"I know what you are up to"

By the way, I forgot to include one other item from the silly dialogue (see below) Dean Doty and I had yesterday afternoon. I'd like to make that correction for the record. He saw me and charged down the hall. The first words out of his mouth: "I know what you are up to."

Well, now, who doesn't know what I'm up to? I publish a newsblog, and sign my name to accompany my words on a multitude of issues. I carbon copy every potentially interested party up and down the chain of command. Would anybody be surprised to know where I stand on issues of administrative ultra-secrecy, faculty and administrator plagiarism, squandering of taxpayers' resources, hiding Foundation finances, misrepresenting the facts to get a buddy a pay raise he couldn't earn on the basis of merit, etc, etc. So, here comes our Dean with another of his less than profound revelations. "I know what you're up to."

There's no measuring silliness when it comes to trying to determine whether one Dotyism is sillier than another. Referring to donations to The Foundation as his "booze account," creating his own "minimal sufficiency" criterion for a grievance which single-handedly rewrites The Faculty Handbook, and proclaiming "I know what you [DePree] are up to" directed to the editor of www.usmpride.com.

Given USM administrators' proclivity to structure our University like a top secret national security agency acting in fear of invasion by a hoard of marauding Communists, the editor and reporters of usmpride.com will not want for really great material. Thank you, Dean Doty. In this regard, I'll miss you when you go. However, take heart readers, plenty of others will continue to provide rich material. cmd