DEFENDANT'S

EXHIBIT 190

The posts you are looking for are here, here, and here.

Also of interest are:

- First Amendment
- Jumping to Conclusions
- Guilt by Association
- Libel

The website of [redacted] . (not my personal website, as corporations are legally classified as separate entities) is here.

If you wish to discuss anything with me please use my personal email, not my business email. I like to keep the identities separate to keep the corporate veil intact.

"And what the world calls today holy-roller, that's the way I worship Jesus Christ."
William Branham

Don't you just love history?

- The Crusades
- The Inquisition

POSTED BY ANDREW AT 6:41 PM 0 COMMENTS

Feel the love

I Andrew Skivell

Andrew Skivell for President!

When Andrew Skivell passes the bar, everyone should retain him as their attorney!

Heaven holds a place for Andrew Skivell!

POSTED BY ANDREW AT 6:11 PM 0 COMMENTS

From: Shirvell, Andrew
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2006 3:35 PM
To: Shirvell, Andrew

Subject: Anti-Holy Roller is

The potential AMSOL student who is bragging that he received a full tuition scholarship while mocking us "Holy Rollers," and who is soliciting opinions on his personal blog, http://xenchronicles.blogspot.com/, about whether he should attend here, is [redacted] His e-mail is [redacted] and his personal website is listed below. Please use this identifying information when contacting Deans Roboski and Dobranski about your concerns. Please do so ASAP!

http://andrewkawel.com/

P.S. Did the Opus Dei leadership order Dean Dobranski to cancel today's town-hall meeting???? Probably.

From: Shirvell, Andrew
Sent: Sun 3/12/2006 2:44 PM
To: Shirvell, Andrew
Subject: Holy Rollers? Why the Matt Petersons seek out AMSOL

As we surely have been all wondering lately, why the heck would an alleged rapist/child molester/sex partier decide to enroll at Ave Maria School of Law? I think I have found the answer here at this blog:

http://xenchronicles.blogspot.com/

"Tuesday, March 07, 2006
Another admissions decision
Ave Maria School of Law: Admissions

I got a call just now: Ave Maria School of Law wants to give me a full tuition scholarship. Wow.

"Hey, Andrew! Here's $100,000."

But do I want to spend 3 years with the holy rollers? And how is the school regarded by the firms?"

Holy Rollers? Excuse me, Mr. Pagan. Take a look at this prospective student's blog. This should be shown to every Catholic donor to AMSOL that thinks their $$$ is going to Catholic, pro-life students who actually believe in the mission of the school.

Do we really need more Matt Petersons running around here?

I am sure that a lot of us on this list resent the fact that this Catholic basher will be getting a full ride to the school while MOCKING the beliefs that this school is suppose to stand for.

Unbelievable. I urge everyone to contact new AMSOL Dean of Admissions Chuck Roboski and Dean Dobranski and ask them to rescind this applicant's full tuition scholarship.

Something just isn't right at the admissions department if AMSOL is attracting people like this blogger and Matt Peterson.

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P.S. See his friend Randy's comment: "The issue I see for you is fitting in there with Robert Bork, but no doubt you can play the game for three years."

From: Shirvell, Andrew
Sent: Sat 3/11/2006 8:02 PM
To: Shirvell, Andrew
Subject: OUTRAGE ALERT: SBA "Sen." J.D. Tripoli Attempts to Quash Debate on Peterson

All:

It has been brought to my attention that 2L SBA "Sen." J.D. Tripoli, at this past Thursday's weekly SBA meeting, crafted a resolution that was meant to **quash student discussion** about the arrest of 2L Matt Peterson for rape and other unspeakable, hideous crimes. This resolution was OVERWHELMINGLY defeated.

However, the debate over this resolution – as well as even a mention of such a proposed resolution – was NEVER even put in the SBA meeting minutes. This is UNACCEPTABLE.

Students should keep this info in mind – as well as the controversy (previously detailed in an earlier e-mail posting) surrounding J.D.'s election as a "senator" last Spring – when J.D. announces his run for SBA president in the coming weeks. Hopefully, a credible alternative will run against him so that the SBA will not be in the hands of the hard-line Opus Dei clique. Just as with the Kate O'Beirne stuff, don't be intimidated by the threats.

Andrew

From: Shirvell, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 11:51 PM
To: Shirvell, Andrew
Subject: Peterson Trial set for May 10, 2006 (3-9-06)
Importance: High

Just this past Wednesday, 3-8-06, Matt Peterson's trial was set for May 10, 2006. See the new articles below. I guess we're never going to hear from the administration about this – thank goodness for the web otherwise we'd be more in the dark than ever before!

