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Dr. Arlin Horton  
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November 24, 2004

Dr. Horton,

I wanted you to be one of the first to hear about this book. I started writing it the year after graduation, drawing from memories and lessons from my college years. Acclimated to the pace of the advertising industry, I have been forced into patience with the publishing process; but it has been a rewarding wait.

I've kept in touch with my teachers in my absence – hard to believe I have been out of college now as long as I was in college – often thanking them for their contributions that have helped me succeed in my craft and career. I send this letter to thank you for the grander investment, the infrastructure that made my education possible and a day like this more than just a day dream.

Please accept this book as a token of my gratitude for all you've done to make *Word on the Street* a reality.

I and my two sisters who are or have attended PCC have all gleaned different memories and dispersed to different paths from the gamut of opportunities afforded at PCC. My next book, already in progress, draws partly from my experience as an Omega Kappa Delta football player and coach. I hope to be able to send you that work in the coming year or two.

In his service,

Ryan George



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November 24, 2004

Pastor Schettler,

Even as preacher's kids, I and my two sisters who have attended and/or are attending PCC have considered you our pastor.

What I appreciated most about your ministry was the practical, analytical approach to the Bible. I will never forget the cow tongue before Christmas or the thermostat/thermometer illustration—just a couple of many indelible lessons inked into my memory with captivating illustrations. Coming from a faith based on dogmas in my fundamentalist home, I was challenged to push into the motives and reasons behind my belief system.

The enclosed book attempts to continue upon that path you encouraged. And while I could not insert a 9-foot-tall Goliath prop, I hope you will be able to glean influences of you in these pages.

I'm sure this part of the semester leaves you little time for reading, but I wanted you to have one of my first copies as a token of thanks. This book illustrates how God is multiplying your ministry around the world through the students you touch. So, whenever you get around to perusing between the covers, I hope you find even a fraction of the ministry you had in my life.

In his service,

Ryan George



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August 26, 2005

Dr. Horton,

Last November I mailed you a copy of my then-new book, *Word on the Street*. Since that time I've fulfilled orders from and mailed many copies out to alumni friends.

From my conversations with various members of the PCC faculty I've learned that this book is the first published book written by a PCC student / graduate majoring in Commercial Writing. I will be on campus for the Thanksgiving activities this year and was wondering if we could put together a book signing to promote PCC's writing program and my book.

I can connect the Bookstore director with the distributor or bring a limited quantity from my stack of author-purchased copies to them at my cost. This book was not written for profit.

If my undergrad accomplishments at PCC bear weight in your decision, please consider that I taught second-grade Sunday School in the Campus Church, sat on the Student Court, presided as VP or President over my collegian for 4 consecutive semesters (and lost *none* of the 111 members when new collegians were made available), worked as crew chief on the academy grounds crew, served as APL and PL of prayer groups, sang in College Choir & OKD ensemble, coached my flag football team to the championship, and worked at a Baptist summer camp after my sophomore year.

Readers have told me that *Word on the Street* has encouraged and challenged them in their spiritual walk, something PCC continues to pursue for all their students and guests. I would love to contribute to that cause with PCC.

In his service,

Ryan George



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August 31, 2005

Mr. Ryan George  
42 Littlecrest Lane  
Evington, VA 24550

Dear Ryan:

Thank you for your kind letter of Aug. 26 with your offer to come to campus for a book signing. President Horton asked that I respond for him.

I took the opportunity to read some selections from *Word on the Street* on your website. You have an interesting writing style, and I sense your desire to help people deal with spiritual issues in life. For that, we congratulate you.

As I read, however, it seemed that there was a certain level of comfort with the world which came through and which would be in conflict with our position of separation from the world. I also noted the use of the New American Standard version of the Bible, and I am sure you must know of PCC's position regarding translations which do not come from the traditional text. For those reasons, we must decline your kind offer.

Having been a student at PCC, Ryan, I am sure you must understand our posture. I do appreciate your kindness and thank you for writing to us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joel H. Mullenix".

Joel H. Mullenix  
Vice President for Public Affairs

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September 6, 2005

Dr. Mullenix,

[The most important paragraph of this letter is the last one. If you read nothing else, please at least read the vital disclaimer; for I have written with passion but not with the opinion or approval of my sister who attends PCC or the balance of my family members.]

I was both surprised and saddened by your letter in response to my offer to Dr. Horton.

My surprise came from knowing that, despite this past week having been the ramp up to registration, revival, etc. – a busy week for the administration – my letter received immediate attention. Part of my sadness was that your fervor to alienate an alumnus proved such a priority. I had sent my last letter as a last ditch effort to disprove my experience.

Yes, sir, I well understand the college's posture for the latest version of the original KJV and against students & alumni that do not conform to the administration's litmus tests. I remember the last senior class meeting we had: expecting to enjoy a retrospective montage of our four years, we were shown the latest installment of KJV videos, this one attacking BJU and other seminaries. I remember the befuddled looks from the members of the administration standing in the back of the MacKenzie Great Hall as the majority of us seniors moaned then laughed. So, I have long known that the leadership of my *alma mater* was more devoted to the perception of the college than to its ministry or education.

