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From: William Schrum [William.Schrum@UWMF.WISC.EDU]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 11:11 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Dear Dr. Farrell,

I just wanted to offer my support of your decision regarding Kevin Barrett.

The best education I received in college (Colorado - Econ '79.. sorry) was from the radical socialists and "revolutionaries" who taught some of the more outlier classes. Know your enemy and know yourself and in 1,000 battles you shall not be lost. A old radical named Sun Tzu said that one.

It doesn't matter fundamentally if Farrell is right or wrong or anything else, it is the exploration of other ideas, other thoughts, the other side of life, that we risk losing. Planting seeds of new thought into the minds of students is what college is supposed to be about.

Thank you for upholding our ability to do that.

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From: ELKU (Elaine Kubiak) [elku@novonordisk.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 10:10 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Freedom of Speech

My Dear Provost Farrell,

I'm sure you are as patriotic as I am. I love my country and my planet and I know that peace is possible, but only if the truth is known. Dr. Kevin Barrett's reasoning is as sound as it gets. If the whole war in Iraq is based on this "new Pearl Harbor", and there are serious questions about what really happened on that day, how can silencing Dr. Barrett help advance the truth?

Sincerely,

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From: EdGT@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 10:05 AM

To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu

Subject: Amazing

Your decision to support the lies and propaganda of Kevin Barrett, is wrong on so many levels it is staggering. I am truly at a loss to express my disgust with you and your decision.

Needless to say the U Of W has seen the last of its support by me until you are turned out into the street.

If there is fairness anywhere in this world, you and Kevin "the loon" will both be fired by the school and suffer for your cruel and misguided comments.

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Dave Bagneski [davebag@wctc.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 9:40 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Sir,

I am all in favor of "a free exchange of ideas" , but in this case the wacko "ideas" porposed by this nut case does not qualify as an "idea".

My support for the UofW will now be limited to what I am required to pay in taxes.

Sincerely,

Dave Bagneski

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From: Mike Reuter [miker@waukeshafirst.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 9:03 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: No to Barrett

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/defense/1227842.html?page=1&c=y>

Here's the Popular Mechanics article that completely refutes Mr. Barretts' comments. You have a mentally unstable person teaching illusion. Why would you allow this type of professor to teach? It's got nothing to do with politics. It's got to do with facts. Bad decision, Mr. Farrell. You are politically motivated to even bring it up in your decision. You need to step down from your position.

Mike Reuter

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From: Editor [editor@adjunctadvocate.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 8:55 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu; emraffer@facstaff.wisc.edu; gsandefur@ls.admin.wisc.edu
Subject: Lecturer Kevin Barrett

Drs. Farrell, Sandefur and Rafferty:

Congratulations on having stood firm on the right of non-tenured faculty to academic freedom. Dr. Farrell puts it very well when he says that, "We cannot allow political pressure from critics of unpopular ideas to inhibit the free exchange of ideas. That classroom interaction is central to this university's mission and to the expansion of knowledge. Silencing that exchange now would only open the door to more onerous and sweeping restrictions."

As both an education journalist, as well as a former college faculty member, I have watched with growing concern as colleges and universities throughout our country routinely deny hundreds of thousands of non-tenured faculty both due process, as well as the right to voice controversial opinions in (and out of) the classroom.

I believe you three have demonstrated integrity and much-needed common sense. I hope your decision will be supported by UW's students, faculty, professorate and Trustees, not to mention your colleagues throughout higher education.

Sincerely,

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From: Kristi V. Thorson [kthorson@bascom.wisc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 8:53 AM
To: Don Nelson; Amy Toburen
Cc: Casey Nagy; Debra Lauder; PATRICK V FARRELL; Brian Mattmiller; Dennis Chaptman; Eden Inoway-Ronnie; John Lucas
Subject: Re: Green/Nass reaction releases

Sorry to be weighing in late, but I was in Superior with other system colleagues. Anyway - yes, Amy, I agree that people who are unhappy are the ones to call/write. However, by that argument I would expect people unhappy with our review and the legislature's response to our decision to write but that isn't happening. (And it has on other issues.) Which tells me we don't have much support on this issue. I know we have received a significant # of supportive e-mails, but I have a feeling those are from the same small group of people.

All that to say - it will be interesting to see how today's discussion and vote go in the Assembly. And - we can expect to be reminded of this decision for a long time. For a significant # of people around the state, our decision truly reinforces the notion that the UW is out of touch with the people of WI. (Don't shoot the messenger - remember my job is to be a liaison. I have to deliver messages both ways.)

- Kristi

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>>> Amy Toburen <atoburen@wisc.edu> 7/10/2006 4:30 PM >>>
I think the calls were that way because most folks don't write, call or anything unless they are unhappy. Folks knew early on how the Capitol felt.

On Jul 10, 2006, at 4:13 PM, Don Nelson wrote:

> The reaction from the capitol was as expected with the exception of
> Sen. Risser. I was surprised to hear that most of the calls and
> letters they got were critical of Barrett.
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> Other than that, I don't expect to hear much more (in the near
> term) than what we are seeing from Nass and Green.
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> Don
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> >>> John Lucas <jplucas@wisc.edu> 3:55 PM Monday, July 10, 2006 >>>

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From: Jack Kloppenburg [jrkloppe@wisc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 8:38 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: thank you

Provost Farrell,

Regarding the Barrett case, thank you for standing up for the critical principles on which this university is founded. I believe your decision to have been the proper one. I am particularly disappointed by the governor's comments. Keep up the good work. Jack

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"Well," she said, "you have a high tolerance for lunatics, don't you?"

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From: tom krepel [tkrepel@excite.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 8:35 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: k. barrett

Provost Farrell -

I read the statement you issued regarding the hiring of Kevin Barrett. My compliments. I'm glad to know we have people like you in leadership positions willing to take courageous stands despite the prevailing political winds.

Best wishes.

Tom Krepel

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From: Arthur Sullivan [art.sullivan@gmail.com]
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To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Barrett

Unconventional? Tell that to the 3000 who died in Tower's 1 and 2.

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From: Clay Hughes [chughes67@cfl.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 7:43 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Thank you Sir!!!!

For being a patriot. Don't ever give this up. I pray you never will. For my two year old. And for my home and neighbors in Iowa. Our integrity and god damnit our future's depend on you!!!! Kevin's interview on HC was MONUMENTAL!!!! America is waiting for this. I promise you. I will pray for your strength! Now is the time to expose these snakes!! God help you man!!!!

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From: Fred [xcvb@ev1.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 7:20 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: AP - 9/11 Conspiracy Prof. Allowed to Teach

Surely the University of Wisconsin at Madison will pay dearly. Perhaps our State Legislatures can be persuaded to stop the funding to these sick truth twisting leftist fools that fraudulently call themselves educators. Surely some UW alumni can be persuaded to stop sending in donations.