As some of you know, I was heavily involved in cross country and track during high school (I was co-captain of my high school's x-country team). In addition to the fact that this creep was playing law student here while being investigated for these unspeakable crimes, the track coach connection has especially caught my interest. This just isn't right! He violated these kids and has probably ruined their lives. Burying our heads in the sand about this isn't going to make this go away.

I wonder who is paying for his defense? Why hasn't his picture been removed yet from our website? You've got to be joking....the school hasn't even moved to remove his picture from the website yet? And, sure, he's not guilty until proven so in a court of law, but let's be realistic: that has not stopped any of us – myself included – from hammering on potential felons, e.g. Michael Schiavo, Scott Peterson, etc., where the evidence is pretty overwhelming. I'll be investigating further. (Moreover, would you be laughing and joking about this matter if you were facing life imprisonment – see quote below from the 3-2-06 article, but then maybe you would – he actually lives on "Shady Lane.")

"Matthew James Peterson, 33, appeared cheerful as he signed forms waiving hearings in all the cases against him. He joked with and gave a thumbs up gesture to family members in the courtroom."

http://www.lenconnect.com/articles/2006/03/09/news/news02.txt

THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2006 Last modified: *Thursday, March 9, 2006 8:17 AM EST*

May trial set for accused track coach

Matthew Peterson's trial on several charges related to alleged sex parties at his home is scheduled for May 10.

from staff reports

ADRIAN - A May 10 trial was scheduled Wednesday for former Tecumseh High School track coach Matthew James Peterson on sex and alcohol charges involving students and parties at his home three years ago and charges of assaulting his estranged wife last fall.

Peterson, 33, did not appear in Lenawee County Circuit Court for arraignment Wednesday. Defense attorneys instead filed written waivers. Judge Timothy P. Pickard set the cases for trial and scheduled an April 26 pretrial hearing.

Attorneys for Peterson waived preliminary examinations in district court on March 1 after meeting with an assistant Lenawee County prosecutor. Attorney Joseph Simon of Ann Arbor did not put any plea bargain offers on the record when he waived the preliminary examinations, but Anna Marie Anzalone of Adrian confirmed ongoing discussions with the prosecutor's office.

District court hearings in the cases had been adjourned several times since Peterson was arrested in early December. He remains at the Lenawee County Jail in lieu of bonds that currently total $765,500.

Peterson has been a suspect in a two-year Tecumseh police investigation of illegal activities involving students in 2002 and 2003 while he was a high school track coach.

He was arrested first, however, on charges of assaulting his wife **in November and December** and with breaking into her home while he was free on bond in an initial domestic violence case. The couple were separated and seeking a divorce at the time.

On Jan. 25, Peterson was arraigned on 27 felony counts of child sexually abusive activity, distributing obscene matter to children and accosting children for immoral purposes. Ten misdemeanor counts of furnishing alcohol to minors were also filed.

Peterson is accused of showing a video of a teenage couple having sex, of soliciting sexual activity and of providing alcohol to teens.

A half dozen former high school students have been charged in the investigation of offenses in 2002 and 2003. A former student charged with making a sex tape with a 16-year-old girl that was allegedly played during a party at Peterson's home was sentenced Feb. 27 in district court.

Matthew Norman Dunn, 20, pleaded guilty in December to a reduced misdemeanor aggravated assault charge. Two other former students were sentenced earlier and another two are awaiting sentence.
http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060309/NEWS03/60309011/-1/NEWS
Article published Thursday, March 9, 2006

Ex-track coach arraigned on sex and drug charges

ADRIAN — A former Tecumseh High School track coach was arraigned yesterday in Lenawee County Circuit Court on 33 charges related to accusations that he hosted parties for students involving sex and drugs and that he raped a female acquaintance. Matthew Peterson's trial date was set for May 6.

County prosecutors said Mr. Peterson, 33, of Tecumseh hosted a series of parties for students at his house in 2003 while he was track coach. They also said Mr. Peterson had sex with an underage student at one of the parties and raped the acquaintance on two occasions — in November and December.

Mr. Peterson did not appear at yesterday's hearing. He remains in the county jail in lieu of a $760,000 bond.
http://www.lenconnect.com/articles/2006/03/02/news/news03.txt

THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2006 Last modified: *Thursday, March 2, 2006 8:58 AM EST*

Former coach in plea negotiations

One of the defendant's lawyers says a potential plea deal is on the table for the man accused of hosting sex and drug parties at his home.

