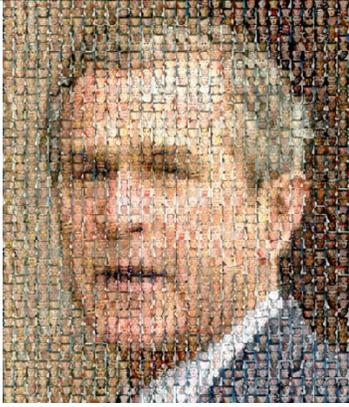


Free Speech at Marywood ! – we *are* all offended - it is OKAY! Free speech is worth it!



Collage of Dead American soldiers
--- and a student hangs a cartoon of Bush with a monkey face and swastika armbands.

Three possible posters ??:

- 1. **Illegals reduce wages** of USA high school dropouts by 8%. See Prof. George Borjas' research (Harvard) **Build fence and send 'em back.**
- 2. Undocumented workers do work Americans won't. **Welcome them, open borders to all.**
- -3. **Fence -- enforced! THEN amnesty for illegal immigrants now here.** Protect black African-American wages! Blacks rebuild New Orleans, not NEW illegals....

By posting this page I do NOT claim to support ANY of the views or opinions expressed on this page...but I support free speech on campus and so post this sample of controversial pictures, statements and "stories" on my door or car window ! I do try to be considerate ☺.

1. A story , refers to the Hurricane Katrina response, says white Americans and Republicans [of all kinds] are racists. Next door a story criticizes New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin of being a black racist because of his "Chocolate City" remarks.

2. Male posts on his door "Let's arrange a non-profit 'Girls Gone Wild' spring break trip bus trip to Florida. Inquire within. The more the merrier and the cheaper."

3. A student writes on her friend's door notepad "Hey Ho, let's go to lunch at 1. (signed) Bitchin' Babe"

4. Door post- "Polygamists should go to hell, the new HBO television show **Big Love** is the work of the devil "

5. A student hangs a small crucifix and a sign reading "Join the Catholic Church – I think the only way to heaven is to be a good Catholic".

6. A **black** student places on his door a copy of an Associated Press story where Louis Farrakhan claims Jews are the source of problems for blacks. Yellow highlighting emphasizes Farrakhan's remarks....

7. A ? conservative ? **white** student posts the *exact* same Farrakhan story, with the *same* highlighting as the black student in the above example.

8. Student(s) posts pictures of Che Guevara on their door(s)..also Pol Pot... Adolph Hitler... Joseph Stalin... and David Duke (racist who killed no one)...

9. A student hangs a story claiming fat people drive up health care costs but they often die early and save taxpayers social security money.

10. A cartoon of Jesus sobbing in the background as a priest is about to try to molest a young boy....

PETA=People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

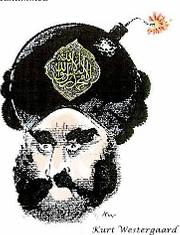
11. PETA poster in Rotunda shows hanging slaughtered cows, also on poster, photo of a just lynched black man hanging from a tree circa 1920. Sign says "Never Again" !

12. PETA, poster of Jews in Holocaust Oven, Pigs on barbecue spits, sign says "Never Again !" [by A.M.]

13. Your Space



You **South Park fans** better not laugh. Isaac Hayes (ex-Chef) will send the scimitar man to get you for dissing cult cash seeking Scientology!



Mohammed **Ayaan Hirsi Ali**
A cartoon published in Jyllands-Posten in Denmark last September –now violent demonstrations, burned Danish embassies.....Student posts cartoon & writes : "Islam is an Intolerant Religion Trying to Impose Its Will Through Terror" See Suras 2-9 **No Caliphate!**

Hirsi Ali, Sudan born Muslim, member Dutch Parliament, left Islam, wrote movie Submission about rape in Muslim family, led to filmmaker Van Ghogh's **murder**. Ali's life has been threatened and she lives under police protection. **VERY BRAVE** for free speech ! Hero !

Catholics Ruined Pristine Americas!



Virgin Mary Covered with Elephant Dung and "private parts" by Chris Ofili displayed Brooklyn Museum 1999



Israel's former Prime Minister Sharon eats Palestinian babies.



Marilyn Monroe 1949 Why can't Marywood **GIRLS** look like her or Hirsi Ali?

From: Professor Frederick Fagal (Assoc. Professor of Economics) April 5, 2006
To: Marywood Students living on campus (commuters count too ☺, but this vote is for campus residents)

SHORT ONE-PAGE VERSION: **vote for or against student free speech on campus.**

This one-page version will save you reading time, but for a longer presentation please

1) Go to <http://woodmary.blogspot.com> for the blog **M U F R E E S P E E C H E T C E T E R A**
Get your ballot from the ballot taker for your living area. Sign the "I voted" sheet and **cast your ballot**.

