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A Leftist Temper Tantrum

There's no time better to join THE PRIMARY SOURCE. As the events of last week's Fares Lecture demonstrate, Tufts' leftists are the most misguided fools ever to tread upon Medford soil. Earlier this semester, I dedicated this volume of the SOURCE to the battling radical student activists. But, heck—anyone could do that. These guys make our job too easy.

Word spreads quickly on the Hill. Even those who missed General Colin Powell's lecture must now be aware of the disgraceful behavior of several members of Tufts' Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence. At one point, Powell playfully remarked, "Isn't capitalism great?" The Coalition booed. Later, while Powell was discussing his role in Operation Desert Storm, a chant rose from the ranks of Tufts' feeble-minded radicals. "Generals can't make peace," they shouted repeatedly, while one of them unfurled a banner that read "Colin = Murderer."

Though clearly surprised, Powell responded to the interruption as only a man of his character knows how. With dignity and respect, he asked the boo-birds to be silent. When the chant continued, he admonished the childish Coalition, saying, "You watch this general make peace." As security finally stopped the agitators, one Coalition member kept chanting, his voice trembling over the crowd. There was silence as he caught the speaker's gaze. General Colin Powell has stared down Soviet strongmen and Desert Storm dictators—the sniveling Coalition member was no match for the hardened general, and as he took his seat, the protestor looked like a scolded child.

The audience was stunned. The demonstration, which lasted only a minute or two, was so unthinkable that many listeners did not even believe it was occurring. Powell resumed his speech, a humorous and thoughtful—if also slightly off-topic—lecture about his brilliant military career. Though it was an inspiring address, when it was over, many Jumbos were ashamed. The imbecility of the Coalition embarrassed the university in the presence of a true American hero. An event that could have been a shining moment for

Tufts was marred by a handful of overzealous activists.

Though equally mortified and angered, we at THE PRIMARY SOURCE can't help but feel vindicated. The looks on the faces of trustees, distinguished guests, students and faculty were of absolute bewilderment. Yet, we who regularly reproach the Coalition for their inane methods and messages were not surprised by the display put on by our political rivals. It's old news to us.

Still astonishing is the selfishness of so many that brought a political agenda to the Powell lecture. Thanks to the generous donation of Mr. Issam Fares, the General came to Tufts to educate and enlighten. However, some attendees seized the chance to publicize their favorite causes. Certainly some questions that were asked of Powell were not suited for a man who witnessed first-hand the historic moments of our lifetime. Rather, the General was scolded for supporting George W. Bush and asked to comment on the existence of an alleged fleet of Israeli nuclear subs. Of course, the Coalition's display was the epitome of stage-stealing narcissism. Let me assure those so desperate to voice their own agenda that generous philanthropists like Mr. Fares will never pay an honorarium for you to speak at Tufts.

Some members of the Coalition insist that the demonstrators acted on their own, and were not supported by the entire group. Yet the disruption of the Powell lecture is typical of the group's petty politics, highlighted by such forgettable cries for attention as the protest of Dewick televisions. Coalition members who fear association with idiots like the Powell protestors should have left the group long ago.

They are welcome to join the SOURCE, even though we hope they keeping doing what they do best. That makes our job a helluva lot easier.



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Letters

It's in the mail...

Could it be true? Could it be possible that the students of Tufts have finally seen the glorious light of Constitutional freedom and gratefully accepted it into their personal ideologies? Must be so, since THE PRIMARY SOURCE has not seen any letters to the editor from the student body yet this year. Perhaps the staff should lay down their battle pens and gracefully accept the white flag of defeat from the other side. Silence is generally understood to mean capitulation, and page five of each issue has been nearly nude of letters from our readers. The SOURCE is no stranger to controversy, criticism, or even condemnation, but it is a stranger to widespread approval, and it has us a little disconcerted.

This campus is wrought with dissension and has been for the entire semester. People have been challenging the administration right and left for change in policy, from drinking to discrimination. Students paint signs, chant slogans, and denounce conservative freedoms, but why nothing intelligent to prove their political views? Why no organized discourse of why they are right and we are wrong?

Perhaps we should assume that people are either too cowardly to submit individual points-of-view, or they simply do not really care about the issues for which they claim to have such passion. Either option is exasperatingly depressing.

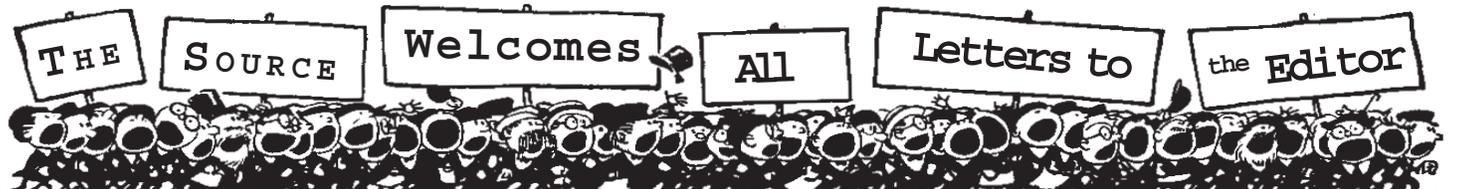
Examine the former. Students are afraid of expressing themselves as individuals in a way that might expose them to valid criticism. People will dye their hair rainbow colors, sport antiestablishment slogans on their T-shirts, and voice their politics via buttons on their

book bags. They will glare at people who give them funny looks and demand not to be judged by their appearance. But will any of these people submit a thoughtful, original work to the editor of a magazine with whose opinions they vehemently disagree? No, because they are afraid that people will begin to judge them on other things. They are afraid of having to legitimately defend an illegitimate dogma. They are afraid their cockiness will falter and their insecurity about their own views will be exposed.

Instead, they endorse a cause *du jour* in order to justify their existence. Thus is born the second group: the ones who care not one iota about any real issue at hand, except their own reputations. They do not worry that their projects might be hypocritical or harmful or just stupid. They carry the signs and chant the chants and make everyone think they care. They don't need to write informed letters to editorial journals. Because they wear their politics on their sleeves, everyone already knows what they think. Except them. Their issues are vague and often inconsequential, so that even if they did care enough to write to the magazine, they would have no idea where to start or what to say.

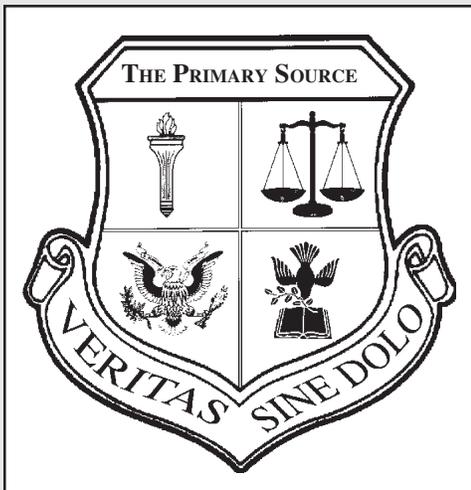
So Tufts appears to be overwhelmingly comprised of bored suburban rebels with nothing intelligent to say. This is not really very surprising. Campus agitators have devolved into sheep, doing what everyone else does: pretending to be individuals. It is a pathetic and disheartening sight, one that no university should ever have to endure. And so, we at the SOURCE, ever the proponents of free speech, demand that the students voice their concerns as the intelligent, thoughtful human beings we know them to be on the inside. The SOURCE welcomes all letters to the editor.

—Megan Liotta



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Commentary

Save the Electoral College

The voters have spoken, the ballots have been cast, and sometime before January 20th our nation will elect its next President. The citizens of the United States have made their voices heard, but how is our nation to interpret the votes so that the will of the American people is obeyed? Our Founding Fathers have bestowed upon us a meticulous and objective method of determining the people's will—the Electoral College. But this election, like several close Presidential elections before, has provoked calls for the abolishment of the Electoral College. Those who would abolish the Electoral College would turn the American Republic into a tyranny of the majority by reducing the effective power of the individual's vote.

The Electoral College is an example of how our political system balances two conflicting principles. These principles are the desire to represent the collective will of the people through “one man, one vote” democracy, and the need to represent every individual, even if they are in the minority. A pure democracy would be a “tyranny of the majority,” in that 51% of the population would have complete power, while the minority would be disenfranchised and powerless. This mob rule would run counter to the principles of individual liberty and justice that define this nation.

The Electoral College prevents mob rule while still representing the wishes of the people in two ways. First, it forces a presidential candidate to represent diverse portions of the country rather than pandering to select (yet large) segments of the population. Rather than trying to capture 100% of the popular vote in selected highly populated states, a candidate must represent the interests of many states in order to win the

Presidency. This ensures that the diverse interests of the entire country will be more adequately represented.

Second, the Electoral College increases the effective power each voter has to affect the outcome of the election. A simple application of probability shows that the larger the voter pool, the less likely each vote will be able to determine the outcome. In a smaller voter pool, each vote is more powerful, as it is more likely to be the one vote that decides the winner. Thus by effectively breaking the national election down into individual state elections, the Electoral College empowers each voter.

