

USM Trip

Friday, November 24, 2000

8:30 a.m. You are speaking to the board members of the USM Foundation, USM Athletic Foundation, USM Alumni Association, President's Cabinet -

IHL Board Appointments –

1. Appointed according to 1944 Congressional Districts
2. Necessary that appointees see the “big picture” for IHL- what is good for one is good for all.
3. Work in the best interest of all

USM Gulf Coast Campus

1. In favor of ...
2. Needs to meet the needs of the students from the Gulf Coast and surrounding area.
3. Untraditional students who need classes at untraditional times

Ayers

1. We are in the process of resolving now so that we can move forward.
2. We are making more progress than we have ever before
3. Proposals on the table

USM's role in economic development

1. Great economic development program – training developers from across the state and southern region.
2. Polymer Science Department – helps to sell the state – offers qualities that business and industry is looking for
3. Great opportunity for growth of business from the Nissan plant
4. Keeping our best and brightest right here in Mississippi
5. Better quality of life – new, high paying jobs (\$22-23 an hour)
6. Jobs – 4,000 direct
7. 26,000 – spin off
8. Total 30,000 new jobs
9. Key is- working together – strong relationships
 - a. Seeing past party lines

