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Ms. Doty Teaches Purvis

Demetrica Smith's 19-Nov-07 article in *The Hattiesburg American*, entitled "Students required to take economics," informs Hattiesburg-area citizens that Ms. Susan Doty, Director of the CoB's Center for Economic Education, is teaching 34 Lamar County educators all about supply/demand and the Consumer Price Index through her (Doty's) "rigorous" Master Teacher in Economics certificate program. According to Smith, as of next month the 34 teachers will be halfway through this rigorous program.

Smith's article perhaps explains some about Ms. Doty's whereabouts the past few weeks. Sources have indicated that Doty's attendance in her own USM economics courses has been sporadic of late. One source has also suggested that Doty has completed the material for her semester-long course, and may have done so by early November. For more on the education of the Lamar County's teachers, see Smith's article: <http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071119/NEWS01/711190302/1002>.

CAC Season Opens 26-Nov-07

Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that the week of 26-30 Nov-07 will be a big one for the College Advisory Committee. On 28-Nov-07 the CAC will meet to vote on a number of P&T dossiers. Two days later, 30-Nov-07, the advisory report from the CAC will be due. At that point, Interim CoB Dean Alvin Williams will have about 15 days to provide his recommendations to the University Advisory Council. The CoB's representative on the UAC will be management professor Stephen Bushardt, who is currently serving as Chairman of the CAC. With the EFIB's "Quick-Strike Promotion & Raise Program," plus some additional "early P&T" controversies, this year's CAC meeting should be full of intrigue. Stay tuned for more.

More Silence from Gunther's BBER

Jeannine Aversa's 19-Nov-07 article in *The Hattiesburg American* entitled "Headed toward a recession?" indicates just how anxious Hattiesburg-area residents are about the future of the U.S. economy. One would think that the CoB's own Bureau of Business and Economic Research would have contributed significantly to this story, however BBER Director Bill Gunther is noticeably absent from the report. Sources tell USMNEWS.NET that Gunther's absence in this case is just another in a long line of missed opportunities for the CoB's BBER, an organization that seems to do little, if

anything, to provide economics information to Hattiesburg or South Mississippi. Aside from posting some printouts from the Internet onto a 3rd-Floor CoB bulletin board, the BBER appears to be an organization with nothing going on. Gunther, who lives in Josephine, Alabama, is one the least visible faculty in the CoB, despite holding a Center Directorship.