God, the sickness that has taken over the minds of these sick twisted arrogant leftist cockroaches. You leftist fools will soon find out it is not you that run the Universities, but it's us taxpayers the pays the bills. We put in and we can take you fools out.

Smile, Fred

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From: brian larsen [brimn2001@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 7:06 AM

To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu

Sir

This email is a direct question that I would love to get an answer to. Concerning "Mr" Kevin Barrett. Have you no common sense. I would expect a man in your position to have some "damn common sense". Why in the world would you even want a man like this "corrupting" the minds of our children? Jesus Christ ! You look like a man in your 50's. What the hell is wrong with you? And don't give me that "everybody has a right to their views B.S.". So does that mean in your eyes Hitler had a right to his views.

Hell this is like having Ed Gein coming to UW and teaching a class on making lamp shades and soup bowls.

GIVE ME A BRAKE!

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From: Ross Getman [ross.getman@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 6:18 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: controversy over class/ 9/11 issue

Hi,

What a fascinating question -- I don't envy the heat you are having to take.

Academic freedom and free discourse versus all the other considerations.

On balance, while I think such a view evidences a lack of critical reasoning ability, so do a lot of other views widely held by people, to include professors. (And the polls on this very issue from France, after a best-selling book came out, a few years ago are startling).

We can't very well start having an ideas litmus test for teachers.

But from a purely CYA point of view, I would go the extra mile -- the extra two miles -- in checking his credentials as I'm sure others will be closely vetting them.

Given that I find the fellow's view highly objectionable, this is my small way of opposing his view in a marketplace of ideas.

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From: Marose, Scott (GE Indust, GE Fanuc) [Scott.Marose@ge.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 5:46 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: 9/11 Conspiracy

Mr. Farrell,

Please do not hide behind the premise that dismissing Kevin Barrett would be suppressing the free and open exchange of ideas. Mr. Barrett is speaking to a captive audience who is encouraged not to challenge authority. "Unconventional", that's what you call the views of Mr. Barrett? Where is the proof behind Mr. Barrett's statements? I could teach the world is flat. Now would you consider that as "Unconventional" also?

I realize UW has a history of liberal activism, but I implore you, it is time to take action and do what's right for the UW system and for Wisconsin. Dismiss Mr. Barrett!

Sincerely,

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From: Joseph Crowley [JCrowley@nyc.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 4:33 AM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Feckless shifting and whittling of ideals.

Mr. Farrell,

Your decision to keep Kevin Barrett on you staff was, to say the least, myopic. While I'm sure you feel very stoic and principled right now, you will come to regret your decision.

I guess some congratulations are in order for your new found respect from the folks at Aljazeera.net though. Sleep well Mr. Farrell, perchance you'll dream sweet dreams.

Sincerely,
Joseph Crowley

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Subject: Kevin Barrett

I never thought I would be ashamed to be a UW-Madison graduate, but your response to the Barrett case has done just that.

It is particularly offensive that you defend Barrett's wild and apparently hate-based allegations as "unconventional ideas" and you dismiss criticisms as "political." Is it not Barrett who has been using the University and tax dollars to promote his twisted and unfounded political agenda?

This is a matter of truth, not politics – have you called upon Mr. Barrett to substantiate his allegations regarding our government's participation in terrorist activities?

The July 10 web article reeks of academic arrogance and weasel talk. Wouldn't it be more honest to admit that you are unwilling or unable to exercise the leadership and courage necessary to confront a pathetic hate monger?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 10:48 AM
To: Phil Brinkman
Cc: Patrick Farrell; Jim Fezter
Subject: Re: Media Advisory - Rep. Nass to offer Assembly Resolution Demanding the UW Dismiss Kevin Barrett - Floor Debate Expected Today

Hi Phil,

Sorry we got cut off.

My last point was: Go to <http://st911.org>, click on members, and you'll find over 60 Ph.D.s/equivalents with full university affiliations to maybe 50-plus American universities. These people all pretty much share my views of 9/11. Their research is contributing more to 9/11 truth than mine is. They are getting full salaries, while I'm getting \$8k. I do know of at least one professor--not sure he's an st911 member -- who taught a whole course on 9/11 from the "inside job" perspective. (Track him down yourself.) Yet nobody is calling for them to be disciplined, much less fired.

Is it the fact that I'm Muslim that is causing this uproar? If so, there's a clear case of discrimination looming.

The current situation is wildly unfair to the University of Wisconsin, which is only one of 50 or so US universities affiliated to st911 people. Why should the state of Wisconsin damage its great university system to punish the university for doing what 50 or so universities are doing, and what all would do in the same situation?

Perhaps you could write about st911.org, a great group that I am a VERY small part of. (UW is barely paying its share, given my 8k salary, compared to other universities!)

One of the interesting angles is that Steven Jones and Reynolds Dixon have received threats aimed at stopping their work on 9/11. Professor Jones has bravely ignored a threat from a self-proclaimed member of the national security community, followed by the offer of mega-funding for him and BYU if he drops his 9/11 work. Dr. Dixon has withdrawn from st911 after his children were threatened by name.

Please talk to Jim Fetzer about st911. 608-354-4280

Thanks!

Kevin

On Jul 12, 2006, at 10:16 AM, Phil Brinkman wrote:

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Rep.Nass [mailto:Rep.Nass@legis.state.wi.us]
> Sent: Tue 7/11/2006 11:48 PM
> To: Beckett, Andrew; Benedict, Colin; Phil Brinkman; Bump, Greg; David
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> Demanding the UW Dismiss Kevin Barrett - Floor Debate Expected Today

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> MEDIA ADVISORY

> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 12, 2006

> FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

> Rep. Steve Nass (608) 266-5715

> Rep. Nass to offer Assembly Resolution Demanding the UW Dismiss Kevin
> Barrett
> Assembly Convenes Today for Limited Session

> State Representative Steve Nass (R-Whitewater) will attempt to
> introduce an Assembly Resolution on the floor today when the
> legislature convenes at 11:00 a.m., for a limited business session to
> approve state employee contracts.

> The resolution condemns both Kevin Barrett's conspiracy theory
> regarding the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the
> decision of UW-Madison Provost Patrick Farrell to allow Barrett to
> continue teaching his "academically dishonest views." The resolution
> also "demands" that UW-Madison release Kevin Barrett from employment.

> Under the Rules of the Assembly, Representative Nass' resolution
> can only be brought up on the floor through a unanimous consent
> request (no member objecting) or with a 2/3 vote to suspend the rules
> and consider the resolution. Under either option, the resolution can
> only be debated with support from members of both political parties.

> The Assembly Resolution is attached to this media advisory.

