

Paper Classes

Over the past several weeks the news media has carried numerous articles reflecting claims that college athletes are being exploited by the NCAA and their colleges. University and NCAA claims that athletes are also students are being squarely challenged. Now, those athletes want a cut of the money.

Perhaps one of the best known cases currently in trial is that of former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon. Today, Mr. O'Bannon [took the stand](#) and testified:

“I was an athlete masquerading as a student,” O'Bannon said Monday. “I was there strictly to play basketball. I did basically the minimum to make sure I kept my eligibility academically so I could continue to play.”

Closer to home, [Rashaad McCants](#), a star on the 2005 Tarheels team claimed “tutors wrote his papers, he went to his classes about half the time and advisers and counselors steered him to no-show classes in the African- and Afro-American Studies Department.”

A discussion on the [EaglePost blog](#), casually acknowledge McCants' claims as if they are both common occurrences and common knowledge.

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For those of you following the Rashaad McCants vs. University of North Carolina story (with Roy Williams feigning ignorance), what do you guys think about this whole “paper classes” situation? Does this exist at a lot of schools? Southern Miss?

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I think it exist all over. Hate to say it but some of these guys should be nowhere near a college

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Happens everywhere High school, juco, university. I've seen teachers write papers for football players and an assistant basketball coach teaching a class that required a two page paper that was pass/fail.

How do academic institutions have any claim to ethical conduct or integrity, if this behavior “happens everywhere”?