

DEAN BECKER: It was well over 90% said legalize it, you know? So you've got to figure that the feds have been unwilling to face a true and open debate. Asa Hutchinson gives his talks at treatment centers, at schools, rather than in an open public debate, in an open forum. In fact, the man now travels with 17 bodyguards.

SPEAKER 1: Wow.

DEAN BECKER: Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

SPEAKER 1: Wow. Damn.

DEAN BECKER: So they know they're losing, and they couch their information and their-- their opportunities for debate so that they're not going to lose sooner rather than later. And so what they're doing is delaying tactics, trying to stall the inevitable. And in the meantime, a report just came out, in 2001 723,000 people were arrested for marijuana. Each year, we arrest 1.6 million people for all drugs, and nearly every one of them are for possession only. So it's a huge gravy train for the prison industrial complex.

SPEAKER 1: No kidding.

DEAN BECKER: The cops, the guards, the customs, the-- you name it, airplane pilots, everybody makes a little cut off the drug war.

SPEAKER 1: Wow.

JIMMY CARPER: You're right. So when are you on the air next?

DEAN BECKER: Well actually, I've done a trade out with Glenn Urbach, who does "The Other Side."

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I heard about that.

DEAN BECKER: Right. And he's going to have next Friday as well, and then I will have the following two Fridays.

JIMMY CARPER: Following two Fridays, OK. Good, good, good. And of course, 4/20.

DEAN BECKER: Right. Every day-- although I try for day. I just today talked to Joe's Roadhouse. They're going to do 4/20--

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

DEAN BECKER: --starting next week. And we're going to talk to the Sunday folks tomorrow and see what we can do.

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, great. So we might be getting-- getting "Cultural Baggage" at 4:20 every day of the week.

DEAN BECKER: That's my hope.

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, good deal. That is a good deal.

DEAN BECKER: It is.

JIMMY CARPER: And of course, it's at 2:30 Sunday morning.

DEAN BECKER: Indeed. And on Jennifer's show, I leave a readout, if you will, of a news story or two for her. And occasionally I call her when I'm up at 4:20 AM.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that's reach out in the darkness.

DEAN BECKER: Indeed.

SPEAKER 1: And it is dark.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Her show is what? 3:00 to 6:00, or--

DEAN BECKER: 3:00 to 6:00, yeah. Yeah, and great old vinyl. If you ever--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, it's all vinyl. She does a '60s vinyl show.

DEAN BECKER: Oh, it's incredible.

JIMMY CARPER: It's really great.

DEAN BECKER: KPFT is good stuff.

SPEAKER 1: Yes, it is.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

DEAN BECKER: Dang right.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, Dean, thank you very much.

DEAN BECKER: Well thank you for the opportunity.

JIMMY CARPER: Dean Becker, the only heterosexual who has a permanent spot on After Hours.

DEAN BECKER: And I sure appreciate it.

JIMMY CARPER: You betcha. Thanks for calling in.

DEAN BECKER: All right. Good night.

JIMMY CARPER: Talk to you next week.

DEAN BECKER: All right, bye bye.

SPEAKER 1: Bye.

JIMMY CARPER: OK, and now for some new music by Soft Cell. Yeah, you might remember them from the "Tainted Love" days.

This is a brand new CD from them called *Cruelty Without Beauty*, and you're listening to it on After Hours, queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

[MUSIC PLAYING] That's brand new--

SPEAKER 1: Good song.

JIMMY CARPER: --by Soft Cell from their CD *Cruelty Without Beauty*. And I don't even know if I can pronounce this correctly. It's "Le Grande Guignol."

[LAUGHTER]

Yeah, I know. I liked the song and I thought, you know, I'm not going to play this song. I can't even pronounce the title. But I really liked the song, so--

SPEAKER 1: Now every French person listening is going to call in and say--

JIMMY CARPER: Let us know how.

SPEAKER 1: --you imbecile, you don't even know how to pronounce it.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Well, well, well, well, well. You're not on yet, you're not on yet. First of all, before we get too much-- too much-- too further into the show, that *Sex and Mayhem* thing that I played at the-- about quarter after 2:00--

SPEAKER 1: Right before Dean.

JIMMY CARPER: Right before Dean. That was-- that's a CD, part one, by Donald Currie. *Sex and Mayhem*, it's like his-- it's like a book.

