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Bravo to this student for remembering why to apply to the Pennsylvania State University!

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I am a Penn State student who wasn't part of the riot the night Joe Paterno was "relieved of his duties." But, just for a second, I put myself in the rioting students' shoes. I imagined that I just found out that someone I idolize is part of one of the most disgraceful cover-ups in the school's history, that someone I idolize is part of so immoral a crime as aiding in the cover-up of child abuse. I can imagine I might be part of a riot, if for no other reason than because I am in shock.

But now the initial shock is over. Now it's time to remember that as students, we have the eye of the nation on us at all times.

We need to stand up and show everyone what it means to be a student at Penn State. Both sides — the Penn State family and the media — have had their first punches. Now let's take a step back and find out the details and become well informed on what has happened.

Let's not give the media any more fuel for the fire, because, in the end, they will only use it against us. Let's come together like members of Penn State do best, and accomplish great things. Let's show that Penn State students are some of the brightest students in the country and that we will work to endless means to better the world today and tomorrow.

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