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From the Editors

After the last issue of the *Source*, we received a lesson in "journalistic etiquette." We have been given the proper protocol for researching and printing an article. We at the *Primary Source* unequivocally state that we did not engage in sufficiently thorough research in our Editorial "Integrity," published in the November 1988 issue. We assure our readership that our conclusions will be more adequately supported in the future.

The *Primary Source* appreciates the Media Advisory Board's commitment to improving this journal. However, we hope to see more consistency in the enforcement of such regulations. In a *Daily* article entitled "Media Advisory Board Criticizes Primary Source," Lauren Keefe wrote about the decision that the *Primary Source*, like all other campus newspapers, should call people before an article is written about them. Ironically enough, Ms. Keefe failed to call Mike Flaherty, author of the article, even though her article discussed him in considerable detail. (This certainly is not because the *Daily* does not have his phone number. On the contrary, the *Daily* has been more than happy to contact him

several times previously this year.) An actual copy of the editorial also appeared, without our permission.

Unlike some of our counterparts, we dismissed this breach of journalistic etiquette as a simple oversight. Nevertheless, we hope that certain rules implemented by the Media Advisory Board, i.e. calling people in advance of printing articles, democratically apply to all campus newspapers.

With or without notification, the *Primary Source* welcomes criticism in all the media our friendly opposition has chosen in the past: whether it be the classroom, any of the other papers, or even a good old "*Primary Source*" burning on the Quad. All tactics have been employed in the past, and we appreciate the fact that we have such a loyal and open minded readership.

In the spirit of democracy, we also feel entitled to voice our opinions when and as we see fit, whether we are applauding someone's achievements or criticizing someone else's. We consider Tufts an atmosphere for mature and enlightening debate, not a preschool where students are shielded from the big bad world of criticism.

Letters to the Editors

To the Editor,

Unlike Micheal Flaherty, Senator Orrin Hatch understood--at least belatedly-- that he had said something unconscionable when he called the Democratic party "the party of homosexuals." Apparently Micheal Flaherty doesn't understand that "homosexual" is merely descriptive, like "heterosexual," not pejorative. If he did, he, too, would offer an apology--to both his

homosexual and heterosexual readers. In a democracy we may disagree with one another, but it is important that we are not contemptuous of one another because of our differences.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Knable

On The Right

William F. Buckley, Jr.

People here and there--from students to senior citizens--who have not taken time from honest toil to inquire into questions of political taxonomy are suddenly caught by all this talk of "the L word." Many of them suspect that it is a fresh pornographic word and can't stand it that they don't know what it is, sort of like not being one of the boys.

Well, it all became too much and the A team took an entire page in the *New York Times*, under the title, A Reaffirmation of Principle. They proceeded to defend the L word, spelling it right out, without any *ster*sks, which might have been more appropriate for a family paper. But *The Times* has changed its policy and once or twice had permitted a four-letter word, where a substitute could not be found. And so, lacking substitute for this word, they authorized its appearance in full: l-i-b-e-r-a-l-i-s-m.

Yes, the ad was a reaffirmation of the virtues of liberalism. It was signed by forty or fifty worthies, whose political inclinations are suggested merely by naming three of them: John Kenneth Galbraith, George F. Kennan, and Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. Respectively, one socialist, one unilateral disarmament hound, and one left-of-center partisan on any issue, save any issue on which any Kennedy is right of center.

The Reaffirmation begins by telling the readers that everything good that happened two hundred years ago was a reflection of the spirit of liberalism. "at our country's founding, the spirit of liberalism suffused the Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights." Yawp. But the spirit of liberalism was very different in those days. The revolution was against the powers of an alien government, a government which imposed on the colonies much less heavily than today's government imposed on the fifty states. The Constitution was primarily a list of what the government could not do. This list has been largely negated by liberal legislation and inventive judicial rulings during the past century. The Bill of Rights, under modern liberalism, contracted to eliminate entirely the Ninth and Tenth Amendments, which were supposed to shield the citizen from federal authority except as specifically granted by the Constitution.

But to understand what kinds of games these gentlemen are playing, we should remind ourselves that Woodrow Wilson, writing as a college professor, generalized back to 1885 that the history of liberalism was the history of man's efforts to restrain the growth of government. A history of liberalism associated with the L- word is best described as the history of government's trying to do everything. The historian George Santayana caught this

shift in the meaning of the word back in 1917, when he wrote that the only thing the modern liberal was interested in liberating was man from his marriage contract.

But our L-friends really show no shame. Their "reaffirmation" contains the following: "Liberalism...has opposed tyranny in all forms, past and present." Ask the boat people how safe it was to rely on the opposition to tyranny of Messrs. Galbraith, Kennan, and Schlesinger. The boat people in the Pacific, or the boat people off Cuba. You will get the same answer. When Barry Goldwater ran for President in 1964 his political manual was a book called *The Conscience of a Conservative*. He was very decisively defeated, and after that defeat historian Arthur Schlesinger trumpeted the absolute irrelevance of conservatism, this atavistic rejection of liberalism. A few years earlier, I had published a book called, appropriately, *Up From Liberalism*. It got the same treatment, from the same people. But Senator Goldwater's movement caught the fancy of Ronald Reagan, who led the political movement backed intellectually by such journals as *The Public Interest Commentary*, and *National Review*, and by such organizations as the Hoover Institution, the Heritage Foundation, the

Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and the Philadelphia Society, to mention only a few.

Now, we conservatives are a tolerant lot, and we have no intention of outlawing the use of the L-word. Children should be taught about it at an early age, preferably under supervision. The books of Messrs. Galbraith, Kennan, and Schlesinger should be carefully preserved, put in time capsules, along with copies of the Townshend Plan, Ham 'n' Eggs movement, and the by-laws of Brook farm. And when the topic is brought up, at lunch or over cocktails, don't be rude. Just smile and change the subject.



The Month In Review

Dining Compassion

Last week there was a fire in Dewick and MacPhie Dining Halls. Several workers were unfortunately injured in this fire. But the Tufts Dining Services, in its usual manner, did not go out of its way to help the situation for those student who found themselves without a Dining Hall. Tufts Dining Services posted in the remaining Dining Hall signs that said that students could go to the campus center and use their points. Boy, that was a surprise, but what about those student who had long since used up the puny number of points allowed to them under our meal plan. It is bad enough that students can't eat at their own Campus Center when they want to, but Dining Services could have at least allowed students to use their meal point at the Campus Center instead of having to wait in lines twice as long to eat food far from appealing.

Happy Jim

Dear Jim Robbins:

It is not often that a member of the pure faith finds true happiness. That is why we are so happy in regard to your recent marriage. Jim, you have been faithful trooper in our war against this leftist establishment and we applaud you. Your finding of a wife disproves many commonly held notions on this campus: that conservatives have no feelings, that conservatives are't lovable, and that conservatives are't good with the babes.

