

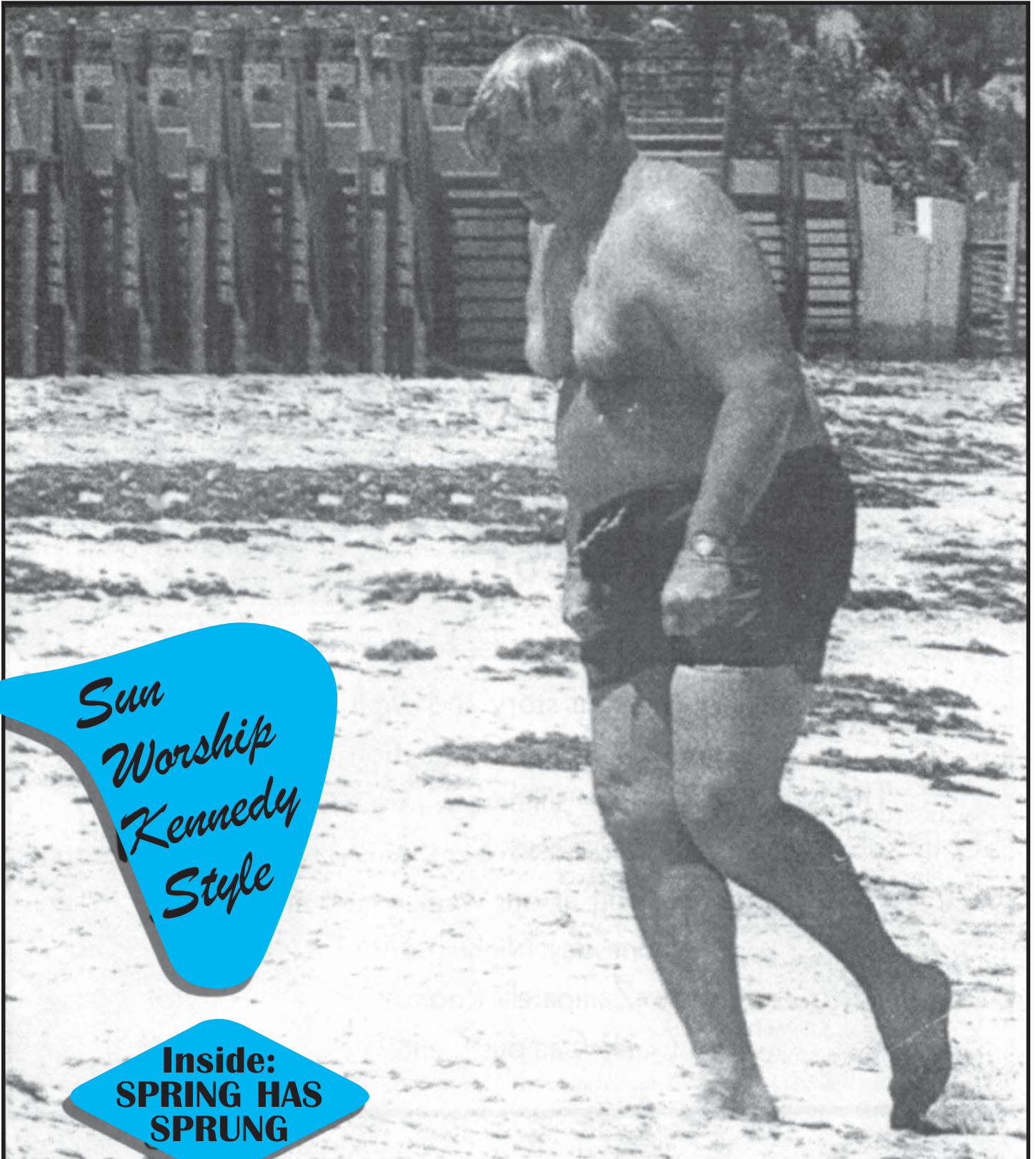
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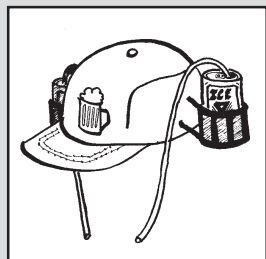
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FROM THE EDITOR

The contradictory forces of administrative power-grabbing and bureaucratic intransigence have been hard at work on the Hill. In the latest incident of educators behaving like Department of the Interior apparatchiks, American Studies professor Saul Slapikoff and Economics professor David Garman proposed radically altering the add/drop policy, while Registrar Linda Gabrielle complained that she and her room full of indolent key-punches could not possibly handle the resultant influx of forms. Hence, three individuals who had been mercifully silent about their favorite diversions (regulation, secrecy, and whining, respectively) have returned to the front page of *The Daily*.

Personalities aside, Slapikoff and Garman seek to make it more difficult to change one's schedule after the semester has begun by shortening the add/drop period and requiring an advisor's signature for approval. And while faculty members advance legitimate arguments that professors should be kept aware of advisees' class changes, they must understand that obtaining an advisor's signature requires only notification, not approval. Professors are here to teach and advise, not grant their consent, and students should not be held responsible for an advisor's refusal to sign.

Furthermore, another regulation cannot force students to take pre-registration seriously, as Slapikoff suggests. The academic culture here does not permit sober consideration months before walking into a class. Many advisors barely glance at a student's proposed curriculum and some sign blank forms. Moreover, current policy does not require double-majors to obtain the signature of both advisors. But the bottom line is, as always, money. Students who pay roughly \$2500 per course need time to get to know an instructor, or take an

exam, or talk with classmates— something just two weeks does not afford.

Rather than trying to mandate a change in attitudes, the faculty could enable students to closely examine courses long before pre-registration. If Tufts professors overcame their own insecurity and released written comments from course evaluations, students would be able to make better-informed decisions. By reviewing the experiences of past students, prospective enrollees would, for example, discover that Saul Slapikoff's radical leftism infiltrates his courses and that American Studies is actually an invalid look at victimology and quilt-making. Based on that information, students who do not like having politics dominate lectures and prefer intellectual stimulation to academic fads could save themselves a great deal of time by avoiding those classes altogether.

Nevertheless, even the Slapikoff/Garman proposal's expansion of bureaucratic authority met the resistance of administrators unwilling to clog their desks. As noted, Registrar Linda Gabrielle vehemently opposed the motion because it would add to her work load. Regardless of the proposal's validity, rejecting it due to objections from a listless secretary worried that she cannot handle all the forms is utterly ridiculous. A machine could perform the Registrar's job with minimal human oversight. Given Gabrielle's record of illegitimate complaints, the faculty's proposed revisions overlook the one most needed.

Of course, the trouble with having so many activist power-mongering committees is compounded by the bureaucracy's inevitable laziness. With Committee X wanting more regulations and Agency Y resisting more work, they get just what they deserve: each other. Unfortunately, students—the very people who pay for the whole mess—have to live with the absurdity.

In my last editorial, I wrote that the History Department would not release its course listings “for weeks,” according to an office staffer.” At press time, my source provided the best information available. Nevertheless, History released its booklets before our issue returned from the printer. I regret that I had been misinformed.

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Commentary

Safety First

At last week's Residential Hall Association Quality of Life Forum, Colin Kingsbury displayed remarkable clairvoyance. The sophomore expressed concern to Tufts' public safety director, Sergeant Ron Brevard, about the dangerous intersection of College and Boston Avenues. Sadly, Mr. Kingsbury's fear, which the entire Tufts community surely shares, became a reality when a woman was struck by a car traveling down College just days after the RHA meeting.

Sergeant Brevard acknowledged the inadequacy of the corner's traffic management and pointed to Medford budget deficiencies as the reason. Noting that it would cost over \$100,000 to change the current apparatus to a full traffic light, the Sergeant lamented that despite constant pleas, the necessary funds cannot be found. When Mr. Kingsbury suggested that the Tufts Police take the initiative and station a cruiser at the intersection, Brevard replied that he simply did not have the staff. That is, Tufts' security budget is insufficient as well.

Since Medford cannot, or will not, spend the money to improve the intersection, the University should take it upon itself, considering how perilous the crossing is and the number of Tufts students who must use it. Even after several minor incidents involving undergraduates, Tufts still sees fit to waste money on worthless programs like the Experimental College, forsaking student safety. Maybe this unfortunate occurrence will spur those who hold the purse strings to reallocate some money to higher priority areas.

All Botched Up

In a partial-birth abortion, the abortionist delivers a baby, feet first, from its mother's womb until only the head remains inside. He then punctures the neck with surgical scissors, suctions out its brain, crushes its skull, and completes the delivery. If the order of this procedure were reversed—that is, if the doctor delivered the baby before mangling it—he would be convicted of first-degree murder. But under the current law, butchering a child, as long as some fraction of its body remains in the birth canal, is a legal exercise of a woman's "right to choose." By passing a ban on partial-birth abortions, Congress sought to remedy this ailment in the nation's legal code. By vetoing the ban, Bill Clinton has sided with a radical feminist minority and placed his presidential seal of approval on infanticide.