SPEAKER 1: Memoirs.

JIMMY CARPER: Memoirs, yeah. In CD form.

SPEAKER 1: From college.

JIMMY CARPER: And you can get some information or buy that CD at cdbaby.com/donaldcurrie. D-O-N-A-L-D C-U-R-R-I-E. cdbaby.com/donaldcurrie. And so that was kind of fun. I wish I could play you--

SPEAKER 1: All of it?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

SPEAKER 1: We were can't get through that song.

JIMMY CARPER: The very beginning is really funny. Really, really funny, but there's just-- there's too many--

SPEAKER 1: That damn F.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, there's too many of those F words in there, and I just can't do that. Anyway, so that and Soft Cell, and now-- let's see, we've got Chris and Roy. But Chris, I'm going to play this first, right? OK. And then we'll be right with you.

CHRIS HARRISON: For the first time in its six year history, Rice University's nondiscrimination policy is getting a workout based on comments attributed to their head football coach, Ken Hatfield. An article about homosexual athletes published in the November 1 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* includes several quotes from Coach Hatfield detailing how his personal religious beliefs conflict with the acceptance of homosexuality. No athlete has ever revealed his homosexuality to coach Hatfield in his 36 years of coaching experience, and he said he would have to think hard about keeping a player who would. He has since stated that his final point was taken out of context.

Both the president and the Faculty Senate of Rice University have issued statements reaffirming their nondiscrimination policy. Wednesday night, the Rice Student Association convened a special session to discuss the response of the student population. After two and 1/2 hours of engaged debate, they decided to take up the issue again Monday after the article had been published, so that the student body can become more familiar with it.

One point frequently brought up during the meeting was the issue of discrimination in general. The Student Association President Matt Haynie.

MATT HAYNIE: I think that there are general things that everybody here agreed on. One, that we all agree that Coach Hatfield is a very good man. But the question is whether or not we should request some sort of action against him, or if we should instead try and get something started just that generally investigates discrimination on campus. I think in either case, everybody agreed that eliminating discrimination on campus is a positive goal. And I think that's what we're-- we've begun the dialogue on that, and I think that's a great thing. But it's just going to depend on how we plan to go about that.

CHRIS HARRISON: External vice president of Rice Pride, the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered advocacy group on campus, spoke about the need to balance the right to free speech with protection from offensive speech-- Steven Nebel.

STEVEN NEBEL: We're trying to proactively distribute a message of tolerance, one of Ken Hatfield's personal religious beliefs, but also a request for tolerance and acceptance of all those statuses which are protected under the Rice non-discrimination policy.

CHRIS HARRISON: Article 2.6 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Constitution, of which Rice is a member, includes sexual orientation protections in its principle of non-discrimination. But even with such protections in place, individual acceptance may be difficult to achieve. Rice football player and senior Brandon Green explains.

BRANDON GREEN: I'd be very interested to see any Division I college football team, in America, where a homosexual would feel right at home in a football locker room. I would venture to say that this would be one of the places where they would feel more at home than anywhere else in the nation by the Rice policies.

CHRIS HARRISON: Rice University's freedom from harassment policy states that "all members of the Rice community have the right to pursue their educational opportunities free from harassment, including physical abuse, threats, or intimidation. President Malcolm Gillis stated in a letter to the editor of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* that, quote, "no student at Rice will be denied equal participation on a team based on sexual orientation, period." Unquote.

Coach Ken Hatfield has issued an apology to the university and the entire community for any distress this story has caused them. One student athlete summed up how to further the discussion and move on to the next level.

STUDENT: All you need talk to some athletes and see what really goes on behind the scenes, because y'all are not athletes to be real. It's a whole 'nother world. So if it's about that-- let's see what it's really about, because I got a problem with hate. Because I'm coming in love, and I love you all.

[APPLAUSE]

CHRIS Chris Harrison, KPFT News, Houston.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: The Flirtations, "Something Inside So Strong." I thought--

SPEAKER 1: That was a beautiful song.

JIMMY CARPER: --that was a pretty good piece of music after that incredible news segment that Chris did. And it was on-- on the KPFT News, wasn't it?

CHRIS Yes. This was something that has exploded in the past week, this story.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Boy, has it.

