

The Games

A USMNEWS.net source once stated that if you want to go to a serious institution of higher education, you have to go to one that was founded *before* the 20th Century. That is because colleges and universities founded after that time were basically desired and set up by local politicians as economic development projects, in order to provide (somewhat) recession-proof industry to areas that could use some economic assistance. According to the source, it is at these types of institutions that the bulk of administrative games are played, and where administrators often make use of "the plantation" model of higher education. The recent "one year ago today" installment about [the game](#) between former CBED dean William Gunther and former USM president Shelby Thames provides an example of the administrative games mentioned above, while the pages here at USMNEWS.net are filled with reports that describe how CoB and USM administrators employ "the plantation" model of administration. Interestingly, former CoB administrators Farhang Niroomand (associate dean) and Harold Doty (dean) are now off to new jobs at *mere babies* of the academic world. Niroomand is now business dean at the University of Houston – Victoria, which was [founded in 1973](#), making the 36 year old UH System institution *younger than* many of USM's students. Doty is now business dean at the University of Texas – Tyler, which was [founded in 1971](#) as Tyler State College. Again, many USM students are older than the 38 year old UT – Tyler. Can you imagine what kinds of *games* Niroomand and Doty will be able to get into at their new professional homes?