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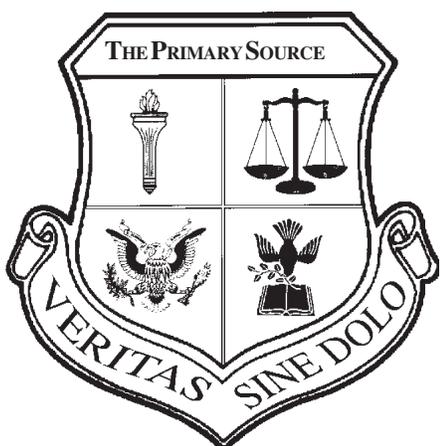
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Cushy College Courses

Unbeknownst to most Jumbos, Tufts was featured in a special report on "Cushy College Courses" on local NBC affiliate channel 7 last week. The story brought the "crazy curriculum" offered in the Experimental College, an "experiment" pioneered at Tufts some 32 years ago, into the spotlight. Prominently featured in the 2-minute exposé was "The Lindy Hop, Past and Present," a "cushy" course currently offered through the ex-college. Hop-student Abigail Nobel proudly quips, "we spend an hour and a half out of the three hours dancing around and learning the step."

In this embarrassing piece, Robyn Gittleman, director of the ex-college, responds to the accusation that academic standards are dropping and students take "fluff" courses instead of traditional core curriculum saying, "it gives them an opportunity to choose and select courses that sound interesting to them." The truth is, there may be value to some of the courses offered through the ex-college, but those courses should not be offered through the ex-college in the first place. Every student at Tufts, in one way or another is paying close to \$32,000 a year to not only earn a degree, but to learn something that will help him in his future endeavors as a contributing member of society. How is it then, that a course entitled "The Lindy Hop" earns a student the same one credit on his transcript as Biology 13 or Chemistry 1? What incentive is there to learn something useful when these cushy courses promise an easy-A for good attendance?

Following Tufts' lead, other universities across the country now offer their own variations of the ex-college, offering courses such as "The Art of Lying," "Stress Management," "The Sociology of Romance," "Cops & Robbers," and even the almost classic "Underwater Basket Weaving." Is this the sort of name-recognition Tufts has been searching for? Not likely. The 7-News piece continued by saying that experimental courses use tie-ins to pop-culture to help "bored students retain information." It should go without saying that at an elite university such as Tufts, students should not be "bored" in the first place. Students

should not require pop-culture references and cheerleader-style instruction to keep students interested in a class.

Perhaps the only useful service the ex-college serves is offering courses that that students demand, and departments refuse to offer. This should not be the case, students should demand courses such as "Understanding the Stock Market" be offered through the Economics department, where an economics professor could help students understand the stock market, and where the class size could meet demand. The ex-college should not serve as a surrogate to additional departmental course offerings. One such example of a department responding to demand is the Computer Science department. As overall demand for people with computer-related skills has grown, enrollment in Comp 6 (Computing on the Internet) has increased to 350 students, and total enrollment in all introductory computer science courses totals a staggering 680 students. The computer science department has responded to the increased demand by adding sections, and even creating a Multimedia Programming course to respond to the increased demand for web-programmers in the job market.

While the computer science department may be an unusual example, not every department must teach material that changes so quickly, the same impetus to change should exist in every department. The ex-college serves as an excuse for departments to not offer new courses, and is an embarrassment to the university.

The 7-News story reflected very poorly upon the university. The overall taste of the story was that Tufts was on-par academically with the likes of UMass and some sub-par business schools in Florida. This is not the kind of national recognition Tufts is looking for, or deserves. There are plenty of worthwhile programs and departments at Tufts that deserve to be recognized. It is a shame that one of the few blemishes on this university is what the media and other colleges and universities focus on when they look at Tufts as an institution.



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See Emily Play



THE LONG-AWAITED RETURN OF FOOL ON THE HILL

The controversy over the *Tufts Daily's* printing of a pro-life advertisement that unfurled over the past few weeks left the Source with many candidates meriting a resurrection of our Fool on the Hill feature. None, however, deserve a good, honest bitch-slapping more than Tufts Feminist Alliance Secretary Emily Spurl.

In a February letter to Tufts' newspaper of nothing, the erstwhile feminist attempted to take Tufts' *Daily* fill to task for daring to support pro-lifers' right to free speech. The only feast Emily managed to cook up, however, was an orgy of illogic, lies, and lunacy that added a fitting capstone to the pile of dirty laundry overflowing the Tufts Feminist Alliance's kitchen HQ.

Quoth the male-hating maven, "Under federal anti-discrimination laws, the *Daily* is prohibited from printing blatantly racist or homophobic material, for example, yet somehow it's okay for there to be a supplement nearly the size of the paper itself questioning the morality and judgment of women considering abortion." The PRIMARY SOURCE hereby offers a reward of *one million dollars* to Emily if she can identify a single federal law that prohibits the publication of racist or homophobic material. Like the housewife who thinks Cleaning and Cooking are two cities in China, Emily seems to labor under the impression that the First Amendment is nothing more than an abstract gob of soap scum that lingers frustratingly in the background.

