Behind the Hedges: Big Money and Power Politics at the University of Georgia by Richard Whitt

Great Read For Uga Grads, Students And Fans

Richard Whitt focuses his investigative lens on recent goings-on at the University of Georgia, and in so doing writes a bigger story concerning a sea change in how America supports its institutions of higher education.

Behind the Hedges examines Michael Adamss tumultuous career as president of Georgias flagship university, a tenure marked by intrigue and backroom deals. Whitt probes the relationship among key players in the power struggle and explores the growing importance of private funding to public institutions of higher learning and the influence of nonprofit foundations that raise and manage huge private endowments.

My Personal Review:
This well-researched book reveals the truth about the tenure of Adams, the present president. It also reveals the truth about the Board of Regents in GA which controls the university system. There are no educators on that board. It is filled with wealthy friends of the governor (who have, by the way, contributed major money to his re-election) and other politicians who know little if anything about the realities of higher education. That Adams has not been fired for major errors and fraud is mainly due to a board which refuses to admit error in appointing him as well as to a super wealthy friend on the board who insists on his retention. Unfortunately, this story is certainly duplicated in other states but definitely not as vividly. The author has all the substantiated truth in this excellent volume. A sad but true story that perhaps merits a revealing movie!!