

**Harley Davidson benefits from corporate welfare**

It must be nice. I heard on national public radio recently that Harley Davidson doesn't pay any Wisconsin income taxes. While I don't know if it's true, I suspect it is because of their powerful lobby in Madison.

Which allows them to manufacture motorcycles with a noisy muffler that would earn automobile drivers a warning. And they're able to overturn all attempts at helmet laws.

Even as motorists are minded about seat belt safety: Click It or Ticket. Isn't that unfair at the least, discrimination at worst?

Oh, some might say Harley Davidson is providing jobs. Is it sufficient excuse when this state is consistently listed as one of the highest taxed in the nation? The rest of us pay our fair share.

I worry Wisconsin will eventually become a tax refugee island, with companies threatening to move elsewhere if we don't lower or completely eliminate their fiscal responsibility.

Don't think it will happen? Hey, the Brewers got a public handout to build Miller Park. Can we afford more of the same; corporate welfare?

And that, after all, is what it comes down to. As the saying goes: If you want to be a lumberjack, pick up your end of the log.

Gary Scheinoha  
Eden

**Thanks, George, for all you've done for us**

Dear George,  
Like all Americans, I'd like to wish you a happy 2007 and take a moment to thank you for all you've done for America.

First thanks for your crowning achievement - Iraq. This obsession of yours has cost the lives of over 3,000 soldiers, injured thousands others, divided our nation, diminished our credibility in the world, and put us hundreds of billions of dollars in debt. Not to mention actually increasing terrorism (a big thanks from Osama bin Laden!).

Wrongly conceived and poorly implemented, you've

been in a state of denial over the reality of this quagmire from the start.

You won't listen to anyone, least of all the voters who mistakenly put you back into office. You seem bent on a divine mission regardless of the cost in human lives and suffering (And wouldn't it be nice to get our hands on that Iraqi oil!). You played into our fears and emotions in the wake of 9/11, preaching a modern times good vs. evil, and since given renewed hope to your devoted flock of end-times believers. Now that Saddam got to be the guest of honor at his own necktie party, who's turn is it to be the Anti-Christ? Perhaps Ahmadinejan, the President of Iran? No wonder you won't talk to him! Attacking Iran would be an even bigger mistake then Iraq.

In two years (assuming you're not impeached) you can go back to the ranch in Texas and reflect on your pathetic, failed presidency. Or, you can go to Iraq yourself (don't forget your faithful dog, Cheney, and your talking parrot, Blair), become its freely elected president and push for Iraq to become our 51st state. After all you've done, they deserve your exceptional leadership! Thanks again, George!

Timothy Mulvey  
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**Communication center necessary for UW-Fox**

Our family has benefited greatly from our tenure in the Fox Valley. We are forever indebted to our community. Though we try to give back to it selflessly and quietly, it often seems not enough. So we humbly ask a favor of the community.

As former students and continuing supporters of UW-Fox, we understand its vital role - ultimately giving back far more than it takes.

We are not perplexed that it has taken so long to address a glaring deficiency at Fox.

In a region abundant with performance venues a new Communication Arts Center may seem extravagant. It is a necessity.

We place a premium on math and science skills to build

a globally competitive workforce. Communication skills are equally important. The CAC will allow Fox to be at its best endowing a coming generation with these critical skills. It will be a full-time learning resource catering not only to the performing arts but also to ALL disciplines where the ability to communicate effectively is key.

The current "facility" was built in 1962. Outdated even in terms of modern safety, its inadequacy is blatant. Fox works mightily to overcome these challenges. But, after decades of "getting by," it's time we give students the best tools to thrive.

We will continue to support UW-Fox to our best ability. But we cannot do this alone. I urge all Winnebago County Board Supervisors to fully support funding of the CAC at UW-Fox. I thank Outagamie County for their support. I urge citizens to learn about the CAC project. The time to invest in the CAC is now.

Thank You.

Richard and  
Amy Jo Aylward  
Town of Menasha  
Winnebago County

**Soldiers deserve show of appreciation**

My son, Sergeant First Class Andrew Way, is proud to serve his country. He believes in our freedom and opportunities. He is in his 13th year in the United States Army. Andrew is stationed at Fort Drum, NY, but spends his leave time with his father, mother and brother in Oshkosh.

This summer we went to the new water park in Oshkosh. What a great addition to our city. Our veterans should be allowed access to this and all public facilities free of charge. It is not the monetary value; it is the pride and appreciation of our military. Can someone address this in our city? Put a smile on a soldier's face with a tiny tribute.

Thank you, men and women of Oshkosh and the nation that serve in our Armed Forces so we can live in freedom.

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