SPEAKER 2: And Chris beat out-- Chris beat out *The Voice* and *The Triangle* on this one.

CHRIS Well--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: Not to be found in either publication this week.

JIMMY CARPER: Really?

CHRIS Part of it also comes from the fact--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: That's correct. It is not to be found in-- I know because I searched and searched and searched for it.

CHRIS *The Chronicle* has been covering it quite a bit, the *Houston Chronicle*. And some of the news agencies had been

HARRISON: as well. But this is-- the strangest part about all this-- this whole story is the fact it all hit before the actual article was published. The article wasn't-- the article was not officially published until Friday.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh?

CHRIS And what happened was they had posted it-- this article came out in a group called the *Chronicle for Higher*

HARRISON: *Education*. It's a website, a weekly newspaper. And they had uploaded the story and some of the progressive groups on the Rice University campus found the story and they started to spread it around. It was not Rice Pride who started it.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

CHRIS And so the story started to go around, and from what I read from the Rice faculty news is the fact-- the Rice

HARRISON: president, Malcolm Gillis, found out about it about 2:00 on Tuesday and had Coach Hatfield in his office at 4:00.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow. Good. Good for him.

CHRIS They-- they immediately sent letters to the editor clarifying their position, and the whole letter on both sides-- I

HARRISON: mean Rice's official one was saying that "our university has commit-- the views attributed to coach-- football coach Ken Hatfield in your article represents neither Rice University policy nor practice. Our University is committed to carrying out the fullest of its policy of non-discrimination. Rice University does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or veteran status in its admissions, its educational programs, or its employment of faculty or staff.

As I have told Coach Hatfield in unequivocal terms, he is entitled to practice his personal held religious views in his private life, but as a Rice University football coach, he must wholeheartedly execute University policy. He has agreed to. No student at Rice will be denied equal participation on a team based on sexual orientation, period." And the word period is his word.

SPEAKER 2: And I'll say this, that comments like what Coach Hatfield made really throw cold water, so to speak, on any athlete who happens to be gay who wants to join a-- a college sports team. Comments like that really discourage people from coming out and applying for a position on a team.

JIMMY CARPER: Well you know, I have to-- I read all of that and heard all of that, and I certainly applaud the dean for taking--

SPEAKER 1: Jumping in the way he did, yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, jumping right in there. I mean, not taking-- not even hesitating. But I have to wonder if the damage hasn't already been done. I mean, if there is a gay athlete--

SPEAKER 1: Now scared to death to come out.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, thinking about even getting on the team, a team.

SPEAKER 2: Well Chris, what was the feeling of the student body then when you were there?

CHRIS Well that's the part I went to-- is the fact that, first of all, this was the-- they were telling me this was the largest

HARRISON: student association meeting they've had since the KTRU radio shut down two years ago.

JIMMY CARPER: No, wow. That was--

CHRIS This was originally to be held in their student union, in an open area that they have that was just basically-- it

HARRISON: looked like-- it looks like a waiting room in a hospital. Then they move this over to what I guess is part of their cafeteria lounge area. And there was between-- there was at least about 150 students in there, probably closer to 200. This was a one top-- one issue meeting for the student government, and it was to draft this resolution on what the students' response was going to be.

Two and 1/2 hours later, they hadn't come to a conclusion yet because there were so many points being made of, we need to change this, we need to add this. This is too strong, this is too weak. And it was a very--

JIMMY CARPER: Did you mention the time that this meeting took place?

CHRIS I didn't mention it in the story, but it started at 11:00 PM.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: And you still got 150 people.

CHRIS It was still there, and there was--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: On a school night.

CHRIS On a school night, there was--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: And two and 1/2 hours later--

CHRIS There was not a mass exodus until probably about two hours.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

SPEAKER 1: Gosh.

CHRIS The last half hour, it started to be a slow trickle. In fact, if you listen in the-- if you heard it, a banging.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

CHRIS When I was--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: Background?

CHRIS In the background when I was interviewing Steven Nebel, that's the doors. We were just outside of the doors

HARRISON: where the meeting was going on, and those were people leaving at some point.

JIMMY CARPER: Could you get a feel for how the students felt?

