

## **Santa Came Early in 2005!** ***How Did You Spend Your \$500?***

Take a look at the e-mail below, dated 18 October 2005, from Associate Dean Farhang Niroomand to CoB Chairs, Dean Doty, and Melia Hartsfield:

**From:** Niroomand  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2005 10:47 AM  
**To:** BabinB; Becker; Carter; Posey  
**Cc:** Doty; Hartsfield  
**Subject:** Santa is early this year!

I am pleased to inform you that after careful evaluation and analysis of our budget, Dean's Office is giving the carryover money at 125% rate of what has come to us back to the four departments in Hattiesburg. I will soon transfer \$500.00 per full time faculty in Hattiesburg to each unit. Dean Doty indicated that this transfer is to be used to cover the cost of advertising, recruitment, travel, or any other expense you find appropriate in your unit. Harold has made it clear to me that no request for any kind of funding should come to the Dean's office. He and the administration are aware of the fact that you have a healthy Development Account that can be used at your discretion. Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any question.  
Thank you.

Farhang

Farhang Niroomand  
Editor, *The Journal of Current Research in Global Business*  
Associate Dean and Professor  
College of Business  
The University of Southern Mississippi  
118 College Drive #5021  
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-001

Phone: 601 266-5028  
Fax: 601 266-5814

So, Santa came early in 2005. To Hattiesburg, that is. (Apparently the Division of Business at USMGC didn't warrant any of the "carryover money.") How did the administrators spend their \$500? We know that Harold went to Paris, Beijing, and London. Farhang went to each of these places, plus Tehran and elsewhere. According to Laurie Babin (public statement at CoB Spring Faculty Meeting, 05/2006), her husband Barry Babin practically lives in airports these days. At about the time this e-mail came out, Barry must have been preparing for his journey to Sweden, among other places. Posey's travel the last few years has been eye-popping as well (see [usmpride.com](http://usmpride.com) for reports).

The question we have for *you* is: How did *you* spend *your* \$500?