

We Won!

Time to ante up another hundred mill!

News Flash: USM beat UAB 62 - 27.

The following are a few comments from fans:

“Can’t wait for next season!”

“We’ll rise again!”

“We are tough and winners!”

“USM is going in the right direction.”

“SMTT!”

“Destined to be national champs!”

Oops, in their enthusiasm, the faithful seem to have forgotten USM’s actual win-loss record for the past two years. It was not 23 and 1. It is 1 win and 23 losses. Okay, we got that straight.

Let’s get back to what is, at base, the fans’ credo:

“All we need is a few hundred million dollars, then we’ll be like the University of Alabama. Think of the economic payoff USM football juggernaut means for local pizza parlors and gas stations and beer joints. Sales will soar into the thousands of dollars.”

“The best part, others pay. Charge students extra fees—what the hey, they can always borrow more—education is a great investment. (Ignore that football has nothing to do with the educational mission of the school.) Raise taxes—get money from all those wealthy citizens who aren’t sharing their money with the fans who deserve the subsidy. And think of the opportunity USM provides to “student athletes.” *When* they don’t make the pros for big bucks, they have training to be salesmen, truck drivers, security guards at casinos.”

It’s all pretty pathetic. If USM football were supported only by its own revenues, it would have failed decades ago and students and taxpayers would have been spared paying hundreds of millions.