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1,228 Days

Harold Doty has been affiliated with USM's College of Business for 1,228 days. It is likely that he would have preferred to have been affiliated with the CoB for only about 228 days. That was not to be. And, 1,228 is just the beginning, not the end of the beginning as Winston Churchill once famously stated. To put Doty's 1,228-day tenure in the CoB into perspective, we compared it to other timelines. For example, Doty's 1,228-day tenure in the CoB exceeds the entire length of the Spanish-American War by 999 days. Doty's tenure surpasses the length of the O.J. Simpson trial, from Marcia Clark's opening statement to the jury's verdict, by 976 days. Doty's stay in Hattiesburg has outlasted the American hostages' captivity in Iran by 784 days. And finally, Doty's "visit" with USM already exceeds the timeframe of Britney Spears' marriage to Kevin Federline, from the backyard wedding to the filing of divorce papers, by 498 days.

Doty's entire stay in the CoB to date has been as Dean. Unfortunately for the CoB's students and faculty, it has been only marginally more successful than Britney Spears' marriage to K-Fed. And, for Doty at least, this is likely to be the best part. He may be in store for a long stay in the third floor suite of the management and marketing department, perhaps as the Kaetsu Distinguished Professor of International Business. CoB sophomores may then have the option of enrolling in a management strategy course. Of course, it will be an online course, assuming the technology will hold up. Doty's wingspan waxes and wanes these days. The problem is that, even at its greatest length, it's not enough to get him off the ground, and away from USM.