

Featuring:
Forged Documents

THE PRIMARY SOURCE

VERITAS SINE DOLO



**UNIVERSITY RALLIES BEHIND THE LOSER
PRIMARY SOURCE PREPARES FOR FOUR MORE YEARS**

Earth First.



**CONVERT
ENLIGHTEN
WE'LL OFFEND THE OTHER PLANETS LATER
EDUCATE
DEAL WITH**

THE PRIMARY SOURCE

Join the SOURCE!

The SOURCE needs writers, editors, photographers, graphic designers, and web designers. Whether or not your career plans involve journalism, the SOURCE teaches skills in reporting, writing, editing, and design that cannot be learned in any Tufts classroom.

Meetings every Tuesday at 9 PM in Zamparelli Room of the Mayer Campus Center

✉ info@TuftsPrimarySource.org

☎ **Brandon, (781) 964-3004**

Help the SOURCE!

📖 **Seen bias? We want to know about it.**

The SOURCE is engaged in a long-term project to measure and combat ideological bias at Tufts. You can help balance your education by informing us of incidents of political partiality that you encounter.

📧 **Tell us what outrages you.**

The SOURCE is no stranger to controversy. Send news tips and stories about what outrages you at Tufts to the place that consistently produces comprehensive reporting that other campus publications don't deliver.

📱 **Stay up-to-date online at www.TuftsPrimarySource.org**

If you think the Voice of Reason speaks only every couple weeks, think again. Visit the SOURCE website for online features, back issues, and more.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE

VOL. XXIII • THE JOURNAL OF CONSERVATIVE THOUGHT AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY • NO. 1

DEPARTMENTS

From the Editor	4
<i>THE PRIMARY SOURCE v23.0 Optimized</i>	
Fortnight in Review	6
<i>Looking for laughs? Go no further.</i>	
Tribute to Ronald Reagan	10
Commentary	15
<i>The magazine's stance on current events.</i>	

ARTICLES

The Forbidden Words	8
<i>Tufts is not telling the whole truth about campus freedom.</i>	
by Brandon Balkind	
DNC You Later	9
<i>John Kerry wants to toss aside his "girlie man" image.</i>	
by Adam Hoffman	
Get the Bang for Your Buck	16
<i>How to make the most of your Tufts experience.</i>	
by Jordana Starr	
Lessons Lost	17
<i>Three years after 9/11, we have already forgotten.</i>	
by Nicole Brusco	
POINT/COUNTERPOINT on Fahrenheit 9/11	18-19
Ford Adams: Fahrenheit 9/11: Good for Democracy	
Nicholas Boyd: Lying Jerk By Popular Demand	
SOURCE of Reason	20
<i>Conservatives think for themselves. Do you?</i>	
by Steven Bleiberg	
Book Review: The 9/11 Commission Report	21
by Christian Miller	
Kerried Away	22
<i>If votes are really for sale in America, I'd like John Edwards to buy mine.</i>	
by Chris Kohler	

SPECIAL SECTION

John Kerry's Budget	11
The Road the Graduation	12
<i>Before you can graduate you must navigate the treacherous path of campus politics.</i>	
Many Stories, One Community BINGO!	14
The 2004 Political Games	23



page 9



page 17



page 19



page 22

Don't Rock this Vote

Voter registration is often thought of as benevolent social activism intended to enrich the American democracy. Yet somehow, the registration-pushing phenomenon does not endure between Presidential elections when the purported mission of “education and engagement in the democratic process” would in theory be best fulfilled. After all, the essence of democracy relies on years of education on issues and political participation, not the few months of information warfare waged between opposing propaganda machines prior to an election.

Confining the window of education from July to October, the most active period of voter registration, unbiased voters would understand only that the military service of two candidates thirty years ago somehow matters more than their records in public office. Kerry supported going to war in Iraq, disliked the Patriot Act, was the anti-war candidate, and was willing to give law enforcement broader powers to find and capture terrorists. A man of infinite potential, Kerry, in only a few weeks, can be anything to anyone—and voters are left to guess which personality will dominate his schizophrenic candidacy.

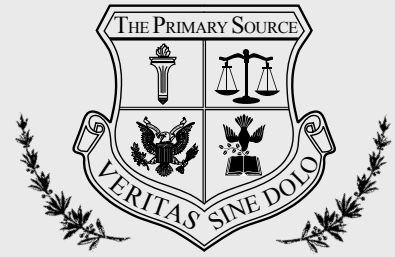
College campuses are a central focus of programs like MTV's *Rock the Vote* because they are home to many “un-mobilized” voters. While the greater message of participation is important, it is often overshadowed by the actual “voting.” Voting without fully understanding the issues and candidates is like firing a gun in a random direction—but many groups do not adequately stress the importance of education, just that voters know to pull the lever.

Tufts will host numerous registration drives this fall, some partisan, some claiming to be otherwise. Courting America's youth is nothing new to the presidential campaign, but at Tufts, one must certainly acknowledge what the SOURCE's recent

polling shows—that for every dozen voters registered at Tufts, ten of them will vote the way the registration drive leaders expected: for Kerry. It makes political sense after all, for Kerry campaigners to harvest votes from Tufts' newly indoctrinated droves of Democrats.

The reader of this editorial (whether conservative or liberal) is perhaps among those least in danger of voting in an uninformed manner. Americans have the right to draw informed but incorrect conclusions—such as Democrats who justify Kerry's promised defense policy with his three Purple Hearts. But those who do their research diligently, choosing credible sources along their way, will with some certainty realize George W. Bush has a credible record on which to run; Kerry does not. Those who adamantly support Kerry do so *despite* the facts, relying instead on feelings and promises of a wavering politician.

When students try to rock the ballot this year with what they claim is “charitable” registration work, they are, at least at Tufts, working to push Democrats to the polls, not to educate them. If education were their true goal, the vote-pushing groups would encourage students to rock the workplace, the tax system, and property ownership.

THE JOURNAL OF CONSERVATIVE
THOUGHT AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

BRANDON BALKIND
Editor-in-Chief

Managing Editors

NICHOLAS BOYD • *Production Manager*
JORDANA STARR • *News*
ALEX ALLEN • *Commentary*

Assistant Editors

NICOLE BRUSCO • *Business*

Foreign Correspondents

ADAM HOFFMAN
MIKE SCHILLING
J. SLAVICH

Contributors

EVAN DREIFUSS • GEORGE FRALEY
REBECCA FRANK • ANTHONY GIRAGOSIAN
GENA GORLIN • JORDAN GREENE
ALISON HOOVER • DOUG KINGMAN
ZACH KLEIN • DAVID RAWSON
SHARON SILVERMAN • RACHEL TARANTA

Webmaster

JASON JONG

Editor at Large

ANDREW SINATRA

Editor Emeritus

ROBERT LICHTER

Special Thanks

SIMON HOLROYD
COLLEGIATE NETWORK
USBIC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Founders

BRIAN KELLEY • DAN MARCUS

THE PRIMARY SOURCE IS A NON-PROFIT, STUDENT PUBLICATION OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY. THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN ARTICLES, FEATURES, PHOTOS, CARTOONS, OR ADVERTISEMENTS ARE SOLELY THOSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHOR(S) OR SPONSOR(S) AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE EDITORS OR THE STAFF. TUFTS UNIVERSITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF **THE PRIMARY SOURCE**, NOR IS **THE PRIMARY SOURCE** RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF TUFTS UNIVERSITY.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE WELCOMES ALL LETTERS. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EDIT OR TO DENY PUBLICATION TO ANY LETTER BASED ON ITS LENGTH OR CONTENT. ANY LETTER TO AN INDIVIDUAL WRITER CONCERNING WORK PUBLISHED IN **THE PRIMARY SOURCE** MAY BE PUBLISHED ON THE LETTERS PAGE. LETTERS OF 400 WORDS OR FEWER HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF BEING PUBLISHED. PLEASE DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: SUBMISSIONS@TUFTSPRIMARYSOURCE.ORG OR **THE PRIMARY SOURCE**, MAYER CAMPUS CENTER, TUFTS UNIVERSITY, MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, 02155. ALL LETTER BOMBS AND/OR MYSTERIOUS WHITE POWDERS WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER. ©2004. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

To the Editor:

Your online article, entitled "The Truth From Iraq" starts off in a very interesting manner. One sentence, in particular, caught my eye. "The war to liberate Iraq from a brutal dictatorship was one of the swiftest, least bloody wars in the history of the world." The second part of this sentence is absolutely true, it was quite swift and bloodless. But from where did you get the first part? "The war to liberate Iraq from a brutal dictatorship?" That's not what we were told this war was about. We were told by the president in the 2003 SoTU address that Saddam Hussein posed a terrible and immediate threat to the USA via terror networks such as Al Qaeda. How interesting that the story has now changed, and now that we are in place in Iraq that suddenly we are there to liberate the Iraqi people. This is, of course, a laudable goal. But it is not the goal under which the war was initiated. To skim over this fact is to commit and act of treason against the tenets of journalism. And frankly, it makes you look like a pro-Bush puppet organization.

—Brad Edmondson '08

The Editor Responds:

"The war to liberate Iraq from a brutal dictatorship"

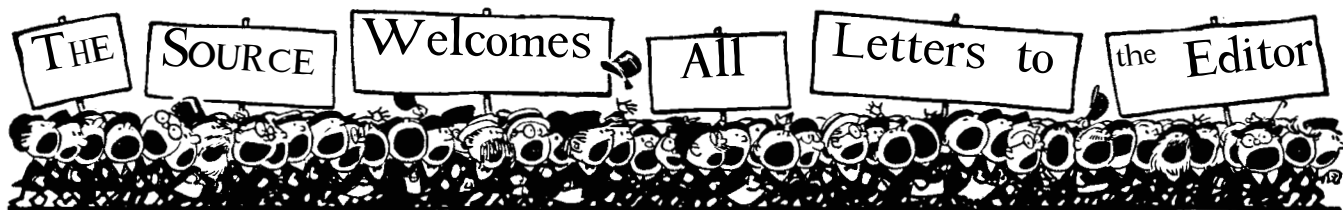
Mr. Edmondson, unless I have been grossly misinformed, I believe Iraq was in fact invaded, secured, and then as quickly as possible, turned back to Iraqi control. Operation Iraqi Freedom was a mission of liberation. Furthermore, I hope it is not your contention that Iraq was not controlled by a brutal dictator.