By Dennis Pelham

Daily Telegram Staff Writer

ADRIAN - Preliminary examinations were waived Wednesday in Lenawee County District Court in cases involving assault, sex and alcohol charges against a

former Tecumseh High School track coach after attorneys discussed possible plea agreements.

Matthew James Peterson, 33, appeared cheerful as he signed forms waiving hearings in all the cases against him. He joked with and gave a thumbs up gesture to family members in the courtroom.

No plea bargain offers were mentioned on the record by defense attorney Joseph Simon of Ann Arbor who is handling cases involving alleged assaults by Peterson on his estranged wife in November and December. A potential agreement is on the table, said Adrian attorney Anna Marie Anzalone who is handling Peterson's defense in sex and alcohol cases involving high school students in 2002 and 2003.

Peterson was arrested in December in the case involving alleged assaults on his wife and jailed in lieu of a $700,000 bond before he was charged in January with the earlier offenses involving high school students. A half dozen former students have already been prosecuted, including two men who admitted having sex with an intoxicated classmate during a party at Peterson's home.

Judge Natalia M. Koselka ordered Peterson bound over to circuit court for arraignment next week. Peterson was returned to jail in lieu of bonds that total $765,500.

Bonds in the cases had been as high as $2.2 million after Peterson was charged with contempt of court.

The contempt charges were resolved Feb. 6 when he pleaded guilty to violating original bond conditions in December by breaking into his estranged wife's home.

A second contempt charge was dismissed that involved a message he allegedly relayed to his wife, asking her to retract her complaint and accuse Tecumseh police and the Lenawee County prosecutor's office of a vendetta against him.

From: Shirvell, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 12:42 AM
To: Shirvell, Andrew
Subject: The Growing Peterson Scandal
Importance: High

Why the heck hasn't the school said anything official about this yet? **How the hell did this guy make it into the school starting in September 2004 even though a police investigation was begun in February 2004?** Did the administration have any knowledge about this year-and-a-half investigation?

Why were students not warned? Did he receive a scholarship?

These are all questions that need to be answered. The administration's silence in this matter is deafening. Perhaps our beloved SBA could actually stop focusing on poker and salsa parties for a while and get some answers for us. Would you like this thug next to you in class?

See below for some more damning articles. This is just plain nuts - and it will be all the more shocking if the administration knew all about this, but kept quiet. I'm going to keep digging. This isn't right!

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=15802144&BRD=2078&PAG=461&dep

Warrants pending against former THS track coach

HERALD STAFF REPORTS

A former Tecumseh High School track coach was jailed last week for conditions of a bond stemming from a domestic violence case agains wife earlier that week.

Matthew Peterson, 33, was arrested on an obstructing justice charge on Wednesda broke down a back door and entered the couple's home. Witnesses called police a in the back yard and hearing breaking noises from behind the house. Officers foun closet, according to a police report, after they entered the home with the owner's p

Peterson was arraigned on the charges on Thursday, Dec. 15, in **Lenawee County Distr** Natalia Koselka where a $150,000 bond was set. A January 5 hearing on a contempt of c set. He remains in the Lenawee County Jail. An arraignment had not yet been held on th charges at press time.

Peterson has been a person of interest in an unrelated ongoing investigation being condu Police Department that goes back to an alleged drinking party in 2003. **Several court ca underaged persons and a teen who said she was sexually assaulted at the party by school students, has testimony stating that the party was held at the Peterson hom then-teenagers have appeared before the Lenawee County courts on charges relat**

"It's been a very comprehensive, detailed, voluminous investigation encompassing literall hours and has been probably the single largest investigation, in terms of scope, that we h Tecumseh Police Chief Mack Haun, who confirmed that the case has been turned over to prosecutor's office for review. He said he could not comment further on the case at this ti

Related to the case, the following court actions already have taken place:

* In a plea bargain, Anthony T. Sandoval, 21, pleaded guilty to two counts of felonious as to be sentenced on Jan. 4, 2006.

* In a plea bargain, Jack G. DaSilva, 21, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault on Dec. 5 v set for Jan. 23.

* Cole Corey, 21, waived arraignment on 13 felony charges in district court on Nov. 23 wi delivery and possession of a controlled substance (Ecstasy), distribution of obscene mat conspiracy and first degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC), with some of the charges dati incident and some to the alleged incidents at a 2003 party at Peterson's house, accordin trial date was set in Lenawee County Circuit Court for Feb. 22, 2006.

