

## *Dear usmnews.net*

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You've frequently said that The Hattiesburg American is a public relations arm of Southern Miss. After that bizarre article [[McGillis sees bright future after year one at USM](#)], I have to agree with you. Let's take a look at the embarrassing list of so called "notable Golden Eagle achievements and accomplishments during the past year":

With a 62-27 win over UAB on Nov. 30, the Southern Miss football team snaps the nation's longest active losing streak at 23 games.

What is notable about winning one game out of 24? Using THA's logic, next year if the football team manages to win two games, will McGillis declare a triumphant season and give the coach a huge raise?

The men's and women's basketball teams combined to win 56 games last season, the seventh-most of any Division I school in the country.

Let's not forget that Donnie Tyndall [the former men's head basketball coach] took a rare winning season and marketed himself to a better school for more money. If McGillis had managed to keep Donnie Tyndall, that would have been a notable accomplishment.

Signed former men's basketball coach Donnie Tyndall to a new contract that included a \$500,000 buyout clause if he opted out of the deal prior to a pre-determined date.

And, just what is so notable about a buyout clause in a coach's contract. They should be routine. Larry Fedora's new school [University of North Carolina] bought out his Southern Miss contract. [Editor's note: [UNC paid Southern Miss \\$400,000](#)]. Perhaps what THA considers notable that someone learned their lesson after Ellis Johnson got paid his full salary, even though he was making more money as an ASSISTANT Coach at another school.

Reached an agreement with Alabama in which the Crimson Tide will pay \$1.4 million to host a football game against the Golden Eagles in September.

Your [report pretty](#) much says it all. " This isn't an accomplishment. This isn't really even a football game. It's a bought and paid for beating for cash.

Hired Doc Sadler as head men's basketball coach.

If Sadler -- who has yet to coach his first game as a Golden Eagle -- can't manage to put together more Ws than Ls, will it still be a notable accomplishment?

If these are the most notable achievements of the past year, Southern Miss should be embarrassed enough to sit down and shut up. As for THA, no responsible newspaper should have claimed these events as notable.

Please withhold my name and sign me disgusted