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**Subject:** Fwd: Cassady - I (also) had an injury – to my knee – in my senior year at UWGB – AND, my personal experiences, may be applicable  
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12-2-2017 ( about 5:00 PM, EST )

Email: athletic\_director@osu.edu [et al – as shown]

**TO:** Mr. Gene Smith, Director of Athletics OSU – Also, Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation Endowed Athletics Director [et al – as shown]

**Dear Mr. Smith (Gene) – [et al] Ohio State University Athletics DIRECTOR ...**

**My name** is Susan Marie [ **Cassady** ]-Neuhart.

I sent the following message to Mr. David Graham (of OSU) yesterday – and, have received no reply. Not even an *acknowledgement* that my Email was read by a OSU staff person. Sir, since the time of sending my message ( 12-1-2017), I have learned (with certainty) that many more days – that 6[six] are required for proper healing – of the human knee – following arthroscopic surgery. **I have posted the USA Medical Article (of interest) to my personal web site home page.** [ URL shown in my original message below]

I request, that you please, “personally impress” on Mr. Barrett - to understand - that his knee must heal fully & properly before he can risk it (his knee) to play today.

**Please [tell him]** (that) - according to Medical Doctor Joe Barker (and USA Government research) - IF, he does not heal fully first (then) “his human knee may never heal "properly"! . SEE MY PERSONAL Knee Injury STORY (BELOW). I have no relationship with Joe Barker M.D; Or - the University of Wisconsin Sport Teams - of any kind - at this time. I state (in my message) that I did graduate from UWGB.

**Thank you! for your personal attention – in this matter.**

Mr. Barrett has very “special” talents; However, he is a human being. Perhaps, you may be able to make an impression – where others – may fail.

I do not want to fail in getting my message to him (in time). I hope history (and the WWW) will record that I tried. - Susan

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UNTIL 12-1-2017

Email: graham.461@osu.edu

**TO:** Mr. David Graham, Assistant Provost, Student-Athlete Success/Assoc AD

**RE: Recent injury to OSU football player - Joseph Thomas “JT” Barrett**

**Dear Mr. Graham (David),** [Assistant Vice Provost & Associate Athletic Director of Student Athlete Support Services Office (SASSO) - THE Ohio State University]

My name is: Susan Marie [Cassady] – Neuhart. I would like to get a **message to Mr. Joseph Thomas Barrett** – a “full-time” OSU student and football player.

I am a married, retired, senior, female – who lives near Dayton, Ohio. I have one daughter. Prior to beginning this message, I “googled” ‘JT Barrett OSU Contact Email’. Several news stories – which I have copied – came back in the results. However, a means – to contact him directly (by email) - did not appear. Thus, I am hoping that you will be able to help me to get this message to him. Please consider this an “open” digital message. As, I believe that I speak for many USA people – with my message. And, I may post (this message) - to my personal web site.

Sir, despite my maiden name (Cassady) I am a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – the Green Bay, WI campus [1982]. My BS degree was granted with the title: “Environmental Sciences & Communications”. I noted that you like Math and Electrical Engineering - also. Which, I have performed work in both of those areas. In fact, I have worked - for income – in the State of Ohio and all over the USA – since I was 15 years old. My resume’ of education and experiences is posted at my “personal” web site: <http://hansandcassady.org/>

**I wanted Mr. Barrett to know:** that I (also) had an injury – to my knee – in my senior year - at UWGB – AND, my personal experiences, *may* be applicable (to his personal decision) – to “play” or “not play” – in this “UP coming” football game: Wisconsin vs OSU.

**In short:** I opted to take a down-hill skiing class – offered by UWGB (circa 1982). Now, this “skiing class” was being conducted at a privately owned “down-hill skiing” venue – near the city of Green Bay, WI. A mistake was made, by the

person that assisted me to put my “ski boots” and skis on. That is, the “break away” feature was – by error – set “to tight”. And, as I was being towed “up” the steep, snowy and icy hill (that day)– I was using the “tow rope” – my left ski, went into the tow line crevasse; That is, a deep groove the “tow-rope” – had made into the snow and ice (on the hill) – that very cold day. And, being set improperly (too tight) – my left ski did not “break-away” from the boot attached to my left foot – at the crevasse – as was needed. The result, was that: my left ACL knee tendon/ligament was badly injured. I was removed – from the ski hill – by an EMT team. And, I was instructed to “walk on crutches” – for at least 10-days. However, after 5 days, I could walk – with a limp -by placing only some brief pressure on my left knee. In fact, a “bubble” – filled with fluid - would occasionally form. However, being young and stupid, I endured the pain. Very important! This “limping”- I chose to do (in 1982) instead, of using the UWGB supplied crutches. I also “chose” to finish my education (the classes) – uninterrupted. Although, the option – to pause – was offered (to me).

Indeed! I had a little girl (born in 1973) – that I was very anxious to get back to; (that is) “back to” being, her “mom”. You she, she lived – in central Ohio – with her biological father – an account executive – for a grocery firm – AND, his mother [ Ms. Clara Burton].