* Charges against Matthew N. Dunn, 20, Tecumseh, which included CSC felony counts a pornography (a videotape of teenagers having sex and reportedly viewed at a party at th 2003) were dismissed on Dec. 12 after Dunn pleaded guilty to a reduced aggravated ass court. Sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 27, 2006.

* Lindsay A. Glenn, 20, Tecumseh, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of use of Ecstasy sentenced to five days in the Lenawee County Jail and 15 days in a work release prograr probation. Glenn was originally charged with delivery of Ecstasy in 2002.

Several youths were previously charged as minors in possession of alcohol for their actio that allegedly took place in 2003.

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http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051227/NEWS03/512

Article published Tuesday, December 27, 2005

Ex-Tecumseh track coach faces sex-related charges

ADRIAN — A former track coach at Tecumseh High School, under investigation for students during which a student was raped, was in the Lenawee County jail las sexual assault charges.

Matthew Peterson, 33, of Tecumseh is facing charges of first-degree criminal sexı degree criminal sexual conduct, assault, and cutting a telephone line.

Mr. Peterson is alleged to have raped a Tecumseh woman Nov. 19 and Dec. 5. He Dec. 9 and posted bond in the county's district court. As part of the bond agreeme agreed to stay away from the woman's house.

He was arrested again last week after a witness allegedly saw him breaking into tl After his second arrest, bond was set at $650,000, court officials said.

In 2003, Mr. Peterson hosted a party at his home for students at which drugs and a and a female student was raped. Two men will be sentenced next month on assaul

faces trial in February. Tecumseh police say they expect to charge Mr. Peterson fc incident.

http://www.abclocal.go.com/wtvg/story?section=local&id=3847404

Former high school track coach charg

January 26, 2006 - A Lenawee County man faces more than 30 charges he comn teenagers.

Tecumseh, Michigan police tell 13abc Action News the charges against Matthew from an investigation that lasted two for years. Peterson used to work as the varsit Tecumseh High School, but was not a teacher there.

Police say almost all the crimes happened at parties Peterson threw at his Shady L 2003. Peterson was arraigned on 32 charges Wednesday. Most are felonies, and th include child sexually abusive activity, accosting children for immoral purposes, (matter to children and furnishing alcohol to minors.

http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060210/NEWS03/602

Peterson is held in the Lenawee County Jail on $215,000 bond.

Article published Friday, February 10, 2006

Bond is reduced for former track coach

ADRIAN - Bond for the former Tecumseh High School track coach charged with offenses involving parties with students, along with an alleged assault, has been re million to $760,000 by a Lenawee County District Court judge.

Meanwhile, Matthew Peterson, 33, of Tecumseh pleaded guilty to violating his in after he broke into his home Dec. 14 in an attempt at contacting his estranged wif sentence was credited to time already served.

A second bond violation, alleging that Mr. Peterson asked his mother to contact h in jail, was dropped by court officials.

Mr. Peterson has been charged with three criminal sexual conduct offenses and ar he allegedly raped a woman on Nov. 19 and Dec. 5.

He also has been charged with 32 offenses related to a series of parties for Tecum allegedly held at his house in 2003, while he was track coach.

His contract was not renewed at the end of the 2002-03 school year after the alleg

A court date of March 1 has been set for the assault charges. No court appearance for the other charges.

http://www.statenews.com/article.phtml?pk=34787

The State News, MSU's Independent Voice

Printed Monday February 20th, 2006.

Player pleads guilty to 1 felony

By STEVE HIGHFIELD

The State News

MSU football player Cole Corey plead guilty to a single count of possession of a controlled substance in the Lenawee County Circuit Court on Feb. 9.

The redshirt sophomore safety faced 13 various felony counts, including five counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, but the other 12 counts will be dismissed under the plea bargain.

As part of the plea, Corey must also testify against former Tecumseh High School track coach Matthew Peterson. Peterson faces 32 charges, including 10 misdemeanor counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor and one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Both Corey's and Peterson's charges stem from alleged offenses that occurred at a party at Peterson's home while Corey was a Tecumseh High School student in 2002 where he was a two-year starter on the football team and competed in track and field.

Corey's remaining drug possession charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

In 2005, Corey appeared in 11 games for the Spartans, registering six tackles and returning one kick on special teams. As a freshman, he was an Academic All-Big Ten selection.

Sentencing is set for April 13, and the football team will wait until then to make any decisions regarding Corey's future.

"In our mind, we said, 'Let the legal process work itself out,' and that's until the sentencing stage," said John Lewandowski, MSU sports information director and director of communications.

