

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.

This tale of two cities (Troy, NY and Seattle, WA) shows that not much has changed since Charles Dickens wrote those immortal words (1859). *Whores of Academe* describes the surreal unethical, illegal and vindictive behavior of university presidents, administrators, and faculty members. Their harassment and unlawful activities include breach of contract, fraud, and denial of due process on constitutional issues and violation of human rights which has continued for more than twenty years.

During 2005, *Contra Cabal* asked readers whether Mark A. Emmert, the new president of University of Washington would gratefully assume the position as head of the whorehouse or would he introduce some honesty and integrity by addressing the injustices that he inherited from a drunken whoremonger. It now appears that Emmert chose to pimp at the University of Washington in a similar way to that of his alter ego at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. [Big Mama]

Contra Cabal

Contra Cabal, a compendium of Op-Ed columns and exposé on the practice of political correctness, denial of academic freedom, and elder abuse, has published since 1992 as a web-based, electronic journal. It now has a circulation of more than 150,000/hits a month. *Contra Cabal* has attracted writers with similar interests worldwide. It is hoped that in the future it can be used as forum for them as well as a site for promising graphic designers to show their talent.

Dereliction by RPI and UW officials precipitated the original notion to create a publication independent of the university. The idea of publishing essays about academic impropriety would not have developed without the unswerving moral turpitude, ethical ambivalence, and artfulness of faculty members and administrators at RPI and UW.

Editorial describes legitimate complaints that officials neglected to address and process. Instead of using lawful procedures to mediate and correct issues, administrators used censorship, prior restraint, and denial of computer access. They also expropriated research and editorial databases to harass the author, a professor and retired CEO while he worked on a Special Doctor of Philosophy (SPhD) degree.

Both universities denied due process of law on grievances that ranged from prior restraint and intentional harassment to age and gender discrimination. Prior restraint applies to the denial of the First Amendment right of a journalist/professor/public intellectual (or anyone else for that matter) to gather and publish information or opinions without institutional control or fear of reprisal.

Administrators made frivolous claims of rules infraction to deny computer access in support of aberrant administrative ideologies and to prevent publication of exposé. They covered up that censorship by misusing their power to deny due process of law.

The US constitution establishes limits to the power of institutions. It also denies university administrators the power arbitrarily to deprive others of their constitutional rights. Such arrogance manifests the quintessence of academic totalitarianism at both these universities. *[Political Correctness]*

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) found probable cause after a nine-month investigation by an independent lawyer. However, UW lawyers and WA attorneys general thwarted due process by making a composition with an ACLU administrator and convening kangaroo courts. They took similar action on a complaint filed with US Department of Education.

State Actors

The term “state actor” refers to any person employed by state universities and private universities and their employees when they have either a direct or indirect relationship with government bodies by joint or several action. US Supreme Court has determined that the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments, and associated laws, apply to private individuals and organizations conducting business under government auspices. It has defined them as state actors.

State actors become personally liable when they conspire to deprive people of their rights or to evade administrative responsibility. Moreover, Federal program eligibility requirements cannot be overruled by state or local law. If more than one federal law applies to a situation, then the laws apply together. Where one law imposes a more restrictive requirement or standard than another, the more restrictive requirement or standard pertains.

In the case of civil rights, if state or local laws differ from federal law, then the standard which promotes the higher level of protection controls the situation regardless of whether state, local, or federal law has the most rigorous standard. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has consorted with University of Washington, jointly and severally, on the issues reported in *Contra Cabal*; therefore, its employees classify as a state actors.

Contrived Humiliation

C. Lee Odell (RPI) and Richard S. Neel (UW) maliciously commenced an unending pattern of abuse. That abuse ended almost forty years of diverse employment that ranged from CEO to professor with many accolades and publications. Both Odell and Neel became intimidated by the

achievements of a former CEO many years their senior with hundreds of publications to his credit over a forty-year period and a 50-page CV.

They spent many years trying to destroy those credentials despite repeated verification of them by other universities and agencies approved by US Department of Education. A thorough investigation by an attorney appointed by American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) also verified those documents and recommended civil and human rights action against them which an ACLU committee approved.

