

## Skip's First Rodeo

The first few weeks of the Skip Hughes administration of the CoB's School of Accountancy have made it clear that this is Skip's first rodeo. If he bothered to read any of the "Dear Skip" entries that were submitted to USMNEWS.net during the spring of 2009 there is little evidence (in his actions) of it. Instead, all we have is Hughes succumbing to comical complaints/requests from the CoB's accountants about their JAG offices being too small. These are the same offices that they had, and that were always fine, during the James Crockett-Roderick Posey-Stanley Lewis days. All of a sudden they're too small. I wonder if the accountants, Posey and Robert Smith in particular, threatened to discontinue their research agendas if something wasn't done about their JAG shanties. The word around JAG is that they (the accountants) play the threat card when useful, and have done so even with CoB dean Lance Nail.

The CoB accountants are the proverbial "piece(s) of work," but that's another (long) story for another day. Today is about the fact, or impression so far at least, that new accounting director Skip Hughes is going to cave to every nonsensical demand from the CoB's accounting corps. To do so will certainly harm Hughes' reputation, locally and nationally. It will also put another dent in the Nail administration, which at this point is the bigger issue. The AACSB comes to town in 2012. Many think things are no better, if not worse, now than when the Doty administration was told to 6<sup>th</sup> Year Review it back in 2007.