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The articles you have been running about the testimony of people in the College of Business have been very thought provoking. Ten years ago, I would have said that Alvin Williams [former interim-dean of the CoB] was one of the most honorable men at the University. I was wrong. No man of honor would fabricate claims for the purpose of getting a faculty member fired. Looking back at Alvin's years at the University [of Southern Miss], through the prism of your reports, my mistake was obvious.

Over the years there has been a split of opinion on campus about usmnews.net. Some believed you were just being mean-spirited. However, I have seen a marked change of attitude among my colleagues. Many of us now believe that [usmnews.net] is providing a very important public service. You are telling the University community what no one else has the nerve to say – at least in public.

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