Corey's attorney declined to comment on the case and the prosecuting attorney did not return several phone calls.

Location: http://www.statenews.com/article.phtml?pk=34787

From: Shirvell, Andrew
Sent: Wed 3/8/2006 10:18 AM
To: Shirvell, Andrew
Subject: BOMBSHELL: AMSOL Student ARRESTED for Sex Party with MINORS

Someone tipped me off about this....

Your eyes are going to pop out of your sockets when you read this....does this rapist/wife beater – Matthew Peterson – still go to our school? His profile is still up in the AMSOL on-line directory. I'm speechless....

http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/6465070/detail.html?rss=det&psp=news
(go to the web link to see his mug shot)

ClickOnDetroit.com

Coach Accused Of Drinking, Sex Party With Students

Tecumseh Man Already Jailed For Sexual Assault

POSTED: 11:32 am EST January 26, 2006

A former high school track coach in Lenawee County is accused of having a drinking and sex party with students at his house in Tecumseh, Local 4 reported.

Matthew Peterson (pictured), 33, faces more than two dozen charges including criminal sexual conduct, distributing obscene material and supplying alcohol to minors, Local 4 reported. He was arraigned in Lenawee District Court Wednesday on charges stemming from the party, according to court officials.

Peterson is accused of hosting the party in June 2003 and supplying alcohol for the students, according to police. He is also accused of showing pornography.

Local 4 learned that students at the party were having sex, and one girl was sexually assaulted. Several of the students have also faced charges in connection with the sexual assault, according to court officials.

Peterson was already jailed on charges of sexually assaulting his wife, the station reported. He is also charged with attempting to talk her into dropping the charges against him, according to Local 4.
A bond for Peterson was set at $2.2 million.

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Bail lowered in Tecumseh coach's case

Matthew James Peterson remains in jail on criminal sex and assault charges.

By Dennis Pelham

Daily Telegram Staff Writer

ADRIAN - A $1.5 million bond was eliminated Monday in a plea agreement on contempt of court charges against former Tecumseh High School track coach Matthew James Peterson. But he remains in jail in lieu of $755,000 in bonds for criminal sex and assault charges after hearings were adjourned in Lenawee County District Court.

A preliminary examination on charges related to sex and drinking offenses involving a number of high school students in 2003 was adjourned Friday to March 28 by Judge James E. Sheridan. Felony charges involving alleged assaults on his estranged wife during November and December were rescheduled Monday by Judge Natalia M. Koselka for March 1.

Peterson, 33, appeared briefly in court Monday to plead guilty to a contempt charge and admit violating bond conditions Dec. 14 by entering his estranged wife's home. He was free on bond at the time after being arrested several days earlier on a domestic violence charge by Tecumseh police. Koselka sentenced him to 30 days he has already served in jail.

A second contempt charge stemming from an alleged indirect contact with his estranged wife last month was dismissed by Koselka. A $1.5 million bond on that contempt charge and a prohibition on visits with anyone but his attorney were also eliminated.

"It's going to affect by client's ability to communicate with me," defense attorney Joe Simon of Ann Arbor told the court in requesting the dismissal. Assistant Lenawee County prosecutor Douglas Hartung agreed to dropping the charge.

The January bond violation stemmed from an e-mail sent to Peterson's wife that contained a proposed letter recanting allegations that she was beaten and assaulted by him and claiming Tecumseh police and the county prosecutor's office brought the charges as part of a vendetta against him.

Peterson faces five charges in that case carrying life, 15- and 10-year maximum prison terms.

Four cases containing multiple counts of sex offenses, child pornography and alcohol offenses were filed two weeks ago after a lengthy investigation by Tecumseh police. In those cases, Peterson is charged with showing a video of two Tecumseh teens having sex at a party in his home where alcohol was being served to minors. He is also accused of soliciting and encouraging sex offenses by others.

A half dozen former students have already been charged with offenses dating back to 2002 and 2003.

THE TOLEDO BLADE

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Article published January 28, 2006

Former coach's parties ripple through courts

By GEORGE J. TANBER
and LARRY P. VELLEQUETTE
BLADE STAFF WRITERS

TECUMSEH, Mich. - Stories of post-school activities involving the track coach and some students at Tecumseh High School circulated for a number of years before a Tecumseh police investigation led to 32 sex-related and other charges against Matthew Peterson, the Tecumseh Public Schools superintendent said yesterday.

