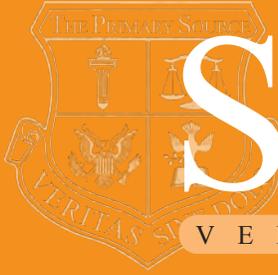


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## The Battle for Hearts, but Mostly Minds

It must be quite the task for the detractors of THE PRIMARY SOURCE to annually convince over one thousand new freshmen that they ought to detest this magazine. Well, this year, the SOURCE will do its disparagers the favor of assisting them: Yes, THE PRIMARY SOURCE is very much conservative. It may contain offensive humor (though we're trying to cut back on "dead people" jokes). It is the magazine a former Tufts president suggested parents not read. All true, even if president DiBiaggio did later apologize to us for that remark.

But the list is incomplete, for here are some additional truths: The SOURCE has been fighting on students' behalf against overzealous administrators and faculty for nearly 25 years. While at Tufts, the SOURCE will likely be your only exposure to conservatism, America's current dominant political philosophy. And, in this sea of noisy emotional activism, the SOURCE is both a voice of reasoned, rational debate and a champion of conservative values.

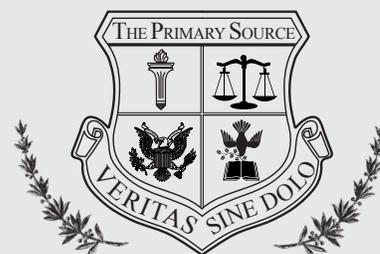
The SOURCE is not all talk. It was instrumental in defeating the speech codes instituted over a decade ago. It pushed for the constitutional revision that ended the double representation of some students in the TCU senate. It fought to avert the defunding of the Tufts Christian Fellowship for refusing to name a lesbian as its leader. The SOURCE is the only group that took notice at the election impropriety inherent in last spring's campus referendum on a tuition hike and is now fighting the results through the Tufts judicial system. Meanwhile, the SOURCE remains at the forefront of the Academic Freedom movement to combat ideological discrimination in the classroom at Tufts.

The SOURCE fights these and other battles amidst the constant theft of its

issues, the occasional threat (and sometimes realization) of physical violence, and the incessant scorn by politically correct students convinced the blunt opinions in the SOURCE are born out of racism and bigotry of its staff. Peer pressure to ignore, even hate, the SOURCE escapes no freshman.

While THE PRIMARY SOURCE has a sizeable contingent of foes, it also prides itself in a large following of open-minded individuals who either agree with the SOURCE or at the very least respect it for its quality and consistency.

Browsing a copy of THE PRIMARY SOURCE in the dining hall is not quite an act of courage, but it is a sign of intellectual curiosity and independent thinking. Read the daily campus paper for the crossword and sports pages, browse the others for the personal stories, but always count on THE PRIMARY SOURCE for the best in unadulterated news analysis. That's what Veritas Sine Dolo, Truth Without Sorrow, is all about.

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I have enjoyed your work since my days on Walnut Hill in the late '80s. Thanks to the wondrous web (at least that small portion of it not devoted to pornography), I can enjoy the SOURCE to this day.

I do have somewhat of a linguistic bone to pick, however. This concerns your motto, "Veritas Sine Dolo." I often read pieces in your magazine where in Sourcers translate this phrase as "Truth without sorrow." While that is a fantastic sentiment and does characterize your publication and its staff well, it is an improper translation of the motto. The Latin word for "sorrow" is "dolor", the ablative of which is "dolore", not "dolo". The word "dolo" could be translated as the ablative case of the word "dolum", which means "deception" or "trickery". Thus, the translation of the motto as written could be, "Truth without deception", which is also quite apt, if somewhat redundant. The phrase "Truth without sorrow" would then be "Veritas sine dolore".

Dead language aside, I look forward to reading your magazine for many years, and can only hope my now son (now a mere 11 months of age) someday heads to Tufts and joins the rabble-rousing ranks of THE PRIMARY SOURCE!

Best regards,

—Chris Bove, A90

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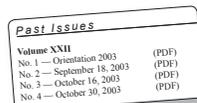
Chris,

*Thank you for your letter. Your lesson in Latin took us by surprise. Looking through past SOURCE archives it appears the motto has always been worded "Veritas Sine Dolo." Fortunately, the motto, minor flap in translation or not, has taken on a life of its own and serves the SOURCE identity very well. If it ain't broke don't fix it. The SOURCE looks forward to adding your son's name to the masthead in the not-too-distant future.*

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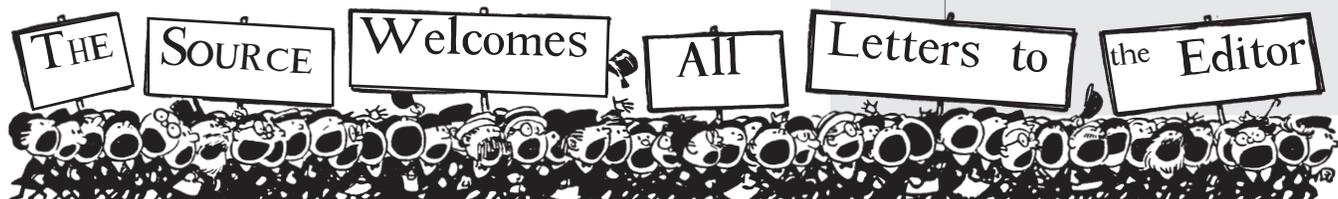
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*Tufts students attend the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing.*

10 Years Ago...

"President Clinton's decision to allow the First Lady to lead the United States' delegation lent the People's Republic of China unwarranted legitimacy and prestige. The President should have stood up to the pressures within his administration and maintained American dignity. In the meantime, the Tufts delegation and their militant sisters within the women's movement will "Keep Moving On" and deconstruct social institutions which women the world over support."

—Micaela Dawson, LA '98



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## A Supreme Choice

*All's (relatively) quiet on the nomination front, and Democrats cannot stand it.*

President Bush has nominated Judge John Roberts to fill the vacancy left by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's recent retirement from the Supreme Court. The opposition to Roberts' appointment as Supreme Court Justice is multifaceted. On the Right, Ann Coulter is convinced Roberts is a "stealth candidate;" that is, that he will turn out to be a liberal activist judge like Justices Stevens and Souter. However, most on the Right, including talk radio hosts Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh, agree that he has a record of adhering to strict constructionist judicial philosophy.

This group points to Roberts' involvement in such cases as the dispute over the reach of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, meant to ban gender discrimination in "any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Debate arose when some liberals claimed that any school benefiting indirectly from federal aid (through tuition grants to students, for example) was entirely subject to Title IX. In a 1982 memo to then-Attorney General William Smith, Roberts wrote, "Under Title IX federal investigators cannot rummage willy-nilly through institutions, but can only go as far as the federal funds go."

The Coulter crowd cites Roberts' pro-bono work in *Romer v. Evans*, which, despite the press's insistence, was not chiefly about "gay rights," but rather about the Supreme Court overstepping its bounds. Roberts worked for the side that benefited from the Court ignoring the limits of its own jurisdiction (and that championed the "gay rights." Yet Roberts' involvement seems to have been minimal, as he spent a mere few hours participating in a moot court.

On the Left, the *New York Times*, hardly known as the champion of journalistic integrity, went digging for the adoption records of Roberts' two young children not long after nasty criticism emerged from the liberal media concerning the clothes worn by Roberts' kids at his formal nomination event with the President.

Meanwhile, Democratic Senators Chuck Schumer and Dick Durban, among others in Congress, have hinted at litmus tests

on all sorts of issues, including abortion and religion. The focus of the confirmation hearings should be Roberts' resume and judicial philosophy in general, not how he would vote on various issues. While these opponents examine Roberts' personal ideas, they completely ignore his golden resume. He graduated summa cum laude from Harvard in only three years, and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School three years after that. Since then, he has worked as a lawyer in private practice and for various state and federal administrations. As a judge, his record has been spotless.

Democrats must be disappointed—President Bush could have chosen any number of other qualified, but more easily attacked, judges for O'Connor's seat. Instead, they are left leveling what will likely turn out to be not only petty but also useless attacks against a man with a stellar record who is a fair, consistent, and a non-activist judge.



## Highly Ungretafying

*FOX News reporter Greta Van Susteren's obsession with Natalee Holloway's disappearance is getting old.*

The ads brag, "Greta owns this story!" Fox News reporter Greta Van Susteren has used her mad defense attorney skills to track down and interrogate people suspected to be involved in the disappearance of missing southern belle Natalee Holloway. One

night Greta covered the search for clues in a landfill. She suggested the investigators needed more help, since they only had two backhoes and three people searching through the rubbish. This could have been a great moment in news history: Greta donning grubby clothes and getting her hands dirty (look out, Rosie the Riveter!). Instead, much like her attentive viewers, our brave reporter merely did her best to look concerned.

