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October 18, 1990

Mr. Hoyt Hunt Regional Director Boy Scouts of America

Kennesaw, GA 30144

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Sincerely,

T.W. Riggs

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

cc: Jim Wilson

Bob Somers

Ron Carroll



Pizza Hut.

PROPRIETORS PIZZA HUT RALLY'S HAMBURGERS



SOUTHEAST REGION
50 Chastain Center Boulevard
P.O. Box 440728
Kennesaw Georgia 30144

October 26, 1990

#### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Or. William C. Prentiss

Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Dr. Prentiss:

A Southeast Regional Review Committee has met to review the denial of your membership by the Central Florida Council, Orlando, FL.

After a careful review of the information supplied, the committee found no basis to overturn the decision of the local council.

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Sincerely yours.

Hoyt Hunt Regional Director

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cc: Ron Carroll, Scout Executive, Central Florida Council

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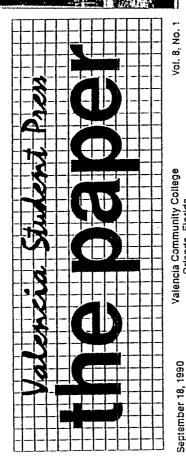
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CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL



The scouts' facility on West will soon be dismantled.

# Prentiss' Boy Scout w program canceled

Orlando, Florida

people," said Steven Beautieu, a scout with Explorer Post 697

The program was started and run by Dr. William Prenuss. a sociology teacher at VCC's West Campus. Prenuss The program began in November, 1976 as "Operation is the head of Social Science and Physical Education

was pretty much at the bottom, and I didn't want to Comeback." It was set up to help kids, mostly boys, ages nile Justice System. Almost all of them had trouble with 10-18. They are sent into the program through the Juveschool or at home.

In April 1978, Explorer Post 697 was chartered to go through the courts again," said Tom Poltz, a VCC student and former "Comeback" member.

Each member who completed the program received a VCC. The Post was added to the "Comeback Program" and all of the boys became part of the boy scout troop. two-year scholarship to VCC.

"I wouldn't be able to go to school without it," said

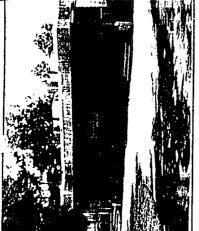


Photo DANIEL LECLAIR

By JODY GLASSVIAN
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By the beginning of the 1990 school year 1,454 kics have been or still are members.

They will be until the end of September. That is when the program will be scrubbed.

The program kept me out of trouble, gave me an Prentiss explained that the program was being dropped because it was a lot of work opportunity to do community service, and to meet new with all the scouting activities, He said he has been on 114 camping trips in the past 12 Premiss has also taken on the responsibility of being a father figure for some of the scouts with out one. "I feel like a grandfather every time a birth announcement is sent." said Some of the scout troop members also participate in the Talako Indian dancers. The dancers have some Indian background, and they perform all over Flonda, even becoming a regular feature at the Central Florida Fair.

Prenuss.

With all of this, it was hard for Prentiss to let it go. "I made the decision back in July based on four factors." said Prentiss. "The president of the college didn't tell us to

cowing the time the post took. The other two had to do with VCC and its noticine shut down. It was my decision based on several factors.

The school is putting its main focus on post secondary they are also getung rid of The National Youth Sports Proeducation. Along with the release of "Operation Comeback

classrooms. The portable where the meetings were held The fourth problem was the moving of VCC's portable



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"The building needed so much work it wasn't worth moving to begin with," said Prenuss.

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"I'm upset that it's Prentiss said Joey

kept me out of trouble and away from Anderson, one of the Eagle Scouts. gone," क्चाहर."

Anderson isn't the only scout who is

"It's been part of my life for three upset. Beaulieu was also disappointed.

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SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kenn<u>esaw, Georgia 30</u>144

August 27, 1990

#### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul Ernst Director, Registration Service S108

SUBJECT: DR. WILLIAM PRENTISS

CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL

CRLANDO, FL

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing the latest materials regarding the Dr. William Prentiss case. I was unable to determine from Ron Carroll's letter dated August 2, 1990, whether you were mailed this material. There was no addressee on my copy. At any rate, here is a "security" copy.

Sincerely,

James D. Wilson

Assistant Regional Director

JDW:mjh

cc: Ron Carroll

Bob Somers



# Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America

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SOUTHEAST REGION BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

August 2, 1990

Detective Brian Tittle of Orange County Sheriff's Department called me. His telephone number is

He said that a man named Exum Walker had been sentenced to 25 years in prison for trafficking in child pornography. His good friend, Larry Longstrom is to be charged in the near future.

Mr. Walker had in his possession, correspondence from Dr. William Frentiss. One P.S. said "appreciate receipt of recent items and understand need for security".

Also, Larry Longstrom was a member of Dr. Prentiss' troop and apparently Bill Prentiss introduced Longstrom and Walker.

I have shared this informatio with key Council leadership and with Regional and National Office.

Ron Carroll
Scout Executive

RC/pp

8/10/90

## Detective BRIAN TITTLE

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# Central Florida Counce Boy Scouts of America



P.O. Box 531084 • Orlando, FL 32853 •

August 11, 1990

TO:

Jack Champion

Don Asher

Jim Kasper

Bill Trickel

Carl Motes

Bill Barwick

Marvin Hardy

Mike Stout

Tom Riggs John Akerman

FROM:

Ron Carroll

RE:

TROOP 697 & KIWANIS CLUB

The attached note should be self-explanatory.

RC/pp
Attachment

Launching a New Era!"

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August 24, 1990

Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll Scout Executive Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND COMPIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DR. WILLIAM C. PRENTISS

Dear Rou:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ermst, Director Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region

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AUG 24 1990
FRIN O'RILEY



SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

August 20, 1990

#### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Thomas W. Riggs

Semoran Management Coro

Orlando, FL 32802

REF: DR. WILLIAM PRENTISS CASE

Dear Tom:

We have just received the minutes of the local council's special review committee meeting held on July 10, 1990. We are enclosing a copy of the minutes.

Bob Somers will be in touch with you to set a date to reconstitute the regional review committee, review the materials related to the case, and make their recommendations. One member of the committee should record notes during the committee meeting. The regional review committee will then write a letter of recommencation to the regional director. After the regional director reviews with the National Council, he will then write to Or. Prentiss advising him of the regional review committee's decision.