Sir, I know more about the world than I'd like. And like you, I wish it didn't rub off on me as much as it does. As you apparently read in a few of the sample chapters from my book, I struggle more now than ever – everyday – to battle the flesh, to walk past this world's Vanity Fairs. I put such vulnerable confessions in my book to let the readers, many of whom represent my unsaved family members and business acquaintances, know that Christianity isn't easy or contained in the synagogue. While Jesus was sinless, he didn't spend his

ministry on a perfectly-manicured campus that was sterilized from as many temptations as possible for the incumbent adults. If PCC weren't so focused on reaching for the last 6% of robe-whitening improvement out of the choir and the delineation between the followers of Apollos vs. Paul, maybe it could focus on James 1:27 ministry.

My wife and I are actively involved in a church that ministers to migrant Hispanics. We're concerned more whether a person has a Bible and is reading it than what letters are on its spine. We're more concerned that the people feel welcome than well-dressed. Our pastor's goal for growth focuses on multiplying united disciples, not divisive dissertations.

My senior year, the then-head of the Art Department [I was a graphic design and advertising double minor] told me that the goal of the college was not to enable us to be lights in a secular workplace but to [insolate ourselves to] be planted into ministries (that espoused PCC ideals). How is that ministry? And how is that a well-rounded, well-founded education?

The writing program during my undergrad years was so watered down by low standards, I cake-walked on a curve to straight A's in my post-sophomore-evaluation writing classes — even scored a perfect 100 on my senior portfolio from the Dean of Education. Teachers have since tried to assure me that the college is trying to add teeth to the program (and therewith legitimacy to our diplomas) with more electives and more focused curricula. When a student accomplishes such a feat as a publishing a book within 4 years of graduation from such a fledgling program and is then spurned by his administration, such action only proves the college's interest lies elsewhere than empowering and inspiring their paying customers. I can't count on my fingers the superlative PCC instructors, most with real-world experience above a GA internship or inbred PCC Masters, who've been chased in the past few years by the college through either weariness of living under the system or by direct expulsion by the administration, as the college advertises to hire but fills its positions with higher and higher percentages of foot soldiers.

It saddens me — especially since, in my case, the rift rises over a version of the Bible that doesn't appear in many of the greeting cards sold in the Bookstore. What I am left to infer is that NIV, NASB, and other Bible translations in Bookstore products are okay, because they don't embarrass an administration whom were unsuccessful in keeping me the slogan-spurting, cliché-defending fundamentalist my parents had sent to PCC.

I attended a local prayer breakfast with Dr. Jerry Fallwell. He told our small group that at his institution, unlike at other Christian colleges, the administration's goal was "to help kids up, not out." That's true ministry and a good basis for education — not boot camp for foot soldiers.

I live between Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia and find a community of folks proud to tout their respective *alma maters* and defend their education. I almost can't shop in town without running into students proud to where their Liberty sweatshirts and arrive in "LU" emblazoned vehicles. I only wish I could be so proud of my college — to defend something other than Omega Kappa Delta or the art department or the immaculate campus. The only PCC garb in my closet bears my *inclusive* collegian's logo or the list of the 50% of my freshman class that graduated with me. We use to joke that we were "the few, the proud, the graduates."

I guess now I'm one of the many, the embarrassed, and the rejected.

Thank you, though, for inspiring me to fight harder to live above reproach and to devote more of my life to the needs in my church and to write more prolifically about the things that matter most. Thank you, too, for moving me toward a more balanced faith by illustrating during my 4 years at PCC – and now even after – the vanity and extremity of “independent, Bible-believing, separated, KJV-only Baptist” fundamentalism.

And thank you for not holding this letter against my sisters (one graduated, one currently attending, and one enrolled to attend in 2006), who – like their parents and church – stand with PCC in your beliefs and the manner in which you defend them. They also share your objections to my book and evaluation of my standing with God, and I would not want to see them punished for my personal disenfranchisement and ensuing maverick response.

Candidly,

Ryan George



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November 28, 2005

Mr. Ryan George  
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Dear Ryan:

Your letter of September 6, 2005, just arrived in my office. I assume you must have been visiting on campus for the Thanksgiving holidays and must have left it for me. I know of no other explanation for its arrival so long after you wrote it. In any case, I wanted you to know that it has just arrived.

I did not mean to be unkind to you in my letter of August 31, and as I have reread it, I do not think it was unkind.

Your letter reads as if you have a great deal of hostility and perhaps even bitterness toward Pensacola Christian College. I am sorry for that. We are aware that we shall someday answer to God for our stewardship of this work. You will also answer to Him for yours. It is clear that we are going in two different directions, and we will have to leave it there. I have no anger against your sisters or parents, nor do I hold any grudge against you. You have written harsh words and have come to some judgments which are not true. We will have to leave the matter with the Lord.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel H. Mullenix".

Joel H. Mullenix  
Vice President

JHM:lmb

From: Ryan George <vikingcowboy@yahoo.com>  
Date: April 6, 2006 12:03:50 AM EDT  
To: Alumni@pcci.edu  
Subject: my entry was erased

Dear alumni director,

The entries on the alumni page for both me and my wife were summarily erased. I first thought to check when we stopped getting the monthly email showing fellow students who have changed or added their entries. This is a forum where we have been able to find missionary friends and some of our collegian members. So, I checked out the site, and our entries were gone.

There was nothing unbiblical nor anything defaming PCC in our entries. So, I don't think it was for content. Neither my wife nor I are not part of any organization that disrespects or opposes the college or its staff (such as a competing Christian college, denomination, or church). So, I don't think it's by affiliation. After a rough first semester, I had a model college career in terms of demerits and even sat on the student court jury. So, I don't think it is for delayed punishment for my freshman mistakes.

Maybe it's just a technological mistake? If not, please advise.

Ryan George  
[Crystal (Young) George]

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