On many nights there was nothing new for the Fox Snooze journalist to report. Still, this did not stop her from broadcasting live the draining of a pond in which they later found duct tape with hair not belonging to Natalee. At this point, one begins to think Greta's time might be better spent on a different story.

Tunnel vision, however, kept Greta on task. Natalee must be found, and Greta must get the exclusive interview with the damsel in distress! Can her obsession be pinned on a slow news summer? Unlikely, amidst London terror bombings, the Valerie Plame hype, and the ongoing clean-up of Iraq. Greta's intense Aruba coverage suggests Natalee was the only person to go missing this decade, but she is just one of many such children—roughly 800,000 each year.

Perhaps Greta is obsessed because this case has everything she could ever hope for in a prolonged and suspenseful news story: an

attractive young woman at the center of international intrigue as relations between a foreign country and the United States go down the drain with the repeated release of guilty-looking suspects. Oh, the drama. Natalee's mother, Beth Twitty, went off the deep end when she labeled the main suspects, Joran van der Sloot and the Kalpoe brothers, criminals and begged all countries to deny them entry. While these young men may in the end be found guilty, one must assume they are innocent until that time. Eventually, Natalee's mother apologized for her libelous statements, but the Twittys did not change their behavior. Jug Twitty, Natalee's step-father, told Greta that a sexual act was committed on Natalee without her consent. He would not initially go so far as to call it a rape; he merely described it as one.

Commendably, Greta has expanded her show to include other missing people. Meanwhile, journalists such as Bob Costas have declined to cover the search, and CNN President Jonathan Klein slammed the Holloway story as "brainless." At least some in the news industry have standards. That, and, as Jon Stewart pointed out on *The Daily Show*, CNN was too busy airing its own brainless coverage of funny looking animals and Pamela Anderson discussing her tattoos with Larry King.

Surely, Americans hope for the safety of Natalee, however unlikely that appears at the moment. On the other hand, Americans can do more to help in finding missing people in the United States than in far-off Aruba. Attention should be focused on what active citizens can accomplish at home, not mindless ratings-driven drama in a foreign country.

## Strike Two for Unions?

*Northwest's handling of its mechanics strike shows growing union weakness.*

Score one for Northwest Airlines in the battle against labor unions. Over the past week, the substitute workers Northwest has relied on in place of the striking mechanics of the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) have performed impeccably on the job, keeping mechanically related aircraft delays at a minimum. A clear message has been sent to the labor unions that once thought that they were invincible, and it may read: "Your days are numbered."

For years, Northwest Airlines had been saddled with the highest labor costs in the entire airline industry. Needing to cut those costs in order to stay competitive, they hoped to bring them closer to the industry average through union negotiations. As a contingency plan

in case the talks failed, Northwest made sure they would be able to effectively execute a backup plan to force the union's hand. By training a group of replacement mechanics for their fleet while they were stuck in the fruitless negotiations with AMFA and then effectively bringing in the replacement workers as soon as the strike began, Northwest has changed the union negotiation battlefield for the entire airline industry.

Northwest's efforts in using replacement workers have also been aided by the current state of labor unions. Facing declining membership and the fracturing of the AFL-CIO, organized labor is less so than it has been in 25 years, allowing Northwest to replace their mechanics without fear of sympathy strikes by other employees that would be much more difficult to replace. While unions such as the pilot's union would prove much more difficult to break in this fashion, this move has served to illustrate that the labor unions are no longer invincible and that an arrogant, overpriced workforce that thinks it is more important than the company it works for will no longer be tolerated.

## Facebook 2.0

*A new design, but the same old risks.*

Tufts students' favorite internet procrastination has received a makeover. The Facebook is a relatively new internet phenomenon that was born of students' desire to

conveniently manage and maintain their friendships, old and new.

The new version of the site features an improved interface, and, according to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, is both easier to use and access. Unfortunately, these changes do little to dampen the serious risks associated with its excessive use. At the user's discretion, members can easily post course schedules, addresses, phone numbers, interests, and photos. In the hands of a stalker, publishing such information can put a student at great risk. On the web, reports abound of people who have learned Facebook restraint the hard way.

Mock accounts impersonating celebrities, politicians, but sometimes even just regular students have always seemed to plague the Facebook, though the site redesign has improved things in this area. If the Bush daughters really were Tufts students, the Source would know. Last year an "Ussama bin Laden" account on the Facebook grew from a simple joke to a security concern when serious hate mail and a virus were sent to the author associated with it.

Facebook users should bear the aforementioned risks in mind before setting up an in-depth biographical profile. To avoid getting burned or even seriously hurt, refraining from irresponsible or risky Facebook behavior is a wise move.



*Comedy is allied to Justice.*

—Aristophanes

**PS** The hunt is on for three women in South Africa who ambushed a 30-year-old man and forced him to have sex with them at gunpoint. The man remarked that, if not for the gun, “It was the best night of my life!”

**PS** The 14th annual Hempfest gathering kicked off with spontaneous drum circles, stick jugglers wearing jester hats and a raffle for a 3-foot-tall bong. There were no winners in the raffle, however, as attendees were too “chilled out” to buy tickets.

**PS** A ballet instructor accused of groping girls in his class was acquitted after dancing with his lawyer in front of the jury. Ralph Montgomery maintained that the touching he did was a legitimate part of ballet and hoisted defense lawyer Wendy Williams in the air to demonstrate. Mr. Montgomery hopes to begin a pairs figure skating clinic this winter.

**PS** A man who claimed he was sleepwalking when he molested three girls in his home was convicted of rape and other charges. He claimed that only in his dreams were there ever three girls in his house.

**PS** The first graduate of Florida’s treatment center for sexual offenders will be confined indefinitely, a judge ruled. The man was reportedly perplexed by the decision, claiming he had “always paid really close attention” in his women’s studies class.

**PS** A Loomis man who allegedly killed Canadian geese and fed them to residents of his care home pleaded no contest to animal cruelty in a deal that spared him prison time. The provision to forego jail time was added after he presented the entire court staff with an elaborate “duck” dinner.

**PS** In Iraq, censors have vanished and publishers are free to distribute what literature they please. The result has been an explosion of demand for foreign books, particularly textbooks and books on technology. Even if you’ve never seen indoor plumbing, the diagrams are still amazing.

**PS** A school district in central South Carolina is encouraging parents to avoid sweets when bringing snacks to their children’s classes. Pedophilic teachers are excited to take up the slack.

**PS** Ricky Martin told children in Amman, Jordan he will help put an end to Western stereotypes of Arabs as terrorists. He then treated the young militants in the crowd to a free performance featuring their favorite songs, including “Shake Your Bomb-Bomb,” “Livin’ La Vida Gitmo,” and “She Bangs.”

**PS** Animal rights activists have stolen six dogs from a Massey University farm, some of which are carrying a fatal genetic disease also found in humans. The activists apparently had begun a unique chapter of the Make a Wish Foundation.

**PS** Ashley Simpson’s new album “I Am Me” is scheduled for an October 18 release. The record company promises she’ll be the voice behind at least one of the album’s songs.

**PS** Police in Brookline, Massachusetts have reported four calls of naked people in the last six weeks. It seems overenthusiastic Tufts commuter students are already preparing for December’s Naked Quad Run.

**PS** Massachusetts could soon be joining the list of states that let restaurant diners take leftover wine home with them. Announcing his support for the idea in a press conference, Ted Kennedy remarked that by launching a pilot program in Chappaquiddick by the end of the year, he will be able to revisit his more youthful days.

**PS** Alex Cassity of Illinois is a God-fearing man, so when he saw strange lights in the sky over

his home, his first thought was it was the second coming of Christ. Soon afterwards a man dressed in black arrived, informing him that the lights he saw were nothing more than light from Venus reflecting off swamp gas.

**PS** The rapid growth in developing countries, combined with declining birth rates in some industrialized nations could affect the ability of the wealthy to aid the poor, said a demographer who prepared a report on the issue. Abortion activists now not only have forty million American babies’ lives on their conscience, but also the entire impoverished third world.

**PS Top ten captions for this picture:**

10. Does this make me look fat?
9. Ankle accessories are the hottest fall trend.
8. A little lower and it could pass as a part of my shoe.
7. It’s a great icebreaker.
6. A set of boots will hide it nicely.
5. It has a wonderful slimming effect on your lower leg.
4. Accessorize!
3. Look how well it matches with everything I wear!
2. A cellmate showed me how to remove the location transmitter so I can go anywhere I want right now!
1. I am giving one of these to every contestant on my show.

