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Ex-softball player defends Schremmer

Last semester, an incredibly competent and successful athletics coach, Tina Schremmer, was fired by Joe Zimmerman. Schremmer coached the Friends University softball team for seven years and led her team to conference championships all but two seasons. She was terminated shortly after leading her team to a conference championship and being named coach of the year.

Several reports confirm that Schremmer was told by Zimmerman that her dismissal was a result of her inability to run the program and gain the respect of her players. Schremmer's record illustrates that she knew how to get things done on the field; Zimmerman must have known of something that occurred off the field which indicated otherwise.

While Zimmerman may not be allowed to discuss the details of personnel, Lacy Spangler, one of Schremmer's former players, has exerted her right to explain why her coach was wrongfully fired. Spangler transferred to Friends University because of her respect for Schremmer's softball program. After Schremmer's firing, Spangler transferred to another institution. I suppose that one semester at Friends University is all that some students can take.

Spangler claims that Zimmerman used different reasoning with the team when he explained his decision to fire Schremmer. Zimmerman said that Schremmer was fired because of past history. Last year two girls on the team quit because they didn't get along with Schremmer. Spangler explained, "They didn't like how controlling she was or how she actually tried to get to know the players' personalities... They also didn't like the fact that she was so openly religious." There is nothing worse than an openly religious coach at an openly religious university.

Unfortunately, Schremmer's openly religious coaching style didn't curve the softball team's celebratory rituals. Several members of the softball team were involved in two off campus parties where alcohol was consumed; the first party took place during the softball season and the second party took place in the off-season.

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Residence Life is down in the dumps: Legality of alcohol investigation in question

Editorial note: The following article is based off a student's story. We verified the truth of his claims to the best of our ability.

Before Christmas break, a Green Hall resident approached a Resident Manager and claimed that one of his suitemates broke the dry campus policy. Because it was not the day of the infraction, Residence Life needed proof that a violation occurred. A bag of beer cans was retrieved from the dumpster behind Casado and placed on a Resident Manager's desk. The trash bag served as evidence to justify their investigation.

After Christmas break, a resident manager called in the accused student and interrogated him. The Resident Manager informed the suspect that beer cans were found in his room (this was obviously false because the cans were thrown into the dumpster prior to the investigation) and that he had names of all the students involved.

The Resident Manager continued his interrogation strategy by convincing the student that if he "lied" about it, then his punishment would be more severe. Under pressure, the student confessed and turned in the names of all the other students involved.

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Schremmer became aware of the first incident and talked about possible disciplinary action with Zimmerman. It was decided that the players involved should be suspended for one game. The players that attended the second party, according to Spangler, were not punished. "However, we all found out the following Monday that coach Schremmer was fired," she added.

The problem is that the softball players weren't the only students at Friends University partying it up. "Every other program was well represented at these parties, athletic and fine arts both, and nothing was done about it," said Spangler. The danger of the Community Life Standards policy, as we have discussed empirically, is that it is often applied

arbitrarily or strategically.

Spangler heard rumors that Zimmerman never really got along with Schremmer. The fact that none of the other departments or athletic teams that were represented at the parties received punishment seems to fortify the proceeding notion.

Schremmer was fired not because of ineffective coaching, but because of her inability to control every action taken by her players. Sadly, if every professor, teacher, coach or faculty member was fired when some of their students drank off campus or didn't like them, the only people left at this university would be students.

Either Schremmer was fired because her

players didn't respect her and she was a lousy coach, or it had something to do with her inability to make her players behave. The latter seems more likely.

These are the words of a player that supposedly lacked respect for Schremmer: "I have had a different softball coach every year I have played ball, which is since I was about six years old, and I have never seen anyone care as much as she did... I thought Tina was a great coach and knew what she was talking about. She pushed us to become better people in addition to better players. She made us work hard and didn't take anything from anyone. I learned more under her coaching than I did from any other coach."

Residence Life is down in the dumps (continued)

Is this against the law?: The Supreme Court case, *California v. Greenwood*, established that there is no reasonable expectation of privacy for trash bags placed on public property for pickup. Furthermore, it determined that trash on a public street may be searched by law enforcement officials and used in court. Despite this ruling, many cities in the United States have ordinances forbidding lay citizens from "dumpster diving."

Since the dumpster in question is on private property, there is a reasonable expectation of privacy. Rita Swinson, customer service manager for Waste Management of Wichita, said "Trash contained in a dumpster on private property is also considered private property and if any unauthorized person removed the trash it would be interpreted as theft."

Authorized personnel include the person who owns the trash, the person collecting the trash, or law enforcement. As much as Residence Life would like to fit into those categories (especially the last one), they don't.

