

Breaking News

Von Herrmann Reeled In, Nail Still on Hook

HATTIESBURG – USM Interim Provost, Bobby Middlebrooks, informed the USM community on 2-May-08 that Interim CoAL Dean, Denise von Herrmann, an associate professor of political science, has been selected by USM President, Martha Saunders, to succeed the late Elliott Pood as Dean of USM's College of Arts and Letters. According to sources, no one around the Hattiesburg campus seems really surprised by Saunders' selection of von Herrmann, the "home girl," though some expressed surprise at the timing of the announcement. According to sources, USM's central administration had hoped to announce the name of the CoB's next Dean *before* announcing the CoAL choice, but that was not to be, as Middlebrooks' 2-May-08 announcement indicates.



Lance Nail

The timing mix-up referred to above appears to be the result indecision on the part UAB's Lance Nail (shown above) about accepting the offer, which sources say Saunders extended to Nail days ago, to succeed current CoB management professor, Harold Doty, as the next Dean of USM's College of Business. As a recent installment of GH Chatter stated, the story in Greene Hall's corridors is that Nail's offer is for over \$200,000 per year, and may actually be climbing through the usual process of counter-offering. Finally, it is being reported to USMNEWS.NET that the Nails are visiting Hattiesburg as a family this weekend (2-May-08 through 4-May-08) in order to assess things on a firsthand basis.