> -End-

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> 2005 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

> Relating to: condemning the conspiracy theory of lecturer Kevin
> Barrett and his
> employment by the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

> Whereas, the United States of America was attacked on September 11,
> 2001,
> a day that will be remembered as one of the darkest in American
> history; and

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> Whereas, the terrorists that attacked America that day murdered more
> than
> 3,000 innocent people who were doing nothing more than enjoying the
> inalienable
> rights of a free people; and
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> Whereas, since the attacks on September 11, 2001, there have been
> numerous
> fact-finding inquiries, by both government agencies and private
> organizations, into
> the events leading up to that dark day; and
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> Whereas, these inquiries have consistently found, based on the facts,
> that the
> perpetrators of these murderous crimes were associated with Osama bin
> Laden's
> terrorist network known as al-Qaida; and
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> Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison currently employs
> lecturer Kevin Barrett who used his position at the university to
> advance his views that the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001,
> were orchestrated by the U.S. government
> and that al-Qaida is a Central Intelligence Agency creation to divert
> public attention
> away from Barrett's view of the truth; and
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> Whereas, Kevin Barrett has admitted teaching his conspiracy theory as
> a part
> of a folklore course in the spring semester of 2006 and his intention
> to include his
> personal views again in an introduction to Islam course in the fall
> semester of 2006;
> and
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> Whereas, Provost Patrick Farrell of the University of
> Wisconsin-Madison has
> conducted a review of Kevin Barrett's employment as a limited-term
> lecturer and
> determined that Barrett's views are protected under the philosophy of
> academic
> freedom; and
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> Whereas, neither Kevin Barrett nor the University of Wisconsin-Madison
> have
> provided any scholarly foundation or other recognized factual basis to
> support his
> conspiracy theory; and
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> Whereas, the employment of Kevin Barrett as a lecturer by the
> University of
> Wisconsin-Madison is financially supported by the taxpayers of this
> great state and
> tuition collected from enrolled students; now, therefore, be it
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> Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly condemns Kevin
> Barrett's conspiracy theory regarding the terrorist attacks of
> September 11, 2001, and Provost Patrick Farrell's decision to allow
> Kevin Barrett to continue the teaching
> of his academically dishonest views; and be it further
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> Resolved, That the Wisconsin assembly demands that the University of
> Wisconsin-Madison release Kevin Barrett from employment as a lecturer
> and cease all professional relationship with this individual; and be
> it further

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> Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this
> resolution
> to the governor of Wisconsin, members of the University of Wisconsin
> Board of
> Regents, the president of the University of Wisconsin System, the
> chancellor of the
> University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Kevin Barrett.
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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Marjorie Lundquist [marlundquist@usa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 12:22 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Fwd: Re: Mailing address request for UW instructor Kevin Barrett



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To: Patrick Farrell, Provost, UW
From: Marjorie Lundquist, Milwaukee

Conservative radio talk show hosts have, in my opinion, been misrepresenting the nature of the decision you made, after reviewing the situation re Kevin Barrett, to allow him to proceed to teach his course on Islam. As detailed in my forwarded e-mail message written yesterday, this was broadcast to a national radio audience yesterday afternoon, as well as to a local (Milwaukee) radio audience. Put in a nutshell, the message proclaimed is, basically, that now the University of Wisconsin-Madison is allowing faculty to teach their own personal beliefs in courses without any regard to whether these beliefs are true or false, and the public had better rise up to put a stop to this nonsense.

This morning, this issue was discussed in pretty much the same terms by the hosts of WISN's "Early Spin" program. (This program has two hosts, Dan and Nicole; Nicole is sensible on this issue, but Dan is a RABID extremist! When he first discussed it on the radio, I phoned in and stood up for Kevin Barrett, and Dan practically went ballistic! I made it clear that I had initially been skeptical, too, but I had finally taken a second look and decided that there were legitimate questions that could be raised regarding the official version of the events of September 11, 2001. But he kept screaming that all that had been debunked. I asked him where I could go to examine the debunking, and he gave me a Web site--but when I visited it, I found nothing on it that would justify his position.)

This radio talk show host--Dan--is seriously irrational on this issue, and he has aired at least three discussions of it since the topic first came up.

This morning he had someone on the air explaining why the decision you made you made was justified, but it was couched in academic terms that most of this radio audience will find either meaningless or an attempt to "pull the wool over people's eyes". [The term "academic freedom" means a great deal to academics, but not much to anyone outside academia, so it should be avoided when talking to the populace at large.]

The university needs to take control of this issue quickly, and to do it in terms that make sense to a skeptical, non-academic audience. Otherwise, enough people may become convinced that the legislature needs to take control of the University and what it teaches, that valuable academic freedoms could be lost.

This is quite serious. These angry radio talk show hosts are whipping up a mob, and serious damage is going to be done if this "mob mind" isn't quelled pretty quickly.

Here is an argument I haven't heard that I think should be publicly made.

The approval given to Kevin Barrett is based on a syllabus that shows that a variety of different viewpoints as to what happened on September 11, 2001, will be discussed in class, together with the evidence that supports each of them. This is basically an exercise in critical thinking and the evaluation of evidence, applied to an important real-world event. One of the functions of a university is to teach and encourage critical thinking, so that students can learn to make reasoned judgments on the basis of available evidence, as opposed to irrational judgements on the basis of preconceived beliefs.

I also think that the University needs to come right out and say that its decision regarding Kevin Barrett does NOT give him license to teach his own personal views on the events of September 11, 2001, as though they were fact.

If he were to do this, he would be promptly dismissed by the University.

Think about the French Revolution, if you want to be reminded of how much damage a real mob of angry people can do! The mob that is being whipped up on this issue is no less a mob, just because its leaders communicate with it via radio, and not in person!

It is impertive that action be taken to calm down this mob! That means calming down the radio talk show hosts who are whipping it up.

Marjorie Lundquist

Forwarded message is attached.

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Vincent Goetsch [vince@exceptionalventures.com]
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Subject: Thank you

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This quick note is to commend you on your decision to defend the right of Kevin Barrett to teach at the university, and in effect everyone's right to freedom of thought.

I am taking this opportunity to make my voice heard in an official capacity as President of Synergenesis, Inc & Exceptional Ventures LLC, to acknowledge that; I and my professional colleagues are pleased to see that the current trend of "soft dictatorship" as was recently described by the Honorable Congressman Ron Paul, is being publicly confronted.

see: **June 29, 2006: Why Are Americans So Angry?** <http://www.house.gov/paul/>

This note is to make it clear that it is not your household variety of tin-foil-hat wearing conspiracy nuts who see what is really going on at foggy bottom, and in our Nation in terms of the Executive and its subversion via the Unitary-Executive proponents, and such developments as the "office of special plans."

