

Hartrup, Molly

From: Groves, Jay
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Hartrup, Molly
Subject: FW: What

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From:
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 9:19 PM
To: Groves, Jay <jrgrove@ilstu.edu>
Subject: What

is this I hear about Spellmeyer telling high school children that they HAVE to take off their TRUMP hats and/ or turn their shirts inside out at a game? I'm an Alum, and I DONATE, but IF you are going to stifle FREE SPEECH in ANY form. You're cut off! I look forward to your reply. Sincerely,
Bloomington, IL

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From: Groves, Jay
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Hartrup, Molly
Subject: FW: Redbird Arena ushers

From: Groves, Jay
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:27 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Redbird Arena ushers

I would be glad to speak with you about the circumstance. Please feel free to contact me Wednesday at 438-5727.

Jay Groves
Chief of Staff
Illinois State University

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2017, at 10:18 PM, wrote:

Mr Groves,

I am wondering what recourse the university is going to take regarding the overuse of power using her position as an usher/attendant at the IHSA Girls BB tourney this last weekend where students wore Trump attire and were forced to change their attire to her gain her own satisfaction? Thanks for listening.

Bloomington IL

Hartrup, Molly

From: Lyons, Larry
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:21 AM
To: Hartrup, Molly
Subject: Fwd: Political expression on state campuses

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dietz, Larry" <ldietz@ilstu.edu>
Date: March 3, 2017 at 7:17:59 AM CST
To: Dan Brady <dan@rep-danbrady.com>
Cc: "rockydonahue@" <rockydonahue@> ; "Lyons, Larry" <llyons@ilstu.edu>, "Donahue, Rocky" <rdonahu@ilstu.edu>
Subject: Re: Political expression on state campuses

Dan:

Larry Lyons is hoping to talk to you today. The incident should not have happened and he has handled it directly. We can talk too if you wish but he is more directly involved and can explain the circumstances and his response. Thanks.

Larry

Larry H. Dietz, Ph.D.
President
418 Hovey
Campus Box 1000
Normal, IL 61790-1000
Office: (309)438-5677

On Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 3:35 PM -0600, "Dan Brady" <dan@rep-danbrady.com> wrote:

Larry -

I am forwarding a recent email I received from
and Larry Lyons for their review.

and I am copying Rocky Donahue

This situation is troubling to me on a number of fronts, and I would like to suggest that you and I - and possibly Rocky and Larry - sit down to discuss this matter.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

Dan

From:

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 11:31 AM

To: dan@rep-danbrady.com

Subject: Political expression on state campuses

Good morning, Dan.

I hope all is well with you.

One of our sons attended the CCHS girls state basketball championship on Saturday evening. Sometimes when students attend, they dress in themes. Examples, formal attire, pajamas, white out, etc. Saturday night, the theme was patriotic/US (my description) and the kids wore campaign shirts and hats as well as red/white/blue.

Back to our son. He also took an autographed, laminated 12 x 18 Trump sign and wore a "Donnie" t-shirt. Before [redacted] and I departed for the game, our son contacted us and advised us his sign was taken away (to be given back after the game) and that he needed to put something on over the shirt. Either he was informed directly by Redbird Arena manager or CCHS faculty member.

By the time we arrived at the game, in order to satisfy the request, he was able to turn the shirt around backwards or inside out...so, he did not have to use the pullover we brought.

I spoke to [redacted] who apparently was the intermediary between Redbird manager and our son. He informed me about the circumstances and that he was surprised. He further informed me which Redbird manager had provided the direction.

They were seated at the south end, in an area reserved for IHSA pass holders. I requested the concourse usher request the manager come up so I could "ask a question"...clarify what had occurred and the law/regulation/guideline determining it.

The manager was very nice and we had a cordial conversation about the situation. They informed me that "politicking on state campuses is prohibited". That is why the sign was temporarily taken away and his "Donnie" shirt was not acceptable. I asked if they were going to check other attendees and if political apparel were discovered, what were they going to do. The manager stated that if it was seen...if it were a hat, request it be removed...and if an article of clothing, to cover it up or change.

