

# The Farm

## News Briefs from Southern Miss

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### ***The Student Printz* also on Top of Graffiti Story**

USM's *The Student Printz* is, with Ashton Pittman's 29-Oct-2010 [report](#) entitled "USM police search for vandalism suspects," also on the campus graffiti story that is also being covered by *The Hattiesburg American*, USMNEWS.net, usmlite.com, and others. *TSP* also has another photograph of the episode, which is inserted below:



As the photo above indicates, a message placed on the sliding glass doors to the USM Liberal Arts Building by the alleged vandals stated, "If YOU WANT TO Impeach SAUNDERS ENTER HERE."

### **79% to 83% for Daniel**

With 351 total votes counted, 79% (279) of USM students [support](#) Daniel Miles' [plan](#) to (1) shift ½ of the USM tuition tax for athletics into academic affairs, and (2) have USM students pay for tickets to athletics events rather than have them provided at no charge by the university. Only 16% (57) of students are opposed, with 4% (15) indicating that they *might be* in favor. Miles is but one of the students who has [stepped up](#) in recent weeks to challenge the Martha Saunders administration's handling of budgetary affairs.

### **"Shameless" – An Editorial by *Victoria Tyler***

With her 25-Oct-2010 [blog entry](#) entitled "Not a bad weekend," USM president Martha Saunders continues [her practice](#) of describing life in a way that is insensitive to the concerns felt by USM faculty and staff, particularly those 29 tenured/tenure-track professors who were recently notified by Saunders that they would be losing their jobs after the 2010-11 academic year. Saunders informed the "USM family" that last Friday night (22-Oct-2010) she served as "honorary coin tosser" for the Hattiesburg High vs. Oak Grove football game. Over the following days she "finish[ed] a book chapter (on deadline)" and "drove to New Orleans to watch the Saints play." She then concluded her blog post with: "Life is good."

I suppose life is good for someone who makes several hundred thousand dollars per year and who just recently received a four-year [contract extension](#). Life must also be good for someone who lives in a state-provided mansion that just recently received a \$330,000 [boudoir makeover](#). And,

life is surely good for someone who has a Beechcraft King Air to fly around in every week, getting to and from places like Houston, D.C., and elsewhere. I have just one question for madam president after reading the aforementioned blog – *did you intend to use your 25-Oct-2010 blog entry to poke the hard-working USM faculty in the collective eye, or is that just more of your social clumsiness rearing its nasty head?*

## Eagles Tumble in Latest SSC+USM Football Poll

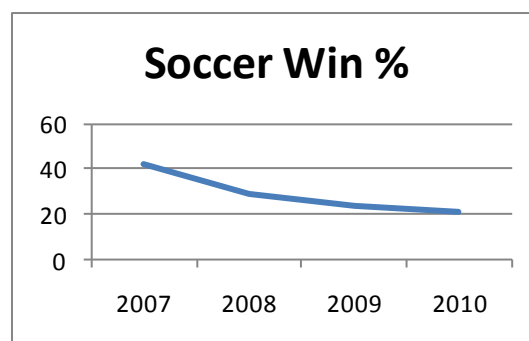
With its dramatic 49-50 home loss to lowly UAB, Larry Fedora's USM Golden Eagles tumbled a number of spots in [the latest Sagarin Small Colleges + USM Football Poll](#) (see 31-Oct-10 poll below).

Rank	Team	Sagarin Power
1	Villanova	72.06
2	Delaware	70.91
3	William & Mary	70.28
4	Appalachian State	70.11
5	New Hampshire	67.64
6	Jacksonville State	67.42
7	Eastern Washington	67.36
8	Southern Miss	66.70
9	Sacramento State	65.73
10	Wofford	65.55

At 8<sup>th</sup> in the latest poll, Fedora's chances of winning his first *SSC+USMFP National Championship* this year (2010) have essentially evaporated.

## Ebke's USM Soccer Program Sinks to New Low

Scott Ebke's USM [soccer team](#) finished its 2010 season on 29-Oct-2010, losing 0-6 to Central Florida. With the drubbing, the Lady Eagles finished the year 3-14-2 (wins-losses-ties), its worst record under Ebke since he took the reins in 2007.



The figure above is adapted from that appearing in [Aunt Martha's Seasons](#). When Ebke's dismal 21.1% winning clip from 2010 is added to those from 2007-09, one can see that (1) his yearly records have worsened steadily since 2007, (2) his 2010 season has been the worst on record, and (3) his best record, which came in 2007, was *well below 50%* on the winning front. With the Saunders administration slashing academic programs and tenured/tenure-track faculty, many USM followers are likely now wondering how so many athletics program and coaches seem to be immune from similar treatment.