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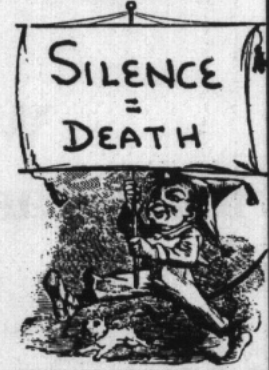
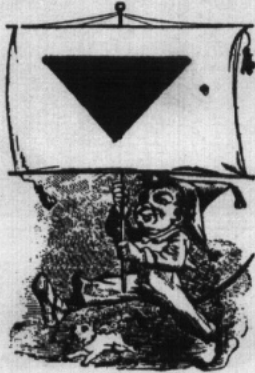
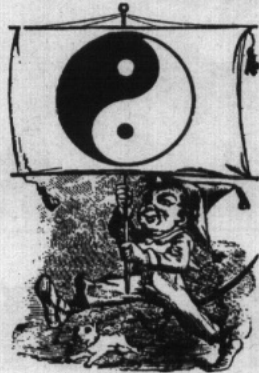
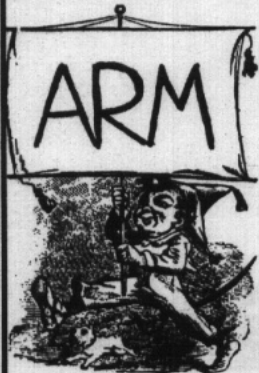
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FROM THE EDITOR

For a conservative, there are few things more enjoyable than watching the piously PC fumble over their silly antics. Witness the current controversy between Dean of Students Bobbie Knable and the TCU Senate:

Knable recently requested that the Senate appoint two of its members to her task force to find a new African-American Center coordinator. True to her affinity for quotas, Knable stipulated that one appointee be "African-American" and the other "non-African-American." Of course, one should ask why Knable's directions made mention of ethnicity instead of more relevant criteria, such as competence or merit, but this is just the beginning.

The Senate appointed members Jason Hinton and Henry Ofori-Atta. Hinton, an American black, fulfilled Knable's "African-American" quota. Knable was disconcerted, however, about Ofori-Atta's appointment. Although African, Ofori-Atta is not American, thus, technically, he qualifies as a "non-African-American." Nonetheless, according to *The Observer*, Knable has told the Senate that she wants it to drop one of the two blacks, and "give [her] one majority [white] student" as well.

It appears that Knable's politically correct terminology obfuscated the meaning of her request. In reality, she did not want one "African-American" and one "non-African-American," she wanted a black and a white. Even an Asian or an Hispanic evidently would have been insufficiently "non-African-American" in light of Knable's later request that she be given a "majority student."

This obsession with race implies that melanin somehow determines one's thought. To assume that any two Americans, just because they have the same color skin, have identical outlooks, is insulting enough. The contention that an African and an American black, who have been raised in very different cultures and environments, share the same viewpoints is outright absurd. According to this logic, our opinions are nothing more than an extension of our genetics.

Knable is adamant that the committee reflect her 'diverse' requirements. When asked by *The Observer* if she would accept the Senate's appointments, she replied, "If the Senate cannot make a choice, the representative will be appointed in some other way." The Dean is so determined to impose her will that she will do so even against popular student will.

Knable's insistence is indicative of her racist mentality. Qualifications do not matter to the Dean; race is the only issue of consequence, because, as far she is concerned, it is the ultimate arbiter of one's actions and thoughts. It is this willingness to categorize ethnicities, instead of judging individuals, that underlies the notion that black students need special "resource centers" and administrators in the first place.

As long as the Dean continues to view students as nothing more than representatives of particular races, she will fuel the balkanization and separatist mentalities that characterize this campus. We can all hole ourselves in our culture houses, attend social events at our resource centers, write for our ethnic newspapers, and eagerly await the day that one of our kind is needed to fill a position on some committee. Let's just hope that we fit the quota.

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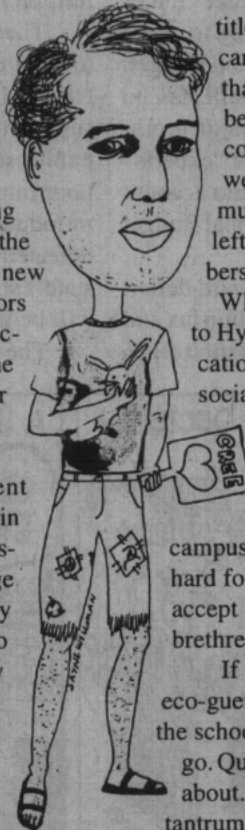
FOOL ON THE HILL

Although, by this time, we should have come to expect political silliness from campus green Andrew Epstein, Captain Planet's latest protests of Hydro-Quebec have earned him the highly-coveted title of Fool on the Hill.

For conservationists, Andrew and his plant-loving comrades sure are wasteful. We refer, of course, to the reckless manner in which they adopt and then abandon new names for themselves. The anti-Hydro-Quebec warriors used to operate as members of the non-hierarchical collective of which Andrew was a leader, ECO. But some time recently (perhaps at the beginning of the semester, after Andrew retired as ECO co-chair) the Cree-huggers formed another radical club: the Watershed Collective.

Last week Andrew *et al.* occupied President DiBiaggio's office in protest of Tufts' investment in Hydro-Quebec (that evil electric utility which so mistreats Indians that it has added 25 years to their average life span and halved their infant mortality rate). They demanded a meeting with the President, probably to reiterate their tired drum-beating rhetoric. Fortunately DiBiaggio had the good sense to deny their thuggish "request," but the clever planetees found a way in nevertheless.

The next morning, the Watershed Collectivists once again shed their affiliation and collected a new



title: representatives of *Free Association*, the upstart campus communist newspaper which associates so freely that it has yet to produce its inaugural issue. (It must not be *real* communism). By so doing, Andrew and a confederate weaseled their way into the President's bi-weekly press conference. Thankfully, Director of Communications Rosemarie Van Camp insisted that the lefties keep quiet while the President spoke with members of the *publishing* campus media.

While we could easily blast Andrew for his opposition to Hydro-Quebec or his affiliation with a would-be publication that champions the most flawed economic and social system the world has ever seen, our fundamental concerns are with the means he employs in the pursuit of his PC ends. Certainly Andrew and his cohorts could devise more thoughtful, effective, and *legal* ways to protest policy than occupying campus buildings. Clearly the concept of private property is hard for Andrew to understand, but he has no choice but to accept it until the inevitable revolution of his proletariat brethren breaks our chains.

If DiBiaggio had more spine, he would have told the eco-guerrilla occupation force to leave the building or leave the school. But then, we're not sure we'd like to see Andrew go. Quite frankly, the Fool on the Hill gives us much to laugh about. And as long as he and his ilk continue their pathetic tantrums, we'll keep on laughing.

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Commentary

Tax and Spend and Spend and Spend...

President Clinton's administration continues to take "major steps to get the deficit coming down [sic]," according to Alice Rivlin, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. After a year in office, though, the administration still has no concrete evidence of having fulfilled Clinton's campaign promise to cut the deficit in half. Furthermore, Clinton's "experts" have failed, when making their predictions, to take into account the President's health care plan, which the Congressional Budget Office says will add to the deficit.

The President has made some token gestures toward deficit reduction. Last August, Congress passed his \$500 billion tax and deficit-cutting package which will lower the 1995 deficit \$126 billion from previous predictions. Clinton probably intends to cite deficit reduction as a reason to re-elect him in 1996. However, his plan is devised cleverly, for its implementation would allow the deficit to rise again in 1998. Apparently, Clinton's commitment to deficit reduction is only as strong as it is politically expedient.

The Senate is scheduled to debate a balanced budget amendment this month. If the bill passes, the Clinton administration will reduce spending and raise taxes significantly. The administration may even have to reconsider the \$90 billion series of spending cuts proposed by Ohio Republican Rep. John Kasich and Minnesota Democrat Rep. Tim Penny. Although the balanced budget amendment will probably not receive enough votes, Sen. Bob Dole expects the outcome to be close.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen warned that cutting more of the 1995 \$1.5 trillion budget could hurt the recovering economy. He may be right in the short-term. Yet the long-term effect of an irresponsible fiscal policy, built on ever-increasing amounts of Keynesian deficit spending, could be the destruction of a healthy and prosperous economy.

Another Titanic Failure

In a move intended to expand the power of the federal government, the US Senate passed two of the Clinton administration's education initiatives and rejected conservative amendments to ban condoms in schools and to give private school vouchers to poor children. The Goals 2000 school reform bill allocates \$100 million in funds to local administrators to

improve schools. The Senate also voted to pass the School-to-Work Opportunities bill which is meant to help students move from high school into skilled jobs. This bill authorizes \$300 million in additional spending next year.