The President's assertion that the prohibition would endanger

a "small but vulnerable" portion of American women (never mind the small and vulnerable babies) is characteristically misleading. Congress included in its legislation an exception for which the physician deems the procedure necessary to save the mother's life. But Clinton wanted more—specifically, an exception whenever the abortionist thinks his deed would benefit the mother's "health." If the President had his way, abortionists could easily override the ban by expressing concern (valid or not) for their patients' future fertility or mental well-being. Such considerations might be serious, but they do not excuse murder when a child is out of the womb entirely. That its head remains inside hardly makes the moral difference.

In truth, Clinton cares only for his small but vulnerable presidency, which desperately needs the monetary contributions and grassroots efforts of feminist radicals to win re-election. An override is feasible in the House, but Senate Republicans lack the votes for the requisite two-thirds majority. Fortunately, Americans overwhelmingly

support for the ban. There might be too few decent members in the Senate to muster the override, but there are certainly enough decent voters to end the Clinton presidency come November. That's one abortion people of good conscience can support.

Bad Advice

At the beginning of her Pre-Major Advising Survey, Jean Wu thanks students for

their "cooperation" in filling out the eight-page inquisition. But the newest Dean *requires* that freshmen and sophomores complete the questionnaire—those who fail to comply with the policy cannot pick up their pre-registration forms. (Perhaps Wu confuses "cooperation" with "coercion.") Worse yet, Wu decorates her survey with an array of politically correct questions and assumptions. Although she claims to have designed the survey "to improve the quality of pre-major advising at Tufts," the advisors' advisor actually threatens the program's academic integrity by introducing issues which compromise intellectual enrichment.

Like most Tufts officials, Wu arrogantly finds no fault with instituting regulations that complicate student access to services which the University guarantees them. The Ballou contingent should remember that underclassmen and their families pay more than \$20,000 in tuition fees, part of which covers pre-registration. But Tufts nonetheless adds a seemingly endless collection of repetitive questions to the already time-consuming process of course selection. Dean Wu's goal of improving the advising system is laudable, but the politically loaded questions in the survey rob her crusade of legitimacy.



The accident scene in front of Curtis Hall.

April 14, 1996

Question five asks students to specify their racial background, offering such fashionable choices as “Native American,” “White American,” “Multiracial, *please specify*,” and “Other.” The Dean also thinks it important to determine whether faculty “show awareness of racial and cultural differences” and encourage advisees “to explore courses that deal with multiculturalism and social equality.” And students must provide their advisor’s name, a mechanism which conveniently identifies both the super-PC and intolerant professors.

Race, gender, ethnicity, and similar matters have no bearing on the quality of academic advising. Politicking, regardless of persuasion, has no place in a distinctly academic setting. At an institution ostensibly committed to thoughts and ideas, the Tufts community unfortunately has no choice but to endure a narrow-minded version of diversity that ironically does little else than endorse a racist perspective.

If Dean Wu truly wants to improve the advising process, she should request the hiring of more faculty. Common sense dictates that an increased number of professors will provide students with more advising options and more time for consultation with their advisors.

President DiBiaggio argues that Tufts lacks the money and resources to make accommodations of this sort but his administration nevertheless continually wastes funds on unnecessary events and miscellaneous sensitivity projects. The elimination of these, and many other, extraneous practices will do far more to enhance academic advising than will a politically correct survey.

The Ultimate Third Wheel

Once again, the possibility of an Independent candidate in the presidential contest has elicited excitement from the media and voters discouraged by the two-party system. The specter of Ross Perot and his Reform Party, Ralph Nader’s representation of the Green Party, New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley’s hints at an independent candidacy, and former Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker’s consideration of a presidential bid have all invigorated the proponents of politics that transcend ideology. The independence movement, however, is nothing other than a re-packaged version of a failed liberal program.

Leaders of a supposedly new approach to government merely argue in favor of statist policies and regulations. Perot offered that the best remedy for “government gridlock” was to raise taxes on gasoline and other commodities. Weicker earned the hatred of his state by introducing an income tax. Nader, a long-time opponent of business, regularly levels charges of exploitation at major

corporations. Bradley, meanwhile, has grown disappointed with and will leave the Senate at year’s end to promote his message of augmenting the role of government.

Not coincidentally, the media became especially elated at the prospect of a third party as soon as conservative Republicans won control of Congress. Even though a majority of voters have embraced the values of the right, the fourth estate manages to sanction liberalism by unfairly labeling conservatives as “extremists.” Ironically, the mainstream media does this while professing that both political parties have proven ineffectual and propagandizing that a new political faction could dominate politics. This new breed of politicians, however, espouses no new ideas and has yet to acquire solid public support. Those who have jumped on the third-party band wagon should expect a short ride.

Dirty Democrats

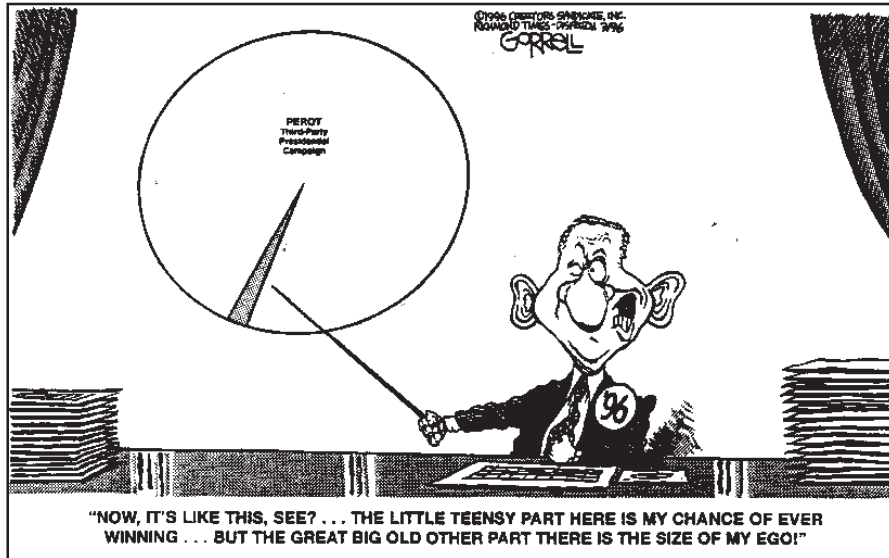
And they say Republicans are unscrupulous. Former US Congressman and House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski and former Massachusetts House Speaker “Good

Time” Charlie Flaherty, both Democrats, have plead guilty to federal corruption charges. Rostenkowski will serve a seventeen-month prison sentence and pay a \$100,000 fine, and thanks to State-House Republicans, Flaherty was forced to resign months ahead of schedule.

Last year, the Chicago Democrat was accused of obstruction of justice and laundering (for personal use) federal bills totaling \$636,600, plus \$56,267 in campaign funds. The 17-count felony indictment specified that he exploited access to official funds so that employees could perform “Rosty’s” chores, in addition to a host of other unethical expenditures.

Fifteen-term Cambridge Democrat Charles Flaherty has plead guilty to tax evasion and state ethics violations. When the self-described “unreconstructed liberal” and several State House employees were photographed with lobbyists on a Puerto Rico beach in 1992, an investigation was launched to discover the nature of the relationship. A three-year federal probe resulted in felony charges, of which the liberal tax-and-spender admitted tax evasion.

Both Rostenkowski and Flaherty are throwbacks from the days of machine politics. Not content with making careers of living on the dole, the dirty duo confiscated tax-payer funds for their own self-serving, luxurious purposes. For taking advantage of the American people, seventeen months and a simple resignation are insufficient punishments.



Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS A Georgia couple added a new twist to their Boston marathon run by getting married half way through the race. They were probably too tired to enjoy their wedding night.

PS Boston police are warning the public to beware of thieves posing as telecommunications workers. We know.

PS The US Senate unanimously passed a bill requiring cigarette manufacturers disclose to state health officials all additives and nicotine levels in their products. They should also disclose how much these bureaucrats get paid.

PS Princess Diana burst into tears over tabloid stories accompanied by photos indicating that she has cellulite. She didn't seem to mind being called a slut, though.

PS The Lincoln, Nebraska, Postal Service announced that it will begin delivering 12,000 Social Security checks previously thought to be missing. The money would never have been lost if it hadn't been taken from everyone in the first place.

PS New Hampshire officials are hot on the trail of two prostitutes accused of soliciting truckers over CB radios by asking if the they desired "commercial company." Apparently they were too ugly to do it in person.

PS A sixty-year-old woman from Albany stopped an attacker by offering him a cup of tea and then fled when he used the bathroom. Unfortunately, the crook caught up with Granny because the hard candy in her purse weighed her down.

PS A Swedish couple wanted to name their son "Brfxxccxxmnpccclllmmnprxvclmncckssplbb11116". When the government resisted, they settled on "I."

PS Tenth-grader Nicole Thidobeaux beat out thousands of competitors to win the River of Words poetry contest... including Maya Angelou.

PS Last week's heavy snowfall interrupted the "Take Back the Night" rally at Tufts. The protestors are frigid enough as it is.