Sincerely,
The Editors

Boy, They're Sharp

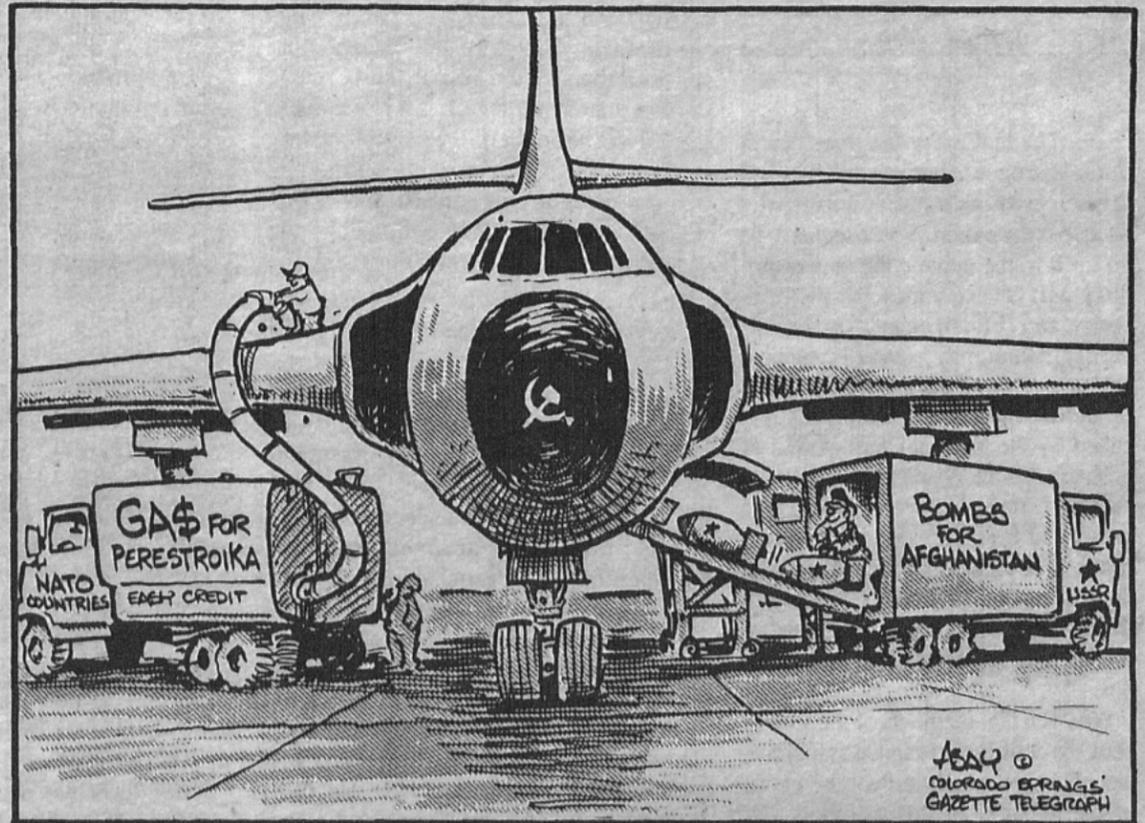
As has been well noted in the Media, the President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, was in New York last week. He announced that he was planning to reduce the size of the Soviet military. He said that the Soviet Union would cut the size of its military by five-hundred thousand men and ten thousand tanks. Even after these cuts the Soviets will still have over four and a half million men under arms and fifty thousand tanks. After his announcement many a liberal in Washington said this cleared the way for America to cut her forces an equal amount. Those silly liberals, just when the Soviets are moving toward parody they want to reduce our forces. If we followed their plan for equal cuts, we will have dismantled all our armed forces and the Soviets will still have three million men under arms.

Meridian Watch

Sometimes it gets awfully tough out there in the ideological trenches, especially when you can't find the enemy. We look and we look, but where are they? Have they gone back to the Motherland, have they given up their cause, or have they just resigned themselves to live the quiet life of an out-of-step hippy? Regardless of their current status, we, at the *Source* look forward to the day when the leftists return to print. There is nothing like waking up in the morning, grabbing a *Meridian*, and getting a good laugh.

John Sununu

The latest issue of the *Tufts Journal* dawns a picture of John Sununu and President-elect George Bush. It seems that Tufts University loves the notoriety of this conservative professor's appointment. Faced with this fact, one wonders why this University has so few conservative professors. In fact, excluding The Fletcher School, we couldn't think of any. For a school so interested in fundraising and publicity, they certainly don't learn fast. Conservatives run America, so if this University really wants to make it big, we at the *Source* will be more than happy to give to Tufts Professor Jeanne Kirkpatrick's phone number.



Join the Club

Once many many years ago, this newspaper awarded a conservative of the year prize to a Tufts professor, John Sununu. We at the *Primary Source* are sure that this coveted award was a major factor in Governor Sununu's being given the position of Chief of Staff. We hope this experience will teach a lesson to all you conservatives out there who are afraid to have their names associated with this paper. Just remember sticks and stones can break your bones but a big job in the White House can never hurt you.

Big Sister is Watching

The *Primary Source* has received several reports from our spies in Carmichael that a certain well known leader of the Tufts Democrats has been sighted destroying flyers put up by the Tufts Republicans. We have several witnesses and we did attempt to contact this boy. But we at the *Source* absolutely refuse to mention his name, we certainly don't want to make another Democrat lose his temper.

M-Word

Congratulations to the liberal Tufts Administration for finding another buzzword to characterize that damned white male patriarchal hierarchy - misogyny. If something upsets you, or even worse, amuses you, but you can't label it with any of the preexisting words in the liberal arsenal (i.e. sexist, racist, homophobic), give the M word a try. It's easy to say, and even sounds intellectual.

A Good Talk

The *Primary Source* applauds President Mayer's appearance at the Campus Center to answer student's questions. We felt the President's explanation of the University's divestment position was excellent. And while we were less interested in the several questions on the protein levels of a typical student meal, it is good to see all is well in the French Quarter.

Christmas Message

It is very easy for Americans to lose sight of how lucky we really are to be living in this fine country. Yes, America is not perfect, but it is also not the worst country in the world (as many Tufts professors would like us to believe). So in this Christmas season, take a moment and think about, how truly privileged we are to be Americans and how it is the duty of everyone of us to care about our fellow man.

Fascist Liberalism

James Ellman

The MaCarthyite Liberalism of Tufts has once again reared its head this semester, as it has at universities all across the nation. There seems to be no limit to the actions the new orthodoxy will take to impose its political, social, and cultural agenda on the university community which is supposedly a free-fire zone for the exchange of ideas. The new orthodoxy, as it is called by the National Association of Scholars, has attempted to infringe upon students' rights to free speech, free press, and free discussion in the classroom. The rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution are slowly being eroded in the name of promoting the "correct" intellectual atmosphere on this campus.

Why is it that members of the *Source* staff are constantly branded as extremists when we merely reflect the views of the majority of this nation as displayed in the last three presidential elections? Why is it that those like Josh Laub (and his ilk) are never punished by the administration when he belongs to a marxist organization, assaults politicians, and resists arrest? Why do two calm, reasonable men (one who defected from the Sandinistas, and another jailed several times by Somoza) have to put up with bomb threats, gun threats, knife threats, obscenity, and vitriolic protestors to express their views? Why is it that speakers for the Collective on Latin America need no security to speak even though they often call for violence, terrorism, and revolution south of our border?

The answer, according to Jeanne Kirkpatrick, is the alliance between

the "soft left" (the administration and the faculty), and the "fascist left" (our good friends from InCAR, TPAC, etc.). She stated in a speech last November, "I have no doubt where the administration does not want a demonstration to take place it will not take place, but that where an administration does not make its position clear, demonstrators will feel free to do as they want." The new orthodoxy of the left has decided that the imposition of marxist history, radical feminism, deconstruction, and the rejection of "Western Culture" on campus is not enough to complete the indoctrination of students: The center and the right must be silenced!

