

Editorial

“Drones Unleashed Against Al Qaeda Threat At Waterford Drive, Hattiesburg”

That could have been the news headline in a local newspaper. I guess I'm lucky it wasn't. Several faculty at the School of Accountancy, University of Southern Mississippi, took years to concoct the “Virginia Tech Danger” to shut me up. They failed—obviously—but the “Virginia Tech Danger” ploy allowed me time to show that the accusations were pure nonsense. It took time to show that Munn, Anderson, Jordan, and Posey, *et al.* were motivated by a vendetta for catching them in petty and not so petty transgressions.

Just imagine if they were smart. They could have excited former-President Martha Saunders to hysterically call President Obama to unleash drones to cut off an “Al Qaeda Danger!” in Hattiesburg. Immediately! Before I had a chance to show their accusations were pure fabrication. Wow, imagine global positioning systems being forthwith directed to strike at Waterford Drive.

Of course, if our neighbors know what collateral damage means, they should be grateful the accounting faculty is slow on the draw. I don't know about you, but in the Marine Corps, I never witnessed a surgical hit with high explosives. In fact, everything in the neighborhood of such explosions were indistinguishable clumps of animal, vegetable, and mineral.

Anyway, it isn't surprising that my colleagues at the School of Accountancy are slow on the uptake. None were able to hit the best bean-counting (aka accounting) journals. An embarrassment they work hard to keep secret. And there's the real shame: Consider all the time they have on their hands, teaching a few hours, a couple days a week. What are they doing? It's a fair question. You pay their salaries; you have a right to know. After decades, none of them, not one hit in an outstanding accounting journal.

Be that as it may, it's not wise to underestimate the vindictiveness of the people I called out over the years for their miscreant behavior. Nevertheless, they certainly missed the “He's an Al Qaeda danger!” accusation.

Thank you, Jesus!

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