The authors of the spending plans complained that they had to fight off amendments proposed by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) and others that would prohibit the use of federal money to support the distribution of condoms in elementary and secondary public schools. Other senators proposed allocating money to poor families to pay for private education. All of the measures introduced to return control of education to parents were soundly defeated by a senate that prefers to extend the domain of the state's strongarm, even at the expense of American children who will be the next generation of workers.

The measures passed by the senate will allow money to be

spent, with no goal in particular. The expectations of the plans' authors range from the vague to the absurd. The authors claim that implementation of their plan will raise the performance of American high schools students in science to first place by the year 2000, although they currently rank 14th among nations in the developed world. Experts, and the authors themselves, know that these kinds of utopian predic-

tions are both ridiculous and dishonest. Senate conservatives, in contrast to the utopians, had intended to gradually raise the level of education by limiting state interference and thereby returning the schools to the control of the parents and local communities they are supposed to serve. Their ideas were, of course, rejected by the big government establishment.

The Means to an End

In a last ditch effort to prop up their ailing regimes, totalitarian governments are begrudgingly permitting capitalism to exist in their countries. Deng Xiaoping has allowed oxymoronic "socialist capitalism" in China, while Gorbachev permitted perestroika in the former Soviet Union. The dichotomy of freedom in the economic arena and oppression in the political arena is, by necessity, short-lived. Capitalism, even in its nascent form, doesn't prolong tyrannical regimes; it is the harbinger of their collapse.

When a people rely on the state for their livelihood, when they cannot freely sell their labor, own property, or enter into



contracts, they have no avenue to remove the state. When governments relinquish their power to withhold basic goods from their citizens, they are on the road to relinquishing all of their authoritarian power.

Economist Robert Heilbroner notes, "...the state of explicit political liberty we loosely call 'democracy' has so far appeared only in nations in which capitalism is the mode of economic organization." In light of this, furthering the spread of democracy is best accomplished by promoting market economics abroad.

Cuba, Vietnam, and North Korea are all prime candidates for peaceful transformation to democracy through the adoption of capitalist practices. The most effective way to expedite this progression is to remove any domestically-imposed barriers to free markets abroad. Furthermore, our continued quest for prosperity at home will lure others to reap the benefits of capitalism.

If It Looks like a Tax, and Smells like a Tax...

The Health Security Act proposed by Hillary Clinton is, of course, fraught with government mandates masquerading as "choices" and tax increases cleverly dubbed "voluntary expenditures." To the dismay of President Bill and company, however, the Congressional Budget Office's recent evaluation of the plan has exposed the hidden costs and pitfalls of socialized medicine. Ironically, it is the President's fellow Democrats who have taken a firm stand against White House dishonesty.

According to CBO Director Robert D. Reischauer, Clinton's plan would raise the budget deficit at least \$74 billion by the year 2000 and \$126 billion by 2003. This estimate starkly contradicts Clinton's claim that nationalized health insurance will save the country money. Facts, however, seem to be irrelevant to the President's rhetoric. The administration has also tried to classify revenue for the multi-trillion-dollar program as "premiums for private health insurance," instead of calling them what they really are—taxes.

Thankfully the CBO has flatly rejected such deception. It has required that taxes for health care be treated as "governmental receipts," and rejected the President's request that the entire health care plan be kept "off budget." Instead, the CBO demands that national health care be classified as another entitlement program. The CBO report has undermined the President's pro-

posal not by offering rhetoric or even criticism, but merely by portraying it fairly. The more Americans learn about socialized medicine, the less they like it.

Barriers to Expansion

President Clinton has recently demonstrated an alarming proclivity toward embracement of protectionist trade policy. In a recent joint press conference, Clinton failed to reach any kind of agreement with Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa. The President has the power to impose a blanket tariff on all Japanese goods imported to the United States, although it is unlikely that he will take such radical action. However, White House aides have suggested that he may slap specific Japanese exports—such as auto parts and telecommunications devices—with heavy tariffs. The President would introduce these tariffs in order to ingratiate himself with union delegates and other prominent supporters of organized labor who play such an important role in providing the Democratic party with financial resources.

The most troublesome aspect of Clinton's endorsement of protectionist policy involves the negative impact that tariffs could have on American consumers. By requiring Japanese companies to pay higher tariffs, Clinton would cause these same companies to raise their prices. This development would in turn permit American companies to raise the prices of goods and services that had previously been kept down by fear of Japanese competition. So the protectionist agenda would ultimately

channel the flow of money away from consumers and into the pockets of organized labor representatives and American companies fearful of competition in the marketplace.

The other danger is that Japan would respond to Clinton's protectionist policy by imposing its own new tariffs on American exports. Such a development would, of course, hurt American companies and Japanese consumers. This fear of trade wars, and the disastrous consequences which they have for all nations involved, is by no means uncorroborated. High tariffs played a major role in perpetuating the world depression of 1929-32. For this reason, almost all economists—liberal and conservative—part company with the protectionist inclinations of the President and his organized labor cohorts.



Fortnight in Review

Comedy is allied to Justice.
--Aristophanes

P5 It would appear that John Wayne Bobbit saw more action than he is willing to admit. A Niagara Falls woman who filed a paternity suit against the Virginia gentleman claims that he fathered her son back in 1992. Supposedly the boy resembles his father, right down to the stitches.

P5 The gossip of Rio de Janeiro after Carnival was that Brazilian President Itamar Franco was seen nuzzling and kissing a young model who was wearing a minidress with no underwear during a parade. This makes us wonder what Franco will discuss with Bill at the next US-Brazil summit...

P5 Better still, the elderly Presidenté called the model and asked for a date. But the girl taped the conversation and had it broadcast on the nightly news. Franco could learn from Clinton and charge his security guards with making the first move.

P5 Smile! Only 1,062 days left in the Clinton Administration.

P5 More from the public school system that never fails: at a Dayton, Ohio ninth grade study hall one boy performed oral sex on a female classmate while several students looked on and the teacher sat at her desk listening to her radio. Perhaps she missed all of the action because the principal was under her desk.

P5 That's the NEA, always giving us more than we had bargained for...

P5 Would-be singer Whitney Houston recently blasted the media for their "negative portrayal of blacks," specifically, their focus on actor/rapper/gangster Tupac Shakur and boy-lover Michael Jackson. Sure, and people only talk about Tonya Harding because she's a honky.

P5 Chuck Jones, former publicity agent to Trump-toy supermodel Marla Maples has been convicted of stealing multiple pairs of Madame Golddigger's shoes to satisfy a foot fetish. When asked by prosecutor Kevin Hayes if he had had "a physical sexual relationship with Marla Maples' shoes," Jones grimly responded, "yes." Let's hope Marla didn't have athlete's foot.

P5 Maples also claims that Jones stole some other personal items, including underwear, a diary, and nude photos that Donny T had taken of her. We believe that Mr. Jones should be acquitted by reason of temporary insanity. Anyone who would only steal underwear from the Trumps must be off his rocker.

P5 Cuban windsurfer Eugenio Maderal Roman recently caught a powerful breeze and let it take him 70 miles north to Marathon, Florida. Finally Castro's hot air yields something positive.

P5 According to *Daily* wunderkind John O'Keefe, the liberal *New Republic* is "a conservative political magazine." If John maintains his current level of regard for accuracy, he should have a long and successful career at *The Daily*.



P5 The pride of Oslo's art community, Edvard Munch's "The Scream" was stolen last week from Norway's National Art Museum. Hmm, isn't Tonya Harding in Norway these days?

P5 A message from THE PRIMARY SOURCE to all pretentious Euro-weenies: Doug Moe. Ha-ha-ha.

P5 Watchers of the Japanese crown couple were disappointed to discover last week that Princess Masako's runny nose was only the symptom of a cold, not pregnancy. The Japanese people should

know better than to think that two Harvard graduates could ever conceive a child...

P5 Representative Indictment, also known as Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois, finally admitted last week that he misused public funds in the purchase of tens of thousands of dollars worth of US House of Representatives mementos. It was probably a good idea for him to get as many mementos as he could, considering he won't be around the House much longer.

P5 Aren't congressional knickknacks always a waste of public funds?

P5 Last Wednesday a number of TCU senators left their mirrors for a few hours to operate "The Senate Complaint Booth" at the Campus Center. THE PRIMARY SOURCE crack investigative team has

obtained a top secret list of the grievances filed:

10. Stop putting Stein's picture in the newspaper
9. Brinker keeps drinking all the beer
8. Adelman
7. Fox and Fee won't keep their hands off each other
6. Brinker and Fee won't keep their hands off each other
5. TCU is funding Randy Ravitz's unemployment checks
4. Senators are buttheads
3. No airbags in Turkey Shuttle
2. We don't have Lowell Reiter to kick around any more
1. Senate retreats should last all year

PS An unnamed employee at Little Rock's Rose Law Firm has alleged that fellow employees shredded documents germane to former partner Hillary Clinton's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corp. With any luck, maybe they'll accidentally drop the National Health plan in the shredder as well.

