

Mizzou AD Ejects Antlers Student Fan Group

ST. LOUIS (AP) — In some quarters of college basketball fandom, derisive chants directed toward opponents are considered high art. Look no further than the Cameron Crazies, the famed student section at Duke University's Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The less heralded Antlers from the University of Missouri are also adept at what their student leader, known as the Grand Poobah, called "getting into the heads" of opposing players.

But after a second straight ejection from Mizzou Arena — this time mid-game Monday night — school officials say the unsanctioned group has crossed the line of good taste, trafficking not in animated school spirit but something that amounts to hate speech.

"This is actually laughable to me, but let me just say this ... We have high expectations for our students and our staff at the University of Missouri," Athletic Director Mike Alden told reporters Monday after Missouri's 78-64 win over IUPUI. "Our core values are respect, responsibility, discovery and excellence, and it's critically important that we represent those values every day in everything we do.

"We just want to make sure that folks are representing the institution with class," he added.

Many fans booted loudly as the ousted students departed barely five minutes into the second half, just two days after the group was also escorted out of the arena by campus police before tipoff against Gardner-Webb. Missouri forward Tony Criswell high-fived several of The Antlers.

Fans who sent angry emails to Alden were provided with a list of "observations" that The Antlers had said at games, includ-

ing a half-dozen sexually suggestive chants, as well as jokes about abortion, masturbation, sexually transmitted diseases, animal cruelty and the deadly typhoon in the Philippines.

During an opponent's free throw attempt in the season opener against Southeastern Louisiana, The Antlers shouted, "Raise your hand if you thought Hurricane Katrina was a good thing." In that same game, the group hollered "Just take him back out and throw him in a Dumpster" as an otherwise-silent arena watched an injured player get carried off the court.

The Antlers have been at Mizzou basketball games 1976, but the ZouCrew is the official school-sanctioned student cheering section.

Grand Poobah Emmett DeLaney, a junior business major from Festus, met last week with university leaders, including the vice chancellor for student affairs and the student government president.

DeLaney said he acknowledged in the meeting that his 30-member, all-male group had gone too far.

"Do we really want to keep going down this direction, or are we funnier, more smart and creative guys?" he told The Associated Press in a Tuesday interview. "It's time to turn over a new leaf."

DeLaney said he and his friends were kicked out Monday over a sexually suggestive chant that's been in use for at least a decade. The chant includes a pelvic thrust and an act of groping "the guy's shoulder you're next to," DeLaney said.

Saturday's offending cheer repeats a line of dialogue from the 1989 Chevy Chase movie "Fletch Lives" — "Scum, scum, go back to where you're from."

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had turned in his resignation. The rumor originated and spread on social media, and a couple players asked Pelini to address it.

"He said he's not going to quit on us, not going to leave us," linebacker Michael Rose said.

Pelini said the rumor was "the craziest thing I've seen" and that the person who started it "ought to be ashamed of himself."

The Huskers have been hamstrung by injuries on offense and youth on defense.

No excuse, Pelini said. "I expect to win them all," he said. "Our goal will remain, as long as I'm head football coach, to win the national title. I'm not looking for reasons why. I think we've overcome a lot, and I'm proud of this group. It's not for lack of effort, lack of toughness. Am I happy with being 8-3? I'd be lying if I said I was."

Nebraska went 10-4 in 2009 and 2010 and made it to the Big 12 championship game both seasons, losing 13-12 to Texas and 23-20 to Oklahoma.

The Huskers entered the Big Ten in 2011 and suffered hum-

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would have pursued that fee anyway. It also lauds Pelini for the work he did with the Owls.

FAU (5-6) is 3-0 since Pelini

was replaced by interim coach Brian Wright, and could become bowl-eligible with a win in the regular-season finale against FIU.

Crudele wrote to Pelini that the Owls' finish this season "is a direct reflection of your work."

Crudele's letter also indicates that Pelini has waived his right to appeal the firing.

bling losses to Wisconsin, Northwestern and Michigan in the regular season and to South Carolina in the bowl.

