

Pa. state police investigating possible crimes regarding former Penn State tailback Curtis Enis

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. State police are investigating whether crimes were committed in Centre County regarding former Penn State tailback Curtis Enis and his involvement with a sports agent, the Centre County district attorney and police said Thursday.

Cumberland County District Attorney Skip Ebert, whose office is also investing Enis and the sports agent, has provided information that related crimes may have been committed in Centre County, Centre County D.A. Ray Gricar said.

"I've contacted the state police at Rockview and asked them to investigate. All I will say about it is that there is a possibility that some criminal activity occurred in Centre County," Gricar said. "I wouldn't go so far as to say who the suspects are or what type of crimes may have been

committed."

Rockview state trooper Joe Cigich, who is heading up the investigation, said, "It's too early to tell, and we're not releasing anything at this time."

Cigich added he hoped by next week the investigation will be finished.

The Centre County investigation is just one of several being conducted involving Enis and a suit and shirt that cost between \$325 and \$400 that he said he accepted from Houston-based sports agent Jeff Nalley.

Enis admitted on Dec. 23 that Nalley did give him the suit in question. Enis was immediately declared ineligible for Penn State's Citrus Bowl game against Florida on New Year's Day. The Nittany Lions lost, 21-6.

Then, on Jan. 6, Penn State President Graham Spanier said the university would give information from its investigation into Nalley and Enis to the district attorneys of

Dauphin and Cumberland counties near Harrisburg in hopes that they'll prosecute the sports agent.

"We are asking that the district attorneys file criminal charges against Mr. Nalley," Spanier said then.

The 1988 Pennsylvania statute "unlawful actions by athlete agents" prohibits sports agents from giving, offering or promising anything of value to a student athlete before the athlete's eligibility expires. The penalty for violating the statute is a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to a year, or both.

Neither Nalley nor Ebert returned phone calls on Thursday.

Enis has said he will make himself available to this year's NFL draft, where he is expected to be a Top 10 pick.

(Centre Daily Times staff writer Lisa Haarlander contributed to this article.)

Former Tutors Allege Class Loading

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LOS ANGELES--At the University of Southern California, several classes last semester had a significant percentage of athletes -- in some cases more than 40 percent -- according to documents obtained by the Daily Trojan. About 4 percent of undergraduates are student-athletes.

The allegations were made in a memo, dated Sept. 2, by Dr. Christopher Cairney, director of learning support at Student Athlete Academic Services.

"In certain courses in the current semester, classes are 'loaded' with student athletes," Cairney said in the memo. Cairney has been on administrative leave since Sept. 8 for an unrelated reason.

That memo was sent to the athletic oversight committee, which is under the Provost's Office. The oversight committee was created in the spring of 1996 to monitor the athletic department and make sure that the university remained in compliance with Pacific 10 Conference and NCAA regulations.

While the practice does not specifically violate university policy, the committee has paid attention to the claims.

That's one of the issues we're looking into," university general counsel Todd Dickey said, in reference to class loading. He said that the committee is in the process of preparing the final report for the Provost's Office.

Allegations have been made recently by Cairney and other tutors in SAAS that classes were improperly loaded with student-athletes.

Janice Henry, the assistant director of SAAS and the academic counselor for football players, was at the center of the university investigation in the spring of 1996. The investigation looked into a class, CTSE 301, in which, according to reports in the Los Angeles Times, 30 athletes were enrolled, out of 40 total students. All but one of the athletes

received an A. At that time, it was alleged that Henry was pushing athletes into the class, because it was supposed to be easy to pass.

In March 1996, as the investigation was concluding, Henry went on six weeks' leave. At the time, she said it was for personal reasons.

The professor who taught the course, Vernon Broussard, has retired, and the class is no longer taught. Broussard was unavailable for comment.

In June of this year, Henry was promoted to assistant director of SAAS, while also retaining her previous duties as the counselor for the football team. Cairney has accused Henry of being responsible for the class loading alleged to have occurred this year.

Henry declined to comment on the investigation or any of the allegations against her or SAAS.

"We're waiting for the investigation to be concluded, and then we'll go from there," said USC Sports Information Director Tim Tessalone.

A review of athlete-specific documents obtained by the Daily Trojan shows a high number of athletes enrolled in certain courses during the fall 1997 semester.