CHRIS It was kind of hard to say, because a lot of the students hadn't heard the full story. But there was-- basically

HARRISON: everyone was saying that they believe that Coach Hatfield had the right to make a statement, that his right to free speech should be protected. The problem was the offensive nature of what he said. The full thing-- let me-- this is exactly what he said. Because a lot of people talk about having something pulled out of context and all that, but this is what-- this is exactly his section in *The Chronicle* story, which is-- from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and the story is called "The Loneliest Athlete."

"Among the members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which has a large following is Rice University football coach Ken Hatfield, who says homosexuality clearly conflicts with his religious beliefs. Quote, 'I believe in the Bible,' he declares. He's been a member of the fellowship since 1965. Its sexual purity policy states, quote, 'God desires his children to lead pure lives of holiness.' The Bible is clear in teaching a sexual sin, including sex out of marriage and homosexual acts, neither homosexual acts outside of marriage-- I'm sorry. 'Neither heterosexual acts outside of marriage nor any homosexual act constitute an alternative lifestyle acceptable to God.

A collegiate coach for 36 years, Mr. Hatfield has never had a player come out to him. If a player did go public about being homosexual, the coach would be concerned both about the effect of the team and what-- and about what the parents of the other athletes would think. He says he would ask the player, what happened? What changed since we recruited you? When did this come about? 'After all, people make a choice about homosexuality,' Mr. Hatfield says, 'just as they make choices about drinking, about going to church. I've never seen any scientific study say that there's a homosexual gene.' He says that he would not necessarily kick a player off the team for being gay, but would think hard about it."

SPEAKER 2: Well actually, Coach Hatfield needs to do a little bit more scientific research. Because there is-- while there is no conclusive evidence per se, there is suspected DNA, and your hypothalamus and all this is different for gay people than it is for straight people. And there is a whole bunch of other genetic and DNA differences between a gay and a straight person.

CHRIS Well at the very-- at the very minimum, if you take what he says for word that it's a choice, just-- OK. Just about-- just like us making-- making choices about drinking, about going to church. If it is a choice, then according to his statement, religion should not be a-- a basis for not being discriminated against because it's a choice, the same way the choice of homosexuality is. So you can't have it cut both ways.

JIMMY CARPER: Choice? I think-- exactly.

CHRIS Yeah, the one thing is, he made these comments and he says he was misquoted, it was taken out of context and that.

JIMMY CARPER: How could--

SPEAKER 1: How could that be?

CHRIS Well, here's-- here's the funny thing, OK?

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Before you get into that, I need to remind people-- or did you already remember?

CHRIS No actually, I wasn't checking the time.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: I see, yeah.

CHRIS And I usually live for that.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: I know, I know. Just to, to remind me, yes. You're listening to "After Hours," queer radio with attitude, right here, on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper, I'm your-- what am I? Producer, I guess, for the evening and--

SPEAKER 1: Uncle of the night.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Gay uncle of the night, there we go. Stephen's here, Chris is here, Big Roy is here, and we're talking about the recent uproar at the Rice campus.

SPEAKER 2: The brouhaha.

CHRIS Yes. The one thing I found interesting about it--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: I like that word, brouhaha.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

CHRIS That's what happens when you laugh in a witch's kitchen. You get a brouhaha.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

SPEAKER 2: Oh.

SPEAKER 1: I'm glad Bobby isn't here.

SPEAKER 2: Oh, ho ho. Bada boom, bang.

CHRIS But saying he was taken out of context-- I mean, basically what he said-- I think everyone would have to say

HARRISON: what he said was controversial at minimum, outrageous.

SPEAKER 1: Yes.

CHRIS This is the *Rice Media Relations Handbook for Student Athletes*. This is what they hand you when you become a

HARRISON: football player, but apparently they don't hand it to the coach.

[LAUGHTER]

Because, and I quote from the media handbook, "in summary, relax and enjoy the interview. Be prompt, anticipate, you can say no. Be available and cooperative, do not go off the record. Be quotable without being controversial or outrageous. You can improve. Remember, you represent Rice."

SPEAKER 2: Like you said, we get-- we did not get a copy that to the coach.

CHRIS This is-- I'm mean, working through the huge, Rice owl logo. It's from August 1999, and if Hatfield's been there

HARRISON: for 30-something years--

JIMMY CARPER: He probably has seen it.

CHRIS He should have seen it, and I know--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 1: I've passed it out.

