

I read the article and I think it is a pretty accurate reflection of the conversations I had with Mr. Wolverton and of the emails to which he gained access through public records act requests. While I wouldn't have broadcast our views on the Adams State courses so publicly, the fact is, those courses are, or were, deplorably insufficient. The exposure might be a little uncomfortable, but certainly I stand by Professor Nitta's (and others') assessment, and I am proud that we took a stand where other schools wouldn't. I think Mt. SAC is presented fairly and positively in the article. I do think we need to do a better job of communicating and working with our athletes so that they know which courses to take and which ones to avoid -- for academic reasons--and Joe, Tom, and I will continue to work on that together. I did notice that Wolverton implies that it is OUR coaches who are recommending Adams State classes. However, in many of the cases we discussed, the students received the advice from coaches at the transfer school, not Mt. SAC. So that was a little misleading. The reality is that they also hear from each other, and getting advice from fellow players, or past players, is also problematic. My quote at the end of the article was specifically in reference to the coaches at the University of Nevada, not Mt. SAC. I just thought it was important to be clear about that.

--Matt Judd