

## **BREAKING NEWS ... BREAKING NEWS ... BREAKING NEWS**

### **USM Football Players Confined to Their Apartments**

Reports are now circulating that USM football coach Larry Fedora has ordered all USM football players "not . . . to go anywhere for the time being." This, of course, is in response to the 1:30 a.m. 14-Nov-2010 shooting of three USM football players at Hattiesburg's Hunt Club night spot. The three players -- Martez Smith, Tim Green, and Deddrick Jones -- were transported to Hattiesburg's Forrest General Hospital, where they were originally listed in critical condition. Today, the three are in stable condition, though earlier reports indicate that Smith may be paralyzed, at least from the waist down. Fedora told assembled media at his weekly press conference on Monday that Green's wounds are serious, and that he is unable to speak or vocalize his communications at the present time, though he is able to write. Fedora also noted that each player on the team has been assigned another player to act as a "buddy," and that grief counselors and the team chaplain are available to assist any player or players in dealing with this tragedy. Finally, Fedora also commented on this Saturday's home game against Houston, saying "[w]e have to be sensitive to what's going on, but we have a job to do. Our football team has a game this week, and that's not going to change."

Both the Hattiesburg Police Department and Crime Stoppers are asking that anyone with information about Sunday's shooting contact them with the information. The Martha Saunders administration of USM has not yet established a monetary reward for information leading to capture of the alleged assailants. As regular readers of USMNEWS.net are aware, that administration quickly established a \$1,000 reward for information about the alleged perpetrators of the recent campus "vandalism" episode, wherein three unknown white males chalked/shoe-polished "Impeach Saunders!" graffiti across the USM campus. It is also not known at this time what resources, if any, that Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour has committed, on Saunders' behalf, to aid in the investigation of the nightclub shooting. As more details about this story emerge, USMNEWS.net will provide additional updates.