CHRIS Good, pass. I pulled this off the internet, off of the Rice website. So it's out there, it's easy to get a hold of. It's not like I had some-- I had to go in and find some athlete to give this to me, or find one of the gay athletes on one of those other sports teams.

[LAUGHTER]

But it's-- it's an interesting thing to see all this coming about. And like I said, it was not-- it wasn't necessarily the queer students who came across this and had trouble with it. This was, like I said, the progressive. It was on a political level, one of the political groups. I'm not going to mention them because I don't want to get them in trouble, but seeing the fact that the number two paid person at their school made a comment like this-- I mean, he only makes like \$100,000 less than the president does according to the one figure that I-- the one sheet that I found on that.

But for him to make this comment and then basically say, I didn't mean it.

JIMMY CARPER: You took it out of context.

CHRIS It was taken out of context, it was pulled out of there. And I mean, I've--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Pulled out of his--

SPEAKER 2: You know, I mean, that reminds me-- it reminds me of a couple of days after 9/11, you have Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson getting on television-- on national television-- and saying essentially that gays were partly responsible for what happened on 9/11. And then--

SPEAKER 1: And then he revokes it, too.

SPEAKER 2: And then a day or two later, oh, we were taken out of context.

SPEAKER 1: That is-- that is--

CHRIS And that was a live broadcast.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Such a lame excuse.

SPEAKER 2: And they-- and these bigots use that.

JIMMY CARPER: This man gets that much money, and that's the-- and he comes up with a lame excuse like that.

SPEAKER 2: That's the standard-- that's the standard Christian response. "I was taken out of context."

CHRIS Well the reason why he had to use such a lame excuse is because Mel White no longer works for him.

HARRISON:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Got you.

CHRIS Now, now one thing--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: You know, there's lots of [INAUDIBLE].

CHRIS But the one thing is this. Another little tidbit that I was told here is one out of eight of the students at Rice are on

HARRISON: some varsity team. That's one of the largest percentages you'll find in Division I play.

SPEAKER: Yes?

CHRIS And-- yeah, we said he was there only for 36 years.

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: Not at Rice.

CHRIS Oh not at Rice? Oh, he's only been there for nine years. OK, now I can see it. Yeah he's only Rice-- been there 9

HARRISON: years. Well still, that's--

JIMMY CARPER: That-- yeah.

CHRIS Three years ago.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, 1999 is--

CHRIS That's still within the nine years.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: He said he coached for 36 years, and nine at Rice.

CHRIS Well yeah, so-- I mean--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: And he still can't come up with a better excuse than "I was taken out of context."

SPEAKER 1: There you go.

CHRIS But a lot of people were-- I mean, some of the people were saying, well, let's say he wrote in this article-- rather

HARRISON: than being about gay students, let's say it was about Jewish students or Black students. What would have happened then?

SPEAKER 2: He would be gone.

JIMMY CARPER: He would be gone, that's right.

CHRIS And the one thing-- another part of it is, yes, the president of the campus had his response and the faculty

HARRISON: drafted a resolution.

JIMMY CARPER: That is incredible. I am so proud of Rice for doing that.

SPEAKER 1: Yes.

CHRIS Now one thing that I had heard during the meeting is that some of the faculty members after-- actually, they didn't get a chance to read the *Chronicle* story-- the *Chronicle of Higher Education* story before they voted on their resolution. Some of the teachers were told to have said that if they would have read it first, they would have asked for something stronger. Which is part of why the Student Association didn't get to make its resolution, because some of the people who read it wanted a little more teeth in it.

But there were a lot of people who were wanting to give him the benefit of the doubt and wanted to ask for the actual-- the original transcript on that. But to give you an idea here, to wrap on this part, of the sort of mentality that goes on the other side of this-- first I want to tell you there's two places on the web that you can go and find discussion boards about this topic. One of them is at the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and you can go to forums-- F-O-R-U-M-S .chronicle.com. And go-- or, and go to Colloquy. C-O-L-L-O-Q-U-Y.

SPEAKER 2: Colloquy.

JIMMY CARPER: Colloquially.

SPEAKER 2: Colloquy.

CHRIS If you just go to-- if you just go to chronicle.com-- and if you don't get *Houston Chronicle* which is chron, go to chronicle.com and you'll see it on the front page of it. It's called the-- the short link it calls to it is "Coach, I'm gay."

