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## LAST ISSUE EVER

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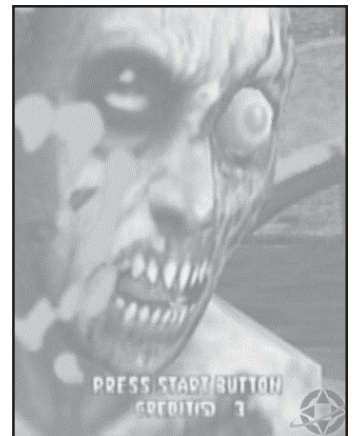
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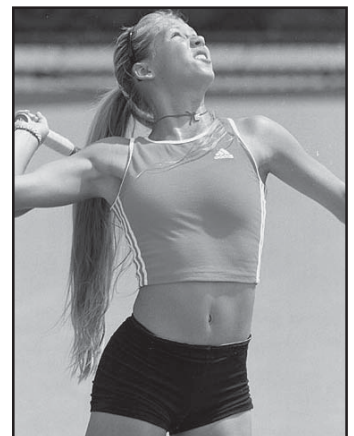
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# What If?

Can't Tufts build new dorms? Do you really want co-ed housing? Should Tufts adopt an honor code? What if Tufts turned to you for answers? Thusly advertised was the tenth annual "Opening Up The Classroom" event, which promised community-minded Jumbos a chance to dialogue professors and administrators. Students were grouped with faculty and staff at tables centered on a common issue of campus concern—academics, outreach, housing or campus services. These smaller groups were to form proposals, which would then be presented to all attending and given to the administration for review.

For one evening, every attending student is a senator—a student with special access to the administration and who is privy to privileged information. Those students at "Opening up the Classroom" are representatives of the larger student body, and are treated as such. If such open-minded dialogue is possible with students uninitiated to the world of campus politics and policy, why do such gross miscommunications continue to exist between well-organized campus groups, student government and the administration?

In past years, the TCU senate passed many referenda, ostensibly to benefit one campus community or another. The African-American, Latino, and Asian-American communities have each seen resolutions passed in the effort to secure more resources, better programming, and full-time staff for their communities. Then-President Jack Schnirman assured senators that a referendum was the strongest message that could be

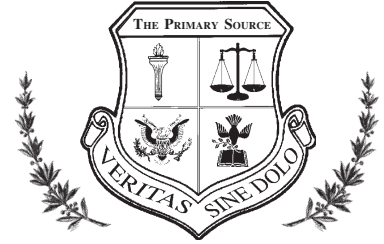
sent to the administration. Instead of the grand results that were expected, however, many senators, culture reps and campus communities were disappointed that there was neither administrative response (nor acknowledgement in some cases) of these "strong statements of student concern."

This year's student policy debacle is the co-ed housing proposal sponsored by TTLGBC. Members of the student group labored for months over this proposition, which was inevitably shot down by campus administrators—understandably resulting in campus frustration and disappointment. Is the TTLGBC to blame? Might these students have sought administration opinion before spending so much time constructing unexecutable policy? Or is this the result of an administration hiding its head in the sand when it comes to student concern, and later whipping out a pocket veto to strike down reasonable (some would argue long-overdue) policy changes?

One thing is for certain: increased communication between the administration and student groups (such as the open-minded dialogue of Opening up the Classroom) is long overdue. Instead of the lecture-like "conversations" on race and student life held last spring, students and administrators must meet on even ground and neutral turf to discuss matters of campus interest. Such opportunities would forestall student frustration and make policy decisions easier on the administration. To limit the power to issue "statements of student concern" to senators is both shortsighted and unwise—a senator and student are equivalently meaningless once their messages are disregarded.

*What if* the administration came to us for answers? To the students and administrators of Tufts University, the question should not be a hypothetical "what if" but a "why not?"

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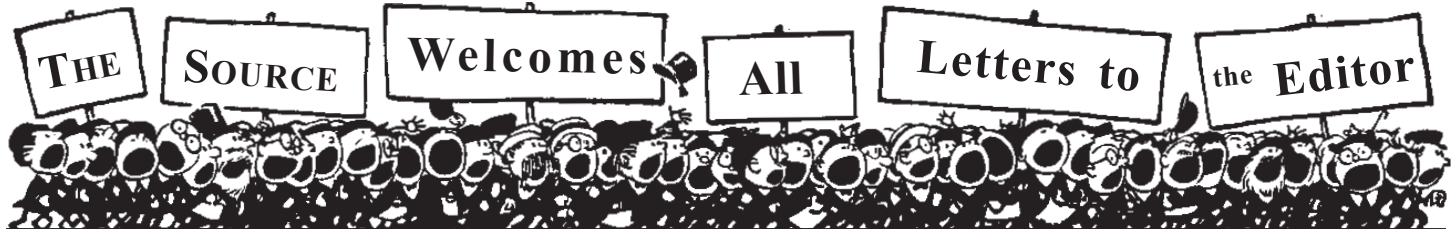
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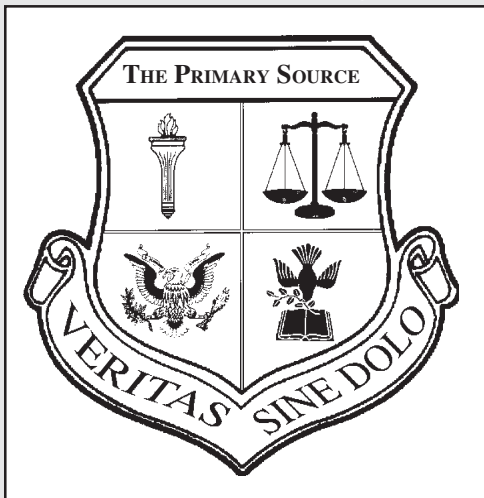
I am writing in response to your NYC mayhem article in your most recent issue. I would have liked to have directed this to a specific person but given the fact that no author was listed for the article, I could not. I feel that the story put out a [sic] innacurate [sic] and perhaps unfair view of the Diallo situation. I wish that I could respond to every point that was brought up but I unfourtunately [sic] do not have to [sic] time to. I'll just take the time to say this: You cannot deny that a crime was committed here. The Officers used admittingly [sic] used excessive force to kill an unarmed suspect. There is no acceptable excuse for what happened that night in the Bronx. There is no way that the criminals, or officers as you call them, who committed that crime should come away from this situation with no punishment. The real issue here is not race; I think that we all understand that. The issue here is justice. The anger that is permeating from the ghettos of New York City is warranted, only because justice was not served, and has repaeadly [sic] not been in that [sic] past. Also, in the future, I suggest that you realize who you address when you write your articles. This Tufts community has many people of African descent who have been or may have been affected by the word that you print. Race is a serious issue and I feel that your article made light of it. I just hope that was not intentional.

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# Commentary

## Welcome to the Twentieth Century

Congratulations are in order. The now infamous Bob Jones University has finally taken steps toward joining the twentieth century. The president of the fundamentalist Christian university, Bob Jones III, announced on March 3 that the school was ousting its ban on inter-racial dating. The statement was made on Larry King Live, complete with a viewer call-in by one of the university's proud graduates.

Bob Jones University has gained notoriety in recent months after George W. Bush made a campaign stop there. Bush was harshly criticized for failing to condemn the university's ban on inter-racial dating and their label of the Catholic Church as a Satanic cult. "On reflection, I should have been more clear in disassociating myself from anti-Catholic sentiments and racial prejudice," Bush wrote to New York's Cardinal John O'Connor.

Dr. Bob, as Bob Jones III is called by students and colleagues, has made it more than clear that he does not feel that the school's former policy on inter-racial dating was racist, because it applied to everyone. Everyone had to abide by the same rules, regardless of race. That is well and good, but how does Bob Jones III address his comments about Catholics? Despite all evidence to the contrary, Dr. Jones insists that he and the university are not anti-Catholic. In an interview on Larry King, Dr. Jones issued the following statement: "...we [Bob Jones University] don't hate Catholics. We love Catholics. We love the souls of everybody." The PRIMARY SOURCE would like to believe that this is true, and we eagerly await to see the results of the university's new policies.

## Scapegoats Live in Crack Houses

The situation is all too familiar—a young child on the fast track towards a criminal future takes the life of another in a schoolhouse shooting. This time it was unusually horrific—the killer was a six-year-old first grader who had no difficulty finding a gun in the crack house he called home. He remained in school despite his previous suspensions:

three times for fighting, once for stabbing another student with a pencil. His incarcerated father stated that his son spent his time "watching violent movies and TV." In what has become a standard routine, gun control advocates raise their voices in anger and called for strict limitations or bans on guns.

Could eliminating guns from society have prevented this tragedy? The obvious answer is "no;" that, however, has not stopped gun control advocates for using the tragedy as a springboard for their politics. This boy found a stolen gun in a crack house; it seems likely that the men and women conducting transactions in the house were not overly concerned with the legality of what occurred inside. Despite this most important of facts—that the gun was illegal—gun control advocates continue to insist that making guns illegal will prevent such crimes.

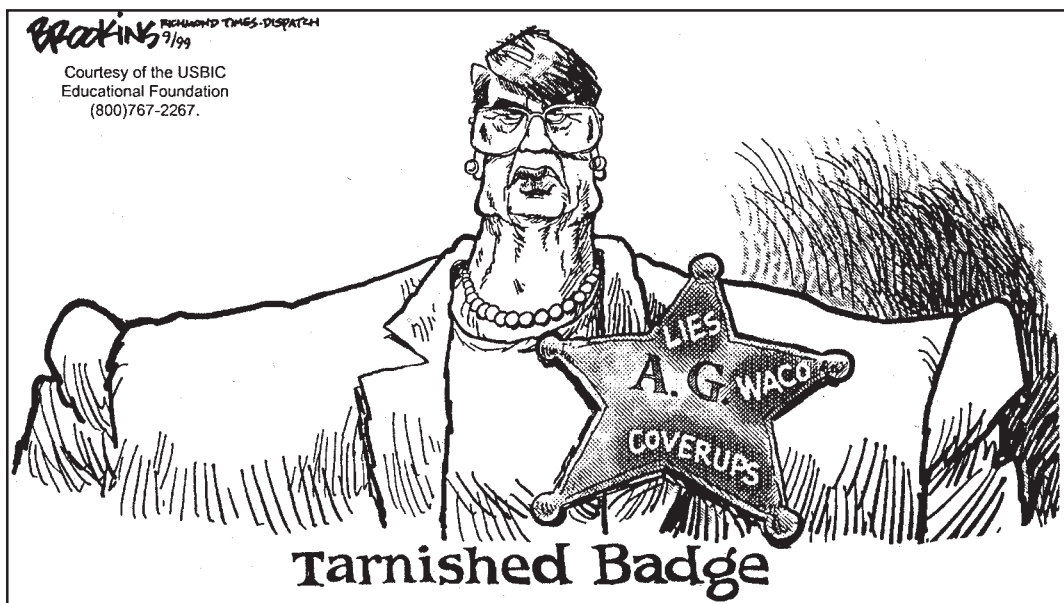
Had the police and the school investigated properly after the killer's previous violent acts, perhaps the filth that he lived in would have been uncovered. Instead, he was scheduled for "anger management" therapy—the 20<sup>th</sup> century's equivalent of 19<sup>th</sup> century elixirs—with a counselor a week or two later. It was too little, too late.

