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to watch the other guys get to condition together."

As a senior in high school, Knapp suffered sudden cardiac arrest and collapsed on the court during a Sept. 19, 1994, pick-up game. Though NU still offered the Peoria, Ill., native a full athletic scholarship, its doctors declared him medically ineligible before the 1995-96 season.

Knapp and his family filed suit against the athletic department in November 1995.

Since then, Knapp has received offers from other Division I schools, but continued to hope things would work out at NU. Last year, Knapp watched NU's games and practices from the sidelines while waiting for his case to go to trial. This season, he may not be as patient with the appeals process.

"If my status is the way it is now when the season starts, I'm going to have to reevaluate the situation," Knapp says. "Every time Northwestern gets this pushed back further, it's more of a hardship for me, and I don't know how much longer I'm

willing to take it."

Sympathy for Knapp's plight has come from all walks of the NU community, with messages of support currently scrawled all over the message board outside his door.

For his teammates, Zagel's ruling had provided hope.

"We just want to see him play and just want this whole thing out of the way," said Wildcats sophomore forward Joe Hamsen. "We plan on having him around. Nick's got a lot of friends here, fits in well here, and this is where he's always wanted to go."

But outside of Evanston, where countless media outlets have caught wind of Knapp's story since Zagel's original decision Sept. 9, skepticism lingers.

"If Nick Knapp wants to play college basketball, he should find a school that gives priority to his athletic skills over his physical well-being," wrote *Detroit Free Press* columnist Charlie Vincent. "Northwestern, a school that has always put other priorities ahead of athletic success,

should not be forced to compromise on an issue as basic as life and death."

A note about the case in the Sept. 23 issue of *Sports Illustrated* called Zagel's decision "unsettling, given Knapp's history," and cited a Chicago cardiologist specializing in sudden death among athletes, Peter Diamond, who labeled Zagel's decision "a tragedy."

In reviewing the motivation behind his decision in the Sept. 24 hearing, Zagel reiterated how vague the parameters are in this case. Despite hearing testimony from four cardiologists and several physicians, of which two actually attempted to calculate Knapp's risk of death, none could provide scientific data specific to Knapp's condition.

"It may well have been better to leave the decision in this case to a panel of physicians," Zagel said, "but Congress has put it in the hands of the courts. We are out of statistics, and into the persuasiveness of medical judgment."

Perhaps, though, it is not just the courts or the school which should punish these men, but society as a whole should punish them. The worst punishment many athletes could face would be social ostracism where they would lose all the public fame and glory they were so accustomed to and thrived on. Perhaps such a punishment would be most fitting for crimes any athletes commit. Perhaps society should wake up and realize what really goes on in the private lives of our most public figures...our athletes.

strongest charges these individuals should face? Probably not. Maybe these young men should face a harder sentence than just the ones the court system can offer. One might ask if the school could not discharge these students permanently.

through the judicial system or be pardoned by the American public just because the offenders were athletes.

The five young men accused of raping the young woman have been kicked off the basketball team at SMC and are not allowed to participate in any other athletic activities the school offers. Local law enforcement has been involved in the case more so than the school because the alleged rape occurred in an apartment off school premises. So far, two of the alleged rapists have been charged with first-degree sexual misconduct; the other three men were charged with third degree sexual misconduct. All five young men face a charge of aiding and abetting first-degree sexual misconduct.

However, we must ask ourselves, is this enough? Are these the

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deification, the public also likes the games they play. Baseball, football and basketball are the all-American sports fitting right in with Mom, Uncle Sam, apple pie and literally everything else deemed wholesome and good for you. Such a tradition could never be broken for any reason.

The fact remains, though, that athletes do commit crimes, and whether they're the star high school quarterback or the deified professional athlete, laws should apply to them just like they do to everyone else. A former football player, Raymond Clayborn, tried to kill his ex-wife, Mike Tyson was involved in a rape incident, and recently five freshmen on the Southwestern Michigan College basketball team were accused of raping an 18-year-old woman. Each of these crimes were very serious and should not slip

Campus news from across the country

Female cadets try extra short haircuts

CHARLESTON, S.C.--

Three female Citadel cadets decided their short regulation haircuts weren't short enough to blend in with the first-year male cadets, whose shaved heads give them the nickname "knobs."

So they took matters--and a pair of scissors--into their own hands.

The female cadets, among the first four in the military college's first-ever coed ed program, emerged from their barracks Nov. 7 with new hairdos resembling a man's flat-top. But the new look did not go over well with Citadel administrators, who expect students to adhere to uniform codes of dress and appearance.

"Obviously, you can't have a cadet standing in front of the mirror, designing [her] own haircut," said Judith Fluck, deputy director of public affairs at the Citadel.