In the last year a new trend has emerged in the tactics of the left; not only should imported non-leftist speakers be shouted down, but wrong-thinking students should not be heard as well. During the fall semester of 1987 here at Tufts there was a "debate" over what the role of the CIA should be. The panel of speakers consisted of a representative of the CIA, Eric J. Labs (a former editor of the *Source*), Paul Joseph (a Tufts Sociology professor), and a liberal student. The debate was well attended not only by moderate students, but also by the "fascist left" I had just arrived here from Rice University (home of such rightist ideologues as Lloyd Bentsen, and LBJ), and was shocked by the intolerance shown by my fellow students toward a speaker invited onto campus by the university.

I was somehow able to follow the tortured logic of the protestors that the CIA was illegal, and thus had no right to express its views, however I was appalled when the protestors shouted down Eric Labs. The CIA representative stated that his agency should never assassinate foreign leaders (which drew cries of "murderer", "asshole", and "liar"

from the audience). Labs then said that the U.S. should be able to assassinate foreign leaders when they are a Hitler, or a Stalin. (As a first-generation Jew, whose Central European family was massacred with glee by both German Nazis and Marxist Russians in this century, I agreed completely with Mr. Labs.) Unfortunately, the "fascist left" did not agree. Suddenly 5-10 radicals were on their feet screaming at Labs.

The moderator, Scotty McLennon (who proclaimed last week that freedom of speech on this campus is not absolute), allowed this screaming to go unchallenged as he had throughout the "debate". Eric Labs' chance to speak was effectively curtailed, and the veracity of the fact that freedom of speech is not absolute on this campus (when you say the wrong things) was proved. As the "debate" broke up, the members of the "fascist left" were all smiles as they relished their victory; and indeed they had won, for one of their fellow student's right to free speech had been eradicated, and a man who had dedicated his life to protecting this nation (and the Bill of Rights) had been shouted down by a bunch of rich brats.

The new orthodoxy has also attempted to curtail freedom of the press on this campus. Here at Tufts, the *Source* is read with a fine tooth comb by the left to find any disagreeable statements that can be used to chastise our organization. The Tufts Democrats, who actively recruit for the ACLU (an organization that champions the right of the KKK and the Nazis to march in Jewish communities throughout the nation), considered issuing a petition to defund the *Source* last year to silence us.

However, we at the *Source* are lucky compared to the students who write for *The Dartmouth Review* in Hanover.

Conservative students at Dartmouth are routinely expelled from the University. The President of the school often engages in tirades against the *Review* to an audience of approving faculty. It is no wonder the faculty are opposed to conservatism when it was shown in a recent survey that 94 per cent of Dartmouth's female faculty supported Michael Dukakis, and 89 per cent of the male faculty supported him. These statistics have led *The National Review* to declare, "At Dartmouth we see the academic equivalent of one-party-state." Luckily the new orthodoxy has been unable to subdue the free spirit of the American students: Dartmouth alumnae contribute more than \$100,000 per year to *The Dartmouth Review* (much of it goes to legal fees for suspended students), and each time conservative undergrads are expelled, others rise up to take their place.

Finally, the new orthodoxy has begun to limit what can be said in the classroom, and woe to the instructor who is not of the new orthodox. We have seen what happens to professors who are not appreciated at Tufts: they are fired. Professor Tai, whose textbook is used at colleges with better language departments than our, was fired under murky circumstances; could it be that his expulsion was due to the fact that his method of teaching Chinese would allow students to read pre-1949 literature? However, we may be able to see the future of Tufts in the suspension of lecturer Murry Dolfman at the University of Pennsylvania. According to *Insight* (the magazine of *The Washington Times*), Dolfman "was required by the university to undergo 'racial sensitivity seminars' and was suspended from teaching for one semester in 1985 after calling a black student an 'ex-

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All I Want For Christmas.

Martin R. Menke

My six-year old cousin recently sent me his wish list, "so that I might help Santa along a bit." He wanted his very own VCR, a whole slew of computer games, some sort of bicycle I've never heard of, a tiger with plenty of meat, and a new basketball, one to replace that which landed on the neighbor's dining room table.

My aunt assured me that all the above are quite beyond the realm of possibility. After I had gotten over my initial amusement, I thought why should six-year olds have a monopoly on impossible Christmas wishlists? I then spent the next hour or so coming up with my own. So what does this editor want in his stocking?

"Dear Santa, please make sure that nothing happens to George Bush during the next four years (with a four year extension clause). Next, give J. Danforth Quayle the gift of intelligent speech. Maybe you can't do something about the federal deficit, but perhaps my credit card bills are a lesser obstacle. Could you make Fidel Castro, his friend Jesse Jackson, and Daniel Ortega disappear into the Bermuda Triangle? How about taking Noriega with them? I'd really like a huge eraser to take the intra-German demarcation line off the map. Forty-three years is enough, don't you

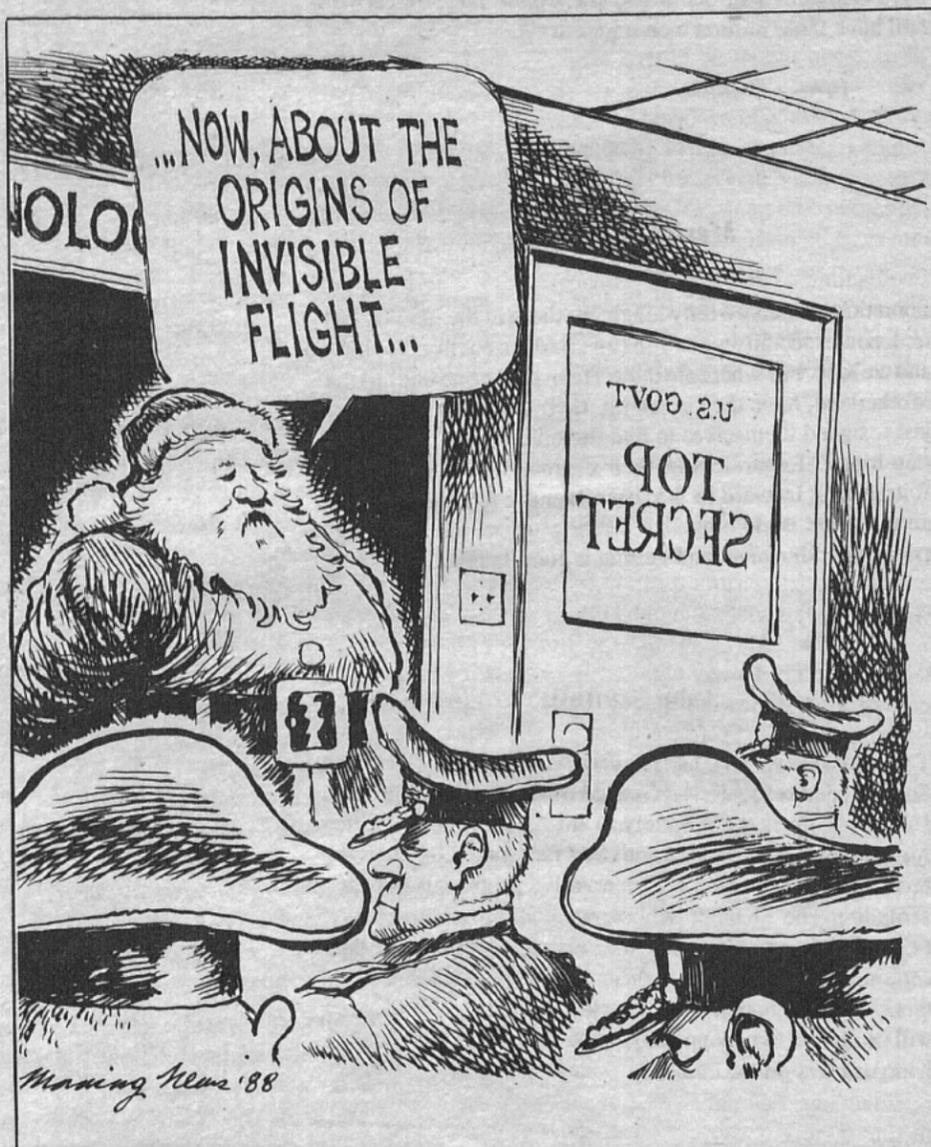
think? Well, at least do away with the shoot-to-kill order and the travel restrictions so that my friends can come and play at my house. Could you swing a Colonel-Ghaddafi-on-a-stake, sort of like that idiot in "The Story of the Rose?" Now if only you would dabble in a few lawsuits of interest to me: *Dartmouth Review* vs. Dartmouth College, Tufts U. vs. Somerville and Medford, and the United States vs. Ollie North. I would also like to see a few new trials: The people of Cambodia vs. Pol Pot vs. Vietnam, The Soviet people vs. Stalin (or communism in general), and could you please reopen United States vs. Angela Davis.

