

What's Wrong With This Picture?

Sometimes you read various reports and comments and you can't help but wonder what's really happening on campus.

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Was on campus for the FIU game the other week and couldn't help but notice that the campus looks pretty run down in some parts. One thing that stuck in my mind was a crumbling/overtured concrete bench with weeds growing all over it right in the middle of campus next to the main walkway. The outside of the Student Union looks terribly outdated and rundown. Do we not have people in charge of this kind of stuff? We need to plant a few more flowers and a few more areas need to be taken care of. If we actually did this on a regular basis, we would have a very beautiful campus. Anyone know anything?

[University of Southern Mississippi receives bronze Golden Eagle statue](#)

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HATTIESBURG, MS (WDAM) -

A bronze Golden Eagle statue was erected at the University of Southern Mississippi Wednesday afternoon.

The 22-foot tall statue was created by Idaho artist David Anderson, and was donated by Chuck Sciana, who also gave a donation for the College of Business last year.

Erecting the statue took about an hour, and is now in front of Southern Hall on the Hattiesburg campus. The statue rests on an eight-foot pedestal, and features a time capsule at the base.

A similar bronze statue was placed on the Gulf Coast campus sized at 11-feet tall.

"Today is the culmination of having a lot of time and effort at the studio sculpting the piece and to have it finally set today it's very exciting, satisfying," said Anderson.

"It's going to be a beautiful site for our campus," said Jerry DeFatta, executive director of the Southern Miss Alumni Association. "I think it's something that will very quickly become one of the most photographed images associated with the University of Southern Mississippi," he said.

A dedication ceremony for the statue will be held on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 4 o'clock.

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