

WASHINGTON STATE

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COMPLIANCE NEWS

January 24, 2014 – January 30, 2014

RECRUITING CALENDER

Baseball

Jan 24 – Jan 30: Quiet Period

Men's Basketball

Jan 24 – Jan 30: Contact Period

Women's Basketball

Jan 24 – Jan 30: Evaluation Period

Football

Jan 24 – Jan 30: Contact Period

Cross Country/Track

Jan 24 – Jan 30: Contact Period

Women's Volleyball

Jan 24 – Jan 30: Contact Period

Tip of the Week

Electronic Transmissions

Electronically transmitted correspondence that may be sent to a prospective student-athlete is limited to electronic mail and facsimiles. All other forms of electronically transmitted correspondence (e.g.; text message, instant messenger) are prohibited.

Sports other than Basketball – Can only send email and facsimiles to recruits beginning Sep 1st of the recruit's junior year of high school. All other forms of electronic correspondence are prohibited until the recruit signs an NLI/FAA or provides an admissions deposit to WSU.

Exception for Men's Basketball – From June 15th at the conclusion of the recruit's sophomore year any form of electronic correspondence is permissible. Any such correspondence needs to be sent directly to the recruit and must be private between the sender and recipient.

Exception for Women's Basketball – From September 1st at the beginning of the recruit's junior year any form of electronic correspondence is permissible. Any such correspondence needs to be sent directly to the recruit and must be private between the sender and recipient.

As Always, Please Remember to Ask Before You Act!

WSU Compliance News

- Coaches please remember that CARA forms are due each Monday of the new week.
- Also unofficial visits need to be logged into Radar before unofficial visit tickets are approved.

NCAA News: Athletes May Dictate Transfer Choices

The recent criminal indictment of an African American studies scholar at the University of North Carolina sheds dismaying light on how big-time college sports corrupt academics. This scandal, unfolding since 2011, has the potential to destroy a vaunted football program at a prestigious public university. The impact could be—and ought to be—far broader than that of the Penn State child-rape debacle. That’s because the deceit in Chapel Hill points to more systemic weaknesses than the failure in University Park to stop one monster coach who preyed on little boys. And the Tar Heels fiasco adds race to the toxic mixture of athletics and rank hypocrisy.

Last month a grand jury in Orange County, N.C., indicted Julius Nyang’oro for defrauding UNC by accepting payment for teaching a no-show course on “blacks in North Carolina.” The 19 students in AFAM 280 were current or former members of the Tar Heels football team, allegedly steered to the phantom class by academic advisers who sought to help elite athletes maintain high enough grades to remain eligible for competition. AFAM 280 was one of dozens of courses offered by North Carolina’s African & Afro-American Studies Department, formerly chaired by Nyang’oro, that never actually met, according to investigators. Known for rigorous academics, North Carolina allegedly operated a Potemkin department since the late 1990s.

The scope of the apparent wrongdoing defies belief. One investigation by a former governor of North Carolina, James Martin, found that as many as 560 unauthorized grade changes were made, often with forged faculty signatures. Nyang’oro, a native of Tanzania who ran the Afro-American department for 20 years, even though he frequently spent extended periods of time overseas, has refused so far to explain himself publicly. His criminal defense lawyer says the disgraced professor didn’t violate the law and is being used as a scapegoat.

Whether the highly unusual criminal charges against Nyang’oro will stick is an open question. Prosecutors face a major challenge in proving beyond a reasonable doubt that the ex-professor, who retired from the university in July 2012, defrauded a former employer where numerous other employees and senior officials almost certainly caught a whiff of something going bad in the Afro-Am building.

Meanwhile, several observations, based on my first perusal of the grim dispatches from North Carolina:

- **UNC is trying—unconvincingly—to limit its culpability by blaming Nyang’oro.** The professor’s academic career appears to be over, and justifiably so. But he cannot possibly have executed this massive lie on his own. The university’s provost, James Dean Jr., told the *Times* that UNC couldn’t have anticipated or detected Nyang’oro’s 14-year-long reign of fraud. “Universities for a very long time have been based on trust,” the provost said. “One of the ramifications of this is that now we can no longer operate on trust.”

That's laughable. I predict that further investigation will reveal that the fraud reached deep into the Tar Heel athletic hierarchy and that senior academic officials will also turn out to have been at least aware of improprieties. Now that he's been indicted, Nyang'oro has an incentive to tell prosecutors who knew what he was doing and who encouraged him to do it. "There's been one side of this story that has been put forth in the press," the former professor's lawyer told reporters in December. Now Nyang'oro "is going to have an opportunity to present his side."

• **UNC and the NCAA are trying to conceal that the fraud was specifically designed to pad the transcripts of varsity athletes.** The *News & Observer's* reporting shows a clear pattern of both the university and the National Collegiate Athletic Association attempting to deflect attention from the connection between Tar Heel athletics and the no-show Afro-Am courses. Even though athletes made up a disproportionate percentage of the suspect class rosters, the presence of a few nonathletes has prompted UNC and the NCAA to play down the sports-related nature of the corruption. UNC has sought to limit the release of information that would shed more light on that connection, the *News & Observer* reported in November. The university "has refused the *N&O's* request, for example, for basketball and football enrollments in the earliest known fraudulent classes." It is past time for UNC to bare all and clean house.

