

Holiday Predictions for 2012

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1. Martha Saunders and Joe Bailey will go to the no-prestige bowl game in Hawaii at the expense of taxpayers, students and/or donors. (I know the game is in 2011, but it seems a good place to start.) I would like to hear someone's prediction of how many of her political "friends", like IHL Board member Doug Rouse and his wife, will join in the trip.
2. Given the probable \$1,000,000 salary (or thereabout) for new head football coach Ellis Johnson there will be a substantial increase in student athletics fees. (Note from the editor: This is an interesting prediction since [according to the NCAA](#), in 2009-2010, student fees were funding over \$6 million of the costs of Southern Miss athletics or nearly 31% of the total cost.)
3. Call it wishful thinking, but I predict that Martha Saunders will embarrass the University (and more importantly the IHL) once too often this year. She will be asked to and will regretfully tender her resignation.
4. Lance Nail will try to parlay his successful AACSB run into a deanship at a b-school above the fourth tier. (Note from the editor: This prediction is interesting since usmnews.net is seeing an increasing number of Lance Nail hits from other schools – many of which are looking for new deans.)