

Holiday Predictions for 2014

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- 1) Student enrollment will substantially decline once again. The question is what excuse President Bennett will offer to justify the fall. One thing he won't throw on the table is the ongoing increases in tuition that price far too many prospective students out of the market.
- 2) In spite of the cost and waste, Rodney [Bennett, President of USM] will cling to AirFarce One even more passionately than Martha [Saunders, former President of USM]. How else can he, his friends and family really enjoy going to ball games?
- 3) The football team's record next year will be 2-10. Coach Monken will declare a moral victory. President Bennett will laud the two wins as proof of the fighting sprit of Southern Miss. SMTT!?
- 4) Coach Tyndall [head basketball coach at USM] will finish the season with only one or two more losses. Sometime next semester, he will take a lot more money and run to a new school.
- 5) Southern Miss will remain firmly mired in *U.S. News & World Report's* fourth tier.

Editor's note: *U.S. News & World Report* no longer classifies universities as fourth tier. However, U.S. News currently classifies USM as "Rank Not Published". "Rank Not Published" means that *U.S. News* did calculate a numerical rank and score for USM, but decided for editorial reasons that since the school ranked below the *U.S. News* cutoff – the top three-fourths of each ranking category are numerically ranked – that U.S. News would not publish the rank and score for that school on usnews.com." Stated in the simplest terms, USM fell some place in the bottom quarter of schools. usmnews.net does not know where in the bottom quarter the school fell because "[s]chools marked as Rank Not Published are listed alphabetically."

- 6) Southern Miss' MBA program will continue to be unranked. However, that won't stop the University from paying for billboards to tout the program.

Editor's note: The 2014 edition of Best Colleges from *U.S. News & World Report* reported USM's MBA program as "unranked." According to [*U.S. News & World Report*](#), "Unranked means that *U.S. News* did not calculate a numerical rank for that school. The school did not qualify to be numerically ranked." It appears that USM was unwilling or unable to report "key educational characteristics" necessary to be ranked.