The quote from the article most directly reflects the mission of the troops sent to the Middle East. They were not in Iraq to look for WMD's and then leave Saddam in power, and this was clear from the start—not as you say, "suddenly we are there to liberate."

To the Editor:

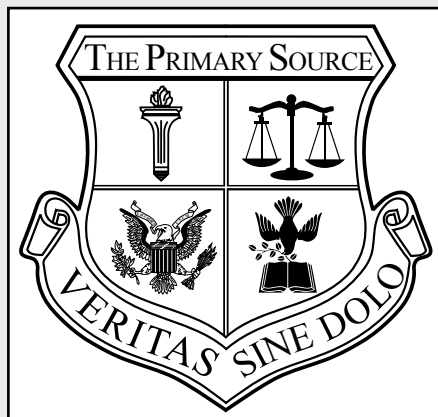
I recently came upon your website and found it refreshing to see one of our Local Universities with an opposing view point to the oh so popular view here in Mass. Keep up the good work!!!

—Rob McCune



The SOURCE welcomes all letters to the editor. Please address all correspondence to submissions@TuftsPrimarySource.org

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About **TUFTS***
**But Everyone Else Was Afraid to Tell You*



GET THE FINEST (not to mention most forthright and telling) account of affairs at Tufts and elsewhere delivered to your doorstep. For a tax-deductible contribution of \$30 or more you can receive a full academic year's subscription via first class delivery.

YES... I'll gladly support Tufts' Journal of Conservative Thought!
 Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Make checks payable to:
THE PRIMARY SOURCE
Mayer Campus Center
Tufts University
Medford, MA 02155

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS A woman is on trial for allegedly pretending to be pregnant with a baby whose father was killed in Iraq. She scammed three homosexual couples who wanted to adopt the child and paid her thousands of dollars. The jury hasn't yet decided if this is an issue of war profiteering or gay adoption.

PS Top ten captions for the picture below:

10. Kerry's latest slogan: "When one empty, round object meets another, Americans win!"
9. "I hope that doesn't leave a mark—no wait, I do."
8. Using his best campaign strategy, Kerry closes his eyes and hopes for the best.
7. Kerry takes a hit from the MLS Players for Truth.
6. First the bunny suit, now the bunny face.
5. Which is more inflated, the soccer ball, or Kerry's ego?
4. Senator Kerry cringes in pain as his multiple Botox injects simultaneously burst upon impact.
3. "GOALLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL!!!"
2. The Bush campaign tells Kerry to "think fast."
1. Proving that he has no fear of large objects being hurled at his head, Kerry reminds us of how he owes most of his toughness not to his experience in the military, but to living with Teresa.

PS In Montana, to curtail thefts and suspicious sales of products used to make methamphetamine, stores will now display "Meth Watch" posters and mark ingredients of the illegal drug with "Meth Watch" decals. For those who always wanted to enter the lucrative meth market, but never knew how—here's a chance!

PS British troops took control of the offices of Muqtada al-Sadr in the southern city of Basra on Friday. In an effort to remain tough on terrorism, Britain is refusing to water al-Sadr's ficus.

PS Due to increased border security, it's harder for fathers living illegally in the USA to return to Mexico, which has led more of them to try to bring their families here. When caught at border security, the father needs only sell his first son to Walmart, and the family's passage will be guaranteed.

PS Three children received rabies treatment, and others were told to consult a doctor after at least 12 touched a rabid skunk. Tragedy in the community or natural selection? You be the judge.

PS Montgomery County, Maryland, schools received high marks for comprehensive emergency plans and counterterrorism measures. School administrators commented that, while it's always nice to get recognition, "body cavity searches are their own reward."

PS Authorities said they won't charge a man who killed his 2-year-old son when he backed over the boy with a riding lawnmower as he was cutting grass. The lawnmower had a large grass-catcher in the back that made it difficult to see the boy, but easy to find him.

PS Parents sued their child's school and bus driver after their son fell asleep on the bus and was left there after it was parked. Apparently the bus driver forgot to transfer the child to his nondescript, windowless white van before driving to his cabin deep in the woods.

PS Israeli troops patrolling the West Bank city of Nablus shot and killed a 19-year-old Palestinian woman Friday. The PLO, although incensed at Israel's capricious use of power, commented that Aminawi "really shouldn't have been outside her house to begin with."



PS A new survey found that 40% of Sweden's population believes it is acceptable to skip work because they have trouble getting along with colleagues. Maybe this is why Elin Gauffin, a Swedish "Socialist/Feminist" recently invited to speak at Tufts, didn't answer any of the SOURCE's questions.

PS Death penalty opponents are challenging the use of lethal injection, based on the Constitution's Eighth Amendment, which prohibits "cruel and unusual punishments." Similar objections are expected to be raised against Tufts for requiring freshmen to endure "Many Stories, One Community."

PS Many shopping malls have imposed curfews on teenagers, some as early as 6 PM on Friday evening. This has left teens com-

plaining that they have no other options left except to party, drink, and engage in sexual relations. After further consideration of the issue, many teens responded with "SCORE!!!"

PS Some visitors are finding this year's Kansas State Fair a hit, especially since the legislature repealed a century-old ban on public hypnotism. It's about time that profit-mongering private hypnotists were put in their place.

PS A Salt Lake City aviation code was to be removed due to the fact that it was “frivolous.” It read, “On Christmas Eve only, flying reindeer and any cargo they may be towing shall be exempt from the 2,000 foot height restriction.” In other news, Al-Quaeda militants were recently seen in Utah stores shopping for red fur suits, black boots, and jolly white beards.

PS Jeanette Stauffer said she doesn’t have enough money to pay a promised \$50,000 reward to the people who helped catch her daughter’s killers. When asked why she didn’t have sufficient funds, Stauffer informed authorities that she had just finished paying off the \$75,000 reward she offered for the return of her Pomeranian three weeks prior.

PS Fall Ball, with the help of DJ Skribble, attracted roughly 3,700 students to the Gantcher Center. Adam Pulver blamed event organizers in a *Daily Viewpoint* for a “lack of responsible planning, monitoring and common sense,” which left students in perilous situations, because “for a student with anxiety or a panic disorder, this situation was

lethal.” Since these are obviously the types of people who should be attending a party with people gyrating to loud music in front of flashing lights, we bring you the...

Top Ten marginalized people at campus parties:

10. Insomniac townies waiting for their PILOT check
9. Commuter students without a designated driver
8. Computer Science students without a designated “driver”
7. Zeta Psi brothers without a house
6. Unsuspecting freshman girls
5. Your sketchy TA
4. TUPD
3. People with no rhythm (read: white Republicans)
2. People who don’t like to party
1. Adam Pulver

PS A Japanese diplomat who visited the site of a huge explosion in North Korea said he saw no evidence it was caused by a nuclear test. And believe me, the Japanese can recognize a nuclear explosion.

From the Elephant’s Mouth

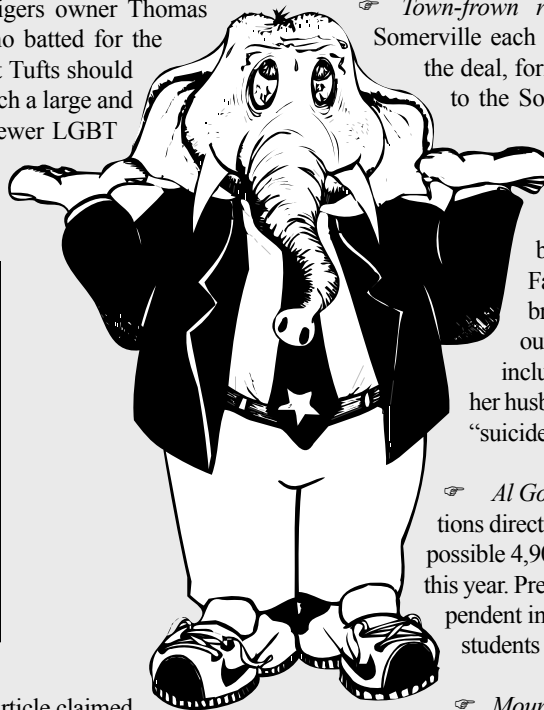
☞ *Queer Eye for the Hungry Guy*: Senior Patrick Brown complained that Tufts is “promoting homophobia” now that Dining Services added Domino’s to its ever-changing MOPS list. Former Domino’s CEO and former Detroit Tigers owner Thomas Monaghan has never liked anyone who batted for the other team... Brown told the *Daily* that Tufts should not be “promoting homophobia with such a large and vocal LGBT community.” If we had fewer LGBT students, however, Brown would totally love some Chicken Kickers and Cinna Stix...



“Patrick Brown’s a Noid”

☞ *Musical chairs*: A year ago a *Daily* article claimed the election of Nick Boyd and Jordana Starr to the J constituted a “conservative takeover” of the liberal-dominated student government. Students were so outraged by the coup that seven students fought it out—er—ran uncontested campaigns for J this Fall... Starr was re-elected after winning the appeal of her disqualification last year, and looks forward continuing the proud tradition

of leading J-women by displaying her cleavage on the front page of the *Daily*...



☞ *Town-frown relations*: Tufts signed Medford and Somerville each to a 10-year \$1.25 million contract. In the deal, former Tufts ace Randy Newsom was sent to the Somerville Highlanders for players to be named later...

