Editorial

Myths and misconceptions abound in academe and here's a doozie

Consider a Chronicle of Higher Education report (11.17.2014) entitled, "Think Students in Your Class Might Be Cheating? Here's What to Do."

Randall Balmer observed students cheating in his "Sports, Ethics, and Religion" course. "So while he did not relish the duty, Mr. Balmer felt obliged to report the incident. 'If students are obligated to abide by the terms of the honor code," he [Mr. Balmer] figured, "professors are as well."

Not if you're a faculty member or administrator at the University of Southern Mississippi. Cheating and misconduct is well documented at USM. See, for example, "University and AACSB Diversity."

Other reports of administrative misconduct and faculty corruption at USM are readily available on usmnews.net by Googling™ Martha Saunders, Harold Doty, Mary Morgan Anderson, Patty Polk Munn, Charles Jordan, Gwen Pate, Roderick Posey, Steven Jackson, Farhang Niroomand, and John Brown.

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