DEAR USMNEWS.NET

Did you read the comments in today's [December 15, 2011] [online] <u>Hattiesburg American</u>? They speak pretty well for most of the fans. Why did Southern Miss accept a ball game on Christmas Even in Hawaii? To quote Phil Gordon,

Some fans were critical of USM's decision to accept a bid to the Hawaii Bowl because of the perception of a financial burden that comes with the long trip." No, MOST fans (and player's relatives) ARE ANGRY because of the REALITY of the FINANCIAL IMPOSSIBILITY that they would be able to go and watch their team play in a bowl game after supporting them throughout the season. This was an idiotic decision and I hope I hope that the USM is prepared to face the consequences of their of their actions.

I can't fund a trip to Hawaii for the family. If I could come up with the money for just me to go (which I can't), my wife would toss me out on my ear. But I bet Dr. Saunders will go on the University's dollar and take her husband, too.

If Southern Miss thinks so little of its fans, I don't think much of the team either. Next year, we won't be buying season tickets. I figure the University won't care much, but maybe if enough of us don't fill the stadium then somebody may notice.

By the way, a lot of us in the community read this web page and I hear people wondering what those folks running the university are up to – and it looks like it is nothing good.

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