☞ *Universal Hell-Care*: Senator and former First Lady Hillary Clinton will be speaking at the postponed 2004 Issam Fares Lecture just before Thanksgiving break. The Senator is reportedly going to outline the things she is most thankful for, including John Kerry’s presidential defeat, her husband’s heart condition, and Vince Foster’s “suicide note”...

☞ *Al Gore created a monster*: ELBO public relations director Allison Preiss announced that, out of a possible 4,900 student voters, 1,173 came to the polls this year. Preiss asked Adam Pulver to launch an independent investigation—his conclusion: 3,727 Tufts students fear casting ballots over the internet...

☞ *Mourning in America*: The three year anniversary of the September 11 attacks was commemorated in a brief ceremony led by members of Tufts’ ROTC. Tufts administrators quickly bused the soldiers off to MIT before the rest of the campus woke up...

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

Tufts' global perspective: fairness or favoritism?

International Disorientation

by Gena Gorlin

Having selected and been selected by Tufts, freshmen embarked at orientation on a second selection process at Tufts. After gaining acceptance from Tufts admissions, their next task was to be welcomed into the ranks of their peers.

Some got an earlier start than others. Those arriving at Tufts early may have been struck by two observations: the hush of a campus still in hibernation for the summer, and the isolated clusters of students in "International Orientation" shirts traversing the hill. Eager to start meeting their fellow Jumbos, many plunged right in to the introductions game. A pattern readily surfaced. First question: "Hey, my name is _____, what's yours?" Second question: "Where are you from?" A student with an answer like "Oh, just from Maryland," might have felt like a boring oddball among the patchwork-quilt of cultural variety and flavorfully diverse perspectives offered by their IO peers.

As Tufts' international students compared customs, discussed world politics, and exchanged AIM screen names, a Minnesotan, Virginian or Hoosier like myself might have watched as if through a glass wall. When I felt compelled to start telling people my *real* ethnic origin, which is far more distant and interesting than the ol' culturally musty Midwest, I knew something was awry. I explained that I'm originally from the Ukraine, and the response was noticeably different—indeed, I suddenly became an asset to the Tufts community. "Oh, that's so cool! So do you speak Russian then?" "Wow, I love Eastern Europe. I used to visit with my family all the time..." Suddenly there was something to talk about—a mutual "different-ness" to unite us.

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

Three days later, the rest of the freshman body stormed in. As welcome dinners, panels, and various "ice-breaker" orientation activities brought the freshmen together, one familiar trend spilled over from the earlier days: the clusters of IO students remained. As scores of new freshmen scattered to all ends of the campus to shake hands and add each other's names to their cell phones, the IOers tended to stick together. This generalization, like most, had its exceptions—but the trend could not be ignored.

The mission of the International Orientation program is laudable—to introduce students from different cultures to Tufts, Medford, and each other, thus easing the transition to life in a drastically new environment. One past participant in IO recalls, as quoted on the International Center's website, "The environment in those three days taught us all the potential for looking past the divisions of race, ethnicity, or nationality..."

But did it really? While students may have been taught to look "past the divisions of race, ethnicity, or nationality" in their dealings with *each other*, their division from *non*-international students quickly became apparent. Indeed, students from Maine, or California, or New York State felt at times, almost ashamed of their unremarkable origins—as if being an American wasn't something to be proud of. As though to compensate for this marked absence of "noteworthy" background, many students expressed with vigorous excitement their plans to study abroad, or to join one of Tufts' many renowned multicultural programs, whether EPIIC, the International Club, or any one of the 20+ student-run

cultural organizations on campus. Indeed, to receive an invitation to IO, a student has to fit one of two categories—either be from outside the US, or indicate an interest in studying international relations. In this way, one can "earn" one's membership among Tufts' international elite.

No one is denying that exposure to other cultures is of tremendous benefit to Tufts students. One freshman reported hearing six languages spoken as he walked from the campus center to the Tisch library on his first day here—a remarkable experience in itself. The opportunity to gain a "global perspective" on issues can be invaluable, so long as one's perspective remains, first and foremost, objective. Just as one must evaluate any claim or action by an American politician with critical, unsparing sobriety, so one must subject the ideas and values of any culture to an equally rigorous evaluation.

Yet Tufts so eagerly heralds multiculturalism that objectivity, on occasion, seems to get thrown by the wayside. Forgetting the students' mindsets for a second, let's inspect the policies that got the freshman class here in the first place. One freshman was heard lamenting, "I actually know people who were more qualified than me and did not get into Tufts because they were from the United States." Most Americans and many immigrants to this country would find that idea unsettling, and perhaps even shudder to think that the "asset" which gave them the upper hand over others in the eyes of the admissions committee might have been their "foreignness." One's geographic location—past or present—does not reflect their academic or moral fitness as a future world citizen. And after all, it is *merit* and *character* on which students—like the admissions committee—are supposed to base their judgments.

Students should give Tufts an enthusiastic greeting—not necessarily as international or American students, but as individuals looking to experience the thrill of a quality education among intellectual peers. ■

Tufts so eagerly heralds multiculturalism that objectivity, on occasion, seems to get thrown by the wayside.



The rules have changed, and Dan Rather doesn't get them.

C-BS

by Nicholas Boyd

Not so many decades ago, the information flow in America was controlled by Walter Cronkite and his cronies. For the most part, the average American knew only what was reported on the evening news shows and printed in the local paper, all of whom to a certain extent let the *New York Times* dictate what was news, what was not news, and how the news was to be covered.

Fast forward to the present: Americans still can get their news from a network nightly newscast. Alternatively, they can choose to listen to any number of talk radio shows. They can log on to thousands of news-oriented "blogs" and discussion websites. If none is appealing, anyone can start one of their own for free. Americans can switch on FOX News, or MSNBC. In essence, the control over information has shifted from the provider to the consumer.

Today, the internet lets anyone with a modem become a document examiner, handwriting expert, political pundit, or even investigative reporter. The seemingly cursory evaluations of authenticity and reliability that the networks perform on their sources now pale in comparison to the exhaustive scrutiny they are subjected to by the suspecting bloggers and hobby-investigators in their audience.

The implications are enormous, and just last week CBS provided the American public with a first-class example. It was in the above manner that documents used by CBS to support their recent *60 Minutes II* Bush-bashing National Guard duty dereliction story were exposed as fakes. The news that internet users broke with a sharp eye has

exploded and now positively eclipses the original point of the CBS piece. CBS and Dan Rather are utterly distraught by and in denial of the news forces beyond their control. They stand defiantly in support of their story, digging themselves deeper into a hole as the American public becomes increasingly outraged.

CBS can turn a blind eye to one of society's greatest technological innovations ever, but it cannot remain oblivious to its effects. Irresponsible reporting does not only disturb today's public, it causes

them to stop watching. CBS Evening News ratings are down dramatically, and a few days ago it was seen trailing re-runs of *The Simpsons* in the all-important New York City market.

The demise of the mainstream media, or "MSM" as some now refer to it, may hit Tufts students closer to home than they expect. In a broader sense, any media outfit that takes its cues from the big three networks and *The New York Times* is by association a part of the mainstream media. That means *The Tufts Daily* itself faces the threat of relegation to the sidelines, though its eternally forgiving, gullible, and usually liberal readership will undoubtedly help ensure this decline occurs very slowly.

An example was on display in a recent editorial printed in *The Tufts Daily*. Tufts is an internet-enabled community, and the journalists-in-training at the *Daily* were indubita-

bly aware of the CBS documents' highly questionable authenticity. This was of no concern to the *Daily* Editorial Board, who a full six days after the controversy broke out gleefully forged ahead with an editorial that used the CBS story to support the assertion that Bush may have served his country dishonorably. The piece acknowledges the CBS documents controversy only in passing with the inconspicuous words "Regardless of the status of the memos." The *Daily's* motives are clear: avoid potential criticism from those who suspect the documents are forgeries, while keeping the remaining members of the Tufts community in the dark.

It must be a sobering process for CBS, ABC, NBC, *The New York Times*, and even the *Tufts Daily* to see the news monopoly they built and owned over decades suddenly be outwitted, outflanked and dismantled by novice web-surfers with a knack for the truth.

Consider the significance of the CBS scandal. Left up to CBS, a very damaging but apparently untruthful story about Bush might have turned into the boost Kerry would need in order to win the election. As CBS' corroborative sources and evidence are discredited one at a time, a "paper-trail" is being recreated that appears to end at the doorstep of a member of the Kerry-Edwards campaign. This, of course, raises momentous new questions and concerns, and providing an insight into why conservatives have been decrying the bias of the mainstream media for so long.

Time will tell what permanent harm the *60 Minutes II* story will do to CBS and Dan Rather, but one thing is sure beyond doubt: the rules of journalism have changed, and the new kids in town can play it better than the veterans.

Today, the internet lets anyone with a modem become a document examiner, handwriting expert, political pundit, or even investigative reporter.

Mr. Boyd is a junior majoring in Political Science and Economics.



Dan Rather fishes for news.

Before I Ban It, Take My Picture With It!

John Kerry loves to have his picture taken with guns, NASA facilities, veterans, babies, prayer, and good ol' American SUVs. What do they have in common?

"NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT A BUNNY SUIT! FEAR FY 2006, NASA."

All would be eliminated under a Kerry presidency!

"THIS GUN LOOKS ODDLY LIKE ONE I TRIED TO BAN. THAT BELONGS ON MY TO-DO LIST."

"I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. I WON THREE PURPLE HEARTS. CONSIDER WAR OVER FOREVER."

THE PRIMARY SOURCE'S KERRY WATCH

Covering both of his opinions on every issue.

"IT HURTS TO RIDE IN THESE SUVs. I'LL BE GLAD TO SEE THEM GO WHEN I RAISE FUEL EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS."

"I'LL LET YOU LIVE IF YOU PROMISE TO GROW UP TO BE A FEMINIST."

