Dear members of our UC community,

It has come to our attention that a tasteless banner was hung on the front of a Stratford Avenue house. On Aug. 21, a report was made to the University of Cincinnati Title IX office and the office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. Both departments are actively investigating the incident. The banner is misogynistic, not inclusive, and is grounds for repercussions from the university.

Although it has since been removed, the actions are deplorable.

The banner builds a predatory environment, and no student should ever fear for their safety on campus. Undeniably misogynistic, the comments contribute to rape culture by objectifying women. Our institution upholds the values of respect and inclusiveness. Therefore, we as a body reject all discriminatory behavior from our UC community. This form of sexism will not be tolerated.

Students from various backgrounds have condemned this perpetuation of rape culture and have universally declared through their actions that we will not stand for discrimination. The intervention of regular students has made a difference. We must hold our peers accountable.

To the students and families affected, we offer our most sincere apology. Student Government is doing everything in our power to hold these individuals accountable for their hurtful actions. Undergraduate representatives are working with Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards to pursue judicial actions. We are supporting efforts to expand gender based violence education and prevention, as well as bystander intervention training across campus. Our vision is to create a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Rumors have spread claiming the house is a fraternity annex. We can now confirm this information is incorrect. However, members affiliated with organizations on our campus were involved. To those organizations, we encourage you to disassociate. These people do not exemplify the values of a Just Community and the Bearcat Bond. Join us in this opportunity to improve our standards.

To all students, know that Student Government opposes all forms of discrimination. Speak out against any misogynistic act on campus. Together, we will continue to construct a culture where all members have equal worth.

Respectfully,

The Undergraduate Student Government

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