PS If they really wanted to be useful, they would have put down the signs and picked up a shovel.

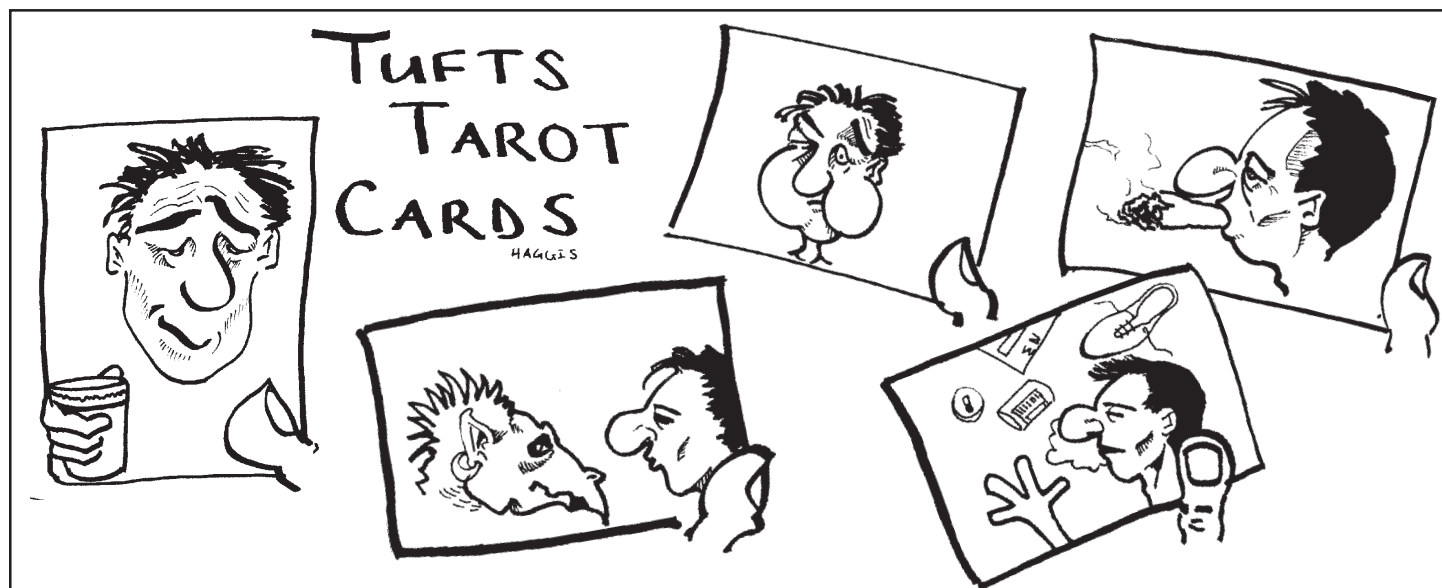
PS Four Pennsylvania jailbirds escaped from jail by stripping, overpowering guards, and then donning their haberdashery. Nobody was suspicious, this sort of activity goes on all the time in prisons.

PS The FDA has warned consumers that certain herbal drugs may, in extreme circumstances, be lethal. Only if you inhale.

PS A rotten fruit was responsible for an odor that caused the evacuation of an Alaska state office building. The official was dismissed immediately.

PS Mayor Peter Torigan of Peabody, Massachusetts, withdrew all city accounts from Fleet Bank when the company decided to close down its local branch. What's ten bucks, anyway?

PS Convicted child molester Larry McQuay signed an agreement with a victims' group that will pay for his castration. That takes balls.



PS A Minneapolis judge ruled that no laws were broken when the Apostolic Assembly Church disturbed neighbors with its exuberant worshipping. Good thing they weren't praying to Gaia.

PS Once again, residents of Volga, South Dakota, will vote on whether to repeal local laws prohibiting the sale of liquor. Expect the repeal to take place—you need a drink if you live there.

PS Nebraska Wesleyan University students are complaining about the presence of the Confederate flag in a student's dorm room. He also cross-dressed.

PS *P.O.V.* magazine ranks "college professor" as one of the top ten career fields to dump. We would add "Dean of Advising" and "Telecommunications Analyst."

PS New Jersey is considering relaxing standards concerning the handling of toxic waste. They were trying to make it easier to bring George Steinbrenner across the Hudson.

PS More from the Eco freaks: Inglis, Florida, loons are protesting the construction of a small hydroelectric plant that won't pollute the atmosphere. They're concerned, however, that flooding will endanger manatees. And their trailer parks, too.

PS DC Councilman Jack Evans wants to enact legislation that fines parents of graffiti vandals. The additional revenue will go towards replenishing Mayor Barry's pipe.

PS Tonya "Hacker" Harding filed for divorce so she can focus on skating. Perhaps she should focus on scaling down that gargantuan sized rear of hers.

PS US auto sales in Japan have risen fifty percent since 1995's trade accord. Break out the bubbly, that makes three Tempos this year.

PS From the normally light intelligence in government file: fewer than one in twenty non-detained illegal immigrants respond to letters instructing them to report for deportation. They ought to try writing the letters in Spanish.

PS A student-run TV news station will soon hit the campus media scene at the University of Kansas. For the first show, they have booked Bob Dole. The segment will be called "Bob Dole talks about Bob Dole's campaign."

PS TUTV tried to land the old coot for their soap opera but they had to settle for *Daily* pariah Josh Robin.

PS Over the past decade, South Carolina has paid almost a million dollars to victims of police misconduct. Let's go to the videotape.



PS Richmond prosecutors want to indict state legislator Robert Nelms for indecent exposure, but they have to wait until session is over. He'll hang loose until then, so everyone'll have to just grin and bare it.

PS Missouri officials evacuated two buildings when construction workers discovered an object resembling a bomb. To the hard hatters' chagrin, it was a false alarm. They must have been trained at Tufts' engineering school.

PS A group of Ohio students wants "Yield" signs installed at the point where ducks cross a local highway. The kids forgot that ducks can't read.

PS Neither can half the people in Ohio.

PS After a passenger was too late for his flight connection in Phoenix the pilot threw the poor schlepp's luggage overboard and took off. So much for the friendly skies.

PS A Los Angeles judge issued a warrant to arrest Hugh Grant's partner in crime, Divine Brown, after she failed to appear in court. What a head case.

PS The Philippines is now the second largest marijuana producer in the world. And the White House tops the consumption list.

PS A *Sunday Times* featured an ad supporting affirmative action which stated that race-based preferences "help men of all colors," among other lies. The ad was signed by Elizabeth Ammons, Gerald Gill, and Saul Slapikoff, to name a few. How fitting.

Liberals Anonymous

Colin Kingsbury

One of the greatest tragedies of our time is the epidemic commonly known as liberalism. Like a disease, it creeps into our lives unnoticed, slowly strengthening as it sucks the life out of the unsuspecting victim. If left untreated, liberalism can even permanently damage a person's ability to reason. Sadly, statistics show that universities—once centers of enlightenment—have now become veritable breeding grounds for this affliction.

Past approaches to curing liberalism have focused on trying to reason with the liberal, to convince him that he is, in fact, wrong. We generally accuse the liberal of nihilism and immorality. However, revolutionary new research indicates that liberalism results from a far more complex process than a simple personal choice. Heart attacks may result from too-frequent visits to McDonald's, but when a man is dying, you don't give him nutritional advice, you give him CPR. In short, we must stop treating liberals as outcasts, bring them into our midst, and offer them the help they so sorely need.

Identification

Phase one: identify the liberal. Though many left-wingers wear their condition as a badge of pride, far more either deny or do not realize the root of their problems. Though identifying liberalism can at times prove difficult, clinicians at THE SOURCE have developed a short list of questions you can use to diagnose yourself or anyone else you may worry about. Answer the following questions "yes" or "no."

1. Have you ever argued that "pure communism" might work?
2. Do you ever refer to citizens of the United States as "something-Americans?" (i.e. Irish-American, Termite-American, etc.)
3. Have you ever quoted from The Little Red Book?
4. Should the rich pay their fair share?

5. Have you ever called a Republican or Conservative "fascist"? (Note: Pat Buchanan does not count.)

6. Do families come in many shapes and sizes?

7. Do you believe that female leg hair is an assertion of self-empowerment?

8. Do you own the *I, Rigoberta Menchu* box set?

Now count how many "yes" answers you gave. If you have trouble counting that high, you probably went to public school. If you answered all questions "no," come to our next meeting. Regard one or two "yes" answers as a warning sign, but regular reading of *National Review* will probably solve your problem. If you gave three or four affirmative responses, you probably should consider reading on, or talking with a registered Conservative. If you answered "yes" to all questions, however, stop whatever

have difficulty achieving this goal on a college campus, where people openly espouse and embrace liberalism. But behind every seemingly calm left-wing demeanor lurks a future of broken families, empty bank accounts, and stupid books written by Al Franken. Take solace, however, because once you've gotten out of denial, it only gets easier.

