## Did Gore and Saunders have "itchy feet"?

"Have you ever experienced the itchy-feet syndrome? ... [Administrators and faculty] constantly scan <u>The Chronicle</u> for positions at "Greener Grass University," hoping to find some sort of occupational soul mate of an institution or position. Certainly there are times when a change is good or even beneficial, but ... [u]nless you really must leave your current position, you need to be ... selective."

As implied in the article, itchy feet may have more to do with being canned than a desire to move to a "better" position. An example:

*The Voyager* (University of West Florida) reported on 31 October 2011 that "Lee Gore is now the new general counsel for UWF and has been settling into his new office over the past week.... Gore said he felt he moved as far up as he could in the ranks at USM [University of Southern Mississippi], but felt that he wanted to continue practicing law."

Problem with "moving up," Mr. Gore neglected to get his license to practice law in Florida. Now, after almost a couple of years of practicing law in Florida without a license, he was <u>notified by the Florida Bar</u> that he is being investigated for practicing law without a license.

"Itchy feet" in Mr. Gore's case wasn't just a desire to "move up." He was removed as general Counsel at USM by then-President Saunders and replaced with <u>Mr.</u> <u>Weathers</u>. She was later <u>removed by the Institutions of Higher Learning</u> but claimed <u>she was tired</u>. However, she wasn't so tired not to seek and gain employment at UWF. She's currently provost at UWF. The irony is that she and Gore are together again at UWF.

Will they get "itchy feet," again? That is, will they get caught, again, doing something they shouldn't be doing, get "itchy feet," and wind up at another school?

"Itchy feet" or canned, these two administrators seem destined to be together. Will their "itchy feet" take them to your school next?

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