

E-Mail Message from Dale Goodwin, Director of Public Relations for Gonzaga University

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Subject: RE: Gonzaga "Victory"

Hi **[Removed]**,

I suspect you are responding to an inaccurate national report about Gonzaga's reaction to a campus speaker. It has been widely misreported, and it appears there is nothing we can do about it other than to respond email-by-email to people like you who have been misinformed.

Here's what happened.

The College Republicans, a student club on our campus, invited Dennis Flynn to come to campus and speak on the topic, which is also the title of his book, "Why the Left Hates America ." When advertising posters went up, the Student Life office received some concerns from students, faculty and staff because it appeared the poster was touting (factually) why the Left Hates America. The Student Life office merely asked the club to put quote marks around the speech title, which they did without incident, to clarify the communications. The speech went on without a hassle. There was no punishment given to the club, but merely some direction about advertising events in the future so that they accurately reflect the content of presentation, and communicate in the most effective ways. Free speech is alive and well here.

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