

**D. HAROLD DOTY, FORMER DEAN, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS,
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, CURRENT DEAN
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER**



"The fun money is private money. At Southern Miss, I've got state dollars and I've got Foundation dollars. It's real easy to tell them apart. I tell people I've got two checkbooks. I've got my booze account and my non-booze account. Out of the state money I'm pretty constrained what in I can do. ... Foundation dollars, that's when I take my money out of my booze account, I can pretty much do anything I want with it." D. Harold Doty, former Dean, College of Business, University of Southern Mississippi, current Dean, University of Texas at Tyler

There have been a number of inquiries from and website searches by our colleagues at UT-Tyler about Harold Doty's history as dean at the College of Business at Southern Miss. Here is a little background provided by Harold, Patty Munn, George Carter and other sources. This brief report and other reports and editorials paint a troubling picture.

Harold had barely moved into the Dean's office at USM when he began looking for a new job. Seemingly oblivious to the fact that his interview was being recorded for publication on the school's website, he embarrassed himself, and needless to say, didn't get the job. In April 2008, Harold and his associate dean, Farhang Niroomand, abruptly returned to their first love of teaching. Gossip flew that Farhang had sexually harassed one of the staff and Harold covered up for him. When it come to light, according to Patty Munn [in a sworn deposition], instructor of accounting, both were invited to step down. Over the next year or so, each made finding a new administrative position a full time job. Harold is now at University of Texas at Tyler and Farhang is at the University of Houston - Victoria.

George Carter, former chairman of the former Economics, Finance and International Business Department at USM said what a lot of current and former faculty thought. The difference -- Carter managed to get himself recorded.

"I can't be in his presence more than just a minute or two before I 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 can't take him.... Fortunately, [CoB Associate Dean] Farhang [Niroomand] is a person I can work with real well, . . . so as an administrator, things can get done. If it were me having to work with the Dean [D. Harold Doty], I couldn't do this job. I can't walk into his office. I just can't."