"I CAN'T BELIEVE DOING THIS GETS ME MORE VOTES. NO MORE PRAYER AFTER JANUARY 21ST."


SOURCE finds documents smearing Lawrence Bacow!
They must be real if a respected news organization like the SOURCE says so!

- ☒ Bacow Smear Form Letter
- ☐ Bias Response Report
- ☐ Task Force Template
-  **Harvard Job Application**



Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 77 Massachusetts Avenue
 Cambridge, MA 02139-4307

Phone: 617.258.9380
 Fax: 617.258.9390
 Email: psb@mit.edu

- ☒ Dear Task Force Members
- ☐ Dear Rich Alumn
- ☐ President Chirac
-  **Hey Cheney, what's up**



Massachusetts Institute of Technology Office of the VP

February 31st, 1974

Mr. President,


A student by the name of Lawrence S. Bacow is giving me a difficult time. He has been consistently failing all his classes. There is no way he should be walking out of this institution with a diploma. However, one of our trustees, Dick Cheney, is pressuring me to modify Bacow's GPA.

Bacow has not reported for mandatory medical testing three times. He repeatedly skips classes, and we are still missing some of his high school records. Frankly, we both know he's only here because of his Dad.

Bacow's grades:
 EC-118
 EC-18
 PS-77
 PS-99
 SW-01

Economics of Diversity
 Fair Trade isn't Free Trade
 American Civil Liberties Post-9/11
 Political Science Internship: "Halliburton"
 Introductory Swahili


F
 D-
 F
 F
 D

- ☒ Expel Student
- ☐ Charge with rape
- ☐ Probation II
-  **Kill Student Career**

Though it is against our every principle, I have decided to give in to the trustees wishes. He threatened to encourage young Lar to join Army ROTC or volunteer to go to Vietnam if I didn't, so I really was left with no choice. I hope you'll understand.

In closing, I wish only to add that Bacow never impressed me as an intellectual or as a leader. His grades were representative of his attitude toward work and integrity. This young man has no bright future, and some undeserved grades won't change that.

We'll be in touch by e-mail,
 Reit Bruceman

- ☒ Bruce Reitman
- ☐ George W. Bush
- ☐ Browse for more...
-  **Apply Forged Signature**



CBS News' Fake Bush Memos

"This is going to hold up. This was thoroughly vetted."

That's CBS President Andrew Heyward, trying to tell you the documents shown below are authentic type-written National Guard files from the 70s. Let's just see how well these memos hold up...



It looks like you are
crafting a 70s-era forgery.

Would you like help?

• E-Mail Rough Draft to
Dan Rather

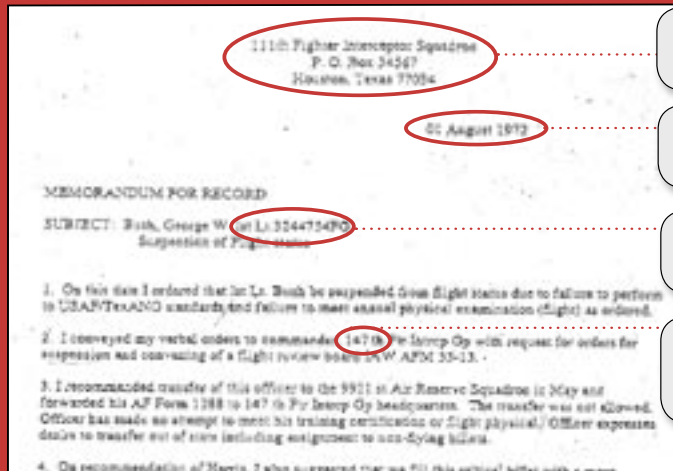
• Submit to internet blogs
for evaluation

• Overlay typewriter version

• Add "faxed document"
effect

• Find corrupt document
examiners. Select price
range level: \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

• Look up federal penalties
for signature forgery

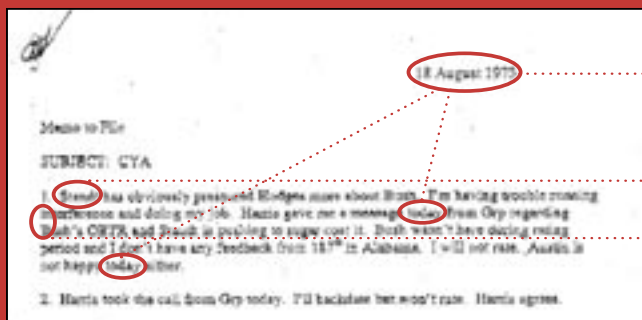


Letterhead does not exist on
officially released memos.

Air National Guard format for
date would be "1 Aug 1972"

Service number used instead of
Social Security number

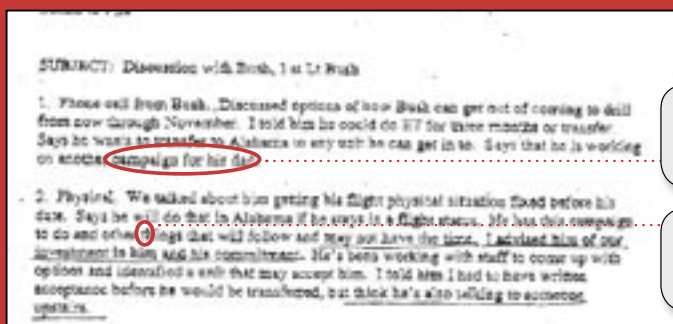
Space between "147" and "th"
prevents Microsoft Word auto-
superscripting feature.



August 18th was a Saturday,
a day on which business was
unlikely to be conducted.

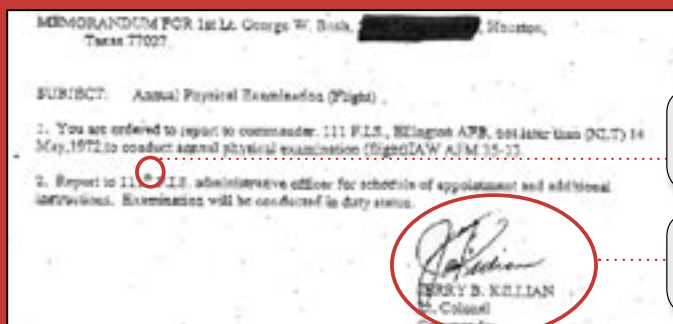
Staudt retired 17 months before
this memo was written.

"B" takes more space than "i."
Proportional spacing is generally
not found on typewriters.



Bush actually worked on a
campaign for a family friend,
not his dad.

Letters like this "t" and "h"
overlap, a software feature not
found on typewriters of the time.

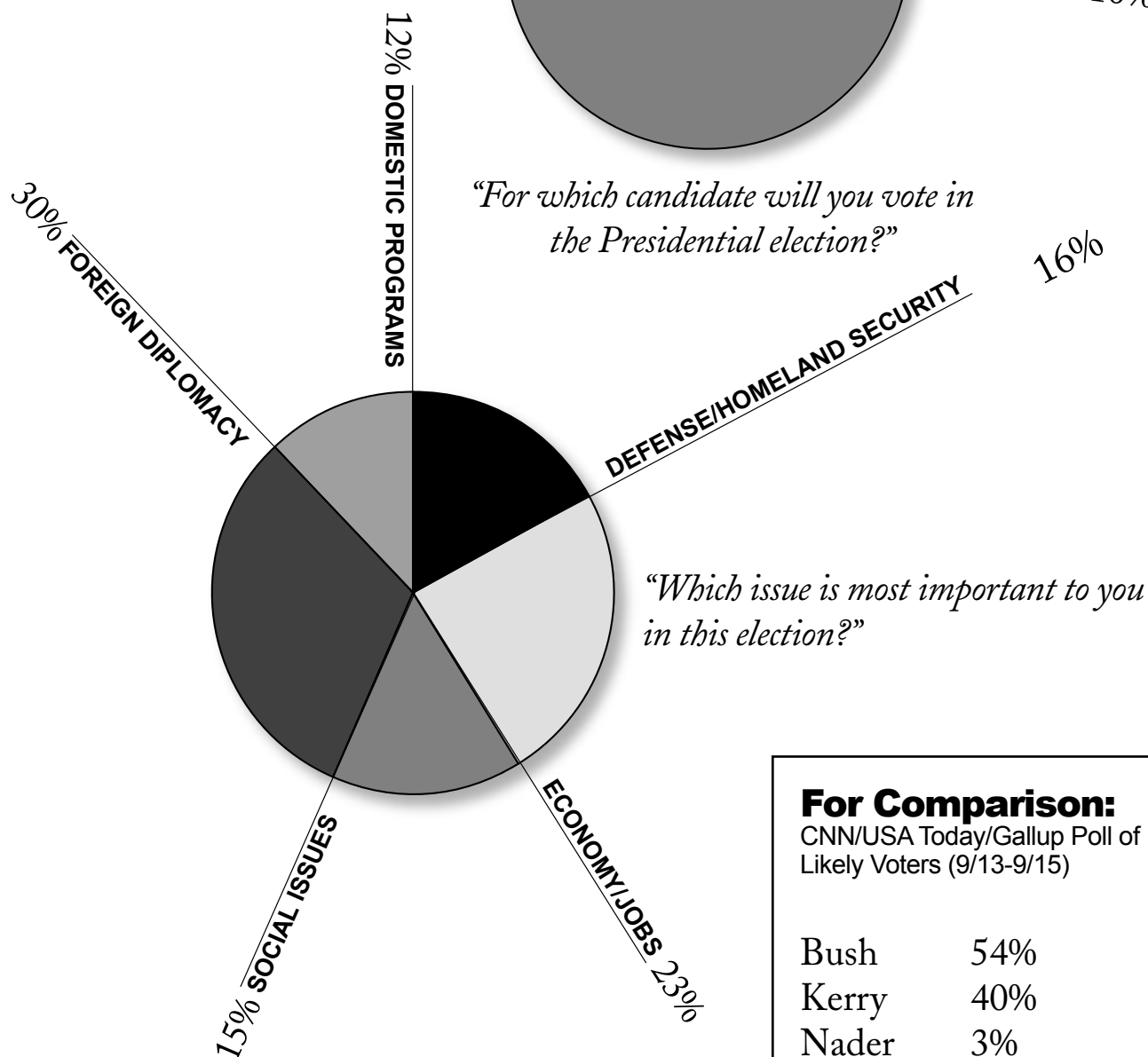
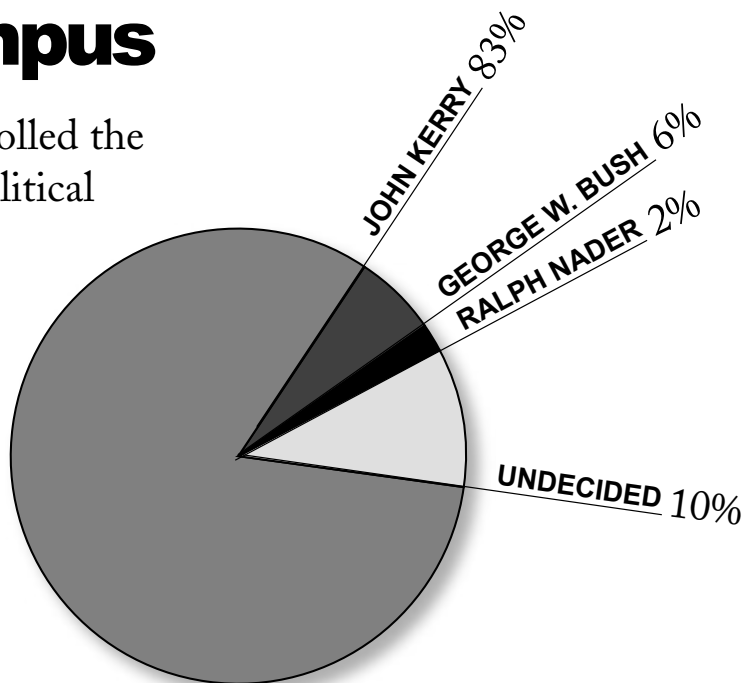


