

Hey Paul,

I hope your Christmas season went well and Santa brought you some nice new doctor toys, like a stethoscope or maybe some new latex gloves; I heard Macy's was having a sale on lab coats. I suppose, given your past statements and county-renowned blog posts, you would be ecstatic with anything more than a lump of coal in your stocking.

Nevertheless, I have a better reason to write you than playful banter of good times past. I would like to kindly request that you return the 350 *Morris NorthStars* that were stolen from our distribution racks on November 23 and 24. You know what I'm talking about. As cool as it is that you want all of your friends to have a copy, I would prefer that the students of Morris get first "dibs" at reading the intellectually stimulating content found in the newspaper that I finance and publish.

My first suspicion that you borrowed our entire on-campus print run came when I noticed that all of our distribution locations smelled like chloroform and other sciency things. These presumptions were later solidified by your post on November 22 titled "Race-baiting is alive and well at UMM." If you forgot about that post, it's the one where you said, "...the North Star has worn out its welcome and must go. Treat their scattered papers as hate-filled trash and dispose of it appropriately." You know, after comparing us to the Ku Klux Klan and climate skeptics.

If you don't want to return them, I understand. You could always just write a check for the 349 copies that you didn't pay for (your first copy was free, you're welcome!). 349×5 gets you to \$1,745. However, because that was two months ago, and I'm a greedy capitalist, the 20% monthly interest rate on your late payment jacks you up to \$2,512.80. Don't worry though, with purchases over \$2,000 we round down on the change so you only owe \$2,512... to me that is. Although I am not required to charge a sales tax, I think it is only fair that the NorthStar does its part to help the least among us, so an additional "charity tax" of 40% will appear on your \$3,517 bill. There is also a handling and processing fee, since I'll need to restock, and distribute again, of \$500, so add that onto the bill for a grand total of \$4,017. I accept checks, cash, paypal, debit, credit, bitcoin, appreciating assets (such as real-estate or valuable time-pieces), and tangible assets (like gold and silver).

I want to make sure we're clear that there are no hard feelings, Paul. You see, unlike some of the fascists at this institution (you know who I'm talking about), I don't judge somebody by his political ideology. See, even though we disagree on whether the marginal tax rate should be 34.4% or 322%, I wouldn't advocate anyone stealing all of your books (such as the award-winning "The Happy Atheist", only three stars on Amazon!) from the bookstore. It would just be uncouth. I derive my feelings about someone based on their actions, for example, stealing 349 NorthStars. On the other hand, before ever shaking my hand, introducing yourself, and ever speaking with me you somehow knew that I was a "wingnutty embarrassment" and a racist. This shouldn't be surprising coming from the guy who measures diversity by one's

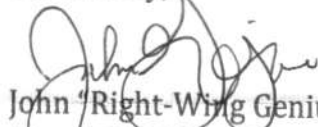
skin color alone, rather than geographical background or life experiences. You even said that "[UMM] want[s] a more representative sampling of what America actually looks like..." Now I'm not saying diversity is a bad thing, but why is it that a black friend of mine, with the same background as me, is all of a sudden deemed "diverse" to you. Double standard? Glad you agree. Judging people based on looks is what we call "shallow." But if you want to resign your position of white privilege in order to make room for a new diversity-hire, let's just say we won't be protesting that decision. In fact we'd gladly be on the hiring committee and serve the community to find a better-qualified minority applicant for your position.

In closing, I would like to congratulate you for a few of your latest accomplishments. First of all, you successfully represented the current university administration by promoting "diverse" views, validating our statements about administrative fascism, as long as you agree with them. Anything else or too extreme seems to be pretty well reigned in at this public university. I hate to remind you that this kind of zealous overenforcement of orthodoxy smells a lot like religious fervor. I'm no Galileo, but Father Firenzuola would be proud of your efforts to quelch dissent from official teaching.

It's just a shame that we can't have an "agree to disagree" relationship, Paul. We don't have to be friends, but just like kids on the playground, you can have your part of the playground and talk to your friends, and I can talk to my friends on my side of the playground. If you don't like what I'm saying, you don't need to steal my stuff or try and get the teacher involved. I'm asking for a fourth grade mutual-respect ethic here, so I don't think I'm being unreasonable in an institution of higher education.

So, anyway, lots of words for one central purpose: please return my newspapers or cut a check. Think of it as an investment in freedom.

For Liberty,



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