Attempts to abolish this well-established system would only silence the voices of the 49% of the American population who are in the minority. All American voters have the right to make their vote effectively matter to the outcome of this, the most important, election. The Electoral College should not be abolished.

Making an Issue

As tour guides proudly advertise, Tufts is the smallest college with both a daily and a weekly newspaper. One would think to be an indicator of the large amount of news occurring on the Tufts campus. One would be wrong. The *Tufts Daily*, “where you read it first,” often has to scrape the bottom of the campus barrel for news items, as evidenced by its recent feature series entitled “In Living Color: Race on the Hill.” While the series of six articles (of which three have been printed) are informative, they highlight a common tactic of liberal media: drawing attention to difference under the guise of promoting “diversity.” In so doing, the *Daily* has exacerbated differences between students, and discouraged the very types of relationships they ostensibly hope to promote.

In the first article of the series, intrepid *Daily* reporters interrogated a relationship they described as “a novelty”—an interracial friendship. But by drawing attention to a friendship of two middle class, intelligent, motivated Tufts University students, was the *Daily* really breaking new ground? Not only was the friendship between Mason and Keitel completely understandable, the article overlooked the plethora of uniting factors to focus on one variable—skin color. From the interviews with Mason and Keitel in the article, it was clear that skin color was not a prominent element in their relationship. It was something at once acknowledged and progressed beyond. The “barrier” to which the *Daily* referred might well be its own insistence on skin color predicating differences.

Another journalistic misstep occurred in the next article in the series, which focused on interracial dating. The article featured two students who were dating outside of cultural bonds—one was Cuban-American, the other Caucasian. While the article focused



on the pressure on Latinos and other minorities to carry on their culture, it virtually ignored any pressures on “white” people to do the same. By presenting the Caucasian female as a cultural *tabula rasa*, the *Daily* showed true color-blindness. Though “white” is technically another term for Caucasian, “Cuban” can indicate individuals of many different racial groups—it is a nationality, not a race. The *Daily* presented Vasquez as racially different from Dodge, but as the plethora of photos on the page indicate, this is clearly not the case.

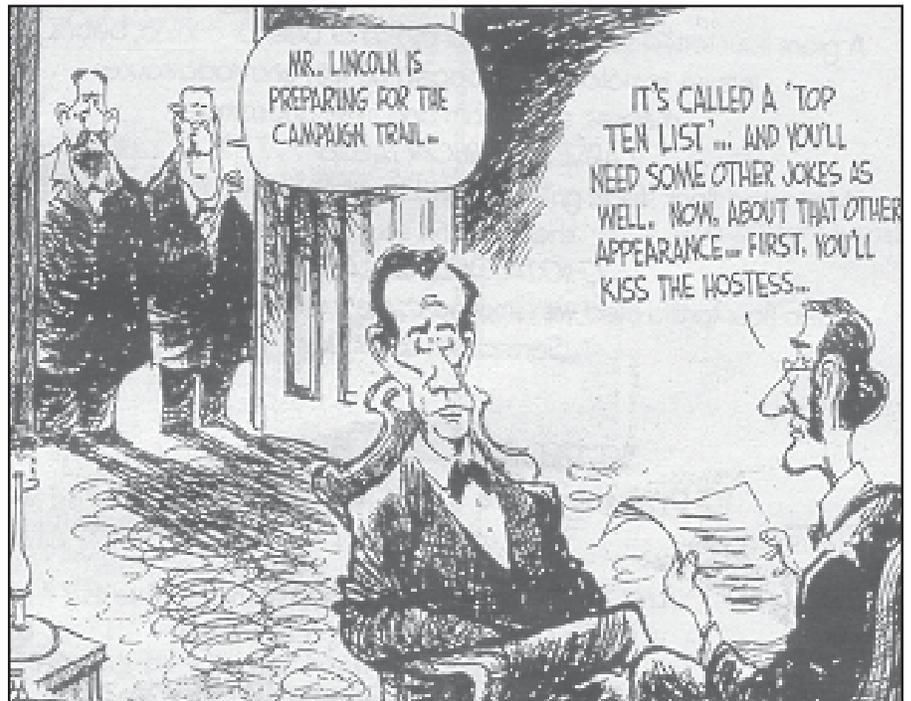
By highlighting racial and cultural differences between students, the *Daily* does not endorse further integration—rather, it highlights the barriers that exist between students of different colors and cultures. By presenting interracial friendships and intercultural friendships as an anomaly (and same-race relations as the norm), the *Daily* directs students away from forming such relationships. After all, who wants to feel that his or her friendship is something to be examined and questioned, rather than simply enjoyed?

The *Daily* took thoroughly modern, evolved friendships and portrayed them as if they were television sit-coms of the sixties or seventies. “He’s black. He’s white. Can they be friends? Tune in weekly for hilarious racial hijinks!” Certainly society has begun to move beyond these racial barriers (to which Mason and Keitel’s friendship attests) and cultural obstacles (as Dodge and Vasquez indicate). But by further stigmatizing race and culture as a source of inherent difference, the *Daily* has placed a stumbling block in the way of such progress.

Fuzzy Math

This election has brought to the national spotlight America’s need for more precise vote counting methods, clearer laws regarding election policies, and better national standards to protect democracy from voter fraud and incompetent poll employees. The national media, however has failed to inform us about one of the greatest threats to our democracy—themselves. It is this hodgepodge of liberal partisans, whose job descriptions seem to include “Democrat Lackey” so much more often than “Unbiased Purveyors of Knowledge,” who have so shamelessly distorted the facts in order to help their favorite candidate.

Last week the Associated Press, among many other news organizations, released a plethora of articles, which misled the public by playing with statistics and printing “fuzzy math.” These articles often stressed the large number of votes that Patrick Buchanan received in Palm Beach County, correctly noting that Buchanan did not receive that many votes in any other Florida county. While it is clear that Buchanan probably



received the votes of some people who meant to cast their ballot for Gore, this is no reason to alter the results of the election. The American people are given the right to vote, and with this right comes a certain amount of responsibility for knowing how to vote. If some members of Palm Beach County were unable to properly cast their vote, then perhaps they need a civics lesson. There were nearly 6,000,000 votes cast in the state of Florida; it should come as no surprise that some people made mistakes. It happens every year. In the last Presidential election, 15,000 ballots were tossed in Palm Beach for exactly the same reason. No one complained because the race was not nearly as close. Furthermore, under Florida law, a person can request another ballot up to three times if they feel they have made a mistake. Why didn’t the confused voters in Palm Beach ask for another ballot or help from an elections official?

The Palm Beach ballot was designed by a Democrat and approved by members of both parties before the election. This pre-approval process exists in order to prevent controversies like the current one and invalidates Democratic accusations of unfairness. It is unfortunate that the media has refused to set aside partisanship and give American’s the facts they need. Without the truth, democracy cannot function.

Perhaps there was some confusion on the Palm Beach ballots, but in Duval County—a place as highly Republican as Palm Beach is Democrat—26,000 ballots were thrown out for either being double punched or not punched at all. Like the voters of Palm Beach, the 26,000 people who filled out those ballots had their chance to vote and made a mistake. That is their own fault, and they are not entitled to try again. The right to vote may be sacred, but it is up to the people to be responsible for their own actions. If the voters of Palm Beach felt that they had made a mistake, then they should have asked for another ballot. That was their right. To vote again is not. □

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Industrial shock-rocker Marilyn Manson told *Rolling Stone* that he voted for George W. Bush for president. To thank Manson for his support, Bush devoured the still-beating heart of Pat Robertson at a GOP fund-raiser last week.

PS As predicted by Big Apple haters, this year's Subway Series had the lowest TV ratings for a World Series in many years. The embarrassing figures confirmed what Yankees and Mets fans believed all along: no one outside of New York owns a television.

PS In an unprecedented election, Missouri voted a dead guy (the late Mel Carnahan) to the Senate. Another senator reportedly said, "It won't smell too pretty, but at least Mel will be livelier than Al Gore."

PS Conservation groups are working hard to save the Cerulean Warbler, a tiny blue-backed songbird whose population has declined 70% in Alabama since 1966. Locals would aid the conservation effort, but insist that "them li'l birds are so gol-dern tasty!"

PS A San Diego State University faculty board wants the school to ban its Aztec mascot Monty Montezuma, a red-faced caricature which has been criticized by American Indian students. School officials are expected to rename the mascot "Schmuel the Fighting Hasid."

PS Alaska's most dangerous industry for workers remains commercial fishing, as fishermen accounted for 40% of work-related deaths last year. Second most dangerous job: Jewel's dentist.