PS Affirmative action has now reached the Final Frontier: Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev flew aboard the space shuttle Discovery last week. Discovery: even in space, a commie's still a commie.

PS Law enforcement officials in Miami, Florida report that nomadic Eastern European gypsies have been robbing the community's senior citizens. Slavic transients with walkers have been spotted on beaches across the state.

PS Seemingly, condomania is an international phenomenon. On Valentine's Day, the British charity CSV Media distributed 10,000 "Euro-condoms," complete with "safer-sex" instructions in ten languages. We think the Euros would be better served by multilingual health warnings on cigarette packages.

PS A US Postal worker is suing the government for firing him because of his marijuana addiction. The pothead, a Mr. David C. Graziano has charged "mental anguish" as a result of his termination. At least he filed his complaint with a court instead of an uzi.

PS Despite their professed liberalism and vehement opposition to school choice initiatives, 70% of the nation's Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and 30% of the Black Caucus members send their

kids to private schools. At least they're making some attempt to curb illiteracy.

PS The school committee of Holliston, MA has ruled cellular phones off-limits in the town's schools. With phones tucked in their pockets, teachers complained, students had no room for free condoms.

PS An audit of the largest organized crime outfit in the country, the IRS, claims that Uncle Sam's cadre of thieves has "fundamental deficiencies that significantly impair its ability to properly monitor, account for, and report the use of its operating funds." Like President, like agency.

PS Researchers have developed a PCP-mimicking experimental medicine that apparently reduces brain damage caused by strokes. Although this treatment is promising, like any narcotic, it has negative side effects; Bruce Reitman warns that before using it, patients should think at least three or four times.

PS Because Congressmen are allowed to take out books indefinitely, the Library of

Congress is currently missing some 300,000 titles. THE PRIMARY SOURCE has obtained a list of the top ten offenders, and the books that they possess:

10. Joe Biden — *The Book of Virtues*
9. Daniel Inouye — *The Joy of Sex*
8. Bob Dole — *The Old Man and the Sea*
7. Teddy Kennedy — *Bootfactor 5: Beer-Drinking Game Guide*
6. Bob Packwood — *Lady Chatterley's Lover*
5. Al Gore — *The Lorax*
4. Alfonse D'Amato — *The Godfather*
3. Barney Frank — *Daddy's Roommate*
2. Carol Moseley Braun — *Das Kapital*
1. Barbara Boxer — *The Taming of the Shrew*

PS Rumors from spring training: to improve his swing, would-be baseball star Michael Jordan is taking batting lessons from figure skating sweetheart Tonya Harding.

PS On the subject of Harding, nemesis Kerrigan will soon be hosting Saturday Night Live. Live from New York it's...why me, why now?



Shades of Black

Edward Havell & Steve Seltzer

The left continually expresses outrage at stereotypical attitudes expressed towards "oppressed" groups. They claim that society ignorantly makes 'sweeping generalizations' about minorities without 'viewing them as individuals.' Ironically, liberals themselves are guilty of perpetuating the most damaging of stereotypes: that all blacks subscribe to the views of the left.

The above outlook has emerged because the media's and public's attention is drawn toward the radicals on racial issues. Leaders in the mold of Louis Farrakhan and Professor Leonard Jeffries detract from brilliant minority scholars such as Shelby Steele, Walter Williams, and Elizabeth Wright who remain relatively unknown despite continually presenting thoughtful conservative arguments.

Many of the extremists have used their political clout as a pulpit to promote their radical views. Prominent leaders in such political institutions as the Congressional Black Caucus and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have expressed notions of black empowerment to mainstream America. These views, because they easily reach the general public, are perceived as representative of the black populace.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), a leading member of the CBC, has taken some of the more outrageous radical positions on controversial issues. Most remember her for sympathizing with looters and gang members during the Los Angeles riots. According to Waters the riots resulted from economic, social, and political factors. She maintains that the government alone is responsible for solving those problems. Waters' racist beliefs were made clear when she ignored Korean store owners who suffered irreparable damage to their businesses. They received little of the government assistance that was given to the rest of the city.

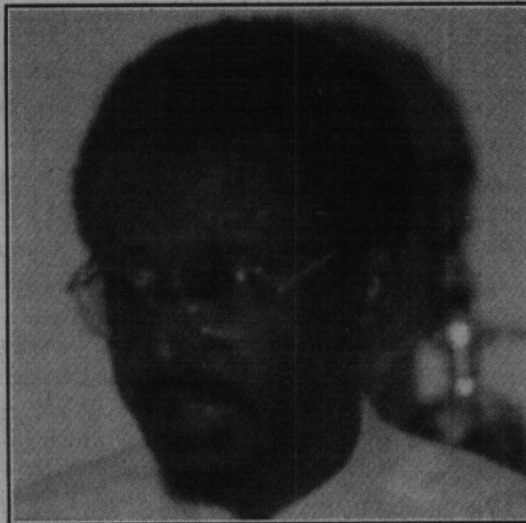
Reverend Benjamin Chavis, NAACP chairman, has a history of radicalism. Chavis, who has a long-standing affiliation with the Communist Party U.S.A., showed

strong support for the L.A. rioters as he termed the chaos a "people's rebellion." He also supports forcing companies to agree to hire blacks and purchase goods and services from minority-owned businesses. Notably,

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the NAACP condemned Hughes Aircraft for its minority hiring record without any prior investigation of the company's record. Actually, Hughes had a strong record of minority hiring.

Other radicals have utilized the other haven for leftist thought, the college campus, to express their ridiculous ideas. A substantial number of college professors advocate goals similar to those of their counterparts in government. The academics take it even a step further as they teach a



multicultural curriculum, denouncing the value of a classical education. According to such cultural relativists, western society has suppressed minority perspectives. Thus, the need to create academic divisions that express those viewpoints, such as African-American studies. These departments have

exhibited little scholarship value as they serve as outlets for leftist rhetoric.

Professor Leonard Jeffries, of the City College of New York, demonstrates the absurdity of a multicultural "education."

Jeffries, a multiculturalist by virtue of the fact that he is the head of the university's African-American studies department, has transformed the classroom into a forum of racist ideas. The professor has gone on record to make ridiculous charges against whites and Jews. Of note, he blamed Jews for limiting blacks' opportunities in Hollywood. Even the most tolerant of observers would be hard pressed to find the educational value of such statements. Sadly, Jeffries is viewed as the brand of scholar that speaks on behalf of the black community.

Unfortunately, as well known as the extremists are, conservative minority leaders find themselves ignored. Several black scholars have grouped together to publish a magazine, *Issues and Views*, an open forum on issues affecting the black community.

Flying in the face of our culture of victimization, the articles in this journal advocate responsibility and the abolition of privileged status. The journal is self-described as "founded in 1985 to advocate self-help and business enterprise in the black community." While explicitly targeted at black issues, the general philosophies challenge the extremist positions held by the Waters-Chavis camp. Furthermore, radicals disagreeing with those viewpoints must use largely-shunned rationality instead of the more common charge of racism, which, even if true, would have little credibility for the general public as the writers are minorities themselves.

Titled "The Devil Made Me Do It," an article in *Issues and Views* by Walter

Please see "Black Conservatism," page 20.

Rejecting Diversity

Politics Rules in Bendetson Hall

We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE believe that a brief look at the admissions application reveals the way left wing ideological trends have left their mark on just about everything associated with Tufts University.

One of the two essay questions applicants must respond to takes the following form: "...the three major issues confronting our government are: 1. Funding for education; 2. Racial discrimination; and 3. Environmental issues. Relate one of these issues to your own experience and offer your recommendations for progress and change that would be attainable in ten years."

Now, one wonders how the Tufts University admissions committee would react to a student who, rather than play the committee's politically correct games, argued in his essay that the question was politically loaded, predicated on faulty assumptions, and-- at heart-- just plain stupid. It is unfair to require applicants to accept the question's authoritarian presupposition that the three concerns are "issues confronting our government." Obviously, the question hints that saying "government ought to do something about it" is a much more acceptable response than saying something like "leave it to the market" or "those 'problems' are not really problems at all."

The second question the admissions committee offers is no better than the first. It is full of leftist gloating over social and demographic projections that the committee believes—apparently on political rather than scientific grounds—will occur by the beginning of the next century. "Global interdependence will be the norm by the year 2000," the question states. "In this country English will be just one of many languages spoken... more than half of the population will be people of color."

After such a pregnant query, few students would dare respond that English should (and indeed will) be the national language, or that "global interdependence" (read: centralized planning courtesy of the UN) is not a good idea. Thus the essays compel the conservative (or even moderate) either to conceal his opinions or not to apply at all. The administration thwarts opposing viewpoints well before the student first sets foot on the Hill.

Tufts' academic integrity is contingent upon liberating Bendetson from the clutches of politics. The university should be a bastion of intellectual growth, not an assembly line for the production of cookie-cutter ideological clones.