**PS** A college freshman was charged with assault after authorities say she beat her new roommate with a hot clothes iron, hitting her so hard the young woman's skull was fractured and the iron broken into pieces. The woman, now arrested, plans to sue the iron manufacturer for manufacturing an inferior product and neglecting to include a warning label against using it as a weapon.

**PS** Top ten things to do at night during orientation:

10. Leave a handle on Bacow's front porch.
9. Go to Midnight Café and join the three other students who know where Oxfam café is.
8. Light your candle on the hill with a flamethrower.
7. Play Beirut with milk.
6. Bring a pole to the Dance Party in Dewick.
5. Yell "BINGO!" during *Many Stories, One Community*. Bring running shoes.
4. Play mix and match designer drugs with your RA.
3. Go to any event with the SOURCE.
2. Volunteer your roommate for the hypnosis show.
1. Find the number of drinks until "no" turns into "YES!"

**PS** France is determined to keep battling terrorism in the wake of recent terrorism and is increasing its military cooperation in Afghanistan to support next month's landmark legislative elections. If the elections are a success, France is on the cusp of declaring its first military victory.

**PS** An Alabama state senator apologized after a pre-dawn visit to the Capitol with an unidentified woman caused the building to be shut down for security reasons. The situation was diffused when he explained that she was a potential intern and that he "had to perform a thorough interview."

**PS** Hamas militants released a videotape purportedly showing the bomb maker believed to top Israel's most-wanted list celebrating the Gaza Strip pullout as a victory for armed resistance. It was unclear whether he realized this could lead to his eventual unemployment.

**PS** A lucky gambler won nearly \$3 million playing the 1¢ slot machines in a Nevada casino, scoring a world record in the process. President Bush immediately announced Social Security personal investment accounts would have a "slot machine" option.

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*The TCUJ does its part to ruin democracy.*

# Tufts Judicial Activism

by Douglas Kingman

Indignation is a common reaction of Tufts students to the smallest appearance, real or perceived, of election impropriety. Yet, when elections are held on campus, scandalous interpretation of bylaws and precedents are tolerated to support the agendas of overzealous ideologues. This was the case last spring when Tufts Elections Board (ELBO), responsible for conducting campus elections, held a referendum vote on the issue of subsidizing wind power through a mandatory \$20 student fee sponsored by the student organization Environmental Consciousness Outreach (ECO). ELBO's poor judgment helped advance ECO's position. This prompted THE PRIMARY SOURCE to challenge ELBO's practices with a Tufts Community Union Judiciary (TCUJ) complaint that was ultimately decided in ELBO's favor. The TCUJ struck with impressive judicial activism when it trivialized ELBO's bylaw transgressions and went on to legislate destructive new bylaw protocol.

ELBO's bylaws charge it to "ensure fair elections." Yet, when ELBO notified the Tufts community of the upcoming ECO referendum, it grossly violated its charter by providing a link titled "why vote yes for wind power." The contention that this constitutes election bias is supported by TCUJ precedent. In 2001, a misleading e-mail authorized by a Tufts administrator was sent out in favor of approving a new constitution for the Tufts Community Union. Even though the e-mail did not originate from ELBO or advocate an ELBO position by association with the email (both the case this time), the TCUJ invalidated that election

because, "a fair election would technically not be possible" due to the impression that ELBO had endorsed one of the referendum positions. The current situation is even more straightforward. ELBO supplied information to students on its own behalf that directly advocated one side of the referendum question. ELBO minimally showed poor judgment and at worst exerted a concerted effort to impact the outcome. This is hardly what could be considered "fair."

**Because it is not possible to determine how the irregularity of the vote affected the margin of victory, the results are meaningless and the vote must be recast.**

flawed. Consider a fair election by this standard in pre-liberation Iraq. Her "fair elections" would legitimize the elections that Saddam Hussein held in his country that made a mockery of democracy. Never mind the fact that the constituency was coaxed into voting a particular way by force, propaganda, and other tactics. Look how fair it was—everyone voted.

The TCUJ, however, did not agree with ELBO's definition of fair—or at least as much as one group looking to protect their allies is able.

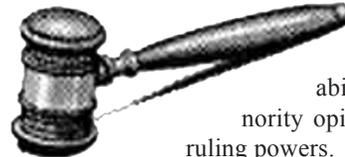
The TCUJ reprimanded ELBO with a warning against breaking fundamental bylaw guidelines yet gave them flagrant underhanded approval by declaring that the results of the referendum would stand regardless of the established wrongdoing. The TCUJ found that, "while ELBO was incorrect in posting the ECO information, the margin of victory of this referendum was such as to negate any possible effects of the website posting." This

absurd ruling shows a major fallacy. If a necessary condition to conduct an election is ignored, the outcome under unlawful circumstances is worthless regardless of a decisive outcome. Because it is not possible to determine how the irregularity of the vote affected the margin of victory, the results are meaningless and the vote must be recast. Furthermore, because the referendum election was intended only to show a vote of confidence to the trustees for the proposed measure, each percentage of votes cast is meaningful. Having perused the information provided illegally by ELBO that advocated the position, a student might have felt compelled to vote for the measure. It would be impossible to tally all of the possible effects the partisan information had on voters in the referendum. This election was skewed by unlawful variables. This is precisely the reason that the vote must be recast if it is to hold.

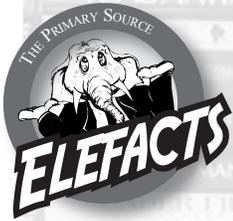
To add insult to injury, the TCUJ made recommendations to the senate to improve referendum votes in the future. The TCUJ ordered that a senate "fact finding mission be responsible for making every effort to research information and thoroughly understand both sides of the issues called into question" in future referendums. While the TCUJ ordered no more ELBO election endorsements, it recommended that the senate fact finding mission write a "pro" and "con" argument for each future referendum. This ridiculous assertion of power is not only unnecessary, since groups should educate students about the questions themselves, but dangerous because of the power the senate would hold to frame all future debates on campus. By the discretion of the senate president (elected with a smaller voter turnout than the referendum in question) the ruling gives the senators the final say over what voting "yes" or "no" for a particular measure means.

This amount of power is not only profound, but eliminates the ability of controversial minority opinion to triumph over the ruling powers.

The TCUJ's lack of jurisprudence and ELBO's incompetency won't stand unanswered. The Primary Source will appeal this case to the Committee on Student Life in the upcoming weeks. Hopefully, they will recognize that as overwhelming as an election outcome is, results obtained in a flawed manner are not valid.



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## Beware of Indoctrination

A primer about the ongoing debate over the ideological bias of professors in academia.

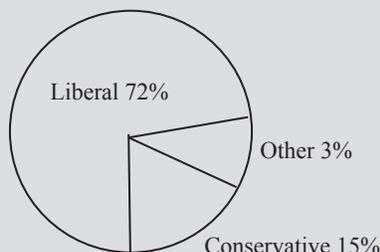
### What is the problem?

Ideological bias stems from faculty members who believe their goal as academic instructors is to tell students what to believe instead of allowing them to discover their own convictions through academic exploration. Academic Freedom is the ability of students to participate in a classroom setting that is free from ideological bias.

### Why should you care?

College presents an opportunity to learn about controversial topics and use critical thinking skills to arrive at conclusions. Yet when professors are biased and not forthcoming about it in their analysis or presentation, a student's education suffers. This is especially true when the student is ignorant of the problem.

### Balance of Professors at American Universities



Source: Randolph Foundation

While top tier schools reported 72% liberal and 15% conservative faculty, Tufts University did not have a professor that was openly conservative as of last spring.

### The Goal

Avoiding this:



МОЛОДЫЕ СТРОИТЕЛИ КОММУНИЗМА  
ВПЕРЕД, К НОВЫМ УСПЕХАМ В ТРУДЕ И УЧЁБЕ

### ACADEMIC FREEDOM AT TUFTS—A BRIEF HISTORY

#### Fall 2003

Students for Academic Freedom chapter (SAF) is formed.

#### April 2004

TCU senate refuses to vote on a resolution authored by SAF.

#### January 2005

Tufts Academic Freedom Project (TAFP), a new organization without ties to the national SAF organization, is formed.

#### February 2005

Petition supporting an Academic Freedom resolution is signed by hundreds of Tufts students.

#### February 2005

Following hours of debate, an amended TAFP resolution passes the TCU senate.

#### March 2005

TAFP begins process of collecting course syllabi for review and analysis.

The Tufts Academic Freedom Project (TAFP) believes that the Tufts educational experience can be greatly improved by allowing students the ability to conduct coursework that is free from ideological discrimination. For more information about TAFP, e-mail [Alison.Hoover@tufts.edu](mailto:Alison.Hoover@tufts.edu).

