

# *GH Chatter*

As expected, [the recent report](#) in *The Hattiesburg American* about CoB accountant Marc DePree's federal court case is now a hot topic of conversation. As *THA* notes, DePree has been assigned to research duties full time by USM President Martha Saunders. One item receiving attention in conversations is the number of *THA* readers who responded to *THA*'s original reports (via *THA* Online) by indicating that they felt DePree was a very good accounting instructor. That fact has been established by numerous reports here at USMNEWS.net that consistently rank DePree near the top of the CoB in terms of teaching quality. As a result of these *THA* readers' comments, some are now pointing out that there are a number of CoB faculty who are not only *not* very good instructors, they generally detest teaching (e.g., John Clark [FIN], Farhang Niroomand [ECO], etc.). If Saunders is going to micro-manage the CoB in this way, shouldn't these considerations be made? Or, when will Clark et al. approach Saunders with their own requests to be placed on full-time research duties (with stipends)? According to word around Greene Hall, DePree is the only faculty member in the CoB to receive such an appointment from Saunders, making these questions all the more interesting.

Is former CoB dean Harold Doty on the prowl for a new job in Tennessee? If chatter around the CoB is any indication, it appears so. Doty's luck has been anything but good since 2005, having been rejected by a number of universities (e.g., South Florida, Boise State, etc.). Many in the CoB are keeping their fingers crossed on this one.

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