Now if only Gorby will come through with his Christmas promises made in New York, I'll have all I want (till next year that is).

Thanks a lot in advance, Martin

P.S. Should you need to prioritize, all I really want is some diplomatic-legislative immunity for me and my friends at the *Source*.

Mr. Menke is a junior majoring in History and is working toward his Teaching Certificate.



Tai Revisited

Andrew Zappia

For the past month a great deal of print in our campus newspapers has been devoted to the plight of Professor Tai. There have been articles in the *Daily, Observer, and Primary Source* examining the justifications and procedures used to fire one of the most popular professors in our language departments. Amid all this coverage one voice has been ominously absent, that of the Administration. After the publication of so many articles describing this situation we at the *Source* were sure that the Administration would have something to say on the issue, yet we were wrong.

There are many important issues involved in the firing of Professor Tai. There is the issue of academic freedom. There is the issue of tenure procedures. There is the issue of a language department run by a professor who spends only three months a year at Tufts. Most importantly, there is the issue of a University which gives no recourse, no opportunity for a fair hearing, to a Professor who has been fired. One would think that when faced with such issues this University would be eager to respond, merely to its reputation. But the reality is quite different. It seems this University has decided to lock itself behind those big thick doors of Ballou Hall and hope the storm passes quickly.

One could make the argument that this is a wise course for the University to take. When one examines the situation involving Professor Tai, it is quite obvious that the University's actions are so deplorable that to openly defend them would only lead to further condemnation. The Administration is also aware that the concerns of stu-

dents are fleeting things at best and that new issues quickly dim the importance of old ones. Just take a look at all the coverage given to the T-shirt issue these last two weeks (in our journal as well) and this strategy's merit becomes understandable. In addition, the circumstances of Professor Tai are not easily understood. It is a very involved issue, not the sort of clear cut good vs. bad or liberal vs. conservative controversy that really rouses the student body.

The Tufts Administration has adopted a wise policy for itself, but wouldn't it be nice if the Administration cared, just a bit, for the plight of Professor Tai? Once again we are shown an example of an Administration more concerned for its own well-being than that of its professors. We as students are merely passing through this University, to the professors this University is their life. Professor Tai has spent eight years at this University, he has produced a textbook that is being used at the best colleges in the nation and for all his effort he is thrown out the door without the least concern for him or his family. After looking at circumstances such as this, it is under-

standable why so many professors at this University have commented to us that they feel like second class citizens.

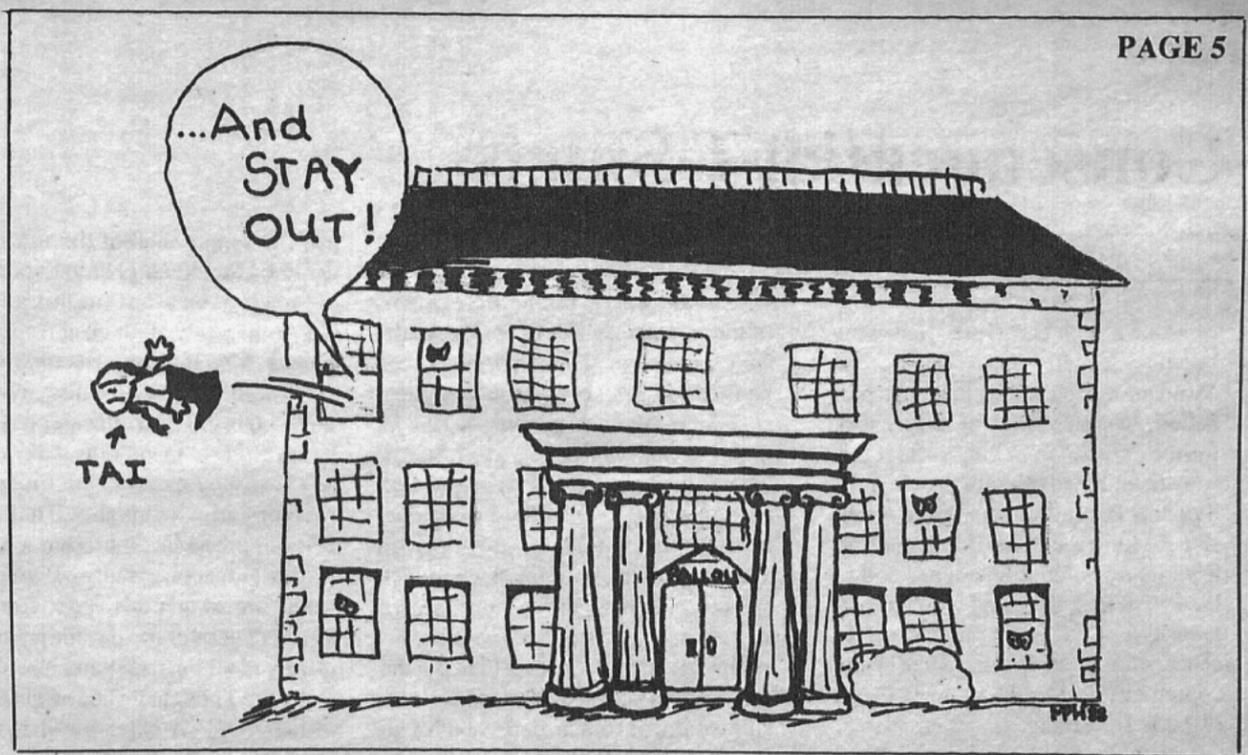
The Tufts Administration has adopted the typical response of a bureaucratic monster, only concerned for its own perpetual growth in power and influence. A bureaucratic monster wants bigger budgets every year even if it doesn't know how best to spend the money. A bureaucratic monster will dispose of anyone who obstructs its growth. Such is the nature of the Tufts Administration, always looking for more and more money so it can build more and more buildings in order help its efforts to get more and more money. Our bureaucratic Administration seems not to have the time (in its unending drive to better its own name) to stop and concern itself with the situation of Professor Tai. It is truly a sad situation.

Just as a bureaucratic monster will not allow in its midst any dissenters, neither will Tufts allow professors to teach at this University who do not absolutely agree with its goals. Most of the goals of this University are admirable, such as bettering the facilities and education. But this constant drive

to build new buildings seems silly when shown in the light of under-paid faculty and staff. It seems that this University values physical capital over human capital. When one considers the fact that Tufts is building a new Language Center and at the same time firing one of its best language teachers, one can see the truth in this statement.

