

Devolution

One Picture, A Few Words

The CoB has changed significantly since 2003, the year that former CoB dean D. Harold Doty took the reins of the organization (until 2007). The Doty years were so disastrous that many hoped the new Lance Nail administration (2008-present) would be solely focused on ushering in brighter days. That was not to be. Today the CoB's economists prepare to exit the organization, following the same trail of tears left by their academic cousins from economic development who were expelled under Doty after 2003. This time, however, the five mostly senior economists were forced to retire, a result some attribute to Nail. Only the remaining four mostly junior economics faculty were allowed to continue their USM careers.

The CoB has devolved in some many other ways since July-08 there isn't space to cover them all in this report. However, there is space to provide a picture that represents a near-perfect symbol of just how far the CoB has fallen as an *academic* organization in recent years. That picture comes via the insert below, which is a facsimile (shown below) of an invitation sent out by the Nail administration announcing the "1st Annual Chili Cook Off" to be held on Saturday 21-Nov-09, just before the USM-Tulsa football game.

The image is a facsimile of an invitation for a chili cook-off. It features a black background with white and yellow text boxes. On the left, a yellow vertical bar contains the text "College of Business Tailgate". The main text is arranged in several boxes: "Date: Saturday November 21, 2009" and "Time: 3:00p.m. - Kickoff" are in white boxes at the top. Below them is a white box with "USM vs. Tulsa". The central white box contains the event details: "Join us for our 1st Annual Chili Cook Off At the College of Business Tailgate Tent in front of Van Hall". At the bottom left, a blue ribbon icon is next to the text "Awards given for 1st and 2nd Place.". At the bottom right, a white box contains contact information: "Anyone interested in participating please contact Lisa Diaz: 601-266-6210 or lisa.diaz@usm.edu". An image of a chili bowl and a bottle of hot sauce is in the top right corner.

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The insert above speaks volumes about how serious the Nail administration is, or isn't, about actually improving the organization.