"Virginia Tech Danger!" Part 3

We continue a series taken from "Virginia Tech Danger!" Echoes of Mississippi Supremacists at the University of Southern Mississippi by Chauncey M. DePree, Jr., DBA, a longtime professor at USM. [If you've missed Part 1 and Part 2, they're reported below.]

<u>A Nightmare Begins</u>

The nightmare of being mobbed begins in earnest when administrators, like then-President Martha Saunders [currently provost at University of West Florida], overreact, scurry to a hiding place, and stick their heads in the sand. Everyone understands that just the accusation of being "dangerous" can destroy an accused colleague's career and potentially his/her life. And, because of the nature of the accusation, there is no pretense of due process. All the accusers need to do is scream, "VIRGINIA TECH!" Of course, the accusers know this, and as a number of them testified in my case, the hysteria was orchestrated and coordinated by University lawyers, both internal and external to USM. USM's failed effort to fire me was led by then-internal attorney, Lee Gore [recently lost his job at UWF because he was practicing law without a license in Florida]. He was assisted by an IHL attorney and attorneys from two major Mississippi law firms, Adams and Reese, LLP and Mayo and Mallette, PLLC. More than two and a half million dollars later and I'm still a tenured full professor at USM. Not only was this activity profoundly immoral, it was also a monumental waste of Mississippi taxpayer and student money. But why should the mobbers care, it wasn't their money. It's yours! They had no problem spending, i.e., wasting, your money. And supremacists' notion of loyalty trumps morality every time.

You don't have to take my word for any of this. The mobbers will tell you under oath [beginning with Patty Polk Munn].

Patty Polk Munn



Ms. Patty Polk Munn is [was] an instructor of accounting at USM for decades, and a student at USM for many years before that. She creates gossip, acts on gossip, and passes on gossip as if it is The Truth. This is verified in her deposition and is reported below in her own words.

(To be continued tomorrow.)