

Cost Savings?

The President's 12/12/08 email forwarded to usmnews.net:

In the interest of energy efficiency and cost savings, I am extending our holiday break to begin Monday, December 22. We will re-open on Monday, January 5. Also, having December 22 off gives you the opportunity to attend the bowl game without having to hurry back to Hattiesburg.

I hope you enjoy your time away and return renewed and refreshed.

Best wishes,

Martha Saunders

Now you are interested in efficiency and cost savings? What about the airplane?!

If this was not such a blatant play for the athletic department, it might be better received by faculty and especially staff. Little things can mean a lot, especially in hard times. An extra day off with pay near Christmas is a very nice gesture. Since most staff are low paid, and under-appreciated by too many, how about Spring Break week off with pay as well? Not much happens then either, so it would be nice for staff to be with their children or simply to enjoy the time to "renew and refresh" themselves. Think about it. Maybe you could reward the top staff around campus with a free plane trip somewhere as a reward for jobs well done. To the top!