The situation of Professor Tai is a tragedy for both the Students and for him. The students lose the opportunity to study under an excellent professor and Professor Tai loses his position at a place he once happily called home. There is definite human tragedy involved in the firing of Professor Tai. But from the silence of the Tufts Administration one can see that this University is not very concerned with human tragedy.

Mr. Zappia is a sophomore majoring in History and Classics.



Clothes Make A Democracy

James Burke

Flash-Headline: Tufts U. Declares T-shirt "offensive," Places Student on Probation

Flash-Headline: Tufts U. Sets New Policy on Controversial Speakers, Allows Leftists Students Loophole to Continue "Offensive" Actions Against Speaker

The Source: The Tufts Thought Patrol is at it again. The recent decision to place a student on probation because some groups found his t-shirt "offensive," has merely confirmed the suspicions of many students that the Tufts Administration is full of hypocracies. After proclaiming its commitment to "free speech" with the drafting of the new Controversial Speakers Policy (while failing to protect that right absolutely for so-called "controversial speakers"), Tufts Administration has sunk to a new low in the case of the "offensive" t-shirt.

Many at the *Source* believe that although tasteless, sexist, and mildly pornographic t-shirts are not to be supported, to take disciplinary action against anyone for displaying and selling such wares is nevertheless, irrational and uncalled for. To punish someone merely because their tastes are "offensive" violates both of the

Administration's so-called "commitments" to "free speech" and "diversity."

The "balance" which the Administration attempted in its new controversial speakers policy is totally lacking in this recent decision. There has been little effort on the part of the Administration to "balance" the right of the student to wear, and thereby to say, what he/she pleases against the basic right of another. There is no fundamental right not to be "offended." Can we now expect that the next time

a leftist wears or tries to sell a t-shirt implying that President-elect Bush is linked to drug dealers, which we find "offensive," the Administration will place him/her on probation? Of course not. Nor should we expect such action, as long as the individual does not impinge upon our fundamental rights.

In this case, seeking a "balance" between the interests of the student vendor and that of the individual who complained, as well as those of the University, as obliterated by the need to preserve the fundamental human right

of the student. All the disciplinary action against the student on the grounds noted above should be dismissed, and his record cleared. Should this, and other, appeals fail, we suggest that the student contact the Washington Legal Foundation for counsel. This is, after all, an issue that both Right and Left can agree on, for the sake of all.

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Consequential T-Shirts

John Finneran

One month ago, Tufts University became a less free place. At that time a student was placed on level two probation, one step short of suspension, for the "crime" of selling t-shirts that were determined by Associate Dean of Students Bruce Reitman, to be offensive to women and therefore fit only to have its sales forcibly stopped and to have its sellers punished with unusual severity. This heavy-handed act of censorship is an insult to the Tufts community and to the highest ideals of Tufts University.

In their official justification, Dean of Students Bobbie Knable and Associate Dean Reitman argued that they had punished the student not because of what he said but because he made a profit while saying it. In the Dean's words "it is not acceptable to set up a profit-making business when the product is hurtful to others" (the Dean's explanation is taken from their Op-Ed piece in *The Daily* of December 1). The basic argument, then, is that censorship when it is censorship applied to commerce is somehow not censorship at all; to which I would reply that nonsense, even when presented as great wisdom, is nonsense nonetheless. If the administration were to apply their new policy to the campus as a whole, they surely could not ignore the transgressions of an offender far more blatant than the t-shirt vendor. This of-

fender has a huge market on campus, makes vast profits, and sells products which are bound to offend all segments of the campus. I refer of course, to the Tufts bookstore. Bitter misogyny can be found in the works of such authors as T.S. Eliot; anti-Semitism can be found in the works of Adolf Hitler; indeed, the bookstore sells books with enough opinions to offend everyone. If the administration has truly decided to combat offensive opinion when such opinion is spread for the purpose of making a profit its logical next step is to shut down the bookstore (and put the book-sellers on level two probation). This would, of course, deprive us of an education, but the hypothesis that an educational facility ought to exist to facilitate education is perhaps incompatible with the Tufts Administration's self-appointed mission to ensure that a narrow "diversity" triumphs over ideas that are a little too diverse for its tastes.

The purpose of a liberal arts education is, and ought to be, the relentless pursuit of the truth by allowing the educated minds of students to pick through the flotsam and jetsam of all possible points of view and then allowing them to decide for themselves that which is true and that which is false. This process, however, requires that students are indeed exposed to all points of view, no matter how untrue or repulsive any of us may feel such views to be. It is this fundamental principle which has been violated by Dean Reitman and the Tufts Administration.

The suppression of the t-shirt in order to fight sexism is based upon the supposition that evil (in this case sexist) writings, even if ostensibly humorous, even if they exist only on the back of a t-shirt, will cause evil (sexist) thoughts. This supposition is based on a further supposition that our young, oh-so-impressionable, minds will accept said evil thoughts. These suppositions are an insult to the intelligence of the Tufts community. It assumes that we are so mentally impoverished that we cannot chew, swallow, and digest raw ideas but rather must be spoon-fed by the Thought Police of Tufts only the babyfood of safe, pre-digested, "diverse" ideals. Such can lead only to the perpetuation of mental immaturity; you cannot become an adult on a diet of babyfood.

Those who fear sexism have nothing to fear from a thousand t-shirts or from all of the sexist writings in the world. If you genuinely think that sexism is wrong, express your views, in writing, in conversation, or in the conduct of your life, and rest assured that when two ideas are expressed in the marketplace of ideas in all their possible arguments, reasonable minds will accept that which is true and reject that which is false. The marketplace of ideas, however, cannot function under the chilling effects of censorship. Under censorship, bad ideas are not defeated, they are merely repressed and continue to fester and grow beneath the surface. The motto of Tufts is "*Pax et Lux*"

(Peace and Light), with the meaning that the light of learning should be, and indeed can only be, pursued in an atmosphere of peace. There can be no peace, hence no enlightenment, in an environment in which those who dare to venture an opinion must fear arbitrary punishment for not remaining within an ideological straitjacket that suppresses other opinions but does not have the courage to confront them entirely on the intellectual battlefield. If Tufts University is to remain true to the ideals for which it was founded, and for which we have been lead to believe it still stands, it must immediately end all punishment to the student who sold the offending t-shirt and must immediately abolish all restraints on free opinion and the freedom to express that opinion. When Charles Tufts set up the "light upon the hill", he meant that light to be the light of learning, and not the bonfire for burning the teachings of others. If Tufts University denies its students the right to hear the words of those it disagrees with, it runs the risk of graduating a generation of students who will be able to chant, "I'm different, you're different, but we're all o.k." or "give lotsa money to your beloved alma mater" or any other slogan the Tufts hierarchy finds worthy and proper, but who will not be able to think.

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Sandinista Brain-Washing

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Recently a friend of mine in Ohio sent me an article entitled, *American Home in Nicaragua* from her local paper. The article was about Ms. Kate Peters, a member of the notorious Witnesses for Peace. Ms. Peters described the atrocious human rights violations inflicted by the Contras on the Nicaraguan people. This is not the first time that a member of this organization has ignored Sandinista totalitarianism. In fact, Ms. Peters is just the latest casualty of Sandinista indoctrination.

I grew up in South America, and have spent the last two summers in Central America, not to mention other holidays since my family currently resides there. Furthermore, I have traveled to Nicaragua and have been able to witness the reality of the Nicaraguan people firsthand. I want to make it clear that being a Latin American I applaud people like Kate Peters who leave their homelands behind to aid the less fortunate. Unfortunately, Ms. Peters has obviously been misled and cannot begin to see the dire reality of the Central American crisis.

