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It Is What It Is - The Facts

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The facts:

Bennett doesn't even have a Ph.D. He has an Ed.D. If you don't understand the difference do some research. Can you find any schools in C-USA with a president who doesn't have a Ph.D? How about the SEC, ACC, Big 10, Big 12, PAC 14, Mountain West, the old Big East, etc., etc., etc.

Were there far more people qualified than Bennett for this job? You better damn well believe it.

Does

Bennett's color have anything to do with his hire? Yes. By design, if our alumni and fans begin to object to his leadership the race card will be played - not by him but by the IHL.

Look at the IHL

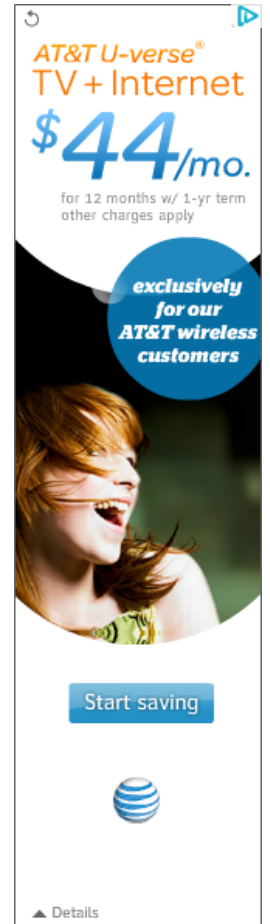
composition. We have three alumni on the board. One is Doug Rouse who is one of the founders of Southern Bone and Joint. They have taken care of our athletes through the years. The issue at hand is that the rights to treat our athletes is a bid process. Southern Bone has not only never bid but they don't pay any dollar amount to have the rights. Yes they do contribute in other ways, such as having a suite. This is the good ole boy system. Rouse is opposed to Hammond running the athletic department as a business and above board.

We also have a member of IHL who is upper level management at Sanderson Farms. I am sure they are big contributors to the university. I have been told by credible sources that she has a close relationship with RG. If you can recall, RG traveled a good bit out of their plane which lands in Laurel. RG and Hammond have opposing views on the leadership of the department.

All

it takes is two people on the IHL Board. The third member is out voted if she objects and the other members on the board are from other institutions. It is a common courtesy to allow alumni from each school to take the lead on decisions concerning their school and to go with their decision.

To top it off we have a USM grad as Commissioner



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of IHL. He is not even close to being qualified but he is a high paid token to be a yes man, or boy. While we have faculty, some who are tenured, who struggle with the lack of money for their pay, this clown makes \$341,000 a year polishing a chair and hobnobbing with the legislature in Jackson.

It is fact that when Martha was being shown the door by the IHL they were strong against Hammond being appointed AD. That is undisputed. Aubrey K found a solution when all of that hit the fan and the petitions were submitted in favor of Hammond.

We have a big mess and the way to get it corrected - one day - is to have our own board, or to make sure all future appointments for USM are people of integrity. The Governor makes these appointments and I find it ironic that we now have a governor - for the first time in my lifetime - who is a USM graduate and supporter. He did not appoint the current IHL but he will possibly have an opportunity to appoint a USM IHL person in 2015 and two members in 2018 and he could appoint an IHL member if one of the current members resigns or is . . . removed.

Phil Bryant has heard from me and will frequently hear from me about this issue. I challenge you to do the same. Right now it is the only way change will happen.

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great post only thing i would say is that Joe and Kathy Sanderson gave 1million dollars to MS and would only give to her.

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The media could do a tremendous story if they did the research. There is a huge story there. We would be wise to be wary of the IHL.
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Even EJ was given a shot and was initially supported. His own incompetence brought him down. The same chance should be given to the new President. If he sinks or swims, it'll be up to him.

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D.C.,

It is what it is. He is the chosen "pawn" for the IHL. Since Dr. Lucas retired we have had a problem with keeping our presidents. That is a fact. Every one has left by either being forced out or under stress and duress. That is a fact. I don't have a choice as to if I give him a chance. My vote nor yours counts. I am sure he has some good qualities but he is no the man for us. To compare this situation to the worst coach in D-1 football last year is a double edged sword-is he the worst president? Will he fail as miserable as EJ. To give blind trust to him is a major flaw in judgement.

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Yeah all of that horse shit about trust EJ got us where?

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"Ole Miss Haley Barbour" appointed more USM IHL members than "USM Phil Bryant." Phil Bryant has been a sell out.

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Beagle,

Get your facts straight. Barbour appointed our current IHL members while he was governor. Bryant has not had an opportunity to appoint USM people until 2015 and 2018 if he is still in office. The current IHL members cannot be blamed on Bryant. If no USM people lobbied Barbour when he made USM appointments then we really can't complain too much about him..

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I would not have chosen him. The University is a BIG business in South Mississippi and it should be run as a business. Other Universities have positively impacted their communities with economic growth (see Stanford, Texas, North Carolina, etc.). President Bennett may not know how to spell economics. For the record, I did not think Saunders was a good hire either as her most important objective of the University was to become 'Green". This might have been a goal but would not be in my top 10 goals of our university.

I though that General Hammond, like General McCain, were good hires for our University as these gentleman wanted Southern Miss to break out of the "small time" mindset that most believe we should stay in. They were willing to take the steps needed to move the university forward without worrying about the goal of "elite" politicians in our state whose would like to keep us second rate university.

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Good post. You are right on target.

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