Emily's misguided attempt to equate religious reservations about abortion with racism and homophobia would almost be enough to merit these column

inches in the SOURCE all by itself, but Emily proves in the remainder of her tirade that we've only begun to get to the bottom of her stack of dirty dishes. Categorizing the pro-life ad as "blatantly offensive and manipulative 'information'" filled with "so-called 'facts,'" Emily nonetheless fails to back up this bold use of quote marks with a single reference to the advertisement—nor does she attempt to offer any competing "facts" or "information" of her own.

Instead, the Secretary with the IQ of a Barbie doll assumed that the *Daily* endorsed the views expressed in the advertisement just because it decided to print it: "By accepting payment from the Human Life Alliance to include this supplement, it appears that the *Daily* has aligned itself with the radical, pro-life movement." This is akin to assuming that the *Daily's* assortment of Boston Avenue pizza parlor ads reflects the radical culinary dispositions of the editorial board.

The Ms. of Misery then selfishly asks, "How can the Tufts Feminist Alliance, as a feminist organization [!], depend on the *Daily* to give unbiased coverage in the future?"—as if the *Daily's* *raison d'être* was to cover news in a manner favorable to the Tufts Feminist Alliance.

Emily deserves a hearty whack on the ass for her puzzling contention that "the publication attacked a specific and unprotected segment of society: namely women." But her foolish claim fails to follow through given that the letter immediately following Miss Spurl's was one endorsing the pro-life position—written by a woman. This closed-mindedness on the part of so-called "liberals" makes one doubt that modern feminists are made of anything resembling sugar and spice and anything nice. And their knee-jerk defense of all abortions all the time leaves one trembling in fear of the next generation should Emily and her ilk ever find themselves barefoot and pregnant and within arm's reach of a scalpel.

Some say that girls just wanna have fun, but the only T&A that Emily has to offer the Tufts community is Trash and Absurdity. In her egotistical attempt to offer the definitive feminist response to pro-lifers, she succeeded only in articulating her own ignorance and intellectual incompetence. Shame, shame, Emily: that's not what little girls are made of.



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Commentary

Disciplinary Action Needed

Zeta Psi's behavior at the cannon two weeks ago should be considered nothing short of abominable. In what was likely an alcohol-related incident, the fraternity's pledges assaulted a group of Alpha Phi pledges who were painting the cannon. In the aftermath, two students needed to be transported to the hospital for medical care. While the incident itself is a disgrace and a mar to the entire Greek system, the lack of disciplinary reaction to the incident is far more troubling.

IGC President Steve Levine explained to the *Daily* that no action will be taken unless Alpha Phi files charges. If the sisters of Alpha Phi are pressuring their pledges not to talk to the administration or IGC, then they are just as responsible for fostering a hostile environment as Zeta Psi is for the violence. If such is the case they should face harsh disciplinary action as well. Furthermore, Mr. Levine and the IGC must take a more active role in condemning this violence. An incident of this magnitude hurts the reputation of the entire Greek system—yet there has been almost no response. IGC and other fraternities must condemn this violence lest they be marred with a cowardly and violent reputation.

Ass. Dean Bruce Reitman, moreover, chose to believe that this incident was simply horseplay gone awry. Even if this were true, the University has a responsibility to take serious action. Any time one student sends another to the hospital, a thorough investigation and disciplinary hearing must take place. If Reitman is afraid to charge the Greek system with a crime, he should step aside and allow someone else to take over the investigation. If the university simply looks the other way and something of this magnitude ever happens again, it could be held civilly liable for fostering a violent atmosphere.

Get Back in the Kitchen

Just when the American public figured it was almost free of the Clinton curse, it seems as if half of Arkansas's dynamic duo may

try to worm her way into public office in the year 2000. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has not yet declared her intent to run for the seat that will be vacated by New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan but has announced that she is exploring the option of running for Senate. The facts that Mrs. Clinton is not a citizen of New York State and has no experience serving as an elected official should be reason enough for dismissal of her candidacy. Add to these reasons Mrs. Clinton's dismal failure with healthcare reform, her entanglement with the Whitewater real estate scandal and her passive attitude towards her husband's heinous infidelities and it is clear why her run for Senate would be an insult to New Yorkers.

On a nationwide level, Elizabeth Dole, President of the American Red Cross and wife of former Senate Majority Leader and presidential hopeful Bob Dole, is thinking of making a run for the Oval Office herself. Like the First Lady, Mrs. Dole has not yet declared her candidacy but has formed an exploratory committee which enables her to start raising funds for a presidential bid. As charismatic as Mrs. Dole may be, she must realize that she simply is not qualified to be the next leader of the free world. If they choose to run on the coattails of their husbands' fame and experience, Mrs. Clinton's and Mrs. Dole's campaigns will short-change voters and other female candidates alike.

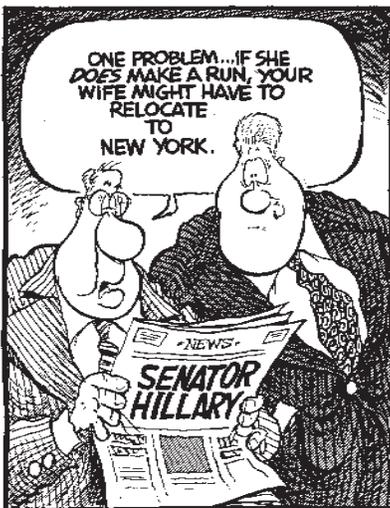
Segregation Woes

Students in Boston College Professor Mary Daly's "Introduction to Feminist Ethics" class recently learned a real-life lesson in equality. Daly, who has been at BC since the 1960's when the college barred female students, prevented male students from taking her class, claiming that the presence of men in the class might make women uncomfortable and therefore unable to express themselves freely. Professor Daly excused her action, saying, "Even if there were only one or two men with 20 women, the young women would be constantly on an overt or a subliminal level giving their attention to the men because they've been socialized to nurse men." On February 25, Boston College officials gave Daly a choice: allow men to take her class or leave BC.

