

Subject: RE: Free Expression Run Amok

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Me three. Besides the issue of student safety, it's a sexual harassment lawsuit waiting to happen.

From: Phil Winston

Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 9:17 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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I agree. Next year will be different.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 4, 2013, at 4:13 PM, "[REDACTED]" wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

After much reflection and discussion with many colleagues I'd like to share my concerns with this leadership team about the spate of streaking that seems to have encroached on more and more of our time and space at the end of each successive school year in the past four years. From one week to two to now a whole month..from the quad to now the library we seem to have no where that is safe for students during their precious break periods. I use that word safe because that is the word many students used when they came up to me and [REDACTED] and asked where they could shelter during the streaking. The fact that students do not feel safe on the quad for almost an entire month is of great concern to me and I assume to all of you as well. A variety of students also wanted to know if there were consequences for the streakers and I assured them that there were—*but are these consequences sufficient and is the message that streaking is absolutely unacceptable a message that we as a staff are sending students loud and clear?* Many senior students told me they have received very mixed messages about the school's stance on streaking.

Every year we tell students they can hang out in the library but then that space was breached as well by students who had no regard for other's privacy. I use that word with care as well because I believe streaking comes down to a privacy issue for students who do not want to be subjected to nudity. One student told me they were revolted when a streaker brushed up against them in the quad and another said she couldn't concentrate in class knowing the that person sitting next to her was running through the quad nude the day before. In my view it is a student's right to privacy, to be safe at school that is being infringed upon by a minority of senior students who wish to indulge in what they assume is a harmless act of self expression. However, as I have been told by students time and time again, streaking is not a harmless act.

I would like us to have a better plan going forward to protect these students who want to feel safe at school, not to mention our teachers who I'm sure would rather not witness their students free expression either. (I guess we can file that one under working conditions.)

Let's also consider our school's reputation. And there is always that specter of legal action should a student feel extremely unsafe and unprotected.

On a personal note..I went to high school in the 70's and witnessed the birth of streaking at my very own Pali High in Los Angeles, but I fear this once quirky random act of free expression has now taken over Paly for the last few weeks of school—I hope we can reign it in.

Respectfully
