

# GH Chatter

The [recent story](#) about former CoB dean Harold Doty's mysterious years at the University of Arkansas (1990-95) is a hot conversation topic. Some are saying that former CoB economist Charles Sawyer was relaying to CoBers *even before* Sawyer's summer '06 teaching gig at UA that Doty was *persona non grata* at the University of Arkansas. It has also been pointed out that former CoB interim dean Alvin Williams' UA connections are much better than Sawyer's, and if any CoBer, past or present, knows the juicy details about Doty's cloudy UA stint it's Williams. Though Williams isn't likely to enter the conversation, if the end of the report linked above is any indication we may soon be getting more news about Doty and Fayetteville.

The budget crisis at USM is destined to dominate much of the news over the coming weeks and months. A recent *31st & Pearl* [installment](#) suggested that the CoB contribute the ECO major to the budget slashing cause. Word is that the USM central administration is, and has been for some time, targeting ECO for such a cut. Get this -- some are saying that the very *31st & Pearl* linked above was actually at the table during a high-level budget meeting in recent days.

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