

## DEAR USMNEWS.NET

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[Part 4 of the series](#) "We've [USM] Won the Silver Anvil Award! contains an interesting question. "USM is an educational institution, isn't it?" Many of the faculty are no longer sure that the answer to your question is "yes." Southern Miss is a fourth tier university. (It crept as high as third tier during her presidency, but has been firmly mired at fourth tier for the rest of the time.) Saunders tosses around the slogan "SMTTT", but does nothing to move "Southern Miss" out of the fourth tier, let alone to the top. She wastes money on things that have nothing to do with the quality of education -- PR, planes, more administrators, etc.

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Why does Martha keep hiring Mona Amodeo's idgroup for her PR? Isn't there a PR firm in the State of Mississippi good enough for her? Does she really have to go to Florida to find someone? Don't we have PR professionals who graduated from Southern Miss that she could and should be supporting? Or is this just a way funnel money to an old friend?

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Editor's comment:

"The bureaucratic mentality is the only constant in the universe."  
-Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy-  
(23rd century)