According to the *Boston Globe*, Daly has rejected a retirement offer from the Jesuit institution.

Thankfully, we can all rest a little bit easier knowing that BC made the right decision. Title IX expressly prohibits discrimination based on gender. Though Daly excluded men from her class, she did offer to teach an all-male student section of the class as an alternative. Such a mentality on Ms. Daly's part harkens back to the Supreme Court 1878 ruling in the historic case *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which held that the idea of "separate but equal," was protected by the Constitution. Fortunately, the Court in the 1952 case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, reversed its decision in *Plessy* and ruled that discrimination on any level is unconstitutional.

It is ridiculous for Daly to believe that women



would feel uncomfortable talking about feminism in front of men. Certainly, men have a perspective on feminism that deserves to be heard, especially in a liberal arts college such as BC. It would be equally ludicrous to prevent a non-Jewish student to enroll in a Judaic Studies class because some Jews in the class might be offended by their presence. It is more startling that Daly tried to exclude males from her class, in light of the fact that were it not for the protests of several hundred male students in 1969, she might not have been granted tenure.

Live Free or Die?

The land of no taxes may be no more. There is a battle raging in the conservative mecca to our north, New Hampshire. Currently the only state in the union to have never enacted a broad-based sales or income tax, New Hampshire has long been known as a working example of conservatism. However, on March 4, 1999, the state House voted to enact the first personal income tax by a margin of only four votes.

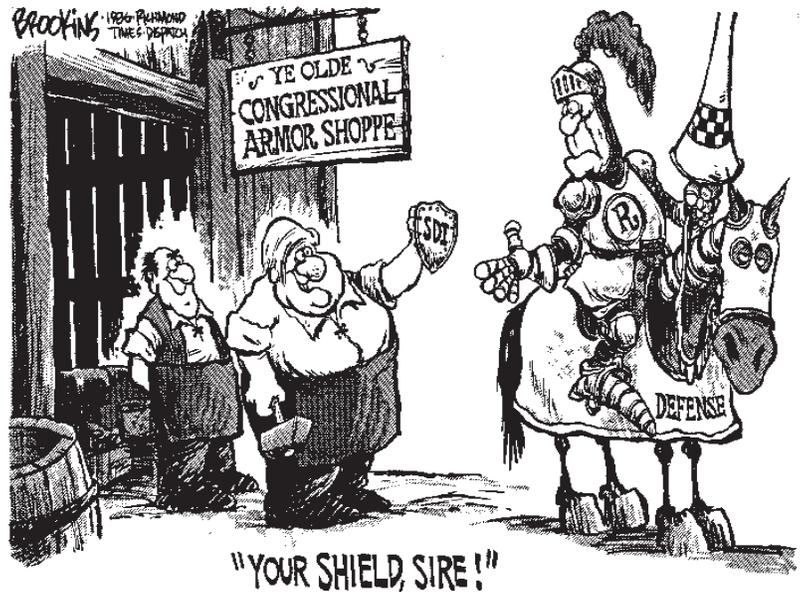
This historic action is the result of a long battle over the funding of public schools. Currently, schools are funded almost exclusively through local property taxes, which vary from town-to-town based on the relative wealth of the residents and the overall value of the land. However, in a surprise decision, this funding scheme was ruled unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court in 1997, and the state was given until April 1, 1999 to implement a new plan.

After much debate, the legislature voted to enact a 4 percent personal income tax and a \$6 per \$1000 valuation statewide property tax, thereby eliminating one of the biggest reasons people move to New Hampshire: the tax code (or relative lack thereof). If this scheme were enacted, the incentive to live, shop, and make a living in New Hampshire would be greatly reduced. Currently, residents may give up the more lucrative Boston job market to stay in New Hampshire, where they enjoy better schools and tax-free income and shopping. Businesses also find New Hampshire attractive—the recent technology boom in Southern New Hampshire is testament to this fact.

Democratic Governor Jeanne Shaheen promises to veto the bill, insisting on a statewide referendum on the tax, thereby eliminating her from blame in this matter. However, her plan is far worse. It reportedly would rely on expanded gambling and an increase in business taxes—perhaps the worst idea for a state struggling to attract industry into an otherwise vacation-oriented economy. The fact is, New Hampshire currently has one of the best public school systems in the country. Any broad-based tax or increase on business taxes will only hurt New Hampshire, and leave many businesses and residents with no other option than to look elsewhere.

A Good Reason to Move to the East Coast

There are people who hold Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) in contempt. They say it was never technologi-



cally feasible, that there was never any need, and that Reagan had no idea what he was talking about. They may want to think again. It is becoming ever more apparent that SDI is technologically feasible, Reagan did indeed know what he was talking about, and most importantly, there is a pressing need for a ballistic defense. It can be summed up in two words: North Korea.