The Huskers rebounded from a 63-38 loss at Ohio State last year to win six in a row and reach the Big Ten title game. But a 70-31 loss to Wisconsin, followed by a 14-point bowl loss to Georgia, cranked up the heat on Pelini.

This season the Huskers lost 41-21 to UCLA after squandering a 21-3 second-quarter lead. It was the biggest blown lead by the Huskers in Lincoln since 1920. A road loss to Minnesota and a five-turnover afternoon in the loss to Michigan State followed.

Even some of the wins haven't satisfied the fan base. The Huskers needed a desperation pass at home to beat a Northwestern team that's still

winless in Big Ten play, a late touchdown to beat struggling Michigan and an overtime field goal to defeat scholarship-depleted Penn State.

It didn't help Pelini, long known for his temper, when an audio of him using profanity in a rant against fans was leaked to the sports website Deadspin.com in September.

Co-captain Spencer Long said Pelini can be assured that he has the support of the players.

"He's done so much for this program, not only for wins and losses or the team but as an individual and a man and developing boys to men," Long said. "A lot of that goes unseen. I just wish people knew all the stuff he really does for our team and our players and how he has our backs. He means a lot to this program."

Class 9A

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Whether blocking or hauling in passes, Podoll made his presence felt for the Titans this past season. Podoll finished with 525 yards receiving, including 12 touchdowns and 11 two-point conversions. The senior capped his career with 1,120 yards receiving and 28 touchdowns. "He has great hands," said Leola-Frederick coach Marty Morlock.

Guard: Andrew Nelson, Hanson. The Beavers racked up 2,239 yards rushing this fall — an average of 248 yards per game — thanks to a line that featured this senior. "Andrew is an outstanding athlete and lineman with a tremendous attitude and work ethic," said Hanson coach Jim Haskamp. "He has helped make those he played with better."

Guard: Garrett Clark, Lemmon-McIntosh. Clark was a key reason why the Cowboys rushed for nearly 2,400 yards this season at a clip of 238 yards per game. Lemmon-McIntosh averaged 6.2 yards per carry. "Garrett has really dedicated himself to the weight room and has been the leader of our offensive line for the past two years," said Lemmon-McIntosh coach Brent Dirk.

Center: Matt Weisser, Leola-Frederick. The Titans were able to fashion one of the state's most potent offenses behind this anchor on the offensive line. At 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, Weisser was a mainstay in helping lead Leola-Frederick to the title game in Class 9A. "He was a leader, a smart player and moves very well for a 230-pound man," said Leola-Frederick coach Marty Morlock.

DEFENSE

Tackle: Jimmy King, Leola-Frederick. Just a junior, King played a huge role for a defense that allowed

more than 12 points in a game just twice all year. King recorded 76 tackles, five sacks and forced a fumble. He already has 95 career tackles, seven sacks and three forced fumbles with another season remaining. "He is a leader in the weight room," said Leola-Frederick coach Marty Morlock.

Tackle: Chandler Keppen, Chester Area. This three-year starter was a force on the line for the Flyers. Keppen recorded 57 tackles and two sacks this past season, averaging 6.3 tackles per contest. The 6-foot-3 265 pound senior capped his career with 160 tackles. "Chandler never came off the field," said Chester Area coach Brad Benson. "Chandler required a double team on defense."

End: Austin Hoerner, Leola-Frederick. Most opponents found the going difficult against Leola-Frederick this fall and Hoerner was a key reason why. The senior had 89 tackles, four sacks and forced four fumbles. He finished his career with 135 tackles, nine sacks and five forced fumbles. "He has a motor that just won't quit," said Leola-Frederick coach Marty Morlock.

End: Dakota Thorstenson, Herreid-Selby Area. The 6-foot-5, 220 pound senior had 75 tackles, five 1/2 sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered a fumble for the Wolverines. He ran his career totals to 196 tackles, 14 sacks, three forced fumbles, three recovered fumbles and an interception. "Dakota is an exceptional athlete with great hands and feet," said Herreid-Selby Area coach Jeff Koster.