The cadets--Petra Lovetinska, Jeanie Mentavlos, and Kim Messer--will likely be confined to campus or given demerits as punishment for breaking the rules. The fourth female cadet, Nancy Mace, did not participate in the makeover because she is a Citadel band member and wears a different uniform, Fluck said.

Apparently, the women chose the extreme haircuts as a way to show they are as committed as the male cadets. "They wanted to show their unity within the corps," Fluck said.

This is the first year of coeducation for the Citadel. The state-supported college accepted women into its corps after the Supreme Court ruled in June that the all-male policy at Virginia Military Institute was unconstitutional.

Administrators spent a great deal of time on the "painstaking" task of choosing a suitable haircut for women, which was to be short, but

not as short as the men's, Fluck said. The Citadel's regulation cut for women is off the shoulders, off the collar, and leaves ears showing.

The three cadets were sent back to the Citadel barber, who "tried to repair the damage," Fluck said.

VMI announced in September that its first female cadets next year will sport shaved heads like the men. That has angered women's right advocates and civil-rights groups, who contend that shaving a woman's head is a form of humiliation.

Cadets indicted in slaying

FORT WORTH, Texas-- Two former military cadets accused of killing a girl as payback for a one-night fling were indicted on capital murder charges.

Prosecutors say they will seek the death penalty against David Graham, 19, and his fiancée Diane Zamora, 18, if the couple is convicted of murdering 16-year-old Adrian Jones.

The former cadets are accused of plotting Jones' murder after Zamora became enraged at Graham for having a one-time sexual encounter with the girl.

Zamora, a former midshipman at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., convinced Graham the only way to make up for his indiscretion was to kill Jones, say police.

In a statement to police obtained by the *Dallas Morning News*, Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, says he "convinced myself that Diane was even worth murder. After Diane gave me the ultimatum, I thought long and hard about how to carry out the crime. I was stupid, but I was in love."

Jones' body was found Dec. 4, 1995, in Grand Prairie, Texas. But Graham and Zamora were not arrested until September, when police say she revealed her role in the slayings

to classmates at the Naval Academy. UO cracks down on cheaters

EUGENE, Oregon--An especially brash cheating incident a few years back still sticks in the minds of administrators at the University of Oregon.

To ace an exam, a struggling chemistry student pulled a test from a stack of finished ones, erased the test-taker's name, and replaced it with his own.

He did that 14 times--one for each page.

The chemistry professor, however, soon noticed something was awry when the struggling student pulled an A and the class overachiever didn't even get a grade.

"He put the exam under a microscope [and discovered] that it was erased," said Elaine Green, UO's associate dean of student life. "You don't want to cheat in a scientist's class."

The university recently decided to rethink its cheating policy after an alarming survey revealed that nine in 10 UO students admitted to cheating on an exam or writing assignment. The number of reported cases is also on the rise.

Administrators blame the high number of cheaters on the fact that most get off with a slap on the wrist, because outsiders to the campus community--usually a city attorney who acts as the university's hearings officer--determine the punishment. If it were up to them, they'd be much harsher on cheaters.

The university is considering a proposal to replace the hearings officer with a five-member panel of students, faculty, an administrator, and an outside lawyer.

"The proposal, we think, would do two things--empower students in the academic process, and give faculty a role," Green said.

Congratulations, December graduates

Bachelor of Arts

Itza C. Baker, Spanish
Frank Borghese, History
Tammy S. Braxton, Sociology
Dena E. Briggs, Music
Eusebius P. Cadet, Business Administration
Brian C. Clary, Business/PGM
Antje C. Crawford, Spanish
Laura C. Dell, Business/Communications
Stephanie L. Greene, Sociology
Stacey I. Harper, General Studies
Allison L. Hirschinger, English
Connie E. Holloway, English
Larus Isfeld, International Studies
Beate Maria Kanamine, Sociology
Gladys E. de Karp, Spanish
Ruben R. Maes, Spanish
Jennifer B. McCreary, Writing
Amanda W. Post, Political Science
Francis V. Rivadulla, Mass Communications
Kimberly D. Smith, Art/Ceramic Sculpture
Kristy D. Smith, Art/Ceramic Sculpture
Bryna W. Steinhagen, Writing
Quincy A. Tarrance, History
Heather G. Tomerlin, Political Science

Bachelor of Science

Melissa G. Allen, Elementary Education
Christopher A. Baker, Business Administration
Kenneth R. Benik, History
Mae E. Blivens, Sociology

