

Hammering Away — The recent [breaking news](#) about USM CFO Joe Morgan's resignation hit *The Hattiesburg American's* LATEST HEADLINES page on 5-May-2010. That *THA* headlines story let the Hattiesburg community know what the USM community was informed of earlier via a message from USM president Martha Saunders – again, that Morgan resigned his post after about 20 years of service to the institution. *THA's* headlines piece also focused more attention on Morgan's successor (at least on an interim basis), current USM human resources director Russ Willis. Almost immediately, *THA* online followers began chiming in, and in most cases casting suspicion on the whole affair. Some of these comments are inserted below.

whodidwhat wrote:

hmm... Did hissy fit Saunders attack again?
5/5/2010 11:09:26 AM

iluvsweetpeppers wrote:

His interim replacement is a lawsuit waiting to happen.
5/5/2010 11:34:59 AM

MrsSnow wrote:

In more ways than one!!!!

iluvsweetpeppers wrote: His interim replacement is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

5/5/2010 12:54:48 PM

MrsSnow wrote:

In the interest of the University, this is something that should have happened a long time ago.

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5/5/2010 12:55:40 PM

wontdotell wrote:

Beware the wrath of Aunt Martha. Mr. Morgan must have started a meeting on time that she was late for.
5/5/2010 7:13:49 PM

As *THA's* online readers make clear, there is some belief in the Hattiesburg community that (1) Morgan may have been forced to resign, (2) Morgan should have been replaced, perhaps earlier than May-2010, (3) Saunders' temper may have played a role in the

situation, and (4) Morgan's replacement, Willis, may be unfit for the CFO position. The number of USMers viewed negatively by this affair is at least three – Morgan, Saunders, and Willis – and may climb. Reports to USMNEWS.net have indicated that Morgan's sister, CoB accountant Mary Anderson, has used her connection to the dome to augment her unit's budget, particularly in the more recent past. Stay tuned as this situation develops further.

M&M at William Carey – A recent report here at USMNEWS.net reminds readers that some former CoB faculty are now at USM's cross-town rival, William Carey University. One of these is Michael Madaris, who was recently a finance faculty in USM's business college. While at USM, Madaris was thought of as a good classroom instructor, a quality that WCU b-school students are no doubt benefitting from these days.



The insert above, showing some of the research that he has produced, indicates that Madaris is also capable of helping his WCU colleagues on the scholarship front. Looking back on former CoBers is a popular exercise among USMNEWS.net readers, as these trips down memory lane remind us all how much the CoB has lost in recent years.