Not to mention the trend of "signing statements" and other developments that bode ill for our Republic.

Thank you for having the courage to do what is right. It gives people like us in industry hope that we will have a pool of critical thinking actually educated people to draw from in the future, and that our Republic will survive these current trends.

Best regards,

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Bartell, Jeffrey B. [jbb@quarles.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 4:14 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Busy Time

Pat: It was nice to see you, if briefly, at our Rotary meeting this noon. Sorry you couldn't stay for Carl's presentation. But you heard the best part of the meeting before you had to leave: the music.

You are probably receiving the same kind of e-mail messages that I am -- only more of them. I thought you might like to see the response I am sending (in variations) to these messages. (See exchange copied below -- I assume she is not related to the President.)

Your report was well done and made me proud of the University. Best, Jeff

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Dear Ms. Bush: I'm sorry you feel that way. I regard the 9-11 conspiracy theory of Mr. Barrett to be absolutely preposterous. Maybe that's partly because I received an excellent education at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. But I don't believe that an otherwise qualified teacher (he has received very good student evaluations) should be banned from the classroom on the basis of his controversial, even bizarre, views. What are "lies and distortions" to you may be credible truth to someone else. U.W. students have the intelligence and analytical powers to sort out fact from fiction and paranoia -- the "sifting and winnowing" that you refer to. We should allow them that same learning experience you and I had. Thanks for sharing your thoughts.

Jeffrey B. Bartell, U.W. Regent

---Original Message---

From: glbush@charter.net [mailto:glbush@charter.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 8:45 AM

To: Bartell, Jeffrey B.

Subject: Kevin Barrett

I am ashamed to admit that I am a UW graduate!! Any univesity that employs and upholds the utter lies and distortions that Kevin Barrett will be teaching, AT THE EXPENSE OF THE TAX PAYERS, is a university that I do not want to be associated with in

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any way. The Chancellor appears to have no intention to fire Mr. Barrett; and to date, the Board of Regents seems intent on trying to slink away and not take a stand. Along with academic freedom, goes academic responsibility to at least tell the truth! Go and read the plaque on Bascom Hall with the statement of the University's purpose to be that of "sifting and winnowing" and discerning TRUTH.

I am totally disgusted! Do your job and fire Mr. Barrett!!

Judy Anderson Bush, class of 1960

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From: Joel Hibbs [jmh@hibbs@cableone.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 1:50 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Cc: O'Reilly@foxnews.com
Subject: Unconscionable!!!

Howdy Dr. Farrell,

To label as disconcerting your validating comments (as broadcasted by CNN's website) regarding Kevin Barrett's unconscionable, irresponsible, delusional and unprofessional behavior, would be a gross understatement. I can not think of a clearer example of all that fosters and perpetuates that age old question, "Has the world gone mad??"

Are Kevin Barrett's asinine and delusional rantings and ravings protected by the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of speech? Without question.

Are they a clear and laudatory example of all the very best our country has to offer from the world of academia? Quite the opposite.

Rather, Kevin Barrett's derogatory and despicable diatribe is a clear example of the pathological political paranoia that seems to permeate the privileged halls of ivory-towered theoreticians, proving how out of touch they truly are with reality as it further fuels every crack-pot conspiracy theory.

I have no doubt that Barrett will soon publish a paper accusing someone in the current administration as being the true culprit and thus, at last, definitively answering the question, "Who shot J.R.?"

Rather than a glowing testimony and shining example of the academic acumen and the pristine and progressive scholarship to be found in association with the University of Wisconsin, Kevin Barrett's 15 minutes of fame and your affirmation of his histrionics, is what my dear departed (phi beta kappa) father would have called (when he was serving in the deans office in the BPA college at the University of Arizona), "Diarrhea of the mouth and constipation of the brain."

In addition to being (one again) disappointed (but, sadly, not surprised), I am eternally grateful that none of my children will have to endure the academic and scholastic inexactitudes of the University of Wisconsin in their fervent pursuit of higher education.

My persevering hope and unshakable confidence is that the vast majority of Americans will find Kevin Barrett's imbecilic ineptitudes both laughable and revolting. Unfortunately gone are the days when such obvious charlatans were run out of town on a rail after being introduced to the fashionable and therapeutic qualities of the combined application of tar and feathers.

Most sincerely yours,

Joel Hibbs

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Page, Arizona

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Mike Tammaro [MTammaro@HSPLAW.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 3:29 PM
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Subject: Barrett

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It is unbelievable that his man is on the public payroll. Mass murder as an inside job by our government. It may be true the "Muslim Street" initially did not believe Muslims could do such a thing, and credited "Jews" for the bombing (which is why all the Jews escaped the buildings, right?), but that can be expected. These are the same folks that believe Jews eat Christian babies. Bin Laden claimed responsibility. No sane person believes that the US, or "the Jews" or anyone else but Muslim extremists were behind the 9/11 attacks.

Your defense of him as simply being controversial is wrong, and pathetic. If he was teaching that the Holocaust did not take place, that it was simply a "diversion, what then? Would you defend him as just being controversial?

No, what is clear is that this man either so hates his country that he sees gain in attempting to poison impressionable young people with this garbage or he is delusional. In any event, we should not be paying him to teach at a respected University, and your best course of action is to fire the fraud now, and not dig a deeper whole. This story is going national, fast.

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From: Nowacki, Theodore [tnowacki@boselaw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 4:46 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

I have read, with astonishment, your July 10 announcement concerning Mr. Barrett being "cleared" to teach a course on Islam. Mr. Barrett's ideas about the cause of 9/11 are not just unpopular, controversial or unconventional. They are not "politically" unpopular. They are wholly bogus and bereft of any link to facts about 9/11 not distorted through the prism of pre-existing hatred for President Bush, the United States, or both. His ideas are political: the criticism of them is not.

He is not some eccentric professor of physics with strange political ideas. Your statement concedes that he will be putting his inane ideas about 9/11 forth **IN THE CLASSROOM!** His ideas have no more place in a serious classroom than the persistent notion in some circles that we never landed on the moon. Do you teach that "controversial and unconventional idea" in your astronomy or engineering classes to stimulate critical thinking? How about flat earth? Or intelligent design as a legitimate scientific explanation of speciation? Perhaps you should invite the president of Iran to lecture about the Holocaust as myth. This is not a difficult case of academic freedom.

Because he believes his notions about 9/11 to be true in fact, Mr. Barrett will not be presenting them merely for his students to be amused by debunking them. He will be advocating them as the truth, no matter what his syllabus says. Because he believes 9/11 was an inside job, he must therefore believe that anyone who holds otherwise is wrong, uninformed, or ignorant - or all of the foregoing. Your students will not be the first to conclude that disagreement with an instructor on his strongly held belief **COULD** jeopardize a grade, so why risk it. So much for classroom interaction.