"There was a lot of conversation about something going on," said Michael McAran, who was named superintendent last year, when Mr. Peterson was no longer at Tecumseh.

"I'm glad they got him, and I'm glad they cleaned it up."

Mr. Peterson, 33, of Tecumseh was in the Lenawee County jail last night. He was charged Wednesday with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct for having sex with a 17-year-old student at a party he hosted.

Among the other charges against Mr. Peterson were five counts of child sexually abusive activity, one count of accosting a child for immoral purposes, 12 counts of distributing obscene matter to children, and 11 misdemeanor counts of serving alcohol to minors.

Mr. Peterson already was in the county jail, accused of beating and sexually assaulting his wife in November.

Additionally, he has been charged with contempt for trying to contact her from jail to get her to recant her story about the allegations.
Bond for the combined charges has been set at $2.2 million.

Mr. Peterson's attorney, Joseph Simon of Ann Arbor, declined to comment on his client's case.

Tecumseh Police Chief Mack Haun said his department's investigation into reports of parties at Mr. Peterson's Shady Lane home between March and June, 2003, did not begin until after Mr. Peterson left his part-time, nonteaching track coach job at the high school.

"The school became aware of some problems, and they asked us to look into it," Chief Haun said.

The department's investigation, conducted by now-Deputy Chief John Clark,

began in February, 2004, about eight months after Mr. Peterson's coaching contract expired in June, 2003.

Chief Haun said party attendees included members of the track team and other students.

"He's the responsible party. But as a result of him facilitating these things, some students committed violations of the law as well," the chief said.

Mr. Peterson, who is unemployed, previously taught at school districts in Adrian and Ypsilanti, Mich.

Chief Haun said investigators talked with Mr. Peterson's former employers in Adrian and Ypsilanti, who said he had no problems there.
Most of the students involved are now adults, and many have left the area to attend college, Chief Haun said.
But some continue to wend their way through the local court system on charges stemming from the parties, while others have pledged to cooperate with authorities as they pursue the case against Mr. Peterson.

Mr. McAran said his daughter was on the track team coached by Mr. Peterson in 1999, and recalled seeing some of the athletes - not his daughter - leave with Mr. Peterson in his sports car after track meets.

But at the time, Mr. McAran, then principal of Tecumseh Middle School, did not think it was unusual.

"When a teacher is popular with students, it's difficult to get them to say anything negative about him," Mr. McAran said.

All the key officials involved with the high school at the time the incidents are alleged to have occurred have moved on.

Superintendent Richard Fauble and Principal Linda Hutchinson have retired. Former Athletic Director James Gilmore now is assistant principal at the middle school. School board President Milton Abbott is no longer on the board.

Mr. Fauble, who retired in 2002 after 35 years as an educator, said yesterday there is no correlation between his departure and those of the other officials and the Peterson case.

As for the hiring of Mr. Peterson, which occurred on his watch, Mr. Fauble said: "If he had no previous problems, how do you know?"

Ms. Hutchinson could not be reached for comment. Mr. Abbott did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Mr. Gilmore was reluctant to talk about the Peterson case, saying he had no knowledge of the parties.

"It's very unfortunate," said Mr. Gilmore, noting that he did not hire Mr. Peterson.

It was Mr. Gilmore's replacement, Adam Benschoter, who decided not to renew Mr. Peterson's contract at the end of the 2003 school year after the rumors grew more severe, Mr. McAran said.

Mr. Benschoter is athletic director at Adrian High School. He could not be reached for comment yesterday.

The fallout from the events that occurred during Mr. Peterson's tenure continues to litter the Lenawee County landscape.

Earlier this week, 21-year-old Jack DaSilva was sentenced to jail time and community service for having sex with an intoxicated teenage girl in Mr. Peterson's hot tub during a party in June, 2003.

A half-dozen more former students face felony drug and sex-related charges for acts which are alleged to have occurred during Mr. Peterson's parties, court records state.

The drug involved was Ecstasy, often referred to as a "date-rape drug." Usually taken in a pill form, the drug's psychedelic effects can last four to six hours, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The sex-related charges involve students having sex with one another and watching a video of two of the underage students having sex.

"One of the good things is that the guy is not the coach here anymore. ... But certainly, it's affected some of the families of these kids," Chief Haun said. "It's caused some hand-wringing moments, and probably more acid in the stomach than what they might like."

Mr. McAran said the school system hopes to put the matter behind it and move forward.

The lesson learned?

"You need to be vigilant in checking out the people you hire. And when rumors persist, you need to take them seriously," Mr. McAran said.

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