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While it is unlikely [to happen], many of us believe the best thing that could come out of the Donnie Tyndall/Southern Miss basketball fiasco is a death sentence. According to [Sports Illustrated](#), “under Tyndall's watch, coursework allegedly was completed or performed for recruits and financial aid was offered to signees who did not qualify. Tyndall’s “lack of control” fell under a bylaw that classifies such behavior as unethical for a head coach.” Does anyone believe no one in authority at the University knew this was going on? Who was reviewing the academic records and cutting the checks? I’m pretty sure it wasn’t Tyndall.

Sign me,

Disgusted

Dear Disgusted,

Some time ago, usmnews.net reported a discussion on the [EaglePost blog](#), which casually acknowledges such behavior are both common occurrences and common knowledge.

📄 by **Goldenrod** » Sun Jun 08, 2014 11:19 am

For those of you following the Rashaad McCants vs. University of North Carolina story (with Roy Williams feigning ignorance), what do you guys think about this whole “paper classes” situation? Does this exist at a lot of schools? Southern Miss?

📄 by **emn87** » Sun Jun 08, 2014 11:29 am

I think it exist all over. Hate to say it but some of these guys should be nowhere near a college

📄 by **BYXeagle** » Sun Jun 08, 2014 3:33 pm

Happens everywhere High school, juco, university. I’ve seen teachers write papers for football players and an assistant basketball coach teaching a class that required a two page paper that was pass/fail.

When Mr. Tyndall was fired as head basketball coach at the University of Tennessee, he accepted responsibility for any misconduct. However, his [public statement](#) appeared to shift

the burden for non-compliance to Southern Miss. “During my time at Southern Miss, I believed that our program followed NCAA rules and worked well with the university’s administration to maintain an atmosphere of rules compliance,” Tyndall said.

How does Southern Miss (or any other university) have any claim to ethical conduct or integrity, if this behavior “happens everywhere”?