Last year North Korea tested the Taepo Dong ballistic missile which has a range of over 5,000 kilometers. There is ample evidence to suggest that North Korea is now in the process of developing the Taepo Dong 2 (TD-2) ballistic missile which will enable North Korea to easily strike western US targets such as Los Angeles and San Diego, and it may reach as far as Denver. North Korea has been and still is an enigma to US intelligence, and as in the case of the Taepo Dong, the US will probably not know that North Korea has developed a TD-2 missile until after its launched.

Compound the fact that North Korea may soon have missiles capable of hitting the continental United States with its aggressive and extensive nuclear weapons research program and a serious amount of concern begins to build.

If the development of weapons that can strike the US coupled with a possible nuclear capability is not enough to frighten Americans, consider that the North Korean government has allowed close to 800,000 people to starve to death annually over the past three years while continuing to devote massive amounts of money to their nuclear and missile weapons research programs. The North Korean government has clearly abdicated any moral responsibility to its citizens and has indicated by its actions that it is more interested in retaining the current regime than benefiting those people who are forced to live under its heel.

North Korea may soon have the ability to strike the continental United States with weapons of mass destruction. It has leadership which regards its people as expendable commodities. If something is not done to curtail their research now, the eastern seaboard may see a large influx of new residents.

Fortnight in ReviewSM

☞ Asked at a recent trustee luncheon what his long-term plans were, former surplus hoarder and TCU Trustee Rep. **Lee Brenner** said, "I plan to be a congressman by the time I'm 30." If only he could be in



Congress and the TCU senate at the same time.... Treasury Czar **Larry Harris** suggests Tufts should reimburse black students the costs of making a campus visit. I. Melvin Bernstein immediately took to the idea, adding that Tufts will wash black students' cars, shine their shoes, and maybe if there's enough money left think about giving some of them an education.

☞ Hillel holds a semi-formal at Boston's Children's Museum, while the **Pan-African Alliance** holds its semi-formal in the **Hillel Center**. Guests were instructed to leave their **Louis Farrakhan** corsages at home.... Fresh in from the slop bucket: a **Comp-Sci twit** recently returned from a semester in ole Hong Kong says that he learned "to be more patient and listen more... Americans blab and blab and one percent of what they say is useful." **Confucious** say, wise man listens to own advice.... The man who would be King of All Media, **Mark Bower**, goes for the double-header with a *Viewpoint* and a letter to the *Observer* last Thursday. In his *Viewpoint*, Bower says, "I cannot be perfectly frank without saying the vast majority of people I interact with come from basically the same background as myself. So this is diversity? This is as good as it gets?" What did he expect, free trips to the diverse salad bar?... Did anyone notice the byline for the February 23rd **ham-and-egger** writing on "The forgotten task forces"? It said **Anonymous**, which for some reason seems to rhyme with **I. Melvin Bernstein**.

☞ Self-aggrandizing Sensitive Man **Jason Chance** writes the *Observer* to brag about how dedicated he is to the **Boston/New York AIDS Ride**. He then went back to massaging **Jen Dodge's** feet full time.... Tuftonian **black history exhibit** at Aidekman Arts Center tries to bean-count all the way back but runs into a small ob-

Comedy is allied to Justice. —Aristophanes

PS A new Alabama law bans sex toys, defined as "any device designed or marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs." Libertarian Party director Bill Winter notes, "Depending on how strictly you interpret the law, it could make Bill Clinton illegal in Alabama." Next project: making any device designed or marketed to make the human genital organs frigid illegal in New York.

PS The newest billboard from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals features a portrait of Jesus with his head encircled by an orange slice with the caption, "Jesus Was A Vegetarian." Not to be outdone, the NRA's latest billboard features the Virgin Mary lovingly cradling a Glock.

PS Nike recently recalled 110,000 pairs of children's Little Air Jordan sneakers found to contain excessive levels of lead in their paint trim. Former Somerville Mayor Mike Capuano issued a statement defending the sneaker company, saying, "What's the big deal? My mother *fed* me this stuff."

PS Mike Weinstock, boys' basketball coach at Wisconsin's Pardeeville High School, was reprimanded last week for punishing those players who failed to snag rebounds during drills by making them put on a pair of pink panties over their uniforms. And as

for the pocketbook Coach Weinstock brings to practice, the athletic instructor swears it's not a purse— it's a magic bag.

PS Maryland journalist Larry Matthews faces a possible sentence of thirty years in jail after downloading and distributing child pornography, ostensibly for the purposes of research. Matthews later revealed that it all started when his high school basketball coach made him put on a pair of panties.

PS A recent law passed in Italy decrees that women assaulted while wearing jeans cannot be called victims of rape. Oddly, White House interns are now required to wear jeans.

PS In other *Noticias Italianias*, the American pilot who clipped a cable car wire, sending twenty skiers down the mountain prematurely, was acquitted. Turns out he was wearing jeans.

PS Jefferson City, Missouri representative Sam Gaskill has introduced a bill that would require hospital gowns to be less revealing. He came up with the idea in response to hospital employees who feared that Linda Tripp might somehow injure herself in Jefferson City.

PS Israel will build and toll a slightly-underwater bridge so tourists can simulate Jesus walking across the Sea of Galilee. Expected to be less popular is the "10 new sheqalim for a crucifixion" theme park.