Superscripts rare on typewriters
of the day and not found on
official documents.

Officially released documents
show name and rank on
same line.

Polling the Campus

THE PRIMARY SOURCE recently polled the Tufts campus to determine its political affiliations and priorities. Not surprisingly, the student body remains overwhelmingly liberal and obsessed with sucking up to Kofi Annan and France.



For Comparison:

CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll of Likely Voters (9/13-9/15)

Bush	54%
Kerry	40%
Nader	3%

Margin of Error: 7%

TCU election rules get a face-lift

ELBO Rules!

by Jordana Starr

Tufts Community Union (TCU) officials are notorious for running substandard elections, yielding numerous controversies and well-deserved bad press. As recently as last year, students seeking election to the senate, Judiciary (TCUJ), and Committee on Student Life (CSL) found themselves faced with a dilemma: the set of rules governing the election were so stringent that candidates had very little leeway for getting their name and platform out to the student body. This year, however, thanks to

The CSL put out the call, and ELBO answered it with impressive efficacy.

the hard work of Elections Board (ELBO) member Nicholas Haslett, the TCU election has seen a dramatic improvement with a new set of election rules that gives candidates room for creativity and extra effort.

In May, CSL invalidated the TCU Judiciary election as the result of an appeal filed against ELBO after the disqualification of a candidate. The content of the appeal was based primarily on ELBO's uneven enforcement of the Spring 2004 General Election Rules, which were at the same time both excessively limiting and vague. In the official ruling, CSL Chair Barbara Grossman stated that, "the CSL calls for the promulgation of a new set of more comprehensive rules for campus elections by August 1, 2004, to be submitted to the current CSL Chairs."

The old set of election rules had permitted only three forms of advertising—25 ELBO-produced photocopies of one poster, 10 emails to leaders of TCU student groups sent via ELBO, and a 75 word candidate statement to be published in the *Daily*. Rules that were not written down, such as those regard-

ing verbal campaigning and instant messaging met arbitrary enforcement by ELBO.

The CSL put out the call, and ELBO answered it with impressive efficacy. After spending a summer creating a more comprehensive and open set of election rules, Haslett delivered to candidates a four-page document which gives candidates—as *SOURCE* editor Nicholas Boyd indicated in his April

22 article—"ELBO room." The majority of glaring problems discussed out by Boyd, as well as former *SOURCE* editor Steve Bleiberg in his April *Daily Viewpoint*, were addressed in the 2004 TCU General Election Rules.

Instead of allowing a mere 25 copies of the same poster, the new rules enable candidates to produce 100 total copies made of up to five different designs, including flyers to hand out and pages which can be cut up as business cards to distribute during verbal campaigning. Chalking is no longer barred, nor is the creation of campaign web sites and weblogs to advertise candidacy. ELBO now permits moving advertisements—such

as on vehicles and persons—created from the 100 ELBO-produced copies. The rules explicitly encourage verbal campaigning, as well as rallies to gain recognition and support. Finally, ELBO no longer prevents candidates from posting profiles on and contacting "acquaintances" using instant messenger, thefacebook.com, and the like. Prior to this year, these forms of advertising were all prohibited.

Additionally, Haslett took the initia-

tive to define campaign staff in the election rules, preventing the possibility of sabotage of an individual's campaign by other parties. Candidates must register their campaign staff members to ELBO, so that any foul play by a third party is easily detectable.

With all these improvements, however, major flaws still exist in ELBO's election process. First, ELBO's restrictions regarding campaign finance are more limiting than the McCain-Feingold reform—as opposed to a reasonable spending cap to allow for creativity in terms of hand-outs by the more dedicated candidate, ELBO does not permit candidates to utilize their resources to create campaign buttons, stickers, pens, etcetera. Although ELBO is allowing campaign staff to wear pieces of paper attached to clothing advertising a candidate, they are not permitted to make t-shirts to advertise. Posters must all be photocopied and stamped by ELBO on plain white paper; heaven forbid a candidate print on bright pages at Gnomon! ELBO now permits advertisements posted to vehicles, but again requires limiting such postings to the ELBO-produced photocopies.

What would allowing more space for creativity prove? Campaign materials cost very little per candidate, and

working freely under a budget would require candidates to

a) think outside the box and

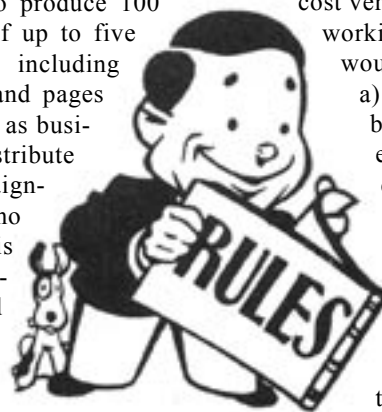
b) utilize their resources efficiently. Additionally,

creative campaigning takes a lot of time and effort, which the candidate must sacrifice away from homework and other commitments.

A candidate willing to make such sacrifices shows dedication to the

campaign. One's efforts during the campaign generally lend themselves to how one will perform in the elected office.

ELBO's General Election Rules have seen a major improvement over the course of one summer. Although officials still need to tweak several aspects of the organization, ELBO has taken a giant leap in the right direction and will hopefully continue doing so over the course of the next year.



Miss Starr is junior majoring in Political Science and Philosophy.

A little character assassination never hurt anyone.

Going Negative

by Brandon Balkind

Negative campaigning, like it or not, is an undeniable force in shaping public opinion around an election. George W. Bush and John Kerry would like to avoid the backlash of being associated with their attack-dog 527 groups, but they do not fool sensible Americans. Of course Kerry did not come up with the idea of equating Bush with Hitler, nor did Bush ask the Swiftboat Veterans for Truth to question Kerry's wounds. These maverick groups are often privy to the resources of their party because negative campaigning, when attributed to "independent organizations," hurts candidates in ways their opposing party never could.

The Swiftvets completely destroyed the foundation on which Kerry constructed his DNC speech. John Kerry claimed he was "reporting for duty," but now it is unclear whether his duty was to fight a war or to demoralize his fellow soldiers. For Bush, Vietnam was an untouchable issue and, in the eyes of the public, he had no grounds on which to question Kerry's record. The 527s did that for him, taking the wind from Kerry's post-convention sails.

MoveOn.org, an "independent" political organization funded by George Soros' capital contributions, and other Democratic 527s, have attacked Bush for months. But, in launching Operation Fortunate Son, the Democrats decided to brave the waters of character assassination under the party banner. This bold move immediately backfired when the cornerstone of their argument—that Bush served dishonorably in the Air

National Guard—was shattered by the CBS forged document controversy. This sort of campaign may be indicative of things to come before November 2.

The boundary between independent political groups and the parties themselves is becoming less distinct every day. In many cases, such as with MoveOn, there exists only a degree or

two of separation between the 527 financiers and party officials. A legal aid of the Bush campaign resigned after it was revealed he also counseled the Swiftboat veterans. It is human nature for otherwise inde-

pendent groups to join against a mutual opponent, but the result is a confusing web of connections that destroys the chain of responsibility.

At this point in the election year, Americans must use their common sense to understand the late-breaking stories, especially those that savagely attack the two main candidates. It is irresponsible for CBS to feature 30-year-old testimony that cannot be fully verified. Pundits are now engaged in a race to come out with their "tell all" accounts of debauchery, crime, and forgotten testimony. Many reporters will fail to disclose the extent of their party affiliations. With the media showing weak standards of ethics and professionalism, the public needs to ask their own questions: Is the information credible? Can it be verified in time for the election, or must it be taken on faith alone?

