

On Wednesday, May 8, 2013, Dr. Byron Weathersbee, (V.P. of Student Life) was presenting on the topic of Leisure and Recreational Activities to staff.

During his presentation, Weathersbee states that in his youth he wanted to play football but that he was **"TOO WHITE FOR FOOTBALL"**.

Of the fifty or more in his audience, there was observed heads shaking in disapproval of his comments. His comments leak out of the university and to the public or obviously, you would not be reading this now.

The next day, May 9th, Weathersbee quickly moves to control the situation by sending-out an email to the entire university staff, apologizing for his statement about being **"TOO WHITE FOR FOOTBALL."**

Doubtful that his apology is sincere, his apology seems to allude that he was speaking on cultural bias or difference.

When asked to explain what it means to be **"TOO WHITE FOR FOOTBALL,"** the president of UMHB, Randy O'Rear has Dr. Byron Weathersbee to forward his original apology he gave to staff.

However, there remains a true, deep, meaningful thought behind his comments that he refuses to explain what it means to be **"TOO WHITE FOR FOOTBALL,"** One can only guess why highly-educated minds blurt-out a racial comments. Arrogance should have no place in a Christian University.

Taxpayers, especially minorities, who are forced to give hand-outs via tax-dollars to improve, rebuild, install new, the mega-million-dollar, "tax-exempt" UMHB's infrastructure - have a right to know what Dr. Byron Weathersbee was trying to say about being **"TOO WHITE FOR FOOTBALL."**

The following are the multiple attempts to get answers and press involved, but repeatedly ignored. The worse thing that can be done to perpetuate racial indifference is for the media and leaders to sweep the dirt under the rug in order to protect the guilty.

From: Geoff West <geoffwest.mail@gmail.com>
To: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 6:02 PM
Subject: Re: Why has Byrons racial comments been ignored by the telegram

Can you send me a copy of his apology? It could be used for a story,

On Jun 25, 2013, at 5:59 PM, jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com> wrote:

Leaked out by offended attendee who wants to remain anonymous. A day after his comments he sent apology letter which I have on me. But that is bs. He needs to explain his racist comments.
Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

From: Geoff West <geoffwest.mail@gmail.com>;
To: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>;
Subject: Re: Why has Byrons racial comments been ignored by the telegram
Sent: Tue, Jun 25, 2013 10:52:20 PM

I wanted to ask about this...

I wasn't at this seminar. How did you come across the quote?

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From: "jbt_sr@yahoo.com" <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
To: geoffwest.mail@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2013 5:29 PM
Subject: Geoff. Have you called Byron "too white for football" Weathersbee? The below reminded me. Target cuts ties with Deen; drug maker distances - Yahoo! News

<http://news.yahoo.com/target-cuts-ties-deen-drugmaker-distances-155508712.html?.tsrc=attmp>

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>

To: Heidi <heidi.zhoucastro@ynn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 7:40 PM
Subject: racial bias in Belton Texas

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
To: Geoff West <geoffwest.mail@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 7:23 AM
Subject: Re: Why has Byron's racial comments been ignored by the telegram

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
To: "geoffwest.mail@gmail.com" <geoffwest.mail@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 5:42 PM
Subject: Why have Byron's racial comments been ignored by the telegram

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
To: "dmiller@kdhnews.com" <dmiller@kdhnews.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 7:47 PM
Subject: Our Paula Deen in Belton

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
To: "tdt@tdtnews.com" <tdt@tdtnews.com>; "tdt@temple-telegram.com" <tdt@temple-telegram.com>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 7:43 PM
Subject: Paula Deen in Belton

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 7:32 PM
Subject: racial bias swept under rug

Paula Deen suffers from racial comments, but in Belton, why is it okay for UMHB's Dr. Byron Weathersbee to spout racial comment in front of 50 or more staff and nothing comes of it? Because they are a Christian University? Then they need to act like it.

To The Editor:

Warren Buffet once said, "It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it..." as demonstrated by the latest Paula Deen scandal.

But, it's those who were aware and chose to cover-up offenses that perpetuated the problem/s further.

Many believe racism is only in the minds of minorities but, recently we've witnessed a San Antonio boy singing the National Anthem, the Cheerios-bi-racial commercial and the cowards who hide behind hateful web-postings.

With a growing pattern of racial bias and special preference being overlooked, Belton is no different.

A few examples:

1. Over 20 streets were renamed since 1992; only when the African American community requests a street renamed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the council decides to create a new street-renaming policy. The Pro-Tem Mayor even admits it (8-28-12, Pg.4 Council Minutes).
2. City council creates a 20-member C.I.P. committee with one South Belton African American and “ZERO” Hispanics (TDT 2-24-13)
3. During a seminar (5-8-13), the University of Mary Hardin Baylor’s, Dr. Byron Weathersbee, blurts-out that he was “Too White for football” in his youth.

How interesting that his “**Too White for Football**” comments are spoken, without consequence - perpetuated by those who attempted to sweep it under the rug - while UMHB builds its mega-million dollar football stadium.

I’m curious –just how does Weathersbee feel about UMHB’s football players who are Black?

Shouldn't he be more concerned why two-thirds of Texas students are minority, but at UMHB, it’s the exact opposite?