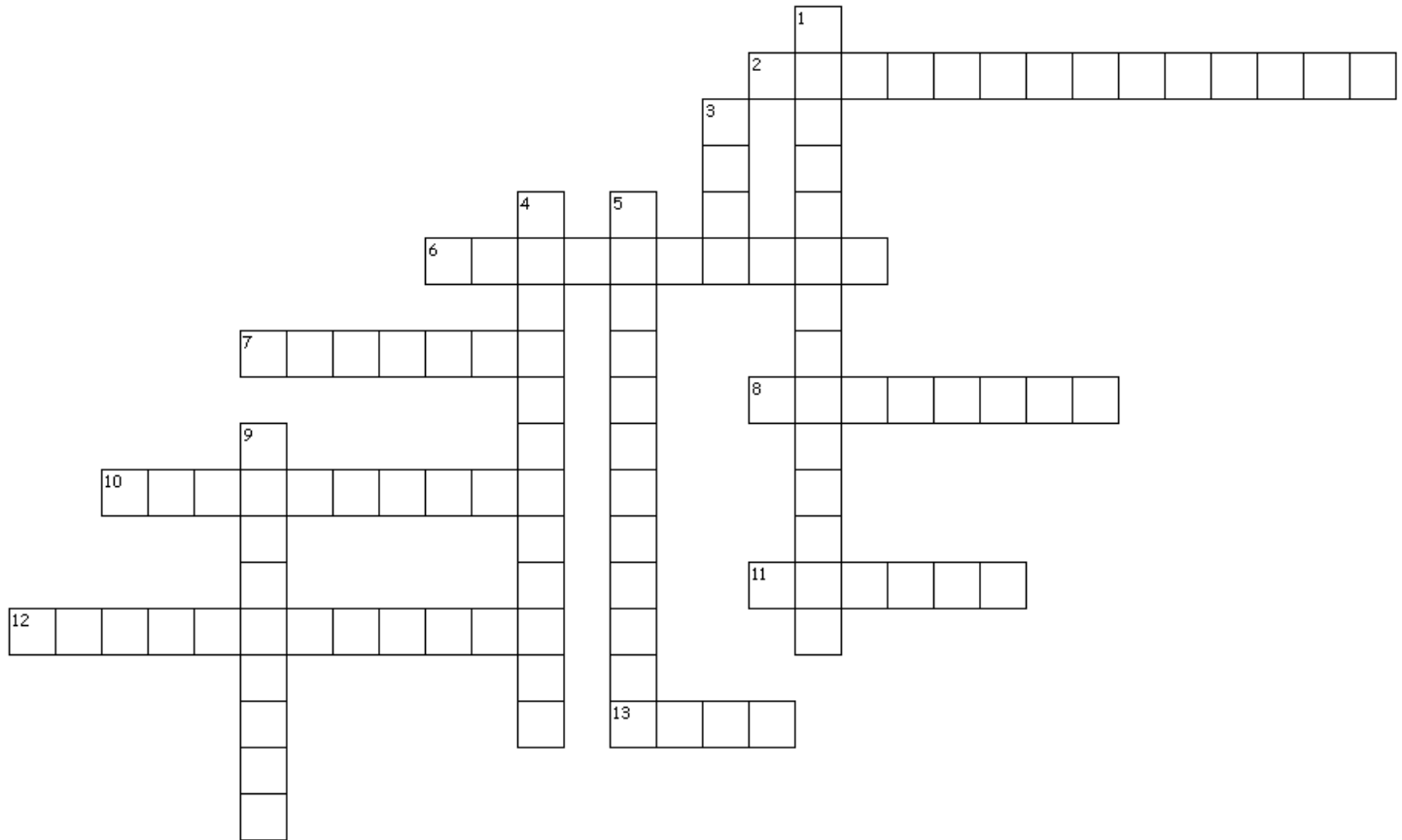
• **Implicit racism colors this entire episode.** One of the most horrifying aspects of the exploitation of high-level college athletes, especially football and basketball players, is the vastly disproportionate impact on African American "students." Too many black athletes with unrealistic dreams of NBA or NFL stardom arrive on campus unprepared academically and are allowed to depart with little meaningful classroom education. Walter Byers, the first executive director of the NCAA and now a critic of its practices, has described the "plantation mentality resurrected and blessed by today's campus executives"—painful words, carefully chosen. Would UNC have tolerated the thorough undermining of an entire academic department other than Afro-American studies? Hard to picture. Could Nyang'oro and those who presumably aided and abetted him have come up with course titles any more likely to please skeptics of black-oriented scholarship?

By Paul M. Barrett

1. A coach is interested in contacting a prospective student-athlete who was certified as a NONQUALIFIER and is enrolled in the first year at a two-year college. The coach can have in-person, on-and off-campus contact.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.
2. An institution's camp or clinic brochure may be placed in publications such as a high school, two-year college or nonscholastic game program.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Across

2. Location where the rowing team practices.
6. Location of some of the most high-tech research occurs on campus.
7. County Pullman is located in.
8. 2014 Pac-12 Track and Field Championships will take place here.
10. Where the 2008 Men's Basketball Tournament was held.
11. Past varsity sport at WSU.
12. Headquarters of the NCAA.
13. Bowl Game played in Pasadena CA every year.

Down

1. Student who developed the cougar logo in 1936.
3. PAC-12 member institution.
4. Mayor of Pullman.
5. WSU fight song was written by...
9. Selected in 1st Round 1991 MLB Draft.

Telephone Reminder

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All Sports (except Football and Basketball)

- Beginning July 1st before the senior year – **One Call Per Week**

Football

- Beginning September 1st of the senior year – **One Call Per Week**

Men's Basketball

- Beginning June 15th at the completion of the sophomore year – **Unlimited Phone Calls**

Women's Basketball

- Beginning September 1st at the beginning of the junior year – **Unlimited Phone Calls**

Compliance Website/Social Media

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- Compliance Website – <http://www.wsucougars.com/compliance>
- Compliance Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/WSUCompliance>
 - Compliance Twitter – <http://twitter.com/WSUCompliance>

Compliance Quiz Answers

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Answers to Compliance Quiz:

1. B). False. 13.1.1.2
2. B). False. 13.4.3.1.2



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