Someone in each dorm/living area will arrange a GROUP "free speech" photograph. The group photo will be posted on the woodmary.blogspot.com website and labeled something like "xxx Dorm Students for Free Speech". Be in the photo to go public !

The accompanying poster is meant to offend almost everyone. That is the point of the poster ! People can make fools of themselves if they want to. Examine the poster. If you support free speech you might hear or see things in the dorm or around campus that make you mad! BUT that is the price of free speech. Fight bad stupid speech with wise speech. Let there be a competition of ideas. The competition of ideas might cause your ideas to change. And you may sway others. Great! That's called free and open debate. No holds barred... The **Foundation for Individual Rights in Education** has a great website www.thefire.org which discusses legal issues and the reasons why free speech is good. Check it out. Let your ideas be challenged. You will be sharper for it. Justice Douglas' majority opinion Terminiello v Chicago (1949) noted "The right to speak freely and to promote diversity of ideas and programs is therefore one of the chief distinctions that sets us apart from totalitarian regimes."

THE BALLOT CHOICES ARE:

1. *I support free speech for Marywood University Students. I recognize that this may mean that some people may take offense at some speech. I am a Marywood University student who lives in university housing.*

2. *I believe speech must be responsible, and that student speech on the Marywood Campus must be limited to what the administration or some other Marywood University designated body allows. I am a Marywood University student who lives in university housing.*

THINK BEFORE you vote. You need not vote right away. The ballot box closes on Monday. You may take one ballot, do not lose it. But damaged ballots ("soda spill") will be replaced.

---- **Does Free Speech Mean Anything Goes ? No...**

There are constitutional limits to free speech. You can picket an abortion clinic, say, or have an anti-abortion march in the neighborhood of a doctor who does abortions. You can't camp out in front of the doctor's house and protest. **In the dorm** that would mean (I think) that you could have (say) a pro-abortion poster on your door. Someone else down the hall could have a poster saying "Abortion is murder and those who support it are murderers". But the **anti-abortion students could not hang out in front of the pro-abortion person's door in a vigil** seeking the "redemption of a supporter of murder". See www.thefire.org for legal cases.

Today many private colleges and universities severely limit speech on campus. This is usually done in the name of protecting the feelings of others. You know, political correctness... again, see www.thefire.org. Private universities can legally do things public ones cannot, but private institutions must do what they claim they will do. Note that Marywood's student handbook says "**Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals.**"

Recent News:

Last week Borders Bookstores decided not to sell Free Inquiry magazine because it published the Danish Mohammed cartoons; Borders honestly said it **feared for the safety of their employees if they carried the magazine! Sadly, threats worked...**

One week ago, New York University, whose explicit policies **support** free speech, **forbade the display of the Mohammed cartoons at what was to be an open forum about free speech and the cartoons!** NYU was worried about violence ... Read the full story at <http://www.thefire.org/index.php/article/6930.html> **GOOD NEWS:** KATU-TV in Portland, OR showed the cartoons April 1.

Consider what life will be like if those who claim offense (and back up their threats with violence because they are "provoked") rule the day. Again, Marywood's student handbook says "**Free inquiry and free expression are indispensable to the attainment of these goals.**" To me that *sounds* good. Many universities (wrongly I think) impose all sorts of limits. But **you must exercise your rights** of free inquiry and free expression **to make sure that those rights are, in fact, respected and available.** **Do you want the most easily offended to set the rules of discussion and speech ? Without free speech that is where we will be taken...**

Do NOT rely on the faculty to protect your rights! I sadly report the free speech survey results from the Marywood faculty :

I received only 22 responses from roughly 150 surveys. Each faculty member received a *stamped* addressed return envelope!

9 professors (3 willing to go public) **support** free speech for students on campus

4 professors (3 willing to go public) **would limit** student speech on campus, **8** professors had an **in-between** position **or no opinion**

~**118 professors did not care enough about the free speech issue to respond one way or the other!**

Finally, due to opposition by Harvard's undergraduate liberal arts faculty, Harvard University's brilliant (economist ☺) president Larry Summers recently resigned over a political correctness flap(s). But **80%** of Harvard undergraduate students said that Summers should stay! **Student opinion need NOT reflect faculty opinion; never forget you students are the paying customers !**

THANK YOU for reading, thinking, and voting. *Sincere Best Wishes*, Frederick Fagal, Assoc. Prof. Economics