

## UIS officials stay mum on coaches' resignations

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Officials at the University of Illinois at Springfield have refused to provide details about what led to the resignations of three coaches.

UIS head softball coach and head volleyball coach Joe Fisher and Roy Gilmore, the head women's basketball coach and assistant softball coach, resigned on March 20, just days after the two coaches and softball team returned from the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla.

UIS Chancellor Richard Ringeisen mentioned the softball team's trip to Florida in an e-mail Tuesday to UIS faculty.

Athletic director Rodger Jehlicka "brought the softball team back from Florida immediately after concerns were expressed and began an investigation as soon as they returned," Ringeisen said in the e-mail.

Through UIS spokeswoman Cheryl Peck, Ringeisen declined Thursday to discuss the nature of the concerns "because they relate to personnel matters."

On March 26, men's and women's golf coach Jay Davis resigned after he was placed on administrative leave with pay on March 4.

In the e-mail to faculty members, Ringeisen wrote that "the resignation of the golf coach was unrelated to those of the softball coaches. A separate investigation took place."

Also in the e-mail, Ringeisen said "Rodger worked with Human Resources and used other university units to step in, assist and protect our students."

Asked what other university units he was referring to, Ringeisen said, "The UIS Counseling Center and other units as well."

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