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Good Morning Dickie:

I just finished a conversation with Scott Trulock regarding our players that have gone through this suspension/investigation. There is clearly a great deal of pent up anger, frustration, and animosity, in these players. During the past month, two football players – one at Penn University – one with the Denver Broncos, have committed suicide as a result of depression, frustration, and uncertainty in their future.

I have a great fear that this situation with our players has the potential of manifesting itself in a way that could be destructive to our players. It could be drinking or substance abuse to deal with the stress and pressure; it could be a DUI; a confrontation on Franklin Street; and even possibly a fight in our own facility. Each day I see more frustration, anger, and sadness. To these sixteen kids, this season and their future was everything to them and their families.

We have currently asked Dr. Hack to visit with these players, but a one-time, band aide conversation might not be enough. Scott Trulock and Dr. Ciocca are going to reach out to Dr. Hack and find out if there is something, as an Athletic Department, that we should do daily, multiple times a week, or weekly with these players. It's probably the fair and right thing to consider and do.

In light of the fact that it is probably going to be more weeks before we get any resolution, we should talk about this issue.

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