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"Doty, or Niroomand? . . . Niroomand, or Doty?"

It should come as no surprise to "CoB News" readers that both former CoB Dean Harold Doty and former CoB Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand are seeking new administrative posts elsewhere. While Doty is searching for a new Dean position, it might surprise some to learn that Niroomand also believes he is qualified to serve as Dean of the business school at various U.S. colleges and universities. As a result, Niroomand and Doty have been applying to some of the same openings. We can't help but to wonder whether Niroomand is taking the opportunity to describe Doty in much the same way he has described Doty (" . . . that a**h**e" . . .) when visiting with various CoB faculty over the years. Niroomand's feelings about Doty are much the same as those held by EFIB Chair George Carter, and others. And, those feelings have been published by USMNEWS.NET. It would be interesting to know what Doty might be saying about Niroomand out on the job market trail.

The BBER's Dog and Pony Show

Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that the Bureau of Business and Economic Research economics symposium of 10-Jan-08 did little other than provide some negative publicity for the CoB. According to speakers, Hurricane Katrina was a welcome event, as it spread economic joy throughout the southern portion of MS, and at a time when the economy here was feeling some pains. Luckily for the USM community who could not attend, *The Hattiesburg American* placed one of its reporters on the scene, and provided her with an Internet connection so that she could produce a contemporaneous blog. She did a commendable job.

What was not reported, however, is that a healthy portion of the "crowd" for the event consisted of CoB administrators and compliant faculty. It would appear that attendance was mandatory for administrators, and encouraged for the other faculty. There is little doubt, according to sources, that the 2008 merit raise process will reflect the attendance patterns. It looks like more milk for William Gunther, the BBER's director.