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Stereotype:

Student-athletes fight 'dumb jock' comparison

"I came here with the attitude that football players on scholarships got favors, but I was rudely awakened. The instructors look at you just like anybody else," says senior running back Ed Radcliff.

This misconception is often shared by those unfamiliar with the philosophy of the University and its athletic department. "The single most important goal that we have is that we want them (the athletes) to graduate," says John Caine, athletic director.

Caine emphasizes that the athlete has the responsibility as a student to progress toward a degree. "When we recruit, they learn that they must make it in the classrooms," he says.

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