

## *Editorial*

### **It Isn't Just the Cuts in State Funding**

An article published in today's [Hattiesburg American](#) makes for interesting reading. However, the biggest misconception in the article is, "[t]he decline in state funding is the main culprit in the tuition inflation that has increasingly made college unaffordable."

Anyone familiar with how colleges and universities [actually function](#), knows the "main culprit in tuition inflation" is the [spendthrift](#) behavior of [administrators](#). And, faculty are [not far](#) behind the [administrators](#). We have reported on the local university, the University of Southern Mississippi, and its administrators' and [wasteful](#) habits for years.

Maybe the public is ready to pay attention when it hits them hard -- very hard -- in the wallet. But given what we've observed, that is yet to be proven by citizens insisting on administrators curtailing their wasteful habits. That will only happen when citizens pay attention to the details. Are we there, yet?