It is important to remember that John Kerry cannot claim foul when groups target him, because his own party has engaged in the rat race. It was especially hypocritical of Kerry to condemn the Swiftvets (who are entitled to their

free speech), after failing to condemn MoveOn's Hitler-Bush comparison. After all, the President expressed his displeasure with the Swiftvets' ads and all 527s, even though they helped the Republicans greatly. The President even released his National Guard documents in response to Kerry's direct criticism of his service record. Independents who are turned off by campaign negativity should contrast the Democratic candidate's words and his actions.

The so-called "attack ads" do serve a purpose other than their intended influence on the polls. They also help to identify the darker side of the movement they represent, which is something voters should keep in mind. In the end, when Democratic surrogates reveal their anyone-but-Bush mentality, the "fortunate son" will coast to four more years. ■

Independents who are turned off by campaign negativity should contrast the Democratic candidate's words and his actions.



The Voice of Reason O N L I N E

Past Issues

Volume XXII	
No. 1 — Orientation 2003	(PDF)
No. 2 — September 18, 2003	(PDF)
No. 3 — October 16, 2003	(PDF)
No. 4 — October 30, 2003	(PDF)

▲ BACK ISSUES

Visit THE PRIMARY SOURCE online for these and other features.



TuftsPrimarySource.org

Mr. Balkind is a senior majoring in Computer Engineering.

Tufts can't even pull a bribe off right.

Pandering PILOTs and Beyond

by Alex Allen

The Fall semester has begun at Tufts University, and the class of 2008 has already gained its first glimpse of the asinine pandering of Tufts administrators. Tufts, just like almost every other university in this country, is a non-profit organization. For this reason, Tufts is not required to pay taxes in Medford or Somerville. As many upperclassmen know, the town and gown relations between Tufts and the Medford and Somerville communities often leave much to be desired.

Anyone who has attended an off-campus party in Tufts' environs knows that the Somerville police take an unhealthy pleasure in terminating parties at which the ambient noise level rises above 50 decibels. This, however, is just a small example of a deep rift that runs between the University and the community. In its

most recent half-witted stab at diplomacy, the Tufts administration decided to make payments to the Medford and Somerville communities in an attempt to show that the University is grateful for the setting and services provided by these towns. Not only is this an example of the pinnacle of foolish pandering, it also sets an undesirable precedent that the University feels it should dig into its pockets any time some dimwitted local politician decides to throw a tantrum about Tufts lack of contribution to the area.

In order to fully understand the idiotic nature of such payments, one must first understand why institutions make such contributions. Technically, the Tufts administration has decided to dole out PILOTs to the surrounding communities. The acronym PILOT stands for

payments-in-lieu-of-taxes. Basically, this means that although Tufts acknowledges that the University is not obligated to pay taxes to Medford and Somerville it has decided to award these towns contributions to compensate for the university's use of community services. PILOT programs exist so that nonprofit organizations can show their appreciation for the community even though they are not obligated to pay taxes. In some situations this is an admirable endeavor, but for Tufts it is just foolish.

Those in favor of Tufts' payments would cite the University's use of Medford and Somerville resources, namely the police and fire departments, as reason alone for Tufts to donate money to the community. While Tufts police hardly

need the Somerville Police Department's help in completing the only real task their job requires (breaking up parties), the fire department does respond to numerous false alarms in Tufts dormitories at all hours of the night. While this is an obvious drain on community resources, one can hardly claim that the community does not benefit from Tufts' presence. Almost any community would jump through hoops to host a university of this caliber.

Every semester, Tufts students file into dorms and off-campus houses and begin to pour their funds into area businesses. Students frequent neighborhood dining establishments and other businesses, providing the local market with an opportunity to thrive. This does not even include the rents paid

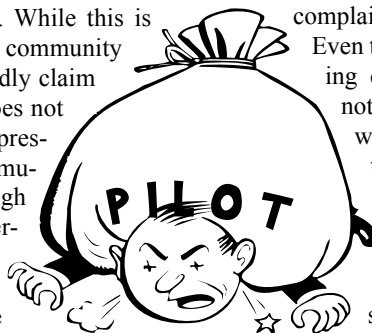
by students living in off-campus houses. The businesses in this community benefit a great deal from Tufts and its students. Moreover, residents of local neighborhoods have plenty of opportunity to take advantage of the number of jobs that Tufts creates in the community. Any institution or corporation that brings employment opportunities to a community is one that residents of said community should appreciate, not berate.

While the Medford and Somerville communities profit financially from Tufts' existence, one must also understand the intangible benefits Tufts offers. Area residents are able to take advantage of the fact that they inhabit the same town as a respected institution of higher-learning. Tufts provides an intellectual environment, complete with a variety of speeches, concerts and film screenings. One does not even need to present a Tufts identification card to enter the library. In fact, very few events and facilities at Tufts require one to show a student ID. One must not forget the wonderful eye candy that Tufts brings to the otherwise visually unspectacular Medford and Somerville communities. One could even go so far as to say that Tufts' campus is the most beautiful destination in both Medford and Somerville. Furthermore, Tufts provides local residents with the opportunity to watch hundreds of coeds scamper around in their birthday suits every winter. This benefit alone should stand as a sufficient PILOT program.

Improving town and gown relations between Tufts and the Medford and Somerville communities is an admirable goal to pursue. Trying to reach this goal by establishing PILOT programs with these towns, however, is an example of Tufts University giving in to the petty complaints in the community.

Even though money talks, throwing cash at the community is not a constructive manner in which to pursue a better relationship with Medford and Somerville. Perhaps Tufts administrators should consider more community outreach programs, something which, as of recently, has gained popularity among student activities groups such as fraternities, sororities and the Leonard Carmichael Society. Using Tufts funds to bribe the surrounding community only opens the door for further pandering on Tufts' part. ■

Even though money talks, throwing cash at the community is not a constructive manner in which to pursue a better relationship with Medford and Somerville.



Mr. Allen is a senior majoring in Political Science.

Russia fights its own "War on Terror."

Belsan Consequences

by Nicole Brusco

The Chechen conflict in Russia has escalated in recent months through a series of terror attacks. President Putin's immediate response has been counterproductive and heavy-handed. The future of Russia depends on the ability of Putin's administration to handle recent violence.

On September 1, Chechen Commandos stormed a school in the southern Russian town of Beslan, taking almost 1,200 students and faculty hostage. They used weapons and explosives that had been hidden under the gym floor by Chechen detainees during recent renovations. The standoff lasted

for 2 days, when the school was stormed by Russian special operation troops. The official death toll is 336, with hundreds of wounded still in the hospital.

Chechen separatists have been fighting against Russian authorities for a decade to achieve secession from Russia and establish an Islamic Fundamentalist state. In nearly a dozen major terrorist attacks, the Russian military has been sent in to kill the hostage-takers with little regard for civilian casualties. President Putin himself has blocked proposed peace plans with Chechnya, claiming that Russia cannot negotiate with radical Islamists.

Even more frightening than Putin's unrestrained use of military force in the Beslan crisis was his personal reaction. He made no statements for two days, and then announced the largest rollback of political freedoms in the past decade. The reforms will end popular elections for Russia's 89 regional governors, and Russian parliamentary elections will now be based solely

on party lists, restricting the formation of new parties.

The only resolution to the Chechen conflict acceptable to Putin is the annihilation of the separatists and continued Russian control of the region. The actions he is taking to consolidate power in the Kremlin are not the kind one would have expected as first steps in a fight against terrorism. On September 12, America began tightening security at likely

terror targets and strengthening its borders. Why has the Russian government not focused on the commonsense measures necessary to protect its people?

Corruption is rampant in Russia, and terrorists are able to manipulate

officials to their advantage. Bribes are a major part of how business and law enforcement are conducted in Russia. The Chechen suicide bombers, who several weeks ago exploded two planes, killing 90 civilians, got their tickets and through security by bribing a guard with \$34 (1,000 rubles). The terrorists in the Beslan hostage crisis bribed a police officer who then traveled with them and helped them through security checkpoints.

In the last month, government corruption has indirectly caused the death of nearly 500 people in terrorist attacks. In 2001, the Chechens who killed 129 people in a Moscow theater paid police to turn a blind eye while they smuggled weapons into the country. Since this tragedy three years ago, Putin's administration has taken no substantive action to combat corruption.

At this time, it is unclear where Putin will lead the country in the remainder of his Kremlin tenure. His actions have, at best been illogical and misguided, and at worst, anti-democratic. The political future of Russia is of international concern for the simple reason that Russia remains a nuclear superpower.

The US should be particularly concerned with the direction Putin is taking in his own "War on Terror," as Al Qaeda supports the Islamic fundamentalists in Chechnya. Russia and the US may seem to be natural allies in fighting radical Islamic forces, but such an alliance offers both benefits and serious consequences.

Such a coalition with Russia would definitely boost morale in the US and encourage our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would also serve to discredit the assumption made by many that President Bush failed in his pre-Iraq war diplomacy. Joining forces in battle and cooperating on intelligence would assist the American/Russian war on terror while making life harder for fundamentalists in the Middle East.

At the same time, a military alliance with Russia would be potentially destabilizing to the global balance of power, particularly as far as Europe is concerned. It is no secret that European respect for America is at rock bottom. The European Union considers itself an important power balance to the US. A US-Russian partnership in "The War on Terror" would surely have many destabilizing consequences.

Even a limited exchange of intelligence with Russia is a dangerous prospect. Information believed to be credible supported the US assertion that Iraq had WMDs—information that is now in question. With Putin adopting increasingly heavy-handed tactics, even an informal alliance may prove detrimental to the United States if Russia continues to turn away from democracy.

Putin will determine Russia's course over the next few years. Unless his policies change, the United States will remain hesitant to

cooperate at any expanded level and Russians will suffer from less democracy and more terrorism. ■

At this time, it is unclear where Putin will lead the country in the remainder of his Kremlin tenure. His actions have, at best been illogical and misguided, and at worst, anti-democratic.



