

## Same Old, Same Old

Recent reports about new accounting director Kirby "Skip" Hughes show, once again, just how quickly former Tier I and II business faculty from other places transform into Tier III administrative disasters at USM. It's almost as if all sense of reason (and everything else) is removed when these newbies cross the Leaf and Bowie Rivers coming into Hattiesburg. New accounting director Hughes, formerly with Tier II Louisiana State University, has now settled in with the CoB and is now easily making Tier III-quality administrative decisions. The most recent was to "reward" former SoA directors Robert Smith and Roderick Posey with nicer, larger, and more isolated offices (second floor of JAG). This one would've made another former SoA director, James Crockett, proud.

Surely Hughes' former LSU colleagues are going to enjoy following Hughes' regression now that he's been sucked into the Morgan-Anderson vortex over in neighboring Hattiesburg. It will not be long before Hughes is telling his former colleagues just how good the *Pine Belt Tax Journal* is, or just how remarkable another former SoA director, Steven Jackson, is in all things academe. Before we know it, Hughes will be assigning Patricia Munn the *Morgan Distinguished Professorship in Accounting*, and just after extending its holding period to 5 years. Hughes may think himself immune from this sort of regression. Not only is he not, but . . . everyone's watching.