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From: I
Sent: Sunday, October 28, 2007 10:04 AM
To: football@u.washington.edu
Subject: Husky Believer

Dear Sir,

My name is [redacted], a Husky supporter for most of my life, going back to the early 70s. I know you are a man of integrity, and Discipline. This is very obvious. But I think its plain attitude. Sure you need better talent. But attitude and conditioning may be your only hope right now. Extra work and belief that anything is possible. But I think One more thing. And sir, I know your going to laugh a little. Who am I To say this? I am a believer in the Huskies and you. I think you are a Very good man for this job. But tradition is so important. And as soon As they changed the uniform colors to a soft purple and gold, attitude Has been very soft. Its time to harden everything in your program. Create attitude. The colors of the uniform have to be dark and imposing. Dark purple, dark gold. Trust me this is a first step that is necessary in creating a attitude and killer instinct. Yes talent, yes better conditioning But sir the the truth is it all starts with attitude, and developing a killer Instinct. In my opinion, please sir, I know this may be a bit strange coming from just a fan or someone just out there. But Dark Colors will begin a turn around. And that will attract talent. The time Is now, Dark colors--- Husky tradition. Good luck and I'm 100% behind You.

Yours truly, [redacted]

Date: Wed, 5 Dec 2007 15:03:07 -0800

From:

To: pres@u.washington.edu

Subject: This is the single worst day I have ever experienced as a Husky.

Dr. Emmert,

I don't really have anything to say to you at this point. You have ignored your team's fan base by keeping Tyrone Willingham as our head coach. You have alienated us to the point we don't even care. I know you will not read this, but rather some secretary.....which, if that is the case....so be it. Let me leave you with a few thoughts....

I am saddened that i will not be attending any home games next year and not renewing our 2 season tickets.

I am saddened that my yearly road trip to an away game has been canceled.

I am saddened that I will not be donating \$1k to the new stadium efforts.

I am saddened that my alma mater is not serious about winning football games.

I am saddened that you have failed us all tremendously.

I am saddened that my UW gear has to go into hiding until DRASTIC changes are made.

Today is the single worst day I have ever experienced as a Husky.

My hope is gone, and that is truly sad. I am 24....I bleed purple and gold...but I just cannot keep wasting money on a program that is going nowhere fast. Todd and Ty have made me hate life damn near every Saturday over the past 3 years of football season. I am done, with everything UW related until changes are made. I just cannot carry this emotional investment any longer as it is detrimental to my health.

Sincerely,

Liz Mcfarland

From:**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2007 11:57 AM**To:** Husky AD**Subject:** RE: inquiry

UW has a wonderful psychology department. It might be beneficial to consult with some sports/performance psychologists regarding the messages you are sending. Think like a champion; play like a champion. Think like a loser; play like a loser. Make comments setting up excuses and you're accepting and acknowledging failure. That's the wrong message to send and inappropriate for any AD to make especially when some of the players are geared up for this season and are contradicting your statements.

Set the tone and excitement for this program. Stop making before-the-fact excuses and justifications and set low expectations. We should be ready and willing to compete in any of these games regardless of "officials' calls" or "bouncing of the ball." If we have to rely upon those conditions, this program is dead.

UW Alum; Season Ticket Holder; Tyee Member

Date: Wed, 12 Dec 2007 09:18:56 -0800
From:
To: pres@u.washington.edu
Subject: Todd Turner

Dear Dr. Emmert:

My wife is a UofW graduate (I, fortunately have not been similarly afflicted with "Husky Fever"). We both read with dismay your decision to terminate Todd Turner as AD. As a former Ivy League football player, I am in a position to assess the demands placed on a varsity athlete, albeit my experience was not a fraction of what your players endure who also strives to succeed academically.

I was fortunate to play in a very different environment where athletics was second to academics. The Ivy League model has much to commend it, even if it does not generate Bowl income and Tyee Club loyalty. At heart, a university has to define its mission. My wife and I both view with skepticism any university that makes "Winning the only thing." Your ouster of Mr. Turner today smacks of that value set.

As a leader, it would be nice if you realized that you were hired to run a university and not a football factory. Perhaps your values are better suited to LSU.