Miss Brusco is a junior majoring in International Relations.

At Tufts 9/11 is only part of a movie title.

How Soon They Forget

by Alison Hoover

The third anniversary of September 11 passed by Tufts' campus with little to no fanfare. Remembrance observances were limited to a flag-lowering ceremony at 8:46 AM, the time when the first plane hit the first tower of the World Trade Center. The ceremony, a sole reminder on campus of the horrific events only three years prior, was initiated and carried out entirely by members of the ROTC.

This lack of school-sponsored events is not something to be blamed solely on the administration. Less than 15 students showed up to the flag-lowering ceremony, which, although held very early on

a Saturday morning, lasted no longer than fifteen minutes, leaving students free to return to bed for several more hours of much-desired sleep. The general consensus among students is that if they didn't lose someone in the attacks, September 11 had little resounding effect on them, especially three years later. This leaves the people who were directly affected by September 11, those from New York City, and those who had a personal connection with a victim. While these individuals aren't constantly thinking about the September 11 attacks, each year as the anniversary rolls around, the day is always accompanied by emotional memories, and the knowledge of the drastic change that took place on that historic day.

Tufts students' views are influenced mostly by their peers, their professors, and the media. Since many Tufts students are already oblivious to the anniversary of 9/11, very few students were able to instill a sense of patriotism and solemnity

amongst their peers. The unabashed bias found in Tufts academia, meanwhile, is more likely to deter students from caring more than they naturally would have. If professors provided more of an open forum for discussion, instead of using their classroom as a soapbox for only one ideology (liberal, especially anti-Bush), and created an environment safe for all students to exchange ideas, students and

professors would have a more positive influence on each other. The campus and outside media offer little encouragement, as they are apathetic and biased, respectively.

In light of such general apathy, one is left to consider the potential truth of Joseph Stalin's quote, "One death is a tragedy, but a million deaths is a statistic." Anyone who knew at least one person who was involved in the events of 9/11 is able to better understand the tragedy than the rest of the country, who can hear and see the phrase "3,000 deaths", but stash away the task of comprehending the meaning of this figure for some other day. It is unacceptable to blame ignorance of the magnitude of 9/11 on "human nature."

Indeed, in order to allow the healing process to take place, it is important to return to a routine that mimics life before 9/11 as much as possible. However, for at least one day each year, Americans should take time out of their day to seriously remember the lives lost on that fateful Tuesday not so long ago. Considering that the attacks on Pearl Harbor, the World Trade Center, and the Pentagon were both unprovoked ambushes on home soil, the anniversary of the strikes on the World Trade Center and Pentagon should be treated with more of the

solemnity received for Pearl Harbor in the years following it. Three years after the Japanese attack, the Tufts campus remained very aware and supportive of the US. Tufts had a strong navy population, which sponsored many campus events. The weekly newspaper regularly published cartoons encouraging the purchase of war bonds, and even ran an ad encouraging anyone able to knit to make blankets for the soldiers.

This year, the *Daily's* entire coverage on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks was a mere photo of Tufts Joint Operations at the flag lowering ceremony. The University made no effort to commemorate this mournful occasion, and the student body was in poor attendance at this single remembrance on campus. A few students adorned themselves with yellow ribbons, signifying a wish for the soldiers in Iraq to return home safely, but the overall display of patriotism was dismal. Many students, only three years following the horrific attacks on civilians, were so completely unaware of the significance of the day that they questioned the few other students who were dressed in red, white, and blue.

Where were you on September 11? Do you still remember the emotions that you, and those around you, experienced? Have you taken the time lately to reflect on this day in history? 9/11 brought a new sense of awakening to this country, one that is dangerously close to being forgotten. The only way to move forward and bring something positive out of the horror of September 11 is through awareness of the continued threat posed to our family, friends and nation. ■



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

Build up this wall, Mr. Sharon!

Separation Works

by Sharon Silverman

The Israeli security fence has always been subject to much international condemnation, in spite of its undeniable success in protecting Israeli citizens from the daily threat of terrorism. Yet, it is clear that in the areas of Israel now sheltered by this fence, there have been virtually no successful homicide bombings. In contrast, the most recent homicide bombing, which killed 16 civilians and wounded at least 100 more, occurred in Beersheba, an area not yet protected by this life-saving barrier.

Palestinian Arabs, as well as various international critics, decry this fence, calling it an "apartheid wall," in an effort to equate Israel with South Africa. In an ironic twist, it is corrupt Palestinian leaders who have provided Israel with cement used for constructing the small concrete portion of their barrier (over 90% of the wall is simply chain-linked fence). One must also remember that this security fence is only necessary because of the Palestinian Arabs' reluctance to end hostilities. The PLO and groups like Hamas have not, and will not, make any steps to negotiate peace—that is until Israel is obliterated, and this is hardly a condition which allows for open borders.

It is unfair to denounce the defensive purpose of this barrier, when in reality, it supplants the need for harsher measures such as relocation, expulsion, or increased military action. The Middle East is no stranger to such measures, for it was Kuwait that expelled more than 400,000 Palestinian Arabs in 1990. Still, many critics perceive this fence as the greatest obstruction to peace in the Middle East. Ironically, it is these very critics who covertly emulate Israel's strategy, some for reasons less important than saving

lives. There are at least eight other examples of countries erecting so-called "apartheid walls," some in order to deter illegal aliens, others for national security.

Saudi Arabia, a country that has always opposed Israel and its defensive barrier, is building a fence along its border with Yemen, in an effort to prevent infiltrators and weapon smugglers from setting foot onto Saudi land. In any other normal scenario, the media might call this hypocrisy—but the media has always been selective in its criticism.

India is currently working on erecting a barbed wire fence along its border with Kashmir, in order to prevent Islamic terrorists from entering. In a telling statement, the head of India's Border Security in Jammu and Kashmir, Dilip Trivedi, was quoted last year saying, "Why should we wait for [militants] to come in and attack our people? Why not stop them at the border?" Apparently, the Israelis are not alone in understanding the logic of a security barrier. Distressingly though, each of these countries has voted for a UN resolution condemning Israel's security fence.

Even more disturbing, the European Union, one of the greatest critics of Israel's security fence, is currently helping two of its newest members, Poland and Hungary, construct a fence separating these nations from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus. The purpose of this fence is to prevent immigrants from entering these two countries. It is sad, but hardly unbelievable, that the EU would frown upon one country

for building a barrier which has proven to protect and save lives, and aid other countries in constructing an identical barrier, for reasons which pale in comparison to Israel's.

Some may still disagree, arguing that Israel's security fence discriminates against the Palestinian Arab population as a whole, that it lumps them all into the same category. However, it is the entire Palestinian Arab population that fosters and condones the harboring of the homicide bombers in their midst, and until this is changed, and until they stop sending out homicide bombers disguised as pregnant women, they must accept the consequences as a whole. One might also argue that Israel's security barrier is not being built strictly on the correct boundary, and that it amounts to a land grab, making it different from the barriers of the other cited countries. But in truth, the "green line" does not represent an accurate boundary, for there has never been a country called "Palestine" with designated boundaries; it is all merely disputed territory (which in truth belongs to the Israelis, who recaptured it when Syria, Egypt, and Jordan waged war against them in 1967). The purpose of the security fence is to prevent terrorism in Israel, and that being its sole purpose, it must be placed in the most effective way possible, in such a way that all of Israel's cities and settlements are protected.

People must accept that hostilities cannot always be negotiated at the table. With separation, enmity and resentment are likely to persist, but the violence is almost guaranteed to end, or otherwise be substantially reduced. That is the primary concern. Separation has proven to end disputes when nothing else can. ■

It is clear that in the areas of Israel now sheltered by this fence, there have been virtually no successful homicide bombings.



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

Iraq's neighbor is on dangerous ground.

Iran Has a Secret

by David Rawson

Iran is involved in the war in Iraq and the war on terror—it is more dangerous than we are willing to admit. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is currently investigating Iran's nuclear program on the well-founded suspicion that it has, and is, producing nuclear weapons. The diplomatic engagement with Iran is heating up in the aftermath of Iraq, Libya's recent decision to abandon its nuclear program, and North Korea's withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and IAEA supervision. The UN and the US cannot rely on Iran to have peaceful nuclear ambitions.

This is an anti-Israeli and anti-American government that cannot be trusted to restrain itself from developing nuclear weapons simply because the UN passes a resolution condemning it.

The brutality of Saddam Hussein's dictatorship, past attempts at producing nuclear weapons and the hope of a new democracy in the Middle East were the key threats that supported the neoconservative argument for war in Iraq. The US is already arguing for immediate economic sanctions if Iran cannot prove that it has frozen its nuclear enrichment program. We should be prepared to have other options if the UN appeases Iran as it did Iraq. The obvious option is preemptive attack, which is not out of the question, given the danger of nuclear weapons in the hands of a fundamentalist Islamic government. There are numerous reasons to be prepared militarily if Iran continues to defy the UN.

Firstly, we saw where the UN failed in Iraq. Economic sanctions worked to stifle the production of nuclear weapons

there, but a violent and powerful dictatorship was allowed to oppress its people and mock the UN and IAEA's demands for twelve years. The United States acted on the weakness of the UN, leading a coalition to preemptively topple the regime in Iraq and begin the difficult task of establishing democracy in the heart of the Middle East. The president must be prepared to follow a similar policy in Iran, not only because the UN could be

weak, but also because Iran is much more dangerous and threatening than we think. We should strongly consider what we have learned about Iraq: if there were no UN sanc-

tions against Iraq, its nuclear program would have been much more advanced. Iran's program might be that advanced already. Therefore, UN diplomatic pressure must not stagnate any longer.