PS Well, it's that time of year again—no, not time to count our money or throw large rocks at leftists—it's Thanksgiving! With that in mind, we present:

Top Ten Things We're Thankful For:

10. The *Daily* not being daily
9. The existing non-discrimination policy
8. Not getting carded at the Gifford House
7. The Coalition's lack of athleticism
6. Fake IDs and generous 21-year-old friends
5. Adam Carlis doesn't have a twin
4. The Electoral College
3. Floridians who can't tell "Gore" from "Buchanan"
2. Ralph Nader
1. Stupid leftists—or else we'd have nothing to write about

PS Several workers at a Missouri microwave popcorn plant have contracted a rare lung disease. When asked for a statement, Orville Redenbacher was too busy chain-smoking to comment.

PS Idaho honored Stacy Dragila, the first Olympic women's pole-vaulting champ, by naming last Monday Stacy Dragila Day. President Clinton applauded the move, expressing his appreciation for "any woman who can handle a pole."

PS A North Carolina lawyer has challenged a proposed show called "Shame TV" that would show the names and faces of convicted criminals on the city government channel. The attorney pointed out that viewers can already watch convicts on TV by tuning into ABC's Monday Night Football.

PS A Louisiana police officer found the body of a 42-year-old Taco Bell manager inside a cooler in the restaurant after her husband complained she didn't return home from her Friday night shift. Detectives investigating the case are relieved, as they finally know why those Chalupas were so tasty.

PS The Maryland Stadium Authority voted to use a wrecking ball rather than dynamite to bring down Memorial Stadium, the former home of the Baltimore Orioles and the Baltimore Colts. Earlier in the week, stadium officials had voted against destroying the building by hosting a pay-per-view wrestling match between Rosie O'Donnell and Roseanne.

PS A 52-year-old Illinois man was charged with illegal sale of alcohol after he threw an all-you-can-drink kegger for his son and his teenage friends. Worse yet, the man lost a Beirut match to a 14-year-old girl.

PS High school gridiron giants in Aurora, Colorado now have the new option of personalized, monogrammed uniforms, provided the players maintain C averages. Players complained that was an unfair standard since you only need to keep a C- average at Yale to be President of the United States.

PS Conservation has been good to Connecticut's wild turkeys—too good, in fact, as the birds have bred to an uncontrollable numbers. To combat the turkey overpopulation, authorities have released a pack of sorority girls with sporks.

PS The Risen Christ Catholic School of Minneapolis has suffered what appeared to be a minor E. coli outbreak. School officials claim they warned the children of the evils of masturbation, and all will attend mandatory confession later in the month.

PS Maine's wild blueberry harvest hit a record 100 million pounds this year. Maine berry farmers were heartbroken, however, when they realized their crop was really Oprah Winfrey trick-or-treating as a blue M&M.

PS Police discovered eight thousand dollars in cash hidden within the buttocks of a California man whom they suspected of marijuana possession. The man was relieved to find his money, and he and the police are still attempting to locate his keys.

PS A North Dakota doctor caught growing 82 marijuana plants in his home had his license suspended for six months by the state Board of Medical Examiners. The doctor said he plans to spend his suspension eating Funyons and admiring the creases on his fingers.

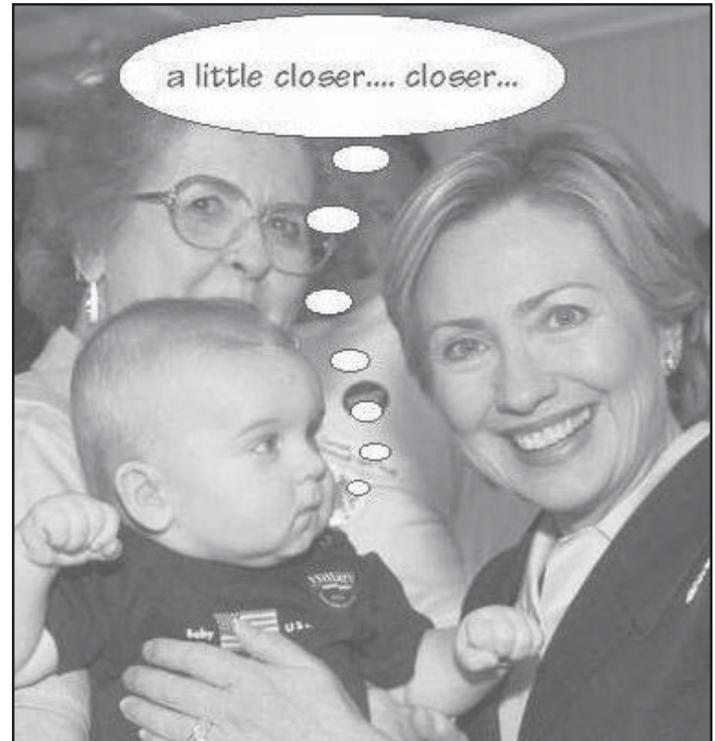
PS Congratulations to Joe Thomas of Milton, Delaware, who won the annual Punkin' Chunkin' contest, heaving a pumpkin nearly a mile with a compressed air cannon. After his victory celebration, Joe went home, watched pay-per-view porno alone, and cried himself to sleep.

PS Top Ten Things You Didn't See at the Colin Powell Lecture:

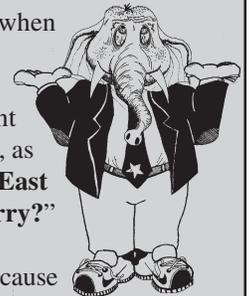
10. Discussion of the Middle East
9. Generals who can't make peace
8. Students not sucking up to ushers to get a better seat
7. Classy behavior from the Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence
6. DiBiaggio awake
5. Banners reading "Colin = Swell Guy"
4. A fleet of Israeli nuclear submarines
3. Trustees correctly pronouncing "Fares"
2. Grateful students
1. The Soviets (thanks Colin!)

PS State officials rejected a proposed \$860.5 million theme park and resort in Kansas based on the story of Oz. Locals said the proposal was turned down due to a lack of available midget employees.

PS Since school officials had to break up riots at local high school tournaments, parents in Andover, Minnesota, must attend a sportsmanship clinic before their sons can play in a youth basketball league. The school is expected to invite Roger Clemens to host the clinic.



☞ A scuffle broke out at the senate's Rap-Off for Charity event last week. Rumor has it that the melee ensued when **Larry Harris** realized that Bruce Reitman and **Craig Waldman** had better rhythm... Over 170 black, Latino, and Asian students were bussed to campus through the Student of Color Outreach Program. If they're accepted, we wonder if the university will insist they use **separate water fountains** and restrooms, too... A Woburn resident is suing Tufts' **WMFO** for "infliction of emotional distress." A local judge threw out the case against WMFO, as he ruled that living in **Woburn** is in itself emotional distress... Members of the English department decorate **East Hall** with a depiction of George W. as Alfred E. Neuman. Dubya's response to the Florida recount: "**What, me worry?**"



☞ Get mad—these people get the same diploma you do: **Laura Israel** tells Jumbos we should vote Democrat because Joe Lieberman is a Jew. Does that mean that all **congenital liars** have to vote for Al Gore? ... **Irina Rozovsky** wastes an entire front-page article letting Arab student leaders fret that Colin Powell's lecture would be pro-Israel. Will someone explain to the *Daily* the difference between **news** and **speculation**? ... Members of the commie cadre, the **Coalition**, interrupt Colin Powell during his Gantcher lecture. Powell reportedly told the protesters, "I just can't take you guys seriously after the **SOURCE** whupped your asses in **kickball**."

☞ Short responses to stupid statements: Haley Epler: "I am ashamed to be part of this university." **Leave**. TSAD flunkie Lou Esparza: "The goal of single interest groups is not to exist." **Don't**. Justin Race: "... our six digit salaries fuel our greed for taxbreaks for the wealthiest one percent." **Get a job**. Larissa Johnson: "Quick, name the three most powerful women in the United States?" **Tipper, Hadassah, and Hill—oh, you said women**. Larissa Johnson: "If it takes you more than thirty seconds to answer, then you must agree with me." **Nope**. Christopher Thomas: "Hispanics have immigrated and assimilated to the point of joining the American mainstream." **¿Que?** Larry Harris at the Rap-Off: "Relax guys, it's just jokes." **Like your presidency?** Jennifer Marsidi: "Maybe it's my West Coast upbringing, perhaps it's my annoying ability to never forget a face, or my hopeless idealism, my over-sensitivity, or maybe it's just me alone in this world smiling like an idiot." **Um... yeah. Probably that last part.**

☞ Remember—less than 30 shopping days 'til Christmas. Only a few weeks left to buy your favorite **SOURCE** writer a Colin Powell **GI Joe Action Figure**.

☞ **THE ELEPHANT** never forgets.

Some Jumbos are jealous that they don't have their own action figure.

A Real American Hero

by Tara Heumann

As they exited the Gantcher Center on the evening of Thursday, November 2, many a Jumbo could be heard complaining about the lecture they just attended. Whining that their evening had “gone to waste” and that their time “would have been better spent taking a shower,” these Tufts students not only disgraced themselves, but demonstrated just how unappreciative an audience can be. Most people would consider the opportunity to hear a lecture given by General Colin Powell to be a privilege. Some Tufts students, however, were in such a hurry to disagree with Powell and to dismiss his words as “off topic” and “self-aggrandizing” that they failed to hear the general’s real message—one that praised tolerance, encouraged activism, and championed peace and progress.

