Is the CoB Becoming the U of Phoenix?

A Look at the Mother of All Detrimental Residency Decisions

Revelations over the past few months that more and more CoB faculty are choosing to live outside of Mississippi leave little reason to believe that CoB dean Lance Nail will ever turn the tide in USM's business school. With former dean and current economics professor/director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Development William Gunther living in Josephine, AL, while accounting professor Charles Jordan lives in Panama City, FL, those few CoB faculty who remain in Hattiesburg and are working hard to elevate the reputation of the organization are finding it next to impossible to keep up morale.

While these residency choices boggle the mind, the additional revelation that associate professor of accounting Robert Smith had moved his permanent residence to Atlanta, GA, only left more CoB heads spinning. Add to the Smith case that now USMNEWS.net has learned that another CoB faculty -- *un*tenured *assistant* professor of economics Daniel Monchuk -- has chosen not to be outdone by Smith's audacious decision. Information provided to USMNEWS.net indicates that Monchuk now maintains permanent residence in Washington, D.C.



If you are the dean of the CoB, the map and details above (distances from Hattiesburg, names, ranks, etc.) show behavior that is nothing but audacious, brazen, ballsy, or any one of a host of other descriptive terms. If you are a distant reader of USMNEWS.net,

the map and details above, which indicate that CoB faculty are based in *no fewer than six different states* (including the District of Columbia), is simply bizarre. CoB dean Lance Nail has his work cut out for him when it comes to contemplating and creating better days ahead. When your faculty treat university employment as a *right* instead of as a *privilege*, it must be difficult for Nail to peer into the future and see anything but storms.