

31st & Pearl

Harold's Rock

It has been more than two months since Harold Doty resigned his post as Dean of USM's College of Business. I fully expected him to have started his own business college somewhere across town by now, but I guess that's not in the cards. Searching for a new job as Dean elsewhere is in the cards, as evidenced by Doty's frantic play to land the top position in the b-school at Clemson University. Though Doty may say he was among the "finalists" for the position, we would argue that even attempting to land the job was a big mistake for the young lad.

You may be asking "why?" Here it is: Clemson is among the "Top National" universities, at least according to *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges*. That means that the people at Clemson are well-known, and that the Clemson people know many others, real well. So, when Doty entered the fray late in the game – which is how he became a finalist – the Clemson people went into high-gear investigation mode. They found what you would expect them to find – evidence of a short-timer academic who is unfit to be Dean, especially at Clemson. So, because he *tried* to land the Clemson job, more and more quality academicians know his game and are on the alert for his name to pop up elsewhere. That is, because he tried to get to Clemson Doty will now have a more difficult time getting out of USM, at least as a Dean.

It's time for Doty to settle into his new confines – Alvin Williams' old office. He should start prepping for his two sections of MGT 400, and inquiring about that elusive third course that is being sought for him. He might find the time to assist his wife, Susan, in delivering economics education courses around South Mississippi. And, where he can find the time, he'll probably send the University of North Carolina at Charlotte his application for their top b-school position. Of course, he'll have little chance at that one. Clemson will see to it.