Linebacker: Mitchell Hincley, Potter County. This senior brought traffic to a halt for the Battlers. Hincley had 114 solo tackles, 28 assists and a pair of quarterback sacks. He finished his career with 244 solo stops, 97 assists, five sacks, four fumble recoveries and an interception. "Mitch is an excellent hitter who, game after game, for the past few

years has been one of our leading tacklers," said Potter County coach Vern Smith. "He has had a super career for the Battlers."

Linebacker: Jacob Paradeis, Hanson. Paradeis was always around the ball. The senior had 68 tackles, four sacks and recovered a pair of fumbles this past season. He finished his career with 155 tackles, six sacks, three fumble recoveries and one interception. "Jake has put in a lot of time and work in the off season to make himself and his team better," said Hanson coach Jim Haskamp.

Linebacker: Nick Pardy, Howard. This senior sparked a defense that allowed only 112 yards rushing per contest this past year. Pardy recorded 119 tackles, one sack, forced three fumbles and intercepted a pass. He finished his career with 211 tackles, two sacks, four forced fumbles and an interception. Pardy was also a leader in the weight room where he was able to dead lift more than 550 pounds.

Linebacker: Derrek Tuszka, Warner. Just a junior, Tuszka was the Defensive MVP in the tough Lake Region Conference. He had 89 tackles, five sacks and forced two fumbles this fall. He now has 233 career tackles and nine sacks. "Derrek gets his reads and gets to the ball in a hurry," said Monarchs coach Kerwin Hoellein. "He has great instincts and makes big plays at key times in a ballgame. He is a true playmaker."

Defensive back: Lorenzo Williams, Wolsey-Wessington. Williams had 135 tackles, four sacks, four interceptions, forced two fumbles and blocked five punts for the Warbirds. He scored five defensive touchdowns. "Lorenzo is the best athlete on our team and can play any position on the field," said W-W coach Gordon Hooks. "This year he played defensive back, linebacker, defensive end, wide receiver and quarterback."

Defensive Back: Jordan

Kuhle, Howard. This junior was always around the action and packed a pop when he showed up. He recorded 93 tackles and picked off a pair of passes for the Tigers. The two-year starter already has 176 career tackles. "He is the best overall football player on the team," said Howard coach Pat Ruml. "He is by far the biggest hitter."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicker: Israel Argullin, Herreid-Selby Area. The Wolverines were normally assured of winning the field position battle thanks to the strong leg of this sophomore. Argullin averaged 52.36 yards per kickoff with 23 touchbacks. He also booted 10 kicks that landed inside the opponents' five-yard line. Argullin made a field goal and also was 15 of 17 on extra point attempts this past season.

Punter: Paul Guptill, Phillip. Guptill punted a dozen times for 507 yards and a 42.7 yard average. Just a junior, Guptill did a little bit of everything for the Scotties, whether on offense, defense or special teams. "He is a tremendous athlete," said Phillip coach Keven Morehart. "His work ethic is unmatched by any other kid in our school. He is driven to succeed and not scared of the work it may involve."

Long Snapper: Tyler Carda, Northwestern. This 6-foot 4, 225 pound senior was spot on with his snaps. The team captain had a 100 percent snap completion record for the Wildcats. "A three-year starter with a good work ethic," said Northwestern coach Eric Borge. "A coachable kid who was dedicated to the football team."

Special Team Player: Dexter Lick, Tri-State. Lick accumulated 633 yards in return

yardage this season. The senior averaged 22.44 yards per punt return and scored three touchdowns. He also averaged 22.83 yards per kick return. Lick finished with 1,647 career return yards and five TDs. "Dexter is a very dangerous returner," said Tri-State coach Steven Schiltz. "We could count on him to get us into great field position."

HONORABLE MENTION

Dane Campbell of Leola-Frederick, Brody Peterson of Lemmon-McIntosh, Phil Beck of Ipswich-Edmunds Central, Carson Kirby of Potter County, Alex Viger of Tri-State, Logan Weisser of Leola-Frederick, Alex Babcock of Wolsey-Wessington, Nathan Sumption of Leola-Frederick, Cole Acheson of Chester Area, Alex Marsh of Ipswich-Edmunds Central, and Joey Evans of Andes Central.



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