

Incident Report
January 30, 2017

Persons Involved: Skylar Ittner, Student
Nina Lococo, Vice President for Enrollment
Catherine Day, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Emily Weideman, Assistant Director of Community Living
Grant, Securitas Employee

On January 30, 2017 Nina Lococo and I went to Simperman Hall at 4:40 pm to speak with Skylar Ittner about reports we had received indicating that he has been posting derogatory, homophobic posters in Simperman since Thursday, January 26th. The intent of the conversation was to deliver an official letter informing him that he is in violation of Carroll policy and asking him to cease his activity. We expected Skylar to be in his regularly scheduled class in room 106; however, he was seated on a bench in the foyer of 2nd floor Simperman.

We approached Skylar, greeted him and asked if we could speak with him. He continued to work on his computer and asked us what we needed to talk to him about. At that time he pulled out his phone and indicated he was going to record our conversation. I responded that I realized he was recording me but I was not comfortable with him doing so. I told him it was my understanding that he was posting fliers without prior approval. He began to argue with me stating it was his right to do so on public bulletin board. I asked if he would like to step into an empty classroom to have this discussion in private and he refused. I again told him that he was in violation of the policy and not allowed to post his fliers without approval and that I had a letter I wanted to give to him. At first he refused to take the letter, I insisted and he finally grabbed it from my hand, glanced at it, crinkled it up and shoved it in his back pack. He then tried to engage me in an argument about Catholic teaching on homosexuality and that these fliers only reiterate the teaching of the church. I told him I was not going to have that debate in the foyer of Simperman and that that he would be contacted by Renee McMahon to discuss a possible violation of the Equal Opportunity Policy because we had received several complaints about the offensive nature of his fliers. I asked him once again to stop posting the fliers and Nina and I started to walk away toward the bulletin board. During this whole exchange Skylar was extremely rude and belligerent.

As we moved towards the bulletin board, we noticed that two of these fliers were posted there. Nina went down the stairs to remove them. Skylar got up and followed us and started to video what we were doing. I told him he did not have our permission to do so and to stop. He did not comply. He started to grab at Nina and try to pull the fliers from her hands saying that they were his private property and he was going to file charges. I asked him to stop and Nina and I started to proceed down the stairs. He quickly followed us and very aggressively blocked Nina's way and attempted to reach around her back and grab the fliers. I again told him to stop and asked Nina to relinquish the posters because I was afraid of an escalating physical altercation between the three of us. Skylar continued to grab at Nina as she tried to walk away with the fliers. I called Annette Walstad to have security sent over to the building.

Nina and I walked through the first floor of Simperman to see if there were any more fliers and Skylar followed us videoing us and loudly insisting that we had confiscated his private property, were in violation of the law and to give them back. We did not find any more fliers and went back up stairs to the lobby.

Skylar followed us and then aggressively approached Nina and me saying 'this is your last chance, give them back or else'. I stepped between Nina and Skylar and asked if he was threatening us. He said 'those are your words, not mine". Several students were walking by and some faculty witnessed this exchange from their offices. Skylar went back to the bench where he left his computer and backpack and Emily Weideman, the Assistant Director of Community living arrived with Grant, the Securitas officer.

Emily told Skylar he was in violation of Carroll policy and that we had a right to confiscate the fliers after he posted them on the bulletin board. She asked him to leave and Skylar continued to argue with her. During that exchange he admitted that he intentionally posted the fliers on the bulletin board and was waiting for someone or an 'administrator' to come and try to take them down. Emily asked again for him to leave or she would call the police to escort him off campus. Skylar refused and she called the police who were dispatched to campus. Skylar declared that he was going to file charges for theft or personal property and he left just as the police arrived.