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Community Harasser

“TED” lives near the main college campus. Over the years he’s taken a class or two at the college but not recently. He is a frequent visitor on campus. He often spends time in the public areas of the college (library/ resource lab, cafeteria, study areas). He usually tries to engage students in conversation. Most of the time he is pleasant but on occasion his interactions make students (mostly female students) feel uncomfortable and unsafe. He has never been accused of physical assault but students are worried that it may be the next step.

Other community members who are not students also regularly spend time on campus and in public areas (e.g., using the computers, getting coffee in the cafeteria).

Please answer the following questions:

- ***At what point does conversation, discourse, debate, free speech cross into harassment?***
- ***What right do other students have to not be bothered?***
- ***Are all members of the community allowed on campus?***

(This is a fictional scenario used as part of a group learning activity on Keeping Students and Staff Safe on Campus)