Furthermore, they name-dropped you, stating that, in the past, they have had to ask you to not hand things out or to cover up what you were wearing.

There was an abundance of political apparel on display and I did not see anyone else singled out the rest of the night as our son was. I have to believe political apparel may be somewhat popular among ISU students and they would not be sanctioned. Our son was unnecessarily embarrassed. Both and I were incensed. However, it was not the appropriate time to confirm the law/regulation/guideline and I knew it was a zero sum battle to fight that evening.

Therefore, would you please advise if there is such a political expression regulation on state campuses and forward to me? The only close reference I have been able to find was a state ethics law barring state workers from political activities on state campuses. I have not been able to locate anything prohibiting residents/attendees of events conducted on state campuses from political expression...which would seem to be a clear violation of First Amendment rights.

Additionally, has any ISU staff ever approached and/or tactfully requested you refrain from anything similar to this?

If the Redbird Arena conduct seems to be out-of-bounds, I would appreciate a recommended avenue to pursue with this so it does not occur again to someone else. One option I became aware of is a link to ISU's Inclusive Community Response Team...which sounds like a black hole for an issue to get lost in. I am thinking more like ACLU or state executive level...so it gets the reaction/attention it deserves.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and reply.

Best regards,

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From: Groves, Jay
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:45 AM
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Subject: FW: Political expression on state campuses

From: Lyons, Larry
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 6:17 AM
To: Groves, Jay <jrgrove@ilstu.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Political expression on state campuses

Let's discuss today.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dan Brady <dan@rep-danbrady.com>
Date: March 2, 2017 at 3:35:03 PM CST
To: "ldietz@illinoisstate.edu" <ldietz@illinoisstate.edu>
Cc: "rockydonahue@illinoisstate.edu" <rockydonahue@illinoisstate.edu>, "rdonahu@illinoisstate.edu" <rdonahu@illinoisstate.edu>, "leryons@illinoisstate.edu" <leryons@illinoisstate.edu>
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iMessage

Yesterday 7:42 PM

Saturday night at the Central Catholic game a lady told the CC kids they were not allowed inside the arena with Trump apparel on. I need a comment from you for a story.

Text Message
Yesterday 8:08 AM

Congrats on myc title.
However I think its bs
that my son and well
behaved ochs students
were targeted by your
events manager for
wearing our POTUS appa

real and told they would
be kicked out if they
didnt take it off. Public
university? Free speech?
Wth?

Giving you a heads up
since this will evolve





Incident

IR#

00584-2017

Reported On

February 27, 2017, 12:10 PM

Reported By

Incident Type

Public Report

Date/Time of Incident

February 25, 2017 7:00 pm

Location of Incident

Athletic Facility/Redbird Arena

Additional Info

Redbird Arena

Other Involved Individual(s)

EMS Called

No

Professional Staff On Duty Called

No

Police Called

No

Purpose of referring this information to SCCR

Request for general assistance (Follow up contact REQUIRED)

Alcohol Involved

No

Incident Description

On February 25th, 2017, ISU hosted the IHSA girls state basketball tournament at Redbird Arena. My alma mater (Bloomington Central Catholic), was in the state championship game facing Byron. Our student section had selected a theme, as most student sections do, for the game (Hawaiian, white-out, costume, etc.). Our theme for the game was USA. My younger brother, a sophomore at BCC, wore a shirt that read, verbatim, "Donnie America." In and of itself, the shirt could have been speaking of anyone named "Donnie" in the United States. Nonetheless, the shirt was, indeed, an ode to our newly elected 45th President. He also had a sign with him that read, again verbatim, "Veterans For Trump." ISU security proceeded to ask him to remove his shirt and hand over his sign, lest he be escorted by security off the premises. Now, last time we checked, ISU is a publicly funded school. That being the case, it is against the First Amendment of the Constitution to tell somebody that they have to change shirts because the message of the shirt does not coincide with one's own beliefs. Much less, if the shirt has our current president's name on it. Then, as he and my mother were walking out of the game, ISU security again reminded him to not bring stuff like that next time, or he would not be allowed in. There was no profanity, no violence, etc. used by my brother or my mother. My mom then asked if security would do the same to someone that was wearing a shirt with President Abraham Lincoln on it, and they assured my mother that they would. How un-American is it that we cannot express love for our elected leaders. Rest assured, nobody from my large family will ever be attending ISU, supporting ISU, or donating to ISU in the future because of this incident. It was humiliating to say the least, and disgusting that our Freedom of Speech was infringed upon. It is truly a sad day for America and its youth, when honoring our very own president is discouraged by a state financed institution. The road does not stop here. You will regret the incidences of this past