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that'll grab your attention.

CHRIS And if you click on that, that'll take you to that section. Another one that's doing a lot of stories on this is *outsports.com*, which has done a lot of work on being out at college. And they have a lot of discussion boards and a lot of stories from out athletes. But this is one of the postings that someone put on there-- the *Chronicle of Higher Education* about this. It's called "Homosexual Athletes."

"I feel that homosexual athletes should not be allowed to play on heterosexual men's sports teams. Allowing gay players to take part in athletics causes many problems. First off, a gay player should not be allowed to shower with other players.

[LAUGHTER]

SPEAKER 2: Don't drop the soap.

CHRIS Oh honey, it gets better. "--should not be allowed to shower with other players in the same way that a heterosexual male athlete would not be allowed to shower with a female athletic team. I'm afraid of a gay player getting off about seeing other teammates in the shower and masturbating about their genitals."

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: That's that-- that ego thing that every straight man--

CHRIS Hold on, hold on. We ain't to the good part yet.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, there's more. This gets better.

CHRIS "Secondly, if I knew a gay player was on my team I would not want to be involved in drills with high body contact
HARRISON: for fear of arousing my homosexual teammate.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, brother.

CHRIS "Athletes should not have to be subjected to such worries. Clearly, a gay athlete can only cause problems and
HARRISON: will undermine team unity. Therefore, I feel that gay athletes should be banned and shunned from sports or be forced to play in gay leagues just as women are separated into women's teams. Besides, I don't want to have gay players on my team who will obviously rot in hell for their disgusting sins.

[LAUGHTER]

And now the drum roll.

SPEAKER 2: What an idiot, OK.

CHRIS I don't want to play sports with hell spawn.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, brother.

SPEAKER 2: No, but you know what? But Jimmy-- Jimmy, you and me are in the same age bracket. We know-- we remember the civil rights, and remember the argument they gave about Blacks?

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, the same thing.

SPEAKER 2: I mean, word for word.

JIMMY CARPER: I don't want to shower with a Black man.

SPEAKER 2: I don't want high body contact.

JIMMY CARPER: Right, exactly.

SPEAKER 2: It will affect the morale.

JIMMY CARPER: The same thing.

SPEAKER 2: And-- OK at the bottom there, we're-- gays are sinners and going to hell and all that. That got-- was back in the civil rights days that was, well, Blacks are inferior, intellectually inferior.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, that was the thinking.

CHRIS But here's the thing I love. It's the fact that this person, who had enough gumption to put this out on the internet
HARRISON: and that--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah,

CHRIS --didn't have the cajones or was too busy holding on to their genitals to protect someone from looking at them, to
HARRISON: put their name. And everyone else on here, up until the point when he had on there, at least had-- I mean, someone had a fake name, "Mug Rug."

SPEAKER 2: Well that might have been just their email name or something.

CHRIS They put something on here besides just saying "anonymous." Now, anonymous is a wonderful person because
HARRISON: they've contributed to every one of our fund drives that we have here at KPFT.

JIMMY CARPER: In the thousands of dollars.

CHRIS Thousands of millions of dollars over the years. But unfortunately, I don't know what was going on when he wrote
HARRISON: this one.

JIMMY CARPER: First of all, why--

SPEAKER 1: Got a lot of homophobic fear.

JIMMY CARPER: --is it that every straight guy thinks that if they let their guard down, every gay man is going to be jumping their crotch.

SPEAKER 2: For the very same reason that every straight guy wants to say that they have a--

JIMMY CARPER: Big one.

SPEAKER 2: Exceptionally well endow-- endowment.

CHRIS No, because--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: I got the [INAUDIBLE] straight guys.

SPEAKER 2: And in real life, we need a magnifying glass and a tweezer and say, where is the beef? Oh, there it is underneath--

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JIMMY CARPER: I got to say to you straight athletes, you ain't all that, honey.

CHRIS Well, I think I think it comes down to the basic fact of this. If we're talking about sex, We may not be having it,
HARRISON: but we're defined by sex, a sexual act. Plain and simple, what tab A we put into what slot B is what defines us.
And what these--

JIMMY CARPER: That's what makes us different.

