

Going, Going, Gone

With Joe Paul's recent retirement, usmnews.net was requested to take a look at turnover at the senior levels since the days of Shelby Thames.

Listed below are a number of senior people from the Thames administration who held important positions in the Saunders administration. It appears that former President Saunders and current President Bennett have divested many of the remainder.

- Joe Paul, *VP of Student Affairs*
- Joe Morgan, *Chief Financial Officer*
- Bob Pierce, *Acting VP for Advancement*
- Homer Coffman, *Chief Information Officer*
- Lee Gore, *University Legal Counsel*
- Richard Giannini, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*
- Cynthia Easterling, *Associate Provost*
- Russ Willis, *Director of Human Resources (now Professor of Practice)*
- Connie Wyldmon, *Director of Sponsored Programs Administration*
- Julian Allen, *Associate VP for Research and Economic Development*
- Greg Pierce, *University Registrar*
- Becky Woodrick (Malley) *Director of Office of AA/EEO*
- Jana Bryant, *Director of Marketing & Public Relations*
- Rusty Postlewate, *Director of Physical Plant*
- Eddie Holloway, *Dean of Students*

Sources tell us that many of the departures were not voluntary. In some cases, no secret was made that parties were forced out. For example, Joe Morgan, Homer Coffman and Richard Giannini were visibly and publically pushed out the door. The talk around the water cooler was that behind the public kind words others were shown the door or involuntarily demoted. We invite our readers to share any information they may have.