I don’t know how much time you have spent on university campuses. I have spent my whole life in academia and I can tell you I have witnessed the deterioration over the course of time.

It is no longer to be assumed that freedom of speech prevails on a university campus. Instead, there are codes of speech. I would say codes of conduct except that the conduct that is most restricted is speech on our campuses and it is not because the speech is of the outrageously obscene variety which we might be perhaps sympathetic trying to control.

After all, a society in which obscenity, vulgarity and profanity is rampant is not one that would be pleasant to live in. But no, it is rather these speech controls over expressions of opinion about social and even personal relationships which some declare to be offensive to them, not because they are offensive in themselves not because they violate standards of decency long established through millennia of practice but out of an excess of political correctness.

Now, that is not merely a problem of the academy. This is the point of my remarks and they can perhaps sum up the whole conversation this evening. What I am suggesting to you is not that there are outliers, a few extremists who at college campuses especially in elite institutions who the rest of us can look at

By William Barclay Allen

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Philp Watson, who works with Star Parker at CURE, AIA executive director Mal Kline, and William Barclay Allen.
Dear Reader,

We hope that you have the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of new years. Even college campuses should be relatively peaceful since they are on “winter holiday break.”

Our universities have certainly had a tumultuous autumn, with demonstrations perhaps not seen since the 1960s, which many academic denizens have been yearning to relive for decades. As I noted on our website, these protests have mostly received favorable coverage from the media.

Indeed, what could be called the trade newspaper of academe—the Chronicle of Higher Education—offered fairly “kid friendly” reportage on the protests. The headlines they offered were indicative:

- “In Missouri, 2 Leaders Step Down. Calls for Change Persist.”
- “College Athletes Are Realizing Their True Power”;
- “At Yale, Painful Riffs Over Diversity and Free Speech” (Note which one got top billing);
- “Racial Unrest Ripples Across Campuses”;
- “Can Diversity Training Change How People Think and Act?”; and
- “When Free Speech Is a Tool of Oppression.”

The stories themselves mostly quote student activists, faculty who take a more or less benign view of the disruptions and shell-shocked administrators. By way of contrast, for example, out of thousands of words expended in two issues of the Chronicle, our friend Greg Lukianoff of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), gets about a paragraph.

For our part, we have found retired and retiring professors to be an unparalleled source of wisdom about what is happening in the Ivory Tower. For this reason, we feature the estimable William Barclay Allen, who addressed our November author’s night, in this issue of Campus Report. Dr. Barclay paid us a nice compliment when he said, “Accuracy in Academia is an effort to reclaim honesty in academic discourse and as seen from the most recent turmoil on our campuses and the latest fad of seeking to enforce safe spaces, there is nothing more needed in this day and age than accuracy and honesty in academia.”

We agree, whether that makes this a safe space or not.

All the best,

Mal Kline,
Executive Director
as perhaps, in their own way, testaments to our virtue because they are so unlike us. No that is not the case. What they are illustrating is what is becoming pervasive. We are imposing it.

We are imposing it through the hand of authority. It descends from campuses to police departments. It invades bureaucracies of every stripe. It invades corporations. We invest huge sums of money in administrative budgets to seek to impose these kinds of sensitivities throughout the society.

In short, we’re trying to so calibrate the society that we’ve stifled the potential for individuals to express themselves freely. This is radiating out from the campuses, I say, throughout the society at large.

This accounts for the polarization and people are being riven by it. It has often been remarked that today people don’t participate in common sources of information. They tend to isolate themselves into their niche market. They listen to particular outlets for news or they read particular variants of literature. They don’t expose themselves to diverse views and understanding.

It is ironic, of course that as we celebrate diversity, the one diversity that we cannot tolerate is diversity of opinion.

Dr. Allen, a professor emeritus at Michigan State University, is the former chairman of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission. This article is excerpted from remarks he made at Accuracy in Academia’s last author’s night of 2015.

Book Review: Sellouts & Schools
By Malcolm A. Kline

Recently, on Fox News, the otherwise astute Dana Perino claimed that immigration studies are “all over the map.”

Actually they all point in one direction as Michelle Malkin and John Miano point out in their book, Sold Out: How High-Tech Billionaires and Bipartisan Beltway Crapweasels Are Screwing America’s Best and Brightest Workers. The title is rather self-explanatory. Nevertheless, Malkin and Miano go on to prove it, relying on several decades worth of government studies and academic research as well as the observations of actual immigration experts left, right and center.

What they ultimately show is that no one really benefits from immigration law loopholes but well-connected Beltway insiders. The downside for American workers is fairly obvious but immigrants themselves receive no real benefit.

They get to live third world lifestyles in what is arguably still the Free World as CEOs, immigration lawyers and lobbyists enrich themselves off of their underpaid labor and politicians secure their hold on power.

A somewhat surprising beneficiary of loose immigration laws are American colleges and universities, which, as Malkin and Miano show, are more than willing to work hand in glove with the above powers that be to, in essence, keep their campuses green.
CATHOLIC STUDENTS FINALLY STAND UP TO LIBERAL BIAS

It took years of putting up with Loyola University launching a pagan student club, “students at Lemoyne College demanding that a Catholic Archbishop be disinvited as a commencement speaker, and a college president caving in to demands from protesters at Saint Louis University, but Nathan Rubbelke, a Saint Louis U. student, reported in The College Fix that Young Americans for Freedom stepped up to the plate and sponsored an early November conference called “Standing Up for Faith and Freedom: How to advance conservative ideas at a Catholic school.”

“Leftists on campus twist the concept of ‘social justice’ to advance a radical agenda that includes income redistribution, government control of health care, radical environmentalism, and special ‘rights’ based on race and ever-expanding sexual classifications,” the conference’s online flier stated.

