

# “Phase 2” is Upon Us

It has been only a little more than 6 months since USMPRIDE.COM began the process of “opening up” USM’s College of Business. Now it appears that Phase 2 is beginning in earnest. By Phase 2 we mean that e-mails – some anonymous and some not – containing tips and leads to new stories of malfeasance in the CoB are arriving almost daily. Reporters at USMPRIDE.COM were also told, a few weeks ago, by “old hands” of the CoB to expect this phase to begin at some point in the future. This phase actually began in the middle to late part of January of 2007, and has sped up since reports began surfacing about the CoB’s AACSB probation woes.

Reporters have begun investigating/verifying the details of some of the tips that have arrived recently. As a preview to what they are working on, consider the following partial list:

- Tips arrived recently indicating that a CoB faculty member taught at another university *during* fall semester of 2006. In doing so, this person missed one week of class back at USM.
- USMPRIDE.COM received a copy of a prepared statement by James Crockett, professor of accounting at USM, detailing his views on AACSB accreditation. Our readers will no doubt be interested in this statement given Crockett’s position, both past and present, in the CoB. There are a number of interesting statements concerning CoB Dean Harold Doty made by Crockett in the document. We plan to publish the statement, along with commentary by guest columnist Duane Cobb.
- A number of tips have been received by our investigators stating that the nature of EFIB Chair George Carter’s doctoral studies would be “quite interesting” to USMPRIDE.COM readers. A few leads were provided, and investigators are working through them

now.

- An interesting story arrived the other day, supporting earlier reports published here indicating that Doty's new Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) is little more than a boondoggle. Harold Doty's involvement in firing Phillip Jeffress is a major part of this story.
- One reader sent us a tidbit about then-EIB Chair George Carter's role in having a few hundred dollars moved out of a merit raise pool in the mid-1990s and awarded to a faculty member in the CoB prior to the allocation of merit raise money using the teaching, research and service scores.

Look for these, and other subjects, to be covered in future reports here at [USMPRIDE.COM](http://USMPRIDE.COM).