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You then need to surrender to a higher conservative power. Many possibilities exist, including William F. Buckley, Ronald Reagan, Vaclav Havel, and Milton Friedman. Hang their pictures up, and meditate over them when you first get up in the morning. Get copies of their works, and read them. You might someday come to appreciate the folly your life has been up to this point.

Upon reaching step three, you must discover the roots of your liberalism. Do not underestimate the importance of this procedure—very few people create their false ideas. Evidence shows that if one or both of your parents were liberal, the chances of you, too, falling victim to this plight greatly increase. Teachers and other role models may also lead gullible admirers astray. Or maybe you are a pathetic, hopeless human being whose only future is made up of what can be taken from society and given to you. If this is true, rejoice!

You have seen the truth, and it shall empower and revitalize you. You may even land a job as a university administrator.

The fourth step requires acknowledging property rights as society's greatest good. Your money belongs to you, and no



Drunk on Liberalism

you are doing and call us immediately. We will send three SOURCE staffers, trained to respond to emergency situations, and see if you have a snowball's chance in hell.

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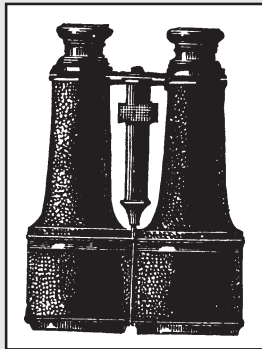
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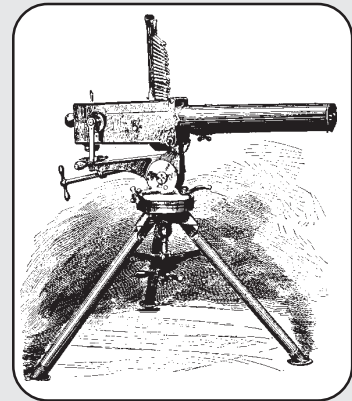
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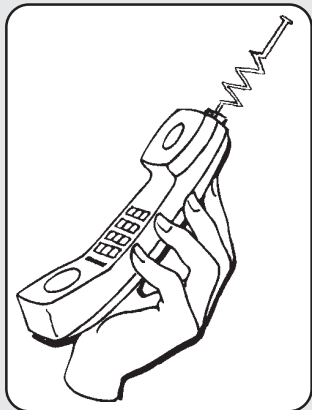
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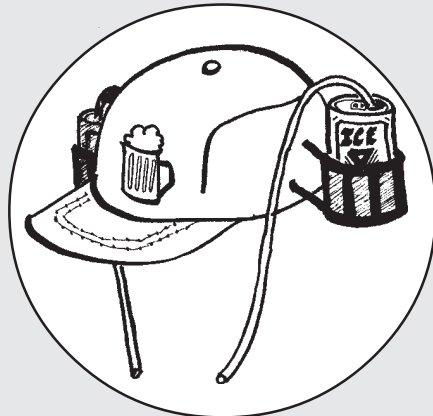
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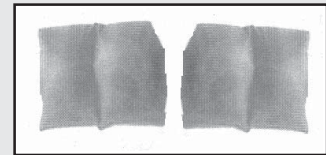
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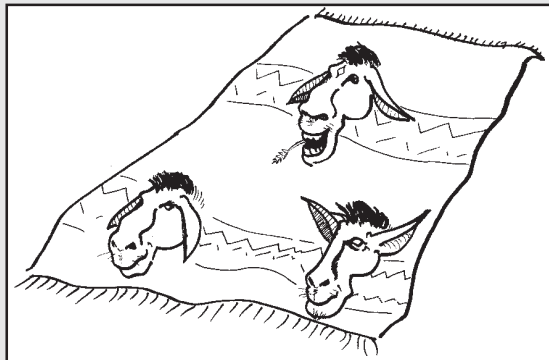
A phone— to call for help in case someone's drowning



If the binoculars fail



Waterwings for one



3-man beach blanket (guess who gets 2 spots)



A sand castle, public of course



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	1 B.A.D. (Bobbie Appreciation Day) IV	2 Veal B-B-Q at Oxfam	Seize U.C.'s
7	8 Linda Gabrielle's monthly hissy fit	9 Chaplain's Table: Efficiency and the Registrar. can we have both?	Take Back Remember
14 Start Smoking Day	15 TAX DAY: 'nuff said	16 Beyond Ballou: Why are we afraid to work?	
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10 at the Right: er the '80s	11 Zamboni comes out: Source t-shirt to anyone who finds a joke	12 Ollie North Fan Club Meeting	13
17	18 Panel Discussion: Why "Yes" means "VIOLATED"	19 Scavenger hunt at 3:30 in TAB: find someone still at work	20 Kids' Day— It took a village
24 ok in et Day	25 Guest Speaker: Capt. Hazelwood	26	27 Spring Fling: VIOLATE! the femmes.

SPRING SENSATIONS

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The League Leaders...

John DiBiaggio

Statistics:



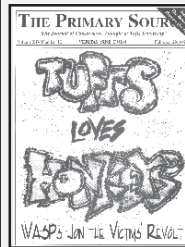
BBs (Bureaucracy Bolstering) 290
 Leads the league in hiring meddling henchmyn
 DPs (Diversity Policing) 100
 Would have scored higher but his teammates always pinch-hit
 S (Silliness) 1.000
 He's a member of the silliest roster in the league.

Bio:

The consummate utility man, he's made a career of playing every position. The best pivot man in the division, he always postpones promises indefinitely. He leads the league in errors.

THE SOURCE

Statistics:



SBs (Sensitivity Bashing) 63
 THE SOURCE never wastes an at-bat.
 ERA (Equal Rights Activism) .500
 The Bill of Rights is THE SOURCE's power hitter, but the team falls short in the rally department.
 PH (Poli Sci Hacks) .289
 Thankfully, this stat is steadily decreasing.

Bio:

The whole line-up bats right and the team's bullpen can always be counted on for excellent relief. They always manage to score despite constantly being thrown curveballs.

League Notes:

The Ballou Bombers play their home games in the House that Bruce Built. On the mound, southpaw Bobbie Knable has the perfect pitch but reliever Linda Gabrielle has poor delivery and has mastered the balk. Liz Ammons and Marilyn Glater are a reliable double play combination but unfortunately for the Bombers, the pair will be broken up next year when Ammons is sent back to the minors. On offense, Bat Boy I. Melvin Bernstein hands a Somerville Slugger to Peggy Barrett, who assumes the cleanup position. And Marjorie Minnigh, always way off base, leads the league in stealing.

The Richardson Recluses have the best defense in the league— no one ever scores on them. The TLGBCers boast a lineup full of switch hitters. Even though they always finish last, they have their pride. The Observer Bootlicks, a lost cause, are perpetually jeered by both of their fans. Even when they get on base, they never get any leads. Worst of all, they always let the Ballou Bombers win. With this group always striking out, expect THE SOURCE to win the Pennant.

Red Herrings

Colin Delaney

Leveling a charge of McCarthyism at a meeting of the United States Senate garners the offending legislator censure by the entire body. Most American history books consider the “reign” of Wisconsin Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy one of the nation’s darkest periods. The oft-maligned National History Standards, in addition to lending Pat Buchanan’s Houston convention speech too many pages, devotes much of its treatment of postwar America to the “red scare.”

On the popular level, two of Hollywood’s leading liberal activists starred the 1973 film *The Way We Were*, the story of hard love between the communist activist played by Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford as a screenwriter. By the film’s end the couple divorces, having fought over her response to a House Un-American Activities Committee inquiry. Similarly, leftist essayists at *The Nation* have— for a thirty year period which ended only recently— defended the innocence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the couple convicted of and executed for atomic treason. Although *The Nation* reversed itself in 1995, the well-known liberal editors of *The New York Times* still refuse to run articles exposing the revelations of recently released government documents. Thus, certain media outlets continue to protect the notion that paranoid “red-baiters” acted unjustly in their attempts to expose the activities of people allegedly working for the forces of international communism.

Unfortunately for these revisionists, a new crop of historians and investigative journalists have begun revising popular notions of the time period most closely identified with Senator McCarthy. *National Review*, the voice of Twentieth-Century American conservatism, has lead the charge to bring the work of these investigators into the mainstream. *The Weekly Standard*, too, has devoted numerous articles to reviewing current research. And the most convincing arguments advanced by the crop of new scholars focus

on the fruits of the Venona Project, an Office of Strategic Services (forerunner to the CIA) undertaking to decode communications between Soviet missions in the US and Moscow. The truth about the postwar anti-communist movement sat for too great a time on the colored altar of liberal politics. Only by reopening this despised chapter of American history can one discover the actual extent of the threat.

As early as February 22, 1946, officers at the highest levels of the United States government had detected a threat to national security from agents of the Soviet Union working within domestic society. Indeed, the individual credited with first recognizing and correctly analyzing Soviet ambitions, George Kennan, identified Moscow’s devious multi-pronged approach to international affairs. The analyst wrote that the KGB did consider some elements of capitalist civilizations its allies: in Moscow’s view, there are “certain wholly enlightened and positive elements united in acceptable communistic parties and certain other elements whose reactions, aspirations, and activities happen to be ‘objectively’ favorable to interests of USSR. These



Long defended by the left, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for crimes they *did* commit.

last must be encouraged and utilized for Soviet purposes. ...‘Democratic-progressive’ elements abroad are to be utilized to bring maximum pressure to bear on capitalist governments along lines agreeable to Soviet interests.” More importantly, subversives in the West had already set up

an extensive network of radical leftists interested in aiding the worldwide workers’ revolution.

