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Monsignor Justin A. Driscoll

FROM John E. Cee, Director of Athletics

RE Athletic Policy - Personal Grooming

I want to communicate to you on our Athletic Policy regarding Team Members who desire to wear beards, goatees, long 'fussy' side-burns and excessive long hair. (A well groomed mustache is not considered in this category)

The Athletic Department has the responsibility of establishing and enforcing codes of dress and conduct. We have greater exposure to the public than other disciplines. All safeguards must be taken to insure that the image of Loras College is continually enhanced.

I feel strongly that all members of our Athletic Team must have that "clean cut" appearance. Our current Athletic Staff gives support to this policy. Those individuals who do not wish to sacrifice their beards, long hair, etc., for the duration of a respective sport season, will not be allowed to participate.

I have had several discussions, on the matter, with Greg Rhodes, a Senior member of our 1968-69 Varsity Basketball Squad. The beard has great significance for Greg and he has decided to continue wearing the beard. I respect Greg Rhode's conviction and I am sure he understands our (Athletic Department) viewpoint.

Greg Rhode's Athletic Grant will continue for his Senior Year. The policy was not an original condition for a grant-in-aid when he entered Loras College three years ago. Personally, I consider the interpretation a most liberal one.

The remaining members of the 1968-69 Basketball Team have heard our justification for the policy and their reaction is favorable.

I welcome the opportunity for further discussion on the matter at your convenience.

John E. Cee

cc: Athletic Staff Members  
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