No gun control legislation could ever remove all guns from the streets. If the right to bear arms were ever to be eliminated, either through a constitutional amendment or a Supreme Court that is more concerned with politics than defending the Constitution, the result would be a society in which only criminals have guns. For years, the United States has been waging a war on drugs; it has failed. Were we to ban all guns at this very moment, a shooting similar to the one in Michigan would never be prevented. This shooting was not a question of a boy taking a gun owned by his father and shooting someone; it was an illegal gun found in what was essentially an illegal place. Making the weapon the boy used illegal in any context would not have changed the legality of the weapon in this situation, or ones like it.

## You Can't Handle the Past

The TCU Senate, Pan-African Alliance, and various PC redactors have launched a dubious campaign against a mural in the Medford Post Office. The offensive mural portrays an African slave with a shackle at his feet carrying a load of grain, while a well-dressed white man watches and reclines against a fence post. The painting is part of a larger work portraying the Triangle Trade and its effects on the Medford economy. Some Tufts students, insulted by its depiction of slavery, have demanded that the mural be taken down, or that a plaque be added to explain its historical significance.

Of course, none of those Tuftonians offended by the mural have any notion of history. It is common sense to be offended by slavery, the greatest evil ever committed by this nation. Yet to be





insulted by a depiction of history is simple oversensitivity. Throughout this nation stand memorials and entire museums dedicated to the Holocaust. Forever frozen in history, in murals, and in photographs are the terrified faces of Hitler's innocent victims. These horrifying depictions of suffering and mass murder are a constant reminder to modern Americans of the destructive power of hatred. It is no coincidence that the local Jewish communities sponsor these memorials and museums, because each generation of Jews has reminded the next of the great evil that befell their people.

The mural in the Medford Post Office is not a caricature; it does not gloss over slavery. Rather, it shows a burdened black man and the white man who exploits his slave. Any human being with compassion does not need to read a plaque to understand that the brutality depicted in the painting is wrong. Jeers to Medford Mayor Michael McGlynn for allowing hypersensitive college students to change a historic New Deal era mural. And jeers to the senate, PAA, and other students who assume that local residents are so stupid that they have to be told the difference between right and wrong.

## Laying the Smack Down

Since the media has exploded into daily life, various people have blamed television for the influence it has over their children. We all remember the case where a young child burned his house down and the blame was subsequently placed on popular TV characters Beavis and Butthead. Many new cases are tried each year in which parents refuse to accept responsibility for their children's harmful actions. Recently, defense attorneys in Miami, Florida have targeted the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). This time, wrestling is to blame in the first-degree murder trial of 12-year-old Lionel Tate. Tate is accused of the beating 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick to death. The defense attorney argues that when Tate put the girl into a bear-hug and dropped her onto a table, he was attempting to imitate one of many famous WWF moves referred to as "laying the smack down."

To top this outrageous accusation, defense attorney Jim Lewis subpoenaed professional wrestler Dwayne Johnson ("The Rock") to testify as a wrestling expert, and to familiarize jurors with the culture and terminology of professional wrestling. To quote WWF spokesman Jason Berstein, "to try to blame the World Wrestling Federation for the acts of this delinquent is a pathetic excuse being offered by a defense attorney without a defense... We believe, as does everybody else, that 12 year-old boys know better than to beat up and murder little girls."

Once again, the tradition of placing blame upon everyone but the guilty party has reared its head in the courts. It has become the last refuge of the guilty and the irresponsible to blame society for every mistake. If a person is murdered with a firearm, guns are automatically the problem. If a person smokes for twenty years and develops lung cancer, it is obviously the fault of the cigarette manufactures. If a child beats another, television is to blame. If these types of excuses are



allowed to continue, responsibility will become nothing more than an empty term. One day, we may wake up and find that no one is responsible for anything—and then who will we have to blame?

## Pundits Protest End to Preferences

Demonstrators came from across the Florida to the capital, Tallahassee, to protest Gov. Jeb Bush's plan to eliminate racial and gender preferences in university admissions and state contracting. Bush's proposal bans consideration of race in awarding state contracts and in admission to state colleges and universities. It also guarantees admission to a state university for the top 20 percent of each high school graduating class, provided that those students have taken college preparatory courses. Of course, NAACP sees merit as a barrier to its goals, and therefore bussed in people from all over the state, organizing an estimated 14,000 people to protest Governor Jeb Bush's plan. Among those attending the march were the Rev. Martin Luther King III, several members of congress, state legislators and Kweisi Mfume, president of the NAACP. Surprisingly, the blessed Rev. Jesse Jackson also came down to make a cameo appearance.

While most just held up signs and stood there, a few of the protesters decided to add their sage words to the event. Andrew Johnson of Miami is quoted as saying, "They don't remember a time when we had to drink from a different fountain, we can't go back. We can never go back." The PRIMARY SOURCE fails to understand the relationship between segregated drinking fountains and the end of affirmative action. It is quite clear that ending a policy which is discriminatory by definition promotes equality. Instead of giving hand-outs and lowering standards, we should be fighting for training and other programs to help those less fortunate gain experience and knowledge necessary to make it in this country and get a college education.

Bush and his cabinet gave final approval to portions of the plan two weeks ago, making Florida the second state government to strike down traditional affirmative action programs. At least two states in the Union have taken the first steps towards institutionalizing equality. ■

# Fortnight in Review<sup>SM</sup>

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** Researchers at the University of Arkansas say that bones found by arrowhead hunters on an expedition in a cave appear to be the remains of American Indians from over 200 years ago. Either that, or the bodies are the last four SigEp brothers who didn't let Larry Harris into their party.

**PS** Providing us with punchlines for at least the next six issues, Darryl Strawberry was once again suspended from baseball for failing a drug test. Strawberry then asked the Yankees, the fans, his probation officer, and his four favorite hookers for forgiveness.

**PS** A San Fernando Valley school was forced to cancel classes after officials discovered that as many as 70% of the building's classrooms may have been exposed to asbestos. Health officials became suspicious when students coughed up blood for show and tell.

**PS** Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino has announced that he will retire from the NFL. Marino, who has never won a Super Bowl, will be best remembered for his substantial role in 1993's *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

**PS** In other NFL news, the flamboyant clothes of beleaguered Baltimore Raven Ray Lewis were turned over to police. Cops will be looking for bloodstains, as well as the fashion sense behind a huge black man wearing a white fur coat and feather boa.

**PS** Said Lewis, "At least I wasn't beaten 62-7 in my last NFL performance."

**PS** Dan Marino was summarily executed.

**PS** A Denver gun-control group is sponsoring an initiative in which voters will decide if salespeople at gun shows will have to conduct background checks. Noted Colorado humanitarian John Elway commented that "I don't care who's shootin' what as long as they drink Coors."

**PS** The Massachusetts Institute of Technology will raise tuition by 4.2% beginning in the fall, bringing the total annual cost of MIT's tuition, fees, room and board to \$33,225. Included in the price, however, are three free stomach pumpings and various misadventures with lesbians from Wellesley.

**PS** A Connecticut mom has been charged with risking injury to minors after she sent her two little boys to school armed with a screwdriver and hammer to fend off bullies. Parents concerned with their kids' safety are encouraged to arm them with guns instead.

**PS** They's goin' hi-tec! Louisiana has installed a scanner at its prisons that allows drug residue to be detected on potential visitors, thus preventing these druggies from visiting inmates. Prisoners lament that a "gay-rapist detector" is still several years away.

**PS** Hawaii is attempting to move several large drums of Vietnam-era Agent Orange to a processing-plant in Kansas. That is, until they're shipped to New Jersey.

**PS** Reform party tool and rich bastard Donald Trump has announced plans to create a casino in California with a Palm Springs tribe. The tribe would much rather have scalped Trump, but they had trouble finding his real hairline.

**PS** A Connecticut schoolteacher is planning on changing his manhood into womanhood—and he has the support of much of the local community. In a related story, a Kentucky teacher in a similar situation was lynched.

**PS** TUTV sunk to a new low last week by having the PRIMARY SOURCE's own Lew Titterton on as one of its *On Campus Live* guests. With such lowbrow entertainment on Channel 43, we have no choice but to offer the following:

Top Ten Slogans for TUTV

10. Making public access look like Masterpiece Theatre.
9. Hey—at least we're not the WB.
8. TV made to amuse its makers.
7. Where else will you find out what ties Sean Cusick wears?
6. When your mom said TV rots your brain, she was talking about us.
5. Please don't change the channel. Pretty please?
4. More James Lubin than you can shake a stick at!
3. Like WMFO, only with pretty moving pictures.
2. Approved by our mothers...well, most of them.
1. We ride the small bus.

**PS** An Alabama town is finally taking a stand against racism by preventing the KKK from marching. Previous Klan marches in Alabama have been simply called "parades."

**PS** Several Alaskan eagles were killed or injured when they flew into power lines. Though the PRIMARY SOURCE recognizes that this is indeed a tragedy, we're more concerned with something else: Alaska has electricity?!?

**PS** In other Alaskan news—as if there is any—the state will be instituting mandatory tests in reading, writing, and arithmetic for all of its high schoolers. A fourth test on "skinning caribou" is still under debate.

**PS** Maine's forest rangers may soon be forbidden to carry firearms, if a proposed bill is passed. The forest officials are encouraged to use hand-to-hand combat in fighting huge, angry bears.

**PS** In other news from the Northeast's most irrelevant state, Maine's congress is reviewing a bill under which the word "squaw"—citing the word's inherent female degradation—would be removed from all public places. Landmarks formerly featuring the word will now sport the proper terminology of "Injun bitches."



**PS** Michigan's government wants to spend twenty million dollars to fight tuberculosis—only this TB is among *livestock*. Up next is a fifty-million dollar plan to save these animals from being slaughtered and eaten.

**PS** As if you haven't heard already, the Administration has rejected the TTLGBC co-ed housing proposal. Since we're total pricks, we just had to make fun of it with this:

#### Top Ten Reasons the Co-ed Housing Proposal Got Killed

10. Ballou hasn't been stormed in awhile
9. Mel Bernstein is lonely
8. More same-sex housing = more homemade gay porn!
7. Evil conservatives manipulate puppet administration
6. Former *Primary Source* Editors-in-Chief still in the closet
5. Administration too busy accommodating other miniscule minority groups
4. No women wanted to live with any Tufts guys
3. "Totally friggin' lame" is not a color of the rainbow
2. Tufts Trustees = Playa Haytas
1. "Homosexuality is a sickness, capable of being cured with prayer and denial."

