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Subject: Statement on Braeden Bradforth

To whom this may concern,

On August 1, 2018, the football team ran a conditioning test. The conditioning test consisted of 36 50-yard sprints. The team ran in two groups with Braeden Bradforth running in the second group starting roughly around 8pm. Braeden completed the test running all 36 sprints and showing no visible signs of distress during the conditioning, or immediately following. The conditioning ended around 9:05pm and there was a team meeting in the Academic Lecture hall scheduled to start at 9:15. As the team, coaching staff, and athletic training staff headed back across the street to the school, I stayed back to push the last few people to the team meeting.

Braeden was one of the last three or four players that had just finished running and were gathering their things to get to the meeting in the back of the pack traveling from the field back to campus. I attempted to get those student athletes to move a little quicker as we were on a schedule and wanted the meeting to start with everybody in the lecture hall and on time. As we were walking out of the stadium and I told the student athletes to hurry, Braeden stumbled a bit trying to speed up before regaining his balance. I responded, "Hey, you're good. Let's go". To which he responded back "Yeah, I'm good. I'm good". We continued to hurry until we got most of the way through the church parking lot behind the home bleachers and Braeden started walking again.

When Braeden started walking away, in the direction of the dorms, I asked him if he was quitting. I asked this question because over the past few years I have seen quite a few student athletes quit the team in that way. He did not respond with words, instead, he shook his head in what looked like to me disappointment and continued to walk away. I proceeded to the team meeting arriving just before 9:15pm and informed his position coach that he quit the team and walked to the dorms while he was taking attendance.

The team meeting lasted roughly 20 minutes and when adjourned, Coach Sims dismissed the team to the dorms for the night. As student started to leave, I assisted many of the other assistant coaches in handing out a snack to the players as they left the lecture hall. A few minutes later a student athlete tapped me on the shoulder and said that

another student had passed out outside. I immediately got up and ran outside to see what was going on. We ran across the way to the alley in-between the West Hall RA apartment fence and West Hall. He was in visible distress at this time however still breathing and making a stressful moan. I immediately called Coach Sims for instruction to see how we wanted to handle the situation. He instructed me to call the athletic trainer and direct him to the scene. I then immediately called the athletic trainer who says that he was down the street and on his way. As I was on the phone, a few of the players were assisting with filling their water jugs and bottles with water from the drinking fountains as we attempted to pour it over him and to get him to drink it.

The athletic trainer arrived and attempted to calm Braeden's breathing and get him to respond. After a few minutes, he instructed me to call the ambulance. I then called the ambulance who arrived some moments later and did their jobs for 10 minutes or so, but also could not get Braeden to respond. Because he was in an alley, they could not get the gurney to him, so they solicited the help of some of the coaches, the trainer, and myself to carry him out on a tarp type stretcher to get him to the actual gurney at the end of the alley. As the EMT put him onto the stretcher/tarp, I could notice him begin to choke; he then opened his eyes and threw up what looked like dirty motor oil. The EMT rolled him onto his side until he was finished throwing up, we carried him to the gurney and then they got him into the ambulance. That was the last time that I saw him.

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