

## Breaking News

### Hill Says No

HATTIESBURG – Sources now tell USMNEWS.NET reporters that one of the four FIN job market finalists, Matthew Hill of the University of Arkansas -- Ft. Smith, has turned down the EFIB's offer of a campus interview. Sources say that Hill has accepted a job offer with the University of Mississippi, a move that easily takes Hill higher up on the "academic food chain." According to reports, the EFIB is now set to hold an emergency meeting to consider extending a job offer to Kimberly Goodwin, a PhD student at the University of Alabama. According to USMNEWS.NET sources, Hill easily had the superior vitae among the three junior faculty applicants. Unlike Goodwin and Andrew Fodor, Hill is *AACSB-AQ by portfolio*, having published three articles (including an "A") in his first year out (from PhD receipt).

The EFIB's 2005-06 hiring process was met with a number of "No" responses before concluding with the hiring of Akbar Marvasti and Sami Dakhliya on the ECO side, and Stephen Haggard and Matthew Hood on the FIN side (Haggard has since departed the CoB for Missouri State University). Then, in 2006-07, the EFIB received three consecutive "No" responses to offers for the Directorship of the CoB's new Center for Economics Education. That position wasn't filled until the summer of 2007, and then only by Ms. Susan Doty, who holds a bachelor's degree in biology and an MBA ('82), and who is the wife of former CoB Dean Harold Doty.

Just how many "No" responses the EFIB will collect during the 2007-08 hiring season remains to be seen. Stay tuned for more on the CoB's 2007-08 hiring efforts.