**PS** A pair of dolphins has been trained to find lost swimmers, drowning boaters, and underwater mines. This represents a meaningful change in US policy, which formerly used minorities for this task.

**PS** Delaware is considering a bill that would require the neutering of all pit bulls, after the vicious little dogs were implicated in several recent attacks. Similar local legislation involves castrating all of AEPI.

**PS** Florida Orange growers are worried that cancer may be their doom—only in this case, it's cancer of their precious orange trees. Experts blame the oranges' use of dangerous steroids and breast implants.

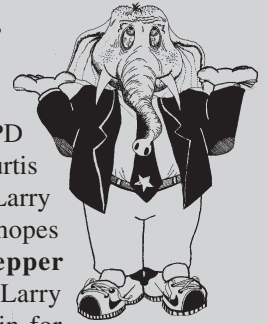
**PS** In more Floridian business, sixty-one percent of voters approve of the job that Governor Jeb Bush is doing. Of course, their opinion is dubious, considering a vote of disapproval means Jeb's brother George might have you executed.

**PS** A Quebec hair salon is in trouble for giving its male clients "extras" like nude haircuts, exotic dances, and oil rubs. Worse yet, the salon is in *Canada*.

**PS** Fifteen Idaho school districts are suing the state for failure to properly maintain the schools themselves; apparently, each school suffers from such perils as rotten floors and faulty wiring. The state has pointed out that money simply does not exist to rectify these problems, since the entire budget is funded by potatoes.

**PS** Minnesota intends to burn or log about six thousand acres of federal land in order to prevent forest fires. All proceeds made from selling the lumber will go towards saving the rain forest.

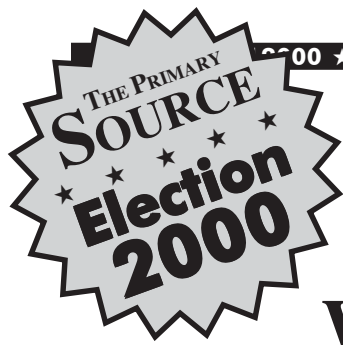
**PS** Fight for your right to party: Tufts' own Apollo Creed, **TCU Senate President Larry Harris**, gets into a scuffle outside a SigEp party and five TUPD cars speed from **Dunkin' Donuts** to Curtis Ave. to end the fisticuffs. Apparently Larry has quite a temper—the Elephant hopes that Brian Finklestein carries **pepper spray**... "My daddy is a lawyer:" Larry allegedly threatens to sue Finklestein for hosting a page with derogatory remarks against him. Unfortunately, Harris was forced to suspend his lawsuit after day one of his Constitution class, a lecture entitled "Your friend, the **First Amendment**..." Opines Iris Halpern in a *Viewpoint*, "Violence against minorities is an institutional power tool to continue the division of wealth and power in this country." You mean all we have to do to be rich and powerful like those white men on TV is beat a non-white person? Who says America isn't the **Land of Opportunity**?



**PS** Dare to Nair: **Hirsute-but-beautiful** Danielle Olivier whines that moronic men laugh at her bristly body. In a *Viewpoint*, the shaggy senior writes, "Cultures exist where women can be **hairy and beautiful**." The *SOURCE* concurs, and is petitioning the government to institute a "Barbasol, not bombs" policy with impoverished, third world nations... The *Observer's* Police Blotter describes a disturbance outside of "**Alpha Epsilon Pie**." Looks like their copy editors have been spending too much time in the Brown and Brew and too little time across the hall in the office. Maybe they'd like some **ZBTea** with that?

**PS** TTLGBC hosts the **Safe College Conference** to help campus LGBT centers serve and protect LGBT students. After a long and productive afternoon of discussing ways to educate campuses and dispel stereotypes, they ended the evening with a **wild drag show**... Hell hath no fury: Carl Sciortino bitches that Tufts trustees turned down the Senate's coed housing proposal. Number of rooms to be set aside for coed pairs: 10. Number of juniors (gay or straight) screwed out of housing: **172 and counting**... A classified ad in the *Daily* reads, "Want ON CAMPUS housing? **Cardboard box** for Rent/Sale! Looks perfect on Res quad." Employees of Tufts' brand-spankin'-new Office of Off-Campus Housing fear that they will soon lose their jobs... The very day that announcements are made that comedian, philanthropist, and all-around nice guy **Bill Cosby** will be speaking at this year's Commencement, he is rather brutally and unhumorously attacked in "Duckworth and Friends," that *other* comic in the *Observer*. We guess that when you draw like a third-grader, you tend to act like one too. Now be nice and you can have a **pudding pop**.

**PS** THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



*With the hasty retreat of John McCain,  
there are three keys to Bush's Victory.*

# The Winning Way

*by Craig S. Waldman*

By winning the majority of Super Tuesday primaries, Bush has effectively knocked John McCain out of the Presidential race. McCain ran a great campaign and touched the hearts of many Americans (in particular the media, who loves an insurgent). In the end McCain may not have been able to overcome that shoot-from-the-hip style, which too often made him look like an angry man. McCain does, however, deserve due credit and America should applaud his stellar effort and enthusiasm. At the same time, though, the Republican Party must turn its attention to winning the November election. Republicans should be confident that Bush can win the general election. There are some important keys, furthermore, that will help him in this vital task of restoring American dignity, respect, and power.

The first key to this election will be the selection of a Vice Presidential candidate. For certain, the Republicans have the advantage when it comes to the selection pool. A solid pick could swing the election toward the Republicans before it even starts. Among the top contenders mentioned for the position are Governor George Pataki of New York, Governor Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania, and Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey. Gov. Whitman represents the only truly viable female selection after Elizabeth Dole showed what a poor campaigner she was in the early primary. Gov. Ridge can pull important votes in his home state and, more importantly, has the ability to portray himself as a real outsider looking to make change. Gov. Pataki, along with his colleague Mayor Rudolph Gulliani, would make Gore fight a battle that he shouldn't have to: New York State. New York, Florida and Texas would be a great starting point for

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Bush and his election campaign. Such large states could nullify the effects of an almost inevitable California loss. These are all interesting Vice Presidential picks, but the best candidate would clearly be John McCain. McCain has the ability to unify the two developing Republican factions and bring in Independent and Democrat votes. If Bush could put together a coalition of himself, Vice President McCain, and Secretary of State Colin Powell, the ticket would be a sure win in November. No Democratic ticket could match such a powerful coalition. Only time will tell if such a thing is possible.

The second key to winning the general election is a return to strong, winnable Republican issues. Among the most important are education and the military. Bush has shown in Texas that he has a real commitment to improving the educational system, and improving the system includes making the American dream accessible to every child. Those schools that are performing will be recognized for their achievements. Those that are not performing will be held responsible by parents, school boards, and state governments. By demanding tangible results and enforcing local control, the educational system can provide hope and opportunity for every child; this is a winning issue for Gov. Bush. The military, which has been decimated under Clinton/Gore, must be improved. Ronald Reagan was the last president to return morale to our only line of defense; a line so necessary to protecting our celebrated freedoms. America needs another President who will do the same thing; the military is in a dire situation. Bush will restore the military and raise national morale, by making each and every American—including those in the military service—feel proud of America's role in the world. America can thus return to its prominent and rightful place in world politics.

The last key, and perhaps the most obvious, is appealing to the John McCain constituency. Of course, getting McCain on the ticket would be the easiest way to do this, but other options still exist. A starting point for Bush involves stressing the issues mentioned above. Those issues can rally Independents and Democrats around non-partisan goals; they have wide appeal in multiple areas of the country. But if Bush cannot get McCain on the ticket these issues will not be enough. In order to ensure a victory, he must do two things simultaneously: show that Al Gore has no commitment to McCain issues (Gore's actions in fact violate all of those) and show that his Texas record reflects McCain's ideas and those of many political centrists. Gore may try to portray himself as a moderate, but his record will fool no one. Gore, much like Bradley, only wants to take everyone's money and spend it poorly. Gore is afraid to allow the people to spend their own money; American creativity scares him more than an alien invasion. Through his 1996 campaign fundraising, Gore has shown that he has no desire to reform the political system. He is, in fact, a big part of the problem. Gore has lied on too many occasions about his role in the soft money scheme and will not be able to explain away his ethical lapse. McCain supporters will not be able to vote for a candidate who has so clearly violated campaign finance principles. Bush, on the other hand, has an honorable record in Texas. No one can deny that he has been able to unite the state around central ideas and effect real change in one of the largest states in the union. He is, as is his campaign touts, a reformer with results.

November is a long way off; eight months is more political time than most realize. George W. Bush has time to show that he has the qualities essential to a good President. Al Gore, moreover, has time to show that he is no better than Clinton is on policy and character issues. Gore also will have plenty of opportunities in which to attempt to explain the fundraising debacle of 1996. Bush must capitalize on the three keys mentioned above. If he can do so, he will walk away with a landslide as great as any Reagan coalition. If Republicans rally to Bush's call, this task of restoring dignity to the President's name and returning America to the people will be made infinitely easier. □

## THOUGHTS UPON THE TUFTS COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

From The Editor

It has come to the attention of the editorial staff of this publication that the student government is full of nay-saying fops and dandies. The editor feels that it is of upmost importance to bring this knowledge to the attention of the entire campus of Tufts College, and that of Jackson as well. "What is the impact of such fops and dandies upon myself or any of my gentle-man friends?" One might query. "We are, to be sure, fine and upstanding citizens of the fairest nature."

Though we may be assured, my fellow men, that we are all characters of strong and virtuous constitution, many of our student governors are not of such stuff. Rather, they are nancy-boys whose masculine tendencies are highly suspect and whose motives are questionable indeed. Such claims of foul play to the greatest degree are not unsubstantiated! These ill-intentioned student representatives have been witnessed leaving the office of student business goings-on with one another, headed in the direction of a location at which there would be many gentle-men in undue proximity. It has been reported by a reliable source that the location at which the will of the devil is being enacted is none other than a closet of grand proportions in the Metcalf hall dormitory! It is the duty—nay, the obligation—of the decent gentlemen of Tufts College to put an end to these sinful goings-on, and to re-introduce these student government heathens to the actions appropriate to those involved with the responsibility of allocating the student activities fund. The monies collected from the fund are supposed to be used to pay the so I



Alyssa—  
Was cleaning out  
the upstairs  
office and found  
this. Could the history  
of the Source go back  
farther than we thought?  
— Chris

the  
laundry of  
respectable Chinamen in  
Teale Square

## KEEP THIS SCANDALOUS MUSIC AWAY FROM TUFTS!

### Planned "Jazz" Concert To Ruin School

It has come to the attention of the journal that a "jazz orchestra" has been selected by the Tufts Student Council to perform its "music" at the Spring Festival which adjourns each year. This corrupt and vile music, which has its origins in the tribal chants and sinister voo-doo rituals of the pagan tropical man, has no place in this institute of higher learning. The racket caused by the poorly constructed instruments of such rag-tag bands of roving minstrels displays all the swagger and bombast of a man who shows up drunk at a wake. Furthermore, jazz concerts attract such unsavory personages as Harvard students, Irishmen, and Negroes.