Your release says "Our students are not blank slates. They are capable of exercising good judgment, critical analysis and speaking their minds," Farrell says. "Instructors do not hand over knowledge wrapped up in neat packages. Knowledge grows from challenging ideas in a setting that encourages dialogue and disagreement. That's what builds the kind of sophisticated, critical thinking we expect from our graduates."

You can't be serious! Is it the educational philosophy of the University that it is good to teach nonsense to its students because, in the end, they are smart enough to recognize garbage when they see it? If you really think your students are smart enough to recognize Barrett's ideas as bogus, what educational benefit is it to even allow him to broach the subject in a classroom? None! On the other hand, are you suggesting that his notions about 9/11 are worthy of serious consideration and therefore deserving of possible acceptance by students as a valid account of the events of that horrific day? If so, then you, Dean Sandefur and Professor Rafferty should all be fired.

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From: farr0162 [farr0162@umn.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 12:02 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: yeah right wing media!

hey,

Sorry to hear that all the bushies are giving you a hard time. This is a perfect example of the type of people that would be swayed by Barrett's opinions. Those people should really look into what they are using as their news source and make some critical thinking decisions on their own, or they could just go on watching Fox News and all the moronic talking heads Murdoch appoints there. Stick to what you said originally about not giving in to political pressure in the educational process. It would be nice if the most vocal people weren't the haters, but those that support you. I'm still proud of your decision, so stick to it! In other news, not much is going on here.

I'm at work, with a little break in the action. I was listening to NPR the other day and they were talking about the soccer balls used in the world cup, and how FIFA (governing body of international soccer) has regulations for weight and rebound of the ball, but not for aerodynamic properties of the ball. The result with this world cup's ball was an odd panel configuration that allowed the ball to "knuckle" easily. The guy they were interviewing on the radio was talking about the physics behind the "knuckle ball". It was pretty cool. So it seems like this fluid mechanics stuff actually has a practical use, who would have thought? Have a better rest of the week. I'll talk to you later.

sean

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: William Livingston [willdfw@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 11:18 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Cc: bsmattmi@wisc.edu
Subject: Barrett fit to teach?

I recently read an article explaining the situation concerning the University of Wisconsin's Professor Barrett, who's belief alone in non-truths should cause every faculty to question the hiring practices. If this were a course in fantasy this would be an excellent position for Professor Barrett. However, 9-11 and terrorism is a serious subject to be handled by someone who values absolute truth rather than the subjective truth so many of these conspiracy theorists seem to lay as a foundation to their claims.

I am an airline pilot who lost many co-workers on September 11th, not to mention many of our customers and fellow innocent victims. I have watched the movies and read over the websites which claim to support the conspiracy views with "facts". The closest thing to an expert in aviation is a primary flight instructor who claims the student could not have hijacked and flown the plane. They don't ask one person who was caught in the middle of this fiasco on that day. We who were forced to land our aircraft due to real threats. Our dispatchers who communicated with the hijacked aircraft. Phone operators who spoke with passengers on board the aircraft. None of these were considered as evidence in the conspiracy theorists world.

Please do what you can to stop the lies and teaching of young minds. Many of these kids weren't even old enough to witness the events and are receptive to any idea which comes from an authority figure. I find it a tragedy that any University would allow such garbage to be taught as part of a higher education.

thanks,

William

Dallas, Texas

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Marjorie Lundquist [marlundquist@usa.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 8:59 PM
To: Rep.Nass@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Your resolution regarding UW and Kevin Barrett

Dear Mr. Nass:

According to an Internet news story I read today, you drafted a resolution for the Wisconsin Assembly calling on the University of Wisconsin-Madison to fire Kevin Barrett, who is scheduled to teach a course on Islam in the fall of 2006, because you were unhappy with the decision of UW Provost Patrick Farrell to permit Mr. Barrett to teach this course, even though--during the final two weeks of this course--Mr. Barrett had scheduled a discussion of the events that occurred on September 11, 2001, and planned to present a variety of different viewpoints currently being held regarding these events, including among them his own belief that the U.S. government was complicit in these events. But you couldn't get the Assembly to act upon your resolution before it adjourned, so you decided instead to send a letter to the University of Wisconsin demanding that Mr. Barrett be fired.

The news story I read today reported that you referred to Mr. Barrett's "academically dishonest views". Could you please explain to me what you mean by this phrase--that is, why you described Mr. Barrett's views on this issue as "academically dishonest"?

The news story I read also quoted you as saying the following about Mr. Barrett: "This guy is very strange, cannot substantiate his views and does not belong in a classroom."

Why do you say that Mr. Barrett is "very strange"? Have you ever met him face to face and talked to him?

How do you know that Mr. Barrett cannot substantiate his views? Have you ever asked him to show you what substantiation he relies on for his views?

I met Mr. Barrett for the first time four days ago and talked to him briefly. I did not find him to be strange in any way. I also thought that his plan to stimulate discussion among the students in his course, and give them a lesson in critical thinking, by presenting a variety of viewpoints regarding the events of September 11, 2001, and then challenging each student to defend his or her own belief, based on the evidence available, was both reasonable and pedagogically sound. [I also discovered that Mr. Barrett seems to be quite knowledgeable regarding the available evidence on ALL sides of the 9/11 controversy!]

Based on my brief meeting with Mr. Barrett, my impression is that he is going to do a very good job of teaching his course on Islam, and I'm even beginning to regret that it isn't going to be possible for me to take his course!

Why don't you make an effort to meet Mr. Barrett and talk to him for 15 or 20 minutes, before you proceed to send your letter demanding that he be fired to the University of Wisconsin? Doesn't simple courtesy call for your doing this?

After all, YOU wouldn't think YOU were being treated fairly if a stranger denounced YOU to your employer based on hearsay, without ever having made the slightest effort to talk directly to you first, would you?

Sincerely,

Marjorie Lundquist

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: mitch29@verizon.net
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 8:40 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

The 'continual and fearless sifting and winnowing of ideas' are what a university should be about, but never lies, no, never lies!

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Ryan Ericsson [rericsson81@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 6:40 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Bravo Provost!

Hi there,

I hear the prestigious University of Wisconsin at Madison is now offering fictitious courses! Glad to hear taxpayer dollars are well spent!

Do you think I could teach a course there this coming fall? Or did I miss the deadline. I've got a great lecture in mind....it's all about how slavery never occurred, it was just fabricated so the Democrats could use it as a political platform. Sound good?

Probably not huh? It doesn't push your Liberal agenda? I see

Well way to further embarrass the beautiful state of Wisconsin! Feingold hasn't enough!

