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The recent comparison between the President of the University of Albany and the President of the University of Southern Mississippi was not interesting, as one writer claimed. It was very troubling. Based on his CV, [President] Bennett's only background has been in [relatively] low level administration. He is not [according to his vita] either a teacher or a researcher. Using objective standards, was he [Dr. Bennett], as the IHL claimed, the best candidate for the job? We will never know since the search was conducted in secrecy. Perhaps he was selected for political reasons and was the "best" candidate for those purposes. However, if he [Bennett] was objectively the best candidate, Southern Miss has more and extremely serious problems than I want to consider. If [Dr.] Bennett was the best candidate that suggests no one with meaningful qualifications wanted the job.

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