CHRIS And what makes--

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 1: The only thing about us--

CHRIS And the problem is you have these guys who are basically, when you consider the fact they're in their sexual
HARRISON: peak according to all the biologists-- 18 to 22-- so they realize that if there was a woman in there who they wanted, they would be all over her.

SPEAKER 2: Or that she would allow them to be all over her.

JIMMY CARPER: Exactly.

CHRIS And that is the group mentality they go by-- is the fact that, you know what? If I was in here lathering up and
HARRISON: whoever the latest strumpet is that comes in there-- if she's in there, if the head cheerleader walks into the locker room, they're going to be all over her like a piece of meat.

JIMMY CARPER: Well that's-- that's not true, because there are now female sports announcers and sportscasters, who go into the locker rooms, whether the guys are dressed or not, and do their interviews just the way the guys-- a guy.

SPEAKER 1: Wrapped in towel-- that's all.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right, wrapped in towel or naked, it doesn't matter.

CHRIS And Andy Rooney is pissed at it.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: They're there to do a job. And they're there to do a job.

SPEAKER 2: And man, I'll tell you something else though, too, about the women athletes. Many of them are pretty tough, and-

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JIMMY CARPER: They're pretty tough, yes. But--

SPEAKER 2: And they could certainly physically hold their own against some of these other male athletes.

JIMMY CARPER: In many cases yes, but the real reason that there are men's-- men and women are not always pitted against each other in sports is that there's a big difference between a man's body and a woman's body.

CHRIS In fact, the only time when you ever would-- you do have women who play-- in fact, recently I think this-- I

HARRISON: believe it was this season or it was last season the first time ever a female played on a Division II NCAA football game. And basically there is only one position that women have ever played on a men's football team.

JIMMY CARPER: And that's--

CHRIS Kicker.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Kicker, yeah.

CHRIS And that would be the place kicker for field goals and-- really just field goals, because they're not going to get in

HARRISON: contact. That's all that the women have been played, because that's all they're really allowed to if they do. Because basically--

JIMMY CARPER: And that's because of the difference in body size.

CHRIS Because of the difference in body size. That's why Title IX--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: And strength.

CHRIS And they consider the female equivalent to football to be volleyball. Their seasons are played at the same time.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: There we go.

CHRIS So it's one of these interesting things that-- it's grown up, it's exploded this past week. And yes, it's-- I can see
HARRISON: where some people can say it's political correctness run amok. But the simple fact is this.

SPEAKER 1: It needs to be done.

CHRIS When you're-- when you're being paid at least \$400,000 a year to coach a football team--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: \$400,000?

CHRIS That was the figure I got off of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* website that he-- and that was from '99 to-- the
HARRISON: year '99/2000.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

SPEAKER 1: You figured he'd be of higher education.

JIMMY CARPER: One would hope, yes.

SPEAKER 1: Making that much money.

CHRIS If he's earning that, and-- that's what he's making, plus you're talking about the football team. This is Texas,
HARRISON: they're trying to get as much money as there is possible. And the football team always is the one that's going to generate the money. You'd think you'd be a little more savvy after 36 years of what you can't say and what you should say, and what you can get away with saying.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

SPEAKER 2: Regardless of what your personal opinions may be.

JIMMY CARPER: Hello, hasn't he heard about John Rocker?

CHRIS Well the one thing is this. The football player I interviewed, I asked him if he knew about Esera Tuaolo, and he
HARRISON: hadn't.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh really? Wow.

CHRIS Which, as I said, it's-- I mean, it's a pretty big story right now.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that's what I would have thought. It's all over the place.

SPEAKER 2: And in case there's a listener who doesn't know--

CHRIS And-- I'm probably butchering his name. Esera Tuaolo was a 12 year veteran of the National Football League,
HARRISON: most recently with the Green Bay Packers. He retired in '99, and part of the reason why he retired and part of the reason he's in the news now is he's come out as being gay.

SPEAKER 2: And he's also won a Super Bowl ring, I believe.

CHRIS I don't remember--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

CHRIS That there is?

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: Yes.

CHRIS Well, that is a pretty gaudy piece of jewelry for a gay man to have.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, he probably doesn't wear it very often.

SPEAKER 2: That may be so, but I tell you what. It's a very special-- it's a very special ring that any guy gay or straight would love to have.

