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Appeal: Woman praises decision

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for so long and ... lengthen the ordeal," she said, "but the bottom line is that's what happens when you have a system with a high level of due process like ours; it's sort of a balancing act."

Lidz filed a request for reconsideration with University President Dave Frohnmayer during the week of Dec. 22. If Frohnmayer does reconsider the decision, he has the option of overturning the ruling or modifying the sanction, Lidz said. He has 60 days to make his decision.

The charges

On Oct. 20, Graham-Preston was charged with unwanted sexual behavior and found in violation of the University's Student Conduct Code, prior to policy revisions approved in May. The suspension was accompanied with an expulsion from the Robert D. Clark Honors College. The board allowed Graham-Preston to attend classes beginning Nov. 14 while it was making its decision on his appeal.

The disciplinary action was in regard to an incident that happened in January, when Graham-Preston and the woman, who he was dating at the time, spent the night at Graham-Preston's off-campus home. According to the final order document issued by Prozanski, the woman made it clear to Graham-Preston that she did not want to engage in sexual intercourse.

After Graham-Preston and the woman had gone to bed, however, she awoke to find Graham-Preston on top of her and vaginally penetrating her, according to the document. She told him "no," and he told her, "shhh." According to the final order, this was repeated a few more times throughout the night, and the next morning Graham-Preston told the woman nothing had happened.

Lidz said the board's decision made it seem as though the woman had no responsibility in the situation. He said if it was important for the woman to not have sexual intercourse with Graham-Preston, it was not wise to "tempt biology" by sleeping in the same bed with him.

"Many people I talked to about the case have a difficult time understanding that someone who voluntarily sleeps in bed with someone has no responsibility to what happens," he said. "You have the right to set limits, but I don't see this as an all-or-nothing proposition."

But Green said she has a different view of the case. "This is a case simply about an issue of 'no' means 'no,'" she said. "It can really be reduced to something that simple."

The case marks the second time Graham-Preston was charged with unwanted sexual behavior under the prior conduct code. In August, Graham-Preston was first charged with unwanted sexual behavior in a case that involved a different woman and occurred on March 21. The disciplinary action issued was a suspended expulsion under disciplinary probation with counseling, mandatory community service and a negative note on his transcript.

In this case, Graham-Preston and a woman he was dating spent the night at Graham-Preston's off-campus home, and the couple agreed there would be no sexual activity between them, according to the final order document issued by Hearings Officer William Young. After the pair had gone to bed, the woman, a University student, awoke with Graham-Preston on top of her and vaginally penetrating her, according to the document. Although she did not ask Graham-Preston to stop, she did not respond to his activities, the final order stated.

The University's previous conduct code defined unwanted sexual behavior as "sexual behavior directed toward an individual that ... would materially interfere with the individual's academic performance at the University ... endangers the health or safety of any person, or which a reasonable person would know was unwanted as would cause emotional distress."

The end result

The woman expressed frustration when the board suspended Graham-Preston's sentence while it decided on the appeal, but she said she still has confidence in the University's sex policy. "Women need to understand if they talk about [rape], the University will protect them," she said. "They can talk and be believed here."

But what she no longer has is a general confidence in people. "I will always have a distrust of people," she said. "I'll always have some sort of fear of night."

Despite her fear, she said she has no hatred toward Graham-Preston. "I think that this is a tragedy, a pitiful situation," the woman said. "There are no winners or losers."

The woman said she has experienced much emotional distress because of the situation, but she does not regret pressing charges.

"I had truth on my side," she said. "If women know the truth and know what happened to them, they should come forward, and I will believe them because I am one of them, and that's hard to admit."

"What the [board's decision] gave me is that I can say I've been raped, and I'm not ashamed of it."

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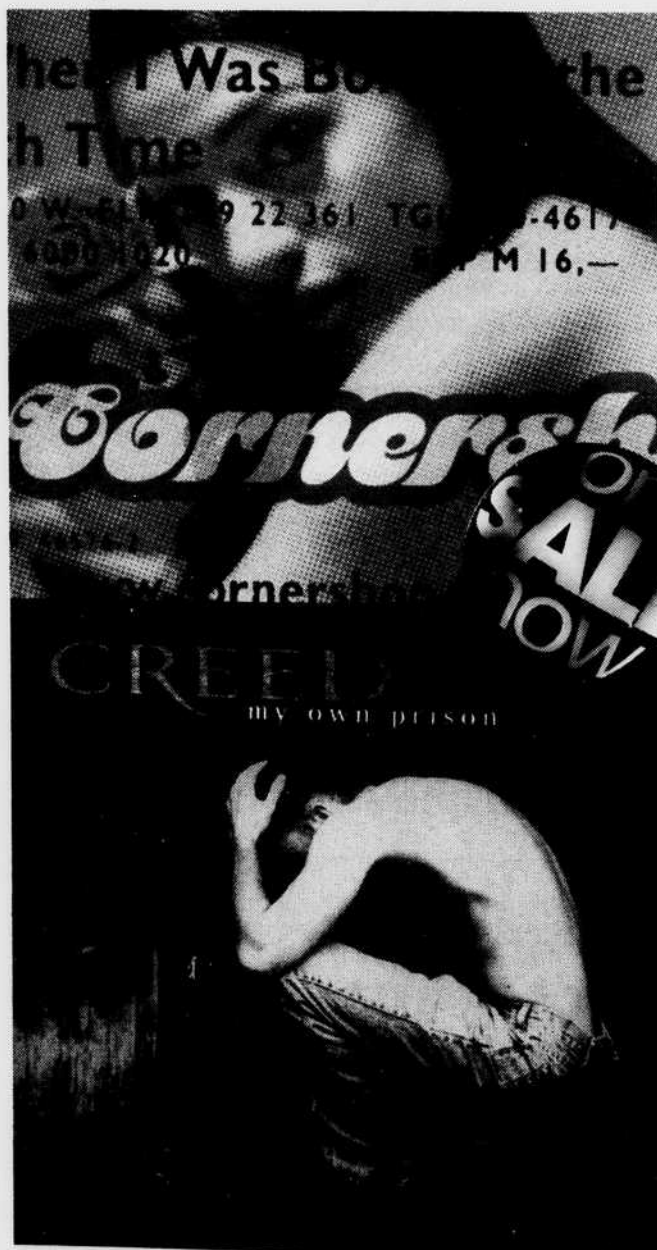
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