Rabon, Karen

From: Jeff Sandefer To: Alex Cranberg

Sent: Thu Feb 24 20:26:30 2011

Subject: Re: Google Alert - alex cranberg

Wow...you know Rick too...what a coincidence!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 24, 2011, at 7:41 PM, "Alex Cranberg"

wrote:

You'll want to read the first of these two stories...

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Google Alerts < googlealerts-noreply@google.com>

Date: February 24, 2011 7:14:25 PM CST

To: Alex Cranberg

Subject: Google Alert - alex cranberg

2 new results for a

New UT Regent Cranberg a major political donor and charter school ... The American Independent

At the time, Scoppe wrote that she had "no problem with Denver businessman and voucher aficionado Alex Cranberg be

Florida investigates state disability agency The American Independent

... new University of Texas Regent Alex Cranberg has to the state of Colorado, where he's one of the most prominent ad

This once a day Google Alert is brought to you by Google.



Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Sandefer

Date: March 15, 2011 7:35:45 AM CDT

To: Alex

Subject: Interesting

Thought you might find this interesting, given your position as a Regent. Hope we can have dinner or a drink next time you are in town.

http://chronicle.com/article/Research-Universities-Open-New/124574/

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---- Original Message ----

From: Alex Cranberg

To: Sent: Tue Mar 08 09:54:59 2011

Jeff Samufer

Subject: Just called to get ur perspective on Tech's Board...

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Sandefer

Date: March 15, 2011 5:28:37 PM CDT

To: Alex

Subject: Re: This week

What about coming by the house at 7 pm?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2011, at 5:23 PM, "Alex"

wrote:

Sure. Grab a cup in an hour or two?

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 15, 2011, at 12:21 PM, Jeff Sandefer

wrote:

Talked with a reporter from Texas Tribune...on background only. Said

he wanted to talk with you.

Can we grab a cup of coffee while you are here?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2011, at 12:00 PM, "Alex" wrote:

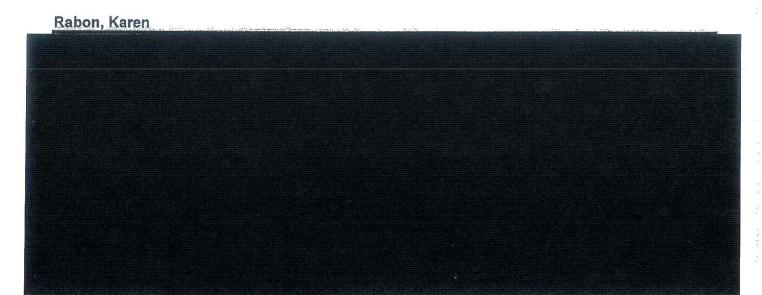
Both. Austin Tuesday afternoon- Thursday noon

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 13, 2011, at 6:49 PM, Jeff Sandefer

wrote:

Are you in Austin or Denver this week?



From: Jeff Sandefer To: Alex Cranberg

Sent: Sat Mar 19 13:55:51 2011

Subject: New book

New book coming out from a WSJ writer:

The Faculty Lounges: And Other Reasons Why You Won't Get The College Education You Pay For [Hardcover]

Naomi Schaefer Riley

## Description

College tuition has risen four times faster than the rate of inflation in the past two decades. While faculties like to blame the rising costs on fancy athletic buildings and bloated administrations, professors are hardly getting the short end of the stick. Spending on instruction has increased 22 percent over the past decade at private research universities.

Parents and taxpayers shouldn't get overheated about faculty salaries: tenure is where they should concentrate their anger. The jobs-for-life entitlement that comes with an ivory tower position is at the heart of so many problems with higher education today. Veteran journalist Naomi Schaefer Riley, an alumna of one of the country's most expensive and best-endowed schools, explores how tenure has promoted a class system in higher education, leaving contingent faculty who are barely making minimum wage and have no time for students to teach large swaths of the undergraduate population. She shows how the institution of tenure forces junior professors to keep their mouths shut for a decade or more if they disagree with senior faculty about anything from politics to research methods. And she examines how the institution of tenure-with the job security, mediocre salaries and low levels of accountability it entailsmay be attracting the least innovative and interesting members of our society into teaching.

## Reviews

A lively, no-holds-barred critique of tenure that even skeptical readers should take seriously. Riley makes a comprehensive case that a reexamination of faculty work roles in U.S. universities is inevitable - and desirable. --Ben Wildavsky, senior fellow, Kauffman Foundation and former editor, US News & World Report College Guides

The conventional liberal/conservative positions are scrambled and recast in this bold investigation of the

effects of tenure on the modern university. Naomi Schaefer Riley admirably lays the groundwork for a national discussion whose time has come. --Ruth Wisse, Martin Peretz Professor of Yiddish and Comparative Literature, Harvard University

Naomi Schaefer Riley incisively and lucidly hits the nall on the head, showing us why academic tenure is a costly, inefficient, and unnecessary anachronism. This is a must read. --Richard Vedder, director, Center for College Affordability and Productivity; author of *Going Broke by Degree: Why College Costs Too Much* 

The issue of tenure lies at the heart of many the critical challenges facing higher education. Significant change cannot occur without the abolition of tenure. Naomi Schaefer Riley's timley book addresses this contentious problem directly and insightfully and will provoke much-needed debate. --Mark C. Taylor, author of Crisis on Campus: A Bold Plan for Reforming Our Colleges and Universities

Tenure isn't the only reason that American higher education is losing quality, productivity and intellectual freedom. (Think unionionization, price inflation, political correctness, academic faddism, bureaucratization, lengthening weekends, shortening semesters, nonexistent counseling, low completion rates.) But our universities and their students would be better off without it—and in this valuable and timely book Naomi Schaefer Riley does a brilliant job of explaining why. —Chester E. Finn, Jr., senior fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University; president, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

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From: Jeff Sandefer

Date: March 23, 2011 8:23:59 PM CDT

To: Alex

Subject: thought you'd find this interesting

http://www.agendawisereports.com/2011/03/evan-smith-attacks-the-ut-board-of-regents/

http://www.agendawisereports.com/2011/03/progressive-activisttrib-board-member-ellen-susman/