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On that afternoon, Tufts students were also given the unique opportunity to attend the presentation of an honorary doctorate degree to Issam M. Fares, a leader in international business and the new Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon. In his acceptance speech, Fares stressed the importance of “achieving diversity while maintaining identity” and discussed the need for improved human relations and mastering the art of living together. Fares delivered a message of promise based largely on universal principles and optimistic hopes for the future. Jumbos fidgeted in their seats, too lazy to decipher meaning through Fares’ thick accent and too eager to disagree with Powell.

Miss Heumann is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.

Finally, Powell stepped up to the podium. Within the first minute of his speech, it was clear that he was a speaker of superior presence and charisma. He immediately drew in his audience with a skilled appeal to humor and intellect. Powell talked in detail of his 35 years of service to the United States military. He shared stories with the audience in Gantcher that they couldn’t have heard anywhere else. Powell described his years on the German front, pressed face to face with the Iron Curtain. In charge of tens of thousands of American soldiers, Powell’s sole

mission was to contain communism by not letting the Soviets through. The general recalled sitting across the table from Mikhail Gorbachev as the Soviet leader informed Powell that the Cold War was over. These are some of the most incredible moments in international relations; firsthand accounts of such history are hard to come by.

In his three and a half decades of service, Colin Powell rose to the highest position in our nation’s Department of Defense. His bravery, honor, and unparalleled leadership ability have earned him two Presidential Medals of Freedom, a Congressional Gold Medal, and a knightship, among other honors. Even a smattering of Powell’s extensive accolades demonstrate that he was not only an honorable member of the military, but is a national hero who has made service his first priority.

Colin Powell has dedicated his life to humanitarian and societal pursuits as well. “Part of being a successful citizen of the

world is taking the time to give of yourself, your talents, and your treasures,” he explained. Currently, Powell is on a crusade to “put America’s children on a path to success.” He is an active leader in the Boys and Girls Club, working to provide children with positive adult role models and safe places. Powell emphasized the need for strong and supportive communities. His words were universal mandates for a strong vision and purpose entering the new century. Powell spoke over partisan lines, delivering a message of responsibility in facing the challenges of tomorrow.

It wasn’t only Powell’s military recounts and humanitarian efforts of the past that made him worth going to hear. If George W. Bush is elected as the next American president, there is little doubt that Colin Powell will become the next Secretary of State. Also, Powell presents a unique perspective as a black Republican, a point of view seldom brought to the front.

Unfortunately, Powell did not resolve the crisis in the Middle East in his 45 minute lecture. But Jumbos who dismissed the general’s lecture as off-topic, and therefore a waste of time, missed out on a valuable message. Tufts students were given the opportunity to hear the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff speak on their college campus. Just because the content of the lecture was not what they expected to hear, they dismissed an hour rich with historical accounts and passionate visions for the twenty-first century. □



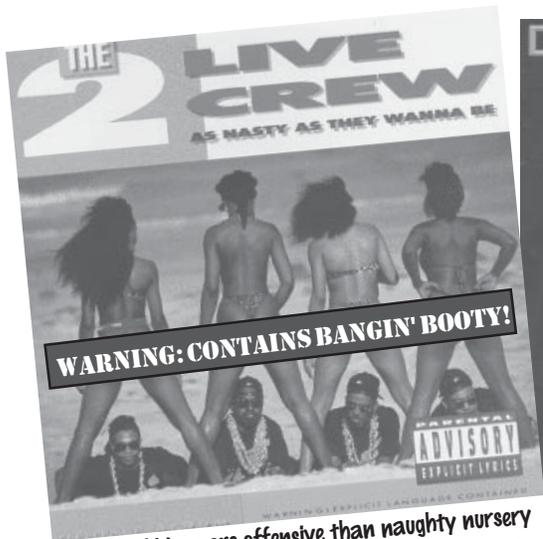
The President and the General schmooze before the lecture.

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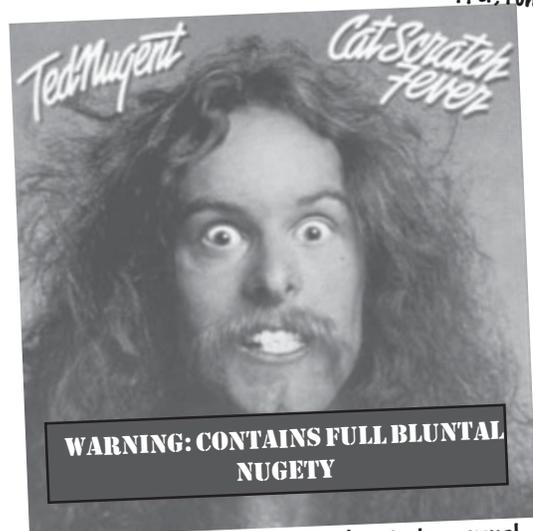
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THE TIPPER

TIPPER GORE: BEHIND THE MUSIC



Tipper was born to a one-legged performance artist and his burlesque kick-line mistress in a one-room log cabin beneath a banana tree next to a bordello outside Reno. Voted "chubbiest cheerleader of 1965," Tipper soon left her hometown and made it big in the lurid and cutthroat Vegas club scene, where her "hide the pickle" routine sold out nightclubs and discoteques until someone lost an eye. Rich, young, famous, and pleasantly plump Tipper had it all. But her life would take a sudden turn. At an interfaith luncheon she met a young Hebrew addict named Hadassah. The two hit it off immediately. Tipper and Hadassah summered at a methadone clinic in Palm Beach in the spring of 1977, counting each other's tracks and listening to "dark side of the moon."

LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE: TIPPER NABS HER MAN!



Tipper met a young pizza delivery boy named Al at a Chuck E. Cheese's outside Carthage, Tennessee in 1979. Still mourning her now-brain-dead friend Hadassah, Al's persistent offer of "free human toppings" gave Tipper a reason move in on the young southern buck, who had ambitions that ranged as high as leader of the free world, or regional manager of Domino's. While throwing spoiled anchovies at a rival Pizza Hut and blaming Palestinians, Al and Tipper knew they had fallen in love.



WICKEDNESS, WITCHCRAFT AND WAL-MART: THE ASSAULT ON THE CAPITOL



Reaching out to big-boned pill-popping housewives throughout the land, Tipper soon scored a major coup. She led a movement to censor television programs, and furthered her utopian vision of an America zombified into submission before the onslaught of Gore/Satan '88. The team ran strong through the beginning of the campaign, with Gary Hart playing the pawn of Beelzebub and getting lots of play at the same time. Things looked good for Tipper and Al, until (through forces still not fully understood) some lame Greek guy got the nomination instead.



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Sharing a fondness for smack-addled transvestite hookers and cocaine, the two soon became tight. Their beatnik jazz-fusion strip show, including Hadassah's spoken-word cucumber interpretive dance routine and Tipper's full-body drumming, made the duo the hottest act on Sunset Strip. Backstage shows became infamous, including one night with Mick Jagger that is the stuff of legend and DVD.



One night after a gig, Hollywood and Vine's hottest chicky-chick act climbed into Tipper's new 911 slope-nose and turned Sunset Boulevard into their own personal autobahn. After freebasing uncut Colombian and downing six highballs, Tipper could barely see the road or the five homeless, underage prostitutes she ran down. Tipper doesn't remember hitting the telephone pole, the sound of bones crushing, the sirens, or the hospital room where her friend Hadassah lay in a coma. But she does remember what happened next.

NEXT: DOMESTICITY HITS TIPPER LIKE A TON OF BRICKS!

Tipper, now pregnant with goat-headed hoofed triplets, consumed her weight in baked goods every day. Peyote nightmares induced labor in the young woman, and the violent force of her contractions brought her old pal Hadassah out of her coma—probably because the two were in the same bed at the time. Al, thrilled with his young brood and the success of his pact with Satan, quickly submitted his name to the Tennessee Senatorial ballot. Reaching out to the minority vote when not drinking the blood of the innocent, Al secured the support of blacks, Hispanics, gays, whites, straights, and pretty much everybody else. This was thanks to the help of the Dark Lord, who had been promised the hottest of Al's daughters upon her sixteenth birthday.

Al won the vote easily and was quickly appointed to the SENATE Ways & Means committee.



**COMING UP:
TIPPER TAKES WASHINGTON!**

The duo laid low for years, re-emerging to join forces with another demonic force, one William Jefferson Clinton. They overthrew an Ivy League World War II vet and his mildly retarded man-child Vice President. The team of Clinton/Gore became an unstoppable presidential juggernaut, bringing an interesting mix of boredom, economic booms, and dress stains to their eight years together. Gore was quick to condemn his partner's indiscretions (all the while secretly envious that he couldn't join Bill's exploits while Tipper and Hillary played Eleanor Roosevelt in the Lincoln Bedroom). Twenty-five years after their first artistic collaboration, Tipper and Hadassah have rejoined in 2000 for their reunion album, *Righteous Wifery through Surrender to Liberal Hypocrisy*.

