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According to a [24-Aug-09 report](#) filed by *The Hattiesburg American*, only 9 USM students showed up at the Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building on 24-Aug-09 in order to protest the USM administration's recent decision to eliminate the CoB's economics programs and terminate its 9 tenured/tenure-track faculty. That number represents even less than the dismal number of CoB students who are now majoring in economics.



Patrick Laughlin, a junior international business major at the University of Southern Mississippi, was one of nine students protesting a proposed layoff of nine members of the College of Business's Economics faculty today at USM. (George Clark/Hattiesburg American)

According to *THA*, the protesters held up signs that said "Support Economics," and, at one point, they walked through the AKLA building. According to sources, such a low turnout had to be a blow to the economists, who made an oral appeal to the USM administration on 24-Aug-09 to rescind the cuts, which former EFIB chairman George Carter says are the result of subterfuge on the part of USM administrators. Support for sources' view comes via the online responses to *THA* report, some of which are inserted below.

[careerwriter](#) wrote:

All NINE of them, WOW. I am sure the administration is just quaking in their shoes. What a groundswell of support. My question again. This is news worth carrying in the HA because?

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[chartwell](#) wrote:

"He said the protest's objective is to push the administration to explain to students the reason for the cuts."

Because they do not have the money? Due to budget cuts.

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