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PS The Inter-Greek Council said that they'll take action after the incident involving sorority pledges attacked by drunken Zeta Psi-ers. With that in mind, we present the Top Ten IGC Decisions to Stop Violence against Women and Gays:

10. Start a "Pledge to Not Hit Chicks with Paint Cans"
9. Encourage TMAV to change its name to "Frat Guys Who Can't Get Any"
8. Send Sig Ep to more TTLGBC meetings, and tell the brothers to be friendly... *very* friendly
7. New rule: no roofies on weekdays
6. No keg-stands for girls in skirts
5. No more spiking Ping-Pong balls during Beirut games
4. Just admit that frats are latently homoerotic
3. Make the brothers wear tight black pants too— it might cut off circulation to certain areas
2. New castration wing in Health Services
1. Change the name of the Rainbow House to "Gay E Pi"

PS G. Roger Davis, music professor at Miami University, says the school violated his constitutional rights by forbidding him to wear a thong at the campus swimming pool. Students countered that their constitutional rights prevent them from having to look at a professor's package.

PS A Michigan student is suing her high school for violating her First Amendment rights because school dress codes forbid her to wear a pentagram, the symbol of her religion: witchcraft. The principal had no comment since being turned into a newt.

PS Legendary filmmaker Stanley Kubrick passed away shortly after completing his latest work, *Eyes Wide Shut*, an erotic tale starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. True to form as a dedicated director, Kubrick edited the film constantly for five minutes at a time with half-hour breaks in between.

PS Clinton crony and HHS Secretary Donna Shalala successfully fended off an ATM mugging attempt by rolling up into the fetal position and issuing bloodcurdling screams. She thought she saw Kenneth Starr.

PS In Beverly Hills, voters will decide in May if new fur coats should sport tags that make the buyer aware that the animals used may "have been killed by electrocution, gassing, stomping, or neck-breaking." Mmmm... Stomping....

PS The heading of Bobbie Knable's letter in March 3rd's *Daily* reads, "Hate crimes not tolerated by university." The Dean of Students then went on to explain that Jumbos can beat the living tar out of any of their classmates, as long as they're not black or gay.

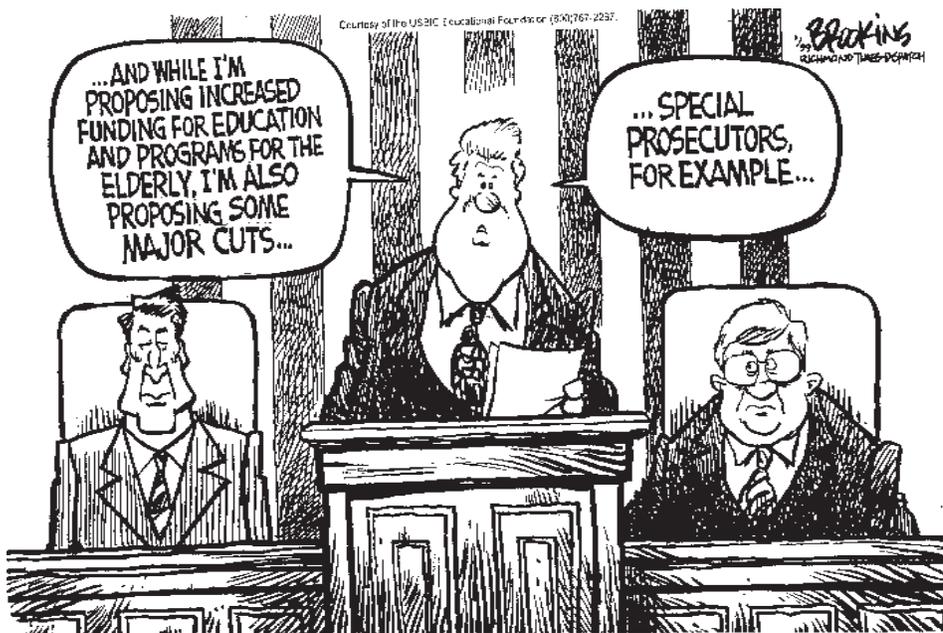
stacle: "It is not known," writes the *Daily*, "when the first African-American graduated from Tufts because the records from the 19th century do not mention the race of the students." How far we've come since then.

PS **Sasha Baltins** appears at the **Anti-Hate Rally** and apologizes for being white and middle-class. She then apologized to the Albino Squirrel for being human, apologized to Monica Lewinsky for taping her phone calls, and apologized to OJ for being the real killer.... It Came From The *Daily*: March 4th front-pager on the rally includes the terms "f— queer" and "f— dyke," in their full uncensored glory; meanwhile, an **Off the Hill** item that day was about profs getting in trouble for using obscenities in class.... Is it just us, or have students' relations with Bags really gotten this bad? March 2nd above-the-fold headline reads, "**DiBiaggio responds to beating.**" Somebody tell the copy desk to lay off the hooch.

PS *Observer* editorial waxes moronic, "In its rush to respond to the demands made by African-American student activists recently, the university must not forget the presence and needs of other minority groups on campus." Anybody want to order **Chinese**? ... Froshpersyn **Leigh Wald** writes a thumb-sucking *Viewpoint* fondly recalling the days when handwriting and typewriters ruled. We much prefer being able to click Shift-F7 to make sure we spelled **Luddite** correctly.