Their efforts helped Al and Joe Lieberman capture the popular vote in the 2000 election, though George W. Bush's wholesale cocaine discounts to the Electoral College left it up for grabs.

REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME, HOWEVER, TIPPER GORE WILL BE A FORCE IN AMERICAN MUSIC, POLITICS, AND DEMONISM FOR YEARS TO COME!



Dear Abby . . .

The SOURCE recently came across this unpublished correspondence between President Clinton and Dear Abby. Later that week, Clinton was quoted in *Esquire*, complaining that the Republicans “never apologized to the country for the impeachment, they never apologized for all the things they’ve done.”



Dear Abby:

It’s been well over a year since the Congressional prudes known as the GOP tried to impeach my well-traveled ass, and frankly, it still hurts. America knows that what Congress did was petty, vindictive, illegal, and worst of all, inhibiting of sweet, sweet oral sex. The people of this great country saw what this boiled down to: a jealous Ken Starr turning a personal matter into a judicial one just because the closest he’s ever come to fellatio is accidentally catching his AHEM! gavel in a well-lubed file drawer of legal briefs.

Furthermore, the nomination of Joe Lieberman only proved that the great US of A was ready and willing to put a Jew in the White House. Ever the pioneer, yours truly did this five years ago, going as far as putting a Jew not just in the White House, but in the Oval Office underneath my desk! They really are the chosen people—chosen to receive hand-rolled goodness for their Commander in Chief! What America never learned, and what I shall reveal as my last great act as President, is that said young Jewess was oft joined by a sweet Palestinian hoochie with whom we smoked a four-foot hookah, ate hummus, and made crank calls to Vladimir Putin’s house at three in the morning! Never before has an American President furthered racial tolerance and ended ethnic strife all in one mighty blow!

If this recent election has proven anything, it’s that America can’t choose between Gore and Bush because they know deep down they’d rather still have me, the grooviest president since the legendary orgies of Grover Cleveland on non-consecutive occasions. And yet the citizens of this nation and their wicked Congress have yet to apologize to me, their great, lecherous leader! What gives?

-Droopy in DC

PS: Looks like the old ball-n-chain is out of town for the time being. Wanna drop by for a wild night in the Lincoln Bedroom?

Dear Droopy,

As someone who last had “improper relations” during the Hoover administration, I can only say, “for shame!”. The role of the president of the United States isn’t hedonistic gratification, no matter what Kennedy, Roosevelt, Harding, Cleveland, or Jefferson might have said, or done (or fathered). Besides, who died and made you king? If you recall, Droopy, this nation did away with totalitarian government some time ago. For you to demand a trite apology for your impeachment is childish and reeks of bespoiled monarchy. Thanks to your DNA-stained coattails, Al Gore could win neither your home state nor his own.

Why should anyone acquiesce to the man who lied to his family, a grand jury, and the American people? You have slandered those who find meaning in the Constitution, they who will not sacrifice principle in favor of a robust economy.

You’ve proven that once again you are willing to go to extraordinary lengths for instant gratification. The issue is not that you had so many disgustingly torrid affairs, but that you exploited the not-so-distant naivete of a still-idealistic nation in an attempt to cover up your own repulsive actions. This demand for apology is just another manipulation of an America infatuated with victimhood.

What exactly have the Republicans done to you, Droopy? Exposed the leader of their own free world as fraudulent in order to preserve the dignity of the nation? The personal dignity you now scramble to preserve may well never have existed.

However history treats you, Droopy, it could well have treated you a lot worse, as could this country. So stop begging for an apology, finish out your term with dignity and respect, and zip those lips (and your fly)!

—Abby

*President Clinton's legacy in the Middle East
is a peace that will not last.*

Future Imperfect

by Jonathan Perle

As the Clinton administration comes to a close, it is time to look back on its foreign policy endeavors and examine the shambles to be inherited by the next President of the United States. From Haiti to Somalia, this administration has conducted its foreign policy in a haphazard, lackadaisical manner that has served neither U.S. interests, nor the interests of the common people that the administration purported to help.

In recent months, the failure of the Clinton administration's Middle East policy has come to light in a most stark manner. The violence that has erupted in that region, spurred by Palestinian Authority leader Yassar Arafat, is a direct consequence

of this administration's complete lack of comprehension in matters of foreign policy. For years, Arafat has played to the international media's cameras, announcing his desire for peace, while simultaneously calling for "Jihad" when away from the camera's lens. Like all foreign policy experts concerned with the Middle East, the Clinton administration has long known about the discrepancy between Arafat's public speeches and private promises. And yet, they turned a blind eye to his blatant hostility in order to maintain the illusion that peace had a real chance. This willful ignorance has wound up contributing to the violence in the Middle East, rather than hindering it. By pandering to Arafat, Clinton and his foreign policy team gave him the (correct) impression that the administration was spineless and ineffective. This in turn lead Arafat to make plans for attacking

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Israel based upon the assumption that the Clinton administration would offer only as much protest as Neville Chamberlain offered Hitler.

Instead of supporting Israel, our only true ally in the region, Clinton and his foreign policy team attempted to play middle-men, brokering a deal that in the mind of Arafat never had a chance of succeeding in the first place. The greater tragedy, however, is that the administration chose to try and pursue peace when it was apparent to nearly everyone else that Arafat

needed and wanted violence as an excuse to maintain power. The administration's overarching desire, which steamrolled over all common sense, was to gain

peace in the Middle East, and thus secure Clinton's legacy, allowed the current pseudo-war that is occurring in Israel to flourish.

And what has been the result of successive peace attempts and the coddling of Arafat? Nothing. The conflict in the Middle East continues, and seems unlikely to stop barring dramatic action. Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist groups have vowed to wage war against Israel until the state is obliterated. Clinton, who continues to try and be all things to all people in the Middle East, no longer has the credibility with either the Arabs or the Israelis to settle this conflict. Even if Arafat were to agree to a cease-fire, the Palestinian terrorist organizations are not likely to honor the agreement. Now that the violence has started, this has become a golden opportunity to gain support for their cause from other Arab states. Furthermore, Arafat himself believes that the only way in which he will garner monetary and political support from other Arab states is to continue the fight against Israel.

With more than \$23 million dollars in salaries alone that need to be paid to members of the Palestinian Authority, and the threat of Arab states cutting off support for Arafat, it will take far more than the Clinton administration to get him to sue for peace.

The next President of the United States must face the hard realities that the Clinton administration has so casually tossed aside in its attempts to appease Arafat. Rather than have our Secretary of State chase after a former terrorist and plead with him to return to the bargaining table, we need someone who will take a firm stance with Arafat and other Palestinian leaders who thwart attempts at peace. The Palestinians and other members of the Arab world respect power, not words. One only needs to look at Arafat, a former terrorist, Hussein, Quaddafi, and Assad to understand that these are people who place power foremost in their calculations. A powerful stance by the United States will result in respect, while a Clinton-Albright-Berger approach will only result in condescension from the Arab world.

Whichever man is elected to the White House needs to make it clear to Arafat and his henchmen that we will support peace, but only as long as Arafat keeps his promises. The solution to the problems in the Middle East will not come with a handshake and a signature on a scrap of paper. It will only come when America is taken seriously. The next President must be sure that this happens. □



After many hugs, there is still no peace.

*Right-minded anthropologists beware:
it's a jungle out there.*

Weird Science

by Ezra Klughaupt

It was not long after my matriculation to Tufts that I was first introduced to the anti-science propaganda that is so common among political extremists. My English 1 professor, who had no qualms about using class time to further her political agenda, spent the majority of many classes arguing for various causes rather than actually doing her job.

One of her favorite arguments was her illogical and counterintuitive assertion that men and women differ only in physical characteristics, and that any differences in the way they act can be attributed entirely to their upbringing.

Of course, this argument runs contrary to everyday experiences, as well as numerous scientific studies, one of which was examined in class. This study of an Israeli Kibbutz, where everyone was treated identically from birth regardless of sex, proved that the characteristics of boys and girls naturally separate as they grow up and evolve into men and women—even when cultural biases are not present. The professor ignored this evidence, however, and shot it down based on unsupported technicalities, and continued preaching to her captive audience. At no time did she provide logical arguments or evidence for her cause.

My English professor was just one of the many radicals who choose to attack

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science in pursuit of their ideological goals. She and her peers argue based on emotion and their own skewed morality, rather than evidence and logic. They fight not in pursuit of truth, but to further their cause. It is in the same fashion Patrick Tierney, a self-declared “human-rights activist,” sought to ruin the reputations of Napoleon A. Chagnon, and his mentor James V. Neel in his upcoming book *Darkness in El Dorado*.

