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Did you read *The Hattiesburg American* article "[Enrollment decline leads to budget cuts at USM](#)"? Word around Southern Miss water cooler is that the story has a great deal in common with the Mary Poppins' song "A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down". Of course, the sugar is the public relations spin apparently intended to justify out of control tuition and fees.

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