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For those of your readers who may have missed it, Southern Miss' athletic director Bill McGillis announced [his intention to waste](#) more money. He is looking to "upgrade" Reed Green Coliseum [where the Golden Eagles play basketball]. Since few people attend the games, what purpose is served?

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The basketball attendance isn't as easy to find as it is for football. However, [according to the NCAA](#), last year, with one of the best seasons in the history of the University, average attendance was 4,802; the year before, average attendance was 3,750. [According to USM](#), "[t]he Golden Eagles play home games in the beautiful and spacious 8,095 seat Reed Green Coliseum." The math isn't hard. Over the most recent two year period, for any men's basketball game, on average half the coliseum sat empty. As usmnews.net's readers are well aware, it is the position of the editor and the contributors that USM should focus on providing a high quality, low cost education to its students -- not building monument for administrators to include on their resumes.