BRAVO! BRAVO!

Ryan Ericsson

How low will we go? Check out Yahoo! Messenger's low PC-to-Phone call rates.

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Peter Ivanoff [p.ivanoff@optusnet.com.au]

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 6:34 PM

To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu

Subject: Thanks for helping people who are trying to make a better world to bring your kids up in.

G'day Mr Farrell

I am watching with interest what is going on in your country in regards to the 911 truth movement. Your scholars for truth are the only people I can find who display the characteristics and the spirit of you forefathers. These people deserve our support and I hope that you will continue in this vain.

Kind Regards,
Peter

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Kathie [kgifford@sabx.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 5:14 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett-Univ of Wis-Madison

Provost Farrell, I am writing you regarding Professor Kevin Barrett from the University of Wisconsin's faculty. I believe in free speech, but Professor Kevin Barrett is mentally ill and should not be assisting or teaching classes. I read that you are allowing him to continue his activities there under "academic freedom" and "winnowing". Is it the policy of the University of Wisconsin to entrust mentally ill people with the free exchange of ideas? Of what possible value is Mr. Barrett's mentally ill ravings to his students? The taxpayers and students pay so students can be exposed to material of value—of use. He is teaching that the United States attacked itself on 9/11 and the United States is behind the terrorist attacks. Everyone watched on 9/11 as planes flew into the World Trade Center in New York. Everyone heard the tapes of the citizens aboard Flight 93 calling their loved ones. Everyone saw the video of Usama Bin Laden celebrating with his cronies. There's been a 9/11 Commission. Only someone who is mentally ill would think the U.S. attacked itself.

You say your students are capable of free thinking. Weren't the people in the mosques listening to extremist radicals capable of free thinking? It didn't stop them from turning into terrorists. You are forcing young adults to sit captive in a class with a mentally ill teacher in order to get college credit. How many other Professors are you employing with insane ideas? Some students may be taking his class because they think Mr. Barrett is a joke and it's easy credit. Other young adults who cannot or will not exercise critical thinking may believe this mentally ill teacher. Mr. Barrett could be "home growing" extremists under the Board of Regents', Chancellor's, and your protection. You are gravely mistaken if you think Mr. Barrett is not going to let his personal views affect his lectures. Colleges are full of Professors who can't resist. I had just such a teacher in college, and his personal viewpoints took up most of the classroom lecture—and he frowned on disagreement. Unless you are sitting in Mr. Barrett's classroom all the time, you don't know if he is "indoctrinating" or not. Like it or not, a Professor is a person of authority. A Professor should not be mentally ill. Kathie Gifford

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Leslie Sei [lsei@ditd.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 5:05 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kudos to you, Provost Farrell

I'd like to commend you, Mr. Farrell on the outcome of Mr. Kevin Barrett's "review." With everything that goes on today, little stories like these remind me I still apparently *do* live in the United States of America... land of the FREE.

Job well done.

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Lrkietzer [Lrkietzer@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 5:06 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Thank You!

I've been watching the Kevin Barrett issue and as a UW employee, I can't thank you enough for upholding our First Amendment Rights! Nevermind the hate mail and the pressure you've been getting. I'm grateful and pleased with your decision.

Thanks and keep up the fabulous work!

Most Sincerely,

Linda Kietzer

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: elevenpieces@adelphia.net
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 4:43 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Kevin Barrett

Dear Mr. Farrell,

I am writing to applaud the University on the decision to allow Mr. Barrett to remain on the teaching staff. I agree to your comment about the decision posted in the MSNBC news, however I must disagree on the 9-11 conspiracy as being an "unpopular idea". On the contrary, the 9-11 movement has been spreading across mainstream America like wildfire, and the only place it seems to be unpopular is in the political arena. There is an abundance of evidence from independent investigators that contradict the findings of the 9-11 Commission, all of which has been largely ignored by the powers that be. This is unfortunate, although not suprising.

I am sure, if you took the time to research the issue, that you too would be convinced that our current administration had, at the very least, prior knowledge of the attacks. I myself believe it was much more than that, and I know I am far from being alone in that respect.

With Best Regards,
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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: K. Batterton [kkwb@tampabay.fl.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 2:36 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: Islam: Religion and Culture

I would like to commend you and your colleagues for not bowing to pressure from politicians and critics, and allowing Mr. Barrett to teach this class.

Keeping your tradition of protecting classroom expression and free exchange of ideas is extremely important, especially in today's atmosphere in the United States.

Thank you for your integrity and dedication to the ideals of the University.

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Christian, Donald P. [CHRISTDP@uwec.edu]

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 2:35 PM

To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu

Subject: Kudos

Dear Provost Farrell:

I want to drop a short note to tell you how much I admire and commend your decision on the very difficult academic freedom issue you have faced. Your careful attention to detail and your courage to stick to important principles are a breath of fresh air in the current political environment in which we all try to work. Nicely done.

Don Christian

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Islam: Religion and Culture

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: Craft, Jason T MAJ [jason.craft@us.army.mil]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 1:58 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: "Islam: Religion and Culture."

Mr. Farrell, I wish to express my utter shock and disappointment in your university's decision to allow Mr. Barrett to teach his completely erroneous opinions that our Government is responsible for the 9/11 attacks. I have read your public statement regarding his continued teaching at your institution and where I appreciate your attempt to qualify the decision you grossly miss the mark. You state "We cannot allow political pressure from critics of unpopular ideas to inhibit the free exchange of ideas. That classroom interaction is central to this university's mission and to the expansion of knowledge. Silencing that exchange now would only open the door to more onerous and sweeping restrictions,".

I agree with the spirit of your statement but your logic is flawed when the material presented is a gross fabrication. No credible evidence is available to support such wild claims and to teach opinion as fact is incongruous with the nature of such curriculum. If we follow this model should we then allow history teachers to teach that the holocaust did not occur, or science teachers to teach that the Earth is flat because casual observation shows it to be?

I admit I was not educated at your institution and have not considered the full worth of what your programs offer. I am hopeful that this issue is not representative of the education your students receive. However, whatever value your university provides is negated in one grand gesture by this astonishing example of poor judgment.

As a soldier who has completed several tours in Iraq I find it unacceptable that I lost 12 of my beloved soldiers so such drivel can be placed into the minds of the next generation of American leaders.

Your intent was probably noble, this I concede, but the effect achieved is simply to disgrace and shame the University of Wisconsin.

Jason T. Craft

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Eden Inoway-Ronnie

From: maureen [mmackey1@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 1:29 PM
To: pfarrell@provost.wisc.edu
Subject: UW is OFF my son's list of colleges to apply to

Dear Mr Farrell,

This is in response to your cowardly and idiotic decision to keep the lunatic "professor" Barrett teaching utter rubbish about 9/11 in the classroom. Do you also keep on staff professors who teach that the Holocaust never happened?