PS **Dara Resnik** writes, "Last September I did something I have not done in a long time. I made friends with a woman. This was not just a girl. This was the kind of woman who wears skirts with heels and make-up every day, and lets her long brown hair flow freely everyday." Then all of a sudden, this weird music started playing, the pizza delivery boy showed up, and by the time all was said and done Dara was trying to get her black pants down from the chandelier.... Didjasee Saturday's *Boston Herald*? SOURCE alum **Colin Kingsbury** weighs in with an Op-Ed call to arms against Social Security titled "Youth get sold on shackles of Social Security servitude." Congrats.

PS THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



Juanita Broaddrick speaks about her terrifying encounter with Bill Clinton.

It's Just About Sex...ual Assault

by Ian Popick

Perhaps President Clinton's sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky are a strictly personal matter, and his lying under oath does not warrant a conviction from the senate. Perhaps his exposing of himself to Paula Jones does not qualify as sexual harassment. Perhaps Whitewater, Filegate, Travelgate, and any other-gate we can associate with Clinton will not convince the average American that Clinton's character makes him unfit for his office. Yet, the circumstances surrounding a Mrs. Juanita Broaddrick just recently coming to light will test the limits of the President's apparent invulnerability to the character question because, as forgiving as the American public have been with the President, it is hard to imagine that they would condone a rapist in the Oval Office.

This story begins in 1978 when Bill Clinton was the Attorney General of Arkansas. Mrs. Broaddrick, an owner of nursing homes, approached Clinton on his gubernatorial campaign trail in her home town of Van Buren, Arkansas, to discuss her nursing home business. Clinton promised her more time if she would meet with him in Little Rock. While attending a business conference a few weeks later, Mrs. Broaddrick took Clinton up on his offer. Originally, they planned to meet in a coffeeshop, but Clinton, citing a desire to avoid reporters, invited himself to Mrs. Broaddrick's hotel room. Shortly after arriving, she alleges, Clinton moved near to her and attempted to kiss her—biting her on the upper lip hard enough to cause great swelling afterwards. Then, he forced her on to the bed and proceeded to rape her. When he finished, he dressed, put on his glasses, and before leaving said, "You'd better put some ice on that," refer-

ring to her now swollen lip.

Fortunately for Clinton, this is a case of his word against hers since they were the only two people in the room. There exists no physical evidence from the encounter. Even the hotel in question has since closed. Furthermore, Mrs. Broaddrick never came forward with the story those twenty-one years ago, and as recently as January 1998, Mrs. Broaddrick signed an affidavit denying the allegation when she was known only as "Jane Doe No. 5" in Paula Jones' case against the President.

Nonetheless, Norma Rogers, a friend who accompanied Mrs. Broaddrick to Little Rock, found her in the hotel room shortly after the incident. Ms. Rogers can attest to the fact that Mrs. Broaddrick was crying, "in a state of shock," and that her lip was swollen. In addition, Mrs. Broaddrick told another friend, Susan Lewis, of the incident at that time. Both of these women have corroborated her story. As for why she did come forward with the story in 1978; she was having an affair with a married man, Dave Broaddrick, who became her husband two years later. Besides not wanting to endure the spotlight of a high-profile case and the prying into her private life, she was convinced no one would believe her. "Even though I was a respected businesswoman, what was I doing in a hotel room with the Attorney General?" she stated. Of course, the real question is: what was the Attorney General doing to her in that hotel room?

Thus, Mrs. Broaddrick intended to conceal her story, which she did until Kenneth Starr's investigation. Unwilling to lie to federal investigators, she refuted her earlier affidavit last spring (she recalls that the President's lawyer had faxed her an affidavit of another woman's denial of involvement with Clinton and that she

and her lawyer merely changed the names and circumstances to fit her case). Her now-amended file then found an audience during the impeachment proceedings with undecided Republicans, including Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut, who commented that the material is "shocking, disgusting, and left a big pit in your stomach." Meanwhile, her story gained new life on the fringes of the media world: the Internet, cable television talk shows, and the tabloids — all cited her story erroneously, which angered the rape victim. Thus, Mrs. Broaddrick finally decided to take her story public with an interview with NBC reporter Lisa Meyers in late January as Clinton's trial in the senate picked up.

But then a funny thing happened. NBC refused to broadcast the interview. Fox News tried to gain the rights to the tape, but NBC threatened to sue, leading Fox News anchor Brit Hume to wear a "Free Lisa Meyers" lapel button on the air. Then the Wall Street Journal, followed by the New York Times and Washington Post, conducted and published interviews with Mrs. Broaddrick. NBC finally ran its interview in the last week of February, two weeks after the end of Clinton's trial. Clinton's spin doctors have had difficulty painting her as trailer-trash like Paula Jones or a tramp like Monica Lewinsky or simply lame like Linda Tripp. The general consensus is that Mrs. Broaddrick seems "credible," without an axe to grind.