“The two-day conference, attended by both Catholic high school and college students, focused on providing guidance to students on how to fight back against the left’s agenda on social justice at their respective campuses. Attended by about 25 students, the conference included eight speakers, whose topics ranged from student activism and social justice to the pope and the church’s authority.”

Dylan McCloskey, one of five SLU students to attend the conference, noted that “his university came under fire last year when it allowed protesters to take over the university’s Clock Tower for six nights in a protest that included an upside down American flag and what many considered anti-police rhetoric. It came under even more scrutiny when it announced it had plans to erect a monument to commemorate the protest.”

VOICE OF REASON PREVAILS AT PURDUE

As the madness and mayhem erupted on our nation’s campuses last month, one of the few adults in the room was Purdue University president Mitch Daniels, who applauded Purdue’s Statement of Values, calling this commitment to free speech a “proud contrast to the environments that appear to prevail at places like Missouri and Yale.”
The Purdue Statement of Values explicitly mentions “embracing diversity, promoting inclusion, and encouraging freedom of thought and speech.”

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WHEN LIBS GET THE POINT, WATCH OUT

If college protesters were expecting liberal Harvard law prof Alan Dershowitz to defend their outrageous behavior when he appeared on Megyn Kelly’s Fox News show as it was happening in mid-November, they were wrong. Instead he launched into a diatribe against the students, saying that “These are the same people who claim they’re seeking diversity. They may want superficial diversity of gender or superficial diversity of color, but they don’t want diversity of ideas.

“We’re seeing a curtain of McCarthyism descend over many college campuses,” Dershowitz said, adding that “I don’t want to make apologies to the 1930s, but we have to remember that it was the students at universities who first started burning books during the Nazi regime.

“These students are book burners. They don’t want to hear diverse views on college campuses…It’s the worst kind of hypocrisy. They want complete freedom over their sex lives, over their personal lives, over the use of drugs, but they want mommy and daddy, dean and president to please give them a safe place to do so.”

In an op-ed published a couple of weeks later, Dershowitz slammed the nationwide movement to create “safe spaces,” saying that it simply boils down to rhetoric that aims to insulate students from what they deem to be “offensive.” Dershowitz pointed out that there “has been conspicuously little attention paid to incidents of anti-Semitism reported on college campuses, and asked, “Where are the cries for safe spaces for Jewish students faced with such blatant intimidation?”

EDUCATION DISASTER

Professor Walter Williams recently reported that according to the 2015 National Assessment of Educational Progress report, aka The Nation’s Report Card,
our current situation is worse than we may have thought.

“When it comes to reading and math skills, just 34 percent and 33 percent, respectively, of U.S. eighth-grade students tested proficient or above — that is, performed at grade level or above — noted Dr. Williams in a recent Human Events piece.

And that’s before you consider the financial toll that remedial courses take on colleges and universities to the tune of billions of dollars for something that’s not a very good investment, since many remedial students never graduate anyway.

Dr. Williams observed that the black education tragedy reveals the depth of the problem in this country. “Only 13 percent of black eighth-graders score proficient or above in math, and only 16 percent do in reading. In 2013, only 7 percent of black 12th-graders scored proficient in math, and only 16 percent did in reading.”

Thomas Sowell has noted that the black education tragedy is entirely new. In 1899, black students at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, in Washington, D.C. scored higher on citywide tests than any of the city’s white schools. Baltimore’s Frederick Douglass High School also produced distinguished alumni, such as Thurgood Marshall and Cab Calloway, as well as several judges, congressmen and civil rights leaders.

BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTESTS TERRORIZE DARTMOUTH STUDENTS

Dartmouth students who were studying in the library one night in mid-November got a nasty shock when all of a sudden, according to the Dartmouth Review, a “profanity-laced mob of student protesters from the Black Lives Matter group” thundered through the premises, dropping a torrent of F–bombs right and left, and after pushing and shoving any students who happened to be in their way, invaded study spaces being used for exam study.

Students who refused to listen to or join their outbursts were shouted down. Men and women alike were pushed and shoved by the group. “If we can’t have it, shut it down!” they cried.

The Review reported that the protesters not only denied how their actions were portrayed, but defended them “as making students uncomfortable in the name of fighting oppression.” In response to the uproar, Dartmouth college president Phil Hanlon sent out a campus-wide email that affirmed the importance of treating people with “dignity and respect” but made no mention of the Thursday protest that obviously prompted it.

POLITICALLY INCORRECT IS NOW POLITICALLY INCORRECT

Yes, you read that right. According to the National Review’s Katherine Timpf, the U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee’s “Just Words” campaign has deemed the term offensive, because although it has been “typically used surrounding issues of social identities in an attempt to avoid offense,” “over time, PC has become a way to deflect, say that people are being too ‘sensitive,’ and police language.” Therefore, “It is disconnected from authentic understanding of impact,” according to a graphic on the campaign’s website.
Merry Christmas
To show what college and university English Departments are really teaching, Accuracy in Academia compiled *The REAL MLA Stylebook*, filled with quotes from a recent convention of the Modern Language Association (MLA) where thousands of English professors gather to push their politically correct, radical agenda. Outsiders who attend this event expecting to learn more about Chaucer, Milton and Shakespeare are in for a rude awakening when they discover that panels are more likely to focus on topics such as “Marxism and Globalization,” “What’s the Matter with Whiteness,” and “Queering Faulkner.”

This book is must-reading for anyone interested in learning more about the mindset of faculty members who are tasked with teaching the great works of the English language to our nation’s students.

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