Sincerely,

James D. Wilson Assistant Regional Director

JDW:mjh

cc: Bob Somers
Hoyt Hunt
Paul Ernst

Encl: copy of minutes of July 10, 1990 meeting



SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

August 20, 1990

#### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ron Carroll Scout Executive Orlando, FL

Dear Ron:

Thank you for sending the minutes of the special meeting to review the Or. William Prentiss case on July 10, 1990.

With the local council committee's recommendation that "no charter be issued for a troop in which Dr. Prentiss was expected to serve as an adult Scout leader and that Dr. Prentiss be requested to surrender his membership in the Boy Scouts of America," we are now ready to proceed with the regional committee's "re-review" of this case.

By copy of this letter we are asking that Bob Scmers and Tom Riggs reconstitute the Regional Review Committee and make their recommendations. The regional review committee will then write a letter of recommendation to the regional director. After the regional director reviews with the National Council, he will then write to Dr. Prentiss advising him of the regional review committee's decision.

Sincerely,

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cc: Bob Somers Tom Riggs Paul Ernst Hoyt Hunt

#### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

A meeting of the committee appointed by the president to review, discuss, and make recommendations with regard to the future participation of Dr. Bill Prentiss-met on July 10, 1990. Those members present were Council President Jack Champion, Committee Chairman James Casper, Scout Executive Ron Carroll, Bill Trickel, Mike Stout, Bill Barwick, Marvin Hardy, and Carl Motes.

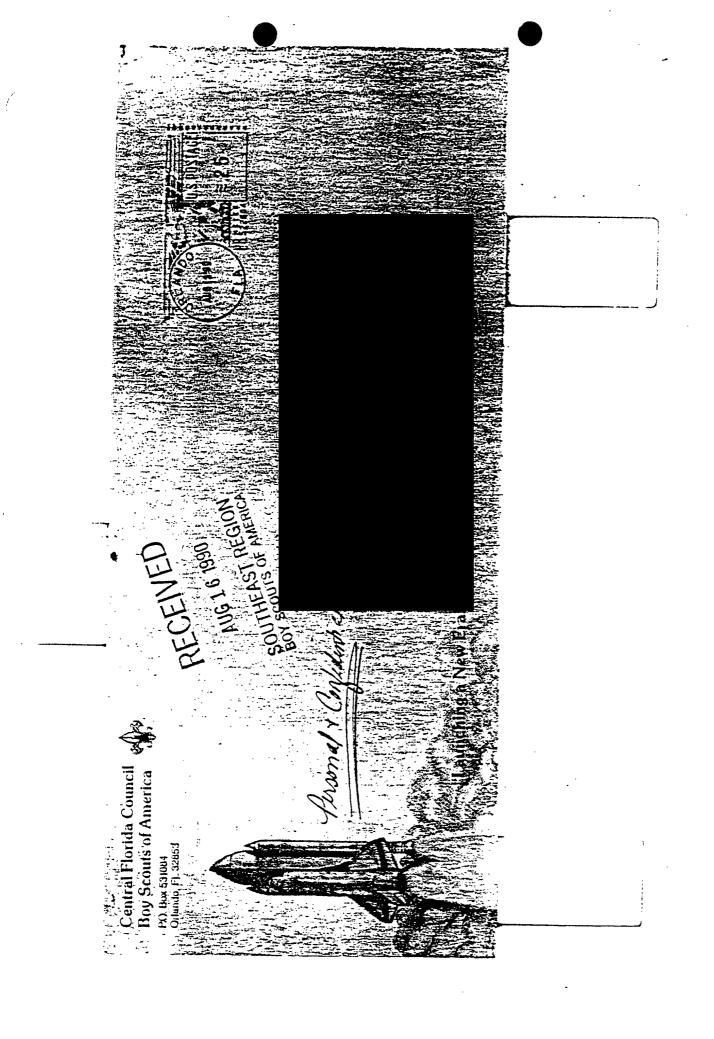
Bill Trickel and Carl Motes reported on their meeting with Judge Kirk. The committee had directed the meeting because Judge Kirk has been a long time supporter of Dr. Prentiss and the troop at Valencia Community College and has referred many juvenile offenders to the program. Judge Kirk was advised that a special committee of the Executive Board of the Central Florida Council generally feit that the nature of the program sponsored by Dr. Prentiss was worthwhile and that it should be continued, but that there were serious questions about whether the program, as run by Dr. Prentiss, would fit within the Boy Scout program. Judge Kirk was also advised that a significant part of the committee was concerned about the possibility of adverse publicity and resultant harm to the overall program of the Central Florida Council if any further incidents with Dr. Prentiss occurred or if the news media elected to pursue the matter.

Judge Kirk was advised that the reason for the meeting was that the Council understood that a local Kiwanis Club was prepared to sponsor the troop with Dr. Prentiss as its scoutmaster. He was advised that there was a significance chance that if a Charter was reqested the Executive Board would possibly be unwilling to issue it if Dr. Prentiss continued as the scoutmaster. Mr. Trickel and Mr. Motes reported that Judge Kirk was understanding, that he wanted to talk to some members of the Kiwanis Club, that he could offer no solutions but, he would give the matter further consideration.

The consensus of the committee members present was that the Boy Scout program could accommodate a troop that worked with juvenile offenders and, in fact, had done so on other occasions. It was also the consensus of the committee that any such troop would have to strictly comply with the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America. It was the opinion of the committee that there was no philosophical impediment to issuing a new Charter for a troop that would be composed primarily of juvenile offenders referred by local judges.

