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Did you hear the latest laugh-out-loud announcement coming out of Southern Miss? Chuck Scianna has commissioned a huge and perfectly hideous bronze eagle statue for the University rose garden. What do you think?

Name withheld

Dear Name withheld,

I did see the announcement and have heard a number of comments similar to yours about the proportions and the aesthetic appeal of the sculpture. The eagle, which is supposed to be 22-foot tall by 20-feet wide, and will sit on a 8 foot tall base, is very big.

As for whether it is hideous, let me say I won't be adding the artist's work to my collection. It isn't to my taste. *De gustibus non est disputandum.*

I think if you make contributions in excess of \$5 million to USM, you can install pretty much whatever you want -- particularly if you are paying for it.

Here's an artist rendering one of our contributors found on the [Southern Miss Now](#) webpage.