CHRIS I mean, not only coming out with-- not only coming out as being a former football player as being gay, it's also

HARRISON: the articles that have been coming out have been talking about him with his partner and his adopted daughters. And I mean, you can go to--

JIMMY CARPER: He's 34 years old, he lives with his partner and two adopted children in the Minneapolis area. He's an actor and singer described by one critic as having a gorgeous voice.

SPEAKER 2: Only a gay guy would have a gorgeous voice.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go.

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS But this is-- I mean, we're talking about something that's-- that's very topical. We keep talking about non-

HARRISON: discrimination when it comes to normal employment, but here's something you have to look at. The fact that if a sports player, if a sports athlete in college and they're getting told that they're not going to be able to play, or they shouldn't play, look at how much money these players are making once they get out of college into high school-- into the pros. The ones who do make it. I mean, let's look at the one that everyone drools over here in Houston, let's look at David Carr.

SPEAKER 2: Well, I'll be honest--

CHRIS OK, there's not really-- you can't say that his salary has commas in it because it has a period because it has the

HARRISON: word million. So--

SPEAKER 2: Well, I'll be honest. I honestly feel that football players-- and I do include NCAA-- but pro football players from the NFL do deserve those kinds of salaries, because one wrong tackle and they are literally screwed for life. They have medical bills that are just--

CHRIS Yeah, but the simple fact is this. You have someone who-- this is what they feel they can do, and they could be a great player. I mean, no one was stopping Esra Tuaolo throughout his time. And I mean, he came from a--

JIMMY CARPER: Hawaiian?

CHRIS Hawaiian, or Guam, or American Samoa. I think he's American Samoan.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: He's Samoan, yes.

CHRIS Samoan.

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: That means he's big.

CHRIS Yeah.

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 1: He was on the morning live. I was watching it driving to school.

CHRIS Yeah, and it's one of those things that-- imagine if someone would have told him-- here he is now a 12 year-- 12

HARRISON: year veteran of the NFL with a Super Bowl ring. What would have happened if someone in college told him no.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, see? Here's a little quote here from LeRoy Butler, who did a special to ESPN. First of all, he's 6 foot tall and 300-plus pounds.

SPEAKER 2: Wow.

SPEAKER 1: A little over 300.

JIMMY CARPER: LeRoy Butler wrote, "first of all, I'm proud of Esera Tuaolo. By coming out to the world, he did something a lot of guys would never have the guts to do. We were teammates in Green Bay, and I know him pretty well. And now knowing that he's gay, it doesn't change anything. I don't have any bad feelings about it. To me, it's not that big of a deal." LeRoy Butler.

SPEAKER 1: Yeah, I mean, it's--

JIMMY CARPER: Teammate.

CHRIS Yeah, and then when you have a couple of weeks earlier a guy on *The Howard Stern Show*-- what was his name? I

HARRISON: have so many pieces of paper floating around.

JIMMY CARPER: I see that.

CHRIS Fortunately I printed them off at work so it didn't cost me a dime.

HARRISON:

SPEAKER 2: Hey Chris, we're going to have to get you a "sexatary"-- I mean a secretary.

CHRIS But on *The Howard Stern Show* there was a player which-- I had the paper right on top before. Oh, here it is,

HARRISON: Shockey. Jeremy Shockey, a rookie tight end for the New York Giants, apologized for statements he made on Howard Stern's show about the possible guilty of encountering gay teammates. Asked if he thought if there's any gay athletes in the NFL, Mr. Shockey said, "I don't know. I'd like to-- I don't like to think about that. I hope not."

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, come on.

CHRIS Asked if he had any--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: Of course there are.

CHRIS Asked if he had any gay teammates at the University of Miami, he said, "no. I mean, if I knew there was a gay

HARRISON: guy on my college football team, I probably wouldn't, you know, stand for it. You know, I think, you know, they're going to be in the shower with us and stuff--"

JIMMY: Oh, brother.

CHRIS "--so I don't think that's going to work." So--

HARRISON:

JIMMY CARPER: You know, transgenders get that same crap about the bathroom thing, right?

CHRIS I mean, it's one of those little strange things. It's just kind of, like I said, it exploded and we're going to see how

HARRISON: the-- and that's what I'm looking at is how the students are reacting to it. And like we said, they haven't seen--

JIMMY CARPER: It hasn't been in a very positive way.

CHRIS Yeah.

HARRISON: