

# The Farm

## News Briefs from Southern Miss

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### How Difficult is USM's Communications Program?

In his [recent interview](#) with USM public relations official Van Arnold, vice president for student affairs Joe Paul provided some details of his college days at USM a few decades ago. In doing so, Paul made some comments that suggest that USM's communications program, which is reportedly now the recipient all sorts of largesse under USM president Martha Saunders, is anything *but* taxing in the academic effort sense. Paul told Arnold that he "was likely headed to Pearl River Community College" out of high school when he got a telephone invitation to attend USM. During his days as a USM communications major, Paul (1) "participat[ed] in every intramural sport offered," (2) "[w]ork[ed] on *The Student Printz*, Yearbook, and at the [campus] radio station," (3) was active in Sigma Nu fraternity, and (4) worked 30 hours each week for local retailers (Fine Brothers Matison and Mississippi Britches). Lastly, Paul notes that he began his career working at USM at the tender age of 22, only 18 months after graduation. That means Paul did all of the above and still managed to earn his communications diploma by the age of 20-and-one-half.

### USM Athletics 2010-11 & Aunt Martha's Coaches

Table 1  
USM Athletics: 2010-11 Performance

Sport	Wins	Losses	Ties	Win %
Volleyball	19	12	0	61.3
Soccer	3	14	2	21.1
Football	8	5	0	61.5
Women's Basketball	10	20	0	33.3
Men's Basketball	22	10	0	68.8
Softball*	17	30	0	36.2
Baseball*	30	10	0	75.0
Women's Tennis	8	14	0	36.4
Men's Tennis	3	19	0	13.6
Women's Golf	38	21	1	64.2
Men's Golf	45	30	4	59.5

Women's Track*	6	5	0	54.5
Men's Track*	0	6	0	0.0
Totals	209	196	7	51.6

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**Source:** southernmiss.cstv.com

\* season not yet completed

**Table 2**  
**USM Career Records of Aunt Martha's Coaches**

Name	Sport	Wins	Losses	Ties	Win%
Berry, Scott	Baseball	66	34	0	66.0%
Dobson, Howard	Softball	93	116	2	44.5%
Ebke, Scott	Women's Soccer	12	40	3	24.5%
Fedora, Larry	Football	22	17	0	56.4%
Kroll, Ki	Men's Tennis	3	19	0	13.6%
Stephen, Kevin	Track	26	78	0	25.0%
Sutherland, Abbey	Women's Volleyball	19	12	0	61.3%
Theis, Raynie	Women's Tennis	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>46.7%</u>
		262	340	5	43.6%

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