The only argument that Residence Life could make in their defense would operate around the idea that trash on Friends University property belongs to them. Swinson explains, "The trash container belongs to the company who provides it. The trash inside the container belongs to those individuals who placed it there until it is emptied into a truck." Swinson's analysis proves that the removal of the trash bag containing beer cans (by Residence Life or the snitch) constituted theft, but we won't turn them in... yet.

Roommate Eviction 101: This is a lesson to those who hate their roommate. To get your roommate evicted you must first get them in trouble for something they didn't do. Step 1: Put something in the dumpster that violates Community Life Standards. Step 2: Run to a Resident Manager and say that the item in the dumpster belongs to your roommate. Your roommate will be evicted in no time.

In the future: This investigation by Residence Life may very well spark a series of searches that will become exponentially more invasive. What will Residence Life pull out of the trash next? Are they going to look for used condoms to prove that students are cohabitating? The possibilities are endless. One man's trash is another man's disciplinary action.

Squirrel Land parable part III

Editorial note: This is the final chapter of the Squirrel Land Trilogy. As we close this chapter of Axiom history, it only seems fair that we unveil the face of our editor. Details on how to access the photo will appear at the end of this article.

Present day

An anxious William Penn opened the newspaper and hastily found the obituaries. The rumor that he heard was confirmed; Lex Luthor was dead. He was struck by a

vehicle behind Paul's Pond. The part of the obituary that traditionally lists family members was blank. The wretched squirrel was so evil that no one would claim him. Funeral services would be held that Sunday.

Super Squirrel kept quiet and hid in a bush while the Golden Squirrel delivered a sermon intended to breach the ears of humans. The Golden Squirrel issued commandments and promulgated rumors of war.

"There shall be no other Squirrels before me. The squirrels on this campus are mobilizing and organizing in an attempt to subvert the power of faculty and students. Just yesterday the squirrels distributed contaminated 3 Musketeer bars through out your village. It was a coordinated biological attack. The squirrels must be destroyed."

Students and faculty members were seduced by the Golden Squirrel's forthright condemnation of the squirrels and creepily

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chanted, "Death to the squirrels."

2 Days earlier

The Golden Squirrel delivered a sermon to a faithful congregation of squirrels. When the sermon came to an end, he asked Lex Luthor to stick around and have a private meeting with him. The Golden Squirrel instructed Lex saying, "Tomorrow you must distribute these contaminated candy bars to the humans. They are mobilizing and organizing in an attempt to eliminate the squirrel problem. Two days from today a human will attempt to take your life."

Present day

Super Squirrel sat on a tree branch and watched as human motorists aimed their hunks of metal at his friends and family. He swept in and saved many of them, but the human attack was too great. Many squirrels lost their lives.

In a last attempt to end the fighting, Super Squirrel broke into Green Hall and put papers under the student's doors. Someone tried to capture Super Squirrel, but they searched in the wrong place.

Some students knew what to do with the paper, but others, who were not smart enough to understand, discarded it.

A group of students were seen the next day using sand paper to scratch off the Golden Squirrel's resplendent finish. Some faculty members tried to stop the students, but there were too many of them.

In the days that followed, some students and faculty members still bowed at the Golden Squirrel's feet. The statue appeared tarnished. Its dull alloy was revealed; it looked naked and ashamed. I suppose some still worshipped out of habit. For others, anything seemed lovelier than the truth.

Editorial note: If you want to find out who our editor is, we have posted a picture of him on our website www.geocities.com/fuaxiom. Click on the link titled "Editor."

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Reader comments

Comment: "You should consider putting the website on a server other than geocities. I tried to access it earlier this afternoon and a screen popped up saying that the server was overloaded and to come back later."

-Bill Gates-

Response: We would like to formally apologize to our readership. I guess we didn't realize that our publication is ridiculously popular... (and written by humble students). Our website was flooded with hits the day that our print edition was released. After that first day, the website seemed to operate perfectly. We are currently raising money to put our site on a more reliable server. If you want to donate money, visit our website and click on the link titled *Donations*.

Comment: "Just a quick question I was thinking about when I came home at 3:30 this morning to see a *Resident Manager walking the hallways. With that *Resident Manager patrolling the halls at all hours of the night, how do you plan to get the axiom out to students in the dorms? The *Resident Manager said in the last issue that the axiom was banned from Green Hall but how can *he or she enforce this for one, and two, how can *he or she ban a newspaper."

-Acey L. Yew-

Response: We won't tell you how we plan to overcome our distribution obstacles in Green Hall. As for the Resident Manager, he or she has as much power as he or she thinks he or she has (and as much power as students let him or her have). The only way to limit Residence Life's power is to put it in check and the most effective way to do that is by contacting Cynthia Jacobson.

