

TEAM 'SEX' RAGE

Gal sues Hofstra

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A busload of lewd Hofstra University football players sexually harassed a former teen beauty queen who worked for the team by screaming to see her "boobies," demanding sex and locking her in a bus bathroom, the woman charges in a bombshell lawsuit.

Lauren Summa, 23, who worked as an assistant athletic manager for the team while earning her master's at the Long Island college, said she was "devastated" by the players' animal-like behavior — which allegedly included sexist comments, sexual propositions and threats.

Summa, a former Miss Teen Pittsburgh and Miss Teen Pennsylvania, said players routinely harassed her about her football-playing boyfriend, according to the suit filed in Brooklyn federal court.

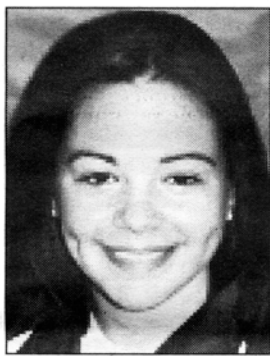
"If you want to be with a real man, come sit with me," one player allegedly told her before asking her to have sex with him on the bus, in front of the other players.

On the ride to a game in Delaware, the players barricaded Summa in the bathroom, the suit states.

And during a trip to Massachusetts, a coach played the movie "Shadowboxer" for the team. After a graphic sex scene between a black man and a white woman, a black Hofstra player told Summa that all white women want black men, the suit states.

As a result, Summa asked the coach to turn off the movie, which prompted the players to threaten Summa and chant repeatedly: "We want boobies!"

Summa reported the



LAUREN SUMMA
Claims sex harassment.

behavior to Hofstra football coach David Cohen, the suit states, but he told her the incident was "not serious" and would only draw unneeded attention to the football program.

She still filed a complaint with the school, and that, she says, cost her the job, despite the fact that Cohen had continually praised her work, the suit states.

She also filed a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights. As a result of that complaint, she says, the school reneged on another job offer, as an assistant to the office of university relations, the lawsuit claims.

"I am devastated by Hofstra's treatment," Summa said in an e-mailed statement.

Her attorney, Douglas Wigdor, said he plans to demand at least \$1 million on behalf of his client.

"We are confident that all matters relating to Ms. Summa were handled appropriately," said Hofstra spokeswoman Ginny Greenberg. "We do not comment on pending litigation."

Cohen would not comment on the charges.

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