

Cause and Effect

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I have a weekly NFL handicapping radio show. Knowing my affection for Penn State, my co-panelists allowed me to address the situation at the top of the show. To my audience, I said it's not about turning a negative into a positive, because for those kids involved you can never make this a positive. But it is about cause and effect. the cause has occurred. Now the effect has to be a method where we find how this happened and prevent it from ever happening again. If there are cultural flaws we need to correct them. We have to become better through this, perhaps becoming a strong advocate for children as a result. But Penn State is not Joe Paterno, it's not the football team, it's not Graham Spanier or Old Main. Penn State is the student body, the alumni, the faculty and the community of State College itself. It is a special place, and a special university. You have to get around the fact that they have done something incredibly wrong but that cannot wipe out all the things they did that were incredibly right for so long. Certain people made mistakes that had devastating effects on some people but many of those same people did a great many things that had a tremendously positive effect on many lives. Penn State has been a great contributor to society in Pennsylvania, the U.S. and the world. We have to continue to be that and even better.

There were a few negative responses, but largely positive. I really think our school will someday again be a seen largely in a positive light. It will take a lot of time but I have faith in what I define as Penn State.

We STILL are, we STILL will be.

BTW I'm not an alum, but my daughter is. And I would be very happy if my other daughter is someday as well.

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