Like all nations engaged in war, the Soviet Union spied on its enemies, Japan and Germany. Unlike most countries, the communists in Moscow deemed it neces-

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sary to spy on allies, too. Hence the enormous efforts of KGB officers and agents who infiltrated the Manhattan Project. Although leftists defended Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as innocent victims of “red-baiters,” the newest evidence shows— beyond any question of a doubt— that they had, indeed, passed secrets to the USSR.

Recently released records from wartime counter-intelligence projects indicate that a vast ring of spies operated on a number of levels within the West. By the end of World War II, Anatoli Yakovlev, a KGB case officer, found himself managing the most infamous network of spies in the United States; his best agents: Klaus Fuchs, Harry Gold, and Julius Rosenberg. As testimony from the 1950s indicates, Yakovlev used Gold to contact Dr. Fuchs, the German refugee-scientist then working for the British atom bomb project. And at a Cambridge, Massachusetts, meeting in early 1945, Fuchs informed Gold that he was to be assigned to the Los Alamos site. Yakovlev then arranged a rendezvous for Gold to meet Fuchs in Santa Fe, New Mexico, sealing the Soviets’ second direct link into Los Alamos. The other source inside the Manhattan Project was David Greenglass, a communist soldier-machinist who had been recruited by his brother-in-law, Julius Rosenberg, to turn over sketches of his work on the bomb.

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The spy net's fall began shortly after Fuchs returned to England in 1949, when a Soviet atomic energy specialist indiscreetly referred to information that could only have come from Los Alamos. At the same time, Meredith Gardner, a brilliant statistician working on the Venona decoding

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project, decrypted a five-year-old message that identified the leak. British investigators quickly closed in on their suspect, and, following arrest on charges of espionage, Fuchs confessed in January 1950. The jailed turncoat rolled on his contact, Gold, who in turn saved his own life by naming David Greenglass as a co-conspirator. Yet another decoded message dating from 1944 sealed the link to LIBERAL (Julius Rosenberg), and dovetailed with Greenglass's repentant confession.

Unlike many of their recruits, the Rosenbergs did not go quietly. The evidence disclosed at trial demonstrating their participation in the Soviet net was furnished mainly by David Greenglass and his wife, by the confession of Harry Gold (who was already serving a thirty-year sentence for espionage), and by several of the men who worked for or with Rosenberg. Nevertheless, they proclaimed their innocence to the very end (their near simultaneous executions at Sing Sing on June 19, 1953), the mild-mannered woman telling her attorney, "We are the victims of American Fascism. Love you..." And with that final political protest, LIBERAL's wife ignited a fire of skepticism about the couple's guilt.

As noted, essayists at the progressive journal *The Nation*, defended the Rosenbergs' memory for decades. In 1965, Walter and Miriam Schneir wrote *Invitation to an Inquest*, a book they admit concluded that the Rosenbergs were "unjustly convicted" and "punished for a crime that never occurred." Granted, neither the public nor the 1951 Rosenberg jury had access

to the Venona files that, in the government's mind, conclusively proved the couple's guilt. And by the time that the Schneirs published their conclusions, the political climate supported widespread acceptance. After all, Soviet archives now reveal that KGB active measures had, ever since the execution, "encouraged the belief that the Rosenbergs were innocent victims of an anti-communist witch hunt," according to respected analyst Christopher Andrew.

But long before the Venona disclosures, those not swayed by leftist rabble-rousing agreed with the jury's finding. In his memoirs, retired CIA officer Harry Rositzke noted that "The evidence against Julius Rosenberg is, for a counterintelligence officer, convincing if not incontrovertible.... [The couple's] statements, and the tangible evidence presented at trial, leave little room for innocence." And now that the NSA has released the Venona transcripts, there can be no doubt, even for leftist spin-masters like the Schneirs. In an astounding retraction, the Rosenbergs' defenders wrote: "The Venona messages show that Julius Rosenberg was the head of a spy ring gathering and passing nonatomic defense information to the Soviets. ...Based on our knowledge of the case, it is our judgement that the Venona intercepts are authentic, which is to say that they are what they purport to be."

Even with this shocking about-face, the Schneirs suggest that Julius should not have been executed and that he is not wholly responsible for his actions because Rosenberg only capitalized on 'fortunate' circumstances. The Schneirs declared that "the Venona documents corroborate only a relatively minor role in atomic espionage for Julius, one that occurred as a result of the serendipitous stationing at Los Alamos of his brother-in-law David Greenglass." They further maintain their defense of Ethel Rosenberg and suggest that she truly was a victim of witch-hunting.

Of course, their proclamations constitute nothing more than the usual doublespeak. In one sentence, Julius headed a nonatomic spy ring; in another, he had a

minor role in atomic espionage. By the same logic, Ethel was not an agent— even though Venona documents the Schneirs quote indicate that she knew about Julius's activities, and the KGB knew about her: "Your no. 5356. Information on LIBERAL's wife. Surname that of her husband, first name Ethel, 29 years old. ...Knows about her husband's work...." Whether or not he recruited his wife, Julius did enlist her cooperation. Even if Ethel was not on Moscow's payroll, she willingly aided and abetted her husband's work. With documents provided by the new Venona releases— texts that even arch anti-anti-communists like the Schneirs admit certify the spies' guilt— there can be no doubt that, from 1943 to 1950, the KGB utilized agents in the United States to provide intelligence which the Kremlin exploited to direct foreign policy and, ultimately, construct its atomic bomb.

Thus, the US government had every reason to launch an investigation of suspected subversives. Regrettably, Senator Joseph McCarthy's work as chairman of the campaign to ensure loyalty completely

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discredited the hard work of others. The revisionist historians are correct insofar as McCarthy's hearings resembled 1692 Salem more than the enlightened society of which he was a part. The tactics employed by the most high-profile communist hunters were no less evil than their traitorous prey's. And as Andrew noted, McCarthy's "self-serving crusade against the Red Menace helped make the liberal opinion around the world skeptical of the reality of the Soviet intelligence offensive against the Main Adversary." Now, with the evidence provided by Venona releases, history must rely upon the hubris of errant revisionists to admit the truth and clear the record. Knowing the reconstructionist left, the nation will have a long wait.

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April's Fools

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Liberalism is riddled with hypocrisy. While the left's incessant contradictions seldom rattle the average Generation Xer or free-love era leftover, they often frustrate those who lean to the right. Surprisingly, such liberal doublespeak is not the result of duplicity. Quite the contrary, ribbon wearers' well-intentioned blind faith results largely from ignorance. If the false revolutionaries bothered to educate themselves, they would discover not only liberalism's inherent deficiencies but a new alliance with "reactionary nuts."

The arrival of Spring enticed many Tuftonians to meander about the Hill, some sporting pins for their favorite meritless cause mounted on outfits clearly coordinated to evoke a sense of counterculture. Now, I will abstain from making further fashion commentary, other than to note that most of these rabbleroising (yet somehow indifferent) Jumbos had cigarettes dangling from their mouths. Of course, there is nothing wrong with an individual's decision to smoke, but I find the butt-people's inconsistent behavior offensive.

Although pseudo-activists praised the words delivered by Congressman Henry Waxman in his speech at the Sculpture Court two weeks ago, it would not surprise me if half of them left Aidekman to enjoy a post-oration smoke. For those who do not read "Commentary," Waxman castigated tobacco companies for intentionally inflicting harmful effects on their patrons. I'm sure that Philip Morris and friends purposely infect people with lung cancer so they can no longer buy cigarettes, but that aside, the reprehensible Representative acts as if smokers have no minds of their own. Do campus vagrants in front of The Commons willfully inhale, or are they roped into it by the Marlboro Man? Perhaps the phallic oppressor Joe Camel is to blame.

What about coffee? Are regulars at the Rez who buy flavored caffeine-loaded beverages victims of Juan Valdez's despotism? Maybe the coffee king deserves spe-

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cial consideration because he comes from a diverse and marginalized background. (Never mind that Señor Sanka does not live in a hut, nor does he fear the wrath of a brutal right-wing dictator.) Contrary to Waxman-groupie rhetoric, Dunkin' Donuts' best customers—like smokers—are not victims of capitalist deceit. Rather, they knowingly accept the possible consequences of their harmful habits.