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Yearbook	copy editor	1	20				x
Earth First Chapter	recycling coordinator	3	25				x
Culture Club	chairperson	1	32			x	x
Tambourine lessons	na	2	40	x	x	x	x

SHE APPEARS TO BE A LATE BLOOMER, SHOWS PROMISE.

List your community activities, volunteer service, travel, or summer study of the past four years.

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Nature of experience	Dates of Involvement	Hours weekly	Number of weeks	9	10	11	12
Rainbow Coalition	11/93 -- present	25	3				x
Canvassing for NJ PIRG	summer 93	40	10				x
Abortion clinic defense	summers	20	10	x	x	x	x
Lived on Israeli Kibbutz (Palestine)	summer 92	168	8		x		
Fighting El Salvadoran right wing death squads		168	8	x			
Distributed condoms and clean needles at an elementary school		3	34			x	x

COMPASSIONATE

Please enter most recent employment, including summer work.

Nature of work _____ Employer _____ Dates of employment _____ Hours weekly _____
 note-- I have not held any employment during the past few years for various reasons: 1) I would rather not become yet another cog in the big business machine. 2) I have been too busy with my community service. 3) My parents give me all the money I need.

The following items are optional:

excellent.

SELFLESS, NOT GREEDY

Marital status Marriage is an outdated patriarchal institution -- it should be abolished (but I do support same-sex living arrangements)

How would you describe yourself? (Please check one.) This question is for U.S. citizens and permanent residents only.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Hispanic or Latino Other
 Specify tribal affiliation _____
 Black or African-American White or Caucasian (no one's perfect!) _____
 Asian-American _____ (specify) _____

TOLENTANT

VERY TRUE!

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Admissions Essays

Please print legibly or type your responses (word processed reports are acceptable).

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Address 1141 Metropolitan Ave. Short Hills NJ 07078
street city state zip code

ACCEPT

This section of the application provides us with information about you. We are interested in learning more about you as an individual: your perspective, opinions, and ideas. Please keep this in mind as you respond.

Essay Question 1

The most recent first-year class at Tufts indicated that the three major issues confronting our government are: 1. Funding for education; 2. Racial discrimination; and 3. Environmental issues. Relate one of these issues to your own experience and offer your recommendations for progress and change that would be attainable in ten years.

VERY UNINHIBITED
- GREAT THINKING

Although the question says to write on any one of the three choices, I decided to address all three since I feel so strongly about these issues. My thesis is that the government should solve all three problems.

More money should be spent on schools. We might manage to raise the necessary money by getting rid of private schools. Doing so would make people understand that- at least when it comes to something as important as education- we're all in it together!

Also, we need to transform our whole way of looking at schools. No more of this idea that schools are solely in the business of education. We have to start producing sensitive, tolerant, and concerned citizens who can play constructive roles in the new global community. We have to teach kids about collective responsibility- they have to understand that the deck was stacked against homosexuals, African-Americans, and women from the beginning. Kids need to understand that it is our responsibility, as members of the community, to make amends for the damages inflicted on marginalized groups by people 200 years ago. This is true, because in the final analysis we're all people. Aren't we?

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This brings me to my next point: race. Racism is a very, very, serious problem. Sometimes people say racist things, and that makes me very, very mad, because I see how those words hurt people's feelings. I think that in order to get rid of racism, companies that don't hire enough minorities should have their money and their property taken away by the government. Then, the government would give that money to groups that fight against racism- the Black Panthers, the Anti-Defamation League, the NAACP, United Negro College Fund (because a mind is a terrible thing to waste), and other similar groups devoted to liberating the people. Also, government agencies and communities within the universities should punish people for hate crimes. Right now, they often try to do this, but they run into trouble with the Constitution. That's why the trick is to get rid of the Constitution, or at least the First Amendment. People who use bad evil racist and derogatory words- like "black," "oriental," "the Third World," "the Mid-East," and other mean words- should be thrown into slave labor camps or sent to psychiatric wards.

FOOD QUESTN

FTHERE'S AN IDEA

Now, there's a third serious problem that this country needs to address. That's the environment. And you better believe that this is serious, serious business. For starters, I think we should criminalize smoking. Or if that runs into Constitutional trouble, we'll just tax cigarettes so much that no one can afford to buy them. Also, we need to cut down on the number of automobiles because bad awful CFCs are tearing horrible holes in the ozone layer and there is a pending environmental disaster. One day we're gonna wake up and we're all gonna have skin cancer or some god awful disease and it's gonna be too late to do anything about it. So the time to act is now! Arm the U.S. government with powers of enforcement. Clean up streams. Recycle cups. Save rain forests. Levy fines. Shut down corporations. Punish people. Act now, before the planet turns into a toxic wasteland.

So, in conclusion, I think it is obvious that the truth of my thesis has been demonstrated. As I said, government can solve all three problems. Finally, I should add that I intend to devote my own life to combating the problems discussed. I feel, however, a little bit disappointed with the essay question's failure to recognize the seriousness of the problem of sexism. Being a white female from Short Hills, New Jersey, I feel excluded by your question. I am just as oppressed as victims of poverty, unequal education, and racism. Nevertheless, I will try not to take your omission personally. After all, when the people's rebellion comes, we'll all be fighting on the same side.

SHE'S A REAL GO-GETTER
I'M VERY IMPRESSED.

S P E C I A L S E C T I O N

Admissions Rejection

Postcards

Dear Mr. Melville:

Call you rejected. We regret to inform you that you have not been accepted to the Tufts University class of 1998. We find your penchant for slaughtering innocent whales and polluting the ocean to be absolutely repulsive. Would your friend Queequeg, however, be interested in applying?

Dear Mr. Claus,

Whatever town you might be coming to, it's certainly not Medford. Surely you don't believe that exploiting elves and reindeer makes you worthy of a Tufts education. Most repulsive, though, is your arrogant promotion of consumerism and greed among the world's youth. Shame on you, Mr. Claus. Consider this a lump of coal in your wretched stocking. REJECTED.

Dear Mr. Moses,

As long as you keep burning bushes and parting seas, we'll present you with our One Commandment: Thou shalt apply somewhere else.

Dear Ms. Austen,

Maybe if you weren't so proud and prejudiced, you would be a member of the Tufts class off 1998. But you are. Try BU.

Dear Mr. Newton:

We regret to inform you that you have not been accepted to the Tufts University class of 1998. The committee felt that your approach to science, and hence, life in general, is frightening. You think you know all the answers Mr. Newton, but if you were really so smart you'd know that the only absolute in this world is that you won't be coming here next fall.

Dear Dr. King:

If your dream is to come to Tufts University, we recommend you find a new one. Although you once played a great role in the civil rights movement, your views are positively backward in this postmodern age. You pay respect to such notions as equality and colorblindness—all swords of the political right which have been wielded against the very people you supposedly intend to help. Take a hike, Uncle Tom.

Dear Mr. Washington,

We cannot tell a lie: you've been negged. Better go fetch that coin from the other side of the Potomac; you'll need it. Chopping down that cherry tree was simply uncool. You can take your wooden teeth and move on.

What it Means to be a Conservative

Benn Lieberman

It seems there is a great deal of confusion in today's society (particularly on the Tufts campus) about what it means to be a conservative. Some see conservatives as a group of greedy, bigoted, racist, gun-toting, chauvinistic homophobes bent on ruling the world. These adjectives describe perhaps a member of the KKK or some other fanatical group. Conservatives, on the other hand, are not a fringe group, à la Branch Davidians. Conservatives do not sit around a large bonfire, chanting incantations, praying for the almighty God to unleash his wrath on the meek. Remember that "conservative," "Republican," and "fascist" are not interchangeable terms, as sociology professors often suggest.

What, then, is a conservative? Listen closely, fellow Tuftonians, for this definition is not likely to be uttered in any Introduction to Women's Studies class or any World Civ. class with Professor Hirsch: A conservative is one who believes in the concept of self-determination through individual liberty, a free market economy, and a minimal role for the government.

Economically, the primary manifestation of such a philosophy would be a *laissez-faire* policy. Such an economy would imply the elimination of vast and sprawling government programs, such as welfare and social security. According to *Rolling Stone* writer and author of *Parliament of Whores*, P.J. O'Rourke, due to the changing demographics of the United States, "if the present rate of... entitlement continues, two thirds of the next century's federal budget will be spent on the aged." As conservatives have stressed for countless years, this nation cannot afford to continue to endorse an entitlement program which will be our undoing. The same holds true for welfare in general.

The welfare state has grown so massive that the main beneficiaries are not the intended. Rather, bureaucrats reap the profits, as welfare recipients receive only 30 cents of every dollar collected.

