

## *Special Report*

### **Websites Call for Firing of Monken**

With the 13-Nov-2014 loss to San Antonio by a score of 10-12, many USM fans have given up on the Todd Monken administration of USM's football program. To date, Coach Monken has managed to accumulate a grand total of four wins in those two years. According to one comment on BigGoldNation.com, "If y'all don't think we need to fire our whole athletic department I don't know what game y'all were watching we suck." Another comment complains "Head coach doesn't describe anyone on our current staff." In Monken's first year, he managed to win one game. During the 2014 season he has managed to win three games, and is generally expected to lose every other game this season.

Some fans visiting EaglePost are reminding each other that this disaster in the sports program was brought about by it was former USM president, Martha Saunders, and Jeff Hammond, Saunders' selection to replace former USM athletics director Richard Giannini, who teamed up to bring Ellis Johnson to campus nearly three years ago (spring 2012) to replace departed head coach Larry Fedora. Johnson failed to win a single game and was unceremoniously fired, albeit with a golden parachute.

With USM fans predicting a record that tops out at 3-12 on the 2014 season for USM football, and after giving Monken the benefit of the doubt for two long, painful seasons, fans are rapidly coming to the conclusion, at least on *The District* and *Eagle Post*, that Monken is not the man to turn the team around. Now, however, there are even some early calls for replacing Gillis as the USM AD. With these men being in their second year at their respective helms, and

given the costs of replacing them -- including paying out their contracts -- sources tell USMNEWS.net that their firings are not forthcoming this year. If so, things will likely get much worse for USM athletics before getting any chance to improve.