

From: Ron and Yvonne Tiller [REDACTED]
Reply-To: Ron and Yvonne Tiller [REDACTED]
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 2:54 AM
To: "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Mr. Kingston,

My family and I were in downtown Bowling Green 3/21/15 at an establishment that is frequented by the Basketball coaches. While we were enjoying each others company we noticed on several occasions Chris Jans making what seemed to be advances towards several women. On one occasion he grabbed a woman's head and pushed it downwards towards his crotch. A Single guy, drunk, we can possibly overlook, but certainly inappropriate for a Head Coach representing my university and most definitely not a married man with two children. I am certain she would not appreciate his behavior. As the night continued, we had hoped that the behavior was a fluke or a joke amongst friends and we continued enjoying each others company until he made advances toward another female, petted her backside and proceeded to ask/tell her to walk in front of him so that he could evaluate her assets. This was directly in front of our table and in front of my daughter who is a college athlete visiting her brother who attends BGSU on his birthday. She had witnessed the Coach throughout the evening, was disappointed and disgusted enough to actually confront him and tell him his behavior was not becoming of a head coach and she would be embarrassed if it were her coach. He denied being the coach and then after she continued He responded "ok". She sat back with our table and we continued conversation hoping he would be mature enough to leave well enough alone, however minutes later exclaimed loud enough to be heard over the loud music "bitch, come here". Unfortunately, I was forced to confront him, however he was quickly covered by assistant coaches and staff. We left the establishment without further confrontation, but clearly he was sloppy drunk and not fitting of BGSU representation. I am emailing you to let you deal with this matter as you feel fit, however if needed I have a video of him from the evening touching a woman's back side validating our statements, and further video showing the melee' that ensued after he called my daughter a "bitch". We hope there will be no need have to divulge this video to social media for the sake of the university, but from our understanding from other patrons we have spoken to, this behavior has been consistent at this establishment. We expect you handle this matter in a fitting way that will ensure this behavior never is repeated.

I look forward to hearing how this will be addressed

Sincerely

Ron Tiller (BGSU alum)

From: Lisa C Mattiace <lmattia@bgsu.edu>
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 1:37 PM
To: "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: FW: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Chris,
FYI...I was copied on this message.
Lisa

From: Lisa C Mattiace <lmattia@bgsu.edu>
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 1:59 PM
To: Ron and Yvonne Tiller [REDACTED], "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: RE: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Mr. Tiller,
Thank you for your message. On behalf of President Mazey, we appreciate you calling this matter to our attention. AD
Chris Kingston will be communicating with you.
Lisa Mattiace

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From: Home Email [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2015 3:08 PM
To: Lisa C Mattiace
Subject: Re: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Hi Lisa

Thank you for the response. I look forward to hearing from him soon.

Thank you so much
Ron

Sent from my iPhone

On Sunday, March 22, 2015 5:22 PM, Daniel Christopher Kingston <ckingst@bgsu.edu> wrote:

Mr. Tiller-

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I will be looking into this immediately. I, like the University, take such matters very seriously. If you could email me a copy of the video you mentioned, that would be much appreciated as well.

Thanks.
-Chris

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ron and Yvonne Tiller [REDACTED]
Reply-To: Ron and Yvonne Tiller [REDACTED]
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 6:28 PM
To: "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: Re: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Hi Chris

We don't have the entire interaction/exchange between him and the female. While his inebriation was obvious, the video was shot at the end when my wife realized she should probably record it because it had escalated to the point of being overly obvious. As you view the video you can see my daughter approach him to confront him about his behavior. He denied being the coach, but listened to our daughter and responded with an "ok". It wasn't until he called her a "bitch" that my son and I felt the need to intervene. Other coaches stepped in, there was some pushing and yelling but nothing more. To be honest we were shocked to learn earlier in the night that he was the basketball coach because my uncle Joe Tiller was head football coach at Purdue for 14 years and we know the protocol for players and especially coaches. A coach should never be in that situation. Moreover, my daughter being a college volleyball player was really irritated by the events and felt the need to tell him his behavior was not one of a head coach. We are not looking to bring attention too the university but merely to tell you so this never happens again. His arrogance was probably the worst part of the whole situation. We as a family do not want to ruin a persons career or marital situation so we trust you will do what you feel is appropriate without doing that. Hopefully, that can be avoided for his wife and kids sake. Finally, as a family we are a little unnerved by last night, and we don't want to see our kids names dragged into this because they have promising futures and would like to put it behind them.

