

## **The Former Dean's Teaching Load**

The CoB has 2 former deans: Bill Gunther and Harold Doty. Both teach only 2 classes per semester. It is true that Doty taught 3 courses in the fall, but he has only one class this semester. He has nothing else, especially in the way of research. Gunther has the BBER that apparently exists to kill one teaching day a semester for him. He has not published anything in the manner of quality research since his Alabama days (if then). Since both draw salaries in the \$125,000 range, what are the taxpayers getting for their money? While it is indeed priceless that both are no longer a dean at Southern Miss, in these budget conscious and cutting days they surely are under the microscope. If they both taught four courses a semester, that would be twice their current output. It would also be a start. That has not happened. Is there an unwritten code that extends such a modest teaching load to unproductive former deans? It would defy logic why such a code would exist. Is it contractual? Ever zanier: Gunther was tossed out by Thames in the dean purge of all deans; Doty left in a fog of mystery and accusations. This being the case, it would seem unlikely either was in a position to negotiate such a reduced teaching load. Since their low activity levels are contrary to what Dean Nail desires for his faculty, it is unlikely he has assigned these loads. Therefore, this gift must come from the Dome. Two classes for silence about the skeletons they created and discovered while playing at dean. Such a perk should be a part of the recruiting for new deans. Southern Miss is currently searching for a College of Health dean and one for Education and Psychology. Think about it: sure the offered salary is a bit low, and the faculties are not what you'd like, and budgets are tight for awhile, but if you decide to bail out as dean, you get a permanent 2/2 teaching load and keep the vast majority of your dean's salary forever. Come on down and rise . . . To The Top!