College Athletes Who Never Graduate
Herbert London, Editor in Chief, Academic Questions

Many college athletes are students in name only. The line between professional and amateur is thus smeared and the integrity of academic programs compromised. The flaws of proposed solutions are exposed and an alternative is suggested.

Institutionally Imposed Social Agendas
Thomas Sowell, Hoover Institution

In this excerpt from his forthcoming book, Inside American Education, Thomas Sowell details the attempts of many universities and colleges to impose a bizarre social agenda on their students, and he exposes the fraudulence of the arguments made in defense of those efforts.

A Reconsideration of Afro-American Literature
Kenny J. Williams, Duke University

Kenny J. Williams argues that Afro-American literature must be understood in its American context and shows that this literature is far richer than many of its recent promoters, blinkered by ideology, have recognized.

Distorted “Lessons” from the Vietnam War
Tory Stempf

The Lessons of the Vietnam War is a history “curriculum” designed by a sociologist and used in high schools. It is the only such curriculum on the market. Tory Stempf exposes Lessons’s extraordinary political bias and its scant regard for the actual history of the war.

Ideology and Literary Studies: PMLA 1930–1990
Will Morrisey

Have nattering nabobs of negativism exaggerated the degree to which higher education has become politicized? Will Morrisey goes beyond anecdote to provide a clear statistical demonstration that the growth of bias in literary scholarship has indeed been stunning.

Weeding In
Gary Saul Morson, Northwestern University

In this elegant address to a meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa, an eminent student of Russian literature explains how radical scholars are being “weeded in” to the academy.
Affirmative Action at Virginia Tech: The Tail That Wagged the Dog
Henry H. Bauer, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

The Mandelstamm case (described by Prof. Bauer in the Spring 1992 Academic Questions) did not come out of the blue. Virginia Tech's thralldom to affirmative action's zanier excesses paved the way.

How the University of Minnesota Was Subverted by Litigation
Ian Maitland, University of Minnesota

Another path to politicization is found in the University of Minnesota's pusillanimous response to a 1980 sexual discrimination lawsuit. Within the next two years, 277 women filed similar suits, and the University has been held hostage by radical feminists ever since.