But what's the point? Clinton's trial is over. He will not be re-impeached. He certainly will not resign. So what can we glean from this yet another national embarrassment involving Clinton. 1) His zipper problem is no longer so laughable: even receiving felatio in the Oval Office does not seem so bad in comparison. 2) The Clinton team apparently issues false affidavits like form letters. 3) The mainstream news media, such as NBC, do the best they can to cover Clinton's behind at every turn. And 4) although Mrs. Broaddrick has repeatedly denied that Clinton or his lackeys ever attempted to bribe her or intimidate her to obtain her silence, here is an interesting tidbit for you conspiracy enthusiasts: corroborator Norma Rogers' father was murdered after the alleged rape; his murderer received a pardon from none other than Governor William Jefferson Clinton. □

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Lately, the administration's been holding quite a few forums where the usual suspects sit with their fingers crossed and claim they don't discriminate against anybody. Yeah, sure. Well, we decided to do a little investigative reporting, and after the wolves chased us out of the Office of Equal Opportunity, we were running from the spotlights and accidentally fell through a manhole in front of Bendetson Hall. Well, we eventually crawled through the sewers to the basement of the Admissions Office, managed to restrain the alligators, broke open the vault, and found this little document in a filing cabinet nailed to the ceiling next to a sign that said, "DANGER: URANIUM WASTE."



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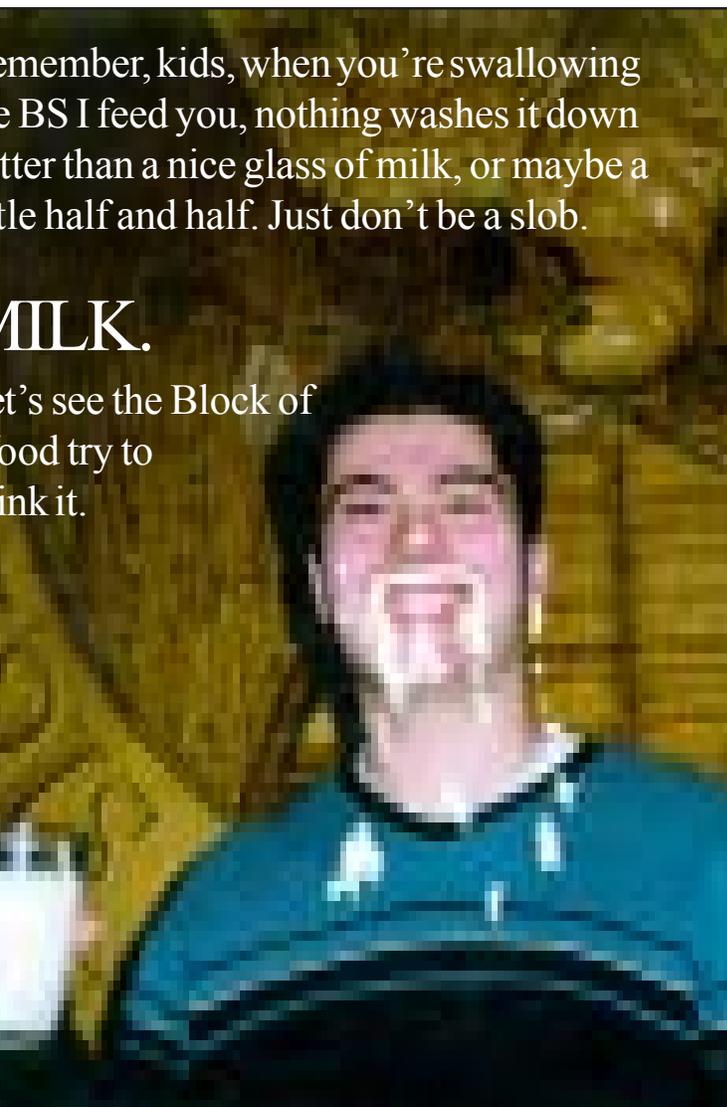
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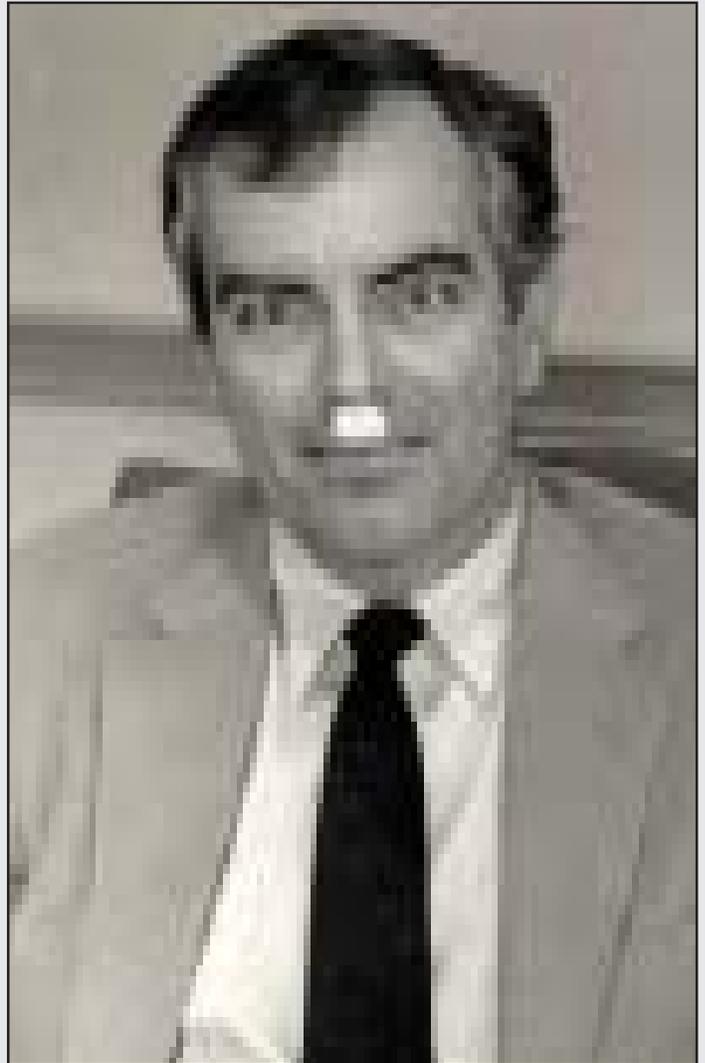
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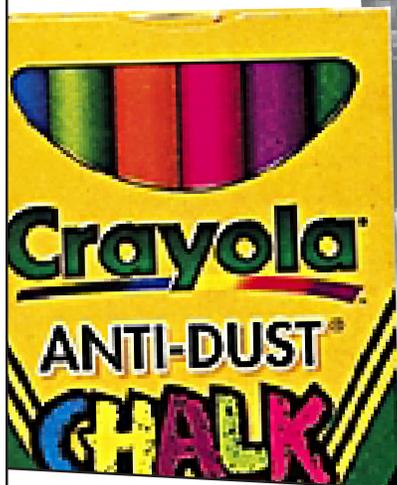
Everything I need to know about running Tufts' Admissions Office I learned from drinking milk. For example, there's 1%, 2%, and 4% milk, and sometimes you have to play with preferences to get the percentage that's right for the community. That's why I drink only 100% pure chocolate milk.