Instead of recognizing the problems inherent in government intervention, President Clinton has endorsed his wife's proposed health care package. A national health

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care plan is the ultimate antithesis of conservative policy: not only does it add millions of bureaucrats and enact price controls, but it also assaults the concept of individual liberty. The consumer's freedom to choose health coverage is limited to the packages offered by the state. Another manifestation of *laissez-faire* would be the elimination of socialist practices such as price controls (for example, the previously mentioned proposed health care package). Price controls create an artificial capitalism in which businesses are no longer free to set

ficially inflate prices in other cases. Most importantly, both businesses and consumers lose because the state fails to recognize their right to make free and voluntary exchanges.

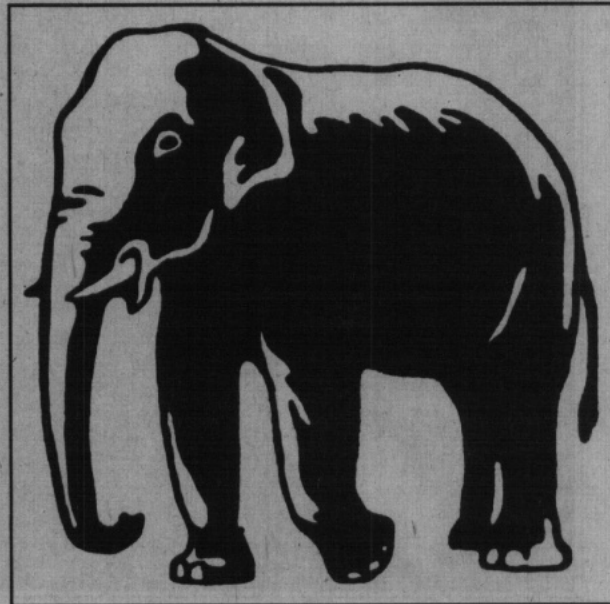
It seems that everywhere people turn at Tufts, as in the real world, they have to deal with someone in a bureaucracy. Tufts and the American government should look to business for current trends. A quick glance at any newspaper will

reveal that most businesses are down-sizing their operations. Corporations, realizing the increasingly competitive nature of the marketplace, have started to reduce their ranks, laying off mid-level management, and those with overlapping responsibilities. In so doing, these businesses enable themselves to compete well into the next generation.

The federal government, Tufts, and the rest of academia, however, have not taken business' hint. At a time when the competition for qualified students has become fierce, and parents are looking for more value for their dollar, Tufts continues to add bureaucrats to the long list of administration buildings. The ranks of Ballou, Bendetson, Sweet, Dining Services, TAB, Packard, etc., continue to expand.

Tufts claims to have the answer to this dilemma with the administration's new "restructuring" of the Dean's Office. But unfortunately this "restructuring" serves only as an excuse to add yet another Dean. Another Dean at Tufts means another executive assistant, and more paper work so the deans can communicate. So, for the bargain price of \$25,000 a year (tuition, room, and board), we have become the unwilling puppets of a vast and growing bureaucracy.

The political left has created a false definition of conservatism in order to



their own destinies. As a result, consumers, the motive force in the market, also lose. Businesses lose because price controls artificially deflate prices in some cases, and consumers lose because price controls arti-

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brainwash the rest of the country. They have preached that conservatives are, as previously mentioned, a group of greedy, bigoted, racist, gun-toting, chauvinistic homophobes. Liberals fail to realize that a free market is blind to race. Let us examine a conservative businessman. This businessman must fill a vital position in his corporation, and he receives two applications for employment. One is submitted by a straight, white, Anglo-Saxon man who is less qualified than the other applicant, who happens to be a black Muslim lesbian (ignore the question of how he knows the applicants' sexual preferences and religions).

What a dilemma! What to do! Conservatives must support those that are like themselves while oppressing all who are different. But wait, could we have been misled by the liberal mentality? What, in fact, would a conservative do? To be completely blunt, the conservative, behaving in line with the teachings of great conservative thinkers, such as University of Chicago economist, Milton Friedman, would hire the black lesbian in a New York minute.

Why the black lesbian? The answer to this question is quite simple. She would better benefit the interests of the businessman. To be quite candid, she could help him to make more money. The free market only discriminates on the basis of qualifications; extraneous factors are not considered. So, we have come to the root of it all: money. But is the accumulation of wealth really the end goal? No.

The end goal in the conservative model, as stated before, is self-determination. If this comes through material wealth, then so be it. As Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these rights are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." So if one's happi-

ness comes through the accumulation of wealth, then that is his prerogative.

But again we come back to the issue of why the conservative would hire the black Muslim lesbian. Whereas a liberal preaches that there should be quotas and other social policies which mandate the hiring of minorities, the conservative could not care less

about a person's skin color. All the conservative, by virtue of the free market, sees are his

own best interests. This allows the conservative to look beyond such trivial, outward definitions of one's person. Perhaps this approach to the issues of race, gender, sexual preference, etc. in hiring practices would go a great deal farther than quotas in combating bigotry, racism, homophobia, and the like.

The issue of gun control exemplifies

bear arms shall not be infringed." Does this mean that everyone should own an AK-47? No, but attempts to make laws forbidding ownership of one or several weapons are blatantly unconstitutional. If you are for gun control, the *only* way to accomplish this goal is through the amending of the Constitution. A passage's presence in the Bill of Rights does not render it a "sacred cow" that can never be soiled by the meddling of our current legislators.

If a conservative believes in the concept of gun control, then he will petition his local congressmen for an amendment to the Constitution. He will not, however support such weak, unconstitutional measures as the Brady Bill. All that they accomplish is the unconstitutional restriction of the rights of law-abiding citizens of this nation, something which we have far too much of already.

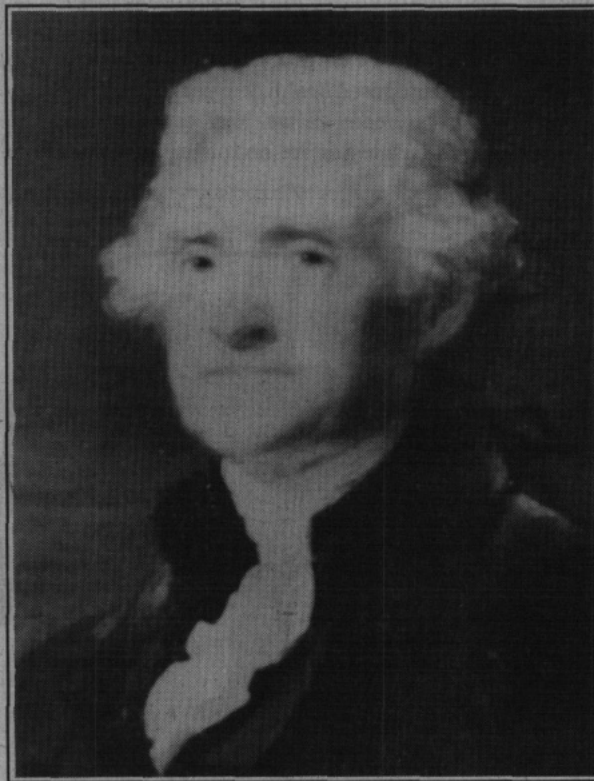
After reading this article, it is only natural to become discouraged. You might think to yourself, 'I realize that I have been a fool, but how do I change the way things are. I don't have any employees, I don't own a gun, I'm not a bureaucrat,...' Nevertheless, there is something that you can do here, at Tufts. The next time you are in a World Civ. class, or a sociology class, or any other class led by a liberal, pseudo-open-minded professor, have the tenacity and persistence to speak up.

We have all been witness to far too many Tufts lectures which took on a sort of gang mentality; "Everything that is wrong with this country is because of those conservatives..." The preceding article was only a cursory summary of conservative ideology. I implore all to obtain the knowledge and insight of true conservative thought, so that you can refute any argument forwarded by the liberal masses. Not only will you be able to refute silly arguments, but you will also be empowered with knowledge of the economic, social, and political theory which

should lead the United States into the twenty-first century.

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the left's rejection of the concept of individual liberty. Conservatives believe in the strict interpretation of the Constitution. This means that the Constitution means what it says "...the right of the people to keep and

Just Another Clinton Promise?

Chris Zappala

Mass carnage is all that existed last week as 68 Bosnians were killed in a mortar shelling of a Sarajevo marketplace. The shelling is part of a civil war that has been transpiring for the last two years. One side, the Serbs, have the upperhand and will possibly defeat their ethnic and religious enemies, the Bosnians. As a leading voice in the West, President Clinton has over the past year made a number of gestures and statements implying that the United Nations should play an aggressive role in resolving the conflict.

Clinton's views on the Bosnian crisis are indicative of an arrogance and nonchalance that has become commonplace among liberals. The President fails to see that religious and ethnic groups have been fighting for hundreds of years. He fails to see that there is no simple solution to the Bosnian-Serbian age-old conflict. The dissolution of Yugoslavia is one of the most recent wars, but tension and strife among Serbs, Croats, and Bosnians have roots more than 1500 years in the past.