Julie A. Borja, Elementary Education
Tina L. Boyles, Biology
Brien W. Brenfleck, Business Administration
Wendy S. Bridgeman, Psychology
Jodie O. Bullard, Mass Communications
Patricia A. Butler, Criminal Justice
Stacie L. Butler, Business Administration/PGM
Kimberly D. Campbell, History
Carter N. Catlett III, Criminal Justice
Robin C. Christine, Accounting
Tracy J. Collins, Elementary Education
Marcilla K. Colvin, Business Administration
David M. Connolly, Business Administration/PGM
Cecilia J. Copeland, Sociology
Alexander V. Curameng, Political Science
Jennifer L. Dunn, Business Administration
Monica L. Dunn, Business Administration
Darlene M. Dykas, Middle Grades Education
Kimberly L. Frazee, Elementary Education
Raiford A. Gainey, Business Administration
Ivan M. Garrison, Business Administration/PGM
Joseph F. Garst, Political Science
Michael S. Glenn, Business Administration/PGM
Fiona M. Grogan, Sociology
William C. Holbrook, Business Administration/PGM
Rhonda L. Horne, Psychology

Martha T. Howard, Physical Education
Norma J. Hunter, Special Education
Allan B. Jennings, Business Administration
Rachel A. Juren, Criminal Justice
Beate Maria Kanamine, Biology
Kristin M. Klarenbeek, Psychology
Rori S. Knight, Sociology
Machell L. Kolb, Business Administration/PGM
Christopher C. Krause, Business Administration/PGM
Lisa H. Lynn, Elementary Education
Deanna M. Lyon, Elementary Education
Marcus D. Martin, Communications
Joanne M. Masker, Elementary Education
Victoria L. McGhee, Biology
Michelle L. McKinney, Elementary Education
Sean B. Millard, Business Administration/PGM
Deborah L. Nelson, History
Tracy L. Ossont, Physical Education/Sports Management
Elizabeth J. Owen, Accounting
Anthony V. Palombizio II, Criminal Justice
Scott A. Pelletier, Business Administration
Kirsten E. Pickles, Elementary Education
Michael C. Platt, Business Administration/PGM
Ginger A. Preiss, Criminal Justice
Sharon M. President, Business Administration

Azrul Rashid, Business Administration/PGM
Carl A. Reid, Sociology
Gary B. Ross, Criminal Justice
Donnie L. Sanders, Sociology
Deborah L. Schweitzer, Business Administration/Health Care Administration
Kevin P. Schmuckal, Business Administration
Walker W. Scott III, Biology
Cherissee C. Shepard, Criminal Justice/Sociology
Mineko Shimabukuro, Accounting/Business Administration
James W. Smith, Elementary Education
Alberto G. Sola, Biology
Debbie W. Starling, Sociology
Dee M. Stiles, Middle Grades Education
Alvy E. Styles, Physical Education
Suzanne M. Sullivan-Davis, Special Education
Melissa S. Sykes, Elementary Education
Douglas W. Tabler, Criminal Justice
Anita R. Tart, Business Administration
Mary W. Tillman, Business Administration
William M. Tisher, Accounting
Melissa K. Troeger, Criminal Justice
Jeffrey K. Waffle, Business Administration/PGM
Christopher J. Warnken, Physical Education/Athletic Training
Kimberly A. Webb, Sociology
Mark C. Weber, Biology
Mary A. Wherren, Biology
Cynthia M. Wiley, Business Administration



Brian S. Wilson, Business Administration
Sandra S. Woodard, Business Administration
Denise M. Wyche, Business Administration
Benny L. Wyrick, History
Teresa D. Young, Biology
David R. Zwoyer, Business Administration/PGM

Bachelor of Social Work

Tonia R. Bailey, Social Work
Megan L. Burnett, Social Work
Fiona M. Grogan, Social Work
Robert L. Reeves, Social Work
Stacy A. Rushton, Social Work
Kimberly A. Webb, Social Work

Associate of Arts

Renadelca S. Alexander, General Studies
Howard L. Brown, General Studies
Edwin Guzman, Mathematics
Allan B. Jennings, Finance/Economics
Kristin M. Klarenbeek, Business Administration
Donna B. Leinbach, General Studies
Loren D. McNearney, General Studies
Amanda W. Post, Criminal Justice

Darren R. Roberts, Spanish
Benito Rodriguez, Spanish
Larry A. Steele, Criminal Justice

Brenda K. Tew, Business Administration
Kevin H. Vos, Accounting/ Business Administration
Donald M. Warren, Business Administration
Steven P. Young, General Studies

Eligible for induction into

Alpha Chi (top 5% of senior class)

Julie Badger
Sandra Kortjohn
Brian Wolford
Tina Boyles
Phillip Land
Lillian Yarborough

Current members of

Alpha Chi
Jo Bagley
John Chartier
Joshua B. Franklin
Joseph Golden
Rhonda Horne
Julie Jones
Micole Juarez
Tammy Maxwell
Rhonda McMahan
Christina Mickel
Yvonne Oates
Min Jeong Phillips
Carol Schaeffer
Mineko Shimabukuro
Alvy Styles