

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

## USMpride.com or Your Lyin' Eyes?

In the May 2006 CoB faculty meeting, Tom Lindley told Harold Doty that the CoB evaluation system is corrupt. Doty said *no it's not*. Here we are today, just a few short weeks into usmpride.com's revelations of all things "CoB evaluation," and Harold Doty looks now . . . well . . . like Harold Doty (and that's a full-time job). Meanwhile, Professor Lindley looks like Miss Cleo, and that long line you see forming at his office door is filled with people wanting to get his early Super Bowl and Oscar picks.

We are all just a few weeks into usmpride.com's process of "opening up" the CoB's evaluation system. With all of the documentation coming out we can't help but believe that the cadre of CoB administrators and their sycophants will be doing their level best to convince you that you have lyin' eyes. Sure, you don't want to believe that the CoB evaluation system is corrupt, but the evidence is mounting.

As we see it, the Louis K. Brandt Award is deserving of a long hiatus, lasting at least until a proper set of guidelines and procedures are put in place to govern the selection process. As it stands now, Dean Harold Doty's portfolio of *JBRs* is the frontrunner to take the 2007 Award. Also, USM is currently a Tier IV institution. It doesn't have the resources to be a Tier I institution, and might not have them in sufficient quantity to scoot back into Tier III. We do know that it will never get back to Tier III status with all of the money being spent on travel by administrators and others in the CoB. At the 18-month pace of spending over the period December 2001 through May 2003, Niroomand may very well have exhausted over \$112,000 in travel money during his days as Associate Dean.

What the CoB administration needs to do to advance the institution is put a good computer on everyone's desk, provide faculty with "reasonable" teaching and service loads, and stay out of the way. Advancing the institution is about doing something for the CoB (and its students and alumni). As John Kennedy said in 1961,

"Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

It seems to us that the CoB's administrators and their supporters seem more interested in what the CoB can do for them.

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