Oops! She Did It Again

Once again USM president Martha Saunders took to the air (yesterday, 16-June-09) to watch the Golden Eagles compete in the College World Series. Unfortunately, the Eagles did not perform well on this trip, losing consecutive games to Texas and North Carolina. But, as Saunders' 16-June-09 blog indicates, the CSW experience was an occasion for USM alumni the nation over to converge in one place for a reunion of sorts. Unlike most, Saunders arrived by private plane. Who else was there? Saunders' blog mentions Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny Dupree. As the Eagles walked in the winning run for Texas on Sunday night, the ESPN cameras panned over to unhappy Mississippi Senator Tom King of Petal. I wonder if either of these gentlemen travelled with Saunders, and, if so, if an ethics violation of any sort occurred because of it. There is no mention of so-called CoB supporters like Gene Carlisle of Tennessee or L.D. Brinkman of Texas being in Omaha. Have these two ceased supporting USM's CoB? While that remains to be seen, one can say that if the recent CWS trip doesn't inspire some giving, then a shaky AACSB victory in 2012 likely will not. As for the recently oft-mentioned Bruce Rossmeyer, he was seen on numerous occasions recently sitting courtside for the Orlando Magic playoff games against Cleveland and Los Angeles. One has to wonder if he even knew that the Eagles were roaring towards Omaha in recent weeks. Speaking of USM reunions, what about Saunders' recent trip to New York City for Mississippi Day in Central Park -- '09? Her 14-June-09 blog writes about the event, and even includes a picture of Saunders and Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour in the Park. With all of the travelling being done by Saunders and CoB dean Lance Nail these days, one has to wonder who is running the show. As for the CoB, word is that it's Joseph Peyrefitte. As for USM, who knows?