ed" person or group), real villains (the speech-code aggressors and administrators who went along with their demands), and real heroes (people who fought the blatant unfairness of the speech-code procedures).

One of the heroes is Professor Alan Kors, who single-handedly took on the administration at Penn to defend a student facing disciplinary action for making an allegedly "insensitive" remark to students who were distracting him from his studies. That episode launched Kors and attorney Harvey Silverglate on a mission to expose infringements on free speech. Their book *The Shadow University* (reviewed in *The Freeman*) helped to make free speech on campus a hot issue.

Downs sums his book up beautifully with a quotation from Shira Diner, the Wisconsin valedictorian in 1997: "For the past four years we have been cheated out of the education which this University should be providing because of a speech code imposed on the faculty which restricts what they can and cannot say in our classes. We have a right to be challenged with ideas that are not easy and may hurt us. We deserve nothing less if we expect to find the truth."

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Capital Letters

Epstein v. Rogers

In "Popular Insurrection on Property Rights" (November 2005), Richard Epstein references Will Rogers as saying that he "never found a government spending program he did not like."

Is this the same Will Rogers whom I've always attributed with quotes such as "Thank God we don't get all the government we pay for." Or, "This country has gotten where it is in spite of politics; not because of it."

One of us has apparently missed the boat here . . . is it me?

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Richard Epstein replies:

Bill Allard is right to say "Gotcha" in defense of the great Will Rogers. Rogers did say that he never met a man he didn't like, and I meant to say that Justice Stevens never found a taking that he didn't like either. But some allusions get too complicated for their own good. I certainly did not intend to make Rogers into a defender of big government when there is ample evidence to the contrary. So Rogers is fully exonerated of all charges against him. It is a different story for Justice Stevens.

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