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Dear USM News,

I have [a new year's prediction](#) for you: Former COB Dean Harold Doty will continue to apply for every dean job that posts, and that market will continue to function properly. Without inside help, like that that got him the dean job at Texas – Tyler, he is stuck where he is (Texas – Tyler) until fired by a new provost or president.

[Name withheld]

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I personally . . . prefer if you would just consider this an anonymous tip for your website.

In [your article](#), Some Curious Thanksgiving-Eve Restructuring in Communications Office, you said, "... and that any future revelation that Payne is related to the Payne family of USM financial backers only means that this story goes from bad to worse."

Jennifer Payne is her married name. She is originally Jennifer Duke, a ChiO who graduated from USM in '04 before going to FSU for grad school. She married Abb Payne, who runs a home health care company in Hattiesburg. As far as I know, he has no relationship to Payne family of the Payne Center. He went to Ole Miss and FSU. His father is W.A. Payne of Hattiesburg who went to USM and I think is a frequent donor, but the type that gets your name mentioned, not mentioned on buildings.

Here is their wedding announcement so you can see the family:

<http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/article/20071005/HUBBRIDES11/71005016/Duke-Payne>

And here is the father-in-law's write up for the alumni association (scroll down to WA Payne).

<http://www.southernmissalumni.com/s/995/internal.aspx?sid=995&gid=1&pgid=447>

The only relationship I know of is that her husband's uncle owns Doleac Electric.

Anon