

*Dear usmnews.net*

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While I was pleased to hear that an [anonymous donor](#) had given \$1 million to beautify the campus, does that mean that nobody has stepped forward to pay off the [sports deficit](#)? [\$1.5 million [announced](#) by AD Hammond or the \$2.1 payout to former Coach Ellis [Johnson](#).]

Name withheld by request

Dear Name withheld,

I suspect that is exactly what it means. If you take a look at the [NCAA's release of 2012 revenue data](#), there doesn't appear to have been a ground swell of support from sports contributors. In fact, 2012 contributions were a million dollars less than the high reached in 2006. (Note, there has been an increase since the contributions reached an eight year low in 2009. The 2009 contributions were \$2 million less than made in 2006.) However, mandatory student fees to support athletics have shown a steady increase.