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The fan blogs have been hot with discussions whether Southern Miss has a future in the college sports industry. Many of the fans believe, for a number of reasons, that it does not. I agree with those fans. Earlier this year, The Chronicle of Higher Education ran an article [How Much Does It Cost to Recruit a Star Athlete?](#) In 2012-13, Indiana University spent \$420,559 on just men's basketball, which figures out to about \$70,000 per successful recruit. The article doesn't include football players or any other sports. A poor school like Southern Miss, living on borrowed money and ever increasing tuition and fees, can't hope to compete at the top levels?

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