Chagnon is one of the most influential

and respected cultural anthropologists of recent times. He is best known for his in-depth study of the Yanomamo, a native South American tribe who offer a glimpse of how human civilization existed perhaps thousands of years ago. To the non-anthropological eye, Chagnon’s research does not paint a pretty picture of the Yanomamo, but the truth is rarely as pleasant as one wishes it to be. Chagnon’s study exposed the violent culture of the Yanomamo, who’s name means “The Fierce People” in their native tongue. He showed that men who had killed others were likely to have more wives and children than their more peaceful brethren. By Chagnon’s estimates, one-fourth of all Yanomamo men died at the hands of their peers. Although controversial and contrary to the liberal myth of

the “noble savage,” this is an accurate depiction of a people who have lived and died by the arrow and the axe for thousands of years.

Chagnon supported his hypothesis with years of evidence he obtained while living among the Yanomamo—including a multitude of Yanomamo blood samples. His science was solid; however, his opponents had an agenda and were unconcerned with the truth. Their goal: to forward the politically correct historical view in which the evils of society are caused by modernism and capitalism—a view that is incompatible with data revealing the brutality of an indigenous people. Tierney could not use science to disprove Chagnon’s hypothesis because all respectable evidence upheld it. Instead, he based his arguments on the common tactics of the radical: character assassination, misleading half-truths, and attacks on scientific thought itself.

Tierney employed the help of a number of his colleagues as he set off on his crusade against Chagnon. One of his main sources was Terence Turner, a Cornell University anthropologist and self-described Marxist. “Sociobiology is an unviable and logically indefensible reductionism,” said Turner. Furthermore, “Chagnon’s pronouncements about the intrinsic violence of the Yanomamo has actively hurt them.” Turner



PC pseudo-scientists think they know what's best for this Yanomamo boy.

argues that businessmen and politicians have used Chagnon's portrayal of the Yanomamo to justify their persecution while mining for gold in the region. He labeled Chagnon a "sociopath" for his alleged crimes, spending over a decade on this smear campaign. However, although any crimes committed against the Yanomamo are tragic, it is unlikely that they were directly caused by Chagnon's research. Even if they were, it would in no way subtract from the relevance of Chagnon's work. His findings cannot be disregarded simply because they do not serve the best interests of the Yanomamo. They are no less true because they are disturbing and can be exploited.

Tierney sought to further harm Chagnon's reputation with the allegation that Chagnon and Neel intentionally started a measles epidemic in a twisted experiment to test the resilience of the Yanomamo. This harsh claim has no merit and is nothing more than character assassination. Tierney alleges that Neel and Chagnon intentionally used the Edmonston B measles vaccine, which uses a live virus, to infect the Yanomamo and thereby test their resistance to illness. However, this hypothesis has been struck down by a plethora of scientists, including Dr. Samuel Katz, one of the co-developers of the vaccine. "Nearly 19 million infants and children between 1963 and 1975 in the US and internationally received this licensed (by FDA) vaccine with or without immune globulin," Katz said. "Vaccine virus has never been transmitted to susceptible contacts and cannot cause measles even in intimate contacts."

Tierney's battle against Chagnon is certainly not the first time that a political extremist has sought to discredit science in order to further his political goals. It is unfortunate that scientists' work and careers so often fall victim to crusading ideologists whose radical beliefs are contradicted by facts. Science is non-partisan by definition, but the activists in many of today's social sciences are everything but. Tierney's book and my English professor's assertions are part of a trend in America's universities to water down education in order to protect the leading politically correct views at all costs. This bastardization of knowledge has led to a generation of so-called experts trained in the art of deception, rather than science. The victims are those who seek the truth. □

Lawmakers who author Internet policy also think that you can drive on the Information Highway.

A Witch Hunt Online

by Andrew Gibbs

With every passing moment, the laws of the world become increasingly complex. It does not happen overnight. Government officials know better than to make drastic changes in one fell swoop. They instead opt to gradually erode the freedoms of the citizens they govern. Take a look at the zealots who push for gun control, increasing taxes and expanding welfare. They are not bad people. They share the same end goals as those who stand against such tactics. The difference lies in the means employed to accomplish those ends. Those who propose increased legislation often fail to fully comprehend the ramifications of doing so and end up exacerbating the situation they were attempting to improve.

Such zealots now stand poised to inflict the same plight upon the world of the Internet. The Council of Europe's Draft Cyber-Crime Treaty, authored by the 41-nation body in consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice, will demonize any form of hacking whatsoever. This treaty could be signed as early as December. Doing so sets a dangerous precedent, actually jeopardizing security instead of increasing it.

Politicians command great skill when it comes to politicking. When it comes to getting elected they are obviously the best in the business. Unfortunately, when it comes to highly technical issues, they seldom know more than what they read in the newspapers.

Their misunderstanding takes root in a

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matter of semantics. A "hacker" is merely someone who disassembles something in order to gain a greater understanding of its inner workings. Hacking, in and of itself, harms nobody and usually results in strengthening the object being hacked. Unfortunately, the uninitiated feel an uncontrollable desire to burn all hackers at the stake. They fail to realize that hackers serve as the first line of defense against cyber-crime. In the same manner that law abiding gun owners deter violent crime, honest hackers prevent online criminals from doing

their dastardly deeds by uncovering security holes and recommending patches for them. Theoretical analysis plays an important role in software development, but nothing beats field testing.

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However, under the proposed treaty, honest hackers would find themselves stripped of their "guns." Specifically, the treaty would make it illegal to write or possess any form of hacking software. To twist an old quote to a new end, "if you outlaw hacking tools, then only outlaws will have hacking tools." Such a situation does not serve the best interests of the public.

Passage of this treaty will cripple security research and violate many fundamental civil rights. Supposedly, the treaty will make a provision for professional network administrators. This will serve only to mire the already overburdened information technology professionals of the world in more red tape, as if their jobs were not already complicated enough. What exactly makes someone a "professional network administrator?" United States citizens cannot even figure out how to pay their income taxes, what with the federal tax code exceeding

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5.5 million words spanning 10,000 pages. Defining what exactly constitutes hacking would prove a far more formidable task. Consider also the local area networks that are rapidly gaining popularity in the homes of private citizens. Would the operator of such a setup find himself barred from analyzing his own network because he lacks “professional” status? Proponents of the treaty also fail to realize that a large percentage of security flaw resolutions come about as the result of hobbyist hackers playing around in the code and subsequently proposing fixes. Since these people do not fall under the “professional” category, they would either have to cease hacking altogether, or risk prosecution.

The treaty also poses serious threats to first amendment rights. To publish security threats would equate to aiding and abetting a crime, and as such would become a prosecutable offense. Emailing lists such as BugTraq would become contraband, even though its sole reason for existence was to aid network administrators in preventing security breaches. Placing restrictions on the exchange of knowledge hearkens back to the dark ages and defiles the spirit of the Internet, once a bastion for the freedom of thought and expression.

Lastly, the treaty stands to violate the rights to privacy of benevolent hackers.

Law enforcement officials love the idea of this new treaty as it will make obtaining a warrant much easier. A benevolent hacker may have his front door kicked down and find himself staring down the barrel of a submachine gun simply because he was using a tool for benign purposes that *could* have been used for illegitimate acts. He will have his hardware confiscated and a blemish placed on his permanent record that could blacklist him for life, all because he had the *ability* to commit a crime. Under this logic any number of everyday household items could be deemed illegal. There would have to be a national roundup of crowbars and carving knives. Forget about “don’t play with matches kids.” They would be banned too.

A lack of understanding should never serve as justification for persecution, but inevitably it does. Those who pass laws seldom truly understand the issues at hand. Witch hunts have been common fare throughout the ages, and despite the present state of enlightenment that the world today enjoys, they still occur at an alarming rate. People need scapegoats, someone on whom to blame their misfortune. Whether the mobs are burning women at the stake for alleged pacts with Satan, or are crucifying hackers for making software companies look the fool, it is the mob that is committing the truly criminal act. □



*Remember the good old days when we voted
for issues, not personalities?*

They've Got Issues

by Michael Santorelli

After nearly a year of campaigning, advertising and exorbitant spending, George W. Bush and Al Gore laid their political fates in the hands of the nation. The two waited for the public to either validate or negate their journeys to the White House. But when the polls closed and the votes were counted (and recounted), the people presented both candidates with an electoral anomaly: a tie. The American people assured both candidates

that they were both equally liked (and disliked) by the nation. In an election year that presented two supposedly “different” candidates, the results of the election confirmed the notion that Bush and Gore are really not so different after all. Both ran ambiguous campaigns that oscillated between arguing issues and questioning personality. However, in the end, the election came down to a popularity contest: essentially the over-privileged frat boy versus the chess club nerd. Capriciousness runs deep in the veins of a country where snap bracelets and Ross Perot were once considered “cool”.