Exhibit A: Holier-than-thou lefties left these behind

Liberals constantly rant and rave about pollution and littering. Remarkably, this does not offend my mean-spirited self. After all, fumes and rubbish affect people other than the perpetrator. But, I find it ludicrous that someone from the Human-Animal Mutualism Society (whose acronym incidentally is "HAMS") or a lawn doctor from the E-House would flash me discerning looks for throwing my 100% biodegradable apple core behind a bush (where it will most likely turn into lunch

for a squirrel) when shortly thereafter, the righteous liberal extinguishes his cigarette on the ground. Anyone who doubts this assertion should take a stroll by the grassy knoll behind the Campus Center (refer to Exhibit A). And it is safe to assume that most of the accused would proudly claim membership in the liberal camp. Take note, it is improbable that you will ever see a SOURCER puffing away and using the Earth as his ashtray. For all the fun Tufts' media pokes at Colin Delaney's cigar habit, I challenge you to spot him discarding the remnants of said stogies around campus.

Even though I promised to refrain from additional fashion insights, the spirit of hypocrisy has forced my hand. I think it fair to say that liberals deem animal rights an important issue. They wage constant letter campaigns to stop animal testing and end the wearing of fur. (Ignore that federal regulators—not deranged executives—cause animal testing.) And a good number of "friends of the furry" don leather shoes and belts for protests and drive home in their cars with leather interiors to put on sheepskin slippers and recline on leather couches. Perhaps you can dismiss my characterization as a gross exaggeration, but surely some level of hypocrisy exists. Don't get me wrong; I am very much an animal lover. But I would not be able to encourage vegetarianism and denounce wearing anything that was made possible by the death of helpless creatures all the while stomping around in Birkenstocks. Does this hippie attire not count in the leather category?

Speaking of nature, I'd like to comment on public breast-feeding. Maybe I'm heterosexist to the point that I do not enjoy looking at bare-breasted women, but I think

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one else. Government extracts most taxes against your will; such coercion is highly immoral. You alone control your own life. Marx advocated controlling peoples' lives for them, and that explains why communism always becomes tyranny, even if it was meant to create a "Workers' Paradise."

Now that you have come this far, take the fifth step, and reject all forces which work against Truth. Anti-intellectualism, revisionism, Afro-centrism, political correctness, Freshman Orientation, and English 2 all serve to misconstrue facts for

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Sociology, Anthropology, and English courses already attempt to sensitize students. Tufts is an academic institution and students are here to learn. Discussions of emotions and feelings are best relegated to psychology classes.

Pearl Robinson from the Political Science department neatly, albeit unintentionally, summed up both the true cause of existing, but exaggerated, racial tension as well as the panelists' agendas: she recommended that Tufts focus not on individual diversity, but on group culture. If Robinson

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even some liberals will agree that such displays are inappropriate in a restaurant, for instance. I spent much of a meal at Uno's in Porter next to a woman fondling herself trying to get her disinterested baby to nurse. After this incident, I noticed it was not an isolated phenomenon. I have even spotted local Medford/Somerville matriarchs plopping down on benches around campus to showcase their babies' lunches for the Tufts community. Funny, when a woman flashes her breasts we call it indecency; if there is a baby attached to them, however, we call that nature.

For those who defend public breast-feeding as "natural," I have two responses. The first is simply that many things are "natural." Urination is natural, but public urination is prohibited by law. What an outrage! Secondly, many subscribers to liberalism often deny that women and men

political ends. You will also accept that absolute truths do, in fact, exist. An idea can simply be right, and any assertion which contradicts that is irretrievably wrong. Even if that reality offends someone.

Finally, you must renounce liberalism. By this point, that should present a problem. Go back and read that paper you wrote in PS 45, and you will probably laugh at yourself. That is a healthy sign, because unlike conservatives, liberals can rarely take a joke without crying offense. You do not need to immediately call yourself conservative, but simply remember the six steps, and what you learned back in the "bad old days."

believes that having students define themselves by their ethnicity is worthwhile, she ignores history. In the past, focusing on differences polarized people instead of generating an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding. Historic tragedies from slavery in America to the Holocaust in Nazi Germany to current genocide in Bosnia have all occurred because group categorization superseded individual qualities.

Much of the blame for both academic and social deterioration falls on the administration. Tufts encourages and promotes deans and faculty who abandon their academic responsibilities to effect social change on campus. As these extremists rise

are fundamentally different and that women have uniquely feminine roles. They somehow think that a woman who chooses to be a housewife and take care of her children is far less successful than one who is a lawyer and hires a stranger to raise the kids. Anyone who berates the virtues of motherhood and attempts to renounce solely feminine traits is necessarily disqualified from defending public breast-feeding.

Though many readers may label my arguments as fanatical, I mean only to communicate that on the whole, Tufts' student body is politically apathetic, except for the trendy issues. While each individual has his own interests, the danger lies in following the crowd. If you truly think you are a liberal, ask yourself "Why?". If the answer sounds something like, "Because my parent(s) brought me up that way," or "Because I want to help people," that's a signal to do some soul searching. I extend the same advice to conservatives in the analogous predicament, but I am confi-

Your new life may include some rough experiences. Temptation will surround you: Marxist professors, Action Groups, Coalitions, the basement of Eaton Hall, *Observer* editorials, and The Commons can all be very seductive. People you thought were friends will turn away when they discover the new you. But take heart; they move away because you remind them of their weaknesses. You will find new friends, keep many old ones, and probably get into a lot of arguments. Ultimately, you, too, will call yourself a "recovering liberal." Wear your title with pride. You earned it.

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Exploitation of the Proletariat.*

through the ranks, they gain the authority to devote university resources to their pet projects and hire faculty who advance leftist agendas. Dean of Arts and Humanities Elizabeth Ammons, for example, tried to eradicate the Religion department soon after her promotion. The faculty panel was just another attempt to further a narrow set of political objectives. Faculty meetings should contain lively discussions of methods for improving scholarship, not impositions of limited viewpoints.

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dent that they are far fewer in number.

My guess is that most of the student body maintains conservative stances on many issues, respect for people's personal rights, for example. But the social stigma of conservatism (not to mention ignorance about what the conservative ideology really espouses) leads many people to make an uninformed, and with all due respect, unintelligent, self-categorization. I would wager that many Tufts students who brand themselves "liberal" do not even have a firm understanding of the basic tenets of that ideology. Rather than following the mainstream like lemmings, be independent thinkers. Challenge your views as well as those of your peers. You are allotted four years to explore life's perplexing issues in an intellectually rich environment—take advantage of it.

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Gasping for Air

Keith Levenberg

After attempts to abolish the death penalty failed in the legislative arena, opponents of capital punishment focused their attention on the courts. While only a minority of Justices accepted the notion that the Eighth Amendment proscribes capital punishment, abolitionism reached its apex in the 1972 case *Furman v. Georgia*, in which the Supreme Court declared death-penalty laws unconstitutional in their application. Justice Brennan's majority opinion sparked a revolution in interpretation by which, for the first time, justices could settle political questions by redefining the meaning of the Constitution according to their personal prejudices. Tragically, abolitionists who advocated this new hermeneutic ignored countless ways by which the Constitution really does prohibit certain implementations of capital punishment.

In *Furman*, Brennan created a test to determine a punishment's acceptability under the Eighth Amendment. The test's first claim was the core of Brennan's argument; it stipulates that the punishment must not degrade human dignity. Brennan then argued that arbitrarily-inflicted punishments are unacceptable because human dignity is degraded when some are punished more severely than others for the same crime. He added that social disapproval is an appropriate criterion by which to judge a punishment's degrading effects and that excessive punishments are defined as "nothing more than the pointless infliction of suffering."

However, Brennan's reasoning does not stand on firm constitutional ground. It depends on the validity of the 'right to dignity,' on which the whole test is based. Brennan argues that "the primary principle [of the Eighth Amendment] is that a punishment must not be so severe as to be degrading to the dignity of human beings."

However, his 'interpretation' of the Amendment is actually a revisionist falsehood; no right to dignity exists in the Eighth Amendment or any other part of the Constitution.

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ignoring more cogent constitutional arguments. Worse still, it furthers the indefensible jurisprudence of constitutional revisionism. In order to create the right to dignity, it is necessary to undermine the authority of the Constitution itself. Brennan himself acknowledged that he could cite no legal evidence of the new 'right'; when challenged, Brennan amorphously pronounced that "this text [the Constitution] is a sparkling vision of the supremacy of the human dignity of every individual."



Judge Robert Bork

By acknowledging that a right to dignity is not explicitly granted by the Constitution but implied by the spirit thereof, Brennan provides only one means by which the Court can protect it. Lacking any constitutional referent, justices must decide for themselves when and how they wish to apply the right in accordance with their own philosophies. However, as Robert Bork

pointed out, "If there were a human dignity clause in the Constitution..., it would not necessarily give the results [Brennan] wants. A justice of different temperament could as easily dwell upon the human dignity of the murderer's victim as upon the dignity of the murderer. The result of that exercise might be not merely to uphold the death penalty but to insist that states must use it." Clearly, then, it does not further abolitionists' goals to insist that the Constitution protects dignity, nor is it constitutionally defensible in any case. To rest

the fate of abolition on a free-floating 'right to dignity' is to rely solely on the arbitrary predispositions of whatever justices happen to sit on the bench at any given time. It is far better to argue the issue on the Eighth Amendment's widely agreed-upon subjects: severity, pain, and abuse of state power.

