

## Letters to the Editor

*As expected, USMNEWS.net has received a bit of correspondence about USM's leasing of a Beechcraft twin engine prop plane. Some of this is inserted below. The third letter concerns part of a recent installment of USMNEWS.net's **GH Chatter** series.*

Dear USMNews:

Has the IHL given an indication as to the budget cuts that USM and other institutions can expect for next year? I thought it was interesting that in the Big 3 bailout hearings, Senators asked the Big 3 CEOs if they planned to liquidate their jet fleets. All responded "No." I guess [USM President] Martha [Saunders] needs that plane to get to all of her important functions. It may also be useful in getting to the New Orleans Bowl IF USM beats SMU next weekend. Possession should be taken just in time to keep her from having to make that tiring drive.

<name withheld>

Dear USM News,

Didn't the faculty go nuts when [former USM President Shelby] Thames bought or leased a plane? I'd love to see the cost benefit analysis--assuming it was offered--that the IHL bought into to approve this deal.

And, what recession?

<name withheld>

Dear USM news,

Your GH Chatter entry about Doty taking a job is interesting. I am hearing that he may have a new one, and it might not be with the University of North Texas, as has been reported before. Just a hint: From what I've heard, it's in that same region. Good luck to him.

<name withheld>