The Spring Festival is expected to be a day of music, ribaldry, and perhaps even restrained, single-sex dancing. This is why we must petition our student government to feature more dances, possibly from the Tufts College Madrigal Society. Possibly the members of the Alpha Phi sorority can be induced to dance free of what I call devils music.

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# TUFTS ADMITS "MINORITY"

## JEW ALLOWED ON CAMPUS

Joins P.P.P. Society

"First Women, Now This"



Tufts College students seem disconcerted over Jew, circled.

Protest and concern were sparked on the HILL weeks past when a member of a minority group was offered admission to the College. Several members of the Tufts Student Council and the SOURCE attended a demonstration outside Ballou Hall to politely voice displeasure over the admittance of a Jew.

At the time of publication it is not known whether the Jew has a name or even if his people furnish their children with proper titles.

"I would be ashamed and appalled to have a Jewish classmate," said Jackson student Kaye McKinney. "When she came upon the news, forthwith did my mother send a new set of teaspoons and forks to use in case the Jew should chance to dine in the public eatery."

Says the Encyclopaedia Britannica, a Jew is defined as "any of a race of clannish, nomadic Semitic peoples who claim homeland in Palestine. Historically significant for betraying Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ to Romans." Rumor has it that Jews do not eat pork.

They practice strange, ritualistic ceremonies with names like "Hanooka" and "Passed-over," during which they consume unleavened baked goods made with the blood of Christian children.

"I have met this He-brew and he looks normal save for his unnaturally

large nose," stated admissions officer Frederick Theodore Burke. "What surprised me the most, however, was that this fellow did not have any horns. Perchance his mother was a Christian."

The Dean of Admissions was similarly blind to the possible ramifications of such an admission. "I cannot see how admitting one little Jew could cause such a fuss. It is not as if letting in this one will somehow throw open our doors to all the heathens that wander the streets of Long Island."

The Curtis Hall cafeteria staff has promised students that ham, shellfish, and properly baked bread will continue to be served at the eatery.

Said one sophomore, "They are clean people. You can eat off their floors."

The student has since been suspended.

## TUFTS WEEKLY ISSUE STOLEN

### Jew Suspected

Read the full story  
on Page 13.





"The girls of Chi-Omega prefer a TUFTS gentle-man to a Harvard hooligan."

## Join The PRIMARIE-SOURCE.

Tufts Gentle-  
men! Come to  
the aide of  
Reason and  
Virtue!

PROTECT THE LADIES OF  
JACKSON COLLEGE  
FROM THE  
SCANDALOUS  
BEHAVIOUR OF  
HARVARD ROGUES.

It has come to the attention of THE PRIMARIE-SOURCE that many of the young lasses of Jackson College have been "stepping out" with ill-intentioned Cambridge under-graduates. The gentle-men of TUFTS College must act now if we wish to save these young women from grave danger at the hands of Harvard hoodlums!

Harvard men are known home-wreckers and persons of ill-repute. They use a particular hair-ointment and sip bootleg brandy. Reports from the Harvard thieves-den point to the proliferation of a number of speak-easies in the Cambridge area—not far from the student quad-angle. Their home-brewed moon-shine has sullied reputations of many Jackson girls who have imbibed the drink. Rumor also has it that many of the females targeted by these ivy-league insolents are Jackson "Greeks." It is up to the valiant men of TUFTS College to make clear our stance on the devils-water and on these terrible scoundrels who would seek to whore our girlfriends.

If the reputations and virtues of these innocent vixens are to be protected, we must not be afraid to take action against these men of ill-fame. The PRIMARIE-SOURCE, being the Voice of Reason of TUFTS College, will be holding a convocation the Tuesday in Ballou Hall to discuss the paths of action which may be taken on the behalf of these fair young women, confused by the brash and improper actions of these Cambridge cads. Remember men! 'Tis the time to be full of valor, as we reclaim the good reputations of the women of Jackson College, the unsavory whores.

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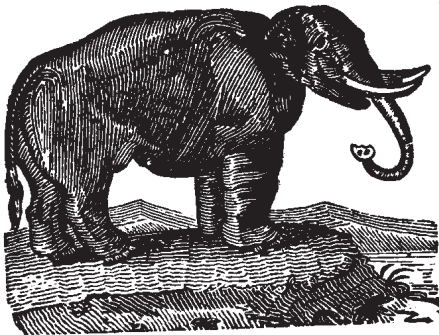
## That Which is from The Mouth Of The Elephant

TUFTS WEEKLY editors opine that students should not WRITE DEFAMATORY MESSAGES on the benches of BALLOU and the desks provided to them under the care of the College. The editors are particularly angered that some rogue has written about their MOTHERS BEING WOMEN OF LOOSE MORAL SUBSTANCE... They CANNOT SPELL either... Complaints of SWEARING among Tufts College men reach BALLOU HALL. Chums, it is either swearing or MARKING UP BENCHES, you take your picks.

SIGMA EPSILON FRATERNITY brother caught drinking and making a public disturbance. Said brother had OVER HALF A PINT of beer in his system and was taken into custody by the local POLICE DEPARTMENT for public inebriation. PROHIBITION proponents celebrate the success of their pet amendment... Is it bad enough that women have received the vote in the presidential elections! Now the WOMEN FOLK want to be able to vote for PRESIDENT OF TUFTS STUDENT COUNCIL. We at the PRIMARIE-SOURCE say that the second females are able to vote the office of the STUDENT PRESIDENCY will slide into ill repute.

THERE IS AS MUCH CHANCE of women voting in this school as there is THE STOCK MARKET CRASHING TOMORROW and launching the nation into a great depression.

TUFTS STUDENT COUNCIL president Lawrence Harrison INVOLVED IN FISTICUFFS outside a fraternity-house. The president used strong language including "cad" and "wide-eyed buffoon" and is said to have knocked the top-hat clear off the brother, leaving him scandalously hatless. The brother then returned to FILLING A YOUNG WOMAN WITH DRINK AND PILLS TO AID IN CONSENSUAL RELATIONS.



This years VERY PRETTY LOOKING CLASS OF FRESHMAN GIRLS was sent into shock when one of their JACKSON sisters was seen baring her WRIST in public. Said one fellow freshman, "The HUSSY!"

The ELEPHANT never forgets, you know.

## Fort-Night In Re-View

Babe Ruth continues shocking teams of base-balls American League by hitting his 35th home-run last week. That was when he was beating his wife.

Scientists postulate that the auto-mobiles of the future will reach top speeds of over forty miles per hour. Forty one if someone is pushing.

Special agent Eliot Ness promises to target college fraternities. The brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi are cowering in fear as we write this humor.

Negro musicians attack white blues performers alleging that the European originators of the popular music form pilfered the music from the former slaves. As if such a thing could ever happen.

A cannon was placed on the HILL to protect JACKSON women from Harvard rogues and brothers of the Zeta Psi fraternity.

Tufts Library acquires one hundredth volume. In celebration, administrators say they will soon admit students who are able to read.

TOP TEN Slang Words We Do Not Wish To Hear Anymore And Will Be Very Glad When Such Vile Words Fall Into Disuse

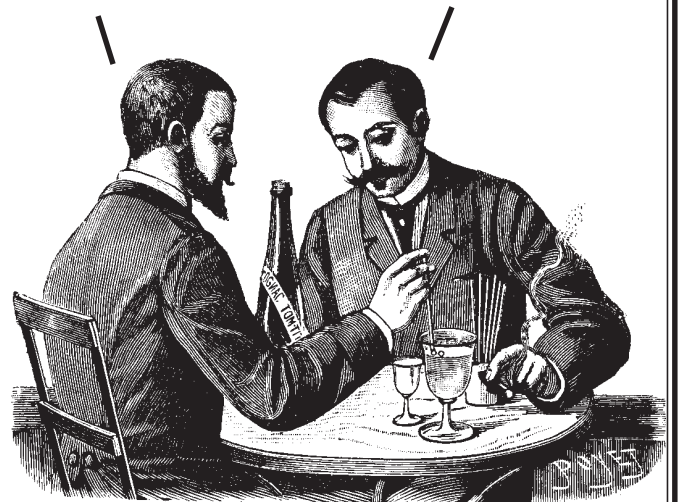
10. Fridge
9. Crush
8. Caper
7. Bunk
6. Nitwit
5. Grand
4. Flick
3. Smooch
2. Fat Cat
1. Cute

President Hoover was caught exchanging a sidelong glance with a portly White House temporary in-tern. The name Hoover will no doubt be synonymous with immorality for all eternity.

Harvard endowment reached an all time high of five hundred and seventy two dollars sixty three and a half cents yesterday. The endowment of our ALMA MATER still stands at a meager three dollars and one button that was found in Ballou. We are investing this in the ever-rising stock market

I say, Bertram, what  
say you of the  
Secretary of State?

Who?



"EDUCATED

GENTLE-MEN"

## SCANDAL!: TUFTS STUDENT COUNCIL ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLE-MENT

Use Student Activity Money  
To Purchase Kerchiefs, Sox

*Lawrence Harrison  
Blames Student-Body*

The investigation lasted only a fort-night, but allegations of embezzlement against the Tufts Student Council could tarnish the eminence of that group for decades to come.

A committee of detectives hired by Dean of Students Gilbert A. Weatherbee discovered that student council-men have used funds marked for student activities for personal benefit. The investigation found that members of student government used the monies to acquire kerchiefs, knickers, spats, and sox from the nearby Abercrombie Menswear.

"I am tickled peachy," opined Raymond Elmer Cummings, head inspector, when asked for his reaction to the findings. "Those rascallions would have absconded with thirteen tweed-jackets, eleven gabardine trousers, and nineteen pairs of bobby-sox for their flapper friends. That is almost seventy-six dollars of student money."

It was revealed, furthermore, that student council-men J.P. Vanderhoff, Alan D. Chandonnet, and student council president Lawrence D. Harrison planned to finance a student council retreat with the monies. The accused said the retreat, which would no doubt be filled with sexual relations and bathtub gin, would be to encourage brother-hood betwixt student leaders.

"More likely would they have retreated to the brothels and speak-easies of the North End," exclaimed one investigator.

Said student president Harrison, "I blame the apathetic student body for this tragedy. If they had been taking more of an interest in student govern-ment, we would never have had the chance to steal their money. It is all their fault."