3/6/2017

Saturday night.

ISU Police had no involvement in this incident. ISUPD was at the event at Redbird Arena and no police reports were filed nor were there any criminal complaints.

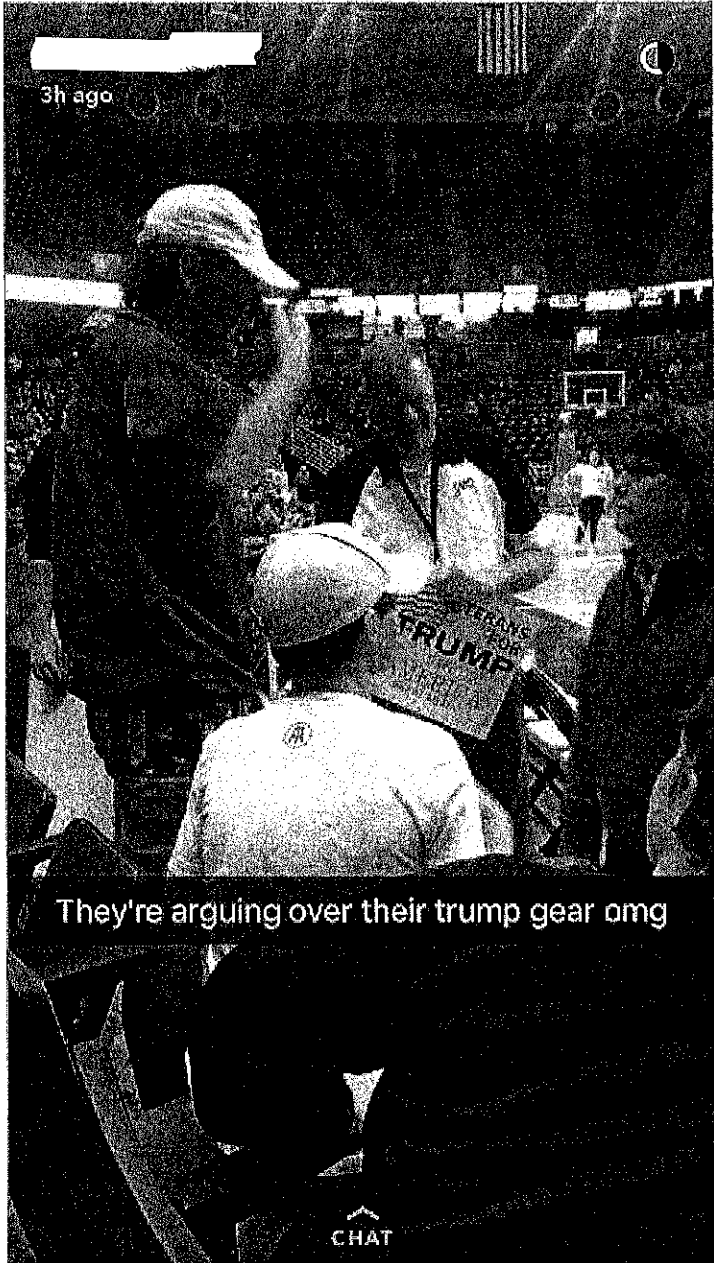
Status

Completed

Administrative Action

Appealed

No



They're arguing over their trump gear omg

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