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VOLUME 37
TO: All Members of the University Faculty

FROM: President Richard E. Peck

SUBJECT: Special Meeting of the University Faculty

In accordance with the terms of Article I, Section 5(a) of the Faculty Constitution, I have received a petition signed by more than the required 5% of the Voting Faculty, calling for a special meeting to consider a resolution calling for the University of New Mexico to cease to participate in intercollegiate athletics. I am calling such a special meeting for Tuesday, March 29, 1994 at 3:30 p.m. in Anthropology 163.

The petition and the names of the petitioners follow:

I request that a special meeting of the UNM voting faculty be convened as early as possible in the Spring Semester of 1994 to consider the following resolution: That the University of New Mexico should cease to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Gary Anderson
Judith Arroyo
Richard Berthold
Garland D. Bills
Gloria Birkholz
Dodd Bogart
Jerry L. Born
Harry Broussard
James H. Brown
Michael Buchner
William C. Buss
Kevin E. Cahill
Bel Campbell
Flora Clancy
Terry K. Crowe
Helen Damico
Paul Davis
Ralph De Marr
Carolyn Dodson
Peter Dorato
David Dunaway
Nader D. Ebrahimi
Jon Eldredge
Jay Epperson
Bill Evans
Daniel Feller
Charles Fleddermann
Robert Fleming
Cheryl Fresch

John W. Geissman
Douglas George
Walter Gerstle
Betty Hahn
Liang-Shin Hahn
Teri A. Hamill
Brian Hansen
Richard Heggen
Paul Helman
Philip P. Herlan
Kim Hill
M. Rhonda Hill
Enid Howarth
G.C. Hoxier Jr.
George A. Huaco
Stephen Huestis
Willis Isham
Peter Ives
Ira S. Jaffe
Thomas E. Jewell
David Johnson
David Richard Jones
Christiane Joost-Gaugler
Barry G. Rues
Howard Levy
George F. Luger
Neeraj Magotra
Aroop Mangalik
Paul L. Mann
David McPherson
Christopher Mead
Ivan Melada

(over)
February 24, 1994

TO: Barbara Thomas

FROM: President Peck

SUBJECT: General Meeting of the Faculty

It is my understanding that the University Secretary's Office serves as secretary for general faculty meetings.

A general faculty meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, at 3:30 p.m. in Anthropology 163.

Christina has already scheduled the meeting room and will ensure a podium and microphone are available. My office will handle the distribution of the meeting notices.

I would like you to record the meeting, prepare the minutes and perform any other tasks associated with serving as secretary to the meeting of the general faculty.

Thank you for your assistance.

cc: Mary Sue Coleman, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Gil Merkx, Chair, Governance Committee
February 7, 1994
TO: Office of the University Secretary
FROM: Hugh Witemeyer, Professor, Department of English
RE: Special Meeting of the University Faculty on Intercollegiate Athletics

The following members of the UNM faculty wish to add their names to the list of 77 submitted on February 2. They too support the calling of a special meeting of the university faculty to consider the following resolution: That the University of New Mexico should cease to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

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95. Porter, Jonathan Professor
96. Shea, Jerome P. Associate Professor
97. Sorvig, Kim Assistant Professor
98. Spidle, Jake W. Associate Professor
99. Viladrich, Montserrat Lecturer
100. Veroff, Robert Associate Professor
101. Vik, Dennis P. Assistant Professor
102. Williams, Jerry L. Associate Professor
* Lecturers not included in tally of 102.

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Architecture & Planning
History
Economics
Computer Science
Microbiology
Geography
Biochemistry

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President Peck called the meeting to order.

Approximately 137 people attended.

Resolution: That the University of New Mexico should cease to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Discussion:

Professor Hugh Witemeyer (English). Knows the resolution is extreme, but it stirs up a better debate.

Scandal and mismanagement. Not just a few bad apples: the barrel itself is rotten.

University's image does not necessarily have to be tied up with athletic image.

Professional sports franchises instead.

May receive budgetary retaliation from Legislature. Citizens of state angry. But it would be an honorable step. Set precedent for faculty around country.

Game not worth price of ticket.

Idealism most practical alternative.

Professor Larry Witemeyer's interest only in making symbolic gesture, not thoughtful discussion.

Professor Gary Ness. Legislature approved a bill funding tuition portion of athletic scholarships.

It is important to a principle university to have an athletic program. Athletics is part of our culture for right or wrong.

Professor Peter Dorato (Electrical Engineering). Eliminate athletic scholarships by the year 2000. Speaks in favor of Witemeyer's resolution.

Money being spent on an academically very marginal out-of-state students.
Longest trip starts with first step.

**Professor Ralph DeMarr** (Mathematics and Statistics). Agrees 150% with Hugh Witemeyer.

There is something to be said for quixotic gestures. They involve principles. In favor of resolution.

Linkage between universities and big-time sports only 100 years old. Change can be made. Endorses resolution.

**Professor Virginia Shipman.** Never thought of college as just a place of books. Culture learned in interacting after classes. Some athletic students do well in her classes, some poor, just like all students. Universities should open doors to students with particular talents. Against resolution.

**Professor Jim Thorson** (English). Athletic department received 10% raise while the faculty received as little as $325. Discussion has raised consciousness of issue.

**Professor Erik Trinkaus** (Anthropology). Not opposed to good athletic programs, opposed to the monster athletics has become. Athletic students get help other students don't get.

Big time sports are not necessarily part of a university. Athletics could be at lower level. Urge vote toward Professor Witemeyer’s resolution. Too many scandals.

**Dean Kay** (Electrical Engineering). Look carefully at raising standards and following them as strictly as possible.

Call for question.
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?. Unfair to take incident an apply to the rest of athletes.
So many athletes go out and help communities. Opportunity should not be removed.

Professor Linda Estes. Asks to yield her spot to a representative from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

President Peck. Can Linda yield her spot to someone else to speak?
(Faculty vote yes)

Ms. Hall. Secondary teacher for more than 38 years.
Teachers should help those who are less prepared and need support.

Statement on Betty Harris' behalf: If universities restrict only to academic standards and high tuition, many people with futures will be missed. Not only athletes. Conjures images of elitism and racism.

Athletics provides one of the few channels for the upward mobility of African American students.

Take away athletics and the public interest and support for all university activities will diminish accordingly.

President Peck asks Ms. Hall to conclude. She's over her five minutes.

Ms. Hall. Abuse has occurred. Yes. It should be cleared up.
The SCLC supports the continuation of intercollegiate athletics.

?. The core of the university is teaching and learning.

President Peck. Need two-thirds vote to close debate and call the question. (After a vote) The debate is closed, go to the question.

Should UNM abolish intercollegiate athletics? Tenure and tenure track faculty only may vote.
The resolution carries.
The meeting adjourns.