### HABERDASHERY

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Chaps Spun  
Tails Pressed  
Kerchiefs Folded  
Jimmies Whacked  
*Teele Square MASS.*

## LET US END THESE ALLEGATIONS OF "RACE-ISM"

No Longer Shall We  
Discriminate

Of late the PRIMARIE-SOURCE has come under the accusations of "race-ism" in its writings and in our jovial humour sections. Our MANAGING EDITORS have discussed this problem and we have reviewed our past publications. We realize that we may have printed some statements that are easily misinterpreted.

With this in mind, the editors would like to announce that we will no longer discriminate against the following ethnic groups: Germans, Italians, English, Spaniards, and some French. We will continue to discriminate against the Chinaman, the Negro, and the Jew until such time as modern science proves whether or not they are human.

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*A floundering failure, the public school system deserves to bite the dust.*

# A Public Disgrace

by Jonathan Perle

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There are two overriding issues which should be the themes of this year's presidential election: defense and education. All other points of contention should take a back seat to these two debates. Defense is important because it has been ignored for the past eight years, during which the Clinton administration's idea of a foreign policy was simply to respond to whatever crisis happened to be around at that moment. Education needs to be in the forefront of the 2000 election because it is the primary domestic for which no solution that has been tried has worked. Social Security, Medicare, and campaign finance either have viable solutions, or the problem itself is debatable. With education, there can be almost no debate that the system, in many areas, has failed completely.

The Democrats who have been in power in either the Congress or the White House for years have failed to implement any significant changes within the field of education. The Democrats are beholden to the National Education Association (NEA) and other teachers unions who are dedicated to gaining the most benefits for their members—the teachers—even if those benefits come at the price of the students of American public schools.

Fortunately Governor Bush has a solution to the self-serving teachers' unions and the dilapidated public school system: school vouchers. School vouchers will empower many parents who are the victims of mindlessly ideological liberals, government beauracrats, and the NEA to finally get the best education for their children that is possible. While the Democrats have forsaken the nations children by ignoring the reality of our crumbling educational system, Governor Bush and other brave conservatives—unimpeded by ideology more concerned with schools than children—are leading the fight to bring accountability, responsibility, and knowledge back into public education.

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As of now, the education system in America in the major urban areas is failing badly, and it is not a question of money. The District of Columbia spends more than any other major school system per student (over \$10,000 a student), yet it is perhaps the worst urban school system in the country. Despite this fact, opponents of school vouchers continually argue that pouring more currency down the dark abyss that is our school system will somehow improve it.

The very fact that the NEA is against school vouchers ought to make everyone else be for them. The NEA is an organization whose sole purpose is to increase the salaries and job security of its members. Often times this comes into direct conflict with the interests of the students. In those cases, the NEA will always side with the teachers for the simple fact that it is run by teachers, its members are teachers, and its purpose is to aid teachers.

One of the largest arguments you will hear from the teachers' unions and other voucher opponents is that school vouchers will destroy the public school system. The Anti-Defamation League—an organization which has no business voicing an opinion on the issue, but does so because of its many liberal members—exemplifies this view of thinking. According to the ADL, "implementation of voucher programs sends a clear message that we are giving up on public educa-

tion. Undoubtedly, vouchers would help some students. But the glory of the American system of public education is that it is for *all* children, regardless of their religion, their academic talents or their ability to pay a fee. This policy of inclusiveness has made public schools the backbone of American democracy." The ADL, like its anti-voucher brethren makes the classic mistake of placing public schools above the education of children. These organization make saving the public school system more important than saving the children of the public school system. Despite the ADL's claims, there is no such thing in America as a right to a public school education. There is a right to an education, and when the public schools are not meeting the responsibility of educating our nations children, then it is time to get rid of the parts of the public school system which have outlived their usefulness.

It is about time that we do give up on the public school system. It is a behemoth of an institution that squanders its funds on administrators while returning diminished benefits to the people it purports to educate. All American children have a right to an education, a good education. What will it take for the starry-eyed liberals to comprehend that the public school system is unable to deliver such an education?

As of now, there are high school students who graduate without being able to read their own diplomas. For myself, this piece of evidence is enough to justify the complete restructuring or destruction of the current school system. However, in the mean time, school vouchers offer an incentive to teachers and administrators to provide a better education. At the very least, they will allow bright students who are currently unable to leave the decomposing wreck that is the public school system because of limited means, to enroll at an institution that will give them the education to succeed in life. □



*How many minority senators does it take to appease the Tufts Community?*

# Color by Numbers

by Joshua Martino

Whether it's being lambasted in an anonymous online forum, denounced in *Viewpoints* or even criticized in these pages, the TCU senate is in trouble. It's been a tough year for Tufts' student government, as our beleaguered senators have spent as much time fighting off critics as serving the undergraduate community. Of course, conscious of its detractors, the senate would dare not place special interests above campus-wide concerns, right?

Wrong — there is a strong movement in the

senate to give voting rights to TCU culture representatives. If some student leaders have their way, culture reps—the four appointed senate delegates that currently serve only as mouthpieces for their respective culture groups—would have the same voting power as regular senators. The four culture groups with senate representatives: Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, African Americans, and the LGBT community certainly deserve a voice in student government. Yet, to give them special voting privileges in the TCU senate is a travesty.

Whether we like it or not, the senate makes recommendations to the administration and executive decisions that affect everyday life for all Tufts students. This is why the process of selecting these individuals is democratic. Some say that senators are finalists in a Jumbo popularity contest. Still, we have no one to blame

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but our classmates and ourselves. The only reason these men and women decide student policy is because we voted for them—or didn't vote for someone else.

Therefore, to allow appointed culture reps to vote is to take away power from the student body. This proposal undermines the senators who campaigned

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and were elected and insults those who ran for the senate and lost. Students elect senators because they read about them in the *Daily*, attend debates, or speak to them personally. Culture reps are chosen solely based upon their race or sexual identity. These qualities alone are not criteria for leadership positions. Even if their four votes among the entire senate are negligible, students ought to object upon principle alone. In an ideal world, we elect our leaders in government because we believe that they will represent the greater good.

Those who support voting rights for culture reps point out that the TCU senate is not ideal. Indeed, many senators were not chosen by ballots. Due to dropouts, many senators are appointed to fill

voids in student government. Still, to say that it is acceptable to make the senate less democratic simply because several student representatives were not elected is a poor argument for voting culture representatives. If there exist such inconsistencies in the electoral process, why not reform the process so that it is truly democratic?

The students that are senate culture reps are intelligent, capable Tufts leaders who can serve the community as well as any senator. Yet the fact remains that they are on the senate to represent the interests of only one group of students, while senators are supposed to represent all Tufts undergraduates. If one examines the major issues that senate has discussed in during recent semesters, one finds a list of student concerns that are completely non-ideological: Dining Services, CampusLink, the Shuttle, the Patio, and student entertainment are issues that affect all Tufts students, regardless of race or sexuality. These issues are all-inclusive, so why allow certain factions within the senate to decide campus-wide policy?

It's not only illogical; according to Vice President Bernstein's pamphlet on intolerance, it is harassment. To place people of specific race, ethnicity, or sexual identity on the senate as the voice of their minority is tantamount to intolerance. On our evolved campus, it is considered improper to ask an African-American classmate what the "black opinion" is or to ask an Asian professor to speak for all people of Asian decent. Indeed, the members of these racial and ethnic groups



Are these senators less "black" than a culture representative?



**We've secretly replaced one of these voting senators with a culture rep! Can you tell the difference?**



represent just as much diversity of opinion as does anyone else. To say that the PAA culture rep is more qualified to speak as an African-American student than is Moira Poe or Larry Harris (both elected via regular senate elections) is ludicrous. No African-American person is more "black" than another, and to place a culture rep on the senate is both intolerant of other African Americans and an example of tokenism. Giving a vote to a select four of the university's many culture groups implies that the student body is incapable of understanding minority concerns, and that some minority communities are more deserving of a voice than are others. Two such communities are Jews and South-Asian Americans—neither of whom have a specific "culture rep" assigned as the voice of their community. Does this mean that the senate pays no attention to issues that affect our Jewish and South-Asian American classmates? Certainly not. To argue, however, that there are already enough of these groups on the senate (Ben Azoff, Jesse Levey, Anoop Swaminath, and Dan Zandman among their ranks), and that it is easy enough for Jewish and South Asian students to get elected would undermine the phantom "necessity" of culture reps.

Of course, the senate discusses issues that affect only a certain portion of the community, like racial diversity and

the rights of our LGBT classmates. As our student government, the senate should strive to lead the campus toward fair treatment of all Tufts students. Senators are able to make progress in these areas without ballots cast by culture reps. As simple observers in the senate, culture reps are able to influence TCU policy simple because they are the voice of hundreds of Tufts students. The TCU mission statement says "The mission of the Tufts Community Union is to serve all of the undergraduate students at Tufts." Nowhere does it state that the concerns of several "underrepresented" minorities are paramount to the affairs of the entire campus.

There is already a place for non-majority interests in student government:

the TCU senate. Many of our most effective student leaders belong to the communities represented in the senate by culture reps. This may seem to negate the need for culture reps to even exist, however, if certain groups on campus feel that they deserve a representative in government, that group is entitled to a voice in the TCU. In fact, any group, from the TTLGBC to the Strategic Gaming Society can have a voice in the senate. All one has to do is attend senate meetings, speak up in open forum, campaign and vote for new senators, or sit in on debates. At a time when many campus leaders bemoan apathy, it behooves the senate to keep its voting process free of special interests and truly representative of the entire Tufts community. □

*The Safe Colleges 2000 Conference provides hope to all, left-wing identity to some.*

## A Time to Speak

*by Sam Dangremond*

Stereotypes are bad things. From day one of our education in this age of awareness we are taught this simple fact. Stereotypes limit our vision of others, making them less-than-full persons. It is from stereotypes that prejudice arises, and eventually hate and violence. Stereotyping other people is inevitably a bad thing, but this is only one kind of stereotyping. What about stereotypes that we apply to ourselves? Are stereotypes that are voluntarily adopted by a person or group equally as limiting and ultimately as bad? The answer to this question reveals much about how people perceive identity and how groups find unity. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered movement has, in its search for group identity, fallen into the trap of applying stereotypes to itself in order to promote unity among its members.

The Tufts Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Collective (TTLGBC) hosted the annual Safe Colleges conference on Saturday March fourth. This conference brought together members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-

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sexual and Transgendered (LGBT) community from numerous area colleges as well as representatives from many LGBT advocacy groups, such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Lesbian Avengers. The Safe Colleges Program of the Governor's Commission on Gay & Lesbian Youth sponsored the conference. The goals of this conference were to address the problems faced by college students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered, and to promote unity among members of the LGBT movement.

