

February 14, 2007

Daniel Cummins  
Director, Judicial Affairs

Dear Daniel,

I am member of the Athletic Department and I have become aware of a disturbing act that occurred during a recent football recruiting weekend. It was rumored that a number of prospective student-athletes and current football players engaged in sexual acts with a former soccer player and alcohol was involved in the "party". It was stated that 4 perspective student-athletes and 4 current football players engaged in this perverse behavior. The rumor has quickly spread throughout amongst student-athletes and our department staff. Evidently, someone videotaped these sex acts and tapes of the sex session have been distributed around the dormitories. A number of our student-athletes have viewed the tapes and validated the rumor. I am also aware that a current football player has told a number of folks, including student-athletes and a staff member, that he was involved in the sex session. What originated as a rumor late last week, has quickly become validated as actually occurring.

I am bringing this to your attention, due to the fact that I have no confidence in our senior leadership of the Athletic Department to complete a thorough investigation. I have seen on numerous occasions that the men's basketball program and football programs have received preferential treatment by our Athletic Director. Quite honestly, there seems to be a separate set of rules for these 2 programs and their coaches.

I am well aware that a number of years ago, our department updated our policies and procedures for on-campus recruiting. This policies and procedures placed more responsibility on the student hosts and the coaches. In addition, coaches are to have a better understanding of what type of activities prospective student-athletes are participating in when they visit our institution. I do not believe that these policies and procedures were followed at all. I know that underage drinking is strictly prohibited. This incident should not be overlooked and disciplinary action should be taken against the prospective student-athletes, current student-athletes and members of the football staff.

Finally, I must submit this concern to you anonymously for fear or reprisal from our senior leadership. I have witnessed first hand, how unfairly the Athletic Director and Deputy Athletic Director have treated members of our department. It is common knowledge amongst department members that you cannot voice an opinion or raise a concern without fear of retribution. I have seen too many good people affected by doing just that. I am very concerned that there is a movement to sweep this under the rug and move on. In fact, I have been told that the word has got out to the football team to destroy any tapes that they may have.

On behalf of many of us in the Athletic Department, I ask that you promptly and thoroughly investigate this matter.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Athletic Department Employee

cc: Dr. Nancy Zimpher, President  
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