It was, however, the recommendation of the committee that no Charter be issued for a troop in which Dr. Prentiss was expected to serve as an adult Scout leader and that Dr. Prentiss be requested to surrender his membership in the Boy Scouts of America. All members of the committee were sensitive to the fact that no allegations against Dr. Prentiss have been proven and that the criminal charges were dropped. It was, nevertheless, the consensus that

the charges were not brought without reason and that actions acknowledged to have taken place by Dr. Frentiss were reflective of poor judgment. It was the committee's opinion that should another incident involving Dr. Prentiss occur or that should the news media elect to publicize the matter the Central Florida Council would be, perhaps, in a legally defensible position but would clearly be in an indefensible position as far as the public was concerned and that substantial harm to the overall Boy Scout progam in Central Florida would result. The committee was of the view that its duty and the duty of the Scout Executive to protect the overall program outweighed any duty that might be owed to Dr. Frantiss. The reason for the recommendation was that it was felt to be in the best interest of the overall scouting program in Central Florida. The committee concurred with many local and national civic leaders and organizations that the efforts of Dr. Prentiss in assisting juvenile offenders were to be lauded; it did not feel that sexual molestation had been proven; and, it recommended that to the extent possible the Central Florida Council should assist any organization that elected to operate a youth program outside of the Boy Scout program with Dr. Prentiss. The recommendation of the committee was based upon its and the Scout Executive's duty to exercise the highest degree of care to protect participants in the Boy Scout program and to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.





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August 7, 1990

TO:

Paul Ernst

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FROM:

Jim Wilson

SUBJECT:

DR. WILLIAM PRENTISS CASE

Enclosed are personal notes dated July 20, 1990, related to the Bill Prentiss case from John Akerman, DFS, Central Florida Council.

You will note that on July 21, 1990, the membership denial letter and attachment was delivered to Bill Prentiss.

If you have further questions, please advise.

JDW:mjh

cc: Ron Carroll, SE

Bob Somers



SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

August 8, 1990

## Personal and Confidential

Mr. Ron Carroll Scout Executive Central Florida Council Orlando, FL

REF: DR. WILLIAM PRENTISS CASE

Dear Ron:

I was anxious to place into writing a summary of my understanding of our phone conversation on August 7, 1990:

- 1. You explained why the council had delivered another membership denial letter.
  - Additional findings and to make clear to Dr. Prentiss that indeed his membership is denied.
- 2. You will send "minutes" or "notes" that will outline the recommendations to the regional committee to re-review.
- 3. I will recommend that the regional review committee re-review the case.
- 4. The regional review committee will then write a letter of recommendation to the regional director. After the regional director reviews with the National Council, he will then write to Dr. Prentiss advising him of the regional review committee's decision.

Please advise if my summary is not basically correct.

Sincerely,

James D. Wilson Assistant Regional Director

JDW:mjh

cc: Bob Somers
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TROOP 697 AND DR. PRENTISS
April 5, 1990
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There is also a major concern as to how a new unit would be organized with Dr. Prentiss as the leader. It is very important to understand that a basic part of the Scouting movement is the unique partnership that Scouting council's establish with chartered partners. The partnership is first formed, then the head of the charter partner appoints a unit committee to oversee the Scouting program in that particular organization. The committee is in fact the "board of directors" for Scouting within that chartered partner. The committee's job and responsibility is to select and supervise the unit leaders. A committee recruited by Dr. Prentiss (or any other unit leader) would not be acceptable to this Council and we would refuse to enter into a partnership agreement with a potential chartered partner that would propose a committee or unit leaders selected in any manner other than that suggested by the Boy Scouts of America.

Realizing that in producing and distributing this memorandum we give the appearance of imposing our national policies upon our good friends at Valencia, we feel that it is imperative that we deal openly and honestly with this situation. If Valencia does decide to recharter for six months, that will allow time to evaluate the program and to possibly organize a new unit to replace Valencia this fall. It would also appear to at least fulfill the conditions established for Dr. Prentiss to return to Scouting. Whether or not Dr. Prentiss may return as a unit leader under any circumstances than have already been established has yet to be determined and would of necessity be referred to the Council's Youth Protection Committee, and the Southeast Region.

RC/pp Attachment cc: Judge Kirk



Assistant to the President

March 30, 1990

Mr. Ron Carroll, Scout Executive Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America

Orlando, Florida 32853-1084

Dear Mr. Carroll:

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify the Council that Valencia Community College will only serve as sponsor to Troop 697 for a period not to exceed three months from the date of this letter.

Although the college has received significant benefits from its long-time sponsorship of the Troop, it is our expectation that state funding will be limited over the next few years and as a result of this, we are in the process of narrowing our mission and directing our resources as closely as possible to postsecondary educational efforts.

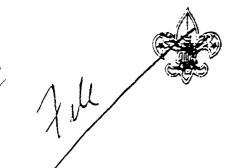
Dr. Prentiss has been informed of these matters and is attempting to identify a new sponsoring organization. We will appreciate any assistance which you may be able to give him in order that the transition can be effected within the period of three months. Thank you very much.

Sincerely.

Paul C. Gianini, Jr.

President

PCG/e



## Central Florida Counce Boy Scouts of America

PO. Box 531084 • Orlando, FL 32853 •



February 6, 1990

TO:

Tom Riggs, Regional Review Chairman

Jim Wilson, Regional Deputy Bob Somers, Area Director

FRCM:

Ron Carroll, Scout Executive

RZ:

REGISTRATION OF WILLIAM PRENTISS AS SCOUN LEADER

I have discussed the re-registration of Dr. Prentiss with Dcn Asher, Council President. Don and I are agreeable to the re-registration if this is the desire of the chartered partner, Valencia Community College.

We feel very strongly that the charter partner relationship should be maintained and strengthened. Only the charter partner, not the Council, can give the needed attention to selection of troop leadership and the supervision of troop leadership.

Rem Carroll

Scout Executive

RC/pp

Don Asher, Council President

Dr. Paul C. Gianini, Jr., President, Valencia Community College

#### COMMUNICATIONS RECORD

NAME:

Tem Riggs

Chairman of Regional Review Committee

DATE:

February 5, 1990

1. The Regional Review Committee determined there was no unanimity on the Local Council Committee.

- 2. The Local Council Committee had arrived at a split decision to rescind the suspension of Dr. Prentiss.
- 3. The Regional Review Committee recommended that this be sent back to the Local Council Committee for a more in depth decision.
- 4. The Regional Committee advised that the council should re-constitute the Local Council Committee.
- 5. The Local Council Committee was to come up with a recommendation to the Regional Review Committee.
- 6. The region called Ron Carroll, Scout executive, and recommended he reconstitute the local Council Committee with chartered partner input and chartered partner recommendations.

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SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kenn<u>esaw, Georgia 3</u>0144

November 17, 1989

TO:

John Belk

FROM:

Jim Wilson

SUBJECT:

REGIONAL REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP DENIAL OF

OR. WILLIAM PRENTISS, ORLANDO, FL

We have been asked to conduct a regional review by Or. Prentiss. We sent you copies of the material in the file earlier this week.

