



themselves, not Penn State and, certainly, not the rights of a tenured full professor, who had given 61 years of service to the university.

That, of course, would be the same Board that should have known for at least six months, and probably longer, of a grand jury investigation into Jerry Sandusky's conduct, but apparently had no crisis management plan to deal with what would become the greatest scandal in its 156-year history.

That, of course, would be the same Board that had operated in a culture of secrecy that regularly violated the state's Sunshine law and enjoyed its status as receiving state tax moneys while not having to be under the glare of the public right-to-know law.

That, of course, would be the same board that includes the CEOs of U.S. Steel, Merck, and a major division of the Bank of New York Mellon; and an assortment of senior executives from insurance, investment, and education. Even a retired assistant managing editor of The New York Times is on the Board. And, yet, this Gang of 32, which should have known better, bumbled, stumbled, and proved that malfeasance and incompetence is what it should be best known for. For the most part, they acted like undergraduates struggling to earn a grade of "C" in a course in human relations, having already decided they didn't need the course in business communications.

Now, let's turn to the new president. The Board forced the resignation of a respected 17-year president for not doing enough to investigate the Sandusky allegations. By most accounts, the new president, formerly the provost and executive vice-president, is a decent person with a good academic reputation. But, is it credible that if the No. 1 person should have known more and done more, how could the No. 2 person be ignorant of the allegations.

Nevertheless, the Board sent the newly-minted president out on nothing less than a belated PR field trip to calm the rising storm against the Board for its incompetence and insensitivity in firing Joe Paterno. At three meetings with hundreds of alumni, the new president, facing alumni wrath, did little to alleviate their anger. But, he promised the university would do something—he didn't know what—he didn't know how or when—to honor Joe Paterno.

Of course, since the Board was so inept, secret, and hypocritical in its own actions, it had no idea what it was going to do. The Board statement the day of Joe Paterno's death merely stated the university "plans to honor him," and is considering "appropriate ways."

The greatest honor will not come from the Board, the administration, or even the Legislature, many of whom sought the media spotlight to pander to certain voters by condemning the coach. At the statue by Beaver Stadium, thousands of students, staff, faculty, and community residents are coming to pay their respects. Hundreds had met him, for he was one of the more accessible persons in the community, often walking home alone from practices and games; his phone number was in the book; his home was in a quiet residential area not a mansion on a hill reserved for the wealthy. Most of the mourners had never met him, but they all knew him.

On Tuesday, about 27,000 people from all over the United States stood in line up to three hours to walk past the body of Joe Paterno, guarded by past and present scholar-athletes. NFL super-stars and football fans, academics and those who never went to college, all were there to honor the man who was an outstanding quarterback and cornerback who earned an English literature degree from Brown University, one of the more prestigious in the country; a man who later created the "Great Experiment" to develop and promote a winning football program that would make education and citizenship more important than sports, and would make "success with honor" more than words.

Within ten minutes, mourners grabbed the first 10,000 tickets for a Thursday memorial at the Bryce Jordan Center. The center capacity for the memorial is 12,000.

Sue Paterno need not have worried when she quietly asked some mourners to keep her husband warm. When journalism turns into history, it will be written that Joe Paterno had done more than was expected, in every part of

his life. The people, not the governor or the trustees who will quickly be forgotten in the cold, will keep Joe Paterno warm.

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Sent: Wed, Jan 25, 2012 4:41 pm

You all are a day late and a dollar short! The word "trust" is in your title...we can't trust you to look out for our dear Alma Mater. After reading this PLEASE, make a public announcement of APOLOGY to Joe Paterno, his family, students, friends, alumni, journalists, media etc..... HE DID NOTHING WRONG!

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#### § 42.42. Suspected child abuse—mandated reporting requirements.

(a) *General rule.* Under 23 Pa.C.S. § 6311 (relating to persons required to report suspected child abuse), licensees who, in the course of the employment, occupation or practice of their profession, come into contact with children shall report or cause a report to be made to the Department of Public Welfare when they have reasonable cause to suspect on the basis of their professional or other training or experience, that a child coming before them in their professional or official capacity is a victim of child abuse.

