

# CoB News, 14 January 2009

## Spring '09 Begins

Spring semester 2009 has begun, and already USM students are focusing on the high cost of textbooks and a looming tuition increase. Though they are happy to return to school for the new semester, according to Ed Kemp's [13-Jan-09 article](#) in *The Hattiesburg American*, USM students like Freda Clark are spending at least \$400 for textbooks this time around. Whether or not any of these texts are so-called customized texts was not stated, though given the recent [textbook scandal](#) reported by both *THA* and USMNEWS.net, many such texts are likely to be part of this spring's supplies expenditures for a large number of USM students.



Another issue on the minds of USM students this semester is a looming tuition increase. According to Kemp, an increase in tuition this year would mark the 12<sup>th</sup> one over the last 13 years. When asked by Kemp about tuition increases, USM student Steven Saucier retorted, "Tuition hikes? Haven't we already had those?" Deanna Gibson we even more adamantly opposed to such an increase in college costs with her response "They're high enough – no higher." Despite these individual protests, USM's tuition is certain to rise this year. USMNEWS.net reporters will be on the scene when that information is revealed. Stay tuned.

## "75 Unique" by 31<sup>st</sup> & Pearl Columnist

The most recent update to USMNEWS.net's *The CoB's Brain Drain, 2003-Present -- Part 2* indicates that those former CoB faculty who left the CoB after the arrival of former CoB dean Harold Doty have now published in **75 unique** journals under their new institutional umbrellas. This figure is simply astonishing. The number of unique journals involved would itself comprise a nice serials subscription list (in business) for a smallish public institution of higher ed. Of these 75, more than **20 are A-level journals**, a tremendous feat in its own right. Wouldn't the CoB love to have all of these in its current portfolio? Though MGT & MKT chair David Duhon, EFIB chair George Carter, Doty and former CoB associate dean Farhang Niroomand might say "no," I suspect that new CoB dean Lance Nail's response would be a resounding "yes" if posed this very question. Surely the CoB's tourism management department could use a hit in *Tourism Management* about now, while a

hit in the *International Journal of Quality & Reliability Management* would also do the CoB some good as well. Thanks to Doty, added A-level hits like these now belong to places like the University of Central Florida.

## “. . . a special place with special people . . .”

According to Patrick Magee’s [13-Jan-09 article](#) for *The Hattiesburg American*, USM football coach Larry Fedora was awarded a one-year extension to his current contract, extending it out to the maximum allowable of four years. Fedora led the Golden Eagles to a 7-6 record in 2008, which includes an overtime win in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl over Troy University. Under Fedora USM did, however, fail to extend its streak of winning regular seasons that was generated by former USM head coach Jeff Bower. USM’s streak of winning regular seasons ran from 1994 through 2007, all under Bower.

Calling USM “. . . a special place with special people . . .” Fedora expressed delight at being awarded an additional year by USM president Martha Saunders.



[malcom1212](#) wrote:

President Martha Saunders at USM is quite a person. She considers a 7 -6 record as successful and give the coach a one year extention and some extra loot. Saunders would probably propose that he be knighted by the Queen if he had a 8 -6 record.

However, not everyone was thrilled. One *THA* reader expressed dismay at Saunders’ decision through the Internet post above.