

Breaking News

Bushardt Resigns – Is Joining a Jesuit College's Faculty

HATTIESBURG – Reporters at USMNEWS.NET have learned that management professor, Stephen Bushardt, will be entering retirement at the close of the academic year. Bushardt, an integral figure in the “letter of agreement” episode involving the promotion to professor of David Duhon, and the subject of a recent *Point/Counterpoint* installment published here at USMNEWS.NET.



Stephen Bushardt

According to reports, Bushardt is set to join the faculty at Spring Hill College, which is a Jesuit College located in Mobile that was founded in 1830 by Mobile's first bishop, Michael Portier.



St. Joseph Chapel at SHC

According to Spring Hill College's website, the Spring Hill College is:

Rooted in its Catholic heritage and continuing the 450-year-old Jesuit tradition of educational excellence, Spring Hill College prepares students to become responsible leaders in service to others.

We offer our students a thorough preparation for professional excellence. More importantly, we strive to awaken mind and spirit to the pursuit of truth and to the ever-deepening appreciation of the beauty of creation, the dignity of life, the demands of justice and the mystery of God's love.

It's not clear to many CoB faculty exactly how Bushardt fits the Spring Hill College faculty mold, given the highlighted parts of the SHC mission (above) and Bushardt's own history in the CoB of what USMNEWS.NET sources refer to as deceit, back-door politicking, cronyism, and other untoward activities. In fact, many CoB students hold Bushardt up as an example of what is wrong about what the CoB stands for, given Bushardt's penchant for using classroom time to lecture students on seeing the positive aspects of what most would believe to be *unethical* situations.¹

In moving on to Spring Hill College, Bushardt joins current Interim CoB Dean, Alvin Williams, in making the move from a Hattiesburg-based institution to one located in Mobile. As reported earlier by USMNEWS.NET, Williams will be joining the University of South Alabama some time after 30-June-08, when his Interim appointment in the CoB expires.



Alvin Williams

Unlike Williams, who will reportedly occupy a named professorship in supply chain management at USA, it is not believed that Bushardt will be earning anything at SHC that is comparable to his USM salary. Finally, it is not known at this time whether Bushardt and Williams will carpool the commute from Hattiesburg to Mobile during the 2008-09 academic year, or thereafter.

¹ One of Bushardt's favorite lectures holds that a cheating spouse should not reveal his/her deceitful activities to his/her partner because doing so only selfishly fulfills the cheater's desire to have a clear conscience, while at the same time the deceived spouse is left destroyed by the revelation.