

## . . . Like Donkey Kong

Imagine your associate dean off at his favorite *academic* meeting, pictured in a poncho and sombrero while holding a musket and standing two down from a similarly clad *academic* who is sitting on a donkey. For CoBers, this was not an imaginary setting, it was real (see photo below).



That's former CoB associate dean Farhang Niroomand (above, far left) with some of the other "Amigos" of the Associate for Global Business organization. These very distinguished and dignified men represented their professional affiliations so well on that day, and probably similarly so on others as well. For CoBers, it was overkill. They knew that Niroomand was a poor choice for an associate dean. He was a poor choice made by former CBA dean William Gunther. He was a poor (repeat) choice for former CoB dean Harold Doty. Gunther was fired as dean in January of 2003. Doty "resigned" (mysteriously) as dean in April of 2007. In so many ways, Niroomand brought them both down. Now he's (Niroomand is) the University of Houston – Victoria's "Amigo." And what an amigo he is, for the Victorians.