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HATTIESBURG --- Sources inside both the CoB and the CoEP have informed *usmpride.com News* that the early stages of a plan to move the Department of Psychology at USM into the CoB have been put together. According to sources, CoB Dean Harold Doty had been working with former CoEP Dean Willie Pierce to revive the CoEP's PhD program in Industrial Psychology. However, with the ousting of Pierce a few days ago, that plan was shelved. CoEP sources tell us that Pierce's interim replacement, Wanda Maulding, is showing some early signs of being relatively less-than-enthusiastic about supporting the Department of Psychology. As a result, faculty in the Psych department have begun to formulate plans of their own for a move to less hostile grounds. Enter CoB Dean Harold Doty, who views this latest development as a way to make a move more substantial than reviving a CoEP program that is related to a business discipline (i.e., management). By luring the psychology department to the CoB, Doty would actually have a PhD program (psychology) placed *within* the CoB itself. Sources from both colleges have told *usmpride.com News* that psychology faculty are amenable to a move into the CoB. To keep the move palatable to psychology faculty, sources tell us that Doty will give names such as "College of Business and Psychology" full consideration, should the move occur.

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