My son, who got a 32 on his ACT and has a 4.3GPA, will not be applying to U Wisconsin.

Dr M DiRienzo
Buffalo Grove, Illinois

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Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 1:27 PM
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Subject: Re Fiction and fact at UW

Regarding today's editorial "Fiction and Fact at UW"

"It's about that word: 'theory'. We don't for a second believe that Barrett believes it as such".

So, by that fallacious logic, teachers who teach evolution, should not be allowed to do so?
 To label something a conspiracy theory does not disprove it. Therein lies your error.
 Instead, you should approach news with a clear mind. For instance, a reputable journalist would ask:

1. Why won't the FBI release film from the 87 cameras that filmed the Pentagon impact?
2. Why did the debris from the three towers (yes, 3) fail to be analyzed - especially the steel beams, which were shipped overseas to be recycled?
3. Why has the government not released the passenger lists from the 4 airplanes?
4. Why were there human remains (enough to DNA test - supposedly) from the pentagon crash, but no trace of 2 six-ton steel/titanium engines?
5. Why were the first 3 skyscrapers ever to collapse from fire - all next to each other, and on the same day? Even when one was not hit? And no other skyscraper has ever collapsed from fire since?
6. How would Rudy Guillian know the first tower was going to fall shortly, but not firefighters? Who told him? And why on God's earth did he say it to Peter Jennings on film?
7. Why do you not publish photos of dead and horribly wounded soldiers returning from Iraq? They're real. They exist.

Look up false flag operation - it's as old as war itself. Take the challenge. Ask the questions. Run the photos of the soldiers who aren't smiling. Why would any self-respecting journalist fail to do these things?

It's obvious to many by now that you are trying to maintain a liberal label while producing a stream of subtle support to the regime. Your "sunshine" embedded reporter writing about the helicopter re-fueling crew from Wisconsin. Good God. At least do a decent job of disguising your cheerleading for the Regime and continuous war.

Tom Moore

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Subject: The bronze plaque in front of Bascom Hall

If you have received this in error, please forward to the appropriate persons.

I just read the provost review of Kevin Barrett's "teaching". How can the university release such a statement? Where is the checks and balance to prohibit such.. shall we say misdirection?

[excerpt taken from official statement regarding Kevin Barrett]

"We cannot allow political pressure from critics of unpopular ideas to inhibit the free exchange of ideas. That classroom interaction is central to this university's mission and to the expansion of knowledge. Silencing that exchange now would only open the door to more onerous and sweeping restrictions," he says.

"It is in cases like this - difficult cases involving unconventional ideas - that we define our principles and determine our future," Farrell adds. "Instead of restricting politically unpopular speech, we will take our cue from the bronze plaque in front of Bascom Hall that calls for the 'continual and fearless sifting and winnowing' of ideas."

Are you openly tolerant of teaching critical analysis of Darwinism? Do you allow ex-homosexuals to teach that homosexuality is predominantly sociological and not physiological and you are not pre-ordained to a life of homosexuality? Do you allow Intelligent Design to be taught? We all know what would happen if these free exchanges of ideas were attempted. I believe that for the above release to be construed as anything other than a complete falsehood it would have to be changed to read "We cannot allow political pressure from critics of liberalism to inhibit the biased exchange of ideas". Oh, and you'd have to replace your plaque too.

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

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Subject: comments about today's Milwaukee Journal Sentinel editorial concerning prof barrett

Professor Barrett,

I think you should be allowed to teach, but not your the reasons you think. The 911 subject matter you and your group espouses is just wrong and unproven. You are only exploiting fear, innuendo, and an irrational hatred of President Bush. Go ahead and teach but can you teach well? That fact will come out in the wash.

If you are seeking tenure at UW or Edgewood, I predict you will not achieve that. I went to UW and worked on a degree in Applied Math, Engineering, and Physics. My physics professor, Sam Aronson, was absolutely brilliant and distinguished—much more so than you. He did not receive tenure and had to move on. What came out in the wash was his brusque manner in dealing with his undergrad students—including me. He turned me off to physics but I persevered.

You state how stupid GW Bush is, but he, Cheney, and Rumsfeld engineered the 911 attacks after being in office for eight short months. I'd say he is quite brilliant to do that in such a short time. How about you?

For example, on your webpage, the following appears:

>>>Mike sent us the following old hillbilly joke:

>>>>"My family and George W. Bush's family was havin' a feud. They threw a hand grenade at us. So we pulled the >>>>pin and threw it back."

>>>>That's pretty much what happened to Jessica McBride, Steve Nass, Mark Green, Jim Doyle, and >>>>Hannity and Colmes. Keep those hand grenades coming! ;)

Here's my "improvement" on that joke:

"My Barrett clan and GW Bush's clan was a-havin' a feud. They threwed a gr-nade at us that was designed by Karl Rove and Mark Sevelis. So we pulled that thar' pin and throwed it back—ha ha... but the pin exploded!..."

Karl Rove and GW (for being so stupid) always manage to be one step ahead of all the lefties. Did you know Bush's gpa at Yale was higher than J Kerry's?

Anyway, I wanted to point out that Madison may be behind you, but the rest of Wisco is not. You see, we are the suckers paying your nine grand wage. We also pay for UW's over-bloated budget. I request that Provost Patrick Farrell and Chancellor John Wiley keep these facts in the forefront of their minds.

To my great surprise, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in today's editorial says you should be barred from teaching. (<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=464995>).

Believe it or not, Professor Barrett, I hope you make it. That will depend on how well you do in the classroom. Andy Warhol once said that literally everyone should receive 15 minutes of media fame during their lifetimes. You have received 30. Provost Farrell has given you the benefit of the doubt. Lets see what you can do with it.

Oh, I saw you on Hannity and Colmes. Both of you were trying to yell above each other in full duplex.

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Consequently, the average person learned nothing from that encounter. You would have been better off by remaining calm and expressing only one of your points then let Hannity do the ranting and raving. Your quietness would have won the battle with both Hannity and the UW.

If you want to be a lightning rod, do not be surprised when lightning strikes.

Best regards,

Mark Sevelis
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July 13th, 2006
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PS-If you are interested in my take on you that I sent to Eugene Kane of the MJS:

Yes, academic freedom is a cherished American ideal. However, when a professor teaches only to incite, that borders on shouting fire in a crowded theater. What would you, or UW-Milwaukee do if I as a professor expounded that all Muslim-Americans be summarily shot on sight after 911? What if my academic solution to solving the pandemic STD problem was to "humanely" isolate everyone with HIV or warts? It's funny if the subject does not sacrilege any liberal "sacred cows" then whatever you say or teach in class falls under academic freedom.

