

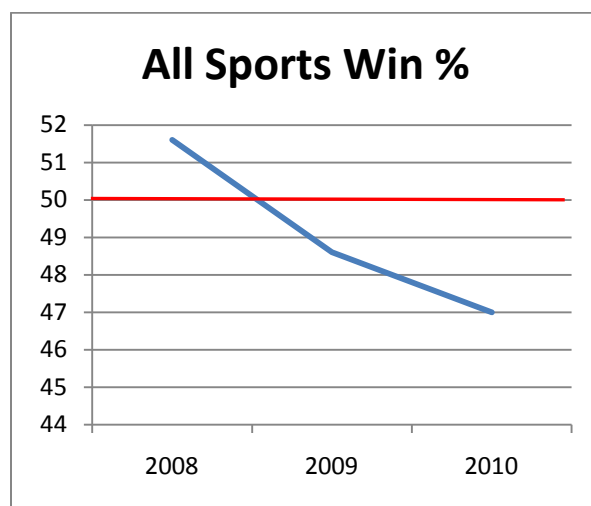
# Aunt Martha's Sandbox

## A Look at How USM's Prez is Managing Athletics

The "Banner Year" series here at USMNEWS.net has pointed out that USM's varsity sports programs appear to be slipping under USM president Martha Saunders' stewardship. This report examines how Saunders has been managing, or as the data below suggest, **mismanaging**, athletics at USM. The numbers in Table 1 below make the case that USM's sports program has been floundering since Saunders' arrival back in spring of 2007. The overall win percentage for all sports from 2007-08 through 2009-10 is a paltry 49.0%.

Sport	Wins	Losses	Ties	Win %
All - Men's & Women's	679	706	6	49.0

A look at the individual trend also yields some bad news. The Eagles and Lady Eagles have slipped from a 51.5% (roughly) winning percentage down to a 47% winning percentage from 2008 to 2010. This downward trend is very like a cause for concern among USM boosters and fans.



What does 2010-11 hold? Only time will tell. However, the USM athletics department will be working without former head baseball coach Corky Palmer for the second straight year. It will also be operating without former head football coach Jeff Bower for the third straight year, as well as without outgoing head volleyball coach Ricci Luyties in 2010.