

Guest Editorial

More Trouble in Southern Miss' Failed Football Program

On May 20, 2015, [The Hattiesburg American](#) reported that two Southern Miss football players were arrested and charged with armed robbery, kidnapping, and burglary of an occupied dwelling. This troubling announcement comes close on the heels of [two basketball players](#) being removed from the team and presumably leaving Southern Miss under the cloud of an NCAA Prop 48 violation. (Editor's note: These were not minor infractions. University of Tennessee [terminated for cause](#) the contract of Southern Miss' former head basketball coach Donnie Tyndall.] It seems to an outside observer that "student-athletes" at Southern Miss find themselves in serious trouble on a fairly regular basis. Can it be that Southern Miss' programs are able to recruit only those who are left over after other schools with financial and academic resources have made their choices. Stated a little differently, if a "student-athlete" has a choice between The University of Alabama and Southern Miss, which is s/he going to choose?