

Bernard Holt 2002 inter-office memo to I. King Jordan

In 2002, Bernard Holt was the director/chief of the Gallaudet campus police, as well as director of the Physical Plant Department, and the Office of Risk Management and Insurance. He had been employed at Gallaudet for 27 years and was fired in August 2002 after sending this memo. Jordan did not respond to the memo. At the time he was chief, the campus police was called the "Department of Safety and Security (DOSS)." It was later renamed the "Department of Public Safety (DPS)."

Excerpt of Holt memo to I. King Jordan:

On April 2, 2001 you sent a letter to Congressman Ralph Regula, who is on the House Sub-Committee on Appropriations, Labor, HHS, Education, and related Agencies. You specifically asked for additional funding of 4 million dollars to improve security which included:

- \$1,000,000 for staffing the dormitories
- \$800,000 for hiring 16 additional security officers
- \$2.2 million for additional card systems, surveillance cameras, lighting, alarm system, and boundary fencing. You also stated your request was based on an expert consultant who did a thorough and painstaking review of our campus security system.
- On January 10, 2002 you announced to the campus community that the university's appropriation bill was signed and four million of it was specifically approved for security. You also have continued to state safety and security is a high priority, but my department has not received the support, funding, or personnel it needs and you requested from Congress.

Further, on April 19, 2002 Mr. Fred Weiner had been asked to report to the congressional subcommittee as to what the \$4 million dollars in additional federal appropriations was being used for.

The final draft I saw included:

- We were in the process of hiring 14 more security staff
- DPS has found the need to pay more in salaries than anticipated in to attract highly qualified personnel
- The maintenance contract is on going.
- In the process of hiring trainers.

The problem is that none of the list is true. Has the University deceived Congress? This funding situation for my department must be corrected.

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