

## *31<sup>st</sup> & Pearl*

### **Back to Harold**

Now that current CoB dean Lance Nail is off the market, having just recently accepted the lucrative and prestigious position of dean of the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University, the focus shifts back to former CoB dean Harold Doty, the sitting dean at the University of Texas – Tyler. The last we checked, it appeared as though Doty was hoping to secure the dean's opening at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas, where he has a connection in Tony Henthorne, a Doty supporter during the 2003-07 Doty administration of USM's CoB. Even so, it's difficult to imagine Doty securing a job like the one at UNLV. His dean career has been a train wreck, having begun in 2003 with the job and USM, while he is now at UT-T. That's not exactly climbing the ladder of success. Of course, as the USMNEWS.net Archives attest, Doty's floundering dean career is one of his own making, whether *he* cares to admit it or not.

As the recent USMNEWS.net report indicated, Nail is the first CoB dean in history to use the CoB deanship as a launching pad to another dean's post. And, he did so by moving *way up* the same ladder Doty has been descending. Both began as deans at USM. In fact, their USM stints were almost identical in length. Doty began in mid-2003, and he was out in April of 2007. Nail began in mid-2008, and was named as a new dean at TTU in early June of 2012. Everything else about their USM tenures is completely different. Doty failed in his only attempt at a clean AACSB reaccreditation. He also failed in securing the kinds of donations needed to build a new CoB facility. Nail, on the other hand, dispensed with AACSB accreditation in 2011 like nobody's business. He also secured \$6 million from Chuck Scianna, and another \$4 million from other sources, thus collecting the private funding necessary to fund a new \$36 million b-school building. Yes, there are many reasons, with a couple of them mentioned just above, that Nail is heading from Hattiesburg to Lubbock, and that Doty is sitting in Tyler, prepping for his latest legal defense, this time in Karen St. John's case against him.

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