Even if the UN is strong and sanctions Iran, we should be prepared for the worst. Europe's big three—Britain, France, and Germany—are acting strongly against Iran's clandestine nuclear program, yet even with the US' sway, disarming and democratizing Iran will not be an easy task. Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism, notably backing the Lebanese terror group, Hezbollah. Hard-line Islamic fundamentalists won the 2004 elections in Iran, isolating moderates and reformist president Mohammad Khatami. This is an anti-Israeli and anti-American government that cannot be trusted to restrain itself from developing nuclear weapons simply because the UN passes a resolution condemning it. Iran has already broken its commitments. An

oil-rich state with a fundamentalist government in the heart of the Middle East with the capability of developing nuclear weapons should not be given any leeway to take its time, testing the patience of the UN. The international community has a duty to make the UN do its job—to secure peace, good government, and accountability where it does not exist.

In Iraq, the US acted when the UN was weak. Our military is currently fighting to make a permanent success of toppling a dictatorship and democratizing the political culture. Given the commitment we have in Iraq, it is essential that we get Iran in line with the UN as soon as possible. Europe is taking Iran more seriously than Iraq, which indicates the danger of the situation and its consequences for the world.

However, with UN secretary general Kofi Annan calling the war in Iraq "illegal," the US has yet another duty to be stronger and wiser. The UN needs to regain the legitimacy it lost by appeasing Iraq, and the US needs to make good on its commitment to make Iraq safe and free.

To avoid a disaster in Iran—a fundamentalist Islamic government with nuclear weapons—immediate economic sanctions are necessary. Iran must follow the course of Libya by abandoning its nuclear program. Otherwise, it will continue to threaten the world and jeopardize our efforts in Iraq. The war on terror is turning to Iran, and the UN and the US must defeat the fundamentalist government and its nuclear program. ■



The Ayatollah loves his nukes.

Mr. Rawson is a sophomore majoring in International Relations.

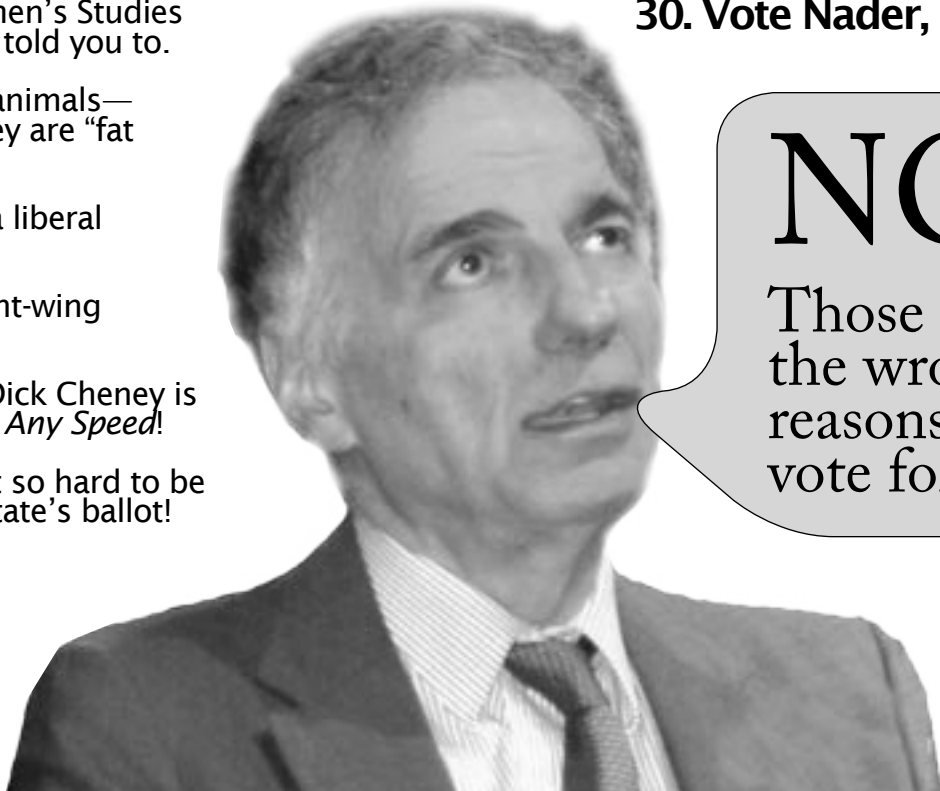
30 GREAT REASONS TO VOTE FOR RALPH NADER

1. To have a viable third party, thereby doubling the number of losers.
2. You can't vote for the Lorax.
3. You're an angry, angry person.
4. ABBBOK! (Anyone but Bush or Kerry)
5. He's cooler than Ross Perot.
6. He's too masculine for Botox.
7. He's too feminine to own a ranch.
8. He'll kill Mickey Mouse and his mighty corporation.
9. Your vote doesn't count anyway.
10. If you are an ECO rep, you can be in his cabinet.
11. If you don't, he'll sic his PIRG on you.
12. He would never go to war for our country.
13. Your Women's Studies professor told you to.
14. He loves animals—unless they are “fat cats.”
15. He's not a liberal wiener.
16. ...or a right-wing nut job.
17. Because Dick Cheney is *Unsafe at Any Speed!*
18. He fought so hard to be on your state's ballot!
19. Even the Green party doesn't want him.
20. He's even more handsome than John Edwards.
21. Haven't you always wanted to merge with France?
22. He'll replace Columbus Day with Pocahontas.
23. Because small cars are so cute!
24. Because he helped make the National Citizen's Coalition for Nursing Home Reform what it is today.
25. Aren't we all just a little bit undertaxed?
26. Voted “Best in Pandering '98.”
27. He'll raise taxes on everyone except you.
28. What if he doesn't try again in four years?
29. He opposed the Vietnam war without burning down Vietnamese villages.

30. Vote Nader, Elect Bush!

NO!

Those are all
the wrong
reasons to
vote for me!



NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Al Qaida is anti-worker.

—Elin Gauffin, Swedish socialism activist at the Socialist Alternative lecture

I would be very happy to see a socialist government in the United States.

—Professor Gary Goldstein

This situation was more dangerous than any frat party, and certainly more dangerous than my past experiences in West Hall at the Naked Quad Run. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt. But for a student with anxiety or a panic disorder, this situation was lethal.

—Adam Pulver on Fall Ball, *Daily Viewpoint*, 9/15/04

I'm disappointed in Dining Services' decision to add Dominos to MOPS. Much of the public is not aware that [former Dominos CEO] Thomas Monaghan is extremely conservative and uses his money and power to promote anti-gay initiatives.

—Patrick Brown, to *The Tufts Daily*, 9/13/04

Tolerance is not easy. It does not mean being a doormat so everyone can walk over you.

—Fr. David O'Leary, *Daily Viewpoint*, 9/13/04

I have lots of water and some gin.

—Louisiana resident Betty DeCelle, on preparing for Hurricane Ivan

Our democracy is a farce.

—John Kerry (addressing Bethany College in 1971)

Kerry's at his home on Nantucket this week, windsurfing—even his hobbies depend on which way the wind blows.

—Jay Leno

If we had a balanced budget amendment in the constitution, in 10 years the Democratic Party could not and would not exist, because they are the party of government.

—Senator Phil Gram

To those critics who are so pessimistic about our economy, I say: Don't be economic girlie men!

—Arnold Schwarzenegger

I know that this story is true. I believe that the witnesses and the documents are authentic. We wouldn't have gone to air if they would not have been.

—Dan Rather, to CNN, 9/10/04

I've never believed that media bias is a conspiracy. It's more like background radiation, a certain set of unquestioned assumptions that tend to irradiate everything—the food, the water, the verbs, the nouns of mainstream news coverage. A place like CBS News is a real hot zone where the bias Geiger counter can break its arm off.

—Johan Goldberg

Within hours of the documents being posted on CBS' Web site, moderately observant fourth-graders across America noticed that the alleged early '70s National Guard documents were the product of Microsoft Word.

—Ann Coulter

To blame the military for war makes about as much sense as suggesting that we get rid of cancer by getting rid of doctors.

—Ronald Reagan

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free.

—P.J. O'Rourke

Remember that with competition comes opportunity, with opportunity comes reward.

—Mayor Rudolph Giuliani

We are a nation called to defend freedom—a tradition that is not a grant of any government or document, but is an endowment from God.

—John Ashcroft

Bush is right and the Blame America First Crowd is wrong! Americans will rise to every challenge we face.

—Mitt Romney

There is a clear difference between socialists and barbers.

—Elin Gauffin

Too many OB-GYNs aren't able to practice their love with women across this country.

—George W. Bush, on the need for cracking

The sinning is the best part of repentance.

—Arab proverb

History suggests that capitalism is a necessary condition for political freedom.

—Milton Friedman

Now, while young Americans are dying in the sands of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan, our nation is being torn apart and made weaker because of the Democrat's manic obsession to bring down our Commander-in-Chief. What has happened to the party I've spent my life working in?

—Senator Zell Miller

If they proclaim that every man is entitled to exist without labor and, the laws of reality to the contrary notwithstanding, is entitled to receive his "minimum sustenance" his food, his clothes, his shelter, with no effort on his part, as his due and his birthright. To receive it, from whom?

—Ayn Rand

John Kerry says the 'W' in George W. Bush stands for 'Wrong.' But he still can't explain what John Kerry stands for.

—David Letterman

Americans always try to do the right thing—after they've tried everything else.

—Winston Churchill

We've been sitting here since Christmas 1914, during which millions of men have died, and we've advanced no further than an asthmatic ant with some heavy shopping.

—Edmund Blackadder

I've never canceled a subscription to a newspaper because of bad cartoons or editorials. If that were the case, I wouldn't have any newspapers or magazines to read.

—Richard Nixon

You know, the truth is, all my life, America has smiled at me and today I am smiling right back!

—Senator John Edwards

This week is John Edward appreciation week as we take up four lawsuit abuse prevention bills.

—Representative Lamar Smith