

Have You Seen These Bad Administrators?

Bringing the Genius of *The Student Printz* to Tyler

During the tumultuous Shelby Thames administration (2002-07) of USM, the student newspaper, *The Student Printz*, stood strong in the face of a heavy-handed set of administrators. As a result, much of *TSP*'s coverage of that controversial presidency is memorable to so many who fought (1) *against* the Thames administration, and (2) *for* the institution alongside *TSP*. One of *TSP*'s more memorable editorial contributions was its takeoff on the George Bush administration's decision to put the faces of the most sought-after Iraqi leaders on decks of cards that were distributed throughout Iraq during the war. In USM's case, it was the pictures of Thames and his minions that *disgraced* the cards printed by the editors of *TSP*.

With [the apparent demise](#) of the [student newspaper](#) at the University of Texas at Tyler – *The Patriot Talon* – it seems appropriate that *TSP*'s genius during the Thames administration be recalled to duty, only this time for UT-T faculty during what appears to be [a low point](#) in that institution's history. The [uncertain future facing](#) even *TSP* further supports a look back to better days, at least with regard to effective journalism.



The inserts above, of course, apply *TSP*'s genius to the Tyler situation. Represented there are Rodney Mabry (UT-Tyler president), Peter Fos (UT-Tyler's telecommuting provost), UT-Tyler b-school dean Harold Doty, and UT-Tyler chairmen Stephen Bushardt and Dennis Cali. Three of these UT-Tyler leaders – Fos, Doty, and Bushardt – are, as long-time followers of USMNEWS.net will recall, USM transplants that many at UT-Tyler likely regret hiring. With the misdeeds these individuals are now involved in, now is not the time to turn off watchful eyes.