

President Saunders Swipes at Becker, and More . . .

A LOOK AT SAUNDERS' 12-OCT-09 BLOG

Former CoB tourism management chairperson, Cherylynn Becker, was an opponent of the USM Charcoal Room. She made that fact plain and clear shortly after her arrival at USM during the Harold Doty administration (2003-07). Thus, it was no surprise that the Charcoal Room closed shortly after Becker's arrival as TM chair, *and* that the CoB's two best TM profs, Tanya Ruetzler and Jim Taylor, exited the CoB at about the same time. (Not surprisingly, the two of them landed at Ole Miss, the flagship institution of MS. Becker failed at TM administration, and has since been *moved to management* by CoB administrators as a result of her many failings). It is because Becker wiped out the CR that USM president Martha Saunders' 12-Oct-09 blog entitled "University Club Open House" can be read as a backhanded swipe at Becker (and, by proxy, at Doty). There Saunders writes nostalgically, "Do any of you remember eating lunch and visiting with your University colleagues in the Charcoal Room?"

Through this particular blog Saunders also invites USM faculty and staff to take advantage of the new University Club. To do so, she invokes memories of the past, when USM had the CR and a UC. These "institutions" have at least one thing in common – they both failed. And they did so precisely because USM can't seem to resist the temptation to hire administrators like Cherylynn Becker, who leave little other than a path of destruction wherever they go. So, USM will trot out a new UC tomorrow evening. Whether or not it operates as intended, one day it will go the way of the CR and the original UC. USM administrators can't help themselves.