* Out of 14,750 undergraduates, 551 are student athletes, or 4 percent, according to documents reviewed by the Daily Trojan.

* Out of 200 students in Earth Sciences 107, 39 students, or 20 percent, are athletes. In Critical Studies 466, 72 of the 274 students are athletes, or 26 percent. Of 117 students in History 200, 44 students, or 38 percent, are athletes. History 346 has eight athletes out of 26 students, or 31 percent.

* Certain other classes also appear to be loaded with athletes. Of the 35 students in Sociology 331, 15 students, or 43 percent, are athletes. A total of 60 athletes, or 50 percent of the 120 students enrolled, are taking EDPT (Educational Psychology and Technology) 110.

* Of those classes, History 200 and Geology 107 are general education courses. History 346 is a diversity

course. The others are major or elective courses.

Edwin Perkins, who teaches History 215, a class that does not appear to be loaded, said he does not get many athletes in his course.

"I think it's five out of 50," he said.

Robert Douglas, who teaches Earth Sciences 107, a class appearing to be loaded, said that a high number of athletes in his class is regular.

"I frequently have athletes in the class," Douglas said. He said that his course is a popular general education course that many students enjoy taking.

Myron Dembo, who teaches EDPT 110, said that some athletes are required to take his class because they do not do well in a normal classroom learning environment. He said that certain athletes have study or work habits that lead them toward requiring special attention, such as receiving extra assistance from professors, or working in environments they find more comfortable or relaxing.

Professor Terry Seip, who teaches History 200, and professor Thomas Cox, who teaches History 346, both courses with high numbers of athletes, declined comment.

One question that has been asked is whether or not class loading violates any university regulations.

"There's no policy that specifies that the proportion of athletes is limited to a specific number," said Joe Hellige, the vice provost for undergraduate studies. "(A class having a lot of athletes) might cause us to look at it and wonder why."

He said that the athletic oversight committee, using grade and enrollment reports from the Registrar's Office, determines when and if certain classes have become a problem.

However, he said that there is no specific university rule or policy that would be violated by having a large number of athletes in one class.

Officials in the academic advisement office in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, declined comment on class loading.

Campus news briefs

Smart Sex?

CHICAGO -- Dropouts do it better -- or at least more often.

Americans with college degrees have less sex than those who've earned only high school diplomas, a study conducted by the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center indicates.

High school graduates average 58 sexual encounters a year, while people with four-year degrees average 56, the study found.

And if student loans weren't a big enough deterrent, consider this: at an average of 52 times a year, folks who finish graduate school have sex the least often of all, the study found.

Researchers say the more education people have the more concerned they are about sexually transmitted diseases.

Who's having the most sex? Gun owners, jazz fans and those who lack confidence in the president, the study revealed. Just why remains unclear.

Teachers Face Jail Time

YAMOUSOUKRO, Ivory Coast -- Teachers who seduce their

students face jail sentences of up to five years under a proposal being considered by Ivory Coast government officials.

One of the biggest reasons female students from grade school through college are dropping out of school is that their teachers are getting them pregnant, the government reported Jan. 15 in its newspaper, "Fraternite Matin." According to wire reports, the Ivory Coast's Education Ministry says 1,201 of 162,000 female students ended their studies in 1996 because of pregnancy.

The proposed law targets teachers -- many of whom have been caught demanding sex in exchange for better grades -- but applies to anyone having sex with a minor 21 and younger. Under the proposal, offenders would face sentences between two and five years and fines up to \$8,200.

Chelsea Clinton Studies The Koran

CHICAGO -- Is Chelsea Clinton brushing up on the Koran? According to Islamic Republic

News Agency, the first-year Stanford University student, impressed by an Iranian delegation that attended a seminar in China, requested some Islamic literature.

The Islamic Science and Religious Center in Isfahan, Iran, decided to send her a three-volume interpretation of the Koran, the holy book of Islam, the agency reported.

Students Push For More Information On Instructors

BOSTON -- Students at public universities in Massachusetts want to know more about professors before they sign up for class.

Many are pushing for a statewide system -- like those in Colorado, Florida, Washington and Wisconsin -- that would make faculty evaluations open for public review. Students in Massachusetts evaluate their instructors, but the information is considered confidential.