Brennan's position would be easier to justify through the Eighth Amendment had he based it solely on concerns about one of the most obvious measures of cruelty (aside from pain, which Brennan acknowledges), severity. A twenty-year jail sentence for kidnapping may not be severe, but the same sentence for petty larceny would be undeniably severe—and therefore "cruel and unusual." Objections to such a harsh sentence for a minor crime do not depend on any undesirable conditions associated with the sentence; the sentence is cruel and unusual solely because of its severity.

By this reasoning, one could easily conclude that the death penalty is unnecessarily severe just because states grant that life imprisonment is an acceptable sentence for every capital crime. It follows that if life imprisonment is an appropriate means of punishing a crime, then any punishment which is more severe is inherently excessive—thereby violating the Eighth Amendment. Brennan rightfully accepts severity as one of his precepts, but errs in assuming that the

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objection to severity is a consequence of the 'right to dignity.' According to Brennan, "A punishment may be degrading [to human dignity] simply by reason of its enormity." The punishment may be all of these things, but it violates the Eighth Amendment if, and only if, it dispenses undue severity.

It comes as no surprise, then, that the strongest element of Brennan's argument can stand on its own constitutional merits regardless of the 'right to dignity.' Brennan holds that "the very words 'cruel and unusual punishment' imply condemnation of the arbitrary infliction of severe punishments." Whenever the courts impose an excessively severe punishment by arbitrary or discriminatory means, the punishment is not just "cruel and unusual" but also violates an individual's Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection under the law. Brennan makes a token attempt to connect this with his artificially constructed right to dignity, but in so doing only weakens his argument. If severe punishments are passed down by applying different criteria to different persons, then it clearly violates the literal language of both the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments. Because the Fifth Amendment prevents the state from taking a citizen's life without due process of law, discriminatory capital punishment is clearly unconstitutional in any case.

Brennan's attempt to create a right to dignity epitomizes the activist position in a conflict that has defined late-Twentieth-Century constitutional law: whether a law receives its moral content from its framers or the moral predispositions of its judges. The activist position holds that justices, under the guise of "interpretation," may add new values to the Constitution that reflect their own moral standards. Such a position is fundamentally contradictory to the principle of constitutionalism, which demands that society be governed by written principles unalterable but for specific procedures outlined therein.

Justice Stewart's opinion in *Gregg v. Georgia* clearly illustrates why abolitionists should not base their position on the assumption that the Constitution is a "living document" whose meaning and ideals change over time. Prior to *Gregg*, aboli-

tionists were fond of invoking Chief Justice Warren's admonition that "the [Eighth] Amendment must draw its meaning from the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society." But using social standards to determine the death penalty's constitutional validity surrenders the Constitution's moral authority to the popular sovereignty. Given that thirty-

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five states passed death penalty laws between *Furman* and *Gregg*, social standards clearly did not look down on capital punishment. If the Constitution truly drew its meaning from the public's fickle moral standards, any democratically enacted death penalty law would be constitutional.



Justice Brennan's logic.

Fortunately, the Constitution's meaning does not come from intangible social mores. Justice Scalia pointed out that the popularity of this assumption "is essentially an ameliorist view that each and every day, in each and every way, society only gets better and better. The idea seems to be that societies only mature; they never rot." The steady increase in popular sup-

port for capital punishment since the 1960s clearly shows that America's moral fabric has indeed disintegrated to the point where the criminal justice system has become nothing more than subsidized lynching. For this reason, constitutional arguments against the death penalty should be made in accordance with originalist jurisprudence rather than some arbitrary moral consensus determined by the judiciary.

The idea that the Eighth Amendment proscribes the death penalty as presently applied, but not in the 18th century, is not inconsistent with strict constructionism. The Court in *Weems v. United States* noted that "time works changes, brings into

existence new conditions and purposes. Therefore a principle to be vital must be capable of wider application than the mischief which gave it birth." A constitutional principle can apply to different 'mischiefs' at different times, though the meaning of the principle itself remains static; the same punishment may be cruel and unusual in one instance and not another. As Judge Bork noted, "A judge who refuses to see new threats to an established constitutional value, and hence provides a crabbed interpretation that robs a provision of its full, fair, and reasonable meaning, fails in his judicial duty... to ensure that the powers and freedoms the founders specified are made effective in today's altered world. The evolution of doctrine to accomplish that end contravenes no postulate of judicial restraint."

Valid constitutional objections to capital punishment stem not from any characteristics inherent in the death penalty itself but to peculiarities in its execution. The Constitution does not universally condemn capital punishment but merely enumerates certain conditions under which it may not be applied—such as an abuse of due process. Abolitionists seeking a broader prohibition of capital punishment should not look to the Constitution unless they wish to amend it. No matter how ethically bankrupt the penalty of death may be, the Constitution cannot and should not act as the ultimate arbiter in all of the nation's moral disputes. The Supreme Court was never meant to decide great questions of ethics or justice; it decides only the law.

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Senator Shameless

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Massachusetts Governor and Senate hopeful William Weld successfully exposed incumbent Senator John Kerry's true colors last week in the first of seven televised debates. Kerry's record of exorbitant taxation belies his pretense of being the more compassionate statesman. Even devout subscribers to liberalism must recognize that the federal and state tax burden has become unendurable for Americans of all classes. Kerry defends expansionism as compassion for the downtrodden, but as a result of current tax and spend policies, the "downtrodden" have come to include the average American wage earner. Governor Weld—not Senator Kerry—demonstrates genuine consideration for the common man by easing economic constraints.

Instead of advocating the shrinkage of costly government entitlement programs and lightening the burden on taxpayers, Kerry castigates Weld's attempt to contain expenditures. In fact, the Governor supports a plan to reduce the annual rate of growth in Medicare spending to fully 7.9 percent, no small figure. Kerry's decision to define a growth rate reduction as a "cut" is simple Washington dishonesty. If anything, Weld's reduction in growth is insufficient.

Senator Kerry has called for "tax fairness," but conveniently ignores that the excessive "contributions" he expects from wage-earners are anything but fair. The problems plaguing Americans transcend class boundaries, and can be addressed by anyone with a program designed to mitigate economic constraints. Unfortunately, the Senator's "solutions" have included decisions to cast the deciding vote against the balanced budget amendment, to consistently oppose welfare reform, and to masquerade his support for further taxation with buzzwords such as "investments" and "contributions."

Governor Weld revealed that Massachusetts' junior senator voted to raise the gas tax by 4.3 cents per gallon, stating, "Only John Kerry would point to a tax increase as an accomplishment he's proud of. That's the difference between John

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Kerry and me." Although 4.3 cents may appear relatively insubstantial to a tax-and-spender, that amount adversely affects millions of daily commuters and the price of all products transported by road.

Kerry announced that he was proud of his support for this first increase, then denied charges that he aggressively championed a second, far more extensive hike. But *The Boston Globe* reported that Kerry had defended his position in favor of a fifty-cent increase to that publication in March 1994. The tax-happy Kerry apparently feels less compassion for the wage-earner than for the lifelong welfare recipient.

The liberal Democrat also stated that he had never voted to raise the income tax on those earning less than \$100,000 a year. But Governor Weld reminded him that the Senator cast the deciding vote in favor of the President's 1993 budget, which extracted "contributions" across the board. Clinton's raw deal raised levies on millions of middle-income retirees,

seizing a large share of their Social Security benefits. The hike amounted to at least several hundred dollars a year for elderly couples with annual incomes starting at \$44,000 and individuals earning over \$34,000 per year.

Kerry is incapable of defending his own undistinguished record as a two-term sena-

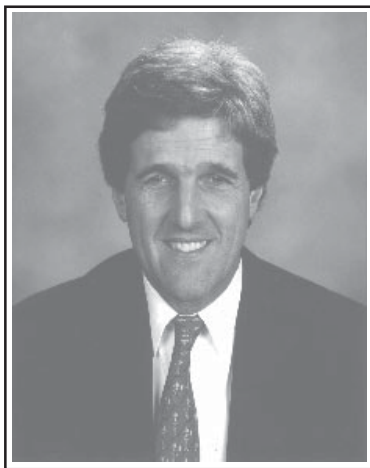
tor; as a result, the pathetic politician must resort to fighting on Weld's turf. The Senator argues that 96 percent of Weld's tax cuts benefit corporations and wealthy individuals, leaving 3.8 percent to the average person. Here Ted Kennedy's yes-man, not Governor Weld, is, in his own words, "dead wrong." The wealthy are not the only beneficiaries of Weld's reforms. More than two hundred thousand state residents earning less than \$100,000 per year report capital gains, therefore benefiting from the \$119 million capital gains cut Weld passed last year.

Furthermore, tax cuts on corporations, including the small business sector, are designed to promote entrepreneurship and stimulate economic growth. Weld seeks a climate amenable to job creation while simultaneously discouraging companies from relocating to other states. Weld's successes at transforming Massachusetts into a "business-friendly" state directly benefit the Commonwealth.