The following have been suggested as members of the review committee. Bob Somers, Area Director, will coordinate the date and time of the meeting with these members.

Please sign and send them the enclosed letters asking them to serve on this regional review committee.

Thank you for your help.

JOW:mjh

November 20, 1989

TO:

Thomas Riggs Richard Paul

Dr. Joseph Akerman

The region has been asked to provide a review hearing to an individual from an Area Cne council who has been denied registration by the Boy Scouts of America and has requested an appeal of this decision in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Boy Scouts of America. According to the procedures this appeal is conducted by a specially appointed regional committee.

This review committee must have no more or no less than three memoers to conduct the review. We would like to ask if you would be available to serve as a member of this committee. Bob Somers, Area One Director, will coordinate the date and time of this meeting.

Please contact 8ob at to indicate if you would be available to serve on this committee.

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Your assistance with this important matter will be greatly appreciated. Sincerely,

John M. Belk Regional President

cc: Hayt Hunt Sab Somers

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SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

November 14, 1989

Mr. William C. Prentiss

Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Dr. Frentiss:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 6, 1989, and received in this office November 13, 1989, requesting a regional review of your membership denial from the Boy Scouts of America. As explained to you in the letter from the Central Florida Council president, Mr. Don Asher, the Southeast Region president will appoint a regional review committee.

You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.

Sincerely,

Hoyt Hunt Regional Director

Orlando, Florida 32819 November 6, 1989

Mr. Hoyt Hunt Southeast Region BSA

Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Dear Mr. Hunt,

This letter is written to you in accord with BSA policies regarding the withdrawal of my registration as Scoutmaster of Troop 697 on or about September 23, 1989. I herewith request the following:

- A. That my registration as Scoutmaster of Troop 697 chartered to Valencia Community College be restored; and
- B. That the situation be resolved as quickly as possible and hopefully at the local level in the interest of our Scouting program. We have a Christmas Banquet scheduled for December 9th at which we hope to hold an Eagle ceremony. No plans for this event can be concluded until my status has been resolved.

The issue under discussion took place during a camping trip to Kelly Park in Orange County in early September. The campout was attended by 20 Scouts and five adults including myself. Our troop is part of a special program for delinquent youth referred through the juvenile court. Many of our kids tend to be very anti-authority and not responsive to adults in general - at least at first. In an attempt to overcome this, our program has been very democratic since the beginning, with the members having the opportunity to tell me what to do on occasion if their behavior and participation merited this. At this campout, four of the members did avail themselves of this opportunity and came to me with the request that I do some exercises and stunts and without clothes. This was done in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fun. As a result, someone made an anonymous report which resulted in a thorough investigation by HRS and law enforcement. The law enforcement officer chose to file an information with the states sttorney's office which was further investigated. On November 1nd I was informed that the case had been closed and that no charge would be made.

It was heartening to note that everyone in the community knowledgeable of me and this program rallied to my support during the investigation including those who continued to refer kids to the program. Our active Scouts and parents unanimously rallied to my supprt, made telephone calls , circulated and signed a petition in my behalf, etc. They are eager to get everything back on track. Needless to say, the rules have already been changed to prevent any repetition of this problem.

Again, I will appreciate very much your quick action regarding my requests so

hopefully we can get on with our banquet plans in the best interests of our Scouts. I will be awaiting a response either from you or our Council Executive, Mr. Ron Carroll My telephone number at my office is at home

I have served well as an Explorer Advisor and/or Scoutmaster for 13 years. This service has been recognized both from within Scouting and without, culminating in the Silver Beaver Award as well as a special award from President Reagan at the White House. I hope that my record speaks for itself here in Central Florida among those who know me and that this unfortunate issue can be resolved as speedily at possible.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

William C. Prentiss



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SOUTHEAST REGION BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

William C. Prentiss, PhD.

Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Dr. Prentiss:

I have received your letter advising me that charges will not be brought against you as the result of a recent APS investigation.

The Boy Scouts of America has a very firm and exact policy regarding how a volunteer is reinstated. This policy was given to you by Don Asher and Bill Cowles, along with their letter of September 27, 1989. Another copy is enclosed for your information.

Bill, I am very happy for you personally in the decision rendered by The State's Attorney Office, however, the only avenue for reinstatement in the Boy Scouts of America is through the procedures outlined and attached.

Sincerely,

Fon Carroll Scout Executive

Enclosure

"Launching a New Era!"



October 18, 1989

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Orlando, FL 32819

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Thanks in advance for what I am confident will be your full cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ron Carroll Scout Executive

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cc: Don Asher, Council Pr Bill Cowles, Director

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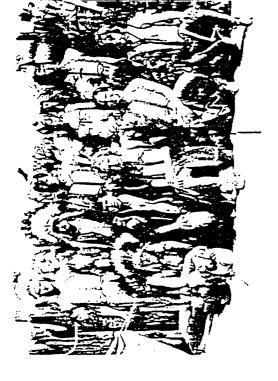
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Mr. Ron Carroll
Scout Executive
Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America

Orlando, Florida 32853

Paul C. Gianini President

Valencia Community College

Orlando, Florida 32802

#### Gentlemen:

It is with deep and sincere regret that I do hereby withdraw my registration with the Boy Scouts of America and do terminate as of this date all participation in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

William C. Prentiss

#### TYPED FOR READING CLARY:

#### CCPY OF HANDWRITTEN STATEMENT IS ATTACHED

Thursday, September 28, 1989

Approximately 5:30 p.m.

Council President Don Asher and Bill Cowles, director of field service, hand delivered letter for denying registration to William Prentiss.

Bill Prentiss invited us into his home. He made an opening statement that he wasn't a child abuser, he has never touched a child, if he hears anybody from BSA accusing him as a child abuser his attorney will be on top of it immediately, and lastly, he fully expected to be cleared within the next three weeks.

He shared a letter he sent via ASM to the troop meeting. The letter basically told all that allegations had been made, investigation was underway, he fully expected to be cleared. Announced troop would be under the leadership of 3ASM. Also announced that the Indian dancing group was (?) separate from the Scouting program. Those interested in joining Indian society would have to fill out special forms. (By doing this the Indians and Bill Prentiss could be able to (illegible word) all non-Scout related performances this fall.

