

*DEAR USMNEWS.NET*

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As a long-time member of the faculty, I can't tell you how painful the charges of racism involving the Pep Band have been, particularly coming so close on the heels of last year's black face incident. However, the claims that our students are ill-educated, with a clear inference that they are too stupid to be taught, is beyond hurtful. Much has been made of Dr. Saunders' failure properly to spell the name of the young basketball player. The conclusion reached in the national media seems to have been that our school is composed of stupid illiterates – up to and including the office of the president.

Could Southern Miss have taken more of a black eye over this entire mess and how it was handled?

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