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UNIVERSITY STATEMENT ON COACH TAB BALDWIN

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The University wishes to clarify that Coach Tab Baldwin's silence following the tragedy was not a personal decision made independently of the University.

The University requested that Coach Baldwin refrain from making public statements to allow the official processes to proceed and the facts to be established before any public discussion of the matter.

In the immediate aftermath of this heartbreaking loss, our guidance to Coach Baldwin was to focus his attention on the emotional and psychological welfare of the players, coaches, and staff affected by the incident, while also attending to his own well-being as someone who is grieving alongside the rest of the community.

At a time when our priority was caring for those most directly affected, we believed it was neither appropriate nor helpful to ask Coach Baldwin to engage in public commentary while the community was mourning and while the circumstances surrounding the incident were still being examined.

His silence should therefore not be misconstrued as indifference or a lack of concern. Rather, it reflects the University's decision to place care, healing, and due process ahead of public discussion.

As the various inquiries proceed, the University remains confident that the truth, established through facts rather than speculation, will in due course provide the clarity and understanding that this tragedy demands.

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