Bill reviewed the letter. Discussion was spent on once cleared would be be allowed back in. Mention he expected some type of recrimand from the college, plus the status of operation comeback/Explorer post/Scout troop.

Lastly, he stated that he allowed the boys to go to (sic) far with a "game" (cold snowers) that has been in practice for over 10 years by participating in the game and appearing nude in front of the Scouts.

APPROVED:

Bill Cowles
Ron Carroll
Central Florida Council



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September 27, 1989

Mr. William Prentiss

Orlando, FL 32819

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Sincerely,

Don Asher Council President

DA/mc

Attachment

The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Southeast Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

- 1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, Hoyt Hunt, Southeast Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
- 2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
- 3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
- 4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
- 5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
- 6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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June 6, 1990

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Mr. James Wilson Assistant Regional Director Boy Scouts of America, Southeast Region

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: WILLIAM C. PRENTISS

Dear Jim:

I really am confused concerning this situation. I have very little material, but I understand from a conversation with Ron Carroll the region had a review and decided to reinstate Dr. Prentiss.

I do not have any material in my file from the region. Can you send me copies of all this material, so I can start building a file that will help us determine the direction we should go?

It certainly seems Or. Prentiss has used very poor judgment, if nothing else, in his leadership. I would like any material which you have that would help to substantiate our file, since we are in a critical situation at this time on whether or not he should be registered again with the Boy Scouts of America.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: Southeast Region



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#### VERY CONFIDENTIAL

April 5, 1990

TO:

National Office (Paul Ernst & David Parks)

Regional Office (Jim Wilson & Bob Somers)

Regional Committee (Tom Riggs, Dick Paul, Dr. Joe Akerman)

Council Members (Don Asher, Bill Trickel, Bill Barwick Jack Champion, Marvin Hardy)

Council Staff (John Akerman, Jack Sears, Joe Gaston)

Valencia Community College (Paul Gianini, Jr.)

FRCM:

Ron Carroll

RE:

TROOP 697 AND DR. BILL PRENTISS

All parties receiving this memorandum are familiar with the circumstances surrounding the removal of Dr. Prentiss as a leader in Scouting.

Since his removal, various meetings and discussions have occurred that bring by us to the following current status:

- A. The Region is willing to readmit Dr. Prentiss to Scouting if the local Council concurs.
- B. The local Council did not reach a unanimous vote as suggested by Jim Wilson of the Southeast Region. The Council Countities is divided 3 to 2 on this matter with 3 persons willing to readmit Dr. Prentiss upon the condition that Valencia concur and join with the Council in sharing the responsibility for continuing the program.

The attached letter from Dr. Paul Gianini indicates that Valencia does not intend to continue the charter partnership on a long term basis. In fact, the letter and the decision prompting the letter presents an additional technical problem in that charters are not issued for three month periods. Charters must be issued for a minimum of six months and a maximum of eighteen months.

Valencia's current charter expires at the end of April.

I have discussed the matter with Council President, Don Asher, and we have a serious concern as to whether or not the conditions set forth by both the Southeast Region and by the local Council are being met in light of Valencia's decision. Certainly it is not our intention or desire to attempt to impose rules or conditions on Valencia, but at the same time we can issue a charter for no less than six months from April 30, 1990.

TROOP 697 AND DR. BILL PENTISS
April 5, 1990
Page Two

There is also a major concern as to how a new unit would be organized with Dr. Prentiss as the leader. It is very important to understand that a basic part of the Scouting movement is the unique partnership that Scouting council's establish with chartered partners. The partnership is first formed, then the head of the charter partner appoints a unit committee to oversee the Scouting program in that particular organization. The committee is in fact the "board of directors" for Scouting within that chartered partner. The committee's job and responsibility is to select and supervise the unit leaders. A committee recruited by Dr. Prentiss (or any other unit leader) would not be acceptable to this Council and we would refuse to enter into a partnership agreement with a potential chartered partner that would propose a committee or unit leaders selected in any manner other than that suggested by the Boy Scouts of America.

Realizing that in producing and distributing this memorandum we give the appearance of imposing our national policies upon our good friends at Valencia, we feel that it is imperative that we deal openly and honestly with this situation. If Valencia does decide to recharter for six months, that will allow time to evaluate the program and to possibly organize a new unit to replace Valencia this fall. It would also appear to at least fulfill the conditions established for Dr. Prentiss to return to Scouting. Whether or not Dr. Prentiss may return as a unit leader under any circumstances than have already been established has yet to be determined and would of necessity be referred to the Council's Youth Protection Committee, and the Southeast Region.

RC/pp Attachment cc: Judge Kirk



Assistant to the President

March 30, 1990

Mr. Ron Carroll, Scout Executive Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America

Orlando, Florida 32853-1084

Dear Mr. Carroll:

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify the Council that Valencia Community College will only serve as sponsor to Troop 697 for a period not to exceed three months from the date of this letter.

Although the college has received significant benefits from its long-time sponsorship of the Troop, it is our expectation that state funding will be limited over the next few years and as a result of this, we are in the process of narrowing our mission and directing our resources as closely as possible to postsecondary educational efforts.

Dr. Prentiss has been informed of these matters and is attempting to identify a new sponsoring organization. We will appreciate any assistance which you may be able to give him in order that the transition can be effected within the period of three months. Thank you very much.

Paul C. Gianini, Jr.

President

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February 9, 1990

Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll Scout Executive Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dr. William Prentiss

Dear Ron:

Thanks so much for the Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet. This enables us to identify Dr. Prentiss should be attempt registration at a later time.

We would like more information concerning the charges which were originally filed. Has any legal action taken place by this time or is there to be any?

Thanks for your help in completing this file.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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cc: Southeat Region

January 16, 1990

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Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll Scout Executive Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Dr. William Prentiss

Dear Ron:

We appreciate the material which you sent concerning the above named individual. This helps us to start a file which will enable us to refuse registration anywhere Dr. Prentiss might try to register.

We are enclosing a record sheet which we would like to have completed with as much information as you have. Please send this back to us, so we can have a method of identification should be move and attempt registration somewhere else.

We would like more information on the charges against Dr. Prentiss. Can you give us statements from someone that would detail the charges?