Ms. Peters, like the others in her organization, calls herself a witness for peace. I cannot help but ask myself, what has she witnessed? By the attitudes expressed in her article, it is painfully evident that she is pro-Sandinista, hostile to the US, and cannot begin to relate truths and facts. Like other closed-minded and myopic Sandanista sympathizers, she contradicts herself by stating that she's a humble American while later affirming that she is very opinionated. I am confident about the fact that she has never come within ten feet of El Chipote, the secret police facility in Managua, where hundreds

of prisoners are physically and psychologically tortured. Furthermore, the facilities have been expanded to make room for the over-abundance of political hostages whose number has more than doubled since the Arias Peace Plan was enacted.

She's a witness for what? I have spent numerous amounts of time in United Nations refugee camps in Honduras, Jacalepa to name one, where fifty thousand people -- children, women, the old and infirm, sick and healthy

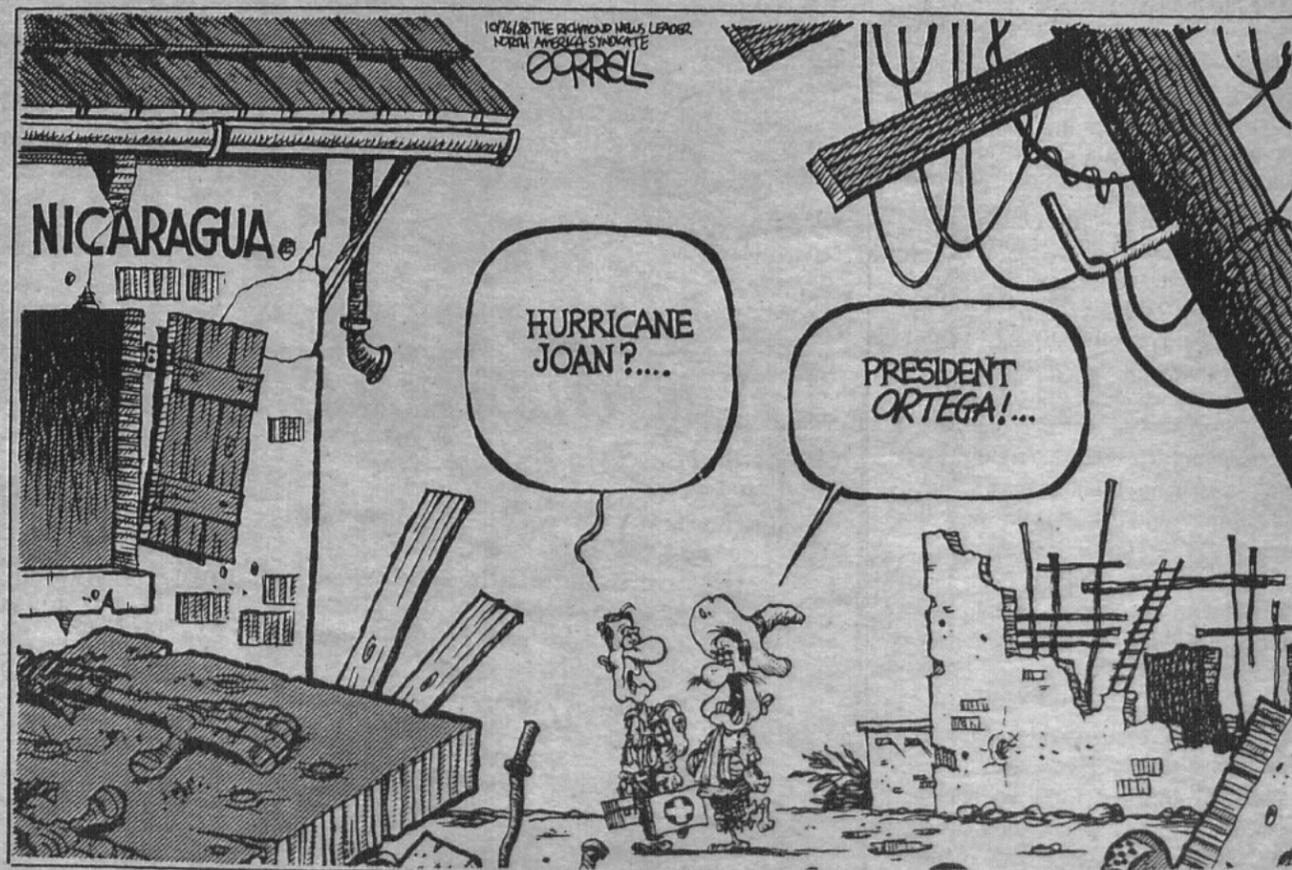
men -- live crammed together on a desolate surroundings to get an honest job and live a peaceful life. It was a mind-shattering realization to me that parents choose to raise their children in

these camps where there are no opportunities for education and freedom, rather than return to Nicaragua. I came in contact with people who are missing limbs from war or torture, people who left everything they ever worked for behind in order to prevent people they love, children, to be drafted at the early age of thirteen. I have witnessed degradation, starvation, and repression by the government Ms. Peters proudly salutes. This association immediately disqualifies her from being a "witness for peace."

In one of the more telling ironies revealed in her Sandinista propaganda, Ms. Peters stated that she has a B.A. in Spanish and in Political Science.

However, she also points out that she was at a disadvantage in Nicaragua because of the language barrier. Her incompetence in Spanish can only be surpassed by that in Political Science. I wish the members of the Witnesses for Peace would be real human rights activists and demand to meet the people who bear the brunt of this horrifying repression; those who no longer have homelands. As Witnesses for Peace and Christians, they should be competent enough to ask for justice for those who suffer from a lack of it, not justice for those who are actually causing it.

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Spy Flicks

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The signs are ominous. The Soviets have allowed Sakharov to come to the United States, and Orwell's 1984 has been published in a Russian literary magazine. Gorbachev has praised the New York City Stock Exchange, and the foundations are being laid for the first McDonald's restaurant in Moscow. Behind the Iron Curtain capitalism is so rampant that pretty soon they'll be privatizing the KGB. Let's face it, the Cold War is almost over.

This is depressing news for us fascist-reactionaries who apparently won't have a focus who won't have a focus of evil to kick around anymore. Fortunately however, it's now possible for members of the bourgeoisie such as myself to settle back in our plush armchairs and relive the Cold War--on video.

I am of course speaking of spy films. In the past forty years a great number of good spy films have been made, most of them pitting the West against communists of one nationality or another. In recent years the trend has been away from portraying the Russians or Chinese as bad guys, with their place being taken by arms-merchants, drug pushers or advocates of unsafe-sex. Nevertheless, even the eighties have produced spy films in the best Cold War tradition.

Here then, in no particular order, is a list of some of what I have found to be the most enjoyably spy films. (I have marked those which are not ideologically correct with an asterisk--but they are worth watching nevertheless.)

Any one of these films should give you an entertaining break from doing your incomplete this vacation.

The Fourth Protocol (1987): This adaption from the Frederick Forsythe novel features Pierce Bronsan as a KGB agent assigned to assemble and detonate a nuclear weapon on British soil. Michael Cain plays the MI5 agent out to stop him. Note the authentic feel of

the film with its portrayal of actual espionage tactics such as 'false flag' operations. Note also Bronsan's brilliant portrayal of the ruthless machine-like KGB operative, the antithesis of his suave, wisecracking Remington Steele.