We have more video of what happened after he called her the name, but we don't think it's really helpful. It's just people cussing and some pushing people away. However if you need it, we can provide it. Again, I would like to reiterate we don't want to ruin lives, and would like you to handle it internally how you see fit. We are normally a private family and this was just an unfortunate series of events.

We look forward to your response

Thank you
Ron

On Monday, **March 23, 2015 7:01 PM**, Daniel Christopher Kingston <ckingst@bgsu.edu> wrote:

Ron,

Again, thanks for bringing this to my attention. I can assure you that such conduct is unacceptable at BGSU. I appreciate you sharing your thoughts about handling this and want you to know that I am taking the necessary steps to ensure that this type of behavior does not occur again. So my inquiry into this is as thorough as possible, I would appreciate you sending along any other video you have.

I want to personally apologize on behalf of the University and BGSU Athletics for the uncomfortable position this placed your family in. Coach Jans has expressed to me that he very much regrets what happened and would like to apologize to your family and you directly. He would like to do this by phone but if you would prefer not to talk to Coach Jans he could write to you instead. Of course, whether that happens is entirely up to you. Please let me know.

Thanks.
-Chris

From: Ron and Yvonne Tiller [REDACTED]
Reply-To: Ron and Yvonne Tiller [REDACTED]
Date: **Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 10:50 AM**
To: "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: Re: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Chris

Thank you for the reply and update. Hopefully, the university will have extra eyes on his nightlife. To be honest we are a little skeptical yet hopeful his behavior will change. The reasons we didn't send this nationally are because:

1. I hate to see another family ruined
2. This affects more than just him (his Staff). You and others.
3. BGSU is my alma mater.
4. I believe in second chances, my wife not so much.

We were legally advised that his shouting an expletive at my daughter was grounds for national exposure and obvious firings. However, that is not what we wish to see happen. It is our hope that he realizes how truly fortunate/lucky he is and will adjust his behavior accordingly. If teenage Athletes are expected to behave than most certainly a coach must lead by a better example. We got the feeling that they felt kind of "untouchable", and that worries me but as I said, I believe in a second opportunity. I hope he does not make us regret that decision.

As for contact from Coach Jans, an email is acceptable. I would prefer it was directed at my Daughter [REDACTED] since she was the one he individually wronged. Both my kids want to move on with life and move forward. They are good kids and have plenty to deal with. We would like to know the steps the university is taking to ensure future events like this don't occur.

Finally, I have attached a couple screen shots of the other video. We would like to keep it at that. People can change if they really want to, and hopefully this is the "significant emotional event" that does just that.

Thanks again

-Ron

From: Home Email [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 11:26 PM
To: "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: Re: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

He Chris

We wanted make sure you received our last email. I sent it a couple days ago. It failed the first time. Just wanted to make sure it made it the second.

Take care

-Ron

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2015, at 12:10 AM, Daniel Christopher Kingston <ckingst@bgsu.edu> wrote:

Ron-

Yes, I received it, thank you.

Chris is out of town and we will be discussing his communication with you, as you have outlined, once he returns (do you want him to email you directly, or would you prefer that I email you what he drafts?).

As a University, we are carefully looking at all of the information we have to determine the way ahead.

I will be sure to follow-up with you when a course of action is determined.

Thanks.

-Chris

Sent from my iPhone

From: Home Email [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:41 AM
To: "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: Re: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Chris,

I have no preference from whom the email is delivered. Totally up to you. As to the way ahead, unless he has already blown a second chance, I hope you would consider giving him one.

Thanks again

Ron

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2015, at 10:47 AM, Daniel Christopher Kingston <ckingst@bgsu.edu> wrote:

Ron-

Can I call you?

-Chris

From: Home Email [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 12:49 PM
To: "D. Christopher Kingston" <ckingst@bgsu.edu>
Subject: Re: BGSU Basketball Coach inappropriate conduct

Chris,

Not this will necessarily make you feel better, but Bg is a rare town. It is one of the few universities that have immediate access to bars within walking distance of the campus. It provides many temptations for individuals that may have never experienced them at another school. As to your judging coach Jans character, if he was never in that situation at Wichita, he may have never failed the test that bg unfortunately laid in front of him. Don't be hard on yourself. Things always happen for reasons, and I'm sure you will make the right choice. On behalf of my family we apologize for making your job more difficult. We wish you and the athletic program nothing but future successes. I have to believe that something very good and positive will result from this unfortunate event.

Sincerely

-Ron

Sent from my iPhone

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