# THE PRIMARY SOURCE



## Student Activities Fee

Student organizations share a fund that the Student Activities Fee feeds into. Prepare for serious money (mis)management and bureaucratic tape.

*You are caught referring to the "Rape Stairs" by a member of the Bias Response Team. Go to Probation 2.*

*Spring Fling is rained out. All players pay \$100.*

*Your room is infested with cockroaches. Call facilities and miss 1 turn waiting for them to give a damn.*

*Skip class to protest the war with your professor. Advance 5 spaces.*

*Parents visiting this weekend. Clean room and pay \$15 per moldy food item, \$30 per beer can.*

*Become an empowered womyn after VOX meeting. Advance to Go.*

*Paint the Cannon with THE PRIMARY SOURCE and be attacked by irate leftists. Advance to TUPD Patrol Car.*

*Charge Tufts sweatshirts for your whole hall on your bursar's account. Pay \$500 back to Mom and Dad.*

*You are pressured to attend a Ballroom Dancing competition. Pay \$50 and sleep in.*

*You graduate! Collect 1 piece of paper.*

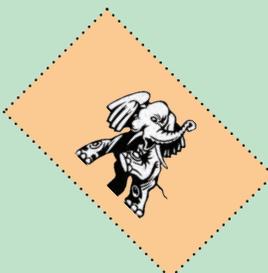
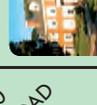
*You love Tufts' food. Advance to Dewick and collect the Freshman 15.*

*Sexiled by roommate. Miss 1 turn and vow to return the favor next weekend.*


Does Tufts appear intimidating to someone to explain it to you? Well, this board game certainly entertains as you deal with crises on your campus.

"Wait, how do I play," you ask? You already

# OURCE Presents...

 TUPD PATROL CAR	 HODGDON	 CARMICHAEL	 FACILITIES	 DEWICK	 GET PRO 2 CAUGHT BY RA
 <b>OPOLY</b> Studying? Feel like you need to you? Worried you won't game won't help, but it'll you deal with these serious n your own.					JUMBO 
					CANNON 
					STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEE  (take card)
					LIBRARY ROOF 
					YOUR FRIEND'S BMW 
					JUMBO CHANCE  (take card)
					OFF CAMPUS 
					\$20 WIND POWER TAX 
					GIFFORD HOUSE 
					THE "T" 



## Jumbo Chance

Your jumbo chances are valuable—kind of like you hope the education you get at Tufts will be. Only time, and THE PRIMARY SOURCE, will tell.

*Buffer-fund for kegger.  
Collect \$50 and advance  
to Off Campus.*

*Write for THE PRIMARY  
SOURCE. Take 1 property  
from any player.*

*Oh no! You need a  
humanities credit!  
Take "The History of  
Rock and Roll" and  
collect an easy A.*

*Meet an Alpha Phi sister  
for a fun time. Advance  
to Library Roof.*

*Cram for midterm.  
Skip 2 turns.*

*NQR pics of you  
published in The Daily.  
Pay \$500 to have the  
issues destroyed.*

*After a one-night stand,  
you notice a burning  
sensation. Advance to  
Health Services.*

*Congratulations! You've  
won a freshman senate  
seat. Advance to the  
Campus Center and  
realize no one cares.*

*You are selected to  
meet the Fares Lecture  
Speaker. Advance to  
Gifford House and learn  
how to schmooze.*

*Host a prospective  
student, get them drunk,  
and watch them vomit  
on your carpet. Pay \$40  
to buy a new one.*

*Score a job as a tour  
guide because of your  
knowledge of useless  
Tufts trivia. Advance to  
Jumbo and collect \$100.*

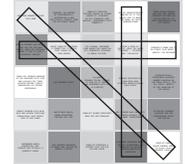
*Caught by professor  
reading THE PRIMARY  
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Probation 2.*

ready are. Welcome to Tufts and good luck.

# Many Stories, One Community

# BINGO

Growing tired of your mandatory sensitivity training? Make your Orientation much more bearable with our handy-dandy game of BINGO! As you find the items (trust us, this is not the difficult part), cross them off. Get five in a row, and you've won! Now yell out BINGO!



**THE PRIMARY SOURCE** takes no responsibility for injuries inflicted by enraged panelists.

AUDIENCE MEMBER PLAYING THIS GAME	SPEAKER, ON PURPOSE OR SPONTANEOUSLY, INTRODUCING A NEW POLITICALLY CORRECT TERM FOR AN ETHNIC GROUP	PANELIST PRAISING CULTURE HOUSES AS ISLAND HAVENS OF TOLERANCE IN THE OTHERWISE VERY HURTFUL, HOMOGENOUS TUFTS COMMUNITY	ROW OF ADMINISTRATORS LOOKING AS IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THE PANEL AS THEIR GRANDCHILDREN	TOKEN ASIAN SPEAKER WHO FOR SOME REASON ENDORSES AFFIRMATIVE ACTION DESPITE ITS DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR HIS PEOPLE
MUSLIM SPEAKER WHO BLAMES JEWS FOR THE MID-EAST CRISIS (MARK ANY ADJACENT SQUARE IF SHE IS ALSO A HOLOCAUST DENIER)	BLACK PANELIST CLAIMING A CONNECTION TO AFRICA EVEN THOUGH HE'S FROM QUEENS	TRI-LINGUAL IMMIGRANT FROM MANHATTAN LAMENTING HIS INADEQUATE EXPOSURE TO WORLD CULTURE	WITHIN A SPAN OF 1 MINUTE, HEAR THE WORDS "TOLERANT", "DIVERSE", AND "INCLUSIVE"	SPEAKER'S FRANK USE OF AN ETHNIC SLUR MEANT TO HORRIFY THE AUDIENCE
TOKEN GAY SPEAKER WARMING UP THE AUDIENCE WITH YUKS AND GIGGLES FOR THREE MINUTES BEFORE FINALLY ANNOUNCING HIS SEXUAL PREFERENCE	ANY SPEAKER CRIES	<b>FREE SPOT!</b> SPEAKER TRYING TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF ANYONE WHO DISAGREES WITH HIM IS A RACIST	SOMEONE DISTRIBUTING DORM-ROOM DOOR STICKERS ADVERTISING A "SAFE SPACE"	STEREOTYPICALLY EFFEMINATE AUDIENCE MEMBER CHEERING ON THE PANEL WITH A "YOU GO, GIRL!" WORTHY OF THE <i>SHOWTIME AT THE APOLLO</i>
FEMALE SPEAKER WITH BLUE HAIR AND ELEVEN PIERCINGS COMPLAINING THAT PEOPLE LOOK AT HER FUNNY	WHITE MALE ANGLO-SAXAN PROTESTENT FEELING LEFT OUT	PANELIST BLAMES PRESIDENT BUSH FOR HER PROBLEMS	ANY SPEAKER WHO COMPLETES HIS SPEECH WITHOUT USING THE WORD "THREATENED"	BI-RACIAL SPEAKER CLAIMING SHE HAS EXPERIENCED TWICE THE RACISM
EMPOWERED WOMYN SUGGESTING THAT FEMALES ARE ACTUALLY A MINORITY GROUP	ANY SPEAKER MAJORING IN PEACE AND JUSTICE OR WOMEN'S STUDIES	PANELIST DROPPING A BLATANT PLUG FOR HIS CULTURE HOUSE	SYCOPHANT AUDIENCE MEMBER TRYING TO BEFRIEND THE PANELISTS BY ASKING STOMACH-WRENCHING QUESTIONS	PANELIST MAKES SNIDE COMMENT ABOUT THE PRIMARY SOURCE, AUDIENCE CHUCKLES

*Stay in the driver's seat when it comes to your education.*

## Too Expensive To Waste

by Nicholas Boyd

Though orientation accounts for but a fraction of the time freshmen will spend at Tufts over the next four years, it is a telling indicator of what to expect of the University down the road. No, not free food, parties, concerts, and sightseeing trips to Boston. Rather, the tiresome forums on superficial diversity, lectures on “why no means no,” segregation of students into culture houses, and the stifling institutional contempt for diversity of opinion.

Orientation is Tufts’ first opportunity to mold impressionable high school grads into the model liberal citizen-of-the-world activist image it would like to see in all of its students by the time they graduate. Freshmen better hold on dearly to religion, patriotism, and common sense, for there is no room for them here. Tufts will try to flush them away. The sad truth is that careless students will not get the education they paid for, but instead, a covert mental makeover.