Kerry further complained that he could legitimately attribute "only" ten tax cuts to the Weld administration, one less than the eleven credited to the governor. It is a sad commentary on the state of his re-election bid that the Senator must resort to such petty quibbling over the Governor's record to bolster his own campaign. Sadder still is Kerry's unabashed deception. The eleventh cut refers to a \$240 million reduction for all wage earners passed in 1990, before the Republican took office. But its unaltered implementation in 1992 is due entirely to Weld's threats to veto changes proposed by the Democrat-controlled legislature.

Both contenders' fiscal records reflect their qualifications as public servants. The Governor is responsible for ridding the Commonwealth of its stigma, "Taxachusetts," and transforming the "People's Republic" into an enterprising environment. But his opponent, after spending twelve years of relative obscurity as an incompetent Washington bureaucrat, has failed to deliver substantial reform. John Kerry's cumbersome fiscal impositions have been anything but compassionate.

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Senator John Kerry

Faculty Fraud

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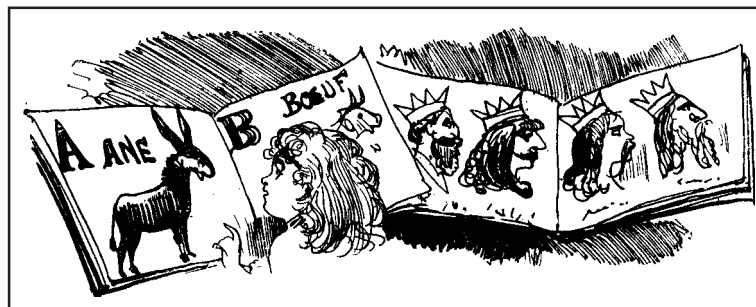
Tufts' faculty met on April 2nd to debate campus race relations. The four panelists dominating the discussion cited recent confrontations as evidence of campus-wide racial tensions and the need for faculty intervention. True, a relatively small number of radical students concerned themselves with whether culture representatives should sit on the TCU Senate; however, even offering free pizza at last year's constitutional referendum could not motivate a quorum of students to vote on the question of culture rep suffrage. Nevertheless, all of the panel members subjugated academic concerns to the whining of select "oppressed" undergraduates. Although the meeting suggested otherwise, Tufts pays its faculty to deal with scholarly matters, not politically-charged social considerations.

Better still, the panel universally espoused a narrow viewpoint devoid of ideological diversity. While Tufts' faculty generally endorses liberal positions, not all professors necessarily approve of the panelists' one-sided agendas. It is both underhanded and intellectually dishonest to first select a panel of uniform political outlook and then suggest that such a panel reflects the views of most faculty members. Unfortunately, it has become politically (not to mention economically and socially) dangerous for dissenters to challenge the dominant orthodoxy. Debate should be profitable; if the opinions of the panel members had merit, their arguments would have resisted rational opposition. But the organizers of the faculty meeting were unwilling to take any chances. These individuals grossly violated the University's stated goal of fostering an environment that promotes and encourages the expression of all opinions.

Professor of Spanish Gustavo Alfaro opened the discussion, enthusiastically endorsing affirmative action. The *Daily* quoted him as saying, "It makes sense culturally, politically, and economically." Alfaro apparently ignored the fact that

students benefit from competing viewpoints, not a smorgasbord of superficial characteristics. Moreover, when Bendetson and Ballou judge according to ethnicity, they sacrifice individual merit. Regardless, the panel did not wish to examine both the positive *and* negative sides of liberal hiring and admissions policies; instead, the members considered the subject from a single perspective. The opinions of the panel sounded more like a monastic chant than genuine intellectual discourse.

Biology professor Frances Chew continued the twisted quest, claiming that the faculty has an obligation to help the Chinese Culture Club in its attempts to use the Student Activities fee to purchase food. Fellow panel member and Russian professor Vida Johnson, strongly agreed, adding that the student body would not have objected if the request was worded differently. Johnson's belief that students can be deceived by clever semantics notwithstanding, most undergraduates did not even read the request to begin with. Rather, many rejected the idea that the Senate should tax all students so that a select few can have the luxury of ordering in their favorite cuisine.



China has an extremely rich cultural history, but most Tuftonians intuitively realize that ordering take-out Chinese food is a purely social event; it has neither academic nor cultural value. The TCU is not in the business of financing certain students' personal dining habits. But the panelists seek diversity for its own sake, regardless of the rationale or social value behind the movement. Additionally, even though the Senate is a student-run organi-

zation, the leaders of the meeting did not bother to debate whether faculty intervention is warranted. They arrogantly assumed that students are incapable of making intelligent decisions. The panelists reflect an administration that cares more for indoctri-

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nation than education. Ballou bureaucrats, after all, are more than happy to make decisions for students.

The fourth and final member of the panel, Dean of Advising Jean Wu, led the main foray into classroom matters, and (surprise, surprise) stated that the classroom should act as a vehicle for achieving the social goals of her fellow panelists. Wu claimed that instituting special courses on racial subjects would help to alleviate racial tensions. Moreover, Wu stated that expanding the curriculum is necessary to demonstrate that Tufts considers racial issues important. She obviously does not leave her office much. The proliferation of special-interest teachers, advisors, housing, and academic departments on campus clearly demonstrate the administration's obsession with racial issues.

English Professor Jesper Rosenmeier also implied that the classroom should not be a place for scholarship, but a forum in which students could discuss their feelings. This is not kindergarten, and we are not in college to talk about how we feel. Tufts has a counseling center, advisers, Ears for Peers, and probably too many discussion groups for such purposes. In addition, it would not be much of a stretch to state that certain

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**Bobbie says:
“It’s not too late to join...”**



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NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Now is the time to kill the Texasaurus monster! Kill the dinosaur, kill him now! If you don't, he's going to eat more jobs. So take this lead pencil and give him lead poisoning. Kill him!
—Al D'Amato

A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.
—Robert Frost

The kiss originated when the first male reptile kissed the first female reptile, implying in a subtle, complimentary way that she was as succulent as the small reptile he had for dinner the night before.
—F. Scott Fitzgerald

Only John Kerry would point to a tax increase as an accomplishment he's proud of. That's the difference between John Kerry and me.
—William Weld

No foreign policy—no matter how ingenious—has any chance of success if it is borne on the minds of a few and carried in the hearts of none.
—Henry Kissinger

But I'm not so think as you drunk I am.
—Sir John Collings Squire

All professions are conspiracies against the laity.
—George Bernard Shaw

Democratic nations must try to find ways to starve the terrorist and the hijacker of the oxygen of publicity on which they depend.
—Margaret Thatcher

Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere.
—G.K. Chesterton

Technological progress is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal.
—Albert Einstein

Ditto.
—Attributed to the Unabomber

We don't believe children are just mouths to feed. They are hearts, minds, and souls for our future. And they deserve our protection not only after their birth, but before they are born.
—Jack Kemp

I've got to look more like John Wayne.
—Bill Clinton

We're the party that wants to see an America in which people can still get rich.
—Ronald Reagan

Autobiography is now as common as adultery and hardly less reprehensible.
—Lord Altrincham

A President's most important commodity as Commander-in-Chief is his credibility. Bold talk that is never followed up by bold action leads our adversaries to conclude we do not have to be taken seriously. The cost of reclaiming that credibility once it is lost is likely to be paid in terms of American lives. In these dangerous times, a president must always say what he means and mean what he says.
—Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense

I do have a vision of an America in which a belief in the Creator is once again at the center of defining being an American.
—Newt Gingrich

In England, there are sixty different religions and only one sauce.
—Francesco Carraciolo

The biggest sin is sitting on your ass.
—Florynce Kennedy

A wife lasts only for the length of the marriage, but an ex-wife is there for the rest of your life.
—Jim Samuels

As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of the demand.
—Josh Billings

I won't say that the papers misquote me, but I sometimes wonder where Christianity would be today if some of those reporters had been Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
—Barry Goldwater

Television is democracy at its ugliest.
—Paddy Chayevsky

Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water.
—W.C. Fields

If my own son, who is now ten months, came to me and said, "You promised to pay for my tuition at Harvard: how about giving me \$50,000 instead to start a little business?" I might think that was a good idea.
—William J. Bennett

The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor its great scholars great men.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

If hypocrisy were gold, the Capitol would be Fort Knox.
—Senator John McCain

And I believe that America will always have a special place in God's heart, as long as He has a special place in ours. And maybe that's why I've always believed that patriotism is not just another point of view.
—George Bush

Congressmen are so damn dumb that they could throw themselves on the ground and miss.
—Representative James Traficant

Once the toothpaste is out of the tube, it is awfully hard to get it back in.
—H. R. Haldeman

Be nice to people on your way up because you'll meet 'em on your way down.
—Wilson Mizner

When I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees.
—Abraham Lincoln

I've always been a big supporter of the constitutional right of the people to peaceably assemble and petition government for redress of grievances. It's just that I never envisioned it taking the form of thousands of people screaming "You asshole" at me.
—Lowell Weicker

Privilege, in any society, is the reward of duties performed.
—Russell Kirk

Don't worry about people stealing your ideas. If your ideas are any good, you'll have to ram them down people's throats.
—Howard Aiken