**The Spy Who Came In From The Cold*, (1965): The opening scenes at a grey and rainy Checkpoint Charlie set the bleak and depressing tone for this film version of John Le Carre's first novel. Le Carre was one of the first spy novelists to expound the view that the two power blocs, or at least their respective spy agencies, were morally equivalent.

"Communism, capitalism...it's the innocents who get slaughtered," sighs Richard Burton as the tires, cynical spy of the title. At least Le Carre's politics make for some suspenseful moments since you never know where the next double-cross is coming from.

The Falcon And The Snowman, (1985): Not really a spy film in the conventional sense, this is the true story of Christopher Boyce, now serving a life sentence in California for espionage. Like a lot of Tufts students, Boyce was an upper middle-class kid who went around spouting off about CIA interference in Chile. He gets a summer job at a high-tech firm with incredibly lax operating procedures--they make martinis in the shredding machine--and comes across secret CIA communications information which he decides to sell to the Soviet Union.

Timothy Hutton plays Boyce as an idealist who doesn't seem to be fully aware of what he's getting into. Sean Penn plays Boyce's drug dealing espionage partner who's just in it for the money. (Could Falcon, with its "glamourization" of drug dealing have been made during our current anti-drug fad?) In one of the many offbeat moments in this based-on-truth film, Penn walks into the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City declaring at the front desk "I'd like to speak to the KGB guy in charge." "There are no KGB here," says the KGB guy sent down to deal

with this unlikely young American spy.

The Ipcress File, (1965): Here we find Robert Redford, playing a minor CIA operative who comes back from lunch at a New York Deli to find that the entire staff of his secret office has been machine-gunned to death. He calls CIA headquarters to get "picked up", but then has second thoughts. Can he trust them? Fay Dunaway plays the innocent woman who Redford kidnaps (is this strictly necessary?) so that he can have some peaceful moments to make plans in her apartment. After being tied up by Redford, she falls in love with him, a plot twist undoubtedly annoying to the women's collective.

James Bond, (1962-67): Le carre hated the James Bond character: "the really interesting thing about Bond is that he would be what I call the ideal defector. Because if the money were better, the booze freer, and the women easier over there in Moscow, he'd be off like a shot. Bond, you see is the ultimate prostitute." But that is exactly what Bond is not. The Bond of the Ian Flemming novels and of the early Sean Connery films is first and foremost a moral figure who knows what he stands for, and that I suspect is one of the reasons for his enduring appeal. The booze and women come second to getting the job done. If you haven't seen the first five Bond films--*Dr. No* (1962), *From Russia with Love* (1963), *Goldfinger* (1964), *Thunderball* (1965), and *You Only Live Twice* (1967)--see them. If you have seen them, there is really no need to see any of the others.

Other spy films which you might consider renting are Alfred Hitchcock's *Torn Curtain* (1966), and John Huston's *The Mackintosh Man* (1984), both starring Paul Newman. You'll enjoy *Cloak and Dagger* (1984), if you can get over the embarrassment of renting a G rated movie. And the original episodes of *The Avengers* (1965-69) are also available on video.

Actually, my biggest rental rec-

ommendation is for two other British television programs now available on videotape: *Secret Agent* (1966-67), starring Patrick McGoohan, is quite simply the best espionage television series ever, *The Prisoner* (1968), also starring McGoohan, is quite simply the best television series ever.

What is *The Prisoner* about? In the opening sequence, repeated at the beginning of each episode, we see McGoohan as a British spy (perhaps his John Drake character of *Secret Agent*) angrily resigning from the agency. He is then kidnapped and brought to a place called "The village", a small town resembling a Mediterranean resort, apparently populated by former spies and other people who know too much. There, in a cloying, surreal atmosphere, those in control try to break him and find out why he resigned.

Why did he resign? You won't find out, at least at first. Who runs The Village? That too is initially a mystery. Where is The Village located? From clues given during his attempts to escape, you may find out. Then again you may not.

The Prisoner is about freedom, or in McGoohan's words, "the idea of one asserting his rights as an individual." The Village is like a miniature totalitarian state, outwardly benign with a smiling, seemingly content populace. Loudspeakers in every home preach the virtues of "participation in the community" and "social responsibility". We learn, however, that many of the inhabitants have long ago had their wills broken by mind-controlling drugs, or hightech torture devices. McGoohan is masterful as the defiant Number Two, who never gives up, and never gives in. Rent the seventeen episodes in order, as some of the revelations of the later episodes will spoil the suspense of the earlier ones. If you haven't seen *The Prisoner* before, you're in for an exciting discovery.

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slave' in a classroom discussion of the 13th Amendment, which made black Americans full citizens of the United States. (Dolfman had reportedly referred to himself as a Jew and an 'ex-slave' in the same class, explaining that Jews celebrate their deliverance from servitude in Egypt on Passover.)

I am not alone in my revulsion of the Orwellian actions that are taken by the new orthodoxy to interfere with the exchange of ideas in the classroom. I believe that a Jew has the same right to call himself an ex-slave as does a black, and I would extend that right to any group that was held in bondage. While Dolfman's statements did not fit in the

new orthodoxy's narrow bounds of acceptable "diversity", they were not racist and being forced to submit to "re-education" is despicable. Alan Kors (a history professor at UPenn) was quoted saying that such "thought control and thought police are more worthy of the University of Peking rather than the University of Pennsylvania."

It seems obvious that what has been occurring at Tufts is just a taste of what is to come: our rights are being taken away from us, and our elders are deciding what we can say, write, and think. The new orthodoxy has rejected Western culture as oppressive and racist

even though that culture has given us Democracy, Plato, the Declaration of Independence and Vivaldi. The left has interfered with the first amendment on every level in the University: the freedom of speech has been eroded, the freedom of the press has been curtailed, and the range of classroom discussion has been narrowed.

Unless you belong to the small "fascist left" you as a student at this university should be concerned by the recent developments of the new orthodoxy. While you may not be conservative, every time we are suppressed your rights are diminished. When someone is punished for personal expression (while

in the bounds of reasonable argument) your right of speak becomes less valid. We must not allow those who reject all we believe in to destroy the Bill of Rights unchallenged. Those rights are the only things that protect Jews, women, blacks, homosexuals, and Asians from repression.