This conference was a resounding success for the LGBT community, both in terms of its organization and achieving its goals. Tufts was an excellent host to this event, as the TTLGBC efficiently organized the day's activities; they are to be praised for their efforts. The format of the conference allowed a balance between promoting unity through the two keynote speakers, and discussing specific issues in the two small group workshops. The first keynote speaker was Urvashi Vaid, the director of the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task force, and the second keynote speaker



was Leslie Feinberg, author and activist for the LGBT movement. In the workshops, many issues and concerns were raised and discussed, and hopefully some solutions were found. The workshop topics included such issues as hate crimes, body image, “coming out” at college, and transgendered sexual identity.

The overarching theme prevalent throughout the conference was the search for identity. The LGBT movement is one in search of an identity, collectively as well as for its individual members. People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered face an enormous challenge in forming an identity, both sexually and as a whole person. In the same way, the LGBT movement faces many challenges in forming a community out of the many diverse interests of those who are L, G, B or T. The movement is trying hard to achieve a collective identity, and in some ways it is succeeding. However, the way in which LGBT community is currently trying to build unity is flawed. The LGBT movement currently tries to promote unity through adherence to a radically liberal political agenda. The left-wing dogma of opposing capitalism and organized religion, while zealously supporting abortion and liberal causes like that of Mumia Abu-Jamal will not win the LGBT movement the mainstream acceptance it seeks, but will only keep them marginalized. By using liberal ideology to unify itself, the LGBT community promotes the stereotypes of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and trans as people who are radical liberal non-conformists, rather than as normal people with various sexual identities.

This attempt at unity was made through the selection of the keynote speakers, while the workshops promoted an entirely different type of unity. Workshops were intimate enough to allow people to directly express their personal concerns. The contrast between the two settings could not be more pronounced. In small groups, LGBT community members acted like themselves, without pretenses, yet in the larger group these same people fell back on their self-imposed liberal stereotypes. It was sad to see so many people sacrifice their very individuality just to belong to the larger group mentality, among a group that prides itself on individualism.

The workshop entitled “Gender and Identity” did an excellent job of building the right kind of community—one based on

common experiences and concerns. The focus of this workshop was “Are you transgendered? How do you know who and what you are.” The group of about 20 LGBT students was led in discussion by two transsexuals. The personalities of these two transsexuals also illustrated the dichotomy between identity derived from self-imposed stereotypes and true identity. Stacy, a transsexual who had been a man, was dressed poorly for the occasion in what one would stereotypically expect a “dyke” to wear. However, the second transsexual leading the discussion, by the name of Thomas, was a person who dressed and talked quite “normally”. Stacy’s life was an all-too-typical confused sexual identity story, but it was disappointing to realize Stacy had no desire to be anything beyond a confused sexual identity. Thomas, on the other hand, lived an interesting life, abundant with fulfilling relationships with family, friends and lovers. Thomas spoke about how he volunteers for his church and works at a biotechnology company, showing how he has developed himself without being consumed by his sexual identity.

The discussion in this workshop touched on many topics, but one is of particular interest. Despite the noble efforts of the TTLGBC, there remains a great deal of ignorance on this campus concerning the nature of transsexual people, what a transsexual person really is and how to refer to such a person. These questions were explicitly answered in this workshop, and so THE PRIMARY SOURCE, in its ever-vigilant efforts to combat ignorance, presents the answers as they were given. Transgendered was defined to be a classification of people who cover all gender normative roles, meaning that gays and lesbians would be considered transgendered. A transsexual, on the other hand, is one who has made a transition from one gender to another, involving physical and medical intervention. Admittedly, these definitions are vague, but they were those given by authorities on the subject. Additionally, the issue of pronoun usage can become confusing when referring to transgendered people. In some cases, such as for Thomas, the person’s gender is clear both physically and in terms of self-identification. However, for cases in which the issue is not so clear cut, the transgender community has invented two pronouns. The pronoun “zie” is used as the third person for the subject, while the possessive form is

“hir”.

Once the workshops had completed, the entire conference met for the final keynote speaker. The final keynote speaker is always one of the most important parts of any meeting, for that is often how the participant remembers the conference. The choice of keynote speaker is thus a representative expression of the values of the organization holding the conference. The LGBT’s choice of final keynote speaker was Leslie Feinberg, author of *Stone Butch Blues*, *Transgendered Warriors*, as well as several articles in magazines such as *Workers World* and *Marxism*. Leslie was a transgendered woman, her voice and appearance were indistinguishable from that of a man. The theme of her speech was the unity that LGBT shared with African-Americans and all oppressed people, by nature of their shared experiences.

Throughout her entire speech, Leslie did nothing but take advantage of the stereotypes that the LGBT community had of themselves, and of the negative stereotypes they had of others. For example, Leslie used oppression as a unifying point by saying, “The LGBT movement was born out of the movement against police brutality.” It was especially sad to see which comments garnered the loudest cheers from the LGBT crowd; as each time Leslie denounced the evils of Conservatism and Republicans the crowd enthusiastically applauded. For example, the comment “There is mass sentiment that you do not affiliate with hate, unless you belong to the right-wing” provoked a near standing ovation. That opposition (one might say hatred) of another political ideology was used as the central unifying point of a conference designed to solve problems in the LGBT community is utterly base and degrading to those who participated in it.

The people who make up the LGBT community are unique individuals who face special challenges in their lives. These people should be above the self-labeling and stereotyping that limits their potential. By unifying themselves around a Marxist and ultra-liberal propaganda, the LGBT community is only enforcing the stereotypes of themselves that they claim to be trying to overcome. People who are of differing gender should not have to sacrifice their uniqueness upon the altar of liberalism in order to be a part of a supportive community. □

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*In the face of allegations of “teaching kids to kill,”  
once-immutable video game publishers  
sacrifice game quality at the altar of PC.*

# Chickening Out

*by Chris Kohler*

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Any reasonable person understands that the wholesale dumping of blame on video game companies for the recent rash of schoolyard shootings is just so much fluff. The fact that Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris played *Doom* does not mean that *Doom* inspires killers, as 99.999% of *Doom* players, of course, do not go out and kill their classmates afterward. It is patently ridiculous, therefore, to suggest that these games “teach our children to kill” any more than a Road Runner cartoon “teaches” children to drop anvils on their friends’ heads.

In fact, it is ridiculous even to talk about “video game violence,” as if the act of video game playing were inherently violent. “Violence” is defined as an “exertion of physical force so as to injure or abuse.” How much physical force is exerted in the playing of video games? Gaming itself is a physically passive phenomenon—while one’s heart rate and brain activity may be heightened, motion is limited to minute thumb presses. Furthermore, to have “violence,” there must be intent to “injure or abuse.” What is injured or abused through video game play? Nothing. While there is certainly a *representation* of violence, even this is abstracted. And as psychologist Jeffrey Goldstein has asserted, we as human beings are only attracted to *abstracted* violence, accompanied by cartoonish characters and background music. Only when there is a constant reminder that what we are seeing is not real can we watch or play undisturbed.

Since the uproar over the now-tame “Mortal Kombat” in 1993, those in the industry have bravely stood their ground and released uncompromising products. But in the wake of recent events, even as other industry leaders were standing up to the rash of political attacks which followed, quite a few prominent publishers have taken the cowardly way out, censoring or canceling popular projects, sac-

rificing customer satisfaction to dodge the threat of bad PR.

The 9/9/99 launch of the Sega Dreamcast made \$97 million for Sega, which officially made it the most profitable 24 hours in entertainment history. Many gamers were looking forward to the Dreamcast because launching with the system was *House of the Dead 2*, the home version of the popular arcade zombie-shooting game. But buyers were in for a surprise: given the recent events, Sega decided not to release a “gun” controller for the system. Furthermore, Sega even reprogrammed the game so that it would not work with the light gun that had been released in Japan. For all intents and purposes, *House of the Dead* was unplayable until a third-party company released a light gun. Two such guns were released months after the game launched, and having been developed through the trial-and-error method of reverse engineering, did not work properly. The ironic twist is that Sega’s official rationale for not releasing the peripheral themselves was that they did not want their company name identified with guns, but each third-party gun bears a prominent “SEGA DREAMCAST” logo.

If you were to see a Nintendo 64 inside a college dorm room, you can bet your bottom dollar that the secret-agent shooter *Goldeneye 007* will be in the pile of games, if not the only game in the pile. The four-player espionage action sold countless N64s and extra controllers to college students and most other social game players nationwide, and nearly every one of them is anxiously awaiting the release of the end-all-be-all sequel, *Perfect Dark*, scheduled for release this month. But one of the most anticipated improvements, a feature that lets players take digital pictures of their own faces and map them onto their characters, has been removed. Nintendo’s “official” reason is that the popular feature wasn’t working properly—that the game constantly crashed. But the editors of *Electronic Gam-*

*ing Monthly* have reported that they played a few rounds of a pre-production game with the feature intact, and that the game seemed to run flawlessly. Could other considerations be at work here? After all, this *is* the company that wouldn’t allow vowels in game passwords for fear that kids would spell out dirty words; it’s not inconceivable that Nintendo would axe this feature worrying that pictures of teachers, classmates, and parents would find their way onto the bodies of enemy soldiers. In any case, if this *is* the reason, Nintendo shouldn’t beat around the bush: if you’re going to cower in the face of impending bad PR, at least be straight about it.

Of course, the most appalling capitulation as of late comes from Capcom, producer of the *Street Fighter* and *Resident Evil* series. Capcom’s most recent Japanese Playstation release, a *House of the Dead*-styled shooter titled *Resident Evil: Gun Survivor*, is set to be completely reworked for its stateside release. Not only will Capcom remove the word “gun” from the title; light gun support will be removed entirely from the game. Why release the game at all if such drastic measures are to be taken as to completely lobotomize the original? And if Capcom is to receive any presidential chastisement over their game, they will receive it anyway over the game’s bloody-zombie-shooter content, whether the monsters are shot with a gun or a standard control pad.

In the end, does it really matter when certain video game companies are targeted by the random, unsteady aims of congressmen? Did the 1993 *Mortal Kombat* controversy cripple Acclaim? Ultimately, all Sega, Nintendo, and Capcom will accomplish by attempting to stay out of the line of fire is dissatisfying their customers; and those customers will quickly start purchasing games from publishers who aren’t afraid to stand up to unfair allegations, baseless arguments, and killjoy political correctness. □



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*Regarding co-ed housing, the administration  
can't seem to give a straight story .*

# Dissent in The Ranks

*by Michael Ferenczy*

At the end of the fall semester, the TCU Senate and TTLGBC were working on a proposal to allow a limited number of dorm rooms to be coed doubles. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, *The Daily* ran an article entitled "Administration moves ahead with co-ed housing proposal." Senate Culture and Ethnicity Chair David Moon was quoted as saying, "[the administration] green-lighted the idea of a pilot program next year." With input from the Administration, the Senate and representatives from the TTLGBC proposed a pilot program of ten rooms for sophomores only, on coed floors, with parental consent.

