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HATTIESBURG --- Stories are coming out of the EFIB indicating that EFIB Chair George Carter may have sabotaged CoB Dean Harold Doty's attempt to fill the Director vacancy in the CoB's new Center for Economics Education. Sources tell *usmpride.com News* that Carter directed the search committee's top candidate to examine the documents about Doty that are available at *usmpride.com*. Additionally, our reporters are also told that Carter directed some of the EFIB faculty to avoid giving the top candidate any hard sell on the CEE and/or the CoB during that candidate's visit to campus.

According to sources, these moves may have been made to "persuade" the leading candidate to *decline* any job offer that may be forthcoming from Doty. (As other documents and reports available at *usmpride.com* indicate, Doty is solely responsible for selecting the Director of the CEE.) After the top candidate's recent campus visit, an offer was extended by Doty. However, that offer has been declined by the candidate.

In an interesting twist to the story, sources tell *usmpride.com News* that Carter has not made the same overtures to the remaining two finalists, nor has Carter issued instructions to EFIB faculty to go soft on selling the CoB. It is possible that Carter and the other committee members are hoping to secure someone who is *uninterested* in running a CEE, in hopes that the CEE will fail. Reports available at *usmpride.com* point out that a key member of the search committee gave other EFIB faculty the impression that the remaining two candidates for the CEE position seemed destined to encounter difficulties in managing a CEE.

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