Should the U.N. be involved in the situation? If so, what should its role be? Many people have answered that the U.N. should assume an interventionist role, endeavoring to break up the civil war. Clinton's speeches, although often inconsistent and vague, tend to imply that he supports an active role for the UN in Bosnia.

Others have expressed isolationist sentiments, arguing that the world should leave these two dissenting groups to resolve their differences on their own. This attitude is especially attractive to many Americans because the Bosnian situation is fundamentally a European problem. Furthermore, isolationists have a realistic understanding of the difficulty of eradicating prejudices that date from time immemorial. Our politically correct president, however, has great faith in his ability to transform attitudes no matter how deeply embedded in history and culture they may be.

At a loss, President Clinton has turned once again to his familiar style of making and breaking promises and vows. Over the

last five months there have been talks of airstrikes against the Serbs. However, no significant military action has been taken to

cannot afford.

Putting aside the Little Bill that cried wolf, suppose the planes do fly and an airstrike is launched in full force. How much good can it possibly do? Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff John Shalikashvili says "Air power alone will not [end the war]. . . ." Experts such as Michael Mandelbaum, who advised Clinton on

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reduce the massive violence in Bosnia since these talks began. Unfortunately, it appears that the President's commitment— even to his own unsatisfactory hopes for UN intervention— is shallow at best.

Clinton has revealed this weak-minded shiftiness on numerous occasions. On Bosnia, he firmly stated that "Our nation will not stand idly by in the face of a conflict that offends our consciences." If this sounds familiar, it should. In his 1992 campaign, he said, "History has shown you can't allow the mass extermination of people and just sit idly by and watch it happen." During the

Bosnia, agree that the war could be ended with the addition of ground troops. However, our president has ruled that possibility out. He prefers the lifting of an arms embargo that the U.N. placed on Bosnia, so that the Bosnians can arm themselves on "a level killing field."

In addition to air power's inability to do the job alone, practicality needs to be observed. During the Gulf War, the bombing hit to miss ratio was low— in an open desert! The United States does not have the technology to bomb mountainous areas from close range and obtain a favorable hit to miss ratio. Since in Sarajevo, Bosnians and Serbs are literally right down the hill from each other, it would be impossible to target the Serbs without endangering the Bosnians as well.

So the President first insults the isolationist's position with his own haughty agenda of intervention. Then, he reveals his own military ineptitude by refusing to tailor his foreign policy tactics to the needs of the Bosnian context in which he would be operating.

The Bosnian conflict is a civil war. History has shown that being involved in other countries' civil wars is not advantageous. Nobody interfered directly with the English Civil War or the American Civil War, the latter being the most costly war (in terms of a single country's loss) in world history. A healthy respect for the sovereignty of nations and for the limitations of intervention would make the President's foreign policy more enlightened.

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time between these two statements, the President has done nothing to stop what he apparently perceives to be "mass extermination of people." Furthermore, he has issued several idle threats against the Serbs, and in so doing has undermined the steadfast and resolute quality that normally characterizes a respectable foreign policy. Soon, after so many of Clinton's empty threats, Serbs and people throughout the world are not going to take the United States seriously anymore. This is something the United States simply

Condom-Nation

Chris Weinkopf

As a graphic for this article, I had planned to use the Tufts Health Services' logo for National Condom Week. I decided, however, that an illustration of an erect prophylactic-clad penis would probably not be appropriate for family fare. So I searched the many brochures distributed by Tufts' condom advocates at the Campus Center last week: still no luck. After viewing countless graphic depictions of ejaculating phalli and women's private parts, I figured I would have to find a graphic on my own.

Last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, representatives of Tufts' Sex Talk and the University Health Education Program canvassed the Campus Center in an attempt to promote "AIDS awareness." They passed out fliers, conducted an informal survey of the average Tufts libido, and distributed condoms, dental dams, and quarter-ounce packets of a greasy substance called "Aqua Lube."

While controlling the spread of AIDS is certainly a worthy goal, one should question the secondary motives, the methodology, and the propriety of Condom Week. One would certainly expect that a college student know what AIDS and condoms are, and that he be capable of purchasing birth control items on his own. Moreover, encouraging "safety" need not include obscene pictures or foul language.

False Hopes

Leftists often claim that the United States is too prudish about sex. They argue that because most Americans do not discuss coitus as candidly as they do, millions are uninformed about the risks of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Thus, they conclude, "ignorance" or inaccessibility to condoms, not risky behaviors themselves, is the cause of unwanted pregnancy and venereal disease.

Although convincing on first examination, this analysis is at odds with American history. "Prudishness" about discussing issues of sex was the societal norm until the

1960s. Not coincidentally, it is during the "Age of Aquarius" that the rate of venereal infection and illegitimate birth began to soar, culminating in the health and moral debacle that plagues our inner-cities today

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and is rapidly spreading into suburban and rural areas.

The net effect of many political changes over the last thirty years has been the subversion or "deconstruction" of many societal values. Americans have lost their sense of right and wrong, and have gradually forfeited the notion of individual responsibility. One consequence of this shift is the modern inner-city, in which illegitimacy rates are approaching 80 percent, more than double what they were only 30 years ago. Today, fewer men feel compelled to pro-

vide for their families, and more women have become dependent on the welfare state to provide for them and their children. Without the moral obligations that would usually dissuade people from casual sex, more people are having sex, but fewer are willing

to consider, let alone take responsibility for, the results of their behavior. The 1960/70s gay liberation movement promoted an increase in promiscuity among homosexuals. Bathhouses opened across the country in which innumerable and sometimes anonymous sex acts took place on a nightly basis. Drug use, including the use of psychoactive "poppers" often accompanied these encounters, thus damaging the actors' judgements and immune systems.

The result was the initial explosion of cases of AIDS (and other STDs) in the 1980s. Not only had the bathhouse scene served as a perfect conduit for the rapid transfer of HIV, but the use of poppers and the accompanying spread of other STDs acted as cofactors in the destruction of the patients' immune systems.

The early AIDS explosion was not caused by "unsafe" sex, but by excessively promiscuous sex. A 1981 Center for Disease Control study found that gay AIDS patients, on average, had 61 sexual partners

a year. Condoms certainly would have retarded the initial spread of AIDS, but only partially, because they are prone to ripping during anal intercourse. According to a 1987 study in the *Australian Journal of Public Health*, 27% of homosexuals reported "a few" or "many" breaks when using condoms.

When the promoters of National Condom Week distribute flyers featuring

cartoons of dancing penises, they are not only violating standards of decency, they are trivializing sexuality at a time when its



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Opportunism

Colin R.P. Delaney

Ten days ago, I immersed myself in perhaps the most grand display of conspicuous consumption anywhere in the world. Some people call it Las Vegas. I call it a dream come true.

Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegle, Del Webb and the like all had a dream of turning a dump of a railroad yard into a mecca for pleasure seekers from all over the world. Today, Las Vegas is a sprawling desert community home to over 800,000 souls, and is, as The Mirage's advertising company called it, "the new destination in the world."

Las Vegas is built on more than lost wages. It is the product of some very successful wagers, those of the visionary capitalists who risked their fortunes on a hope that nothing could be turned into something grand. For the first 100 years after its settling, Las Vegas never amounted to more than a railway pit-stop on the route to Los Angeles. But a few entrepreneurs took a massive risk during World War II and built the first hotels on South Las Vegas Boulevard. By the 1950's, Las Vegas had become an entertainment capital as Hollywood's greatest stars and starlets flocked to the desert to perform in the hotels' showrooms.

Today Las Vegas is bursting under the strains of another hotel and residential building boom. Since 1989, Steve Wynn of Mirage Resorts has rebuilt downtown's Golden Nugget and constructed the fabulous ivory and gold Mirage, featuring the world's only man-made volcano, a 20,000 gallon shark and fish tank, a dolphin habitat, and the home to most of the world's surviving white Bengal tigers. In the last three years, five major new hotel/casinos have opened with almost 15,000 rooms and miles of gambling space.

The luxuries of Sin City are testament to the capitalist's ability to create wealth.

Similarly, Vegas exemplifies the classic liberal argument that consumers are the ultimate beneficiaries of an unfettered open market. Every aspect of the city is geared

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toward the comfort and enjoyment of the visitor—there is perhaps nowhere else in the world where the drive to serve the consumer efficiently and cheaply is more evident. Companies gain most of their profits from casino revenues, and so offer attractive services at cheap rates to lure potential gamblers. The hotel owners of Las Vegas are always striving to come up with more attractive promotions, better service, and lower prices for the city's tourists. Nearly every hotel, in its attempt to get people inside the doors, offers hamsteak and eggs



breakfasts for 99¢ and all-you-can-eat buffets for next to nothing.

