

31st & Pearl

Lots o' Laughs

Regular followers of USMNEWS.net who haven't yet visited usmlite.com should do so after reading this column. The anonymous weblog specializes in a satirical take on the issues of the day at USM, which under current president Martha Saunders are many. The audio recordings are the favorite of many, particularly those with accompanying music, much like that accompanying any one of Saunders' "keynote" addresses to the university community. The "Thad Cochran Special Event Parking Lot" is an often used, and humorous phrase in many of the audio clips, as is the "heartwarming" reference to her university "family" by president Marta von Saunderheizen. Of course, saying that word around campus is that Saunders (or, Saunderheizen) wore "bath mats" to the press conference wherein she announced that 29 tenured and tenure-track faculty were being terminated was priceless as well. You have to give it to usmlite.com on that one, as the picture below, which has been running on USMNEWS.net's front page for weeks, attests.



Is Saunders also grinning at the suggestion that she is wearing *bath mats* to a press conference?

Hopefully future updates will keep us chuckling as much as the first additions to the site have. With the politicized appeals hearings, the new light show on 4th and Hardy, use of "USM Air Farce One," the new Centennial dorm that requires dehumidifiers in each room, and the "strategic fencing" project, there will surely be plenty of grist for the satire mill. Yep, staying in touch with usmlite.com will be a necessity for getting through some of the dark days ahead.

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