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director Registration Service

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Enclosure

cc: Southeast Region





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October 18, 1989

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Sincerely,

Ron Carroll
Scout Executive

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cc: Dcn Asher, Council President
Bill Cowles, Director of Field Service

# TALAKO DANCERS BEDRAKEN

The Talako Indian Dancers originated in 1985 as part of Boy Scout Troop 697 sponsored by Valencia Community College. With their first public performance in March, 1986, the group was an immediate success. While the Talakos are not able to accept every invitation to perform, the group has averaged sixty-five performances a year all over Central Florida.

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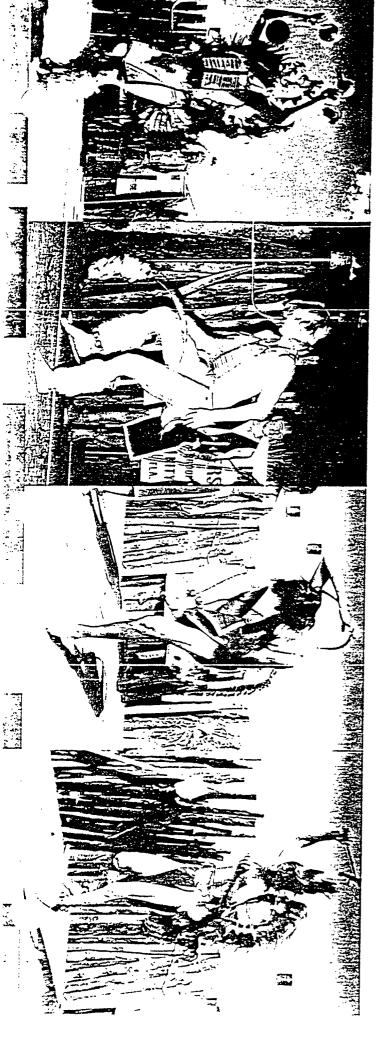


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# PERFORMANCES

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Orlando Museum of Art

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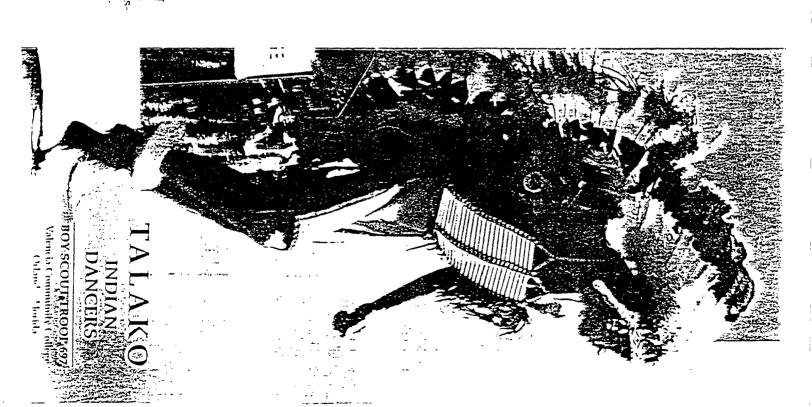
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ext. 1203 or 407-352-1163. To offset the cost of most shows. Financial contributions and assis-Orlando, Florida 32802, or call 407-299-5000, fance with travel expenses are very welcome. Valencia Community College, P.O. Box 3028 Talako shows, the Talakos sell Indian crafts at To schedule a performance by the Talako Indian Dancers, contact Dr. Bill Prentiss,

Community College



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October 9, 1989

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Mr. Ronnie L. Carroll Scout Executive Central Florida Council, No. 83

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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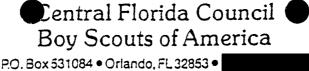
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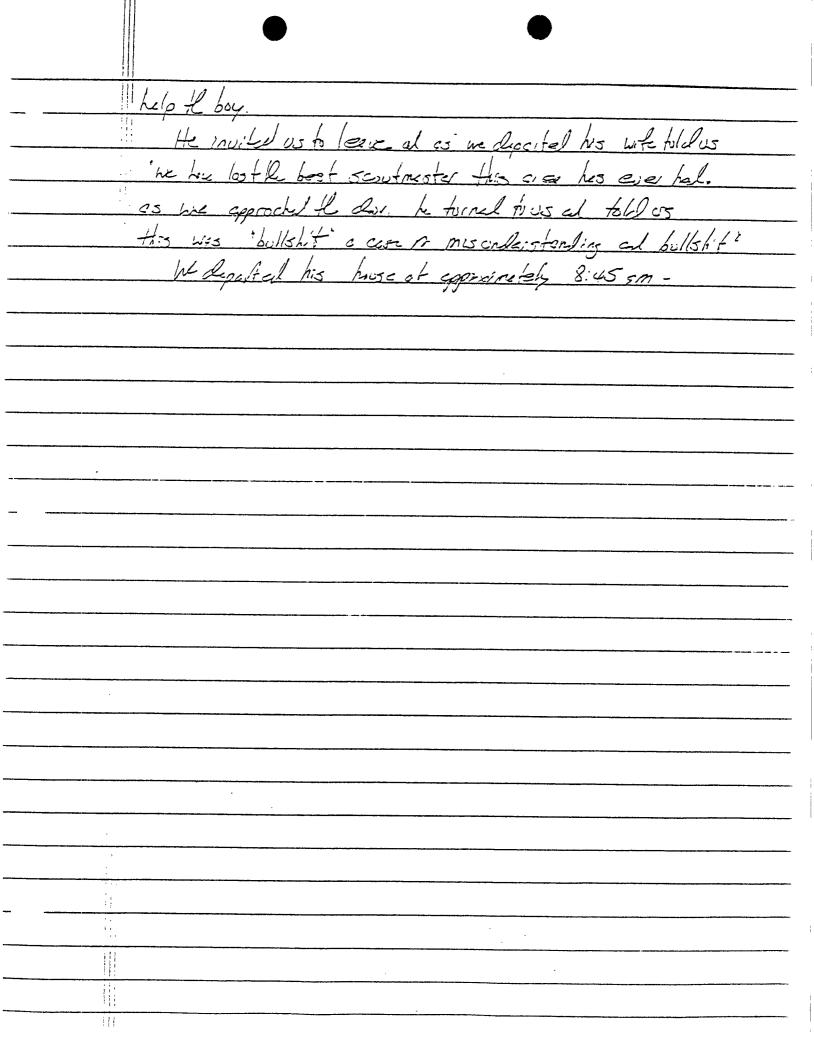
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July 21, 1990