Standardizing evaluations would require changes in contracts between the state and faculty unions, many educators say. Union officials say they're also worried that posting evaluations on the Internet

One In Five Have Herpes, New Study Finds

By Christine Tatum
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Diane Judge, a nurse practitioner who often treats University of Chicago students, knows the routine. The frightened look. The embarrassing story about the burning, itching, and the bumps "down there" that have made it difficult to sleep and painful to urinate.

When Judge tells students they've contracted genital herpes, she says their reaction often is the same: shock and anger. Many patients tell her, "I'm not promiscuous. I've had one partner -- the same partner -- for a while now," she says.

Judge often makes a mental note to set aside an extra 15 minutes with these patients. When she breaks the news, she knows they'll cry and ask a string of difficult questions.

"They want to know how they got it and if they have anything else," said Judge, director of Womancare, a division of the university's hospitals. "And they're usually very angry because they think someone has deliberately concealed something from them."

More than ever before, physicians affiliated with college campuses nationwide are having similar conversations. A recent study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found one in five, or 45 million, Americans over the age of 12 have the sexually transmitted disease. That's a 30 percent increase since the late 1970s, the study also reports.

Especially troubling for college students is that nearly 23 percent of people between the ages of 12 and 29 have herpes. The disease also appears to be spreading fastest among that group, the study found.

"The findings are consistent with some of the long-term changes in behavior we're seeing in younger age groups," said Robert Johnson, who co-authored the study. "More young people are seeking education,

delaying marriage and having more sexual partners. They're practicing serial monogamy, but even though they have one partner at a time, they're still [having sex] with multiple partners. There is a risk."

Added Judge, the nurse practitioner: "A lot of students don't think they're susceptible to STDs because they know their partner. And they knew the partner before that, and the one before that, too. And they were all really nice people."

"The trouble is that a lot of nice people get herpes." An even bigger problem, said Christine Peterson a gynecologist who treats students at the University of Virginia, is that many people don't know they have the disease. According to the CDC study, less than 10 percent of people who tested positive for herpes were aware they had it. Many carriers never have symptoms, while others often mistake herpes symptoms for ingrown hairs, insect bites, jock itch, rashes and yeast infections.

"Most of the [herpes] patients I see say they got it from someone who didn't have any symptoms," Peterson said. "They want to believe that when someone says they haven't had any signs, they also haven't had any infections. Unfortunately, the two don't go hand in hand. And if you have herpes, you're contagious all the time, not just when there's an outbreak."

There is no cure for the disease. Experts recommend abstaining from sex when symptoms occur and using latex condoms when having sex between outbreaks. Condoms aren't foolproof because they don't always cover herpes sores.

Researchers are trying to develop a herpes vaccine but so far have been unsuccessful.

For more information about the disease, call the Centers for Disease Control's National STD Hotline at 1-800-227-8922.

Student Group Prefers To Be Called Queer

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.--A University of Minnesota student group recently voted to change its name to the Queer Student Cultural Center.

Formerly known as the Association of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Students and Their Friends, the group decided to change the title it's held since 1991.

Ana Clerc, the group's co-chairwoman said the reason for the change is to advertise the group as a cultural organization, whereas the previous title indicated the association was more of a support group.

"We are just as valid a culture as ethnic or religious groups," Clerc said.

She added that the name change is symbolic of movement toward a stronger position and presence in the student community. She said the new title is more inclusive of people who might not fall into a specific category of sexual orientation.

"We want to strengthen the community by reclaiming the word 'queer' and make it all encompassing," said Paul Halacy, the GLBT representative for the Minnesota Student Association.

Clerc said that using the word 'queer' in the title of the organization would alleviate some of the negative connotations associated with the word.

However, MSA representative Brandon Lacy pointed out that some people might be uncomfortable with the use of the word "queer."

"Queer" is a political term," he said. "People don't want to be forced to be political when first coming out of the closet."

But Aimee McIntyre, University Bisexual and Transgender Community Coordinator said she thinks "queer" is appropriate.

"Queer" has a lot of potential. When used correctly it can change perceptions," McIntyre said. "The purpose is to connect people with similarities."

Clerc agreed. "The word 'queer' is an umbrella term that includes rather than categorizes," she said. "It better reflects what all of our group members are."

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