(b) *Staff members of public or private agencies, institutions and facilities.* Licensees who are staff members of a medical or other public or private institution, school, facility or agency, and who, in the course of their employment, occupation or practice of their profession, come into contact with children shall immediately notify the person in charge of the institution, school facility or agency or the designated agent of the person in charge when they have reasonable cause to suspect on the basis of their professional or other training or experience, that a child coming before them in their professional or official capacity is a victim of child abuse. Upon notification by the licensee, the person in charge or the designated agent shall assume the responsibility and have the legal obligation to report or cause a report to be made in accordance with subsections (a), (c) and (d).

(c) *Reporting procedure.* Reports of suspected child abuse shall be made by telephone and by written report.

(1) *Oral reports.* Oral reports of suspected child abuse shall be made immediately by telephone to ChildLine, (800) 932-0313.

(2) *Written reports.* Written reports shall be made within 48 hours after the oral report is made by telephone. Written reports shall be made on forms available from a county children and youth social service agency.

(d) *Written reports.* Written reports shall be made in the manner and on forms prescribed by the Department of Public Welfare. The following information shall be included in the written reports, if available:

- (1) The names and addresses of the child and the parents or other person responsible for the care of the child, if known.
- (2) Where the suspected abuse occurred.
- (3) The age and sex of the subjects of the report.
- (4) The nature and extent of the suspected child abuse including any evidence of prior abuse to the child or siblings of the child.
- (5) The name and relationship of the persons responsible for causing the suspected abuse, if known, and any evidence of prior abuse by those persons.
- (6) Family composition.
- (7) The source of the report.
- (8) The person making the report and where that person can be reached.
- (9) The actions taken by the reporting source, including the taking of photographs and X-rays, removal or keeping of the child or notifying the medical examiner or coroner.
- (10) Other information which the Department of Public Welfare may require by regulation.

#### Authority

The provisions of this § 42.42 issued under the Child Protective Services Law, 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(2); and section 5 of the Occupational Therapists Practice Act (63 P. S. § 1505); amended under sections 5(b) and 6(a)(2) of the Occupational Therapy Practice Act (63 P. S. § 1505(b) and 1506(a)(2)).

#### Source

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#### Cross References

This section cited in 49 Pa. Code § 42.41 (relating to definitions relating to child abuse reporting requirements); 49 Pa. Code § 42.46 (relating to confidentiality—waived); and 49 Pa. Code § 42.47 (relating to noncompliance).

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I know some of you on here are Physicians or work in a medically-related field (Merck). I am a Thoracic Surgery Physician Assistant and have worked at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in NYC and now John Muir Health in Concord, CA. Nobody needs to tell me how grave Joe Paterno's prognosis is...I know lung cancer and I know it all too well.

Have you ever had someone in your family die of cancer? Did you have any regrets? Perhaps you wished you had spent more time with them, forgave them, told them you loved them, etc....I have had family members die and fortunately, I never had any regrets. There is a lot of talk about PSU honoring Joe Paterno for his YEARS AND YEARS of hard work

dedication, donations....his blood, sweat and tears for what once was one of the greatest Universities on this planet! I am an Alumni, so I don't need to explain my last sentence, the truth will come out in the end....whether you are ready for it or not....the truth WILL come out!

If Joe Paterno passes away from this horrible disease and there was no honoring of him.....well, you all will have to live with that for the rest of your lives. At this point, maybe your hearts are cold and perhaps you lost your heart somewhere along your road in life, so it may never bother you and that would be a SHAME!

Joe Paterno did not hide anything, please, we ALL know that. I am begging you all to honor him before he dies! If you have any dignity, self-respect...you will not let this man die with his legacy shattered! No doubt he will be vindicated in the end, but he may not be around to see that.

Please make it happen...honor this man who gave his LIFE to Penn State!!!!!! Do something to salvage yourselves, if that's even possible at this point!

Sincerely,  
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