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Attn: Jimmy G. Cheek, Chancellor  
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Dear Sir:

Congratulations on a successful recruitment of one of Pahokee's talented football players – Nu'Keese Richardson. He will be the first from Pahokee to play on the Volunteer team. We wish him success in your program and will anxiously watch his progress.

That being said, our tight-knit community has great concern over recent comments made by head Coach Kiffin. "Someone at the school was going to screw it up. The fax machine wouldn't work, or they would have changed the signatures, all the things that go on in Pahokee". For Coach Kiffin to express these negative concerns in a public format were unprofessional and only serve to tarnish both schools and their football programs.

A public letter of apology to the proud, hard working residents of Pahokee, the professional staff of Pahokee Middle-Senior High School, and the dedicated coaching staff of PHS would be an appropriate response to this letter.

Yours truly,

Lewis Pope III, President

Copy: Mike Hamilton, UT Athletic Director  
Lane Kiffin, UT Head Football Coach  
Mike Slive, SEC commissioner