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How do the growing numbers of “non-traditional” [older than 24] students fit into [Dr. Rodney] Bennett’s plans that students [graduate in four years](#)? Many (maybe even most) of them are married, have children, and hold down a full time job while they work on their degrees, a class or two at a time. I don’t see many of them fitting into Bennett’s magic number.

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If the administrators at USM run true to form, they’ll simply exclude that group or any other group that casts doubt on the “success” of Bennett’s 4-year graduation program. Simple: [lying with statistics](#).