

August 17, 2012

Statement from:

Ed Stamper, who earlier today, tendered his resignation from the board of The Red and Black Publishing Company, Inc.

On the morning of August 15, I typed a draft of a list of expectations for our professional staff.

One of the tasks associated with these responsibilities is collaborating with the student staff to establish content standards and objectives. Since many on our staff are new to this process, I created a two page list of examples of the types issues which might be raised, with talking points and comments.

The two pages were attached to the draft list of expectations. Very little thought was given to the form or content because these pages were to reference during a discussion with the editorial director.

The document and the attached pages were never intended to be representative of The Red and Black Publishing, Inc. They were not intended to be viewed as directives from The Red and Black or it's board. Nothing in these documents was intended to be representative of The Red and Black's view of journalism.

I am not a journalist. I am a retired businessman who learned a great deal when I worked at The Red and Black as a start. I have the greatest of respect for the paper and its heritage.

These documents were obtained by our student staff. The student staff did not understand the purpose and is understandably upset. Unfortunately, these documents were released to the public and have contributed to the confusion as to The Red and Black's commitment to student journalism.

I sincerely apologize for all the embarrassment these documents have caused. I am also terribly saddened by the resulting misunderstanding and it's impact on The Red and Black and its loyal, talented staff members. It is personally embarrassing to have the public see a document to I gave little thought and so carelessly worded.