Essentially, it was Gore, the incumbent Vice-President versus Dubya, the governor, a contest very similar to the 1992 election between then-President Bush and Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton. During that campaign, the issue of inexperience was not raised because the public had faith in the ability of both candidates. President

Bush, however, had fallen from the public pedestal after the economy fell into a deep recession. Americans were quick to forget the Gulf War victory—a highly successful and compact mission that showed US military dominance—and fell in love with the Clinton/Gore promise of a better economy. The public was enthralled and won over by Clinton’s saxophone-tooting charm and his availability to voters. Though a better economy was at the top of everyone’s wish

list, Clinton’s vivacious image represented a drastic turn away from the status quo of the time. This type of campaign, helped by Bush’s anemic re-election attempt, signaled a social movement away from the centrality of campaign issues. Instead, voters reacted like Scarlett O’ Hara at a cotillion—so easily were they won over by Clinton’s gallantry and charm.

Eight years later, the public was once again ripe for change, but the people were still disinterested in an issue-oriented election. Both candidates tried to preach the issues, but the election turned

into a circus. It unfortunately lacked a main attraction, but had plenty of sideshows along the way.

The first non-issue of the 2000 campaign was military record, an issue that plagued Clinton in 1992. Gore was portrayed as a valiant journalist who braved the jungles of Vietnam for a few months under the pretense of patriotism while his father tried to boost his campaign for the Senate. Bush had a less glamorous role as a member of the Air National Guard. This type of triviality muddled voters’ brains. While neither candidate was a John McCain or Bob Dole war hero, people immediately began to criticize Bush’s lack of action. Thus, he was put on the defensive and forced to strike back by questioning Gore’s character.

The idea of character—personality, congeniality and honesty—was the non-issue that dominated this election. Both campaigns posed the same question: whom do you trust more? Gore relied on his Washington experience and criticized Bush’s lack thereof. Bush struck back by calling Gore a “walking contradiction” and exploiting his record of lies and issue ambivalence. As the two scuffled—most notably during the debates—the public was forced to change its view of the candidates. No longer could they see each as a separate political entity, but the two became a pair of feuding talking heads, duking it out through a flurry of personal attacks.

Enter Ralph Nader. Dressed in his recycled clothes and milking a miniscule budget, Nader rose to popularity among the grass-roots community as the anti-politi-

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Did you vote for him, against the other guy, or against them both?

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tician. His campaign's premise was that he was not at all like the other two candidates. Rather, Nader and his cohorts focused on his "goody-goody" nature. After all, he was the man who made seatbelts in automobiles mandatory. Nader sought to be more than a consumer advocate; he wanted to be a social advocate. But what he and many others failed to realize was that no one cared about the issues. The nation was caught up in a soap opera battle for the presidency with no room for a third party. A vote for Nader could register as either a desire for drastic political change or as advocacy for a lackluster third option. Nader's resiliency was admirable (and helpful for Bush) but eventually, his efforts fell short.

As November began, the race tightened and confusion spread among scrambling undecided voters. In the last week before the election, almost \$15 million was spent on television ads meant to further defame each candidate. Bush's record in Texas was further scrutinized, and Gore's reliability was dissected before the nation. But what happened to the issues? Social Security and Medicare only seemed important in Florida, where a large percentage of the likely voters are elderly and directly affected by these issues. Gore's infatuation with labor unions figured importantly only in Michigan. Bush's "compassionate conservative" aura seemed to matter only in traditionally Democratic states. The rest of the country went to the polls with personality and character tipping the scales instead of military spending and tax cuts.

Perhaps this disinterest is justified. The Clinton Administration will leave the White House having left an indelible mark of shame on an office previously graced by our nation's heroes. The idea of trust loomed largely in the background, casting its shadow over the DUI charges and Buddhist temple fundraisers. It is not wrong for the American people to vote for someone they trust, yet both campaigns allowed their candidates to be seen in only a narrow scope. The issues were supposed to separate and individualize the candidates. This year, however, everyone seemed to forget about actual policy and went straight for the stuff of heightened TV ratings. Though there was no Gennifer Flowers or dubious real-estate transaction, there was plenty of fodder for the public. And with great gusto, we ate it up. □

In the TCU senate, some votes count more than others.

The Culture Club

by Nick Abraham and Adam Biacchi

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Constitution states that the members of the TCU senate "shall represent the needs and interests of the TCU"; however, there are those who believe that some deserve more representation than others. During a recent meeting to consider amending the Constitution, a number of individuals strongly advocated allowing select cultural organizations to have their

own senator to represent their groups by giving culture representatives full voting power. Currently, the Association of Latino American Students (ALAS), the Asian Community at Tufts (ACT), the Pan African Alliance (PAA), and the Tufts Transgender, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Collective (TTLGBC) each elect a member to represent the voice of the group during all senate meetings as a non-voting member.

The framers of the TCU Constitution created the culture representative so that groups that society and Tufts have traditionally disempowered could voice opinions to the senate. In reality, this is not a special privilege because anyone can voice an opinion to student government. Important differences exist between culture representatives and senators. Constitutionally, the student-elected members of the senate maintain and exercise decision-making power through voting. Culture representatives report to their specific culture

groups, and only those groups elect their delegates. Structurally, this prevents the senate from impeaching the culture representatives. Most importantly, culture representatives are not accountable for their

actions to the Tufts community at large nor are they accountable to the senate. For them to have equal power as those who are accountable for their actions, namely senators,

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During the Constitutional Reform Committee meeting, several undergraduates, including leftist-extraordinaire Adam Carlis and senator First Lady Margery



No culture rep for you!

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And no culture rep for you either!



Yeager vocally supported granting culture representatives the ability to vote. One argued that representatives should vote because otherwise “they have to sit through very long, and very boring meetings without any say. It’s just not fair.” Others remarked that these representatives should vote because they represent groups that are traditionally discriminated against. One senator commented that “they are asked to do everything a senator does, and they have none of the privileges. They should have full privileges or they should not exist.” Finally, they argued that as long as the culture representatives are disenfranchised within the Senate, their voice would not carry enough weight. When examined closely, each of these arguments boils down to the same thing: lobbying to give more power in the government to the special interests—the very same malady that plagues our national government.

Concerning the lack of brevity in senate meetings, no one forced the culture representatives to run for their respective positions. They knew what their position entailed before they accepted it, and if they are dissatisfied with their role, then they should resign. Admittedly, the senate meetings are usually (if not always) long and boring, especially for

someone who has a less active role. However, no one is forced them to attend and if they do not want to represent their culture group, then surely someone can replace them. Better yet, they should follow the example of senator Mernaysa Rivera, who last year represented ALAS as their culture representative, and, seeking a more involved role in student government, made a successful bid for a senate seat this year. Otherwise, the culture representatives should accept their role and do the best job they can as representatives from their group, and their group alone.

Culture representatives should not vote because they belong to a group that has traditionally been discriminated against. Allowing this would amount to affirmative action for democracy. There is not a democracy in the world that reserves a seat for minorities to govern simply because they are minorities. To guarantee anyone a leadership position on that basis would be undemocratic, and render the system of popular election impotent. Furthermore, we have come a long way from the disenfranchisement suffered by some groups in the past. For all the talk about the racial inequality, its important to realize that the senate is not a body that is ruled by the tyranny of the majority. The current student body has elected a very diverse senate, making it hard, if not impossible, to prove that minorities suffer discrimination from a policy-making standpoint.

Furthermore, if culture representatives exist to represent those who have suffered discrimination and disenfranchisement both at Tufts and throughout history, then there should exist far more than the current four culture groups. Jews, Arabs, and South Asians have suffered from discrimination, yet they do not have a culture representative to express their unique ideals. East Asians dominate ACT, while groups

such as Hillel, Tufts Association of South Asians (TASA), and the Arabs Student Association (ASA) are simply not represented in student government. At Tufts, if anyone needs a representative to ensure that Tufts policy does not trample their beliefs, it’s the Tufts Christian Fellowship (TCF). As an organization which embraces the evangelical tradition, they have experienced discrimination—however, this is overlooked in a typical PC double-standard. If the current culture groups become franchised, then the entire system of popular elections becomes null and void. If the proponents of special interests want each of the four culture groups to have a senator, then the senate should consist not of popularly-elected individuals, but rather as a collective of representatives from each of the TCU-recognized organizations.

Finally, whether the culture representatives vote does not effect their influence on the senate because their opinions carry the same weight as anyone who voices a concern during a meeting. In reality, their interests should have no greater or lesser importance in the eyes of the senate than any other organization. The culture groups should feel privileged that they have

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an official liaison to the student government and forgo trying to push their interests to the next level.

To give culture representatives full voting privileges would violate the very principles that our student governmental system holds dear. The purpose of student senators lies in their ability to represent the entire constituency that elected them into office. A senatorial system in which some members of the TCU have more representation than others would be a throwback to the era of segregation, in which second-class citizenry was the norm. There should not exist any second-class citizenry at Tufts. One cannot say that some organizations hold more importance than others. □

On Election Day, Americans cast a vote for controversy.

