

Turkey Thoughts

Martha says:

10 Things I'm Thankful for This Year...

1. The Trent Lott Center is finally ready to open.
2. Breaking ground for the new parking garage.
3. Record enrollment.
4. A Centennial History that will be published by Founders' Day.
5. President Emeritus
6. Aubrey Lucas, who still likes to work a crowd.
7. A beautiful campus lovingly tended by employees and student volunteers.
8. The UPC
9. The good service of Cecil Burge & Pat Joachim who are retiring.
10. Anonymous donors.
11. A 100-year-old university ready for another century of service to the higher mind.

Isn't this special? Let's look:

1. Open to whom? When will you confess this is a boondoggle?
2. Surely needed, but it comes at a high cost when money is in short supply. Like your airplane, is this the right time for it?
3. Unduplicated?
4. Wow.
5. Planning your exit strategy now or are you referring to #6?
6. You should seek his counsel, listen, and act accordingly, but you will not do so.
7. Employees who I have and will continue to prune like the prized rose bushes.
8. It is not even in existence yet and you are thankful you can hide behind it for \$14M in cuts like you did the APG for \$8M+ in cuts. The buck stops with you but hides behind many.
9. The word around the campuses is you are glad they are both getting out of your way. More money and control for you.
10. Clearly. They are needed like a real outside comprehensive audit that USM will never get.
11. What is the "higher mind"? Is USM preparing for this by being slashed by over \$30M in the next three years? Maybe it is time you reconsider what is off limits to you.

It is clear at least one turkey survived Thanksgiving Day.