Dr. William Prentiss

Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Dr. Prentiss:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee will be forwarded to you.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a 3SA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a 3SA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely,

C. Jonathan Champion Council President

John Akerman Director of Field Service

CJC/JA/pp

Attachment

The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Southeast Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

- 1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to the regional director, Hoyt Hunt, Scutheast Region, BSA. In your request you may include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that your registration should not have been denied.
- 2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
- 3. You may attend the review hearing, but it is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
- 4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any persons whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
- 5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
- 6. If you disagree with the decision of the committee, you may request a review of this decision by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



#### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kenn<u>esaw, Georgia</u> 30144

July 19, 1990

#### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

TO:

Ron Carroll

FROM:

Jim Wilson

SUBJECT:

DR. WILLIAM PRENTISS CASE

Thank you for your letter of July 13, 1990, reflecting the council review committee's lack of uninamity.

Your letter to Paul Ernst dated June 25, 1990, seems to indicate that the committee was unanimous that Dr. Prentiss would not be able to effectively serve as a leader in the Central Florida Council; however, we are asking that you send us the "minutes" or "notes" from your local council committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 10, 1990. If this is not possible, we would like for you to send a write-up of the considerations and issues that were discussed in the July 10 meeting so that the regional review committee will have the advantage of the thinking of the local council committee.

The above is consistent with the request in my letter dated June 28, 1990, and our conversation on the phone July 12, 1990.

Please help us with this so that Bob Somers may notify me to go ahead with plans for a request to national for clearance to complete the regional review.

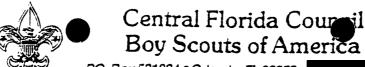
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JDW:mjh

cc: Bob Somers
Tom Riggs
Paul Ernst

P. S. Ron, please don't get hung up on the word "uninamity." Per our conversation, July 12 we would like to have the local council's written report from the July 10 meeting.

Encl: July 13 letter from council



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July 13, 1990

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Mr. James D. Wilson Assistant Regional Director Southeast Region Boy Scouts of America

Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Dear Jim:

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The Committee voted as follows:

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I respectfully submit to you that your continued suggestion and insistance on unanimity was once again not achieved and furthermore, report to you that the Committee does feel that unanimity is not now nor will in the future be achieved.

I do hope this satisfies your request to the best of my ability and I request that you keep me apprised of Regional action.

Ron Carroll Sccut Executive

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cc:

Jim Kasper Bill Barwick Marvin Hardy

Jack Champion Bill Trickel, Jr.

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Scout Executive

RC/pp

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Jack Champion

Marvin Hardy Carl Motes

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#### **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

SOUTHEAST REGION 50 Chastain Center Boulevard P.O. Box 440728 Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

June 28, 1990

#### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Ron Carroll Scout Executive Orlando, FL

Dear Ron:

Thank you for sending the region a copy of your letter to Paul Ernst dated June 25, 1990, re: the Dr. William Prentiss case.

We do not want to "fan the fire" on this; however, we feel that it is important that we not be perceived as "dragging our feet."

I am making the following recommendations consistent with Exhibit No. 8 (copy attached) "Communication Record" with the Southeast Region Review Committee Chairman Tom Riggs:

- 1. Re-constitute a local council committee and re-review the case with unanimity.
- 2. Inform the Southeast Region Committee in writing of the local council committee's recommendation.

It is our opinion that technically Dr. Prentiss has requested a regional review (Exhibit No. 5) and at this juncture has not received a written answer to his request.

Call if you have any questions on this case.

Sincerely,

James D. Wilson Assistant Regional Director

JDW:mjh

cc: Paul Ernst Bob Scmers Tom Riggs

Encl: Exribit No. 8

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June 25, 1990

TO:

Paul Ernst, Director, Registration Service

National Office, Boy Scouts of America

FRCM:

Ron Carroll, Scout Executive

RE:

DR. WILLIAM PREVIOUSS

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I will keep you apprised as this situation continues to develop.

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Dr. Joseph Akerman

Richard Paul

#### COMMUNICATIONS RECORD

NAME: Tom Riggs

Chairman of Regional Review Committee

DATE: February 5, 1990

- 1. The Regional Review Committee determined there was no unanimity on the Local Council Committee.
- 2. The Local Council Committee had arrived at a split decision to rescind the suspension of Dr. Prentiss.
- 3. The Regional Review Committee recommended that this be sent back to the Local Council Committee for a more in depth decision.
- 4. The Regional Committee advised that the council should re-constitute the Local Council Committee.
- 5. The Local Council Committee was to come up with a recommendation to the Regional Review Committee.
- 6. The region called Ron Carroll, Scout executive, and recommended he reconstitute the local Council Committee with chartered partner input and chartered partner recommendations.

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Orlando, Florida 32819 November 6, 1989

Mr. Hoyt Hunt Southeast Region BSA

Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

Dear Mr. Hunt,

This letter is written to you in accord with BSA policies regarding the withdrawal of my registration as Scoutmaster of Troop 697 on or about September 28, 1989. I herewith request the following:

- A. That my registration as Scoutmaster of Troop 697 chartered to Valencia Community College be restored; and
- B. That the situation be resolved as quickly as possible and hopefully at the local level in the interest of our Scouting program. We have a Christmas Banquet scheduled for December 9th at which we hope to hold an Eagle ceremony. No plans for this event can be concluded until my status has been resolved.

The issue under discussion took place during a camping trip to Kelly Park in Orange County in early September. The campout was attended by 20 Scouts and five adults including myself. Our troop is part of a special program for delinquent youth referred through the juvenile court. Many of our kids tend to be very anti-authority and not responsive to adults in general - at least at first. In an attempt to overcome this, our program has been very democratic since the beginning, with the members having the opportunity to tell me what to do on occasion if their behavior and participation merited this. At this campout, four of the members did avail them-Selves of this appointually and came to me with the request that I do some exercises and stunts and without clothes. This was done in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship and fun. As a result, someone made an anonymous recort which resulted in a thorough investigation by HRS and law enforcement. The law enforcement officer chose to file an information with the states sttorney's office which was further investigated. On November 2nd I was informed that the case had been closed and that no charge would be made.