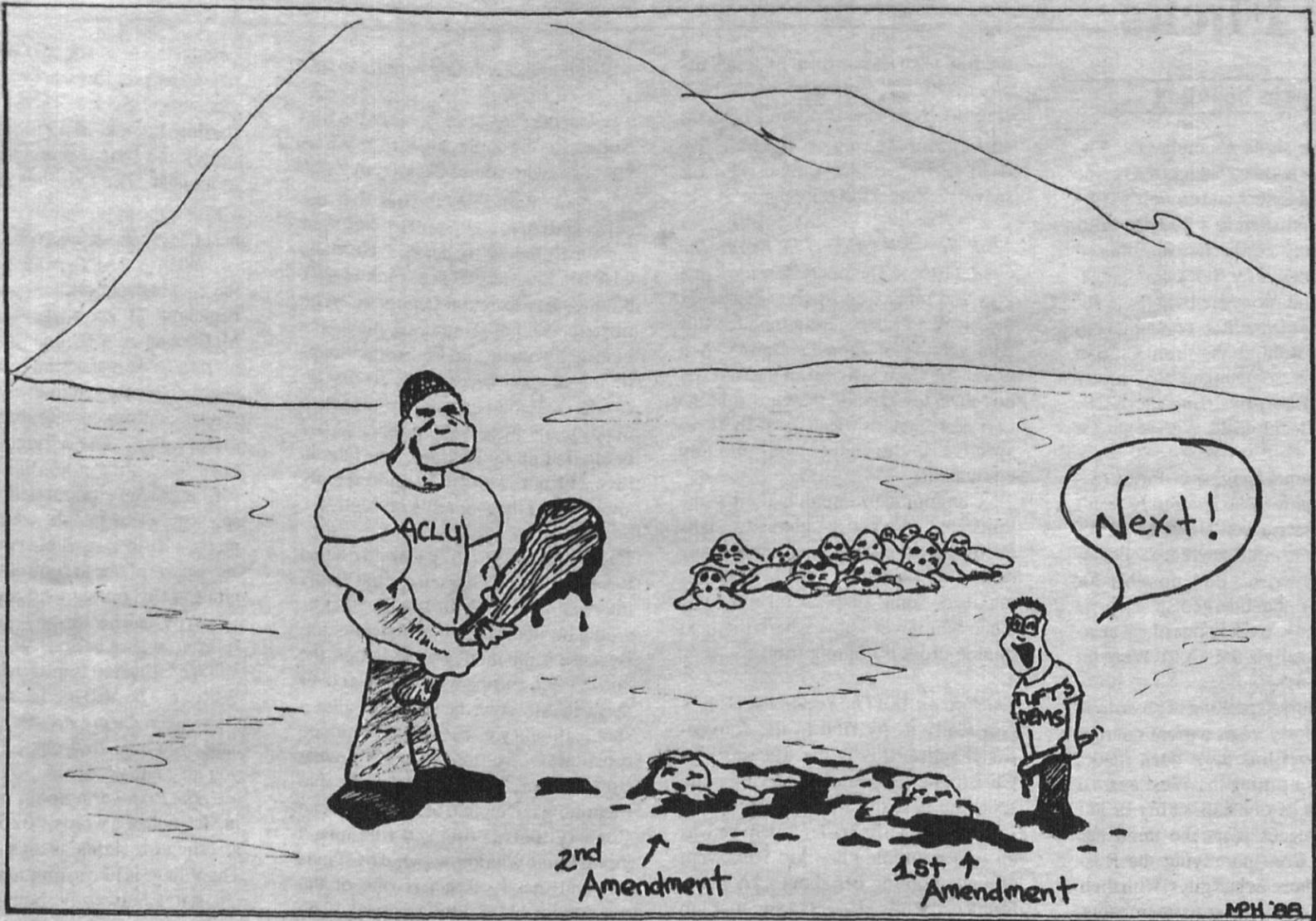
You may hate the Contras, you may hate the CIA, you may even hate *The Primary Source*, but when you approve of others silencing us, you aid them to silence you as well.

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To be great is to be misunderstood.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Dubious Association

Micheal K. Flaherty

On November 30, the Tufts Democrats floated further from the mainstream as they sponsored a membership drive for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Thirty to thirty-five students made the long march to the Campus Center to join the ACLU in their fight to secularize America. By sponsoring the ACLU registration as an organization, the Tufts Dems are shamelessly associating themselves with a subversive outfit. According to Mr. Admur, he held the drive because he felt that "George Bush actually had distorted (the ACLU) and really hadn't told the complete picture." Although Mr. Admur's assertion that President-elect Bush had "distorted" is drivel, he is correct when saying Bush "hadn't told the complete picture." Mr. Admur and his fellow travelers should consider this a favor, for the "whole picture" of the ACLU is nothing less than frightening.

The ACLU was founded in 1920 by a group that included avowed Communists William Z. Foster, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and Harry Ward. Roger Baldwin, the ACLU's founder, was its top official for more than 50 years until his death in 1981. He described his goals in 1935 as follows:

I am for socialism, disarmament and ultimately for abolishing the State itself as an instrument of violence and compulsion. I seek the social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class, and the sole control of those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal.

The ACLU has continued to function as an apparatus for the Baldwin aims. To further give "the complete picture" to this organization which the Tufts Democrats have proudly associated themselves with, one need look no further than the ACLU's own "Policy

Guide," which describes the policies which they endorse. The following is a list of policies which they endorse, culled directly from the "Policy Guide" by L. Gordon Crovitz of the Wall Street Journal:

ITEM: "Abolish all covert operations."
 ITEM: "Gay and Lesbian couples" should qualify "for benefits and rights enjoyed by married persons, including the right to become foster parents."

ITEM: "Military conscription, under any circumstances, is a violation of civil liberties...at least in the absence of an extreme national emergency as defined by the ACLU."

ITEM: "The ACLU opposes tax benefits for religious bodies."

ITEM: "The ACLU opposes any restraint on the right to create, publish, or distribute materials...on the basis of obscenity, pornography, or indecency." (This means EVERYTHING-child pornography, etc.)

The ACLU also calls for the removal of the phrase "under God" from the Pledge of Alliance. The ACLU (anti-Catholic League Union)'s mission is to systematically extirpate the Judeo-Christian values which this nation was founded on in favor of a nation where law is rooted in moral relativism. This is not done in the interests of "separation of church and state," but rather in the interests of imposing their own theology of liberal orthodoxy, undemocratically and unconstitutionally.

The goals and objectives of the ACLU are clear. The question is, obviously, what are the goals and objectives of the Tufts Democrats? Mr. Admur was quick to point out that he doesn't agree with all of the ACLU's policies, but he still "think(s) the values the ACLU upholds are important, and that is why I have organized this drive."

In a piece of ACLU propaganda that was purported to be journalism in the Tufts Daily (Worker), Senior Lara

Sanders, a member of the Tufts Democrats, gave her reasons for joining the ACLU. "I think America is in jeopardy of forgetting the First Amendment rights, and I uphold the principle of giving money to support those rights, even if it is used to defend people I don't like such as Oliver North."

Truly the ACLU's defense of Oliver North, as well as their defense of The Dartmouth Review, is nothing less than praiseworthy. Nevertheless, it is inextricable with the rest of their politicized agenda. If the Tufts Democrats are committed to the ACLU because of their First Amendment absolutism, then at least that much is redeeming. However, the Tufts Democrats record in defending the First Amendment is dubious at best.

Where were the Tufts Democrats, champions of free speech, in the infamous T-shirt debacle? Silence is consent, and their failure to come to the defense of these students, tactless as their actions may have been, is truly not in the spirit of the ACLU. More importantly, why did the Tufts Democrats, fearless guardians of the First Amendment, consider issuing a petition to defund this very paper, which would have been the equivalent of shutting us down? Finally, how can the President of the Tufts Democrats, who associate themselves with an organization which defends child pornographers' right to publish, question the constitutional right of this paper to criticize his own actions? The only answer appears to be hypocrisy.

The Tufts Democrats have damaged their reputation by openly associating themselves with the ACLU. Fortunately, they didn't invite any representatives from the Louisiana chapter of the ACLU, who recently auctioned off an abortion. This disgraceful action illustrates the true character of the ACLU; they regard the butchery of innocent children, which even "pro-

choice" advocates regard as the most painful and difficult decision a woman can make, as commercial and matter-of-fact. While they claim they are a bipartisan organization which protects the rights of all citizens, they auction off the "right" to violate the most sacred right of all, that of life.

The final irony in the Tufts Democrats irresponsible decision is the timing of the registration itself, which was less than two weeks after the anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Anyone familiar with the Warren Report would know that in addition to being in a communist front organization called Fair Play for Cuba, Oswald was a member of the ACLU as well.

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