While this is a disappointing verdict to be greeted by, it should not be interpreted as cause for regret for coming here. Rather, it should be considered a helpful warning. Tufts could be likened to an educational obstacle course—overcome the challenges, pick the right path, and Tufts can be every bit the rewarding experience it was advertised to be. To this end, the first and most important step toward getting a useful education out of this university is recognizing that no one can leave that task in the hands of Tufts administrators or faculty. This is especially true for liberal art students, whose courses are usually not bound by the rules of physics and other similar useful constraints.

With luck, a student can find interesting courses taught by fair-minded

professors. Unfortunately, there are more than a few ideological nuts who consider the classroom their bully pulpit. Widely documented classroom bias and fear of retribution for expressing alternative views in class led a coalition of students, among them THE PRIMARY SOURCE, to last year launch the Tufts Academic Freedom Project (TAFP), an ongoing campus initiative to safeguard ideological diversity in the classroom.

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recent disposal of students: training sessions on how to resist arrest, a sex fair in the lobby of the campus center, professor-led classroom walkouts because of the Iraq war, and Red Cross blood drive protests because federal regulations prohibit active homosexuals from donating.

At least it’s easy to identify such radicals and their mischief. It is more difficult to safeguard against the silent persistent influence of liberal bias in the campus media. Similarly, one doesn’t think about what a slew of liberal speakers are doing to one’s judgment until the breadth of what is not being heard from the other side becomes apparent. Though Tufts did bring columnist Ann Coulter to campus last year, it is a rare occurrence indeed when a conservative is invited by a department rather than the Tufts Republicans or THE PRIMARY SOURCE. Tufts departments invite

While TAFP focuses on academics, students must fend for their values themselves once outside the classroom. At the

liberal after liberal—before you know it, gay marriage epitomizes normalcy and capitalism has been debunked as an effective economic structure.

A number of those Tufts departments have the specific mission of serving various student needs. A black student can go to the Africana center for support—unless he is proud of Condoleezza Rice’s accomplishments. Females are welcomed by the Women’s Center with open arms—but less so if they are pro-life. Pregnant girls who show up at Health Services can rest assured the staff have prior experience in dealing with such situations—the abortion clinic has already been notified. And the LGBT Center is indeed the place to go if you’re “questioning”—so long as you’re not looking for help turning straight.

The bottom line is that as a liberal, you can lead a very comfortable life at Tufts. Refrain from ever picking up this magazine again (easier said than done even for liberals), and your views will easily go unchallenged for the entirety of your stay here.

Perhaps you arrived at Tufts looking for such intellectual complacency, but the SOURCE hopes Tufts is a draw for a primarily different crowd: the rational, the intellectually curious, and the truly open-minded. The “not-inclined-to-burn-or-steal-THE-PRIMARY-SOURCE.”

Such individuals will prosper at Tufts despite its shortcomings, for what Tufts cannot or will not provide can still be acquired in the campus and national marketplaces of ideas.

So, take your education into your own hands. Think twice about the credibility of your Political Science professor’s rants about the War on Terror if his office door is wallpapered with “No Blood for Oil” stickers. Stop short

of drawing a conclusion based on a news article which didn’t bother contacting both sides. When your textbook doesn’t explain supply-side economics (tax cuts can enhance government revenues), look it up elsewhere. You may just leave this place smarter than when you arrived. ■



**Country, religion, and University: incompatible?**

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*Running a country after a terrorist disaster.*

## 7/7, the British 9/11?

by Adam Hoffman

In the aftermath of the London Tube and Bus bombings and the subsequent failed bombings, several similarities can be found with the condition the United States found itself in directly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. In both instances the leader of the attacked country gained an enormous show of support and boost in job approval. Both nations felt a sense of unity against cowardly acts of terrorism. Almost four years removed from 9/11, the world knows how the United States went on to deal with terrorism. In the wake of the British attacks, questions arise as to how the British government will respond, how its people will react to the government's response, and how long Blair can keep his approval high.

To this point, the British government has been running on overdrive to catch the wanna be suicide bombers and their accomplices before they can kill again. But predicting the path beyond this police work requires a look at the political climate of the country immediately prior to the blasts. Blair's Labour party had just won another majority, doing so for the third straight election. But after huge landslide victories in '97 and '01, many people who considered Iraq their most important issue wanted to punish Blair for supporting President Bush and the United States war in Iraq. While Blair won, the slim margin of victory in the election was in many ways a failure for a party used to governing by vast majorities.

Weeks after the terror attacks, a number of suspects have been arrested, and secret private planes have been sent to Middle Eastern countries to extradite

suspects to the UK. But cracks have started to form in the support for these measures. London inner-city Member of Parliament George Galloway, who is actually Scottish, is again raining down sound bites from the mountain tops with rants like "The countries occupied by UK and US troops are being raped by them." Those unfamiliar with Mr. Galloway should imagine Michael Moore with a funny accent, just crazier.

The attacks highlighted public services that worked well under the stress of an emergency, but they also showed

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plans that had not been fully thought out or were poorly implemented. Initial police and medical response to the attacks was immense, quick and effective. Plans had been put into place to shut down all train and subway services, and they worked well during the evacuation. Crowd control tactics were adequate as thousands of people streamed out of train stations onto the streets. But cell phone networks went down under the

stress of people calling to check on loved ones. The extended police presence has taken its toll on the forces. The objective of tracking down those responsible for planning the first attack and catching those who failed in the second have led to long overtime hours and huge cost over-runs. Departments have even resorted to coaxing retired detectives back into the field. There is room for improvement.

Mr. Blair will not accept the notion that the reason London was bombed was because he supported the United States in Iraq. Blaming Britain this way is analogous to blaming the victim of a rape. He will not miss a step. Blair will use his new political wiggling room to pass security bills through Parliament that stood no chance two months ago. Shifting some focus off of foreign policy in Iraq and onto domestic security policy can only help Blair's approval ratings, and therefore, his ability to pass the laws he needs. Like post 9/11 America, the country will need time for healing, but that does not mean that they should become complacent or soft with their directives. Things need to change, and the Brits can learn from some successes and failures the US experienced in rapidly implementing a security platform.

Overall, the outlook for Blair, his halfway pro-Bush Labour party, and the commonwealth in general, appears good. Mr. Blair showed his strength and trademark charisma when he left the important G8 talks in Scotland the day of the first bombing, but vowed to return as soon as possible to get back on track. The new focus on security might also take people's eyes off the war in Iraq, which his constituents see as a strong point against Blair. New laws and procedures are necessary, and Blair will be whipping his legislature to pass the measures he wants under the intent eye of the public. Now is the time for Blair to show that he is in charge, that he is not looking at his recent past as a failure, but as an affirmation that he is still the bold leader of Britain. ■



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*Ground Zero must honor, not disrespect, the dead.*

# Stolen Memories

by Nicole Balkind

Four years after the Twin Towers fell, there is a battle raging at Ground Zero. The plans for the revitalization of the site have been fiercely debated in New York's newspapers for several years, but the controversy gained national attention in early June, sparked by an article in the Wall Street Journal. Debra Burlingame, a member of the board of directors of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, and sister of one of the murdered pilots, exposed plans for what was to become of a portion of the memorial site, the International Freedom Center (IFC).

The memorial site will include three parts: an underground memorial in the footprint of the towers, a 50,000 square foot September 11 exhibit holding artifacts from the attack, and the IFC, a 500,000 square foot museum, class and meeting space.

The IFC is slated to be a "journey through the history of freedom". Exhibit topics will include the Trail of Tears, lynching in the Jim Crow South, the Holocaust, Soviet Gulags and even prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib. This collection of events is intended to "teach" visitors about freedom, but it instead highlights the most shameful moments of American history, on the very site of the worst ever attack on American civilians. Literally adding insult to injury, the IFC will host lectures and symposiums on topics "related to freedom," which will surely include discussion and criticism of the War on Terror. All this in the final resting place of the victims and heroes of the 9/11 attacks.

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Unfortunately, the tragedy that four years ago unified the nation is now being used as a pawn in a vicious partisan battle. The proposed exhibits at the IFC have as much to do with 9/11 as they do with any other historical event. The reason they will find their place at Ground Zero is because those funding and administering the IFC include vehement Bush opponents like George Soros and other lesser known but no less extreme anti-war ideologues. Their efforts at the IFC are designed to undermine the War on Terror and pervert America's memory of the attacks—indeed, to make Americans think they deserved them.

Official advisor to the IFC and

Columbia University history professor Eric Foner has said, "one of the things that most annoys people in other countries is the idea that we have a monopoly on freedom. It will be salutary for the museum to suggest that America has sometimes fallen short of the ideal."

Apparently the IFC thinks it is necessary to use the plot of land where thousands of innocent Americans died to prove that their country is not free. There is not a more egregious insult to the nation than this disrespect and desecration of Ground Zero by its own citizens. This is an outrage regardless of political affiliation or persuasion. Ground Zero must be a place to pay respects to the fallen, and to remember how 9/11 changed Americans' lives forever.