On March 2, the *Observer* ran a story entitled "Administration Rejects Co-ed Housing Proposal." What happened in barely more than a month, when the administration drastically changed its mind? This question remains unanswered, because as of deadline, the Administration has yet to address the students and explain its reasoning.

In the original *Daily* article, Mel Bernstein was quoted as saying, "I would think that rather than being bold, we are doing the things that make sense to all of us... A good situation would be to provide all people with houses that give them the greatest deal of comfort and safety." After the Administration rejected the pilot program, Mel Bernstein was again quoted in the *Daily*, saying that the topic was still open to discussion.

But apparently, there is dissent in the ranks. In a conversation that I had with President DiBiaggio after the "Opening Up the Classroom" forum, he said, "I don't know

what Mel was thinking, saying this was still open for discussion," and "this will not happen while I'm here." Perhaps the Administration should have a meeting and get its story straight before they give any other mixed messages to the students.

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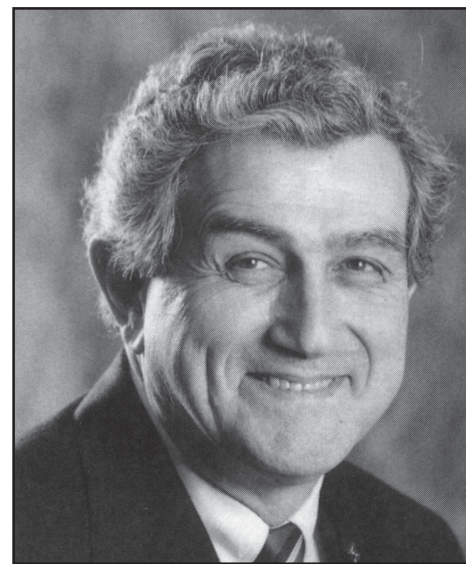
Therein lies the problem. Instead of telling the students that co-ed rooms would never happen during his time here, he allowed the senate and TTLGBC to work on a proposal, tailoring it to the Administration's and, presumably, President DiBiaggio's needs. It's hard to believe that Mel Bernstein and Bruce Reitman were working on the proposal for months, while higher administrators were unaware. All they had to do was read the *Daily*. For the Administration to meet and unilaterally reject the proposal, with only the promise that they will explain their reasoning at a later date is simply unacceptable.

The administration is now refusing to listen to student concerns. At "Opening Up the Classroom," a forum designed specifically to allow students to voice their concerns, President DiBiaggio was seen shaking his head and mouthing the words "no" and "nope" while a proposal to allow students to choose their roommates regardless of gender was read by Jonathon Strong, of the English Department. This refusal to even allow discussion is what has prompted student outrage, and the involvement of the media outside of Tufts campus. If the University is concerned with public relations, it shouldn't act as a parent reprimanding an unruly toddler. Tufts students are not three years old, and a simple, "because I said so," will not be enough of an answer to qualify dismissal of the subject.

Perhaps the administration should hire a psychological advisor to accompany the public relations department. This new advisor would be able to tell them not to work with student organizations towards a goal about which they feel very strongly, give students the feeling that the administration will try to implement said goal, and then completely dismiss said goal without input from the participating parties. The psychologist could explain that this behavior tends to make some people angry, especially after they have spent months working on something. No wonder someone called *The Boston Globe*.

The administration should realize that existing PR is not a concern. Our biggest Public Relations consideration is not that we have a negative image, it's that we have *no* image—not negative press, but no press at all. Perhaps the University should adopt coed housing to give us favorable PR. At least people would know us as "that school that allows shacking up," or some other alternative, as opposed to "Tufts? Where's that? Some vocational school, perhaps?"

It is understandable that the administration has views different from those of students. It is understandable that they may feel that there is a better solution to the issue of gay students feeling comfortable in their own living environment than that of coed housing. What is not understandable is the sudden decision of the higher administration that the issue will no longer even be discussed—contradicting Mel Bernstein, and assuming a totalitarian control over the student body. □



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*Co-ed housing and discrimination  
have nothing to do with each other.*

# Forcing the Rainbow

*by Lew Titterton*

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Homophobia is one of society's most pervasive and dangerous bigotries. The hate-speech spewed from socially conservative demagogues like Pat Buchanan and Gary Bauer, the murder of Matthew Shepard by two rage-filled backwoods simians, and any number of other hate crimes and lesser assaults on those whose sexuality differs from the norm are examples of homophobia's continuing legacy of suffering and intolerance which can be found throughout America.

With so much hate out there, those who campaign against homophobia—or prejudice of any kind—are to be applauded. A problem arises, however, when overzealous crusaders against

bigotry misdiagnose a valid decision as prejudiced simply because it is contrary to the feelings of those crusaders. When this occurs, perfectly upstanding and just people are slandered as intolerant and actual instances of prejudice are taken much less seriously.

Such a misdiagnosis recently took place on this very campus, and something of a media buzz has resulted. The Tufts Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Collective (TTLGBC), in their never-ending quest for equality, spent the last several months pressuring the Administration to institute co-ed housing, i.e., dormitory rooms shared by young women and men. When the Administration shot down the proposition recently, from the mouths of such prominent TTLGBC members as Carl Sciortino came cries of discrimination, and following those cries was media attention from major publi-

cations like *The Boston Globe*.

Sciortino and his cadre of gay activists have painted an inaccurate picture of a campus up in arms. Truth be told, apart from the TTLGBC itself, most Tuftonians are as apathetic on this issue as they are on so many others. But regardless of just how many students have feelings on the "controversy," the fact remains that the administration has acted prudently in this situation, without the slightest

malice or prejudice.

At first glance, one might be inclined to agree with Tufts' preeminent gay rights group; surely, it is valid to want to avoid the sexual awkwardness that can occur if a homosexual is attracted to his or her

straight roommate. The university must then be forcing sexual discomfort and conflict by preventing a gay man from rooming with a lesbian or heterosexual female roommate. The university must be guilty of intolerance of the worst kind.

But must it? The answer is a decided "no." The argument against co-ed housing has nothing to do with homophobia or the wish to create fights among roommates of different sexual orientations. The argument is one of simple probability and of the nature of young people. Regarding the former, if one accepts the oft-quoted figure of a ten percent gay populace, the chances of two same-sex roommates both being gay is just one in one hundred. The chances of them having a potentially explosive relationship is much less than throwing two random heterogendered roommates together, where the odds of both roommates being heterosexual are eighty-one percent. The remaining eighteen percent of freshman rooms would likely contain one gay and

one straight roommate, which, granted, could create problems. But the notion of catering to a minority of less than one-fifth is ridiculous and unfair.

The second issue—that of the fundamental nature and whimsy of college students—must also be considered. To allow co-ed housing of "homosexual" students is to assume they are decided in their gaiety, while many college students explore myriad avenues of sexuality within their undergraduate years. While such exploration can also take place among two theoretically "straight," same-sex roommates, there is little reason to further complicate the experimental, complex nature of collegiate sex by allowing co-ed housing. One must also take into account that heterosexuals (likely men) could lie about their gender preference in order to be close to a special someone of the opposite sex.

Nonetheless, if those with "alternative lifestyles" must have co-ed housing, then, in fact, they can. It's called living off campus, in a private house or apartment where people are free to live with whomever they like, male or female. The co-ed housing proposal—which for obvious reasons the TTLGBC is reluctant to openly admit—never included freshmen in the first place; since sophomores are allowed to seek living quarters outside of the realm of Tufts, one must wonder why on-campus co-ed housing is so important. If a gay or bisexual student, for whatever reason, is so in love with Tufts' rather infamous Office of Residential Life that he or she must live on-campus, then that student is welcome to procure a single.

At an ideal Tufts, all students—gay or straight—would have their choice of housing, and none of it would suffer from idiotic slanting walls, severe bug infestation, or cramped quarters. At an ideal Tufts, the administration would get its act together and construct more housing for growing numbers of students. However, Tufts is not ideal, and as such, we cannot have all that we want. This statement applies especially to co-ed housing, a proposal which, when taken in the context of problems both at Tufts and elsewhere, seems extremely trivial. Those students so obsessed with the idea that they threaten to storm Ballou Hall are encouraged to live off campus with whomever they like. The rest of us, who know when discrimination happens and when it does not, will continue fighting society's true ills and not wasting our time on issues controversial only to those people who want them to be. □

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Sometimes, two heads aren't better than one.

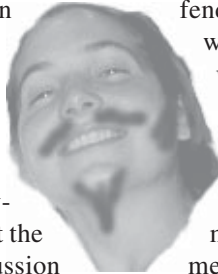
# The Village Idiots

Surely college women have had their fill of being told that men/society/television/Hollywood sets unfair and unreasonable standards of weight and beauty, but like a bulimic who can't stop bingeing on Ho-Ho's, **Danielle Olivier** forces more junk down our throats. Aren't Tufts women gagging already?

Ms. Olivier is guilty of one of two crimes: being over-sensitive or being a poor writer. Her *Viewpoint* does not clearly indicate that the two crass men who had a discussion about body hair in a sauna were talking about her. Even if they were, they weren't "oppressing" Olivier by forcing her to conform to any societal norms—they were just

being rude.

Ms. Olivier found it necessary to chastise humankind for its wrongs against women because some jerks offended her sensibilities. One wonders—what if a woman had dared to speak ill of her hairy legs in the sauna? Is the crime committed by a society that demands conformity or by men who idealize certain physical characteristics in women? Who knows? Olivier also fails to grasp that men also face such normative demands; one wonders if she ever



saw a guy with a hairy back and cringed.