On the other hand, Professor Barrett may be smarter than we think. He played the media, including Fox News, Milwaukee JS, and Madison Newspapers like a virtuoso violinist--receiving lots of free publicity.

Ordinary citizens like bloggers have found grievous errors, like Dan Rather's corrupt effort to destroy President Bush. Mr. Rather committed the cardinal sin of all journalists: not double-verifying his sources. The "mystery" around the JFK assassination will linger until November 2063, when just about everyone alive in November 1963 has passed on. And yes, the little green visitors to Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 were another rightwing conspiracy. Right?

Professor Barrett and his "highly intelligent co-academics" are using innuendo and suspicion to advance their own careers at the expense of truth. By that, why hasn't the New York Times or the Washington Post raised any questions about an "inside job" involving our government on 911? Nova, MIT, and the lead architect did a research program on PBS about the twin towers answering how they fell. Perhaps the FDNY brought the high explosives into the World Trade Center buildings as the climbed the stairs to rescue office workers. No one else has verified finding traces of high explosives.

I do recall that on 911, I saw Palestinians dancing in the streets of Nablus on both Fox and CNN. Some of those Palestinians interviewed said Muslims were not involved but the Zionist Israeli Jews and Mossad were responsible. Maybe the CIA and Mossad said "Beam me up, Scotty," when they meant "Beam me up, Shlomo."

Professor Barrett: does your course include the above conspiracy or is the CIA and Mossad the only suspects? Maybe you, like Professor Churchill already is, want to make the next edition of David Horowitz' best seller: The 101 Most Dangerous Professors in America. After all, you are only paid nine grand for this school year (is that minimum wage?). You must be making up the difference by working at the Octopus Car Wash in Madison. Now, that's a better place for you to hatch up more conspiracy plots--not at UW.

If Ward Churchill has any Native American blood in his veins, it is because he was a member of the Cleveland Indians or the Washington Redskins (as a waterboy). If he really is a Native American, I hope he is the Last of the Mohicans. His dishonesty is the reason why the University of Colorado--and not any state representative--wants to fire him. If that blessed event does occur, maybe you, Mr Kane, should lobby UW Madison or Milwaukee to hire him. We need more of his caliber in Wisco.

Barrett can also hide behind his First Amendment rights. People who do that usually do not have anything else of merit to say or do. You know, like pornographers. I cherish the idea of people like Larry Flynt defending my First Amendment rights. Responsibility is the First Corollary of the First Amendment. (Why didn't the JS use this expression in their July 2nd Crossroads piece about the Constitution?).

Is academic dishonesty--over--or under academic freedom?

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Subject: Univ. of Wisconsin - What a Shame

Dear Mr. Farrell,

Having received an education at Villanova University which included the development of logical thought processes I can assure you that the ravings of the mentally ill do not constitute true academic discourse on a college campus. Calling Mr. Barrett's views on 911 "unconventional" is a gross misuse of that word. What is most shameful for your institution is claiming that the students exposed to this have a TRUE opportunity to challenge these outrageous views or that exposing them to lunacy is somehow an appropriate and worthwhile use of their time, let alone their money. I do not personally know the history of your institution and I do not support or propose the unchallenged spoon feeding of information, however, the word pathetic is not too strong a term to describe the Univ. of Wisconsin.

Terry McManus

Eden Inoway-Ronnie

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Dear Provost:

I am very disappointed with all of the bad publicity the UW has been receiving this past year and now the Barrett problem!

In regards to your UW press release, I believe instead of using the "sifting and winnowing" quote you should have used Abe's quote:

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

You should have DONE YOUR DUTY and fired Barrett for inappropriate behavior.

Now my friends refer to my alma mater as the University of Wackos. I am embarrassed, ashamed and angry.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Millett
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<http://www.madison.com/tct/opinion/index.php?ntid=90944&ntpid=0>

Editorial: UW sifting, winnowing
A Cap Times editorial, July 13, 2006

University of Wisconsin Provost Patrick Farrell was given a virtually thankless task: responding to complaints from politicians who objected to the unpopular views of a UW faculty member.

Farrell handled it as an academic leader, guided by UW values and traditions, as well as his own courage and good sense, rather than political pressures.

At a time when few were willing to stand up for the principles that have made the UW one of this country's greatest institutions of higher learning, the provost did just that when he rejected calls for the dismissal of controversial lecturer Kevin Barrett.

After right-wing talk radio programs started rambling on about the fact that Barrett holds unconventional and unpopular views regarding the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon - the scholar of Islam believes U.S. officials had a role in the attacks - state Rep. Steve Nass, R-Whitewater, called for Barrett's firing. Republican candidate for governor Mark Green and Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle offered milder criticisms.

It was clear that Farrell would make few friends in high places for the university if he decided to uphold the principle that UW faculty members are entitled to hold and express unconventional or unpopular views so long as they do not warp their instruction of students in a manner that prevents honest dialogue and inquiry.

Yet it was also clear that, despite the objections that many reasonable people have to his opinions and his politics, Barrett is a conscientious and competent academic who was prepared to abide by the UW's high standards for instruction.

Farrell approached his responsibilities in a collaborative manner. Along with Gary Sandefur, the dean of the College of Letters and Science, and Ellen Rafferty, the chair of the department of languages and cultures of Asia, Farrell met with Barrett. They reviewed his course syllabus and reading materials and examined his past teaching evaluations.

Putting politics aside, Farrell and his compatriots determined that Barrett should be allowed to teach this fall.

But he did more than that. Along with the decision, Farrell offered a ringing defense of academic freedom and openness.

"We cannot allow political pressure from critics of unpopular ideas to inhibit the free exchange of ideas. That classroom interaction is

central to this university's mission and to the expansion of knowledge. Silencing that exchange now would only open the door to more onerous and sweeping restrictions," declared Farrell. "It is in cases like this - difficult cases involving unconventional ideas - that we define our principles and determine our future."

Referencing the UW's historic commitment to free and adventurous inquiry, which is stated on the most famous plaque on the campus, Farrell concluded by saying, "Instead of restricting politically unpopular speech, we will take our cue from the bronze plaque in front of Bascom Hall that calls for the 'continual and fearless sifting and winnowing' of ideas."

In the history of the UW, the Kevin Barrett controversy will rank as just one of many fights over academic freedom. It will not be the most dramatic or the most consequential. But the UW's legacy is only as strong as the willingness of campus leaders to boldly reaffirm the school's commitment to the "sifting and winnowing" of ideas whenever it is challenged.

That legacy has been defended, ably, by Patrick Farrell. Thus, while his task was virtually thankless, it should not be entirely so. Those of us who cherish the UW's rich history and its bright future thank Farrell for remaining true to his school - and to its deepest values.

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