

Revisiting Holiday Predictions from 2010

Recently usmnews.net received requests that it revisit its Holiday Predictions for 2011. Here they are. Please feel free to offer your predictions for 2012.

1. Farhang Niroomand, Dean at the college of business at University of Houston, Victoria, will face a “vote of no confidence” from the faculty.
2. President Martha Saunders will throw one of her well-known hissy-fits, this time directed at Provost Bob Lyman. Lyman will tell Saunders what he thinks of her, her judgment, her intelligence, and her management style – what he has been saying behind her back to anyone who will to listen. Saunders will regretfully accept Dr. Lyman’s resignation and announce that Lyman leaves big shoes to fill. Dr. Lyman will not return to his first love (teaching).
3. No USM football player will be shot during 2011 but several players will be arrested.
4. The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business will discretely (i.e. secretly) request Dean Lance Nail and School of Accountancy Director Skip Hughes to refrain from copying “without proper citation” other AACSB members’ accreditation documents. Dean Nail and Director Hughes will decline the request and AACSB will quickly say “okay”.
5. New revelations concerning President Martha Saunders’ waste of taxpayer and student resources will arise from Mississippi Open Records requests. The revelations will be widely reported.
6. Dean Lance Nail may actually do what he promised a couple of years ago: “Message from the Dean. Coming soon. Please check back later.” See, http://www.usm.edu/business/about/dean_message.php. Or, he may wait a few more years to offer a message. Incompetence is hard to predict.
7. President Martha Saunders will advance her Twitter philosophy: “Sometimes you have to look reality in the eye, and deny it.”—Keiller. Reality at USM is airplane extravaganzas, football player shootings, student beatings, unnecessary faculty terminations, mansion renovations, raises for a football coach, etc. Denying reality? Isn’t that what a sizeable and well-paid public relations staff does?
8. Paula Diane Parker, assistant professor in the School of Accountancy will get her first decent publication – courtesy of the efforts of new Horne Professor of Accountancy Michael Dugan. To date Dr. Parker’s best publications have appeared in vanity publications or very slightly better than vanity.

I also predict [Dr. Hughes](#) will give her full credit for the publication, even if accounting does not appear in the title. He will also give her full credit if the subject is something other than “why I love depreciation”. He will also give her full credit if the methodology is something other than “matrix algebra – stuff like that.”