It was heartening to note that everyone in the community knowledgeable of me and this program rallied to my support during the investigation including those who continued to refer kids to the program. Our active Scouts and parents unanimously rallied to my supprt, made telephone calls , circulated and signed a petition in my behalf, etc. They are eager to get everything back on track. Needless to say, the rules have already been changed to prevent any repetition of this problem.

Again, I will appreciate very much your quick action regarding my requests so

hopefully we can get on with our banquet plans in the best interests of our Scouts. I will be awaiting a response either from you or our Council Executive, Mr. Ron Carroll. My telephone number at my office is ; at home

I have served well as an Explorer Advisor and/or Scoutmaster for 13 years. This service has been recognized both from within Scouting and without, culminating in the Silver Beaver Award as well as a special award from President Reagan at the White House. I hope that my record speaks for itself here in Central Florida among those who know me and that this unfortunate issue can be resolved as speedily at possible.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

William C. Prentiss

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June 25, 1990

TO:

Paul Ernst, Director, Registration Service

National Office, Boy Scouts of America

FRCM:

Rcn Carroll, Scout Executive

RE:

DR. WILLIAM PRENTISS

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I will keep you apprised as this situation continues to develop.

RC/pp.

cc:

Special Committee Don Asher

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Dr. Joseph Akerman

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#### **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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June 12, 1990

#### PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul Ernst Director, Registration Service SlO8

SUBJECT: DR. WILLIAM PRENTISS

CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL

ORLANDO, FL

#### Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a complete chronological record of the Dr. William Prentiss case that we have in our regional files.

According to our records, you should have copies of these materials; however, we are sending you what we have for an update.

It is our understanding that the Regional Peview Committee does not intend to make a decision until they receive input from the Local Council Committee.

Sincerely,

James D. Wilson

Assistant Regional Director

JDW:mjh

cc: Hoyt Hunt

Tom Riggs, Chairman, Regional Review Committee Dr. Joseph Akerman, Regional Review Committee Richard Paul, Regional Review Committee Ron Carroll, Scout Executive, Central Florida Council Bob Scmers, Area Director

#### SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE & MATERIALS IN REGIONAL OFFICE Dr. William Prentiss Case

EXHIBIT NO.	DATE OF CORRESPONDENCE	- SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE
1	9/27/90	Suspension Letter from Central Florida Council to Dr. Prentiss
2	9/28/89	Notes from Scout Executive Ron Carroll ref. delivering the letter of suspension to Dr. Prentiss
3	9/18/89	Correspondence to Dr. Prentiss to sever ties with Indian dancers which are part of T-697. Also, copy of correspondence dated 9/27/89 to Ron Carroll from Dr. Prentiss withdrawing registration from BSA.
4	11/3/89	Letter to Dr. Prentiss from Ron Carroll. Letter states HRS will not bring charges. He also states that procedures regarding volunteer reinstatement must be followed.
5	11/6/89	Letter to Mr. Hunt from Dr. Prentiss requesting reinstatement as SM of T-697 with his "side of the story."
6	11/14/89	Letter to Dr. Prentiss from Hoyt Hunt advising review committee would be set up.
7	11/17/89	Correspondence to John Belk, regional president, to begin review process, and committee appointment letters.
8	2/5/90	Received phone call from chairman of Regional Review Committee (summary of conversation attached - Communication Record).
9	2/6/90	Memo from Rcn Carroll stating that re-registration contingent upon chartered partner's wishes.
10	4/5/90	Memo from Rcn Carroll ref. current status of case. Also letter from the Valencia Community president.
11	5/21/90	Memo from council president asking local council committee to resolve this matter.



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NOTED MAY 28 1990 JAMES D. WILSON

May 21, 1990

TO:

Jim Kasper

Jack Champion Marvin Hardy Bill Barwick

Bill Trickel

Carl Motes

Mike Stout

FROM:

Don Asher

EE:

DR. BILL PRENTISS

I am asking that the seven of you serve as a committee to review the Dr. William Prentiss situation and attempt to resolve the matter.

I would hope that you could meet before our Annual Business Meeting on June 5, 1990.

With this in mind, I am asking Jim Masper to serve as Chairman and that he take the lead in setting a meeting at the earliest possible date. In making this request, I realize that our Scout Executive will be at the National Council Meeting this week and at a Staff Flanning Conference next week, and that in all probability, he will not be able to attend this meeting.

DA/pp



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EXHIBIT NO. 10

#### VERY CONFIDENTIAL

April 5, 1990

TO:

National Office (Paul Ernst & David Parks)
Recional Office (Jim Wilson & Bob Somers)

Regional Committee (Tom Riggs, Dick Paul, Dr. Joe Akerman) Courcil Members (Don Asher, Bill Trickel, Bill Barwick

Jack Champion, Marvin Hardy)

Council Staff (John Akerman, Jack Sears, Joe Gaston)

Valencia Community College (Paul Gianini, Jr.)

FRCM:

Ron Carroll

RE:

TRCCP 697 AND DR. BILL PRENTISS

All parties receiving this memorandum are familiar with the circumstances surrounding the removal of Dr. Prentiss as a leader in Scouting.

Since his removal, various meetings and discussions have occurred that bring us to the following current status:

- A. The Region is willing to readmit Dr. Prentiss to Scouting if the local Council concurs.
- B. The local Council did not reach a unanimous vote as suggested by Jim Wilson of the Southeast Region. The Council Committee is divided 3 to 2 on this matter with 3 persons willing to readmit Dr. Prentiss upon the condition that Valencia concur and join with the Council in sharing the responsibility for continuing the program.

The attached letter from Dr. Paul Gianini indicates that Valencia does not intend to continue the charter partnership on a long term basis. In fact, the letter and the decision prompting the letter presents an additional technical problem in that charters are not issued for three month periods. Charters must be issued for a minimum of six months and a maximum of eighteen months. Valencia's current charter expires at the end of April.

I have discussed the matter with Council President, Don Asher, and we have a serious concern as to whether or not the conditions set forth by both the Southeast Region and by the local Council are being met in light of Valencia's decision. Certainly it is not our intention or desire to attempt to impose rules or conditions on Valencia, but at the same time we can issue a charter for no less than six months from April 30, 1990.