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## Envy Totals

The recent three-part series comparing the new professional homes of former CoB administrators Harold Doty (former dean) and Farhang Niroomand (former associate dean) was enlightening for all. The first installment, [Bullies & Playgrounds](#), reports data on the number of faculty in the business schools at University of Houston – Victoria, Niroomand’s new home, and University of Texas – Tyler, Doty’s new home. That data presented there, which come from the respective websites, show that Niroomand is now in charge of a much larger operation than is Doty. Clearly, after installment #1 at least, it’s Niroomand 1, Doty 0.

Doty makes a bit of a comeback in the second iteration, which focuses on the academic lineage of the two schools. That installment, [The Parent Trap](#), makes no qualification about the fact that the UT System, anchored by the University of Texas – Austin, is much more substantial than is the UH System. Thus, after round 2, it’s Niroomand 1, Doty 0. The grand finale, [AACSB Soup](#), closes the deal. It presents a smorgasbord of AACSB data, and all from the AACSB’s own website, that provides a picture of UH-V that is much more impressive than that of UT-T. Who knew?

While this series was a lot of fun for long-time readers of USMNEWS.net and for CoBers, old and current, it no doubt gave Niroomand a chuckle or two as he perused each table. Seeing that he commands a budget about three times that of UT-T’s b-school, and that his faculty ranks exceed those under Doty by a noticeable number, must have given Niroomand a reason to smile at the way events have transpired since April of 2007. As these two new Texas-based university administrators settle in to their new posts, the “envy series” provided a fitting way for USMNEWS.net reporters and USMNEWS.net readers to close the proverbial books on these two former CoBers, and to begin shift attention to the CoB’s current crop of administrators.