEWS.net readers have followed with interest the GS cites race between George Carter, who now has 50, and MGT chair David Duhon, Carter's nemesis. Despite referring to Duhon as a "good ol' boy" who doesn't belong in academia, and despite having slightly led Duhon in the GS cites race for some time, Carter is now 8 GS cites behind Duhon, who turns up with 58 in a recent search. According to sources, this is a relative position (i.e., Duhon then Carter) that will likely hold for the remainder of their academic careers.