According to Richard Tofel, President and Chief Operating Officer of the IFC, the museum will bring a "universal 'narrative of hope' to a place where hope is imperative." Yet for many, many Americans, the story of 9/11 is not a narrative of hope. It was an ugly, terrible nightmare. Of course, hope is essential to move forward and to

not let terrorism crush the American spirit, but the day and place will always be one of sorrow and mourning.

Ground Zero is no longer just a lot in lower Manhattan, it is sacred space for thousands of families who have no body and no grave over which to mourn their loved ones. These families simply want political debate and extraneous historical commentary to remain off the site. Throughout the entire rebuilding process, family groups have gotten the cold shoulder, pushed aside by power brokers looking to gain influence and notoriety through the project. The families are enraged that such a large portion of the space will be commercial property. Their space, the memorial and 9/11 museum, will be mostly underground, and only 1/10 the size of the IFC.

The IFC abandoned historical accuracy in favor of propaganda and disrespect when it decided to focus on an America-bashing "story of freedom" instead of telling the tales of bravery and sacrifice. Tofel claims that Ground Zero is "precisely the right place to make this stand [for freedom] and leave a legacy for our children." To the contrary, Manhattan is not where America must make its stand. That fight belongs in the mountains of Afghanistan and the streets of Fallujah. Tofel and his cronies are using Ground Zero as a soapbox to make their stand against the war. Ground Zero is simply prime real estate the anti-war movement would never have been able to otherwise afford.

The way in which a nation honors its fallen says a lot about its resolve and resiliency. Americans must decide who is more important to honor at Ground Zero—the victims and their families or political ideologues. ■

For more information and to help visit [www.TakeBackTheMemorial.com](http://www.TakeBackTheMemorial.com)



Hey, you, get off my cloud!

## Eminent D'oh-main

by Jordana Starr

New Hampshire's state motto may be "Live Free or Die," but for Supreme Court Justice and state resident David Souter, it's "Live Free to the Highest Bidder." This summer, a divided Supreme Court ruled in *Kelo v. New London* that the city of New London, Connecticut could use eminent domain to seize private property to sell to private developers. The majority defended such disregard for the Fifth Amendment's takings clause, which guarantees the government will not take private property for public use without just compensation, by arguing that the potential creation of jobs and increase in tax revenues qualified as "public use."

"Today the court abandons this long-held, basic limitation on government power," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in a scathing dissent. "Under the banner of economic development, all private property is now vulnerable to being taken and transferred to another private owner, so long as it might be upgraded... This constraint has no realistic import. For who among us can say she already makes the most productive or attractive possible use of her property?" No one can—not even a Supreme Court Justice.

Logan Darrow Clements of Freestar Media, LLC wrote to the Board of Selectmen of Weare, New Hampshire, requesting that the town exercise eminent domain and seize the property at 34 Cillely Hill Road for the building of a hotel. A hotel at this residential address, he explained, would better serve the public interest by providing economic development and higher tax revenue. It is by no coincidence that this property is owned by David Souter, one of the Supreme

Court Justices who ruled in favor of eminent domain abuse.

Naming the development "The Lost Liberty Hotel," Clements plans to open the "Just Desserts Café" and a public museum featuring an exhibit on the loss of freedom in America. Every guest would also receive a copy of Ayn Rand's novel *Atlas Shrugged*. Building the hotel at this particular site would serve poetic justice to a major player in the destruction of American property rights.

For the Weare Board of Selectmen, however, constitutional justice trumps poetic justice—as it should. "We are in full support of protecting property rights of all our citizens," Chair Laura Buono wrote. "We will continue to assist homeowners in keeping their property and to enforce their rights of ownership to the fullest extent of the law"—even if that

means protecting the rights of one Justice Souter who voted in favor of denying others those very rights. Taking the high road, Selectman Joe Fiala wrote, "We take our personal rights and liberties very seriously here. Part of that includes not superimposing our rights over others."

In the Opinion of the Court, Justice Stevens wrote that a state may place further restrictions on the exercise of the takings clause. "Indeed, many States already impose "public use" requirements that are stricter than the federal baseline." Widespread outrage has sparked over 30 states as well as Congress to begin measures to clamp down on eminent domain abuse. To O'Connor, however, this is inadequate; she calls the Court's rationale "an abdication of [the Court's] responsibility." It is the Supreme Court's duty to enforce the entirety of the federal Constitution, not to give up this authority to the states.

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Just as a state may impose limits on such takings, it may just as well permit such abuses in violation of the Constitution—and has. Mere hours following this ruling, officials in more than 30 cities have proceeded to seize private property for private development. Eager for increased tax revenues, local governments have taken the Court's green light to seize homes and small businesses and hand over property to more lucrative enterprises.

Oakland, California has evicted John Revilli from the tire shop his family has owned since 1949 to make way for a new housing development. Residents in Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, and Miramar, Florida will lose their homes for new condo and retail development. Baltimore, Maryland will seize over 2,000 properties for a biotech park and new residences. In Arnold, Missouri, 30 homes and 15 small businesses will be demolished to build a Lowe's Home Improvement store and a strip mall. Here in Boston, owners will lose their waterfront property to a private development project. These examples are only a few of many instances (available at [www.castlecoalition.org/floodgates](http://www.castlecoalition.org/floodgates)) where eminent domain has been and will be applied to forcefully seize property in the interest of private enterprises.

In the wake of the *Kelo* ruling, the Castle Coalition, a project of the Institute for Justice, has launched the "Hands off my Home" campaign to combat these abuses. Supporting eminent domain reform at state and local levels, the campaign seeks to arm Americans with the means to defend their homes and businesses from these unconstitutional seizures. The Supreme Court may have failed Americans, but local governments can still protect your rights. Americans must demand of their mayors, governors, and congressmen that they uphold Constitutional rights before a tax-hungry government comes along and gobbles them up. ■



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*Alleged atrocity, real backlash.*

# Crime and Punishment

by Sharon Silverman

A quick look at Tufts reveals a population of students eager and desperate to prove themselves tolerant of all cultures and races. Therefore, it comes as no surprise that when a student makes the serious claim that he was attacked because of his race, the campus would be very concerned. Unfortunately, a stifling atmosphere of political correctness frequently causes this concern to mutate into premature conclusions and rash action.

On April 30, at approximately 3:00 AM, there was an altercation in front of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity between a passerby, Riyadh Mohammed, and unknown persons milling about. The precise details regarding the incident remain unconfirmed, but as Mohammed was walking by the house that night, he alleges racial slurs were shouted at him. He later returned to the fraternity, and claims that he was further assaulted verbally and physically.

After the incident, Mohammed identified fraternity brother William Toner as the main aggressor. Toner, on the other hand, claims he was not present during the initial name-calling, that he at no point in time used a racial slur towards Mohammed, and that Mohammed was in fact the one screaming obscenities when he returned to the fraternity for a second time. Despite these conflicting accounts of what happened that night, it was Toner who bore the brunt of the punishment in ensuing campus discussion. Immediately expelled from the fraternity, Toner now faces possible expulsion from the school. The following day, the Tufts community was first exposed to a *Daily* article accusing Toner of bias and assault, and then received an email from President Bacow lamenting racism and intolerance. The email was vague and

seemed to purposely emphasize the possibility that it was a hate crime rather than a drunken confrontation.

These factors contributed to a prevailing campus climate in which blame was placed only on the fraternity brothers, with Toner at the forefront. Following the initial hype, word of a rally being organized featuring speakers bemoaning the immutable presence of intolerance on campus began to spread. The speakers at this rally included Tufts students, administrators, and faculty eager to stamp out what they perceived as

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prejudice. In doing so, they laid full blame for the incident on the Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers. Ironically, these same speakers demonstrated blatant prejudice themselves by jumping to hasty conclusions based solely on unverified information. The rally suggested to observers that the alleged altercation was much more serious than a regular physical confrontation, which is still only a theory. A fair

Tufts administration would have waited for the TUPD investigation following the incident to conclude before taking drastic action (sources tell THE PRIMARY SOURCE that the matter is *still* not closed). This way, the physical confrontation between the boys and the sudden paranoia over racial intolerance would not have been so intertwined. The fact that the Bias Response Team, an arm of the Dean of Students Office, took part in organizing the rally served to place ad-

ditional, premature blame on the fraternity brothers. According to their website, the function of the Bias Response Team (BRT) is “to provide resources for the student community to effectively respond to incidents of bias and harassment.” However, in this case their participation led students to infer that the BRT had verified racist motivation in the altercation, even though this was not necessarily the case.