Joe Treviño, Jr.
Belton, Texas

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From: "letters@statesman.com" <letters@statesman.com>

To: jbt_sr@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, June 22, 2013 1:03 PM

Subject: Thank you for your Letter to the Editor

Thank you for your letter to the editor.

We will be reviewing it for possible publication and may contact you to verify authorship by phone or email. This response does not guarantee publication.

In the event of publication, make sure the following is included: your name, city of residence and a daytime phone.

Thanks for writing.

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Interesting how our local newspapers have consistently published ‘Letters to the Editor’ on the issues of morality yet, we never see scrutinized, the un-ethical habits of our local, model- leadership.

For example, why is it okay for a vice president at the Christian University of Mary Hardin Baylor, to make a racial comment in front of approximately fifty staff at a seminar, stating he couldn’t play football in his youth because he was “too White for football”? Shouldn't he be more concerned why two-thirds of Texas students are minority, but at UMHB, it’s the exact opposite? Anyone can walk the campus and

visibly see that. Insensitive as his remarks were, didn't it even occur to the VP that minorities also contribute to the wellness and finance of the tax-exempt UMHB?

Belton Texas leadership is increasingly showing a growing pattern of racial bias on various matters (i.e. Belton's all-Caucasian city council created a 2013, 20-member Capital Improvement Project Committee, loading it with North Belton Caucasians; zero Hispanics and one South Belton African American). Maybe The Austin Statesman should assign an investigative reporter to come lift-up Belton's shag-carpet.

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
To: "Weathersbee, Dr. Byron" <BWeathersbee@umhb.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 7:26 AM
Subject: Re: Too White for Football?

Can you explain to me what it means to be **"Too White for Football."**
What does it mean?

From: "Weathersbee, Dr. Byron" <BWeathersbee@umhb.edu>
To: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
Cc: "O'Rear, Dr. Randy" <rorear@umhb.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 4:25 PM
Subject: RE: Too White for Football?

Dear Mr. Trevino,

During a recent meeting with a group of university faculty and staff, I made a statement about myself that involved my race. Please know I value all individuals and in retrospect, I realize that my attempted humor was culturally insensitive and inappropriate. I contacted each attendee shortly after the meeting to acknowledge my mistake and to offer my sincerest apology.

Sincerely,
Byron Weathersbee

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Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2013 12:07 PM
Subject: Byron Weathersbee comment

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From: jtjr <jbt_sr@yahoo.com>
To: "byron.weathersbee@mail.umhb.edu" <byron.weathersbee@mail.umhb.edu>
Sent: Sunday, June 9, 2013 2:07 PM
Subject: Too White for Football?

Mr. Weathersbee,

Greetings!

On May 8, 2013, during a seminar, you made a racial comment that you were "Too White for Football." I would like for you to explain your comment and what it meant. To me, it is a disdain for minorities and was disrespectful. It's like saying African Americans are made for football among other similar thoughts against minorities. LULAC and NAACP need to be aware of this since many minorities also contribute to the wellness of UMHB.

The fact that it is now public knowledge, an explanation of your "Too White for Football" comment would be fair since it had a true, deep, thought behind it and seems to be deep-rooted in bitterness against certain individuals.

UMHB has already proven its disdain to Hispanics by ignoring their desires in the area near football stadium. Harris Street neighbors feel cheated that their rights to live in peace were ignored. It goes against every Christian principle you claim to stand by; a few examples: coveting your neighbor's property Exo. 20:17; Greed Pro 1:19, 10:3, Isa 56:11; Love your neighbor Mat 26:36-40; Do unto others as you would have them do to you Luke 6:31. There are many more...

I suspect if the comments would have come from a UMHB Hispanic staff member, "I wanted to live in peace near UMHB, but I was not White enough" or if an African American UMHB staff member commented, "In my youth, I wanted to earn a degree at UMHB, but I was too Black," - I shudder to think of what would happen to that individual.

Please explain your comments of May 8, 2013.

Respectfully,
Joe Treviño, Jr.

also submitted to KDH.

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Sent: Sunday, June 2, 2013 4:05 PM

Subject: Letter to the editor: Partiality, Common Practice in Belton's leadership

To The Editor:

Interesting how Temple Daily publishes letters addressing national morals yet, we see few on the morals, un-ethical habits, and partiality practices of our local, model- leadership.

For example, why is it okay for a vice president officiating in a legal capacity over the Christian University of Mary Hardin Baylor to make a racial comment in front of approximately fifty faculty/staff during a seminar, stating that in his youth he was "too White for football"? Please, do explain your comments, Mr. VP.

He should be more concerned why two-thirds of Texas students are minority, but at UMHB, it's the exact opposite. Anyone can walk the campus and visibly see that. Insensitive as his

remarks were, doesn't the VP realize that minorities also contribute to the wellness and finance of UMHB?

It's no different than Belton's city council creating a 2013 C.I.P. committee with the majority being north Belton Caucasians, zero Hispanics and one African American. Just like their MLK street renaming commission - again, the majority? Caucasian - in which they created roadblocks after council granted UMHB permission to rename two streets. Don't they realize that both, Hispanics and African Americans support and contribute to Belton's wellness and finance?

Then we have to hear city council member David K. Leigh laud "spreading the wealth" (5/28 Belton city council meeting); whatever - can the theatrics David. Since city manager Sam Listi came aboard to work for the council, they have twenty years or more of catching-up before that claim can be made.

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