In fact, I had no employer identified (yet); however, the NCR Corporation [ in Cambridge, Ohio] – wanted to interview me. [ I was thrilled!]; And, the USA Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines – all seemed very interested. For, I was a “girl” that knew quite a bit about “programming” computers. I even filled out a long application – for the USA-FBI. I was determined to be “employed”. I had gotten “a good education” - thus, I was qualified - to get a “good job”.

Over time (some weeks) my knee did eventually “heal” – to the point – that I could attend – my assigned classes – without a grossly “noticeable” limp. I graduated (with a full BS degree) in the Spring of 1982. I did not attend the graduation ceremony- in part, related to my undignified limp. Also, I had no “proper” dress to wear. As my resume’ makes clear, I went on to be employed – by various companies. I met the man – that I am happily married to (today) – at NCR. That is, I got the job! All was well. The “knee injury” – eventually - became nothing more -than a “college story” – that I would tell. It did interrupt my “dating” – with Hans (during 1983): 1) We were climbing a farmer’s fence [illegally!] – to sit in his corn field (near Cambridge, Ohio). My knee “gave out”. And, 2) I was stretching ( for a run). My knee “gave out” and – I collapsed. In fact, a “Vietnam veteran” — with a van – heard my cries – for “help”. He drove me to

the nearby hospital's "Emergency Room".

Then, one day (Circa 1995) I was performing a "hop-scissor-kick" in my "personal fitness studio" business location (see the Hans AND Cassady, Inc. – Office Building - at 5761 Chandler Court, Westerville, Ohio]. Which, I had learned to perform this "kick" – as a part of a "cheer-leading" team – in Columbus, Ohio Public Schools.

Well (Sir), I hopped, and I kicked – then, I landed – on that left leg. My dysfunctional knee "buckled-out". I screamed – in pain – and, went down onto the floor. My husband (Hans) called an ambulance. The Westerville, Ohio, EMT personnel, thank goodness, knew how to "just pop" my left knee back into place. WoW! Instant relief. We thanked them. They left. I have never – subsequently - tried to perform this kick. I do perform YOGA poses – on a floor mat daily – at the "Kleptz" YMCA.

**Bottom-line:** [ for Mr. Barrett] Please do NOT even attempt to perform in the OSU versus Wisconsin (Badgers) game – this coming Saturday – unless, you know - for certain – that no knee structure (of yours) – ligament, tendon, meniscus, etc. is at risk. Sir, it is just a football game! My husband (Hans) has explained (to me) that certain players are supposed to "protect" you. However, you are so good – that, you will [obviously] be a target. The state of Wisconsin is filled with nice people! However, the players will be intent on winning; Just like the OSU players will be.

**Finally,** please consider, my Uncle Pearl's son ( Mr. Howard "Hopalong" Cassady). Hop ( you may know) – won the Heisman Trophy (in 1955). Yes, he went on to play "Pro" football. However, he was not really "big enough" (my mother said) – and, this made it very difficult (for him). You may know, Howard also owned a cement company – in Columbus, Ohio. He was a "coach" – for several sports teams. His son (Craig Cassady) was born the same year (as me) 1954. In fact, my father (Milo Gerald Cassady 1905-1963) – was Pearl's brother – along with Francis Cassady – their "other brother". Honestly, sir (and, my father passed in 1963) I have no memory of ever (personally) meeting Howard or Craig. I am very proud that they are my biological relatives; but, my daughter [Dawn Marie Burton] - who helps to run the USA-FBI; I am even "prouder" of her accomplishments. Recall, I was forced – by financial circumstances – to give her physical "day-to-day custody" – to her father – so, that I could attend UWGB – "full-time"- and, graduate – with a BS – in STEM related subjects. Now, I was able to give my daughter – [after my formal education] a job – in my "high-tech" company (Hans & Cassady, Inc.) And, using what I taught her to do ("direct mail")

– she helped Congressman John Conyers (become re-elected – in 1995). John (to my knowledge) *never* did anything harmful to Dawn. And, her daddy [George Billy Burton] he married another (basically fine) woman. In fact, –, “Holland” (with her family’s political connections) made it possible for my daughter – to 1) live in Washington, DC; 2) get a Law/JD Degree – and, now – 3) she helps to lead the USA-FBI- as Deputy Chief of Staff. My point, Mr. Barrett - is: us “mere mortals” – WE just never know (what God has planned out). You are an example, a leader – as well – as an athlete.

**That’s it!** Mr. Barrett, if you believe that your Coach – Mr. Urban Meyer loves you. He says that he does. Then, trust him! And, no matter what – *please* do what your Medical Doctors – and (the)Sports Therapists – say to do. That is, USE your crutches – for ALL ten days! – IF, that is what they say (to do). I was stupid to hurry. I paid for it later. Please! Let your body heal – fully - YES! You have a warrior’s spirit; And, everyone knows this. However, YOU must rule this “spirit” – inside you. The NFL will make a place (for you) – when you are ready. When, your body is healed – fully.

As for me, I will root ( on Saturday – Dec. 2) for it to be a “good game”- and, that no young person gets hurt.

Very Truly! – Susan, Mrs. Neuhart

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