If, as appears was the case, authorities were not absolutely certain of what exactly took place the night of April 30 then the e-mail, *Daily* article, and rally should not have jumped to a hate crime conclusion. After all, questions lingered about Mohammed’s alleged own use of worse slurs, his reason for returning to the fraternity (the poor judgment of an innocent victim or the foolish mistake of someone looking for trouble), and whether the whole incident was nothing more than drunken instigation that turned into a brawl.

In their quest for tolerance and diversity, students, faculty, and administrators at Tufts all-too-often feel compelled to jump to hasty conclusions. Such conclusions can prematurely impugn non-minorities in disputes, causing potentially irreversible damage. The falsely accused never fully recover in the sphere of public opinion—the stigma will remain for a lifetime, following them wherever they go.

It is very possible that every one of the allegations against the Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers and especially Toner is true, in which case they deserve punishment.

But in the United States, an individual is supposed to remain innocent until proven guilty. The Tufts judicial system should be no different. The student body and faculty must learn to respond to situations such as this one rationally, basing their conclusions on facts as they are gradually acquired and verified, rather than on their feelings and the sensation-

rumors that feed into them. Only in this way can students live without the fear of being unfairly judged and persecuted for their social interactions. ■



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*The SOURCE has a chat with Tufts' newest faculty member.*

# The Muñoz Approach

by Alison Hoover

**“**I was a very typical college student. I was an economics and government major. I played a lot of sports,” Professor Phillip Muñoz described himself in a recent interview with the SOURCE. When asked what brought him to Tufts, he explained, “I guess the most attractive thing for me is the student body,” the first glimpse of which he encountered during an interview with Tufts students that Muñoz described as, “the most rigorous interview I had, and the students seemed to be fantastic.” Professor Muñoz this Fall joins the Tufts faculty in the Political Science Department, a new transfer from N.C. State University.

He received his undergraduate degree from Claremont McKenna University, his Masters from Boston College, and his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School, where he studied the founding of America.

Professor Muñoz begins his career at Tufts with a class called Law, Morality, & Democracy. In this class, he plans to address both sides of several of today’s most controversial political topics. He considers himself consciously dedicated to facilitating a diversity of opinions in his classroom, regarding such fair-minded analysis as an end goal, rather than simply a means to an end. Presenting both sides of an issue and letting students debate ideas for themselves helps students learn to “think critically for themselves, and that’s at the heart of what a liberal arts education is all about—and not to think critically about anything, but about the important things,” explains Muñoz. The goal of a liberal arts education is not to restrict students to learning within the narrow realm of a specific career, but to teach

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them how to think and learn by constantly adapting new skills and ideas.

The teaching style Muñoz promises for his classes would go a long way toward alleviating the concerns brought to light by the Tufts Academic Freedom Project (TAFP) last year. TAFP was created to advance safeguards against ideological bias in the classroom and its consequences. TAFP grew out of reports of students feeling intimidated by

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their professors introducing their personal opinions in an inappropriate manner in the classroom—fears that sometimes even led students to turn in papers that reflected these opinions instead of their own in order to receive high grades. Force-feeding students information to regurgitate in an essay does not prepare them to analyze the changing world in their futures, but conditions them to parrot whatever those around them say.

Muñoz emphasizes what he considers important elements to achieving effective classroom discussion. He believes that “the aim is to try to get students to think more theoretically about the issues, [and] to understand that there are two sides to every debate.” Here, Muñoz addresses one of the main problems that many politically active people face: their inadequate ability to rationally reason as they defend or refute opinions. It is always difficult to debate someone whose arguments are based solely on emotion, but it is also impossible to win a debate when relying solely on such emotional arguments. However, when one grounds arguments firmly in fact it becomes far simpler to develop a calculated approach to defending an idea, similar to the way one would use a mathematical or scientific formula.

Upon close examination, one can see similarities between Professor Muñoz’s ideas on teaching and his preferred academic approach to his specialty, the founding of America. Many of the papers he has written address the thoughts and ideas behind the Constitution and the Founding Fathers. Muñoz believes that “before you can either accept or reject what the Founding Fathers said, you have to understand what they said, on their own terms.” To this end, he first addresses the context in which the Constitution was created, and later interprets different ideas within it.

Asked about Judge Roberts and the current Supreme Court Justice nomination process, Muñoz explains that he believes that as Roberts’s history isn’t extensive enough to study, the Senate confirmation hearings will play an even more important role than they usually do. He considers it a Senate responsibility to thoroughly question Roberts and determine the depth of his understanding of the Constitution.

Muñoz gives the impression of a refreshingly dynamic, approachable, and fair-minded professor. His theoretical philosophy, his practical philosophy, and his teaching philosophy all revolve around the core principle of familiarizing oneself with different facts and opinions and then sorting through them so one can determine which opinions to believe. This simple formula works remarkably well in a variety of different situations. His classes should prove to be enlightening to students of all political backgrounds, as long as they are willing to listen to multiple sides of controversial issues and think for themselves. ■



**Professor Muñoz moves into Tufts.**

*Ignore the hippie.*

# Cindy Just Wants To Have Fun

by Jason Walker

Suppose David Duke, the former KKK Grand Wizard turned candidate turned activist, had a son who joined the army. Suppose this son died in Iraq and that despite Duke's politics, President Bush met with him to express condolences. But suppose Duke decided this wasn't enough, and gathered supporters to camp outside Bush's Crawford ranch, demanding a second meeting.

The analogy between Duke and Cindy Sheehan is not specious; Duke himself has come out in support of Sheehan, and a number of websites have sprung up, challenging readers to determine whether given quotations are from Duke or Sheehan. One example: "Am I angry? Yes, he was killed for lies and for a PNAC Neo-Con agenda to benefit Israel. My son joined the army to protect America, not Israel." Though Duke's racism is more global, and Sheehan seems to just fear Jewish conspiracies, between the radicalisms of the right and left wings here, certain affinities obtain.

Sheehan and her supporters make what sounds like a reasonable request: surely, the President can afford a little time during his vacation to speak with a woman who lost a son in Bush's war. Surely it would not be too much to ask to just have tea with her and hear her out.

Actually, it would. The Duke analogy explains the primary reason: meeting with Sheehan again, after a meeting already designated to express condolences, would be of an entirely different nature. This second meeting would, in effect, morally sanction both the means by which

she obtained an audience and the content of whatever fevered claptrap she hurled at him. Moreover, as *Slate* magazine established, Sheehan is a bald-faced liar, denying authorship of her anti-Israel rants in the face of archived internet data indicating otherwise. Her evolving account of her first meeting with Bush, initially

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warm, now making Bush look like a cad, spits in his face. Insults such as "biggest terrorist in the world" hardly reveal benevolent intent. Sheehan only gains from a meeting, Bush only loses. Thus, it is beside the point whether, as Bush's supporters fret, meeting with Sheehan opens the floodgates to determined activists who want to rant at Bush in person. One does not have to agree with Bush's politics to see that any person of moral character and self-esteem should refuse such a meeting.

Taking rhetorical cues from Michael Moore, Sheehan also charges that if the war is noble, Bush should send his daughters to help fight it. As bad arguments go, at least this is revealing. Part of the difficulty that the anti-war Left faces is that unlike Vietnam, this war has no draft. No one is sent to Iraq who didn't voluntarily enlist. Though casualties are still tragic, it's a lot harder to generate outrage, because every death was an accepted career hazard.

Moore and his pupil Sheehan conflate the distinction between a draft-military and a volunteer-military. There is the tired charge that the military lures the lower class with free college education and vocational training, but Sheehan's argument doesn't even have this much. It's a cute rhetorical trick, obscuring that Bush's daughters, like Sheehan's son, had their own choice as to whether to sign up or not. Casey Sheehan, it should be noted,

went above and beyond by specifically re-enlisting for duty in Iraq, when he had no obligation to do so. Parents may strongly encourage or discourage their offspring's career choices, but at the risk of pointing out what should be obvious, the decision ultimately rests with each individual.

Contrary to popular belief, this is not insensitive to Sheehan. Maureen Dowd wrote, "The moral authority of parents who bury children killed in Iraq is absolute." It's doubtful she would say the same of Duke, were he in Sheehan's place. Regardless, one should note the double standard: on one hand, Americans are to take Sheehan seriously as a moral authority, yet it is apparently impermissible to subject her arguments and claims to criticism. Nothing can be taken seriously without the possibility of criticism. The two demand each other, especially for publicity seekers like Sheehan.