Comment: "Ask not what your Residence Manager can do for you, but what you can do for your Residence Manager, like snoop around to get people in trouble."

-Ken E. Dee-

Response: We agree. Students need to help the Resident Managers find reasons to punish students. All students should be required to take Roommate Eviction 101 (a personal relations course taught in a Christian context).

Comment: "The unofficial slogan of the Friends University athletics department is, "Win or lose, we still booze.""

-Alkeyolics A. Nonemus-

Response: Ooooh... that sounds like fun. I want to try a stanza. There are many students at Friends that drink, and many of those students are admired, but if you play softball for Friends and drink, on the Monday after your coach gets fired.

Comment: "Just wanted to thank you for the new axiom and most of all for your carelessness last night in distributing the copies. Have you ever thought about what happens when you use your key card to get back in your

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room or about cameras in the hallway? Thank you for providing us with your identity!!!"

-Emp T. Thret-

Response: There are no cameras in Green Hall. Even if there were cameras in Green Hall, you still wouldn't know who wrote the *Axiom*, because our distributor ran up and down the hallways wearing a squirrel costume. Even if our distributor lives in Green Hall, he or she would have been intelligent enough to prop his or her door.

Comment: "I wish the students who were liberal would speak their opinion more. As much as I hate President Bush, along with many other students, we need to speak out against his actions and have him impeached. Everyone knows that the war in Iraq was all about oil."

-Hillary Rodham Starr-

Response- I think that regardless of how much Friends University students speak out about President Bush's evildoings, he will remain in office. Someone convinced me that we went to war in Iraq for oil, but then I realized that gas prices weren't dropping. Next time we go to war for oil, gas prices better drop. Now every time someone tries to convince me that we went to war for oil I tell them, "There's an old saying in Tennessee — I know it's in Texas, probably in Tennessee — that says, fool me once,

shame on — shame on you. Fool me — you can't get fooled again." Or something like that... (in case you don't follow politics, the phrase in quotes is a famous Bushism)

Comment: "What I don't understand is how you guys can call yourselves Quaker and put pictures of squirrels with guns in your newspaper. Doesn't that violate your faith?"

-George Fox-

Response: Thank you for bringing up that ostensible contradiction. We were actually launching a propaganda campaign against the squirrels; the picture was analogous to the misconceptions spread about Quakers in 17th century New England. Squirrels are generally peaceful creatures that are only thought to be evil by crazy students. Quakers were generally peaceful creatures that were only thought to be evil by crazy Puritans. No, it doesn't violate our faith; the picture expresses it... in a very strange way.

Comment: "The *Axiom*" is/was a detriment to the validity of legitimate social action and the integrity of my generation." (This was taken from a comment posted on the *Crimson Chronicle's* website).

-Noe A. Nalysis-

Response: While we feel that your compliment is great and genuine, it is most

likely a bit of an overstatement. Despite this minor hang up, we still wanted to thank you. You can omit the "was." We will be around for a while. You can't discuss us in past tense yet. When we started the *Axiom*, we never expected that we would have enough power to corrupt an entire generation. We are so evil that we make *Harry Potter* look like a Children's story.

Comment: "I heard that on the morning the *Axiom* was distributed a Resident Manager asked to search a student's suite and even looked through his computer files. Is this true and, if so, did they look through your room?"

-Goss Ipkwewn-

Response: We looked into it and the story does pan out. He or she searched through the room of someone that isn't connected with the *Axiom* and found nothing. Some students in that suite just happened to be awake and making noise when the *Axiom* was distributed in Green Hall.

Comment: "I heard a rumor that the people that write the *Axiom* are the same people who write the *Crimson Chronicle*. Is the *Axiom* just a publicity stunt to get people to read the *Chronicle*?"

-Goss Ipkwewn-

Response: Probably not.

Editorial note: We do not edit reader comments; they are printed as is. Most of the names have been changed to protect the guilty.

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Corrections

Although many of the errors readers found in our January edition were intentional, four of them were not.

- In *Reader comments*, "Sodexho" was written as "Sodex ho." The mistake seems to be a favorable one.

- In *Squirrel Land parable part II*, "Snicker bar rappers" appeared instead of "Snicker bar wrappers." It is unfortunate that squirrels don't like m&m's. There isn't a Snicker rapper; however, the same cannot be said for Eminems.

- The article contains another error. The name of the squirrel villain appeared as "Lex Luthar" in one spot and "Lex Luthor" in another. Since squirrels don't write, their last names are transcribed phonetically; we used both spellings to increase the odds that one would be correct. Fine... we messed up.

- In *Reader Comments*, "mail box" appeared instead of "mailbox." The mail was going postal, so the box wanted some space.

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