A Nation in Waiting

by Stephen Tempesta

Never has a presidential election been so close. And never has an election been so tainted with calls of conspiracy and deceit as the 2000 Presidential Election. It all came down to one county in the state of Florida, and that county is so blanketed in scandal that this race has yet to be decided. The press' extremely early predictions combined with past political trends led the people and the candidates to draw incorrect conclusions. The rampant over-analysis by the "talking heads" on each channel could have driven us mad.

From the start of both campaigns, political advisors and strategists have talked about the battleground states. These states were deemed essential conquests if a candidate wanted to walk away with the Presidency. Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Iowa were the big four amongst a list of must-wins. Together these four held 73 electoral votes; a win in all four could have easily determined the race. Pennsylvania, with its 23 electoral votes, has been a traditional swing state. Clinton carried it twice, as did Reagan. The Keystone State sided with Gore by a small majority. Gore also won (again by a slim margin) Michigan and Iowa. It would have been over if it weren't for the recounting in Florida. The burgeoning legal battles in Florida might leave this election in question for some time.

Florida and its 25 electoral votes are

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proving to be the final hurdle in the race to the White House. Steeped in controversy, the county of Palm Beach is at the heart of this legal battle. The problem originates from the ballot itself. Written in large type, the ballot, designed by a Democratic party advisor, was developed to help the elderly read it easily. The ballots were distributed to

every person in the county; copies of the ballot were run in every local newspaper. This same ballot was used in previous elections, and the design is the same as those of many other states. This year, however, 19,000 ballots

needed to be "thrown out" because they were double-punched—the person voted for two presidential candidates. In the previous election 15,000 ballots needed to be thrown out for this same reason. So why are so many elderly and illiterate crying fraud? If this were a Bingo card instead of a presidential ballot, there would be no question of how to fill it in properly. Many politicians are trying to ride the coat tails of the ballot controversy to garner popularity. Jesse Jackson is demanding a re-vote because many African-American voters voted incorrectly. Gore campaign chairman William Daley and former Secretary of State Warren Christopher are also calling this an "illegal" election, alleging that the machines used to count the votes were probably faulty.

Why must everyone try to find an excuse for why their candidate did not win? Democrats actually had voters visit a Palm Beach office to sign affidavits saying that

they knew they voted for the wrong candidate. Still, all the excuses in the world will not help either side in this extremely close presidential race. The transition and the inauguration will be deemed dishonestly won. Now that both sides are demanding recounts in other states, as well as starting to construct legal arguments, there does not seem to be a clear end to this controversy.

In response to this election, many are calling for the dissolution of the Electoral College. At least two-thirds of the Senate must approve an amendment to the Constitution, and in light of the Senate's even party division, this seems highly unlikely. When the Electoral College was written into the Constitution, it was done so to prevent the direct election of leaders. The Founding Fathers thought this innovation would reduce possible preferential treatment to certain political groups. They tried to eliminate the possibility of one group claiming responsibility for the election and subsequently demanding favors from a President. The framers wanted a half Republic, half-Democratic system in the United States to prevent this.

As it stands, Gore is winning the presidential race by nine electoral votes. The fact that the margin is so narrow, and that Florida carries the difference between a win and a defeat, has generated growing concern that neither candidate has the "mandate of the people". Indeed, whoever is elected president will have an extremely hard time proving his worth to the American people. The Senate and the House are almost evenly divided. Trying to push bills through Congress will be virtually impossible. Extreme partisanship threatens to make this 104th Congress more ineffectual than the previous—the least active Congress in the past 60 years. The President will have to work hard to earn the people's respect.

This election may prove to be the most memorable of anyone's lifetime. Not since the "Dewey Defeats Truman" headline was printed have the media and the American people been completely off on the election. A winner was declared and a concession issued, but both were rescinded. This election will eventually be decided—but in the time to come, there will be more appeals and second-guessing than ever. This election will not officially end until the Electoral College and then Congress deem it so. Until then, the American people must wait for a new leader of our country. □

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the SOURCE's team that day.
The Coalition was catching up—two innings more to play.
T'would be a shameful loss for the friends of common sense
to be beaten by Adam Carlis and his swarthy leftist friends.

Some of the rightist journal saw the score, began to fret.
On victory the chief editor his humility had bet.
Though on the staff were atheists, Christians, and Jews
to the gods of right-wing justice the SOURCE prayed they wouldn't lose.

To the field they'd come that afternoon with patriotic pride.
They unfurled the Stars and Stripes, for no fear had they to hide.
The Coalition's shaggy horde unloosed their warlike chants,
While many a ready SOURCER practiced the kickball batting stance.

The leftists swarmed about the field to take their warm-up lap.
The campus voice of reason sat, cold hands upon their laps.
"Will you SOURCERS mind," quizzed Carlis, "if your flag is made first base?"
Many a conservative gasped and growled—a sneer crossed Adam's face.

"You can use the flag for first," quoth a member of the right-wing corps.
"But how about for third we use Mumia's char-red corpse?"
Thus the battle lines were drawn between gentleman and churl
and throughout the seven-inning game both sides did insults hurl.

A lady Coalitioner at second was tagged out.
A vicious spat she then ensued with the SOURCE's shortstop stout.
"Don't do me any favors, fatty," cried the victim of the play.
Loudly called the portly editor, "You'll work for me someday."

Behind the SOURCE's cheering bench did the cunning Carlis crawl.
He stole the proud right-wingers' flag—fifty shining stars and all.
But the commie didn't get past one of the hearty friends of truth,
And with gritted teeth and angry blows he punished the uncouth.

And so the insults flew and flew, the scuffles neared stampede
But while players were talking trash, the teams exchanged the lead.
So with two innings left the SOURCE was winning, but concerned.
The Coalition threatened; at any time the game could turn.

The *Daily* printed nothing, the *Observer* not a trace
of how the SOURCE maintained the lead thanks to their rookie ace.
A junior tall drove in two runs and kept the lead alive
and when the final out was caught, the Source won seven-five.

Oh, somewhere on the campus the commie spirit lingers pale.
For they wouldn't die; the losers snarled, "Justice shall prevail!"
And 'round the office of the SOURCE its joyous members shout.
But there is no joy for leftists—the Coalition has struck out.

FREEDOM AT THE BAT



NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

The great thing about democracy is that it gives every voter a chance to do something stupid.

—Art Spander

You get fifteen democrats in a room, and you get twenty opinions.

—Senator Patrick Leahy

Under democracy one party always devotes its chief energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule—and both commonly succeed, and are right.

—H. L. Mencken

Thanksgiving is a typically American holiday. The lavish meal is a symbol of the fact that abundant consumption is the result and reward of production.

—Ayn Rand

I never vote for anyone; I always vote against.

—W. C. Fields

Liberals are very broadminded: they are always willing to give careful consideration to both sides of the same side.

—Anonymous

When the political columnists say 'Every thinking man' they mean themselves, and when candidates appeal to 'Every intelligent voter' they mean everybody who is going to vote for them.

—Franklin P. Adams

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

—Robert Frost

Asking an incumbent member of Congress to vote for term limits is a bit like asking a chicken to vote for Colonel Sanders.

—Bob Inglis

People never lie so much as after a hunt, during a war or before an election.

—Otto von Bismarck

I think it's about time we voted for senators with breasts. After all, we've been voting for boobs long enough.

—Clarie Sargent

I think there are only three things America will be known for 2,000 years from now when they study this civilization: the Constitution, jazz music, and baseball.

—Gerald Early

I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is—I could be just as proud for half the money.

—Arthur Godfrey

Everyone should be married. If it is successful, you will become happy. If not, you will become a philosopher.

—Socrates

Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocre minds. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence.

—Albert Einstein

The only way for a rich man to be healthy is by exercise and abstinence, to live as if he were poor.

—William Temple

You can get more with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word alone.

—Al Capone

What is a Communist?

One who hath yearnings

For equal division of unequal earnings.

Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing

To fork out his copper and pocket a

shilling.

—Ebenezer Elliott

The Lord had the wonderful advantage of being able to work alone.

—Kofi Annan

A journalist is a grumbler, a censurer, a giver of advice, a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets.

—Napoleon Bonaparte

Now I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor bastard die for his country.

—George S. Patton Jr.

I'm proud that I'm a politician. A politician is a man who understands government, and it takes a politician to run a government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead 10 or 15 years.

—Harry S. Truman

Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it's important.

—Eugene McCarthy

The man who hath no music in himself...
Let no such man be trusted.

—William Shakespeare

I was with some Vietnamese recently, and some of them were smoking two cigarettes at the same time. That's the kind of customers we need!

—Jesse Helms

I think a lot of people are like me—we aren't necessarily as conservative as Bush, but would rather know off our own arms than hear about Gore for the next four years.

—Brock McCormack

Democracy is the worst form of government ever invented, except for all the others.

—Winston Churchill

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it.

—Thomas Paine