Worse, Sheehan achieves this authority, not for anything she did to earn it, but for what her son did, whose corpse she now ventriloquizes for her agenda. But surely her supporters cannot mean this is acceptable, because the overwhelming majority of parents who lost children in Iraq support the war, like most military families (and apparently, the rest of the Sheehan clan, who denounced Cindy's crusade). As Christopher Hitchens observed, it would be just as objectionable if conservatives claimed dead soldiers or their families would want us to continue the war, so that their deaths would not be in vain. In short: mere parenthood confers no intellectual authority, while strength of argument and expertise do, Sheehan possesses neither.

With a Rasmussen poll only giving Sheehan a 35 percent favorability rating, anti-war activists should realize Sheehan only persuades the converted, and alienates their target audience. For the sake of their own credibility, they should drop Sheehan like a hot potato. Making her their poster child would only show why they are still losing. ■



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# Privilege:

*Harvard and the Education of the Ruling Class*

by Ross Gregory Douthat

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Harvard's astonishing lack of intellectual curiosity and diversity in spite of graduating an unparalleled collection of past, present, and future members of America's elite are revealed in Ross Gregory Douthat's newest book, *Privilege*. As it turns out, Tufts today is remarkably similar to Douthat's memory of Harvard, from where he graduated in 2002. Both are places where the unexpected, challenging, and bizarre experiences of elite college life mold students' four years in New England. In this entertaining social satire, Douthat casts a cold eye upon Harvard's illusions of diversity and meritocracy, and he provides a witty plethora of gritty gossip. Overriding the absurdities and fallacies of college, however, is his love for precisely those things. After all, most students will eventually miss college life upon leaving it behind. Only three years out in the real world,

Douthat blends nostalgia, praise, and disapproval of his alma mater.

Harvard is a social engineer's dream, Douthat says, where "a privileged class of talented students sits atop the world, flush with pride in their own accomplishments, secure in the knowledge that they rule because they *deserve* to rule, because they are the *best*." Douthat arrives at conclusions such as this because a cast of colorful characters—a social cross-section of

elite American college students—made a lasting and telling impression on him. *Privilege* is the theme that he uses to illustrate the Harvard modus operandi; getting into the school may not be the fairest of competitions, but those who are admitted find themselves in an incubator of the American meritocracy. Douthat witnesses that meritocracy has a lot to do with those who hold political power on campus, the former prep-school connections one has, the final

club one frequents, and the summer internship one secures. The prevailing cult of success at Harvard underscores the problem with academia at Harvard and peer institutions: sadly, academics are not at the center of many students' experience because they are too busy racking up credentials for their résumés.

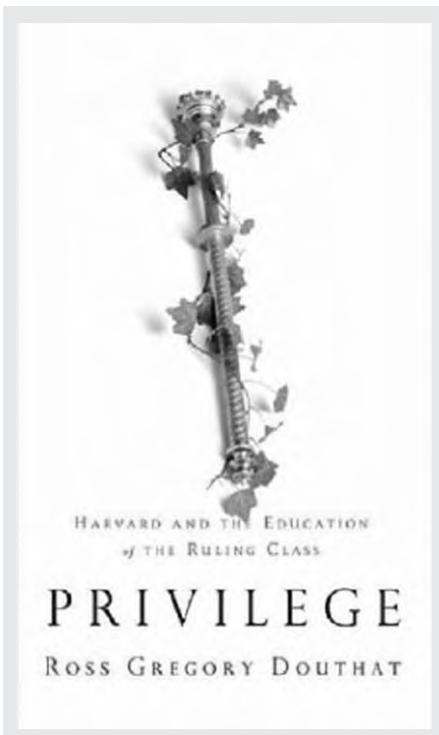
Cheap portraits of skin-deep diversity are undoubtedly familiar to many readers, from the makeup of freshman dorm halls to glossy brochures for

prospective students. Douthat addresses the socioeconomic quagmire that elite American colleges are in, namely that the soaring costs of private education have made colleges far less diverse. Indeed, Douthat's roommates ran the gamut: "a rich kid schooled at Groton, two children of immigrants, and a great-great-grandson of slaves" and Douthat himself from an upper-middle income family in Connecticut. That may appear to be a perfectly manufactured product

of the admissions office, but he reminds us that, in plain economic terms, you're twenty-five times more likely to encounter a wealthy student than a poor student in the Ivy League. Douthat's statistics confirm the privileged background of the overwhelming majority of elite university students. However, it is by no means a ridicule; rather, he thoroughly *enjoyed* living for four years with the hyper-ambition, the supreme confidence, and the extraordinary personalities of many Harvard students. At Tufts, too, sons and daughters of upper-middle class America abound, and students should all feel lucky to mingle with the future leaders of America. Students in this country and from around the world dream of admission into the top American universities because they are the breeding grounds for success—professionally and socially. It is no secret that graduates of an exclusive network of schools dominate the major fields of power in America, from law, to finance, to entertainment. The message of this book is not one of shame, but of pride in that fact.

The book entertainingly covers aspects of elite college life that are as common at Harvard as they are at Tufts, including the hookup culture in all its glory and misery, the college marriage, grade inflation (at Harvard, at least, the gentleman's C has become the gentleman's B plus—not so at Tufts), and the political activists who pontificate around campus. Douthat loved the excitement, the spontaneity, and the struggle of hobnobbing at clubs, searching for hookups at parties, and chronicling the exploits of his fraudulent classmates (he wrote for the Harvard *Crimson* and *Salient*). College is special for the variety and diversity of the experiences students gain. For all its weaknesses—academic, social, and otherwise—Douthat mocks, Harvard made him compete with the best, brightest, and most privileged students in America. The drive for success and accomplishment defines the college experience at Tufts as well. The microcosms of these institutions mirror the state of the nation in many ways, making Douthat's conclusions quite relevant to the state of 21st century America. The reader can count on a laugh or two, while there is also the reminder of elite students' privilege

—David Rawson



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Congress cannot grasp the idea that anything might conceivably be none of their business.

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Political correctness has become the driving force of our constitutional jurisprudence. The most obvious result is the erosion of self-government.

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Property is surely a right of mankind as real as liberty.

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We do not live in the past, but the past in us.

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Few things attract less attention than the achievements of the West.

—Thomas Sowell

A single death is a tragedy; a million deaths is a statistic.

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Why, it appears that we appointed all of our worst generals to command the armies and we appointed all of our best generals to edit the newspapers. I mean, I found by reading a newspaper that these editor generals saw all of the defects plainly from the start but didn't tell me until it was too late. I'm willing to yield my place to these best generals and I'll do my best for the cause by editing a newspaper.

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See with your heart, hear with your head.

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—James Otis

I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestioned ability of a man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor.

—Henry David Thoreau

Turning on TV and seeing Wolf Blitzer instead of Peter Arnett is not evidence of the media's becoming more polarized. It's evidence of the media's becoming more sane.

—Ann Coulter

No, no, you're not thinking, you're just being logical.

—Niels Bohr

The human mind has absolute freedom as its true nature.

—Dogen

Resolve to perform what you ought. Perform without fail what you resolve.

—Ben Franklin

Our government is run by one party, every level, and the mainstream media is a propaganda tool for the government.

—Cindy Sheehan

A free people ought to be armed.

—George Washington

[Judges] do not have a commission to solve society's problems, as they see them, but simply to decide cases before them according to the rule of law.

—Justice John Roberts

The ultimate touchstone of constitutionality is the Constitution itself, and not what we have said about it.

—Felix Frankfurter

An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup.

—H. L. Mencken

The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them.

—Thomas Jefferson

Each state, in ratifying the Constitution, is considered as a sovereign body, independent of all others, and only to be bound by its own voluntary act. In this relation, then, the new Constitution will, if established, be a *Federal*, and not a *national* constitution.

—James Madison

There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty, that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism.

—Alexander Hamilton

I think of myself as a recovering politician. I'm on about step nine... recovering, boozing it up of course.

—Al Gore

I have never found, in a long experience of politics, that criticism is ever inhibited by ignorance.

—Harold Macmillan

This week Israel began evacuating thousands of Jewish settlers from the Gaza strip. As a result, it's now impossible to find an accountant there.

—Conan O'Brien

We will bring security to our people and justice to our enemies.

—George W. Bush

The purpose of government is to rein in the rights of the people.

—Bill Clinton

My view is that Fox News is a propaganda outlet for the Republican Party and I don't comment on Fox News.

—Howard Dean

'Compromise' is what losers say to explain what happened.

—Frank, *Everybody Loves Raymond*

You know, he's thinking, I should have made Super Size Me—I've done the research.

—Chris Rock, on Michael Moore

I don't do quagmires.

—Donald Rumsfeld

Compassion is no substitute for justice.

—Rush Limbaugh

Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.

—Albert Einstein

Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter. The statesman who yields to war fever must realize that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable events.

—Sir Winston Churchill