Odell and Neel started twenty-two years of humiliation and unemployment using malicious academic blackballing and discriminatory demands. Their xenophobia increased over the years as they repeatedly committed criminal acts, engaged in ageism, and denied constitutional and human rights.

By maliciously ending his professorial career, they gave the author a reason and a purpose to return to his former profession as a journalist: a career started in London's Fleet Street during George Orwell's time. This move to a potentially higher calling could not have taken place without equivocation and disingenuousness by these Machiavellian princes coupled with Orwellian inspiration. [*Big Mama*]

Academic Publications

The academic papers comprise a body of work compiled during more than ten years of doctoral research. Some appear as scanned portable document files (PDF): others as reconstructed files and graphics. They resided on mainframe computers at Rensselaer (RPI) and University of Washington (UW) as text and graphics until a faculty chairperson at RPI and an administrator at UW maliciously destroyed or otherwise denied access to those databases. Officials also altered or destroyed official transcripts effectively to "disappear" the author.

Due to the small capacity of personal computer hard drives and accessories during that era no independent backup data exists. Reconstructed databases containing all of the required work for two PhD degrees (all of it published and most of it peer-reviewed) will appear in due course. Meanwhile, scanned images will occupy some pages pending retyping or reformatting text and redrawing all graphics. Many illustrations will need replacing which means finding new sources.

The publications list contains some interesting documents selected from probably thousands produced using cutting-edge technology in more than sixty years of writing also graphic and systems design. In some cases, the author developed the technology to meet the need for specialized digital publication. Several of the document paradigms resulted in typographic encoding which later supported desktop publishing systems.

Overview

State officials and university administrators know that if a university receives federal funding and wishes to punish an individual by word or deed then the Constitution requires that punishment must result from due process of law.

Laws presuppose that university officials have knowledge of the regulations that govern them and apply them equally. Only those universities that function within the law preserve the individual freedoms granted by the Constitution despite the self-government privileges that university and state officials possess.

Both Rensselaer (a private university) and University of Washington (a public institution) deny both faculty members and students the basic protection that courts provide. They do not make formal charges and present no evidence before convening kangaroo courts. Frequently, individuals neither know the names of their accusers nor the names of adverse witnesses.

They hold these “courts” in absentia thereby denying accused individuals an opportunity to present a defense. In addition, they deny basic rights in law by disallowing either oral testimony or written affidavits by defense witnesses. The accused individuals, whose only transgression probably relates to exercise of freedom of expression, do not have access to oral recordings or written transcripts of testimony that would enable them to appeal the findings.

Due process requires notice and preliminary hearings before expulsion of doctoral candidates for cause or enforced resignation of faculty members. Legislators have recognized that unlawful and vague definitions, and secret investigation without accountability or due process, lead to extreme politicization and totalitarian control.

Officials at both universities consistently use opinionated, self-serving dicta instead of formal resolution or determination of issues using promulgated procedures. This has resulted in blatant denial of civil rights and due process. These denials have destroyed careers and precluded individuals from earning a livelihood.

Attorneys General in both New York and Washington State, with full knowledge of these unlawful acts, neither charged the perpetrators with any crimes nor investigated them. Republication of this body of academic work represents a first step in making perpetrators of injustice accountable.

These issues will not come to rest until both universities comply with law. The presidents of both institutions must arrange for independent investigation (which takes into consideration both ethics and law) then discipline or indict the people responsible who clearly and deliberately participated in unlawful activities. They have consistently denied civil rights and livelihood.

University officials, faculty members, and attorneys general have repeatedly broken laws, framed evidence to support sham disciplinary proceedings, and have covered up kangaroo court findings. Only an independent investigator can fairly examine voluminous documents which support these contentions.

In Washington state, justice demands that the Attorney General arrange for Washington Superior Court to call a grand jury or petition Washington Supreme Court for an order appointing a special inquiry judge. This could result in the organized crime advisory board naming a special prosecutor.

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