Hotel rooms are just as inexpensive. In Las Vegas, hotels are not much more than bedrooms for casino patrons to spend a few hours in. The most successful enterprises

have massive hotels to support their casinos. Hoteliers need to attract as many people as possible, and ask for prices well below the amount that a comparable room would go for in any other city. With the exception of the most exclusive hotels, most rooms go for between \$29 and \$59. All hotels "comp" high and sometimes low-rollers with free rooms, free food, or free shows. Even extravagant architecture is used to draw customers. Circus Circus Enterprises, for example, has erected the pyramid-shaped Luxor, sporting a massive Sphinx on the strip. The competition for gaming dollars spurs innovation.

Without a good gimmick or a featured attraction, a hotel or casino will go bankrupt from a loss of patronage. Producers often woo patrons by offering top-notch entertainment. Treasure Island has a multi-year contract with the world famous *Cirque du Soleil* and The Mirage is paying magicians Sigfreid and Roy (and their tigers) eight

figures a year to be Las Vegas' top show. It may appear that booking a few shows to perform in a hotel does not say much for the free market, but their prices do. In an age when Broadway and even off-Broadway theater tickets go for around \$50, most Vegas show tickets are under \$30. *Cirque* ticket prices at Treasure Island are far lower than those for the company's touring show. And what does the customer get for around twenty dollars? Sensational dancers, athletes, ice skaters, and showgirls. What could be better?

Just in case the fantastic architecture, cheap room rates, and dancing girls aren't enough, casinos offer free drinks to insure

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seriousness is already under-appreciated. Their attempt to demystify sex acts as a kind of sanction of casualness and irresponsibility. Simply enough, more sex, no matter how well "protected," will result in additional pregnancies and cases of AIDS. These problems are exacerbated when individuals are convinced that they need not take responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

Fits the Plan

With the recent development of AIDS, the idea of the life unconstrained by moral absolutes has become more acceptable to the public. Many Americans put their moral convictions and concerns on hold, believing that promiscuity, now inevitable, is best handled by making prophylactics more easily available. In so doing, however, they promote the very behavior that causes the problems they seek to defeat.

National Condom Week also acts as an outlet for the presentation of liberal political opinions. The activists at the Campus Center last week distributed a "Condom Fact Sheet" which was filled with accolades for public school condom distribution programs and condom advertisements on TV. The intent of such propaganda is not to educate people about sexuality. Rather, the goal is to create popular support for taxpayer-financed condom programs.

Not all of condom week was politically motivated or conducted in poor taste. Some brochures fairly evaluated the risks of promiscuity, while others warned about the liabilities of "safe" sex. Such literature, however, was in the minority. Most of the pamphlets seemed to take for granted the inevitability of—and neglected to address the risks associated with—sexual promiscuity.

Distrust of traditional values has been prevalent among some leftists, radicals in particular. Unfortunately, reckless disregard for social norms and mores has played a significant role in bringing about the advent of AIDS and the increase in illegitimacy (hence urban crime and poverty). It is neither appropriate nor wise for the university to foster such moral nihilism.

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Williams focuses on black issues yet applies to many groups. Williams satirizes the idea that racism is responsible for all "minority" problems. "Supermarket owners don't like black people's money, so they leave black neighborhoods...white people have God-like powers. They make black males produce babies and abandon them." Many of the problems have to do with fraudulent pre-college education and messages of victimization to the poor, leading to frustration and an abandonment of productive values.

The publication also challenges the validity of African-American studies. In *Issues and Views*, Kenny Williams argues that programs are a result of "the Black Studies/Black Faculty Syndrome." In other words, these programs are mere political formalities, designed to appease, and thus true benefit is avoided. The entrance of politics has a second negative effect. As Williams writes, "What makes the enduring problem more difficult to solve is the fact that well-meaning people have been silenced by the fears engendered by debate." That politics need to be separate from academics is clear. While the focus is on black studies

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that players will stay close to the roulette wheel. If that isn't the market serving the consumers, I don't know what is.

Many people in these "enlightened" times of ours would claim that Las Vegas is a disgusting spectacle, a tribute to ridiculously ostentatious consumerism and an example of a small few getting richer at the expense of the many. This is simply not true. The revenues gained from the services provided by entertainers and hoteliers in Las Vegas pay the salaries of countless workers. Profits made in the operation of the hotels have built roads and highways, rail lines and airports, a valley full of apartments and homes, schools, police and fire departments, and one of the largest cities in the United States. It is a city that centers around gambling, but has many spinoff industries that employ thousands of citizens

in *Issues and Views*, the separation should hold true for any study. All curricula and fields should be subject to an intense scrutiny and be judged solely on merit. The current trend of incorporating marginalized authors in minority studies devalues the quality of the education provided by the university. To imply, for example, that the totality of black studies lies in oppression and nonstandard English is insulting and racist. Yet, a political, marginalized curriculum does exactly that. Works of blacks, as well as those of other minorities, should be introduced into the curriculum judged by nothing but merit. *Issues and Views* flatly rejects the values held by Jeffries and his multiculturalist cohorts.

Blacks are generally perceived as adherents to the big government and social engineering positions held by the left. That perception can, in large part, be attributed to the highly visible views of radicals in government positions and academia. There are prominent black intellectuals that discard fruitless liberal ideas for conservatism. The left, however, will not tolerate such 'intolerant' attitudes.

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and bring wealth into private hands.

Zealots often condemn gambling as an unfair exploitation of the masses. It should be remembered, however, that gambling is voluntary. The casino operator only offers the supply to meet a widespread demand. If the better is willing to spend his money to enjoy the thrill of a wager, that is his right.

Las Vegas, a town that thrives, indeed owes its very existence to the capitalist system. Hoteliers risk their funds to create a profit, and millions of people from around the world gladly spend their money on the entertainment and rush of gambling. By satisfying a market demand, capitalists have created an oasis of wealth in the middle of the desert. Las Vegas was built on opportunism, and I wouldn't want it any other way. You don't see me trottin' off to the desert paradise they call Phoenix, do you?

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Affirmative Action

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For twenty-five years, many campus academics and administrators have supported admissions policies of affirmative action. They have often portrayed those policies as benign social engineering devices, by means of which society corrects for damages of past and present racial prejudice.

Four white students at the University of Texas see the matter differently. They are currently suing the university, arguing the law school's affirmative action policy violates their constitutional rights. Their suit has exposed to the public the behind-the-scenes racial considerations that shape admissions policies at UT.

Law school admission is known for its numbers-oriented nature. For every applicant, an index score is calculated. This figure is the product of the applicant's grade point average and LSAT score. The board of admissions at UT, like its counterparts at schools across the country, considers the index score of each student seeking acceptance. This committee then sorts applications into three piles—students accepted, students denied, and students to be considered further.

The board of admissions at UT holds white students to a standard significantly higher than that of minorities. Although the committee denied admission to the four white students who are today challenging the legality of race-conscious admissions, its members have declared that the students would have been admitted if they had been non-white.

Substantial evidence corroborates their assertion. Of the 43 Hispanic Texans admitted to UT law school in 1992, 36 had index scores lower than those of all four white students who were denied admission. Of the eighteen black Texans accepted, sixteen had lower index scores than all four white students.

These numbers speak for themselves. They reveal that race has become a factor of

the utmost importance in admission to universities. For years, debate has surrounded questions concerning the extent to which university evaluation committees take into

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account racial considerations. Administrations at schools throughout the country have kept secret their admissions policies, so no one has known exactly how important a factor race is.

The events at UT demand that the public confront some unpleasant facts concerning affirmative action. These facts emerge most clearly when considered in opposition to the original intentions of policy makers who introduced affirmative action in 1964



and 1965.

Initially, policy makers intended their race-conscious social engineering to play a relatively minor role in the universities and the marketplace. They were aware that many people would consider affirmative action "reverse racism"; however, they maintained that such critics overlooked the many disadvantages certain races faced. Further, they suggested that although a racial factor would

be one of several considerations, no one would be admitted on the basis of race alone. Thus, a college applicant or prospective employee would gain access to the pool of potentially admitted candidates on the basis of intellectual achievement and aptitude alone. Then, perhaps, racial considerations could play a role in "breaking ties" or the like.

A certain sleight-of-hand quality always characterized this argument. Its advocates seemed to be afraid to take a strong stance. On the one hand, they were loathe to sweep entirely aside notions of merit. On the other hand, they seemed to suggest that merit had to give way before racial considerations in certain circumstances.

Whether or not this middle-of-the-road position is defensible and logically consistent is really not so important. The situation with regard to affirmative action in universities today bears little resemblance to the original visions of policy makers. Indeed, the current situation dwarfs the now remote memory of a mild social engineering agenda based on resorting to racialism in order to break ties or make difficult choices.

As evident from the UT statistics, race is now an absolutely crucial factor in determining admissions to universities. So pervasive and institutionalized has the faith in race-conscious policy become, that the old distinction between a person's merit and his race has all but dissolved. In many places today, race is viewed as part of merit.