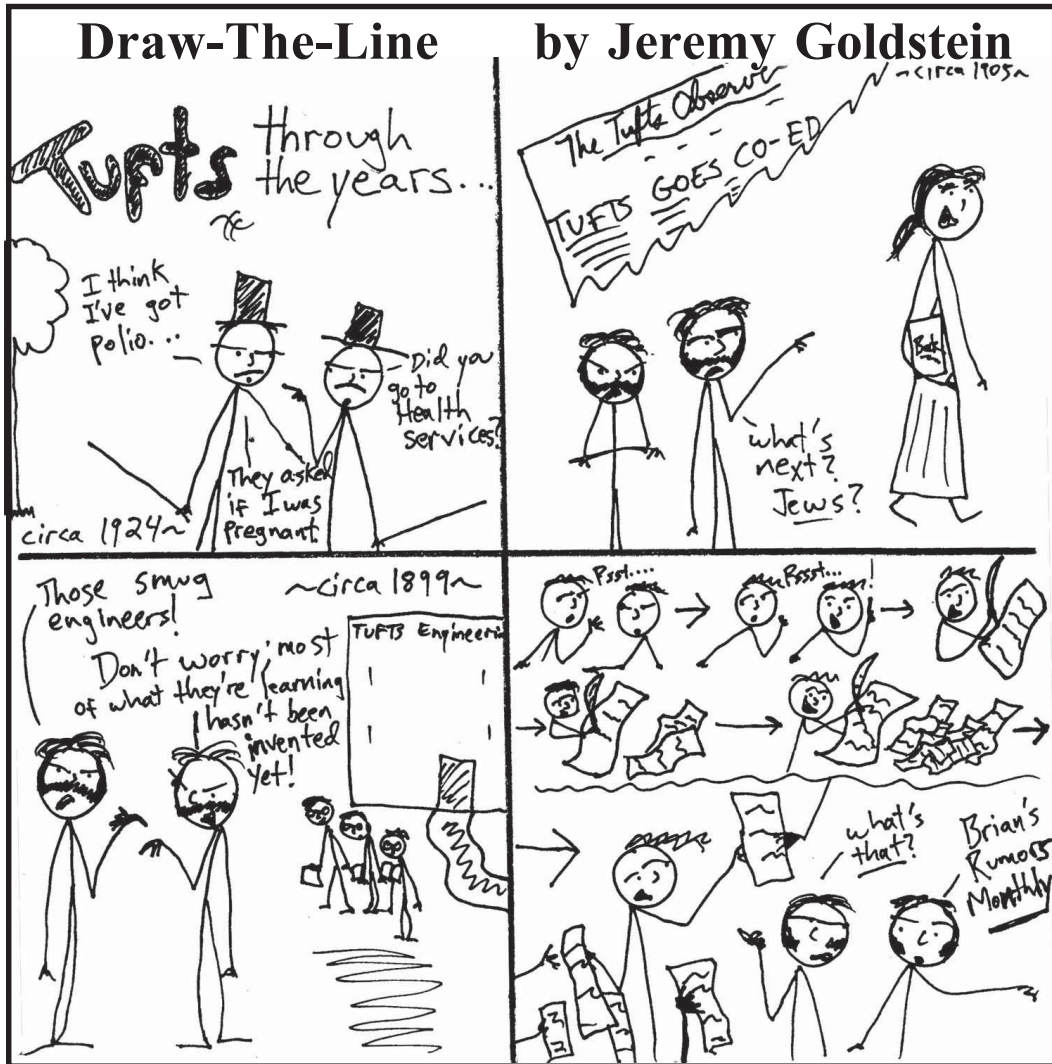
Yes, Danielle, you have the right to shave or not shave whatever body part you like, just as you have the right to pen angry viewpoints when you are implicitly made fun of for your contrarian appearance. What you must realize, Ms Olivier, is that others have the right to criticize things they find distasteful—like your *Viewpoint*.

Oh, and no fat chicks.

Were he still alive today, John Holmes would be proud of Senate Treasurer **Ben Azoff**. Unfortunately, Azoff has not regaled Tufts with verse that praises the Hill; Azoff has embodied the qualities that made the other John Holmes famous. By submitting the same senate-glorifying puff piece to be both the *Observer* and the *Daily*, Azoff turned himself into one giant media whore, seeking to expose himself in as many venues as possible.

Even ignoring the fact that Azoff's piece had nothing to do with personal opinion and everything to do with cut-rate advertising, what Big Ben ignored is the crass redundancy of his action. The *Observer*, which hits stands after its daily counterpart, was especially screwed. Azoff severely wounded the paper by making it seem like little more than a *Daily* that comes out late. That a perfectly good piece was cut in order to accommodate Azoff's ego is just another slap in the face of Tufts' lone weekly publication.

In a year that has seen Larry Harris attack *Brian's Rumors Daily*, countless forum criticisms of bumbling senators, stupid senate-scribed Viewpoints, and, of course, perpetual bashing of the SOURCE by the senate and vice versa, relations between student government and campus media are, to understate the matter, somewhat strained. Azoff's latest dumbassed move only makes things worse, and throws what is perhaps the last shred of Senate dignity into the pile of Jumbo elephant dung that the TCU has become. □

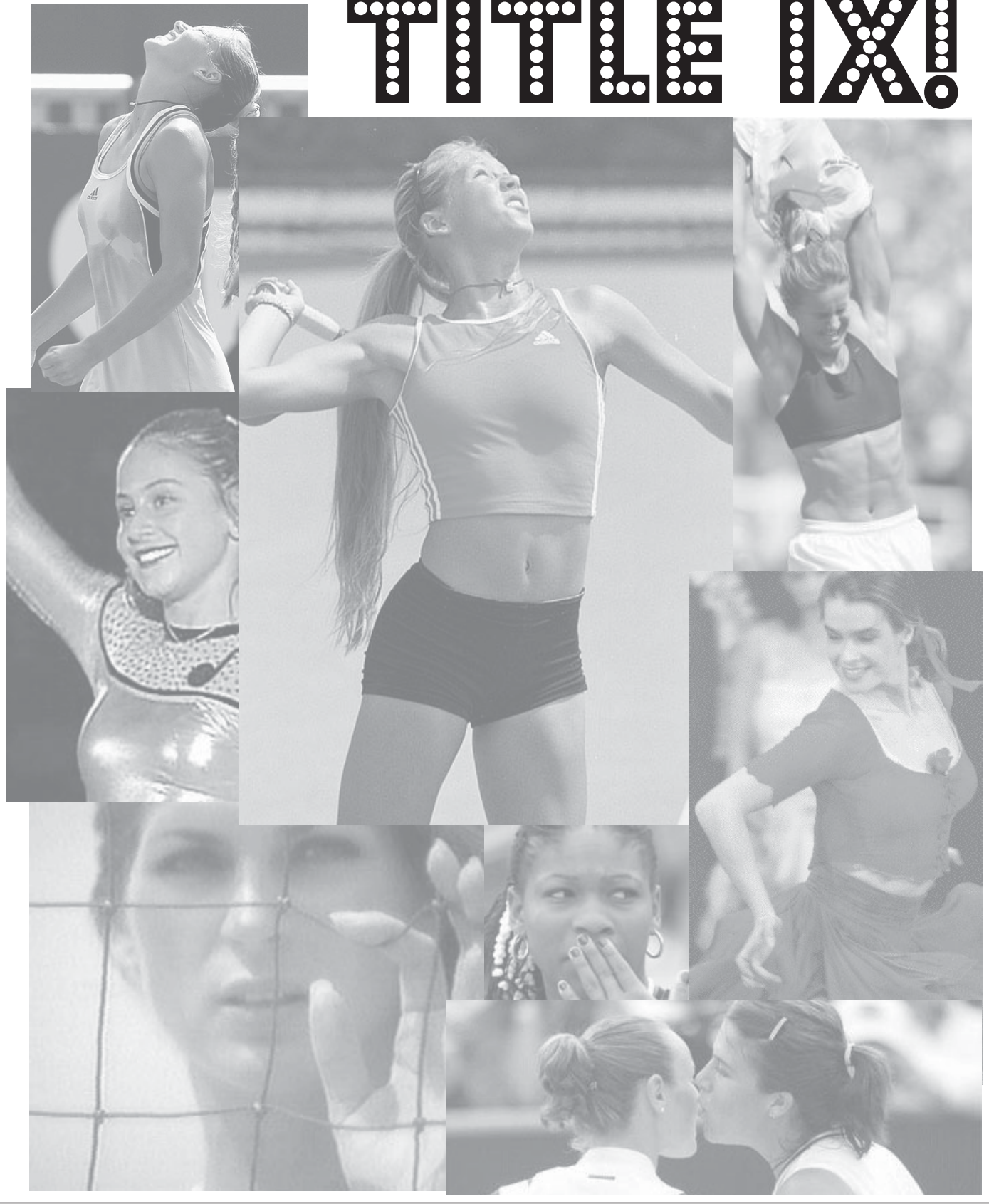




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## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Those who do not know the plans of competitors cannot prepare alliances. Those who do not know the lay of the land cannot maneuver their forces. Those who do not use local guides cannot take advantage of the ground.

—Sun Tzu

Every law or regulation deemed to be in the public interest started out as a special interest. The essence of successful advocacy is demonstration that the client's objective, which is always deemed to be a special interest, is in the public interest.

—Ramsey Withers

The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, for expedience, and by parts.

—Edmund Burke

The closest thing the digital world has to dogma is its ingrained libertarianism, its wholehearted commitment to political and economic freedom, its fierce opposition to constraints on individual expression - from the chilling fanaticism of the politically correct to the growing movement to censor popular culture.

—Jon Katz

Standing in the middle of the road is very dangerous; you get knocked down by the traffic from both sides.

—Margaret Thatcher

If the American people are counting on Detective Janet Reno for answers on Waco, they should know by now she can't detect a giraffe in a band of sheep!

—George Nourse

When she inveighed eloquently against the evils of capitalism at drawing-room meetings and Fabian conferences she was conscious of the comfortable feeling that the system, with all its inequalities and iniquities would probably last her time.

—Saki

Don't vote, it only encourages them.

—Old anarchist proverb

Who knows? Maybe my life belongs to God. Maybe it belongs to me. But I do know one thing: I'm damned if it belongs to the government.

—Arthur Hoppe

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

—Galileo Galilei

I just couldn't convince Texans that Dukakis was Greek for Bubba.

—Lloyd Benson

I would have promised those terrorists a trip to Disneyland if it would have gotten the hostages released. I thank God they were satisfied with the missiles and we didn't have to go to that extreme.

—Oliver North

It is the responsibility of the citizens to support their government. It is not the responsibility of the government to support its citizens.

—Grover Cleveland

The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water.

—John W. Gardner

When they took the 4th Amendment, I was quiet because I didn't deal drugs. When they took the 6th Amendment, I was quiet because I am innocent. When they took the 2nd Amendment, I was quiet because I don't own a gun. Now they have taken the 1st Amendment, and I can only be quiet.

—Lyle Myhr

There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, or perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things.

—Niccolo Machiavelli.

There's no such thing as other people's children.  
—Hillary Clinton

The problem with the global village is all the global village idiots.

—P. Ginsparg

I am convinced that we can do to guns what we've done to drugs: create a multi-billion dollar underground market over which we have absolutely no control.

—George L. Roman

The email of the species is more deadly than the mail.

—Peter Neumann

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

—Howard Aiken

It's a good idea not to live your life just to please others. You don't please yourself and you end up not pleasing anyone else. But if you please yourself, maybe you'll please someone else.

—Groucho Marx

There are so many women on the floor of Congress, it looks like a mall.

—Rep. Henry Hyde

And a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a Smoke.

—Rudyard Kipling

Throughout most of my life, I raised tobacco. I want you to know that with my own hands, all of my life, I put it in the plant beds and transferred it. I've hoed it. I've dug in it. I've sprayed it, I've chopped it, I've shredded it, spiked it, put it in the barn and stripped it and sold it.

—Al Gore

An American is a person who isn't afraid to criticize the President but is always polite to traffic cops.

—Unknown