By George . . . The Second A Look at the Text of George Carter's Denigration of Harold Doty

EFIB Chair George Carter's excoriation of former CoB Dean, Harold Doty, has been the subject of numerous reports and editorials here at USMNEWS.NET. Even with all of the reporting, and the incredible "What George Carter Thinks" series that has augmented the many reports, USMNEWS.NET readers have not had access to the wider text of Carter's comments about Harold Doty's shortcomings. That is, up until now that access has not occurred.

This report brings Carter's disparaging remarks about Doty right to the computer screens of USMNEWS.NET readers. That text is inserted below:

"Don't worry about the jerk downstairs [Harold Doty]. . . don't worry about him [Doty]. . . I wouldn't couch my life in terms of what the jerk downstairs is going to do. . . I try to [stay away from Doty]. . . I don't mean to hold him up as an example because he's not. . . I can't be in his presence more than just a minute or two before I just have to get away before I say something I shouldn't. It's just something about him. It's who he is, and, to me, he's not somebody I want to be around. I just can't take him. Fortunately Farhang [Niroomand] is a person I can work with real well, and so, as an administrator, things can get done. If it were me having to work with the Dean, I couldn't do this job. I can't walk into his [Doty's] office. I just can't. So, I sure don't mean him [Doty] as a role model, and what he says, and what he thinks. . . Doty will come and Doty will go. It's always somebody doing something. . . It's the President's [Thames'] job -hiring and firing Deans -- not the faculty's job. . . So . . . we can rise up about Doty, but the President can't fire Doty. It's an 'open secret' the [IHL] Board has told the President 'You don't fire anybody else.' We can't fire him [Doty], only the President can. So he's [Doty] not going to get fired until we get a new President. He's not going to get another job. We all were hoping and praying he'd [Doty] get one, but he's proved he can't do that either. So, we're stuck with him [Doty]. . . Most of the faculty members around here don't figure they can do anything about Doty's job. He's someone to be endured until the next one comes along, who's probably not going to be a whole lot better. And, academic administration basically attracts people who aren't that good. They go into administration because they are not true scholars. . . And, the nice thing about our [CoB faculty] life is that this is not Office Depot . . . this is not Mazzio's Pizza. You don't have to do what the boss says, and run your life hoping to please the boss, and be at somebody's 'beck and call'... And, if you devote yourself to [scholarship] you'll have a life of great fulfillment . . . "

The passage above paints the picture of daily life in USM's College of Business. It also paints a picture of Carter, the master who is served by other complicit characters in the EFIB who also want to be seen as academics. The latter part is what they are now finding difficult to maintain, and for good reason. There's nothing like the light of day, and it is being applied daily on Carter and the rest of the CoB.