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Nathan Schmidt

Logan, Utah

12/2/2018

### School Spirit Bullying

**Genre:** Legend

**Informant Bio:**

Nathan is one of my roommates in Snow Hall 501, nicknamed The Tent. Nate was born and raised in Boise, Idaho and Lehi, Utah but also spent a lot of time with his Dad in Mackay, Idaho. he has 1 blood sibling and 7 step siblings. He is a member of the LDS faith and will be serving a mission at the end of this semester. Nathan comes from a friend group of +20 people, so he is sociable and he knows how to socialize in a group. He is currently undeclared and spends most of his free time playing video games with his friends back home. He is an avid gym goer and regularly visits his girlfriend back home in Lehi. Nathan came to college with two of my other roommates, one of which he met through a mutual friend and another he has known since elementary, so he has a strong social connection through the people he already knows.

**Context:**

This story was told along with many others the night of Sunday the second. The story telling campaign started with our neighbors across the hall coming over just to chat. One of them will not be returning for spring semester so everyone sat around talking and telling stories and enjoying each others company. (everyone being myself, Nathan, Ethan, another of our roommates, Chase and the two girls across the hall.) The girls were sitting on the top of our homemade double decker couch, Nathan was on the bottom couch with Chase, Ethan was sitting in our old person chair, and the I was on an arm chair. We were sitting in a closed circle which made for great story telling. At the conclusion of two other recorded pieces of folklore, "Trunking Gone Wrong: An Ethan Dixon Story" and "Dropped Make-out An Ethan Dixon Story" the conversation kind of devolved into a low rumble of everyone talking about their high school experience, nobody in particular was in charge of a story. And then either Nathan or Ethan said, fake fan and then the other joined in until everyone went quiet in a slight confusion. We all just kind of looked at the two with looks of, "what in the world are you talking about" That's when Nathan took over and told the following story.

**Text:**

[Silence falls, Nathan looks to Ethan to see who would take the story and then starts]

Nathan: We got called out for bullying our own student section(laughter). At our... At our freaking finals game for state. (continued laughing) My friend group took up a whole row of a stadium, the Rice Eccles Stadium. And people were starting to walk out as soon as we started getting absolutely destroyed. And we... our friend group just... [Mimics yelling at someone in a stadium with an arm overheard pointing at

the people] Fake Fan, Fake Fan, Fake Fan the whole like upper stadium was just like [hushed fake mock yelling] “hey, you shouldn’t be bullying your own team” and we were like, “do you see how bad were doing? They’re walking out! What’s school spirit?” It was so funny.

**Texture:**

Nathan said this story with a sense of pride, like they had accomplished something great, not just getting called out for being bullies to people leaving a basketball game. Nathan also told the story with a lot of enthusiasm and a smile on his face. When Nathan talks, he always maintains a side grin to make sure the story is appealing to most people, as if he is willing you to say, yeah this is really engaging. Ethan also uses his hands when making a point or adding something to the story the flailing arms keeps you engaged. I think telling this story really made Nathan happy because he was talking about something important to him, his friends, which was really apparent in the way he talked about them. Like he was one of those old people in movies talking about the day they met the love of their life, just one of those personalities that you can really tell they have genuine emotion.

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