

BREAKING NEWS

More Faculty Leaving the CoB

HATTIESBURG – Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have learned that finance instructor Michael Madaris will be leaving the College of Business after summer of 2007. Word began to spread about Madaris' departure earlier this week, though no details were available at that time. USMNEWS.NET has since learned that Madaris is departing for William Carey University, where he will begin this fall (2007) as an assistant professor finance in WCU's School of Business. It has been well documented over at *USM Forum – No Quarter Message Board* that WCU has been able to capitalize on USM's "downward spiral" since May-02 by ramping up its admissions criteria and recruiting several USM faculty, though the CoB has, until now, not experienced the loss of faculty to WCU to the extent that nursing and other areas at USM have since 2002. A quick Internet search reveals that Madaris' departure will add to the loss of additional journal publications – a count that currently stands at 90, all since the CoB's AACSB Peer Review Team pulled out of Hattiesburg in early Feb-07.

Word is also spreading around the CoB that Interim SAIS Director Stanley Lewis has turned in his resignation. Some reports indicate that this resignation is effective 1-July-07, while others suggest 1-Aug-07. If true, Lewis' departure will mean that another SAIS faculty will have to step up and serve as Interim Director of a School that is currently in the midst of serious AACSB accreditation difficulties. Lewis' SEDONA vita (2007) includes enough refereed research to lift the CoB's loss of journal publications (since Feb-07) to 100 or more.

While the loss of Lewis' would add more turmoil to an already troubled SAIS, Madaris' departure is but another in a long line of exits from the CoB's EFIB department, all since current EFIB Chair George Carter ascended to the position in Aug-05.