The Texas case comes at an opportune time. The escalation of racial tensions in the United States has caused many knowledgeable people to re-examine old assumptions about race relations. The old idea—which

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prevailed among thinkers of the political left— was that structural racism was responsible for the great majority of the economic problems faced by minorities in this country. The idea was that implementing policies of preferential treatment and teaching people to be more tolerant would fix the problem.

Those approaches were tried for about 25 years. One problem with these policies was that the groups unable to claim minority status found themselves resenting favoritism. Another unfortunate result of affirmative action policy was that racial tensions increased and economic dislocation became a more serious problem among some minority groups. The condition of American blacks, for example, deteriorated, with ghettos and crime zones becoming all too familiar characteristics of the average city. These failures led some intellectuals to scrutinize the old policies and try to discern the essential flaws in the ideas upon which they were predicated.

One of the most well-known of these intellectuals is economist and social commentator Thomas Sowell of The Hoover Institute at Stanford University. Sowell began to reconsider all of the prevailing assumptions concerning affirmative action. He noticed that black progress on the economic ladder, measured by virtually any index, actually declined with the passage of affirmative action laws during 1964 and 1965.

Sowell observed the way affirmative action sets in motion a strange dynamic, whose very nature seems counter-intuitive to Americans who have been taught to associate black progress with increased amounts of legislation. Sowell suggests in *Civil Rights: Rhetoric or Reality* that affirmative action policies artificially inflate the market value of the most talented, educated, and established members of a group. Further, he argues that these policies artificially deflate the market value of services offered by the most unskilled, uneducated, and disenfranchised members of a particular group:

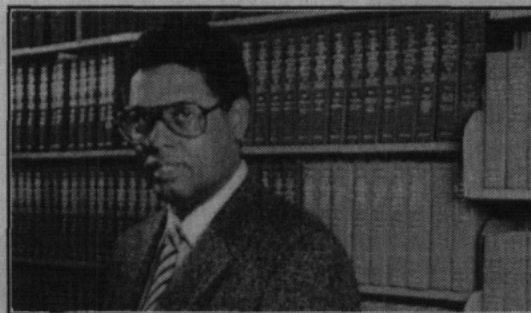
Affirmative action hiring pressures make it costly to have no minority employees, but continuing affirmative action pressures at the promotion and discharge phases also

make it costly to have minority employees who do not work out well. The net effect is to increase the demand for highly qualified minority employees while decreasing the demand for less qualified minority employees or for those without a sufficient track record to reassure employers.

Sowell argues that this pattern of the most privileged members of a group reaping gains at the expense of the least privileged, appeared not only in the United States but also in countries like Malaysia and Indonesia where similar policies have been implemented.

In *Inside American Education* Sowell reports on a problem he has observed with carrying out affirmative action policies during university admissions processes. He notices that admitting minority students with grade point averages and standardized test scores lower than those of their white counterparts leads to a pattern of "mismatching."

Sowell suggests that the end result of this pattern is that many minority students find themselves at colleges and universities



of a caliber too high. Minority students who should find themselves at schools like Tufts and Brandeis instead find themselves at Harvard and Yale. Students who are prepared for schools like Penn State and Virginia Tech ended up attending places like Berkeley and Georgetown. As a result, attrition rates among minorities skyrocketed in the 1970s, 1980s, and early 1990s, rising as high as 70 percent for black students in schools like Berkeley and San Jose State. Many minority students, who could have received degrees from perfectly respectable schools, have instead failed out of colleges

they were not prepared adequately to attend.

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different from and sometimes diametrically opposed to those intended. Consequently, he maintains that minorities would be more successful if

they turned away from affirmative action and liberal legislation. He recommends that they instead rely on individual and family responsibilities, discipline, and perseverance to improve their economic position. Obviously, Sowell represents a growing disillusionment with affirmative action among blacks and whites.

So if the affirmative action case in Texas progresses to the United States Supreme Court—and many experts predict that it will—far more will be on trial than the precedent established in 1978 in *Bakke v. Regents of the University of California*. The Supreme Court held in *Bakke* that affirmative action was permissible while racial quotas were not. Michael S. Greve, the attorney representing the four white students, intends to argue that affirmative action in many instances amounts to *de facto* racial quotas.

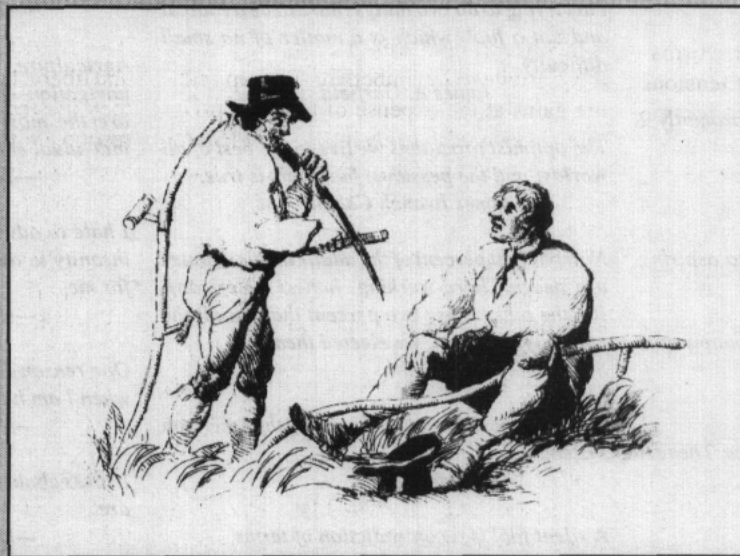
The Court, however, has been a political instrument rather than a legal one for many years now. The abstract legal question about where to draw the line between affirmative action and racial quotas will therefore not really be a matter of concern to most justices, although they may couch their arguments in those terms.

A political decision will be made. On trial will be the assumptions that have shaped the racial agenda of the political left from 1965 to the present. The sanction of racial discrimination in the name of helping disadvantaged groups, the idea that affirmative action helps those in whose name it is invoked, the belief that regulations imposed by a benevolent state are the key to improving the economic position of minority groups—all will be on trial should the matter come before the Court.

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The aim of a joke is not to degrade the human being but to remind him that he is already degraded.

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In death all men look alike.

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I was gratified to be able to answer promptly. I said I don't know.

—Mark Twain

Marry money.

—Max Shulman's advice to aspiring authors

The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children.

—Clarence Darrow

Eighty percent of men cheat in America. The rest cheat in Europe.

—Jackie Mason

A murderer is one who is presumed to be innocent until proven insane.

—Unknown

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.

—Oscar Wilde

Every decent man is ashamed of the government he lives under.

—H. L. Mencken

People who think they know everything are very irritating to those of us who do.

—Unknown

Somewhere on this globe, every ten seconds, there is a woman giving birth to a child. She must be found and stopped.

—Sam Levenson

No greater injury can be done to any youth than to let him feel that because he belongs to this or that race he will be advanced regardless of his won merits or efforts.

—Booker T. Washington

Science has not yet found a cure for the pun.

—Robert Byrne

There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.

—Henry Kissinger

I am trying to do two things: dare to be a radical and not a fool, which is a matter of no small difficulty.

—James A. Garfield

The optimist proclaims we live in the best of all worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.

James Branch Cabell

Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hard-working, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them.

—Lily Tomlin

Don't get the idea that I'm knocking the American system.

—Al Capone

A silent fool is a contradiction of terms.

—Anonymous

There is something going on now in Mexico that I happen to think is cruelty to animals. What I'm talking about, of course, is cat juggling.

—Steve Martin

One of the surest signs that intelligent life exists in outer space is that none of it has tried to contact us.

—Normandy Alden

The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.

—G. K. Chesterton

Liberty is the only thing you cannot have unless you are willing to give it to others.

—William Allen White

Governing a large country is like frying a small fish. You spoil it with too much poking.

—Lao-tze

It may be laid as a universal rule that a government which attempts more than it ought will perform less.

—T. B. Macauley

One of the advantages of pure congregational singing is that you can join in whether you have a voice or not. The disadvantage is that your neighbor can do the same.

—Charles Dudley Warner

Agriculture, manufacturers, commerce, and navigation—the four pillars of our prosperity—are the most thriving when left most free to individual enterprise.

—Thomas Jefferson

I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me.

—Hunter S. Thompson

One reason I don't drink is that I want to know when I am having a good time.

—Nancy, Lady Astor

It takes about ten years to get used to how old you are.

—Unknown

It's always easier to see a show you don't like the second time because you know it ends.

—Walter Slezak

A communist is a person who publicly airs his dirty Lenin.

—Jack Pomeroy

I'm as pure as the driven slush.

—Tallulah Bankhead

It was such a lovely day I thought it was a pity to get up.

—W. Somerset Maugham

Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way.

—Abraham Lincoln

I should warn you that underneath these clothes I'm wearing boxer shorts and I know how to use them.

—Robert Orben

When you are in love with someone you want to be near him all the time, except when you are out buying things and charging them to him.

—Miss Piggy