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Carnage at the Cannon

A Peek at TUPD's Police Blotter



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To Protect and to Sit Absent-mindedly
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Official Police Report In Case Anyone Asks

OK, so I was sitting in my vehicle minding my own business trying to use a compressed air container to blow the Drake's Coffee Cake crumbs off my boots. After hearing several bloodcurdling screams in a ten-minute period, I decided to investigate. There was only one suspect remaining on the scene, so I brought him in for questioning after ticketing his car. The suspect responded, "Well, I signed the rape pledge, so I clearly didn't mean any harm." So I let him go...

SECURITY ALERT



The Tuft Feminist Alliance and the National Organization of Women have shut up pro-life feminists for long enough.

Silent All These Years

by Dan Lewis

There are not many in the halls. You rarely see them around campus. If you think you see one, he'll usually go back into the closet, often categorically denying that he belongs to the group. Many of us think they are radical and that they will try to convert us to their ways. You probably cannot name even one professor who is a member of their legion. You may prefer it that way. Their thoughts and beliefs are unwelcome and disallowed. Their kind is not welcome here. They are pro-lifers.

If you end up matriculating at Tufts, chances are that you strongly believe bigotry and discrimination are terrible things that we should do everything in our power to eradicate. Regardless of whether or not we can agree on the path, most of us believe in the same end product—a nation where your gender, race, and religion does not affect how you are judged. The vast majority of the Tufts campus honestly believes that women should have every right that men have. Most of us agree with the National Organization for Women when it said that we should all “take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.” However, the pro-life contingency is one group that NOW, as well as members of the Tufts Feminist Alliance (TFA), seem to disallow from this common cause.

NOW's statement of purpose, co-authored by founder Betty Friedan, makes

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no reference to the terms “abortion” or “reproductive rights,” and only refers to “freedom of choice” in the context of provisions that would allow a mother to both work and care for her children. The statement of purpose truly calls for social, political, and economic equality. One would expect that these ideals would be foremost in NOW's Political Action Committee's (NOW/PAC) guide which “analyzed

... between candidates with differing levels of support for feminist issues.” Yet NOW/PAC will only endorse candidates that, among other things, “support reproductive freedom including Medicaid funding for abortions, minors' access to services,

and family planning funding” (<http://www.nowpacs.org/1996/endorsed.html>). On top of that, one of NOW's five “official priorities” is “advocating for abortion and reproductive rights” (<http://www.now.org/organiza/nutsbolts.html>). It is more than implied that a pro-lifer has no business in their ranks.

Can a feminist disregard the hidden prerequisite that she be pro-choice? Can someone who believes that abortion is murder also believe that women should have an “equal partnership with men?” Can a person be pro-life and also be pro-woman? Apparently, NOW believes she cannot.

This special brand of closed-mindedness finds its way into Tufts as well. On February 9th, one of the first instances of pro-life speech appeared on campus. The *Daily* ran a twelve-page advertising supplement paid for by the Human Life Alliance of Minnesota Education Fund entitled, “She's a Child, Not a 'Choice.'” In response, TFA Secretary Emily Spurl, in a letter to the *Daily*, stated that “it appears that the *Daily* has aligned itself with the radical pro-life movement.” Apparently, Miss Spurl, speaking as a member of TFA, wants nothing to do with the “radical pro-life movement.” She goes on to ask “How can we, as a feminist organization, depend on the *Daily* to give us unbiased coverage in the future?” However, the insert made no reference to mandating women to second-class, lower paying jobs. It said nothing to the effect that men are



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superior to women. In fact, the president of the Human Life Alliance, Marlene Reid, argued on page two of the insert, that “abortion isn’t about women’s rights after all.” The insert dealt with fetal rights, not women’s rights. There was nothing that would rationally lead us to believe that the Human Life Alliance believes women to be inferior.

Nonetheless, you will not often, if ever, come across a pro-lifer in a mainstream feminist organization. Fetal rights activists have concrete reason to feel that they are unwelcome. TFA advances this unwelcome feeling in its by-laws. TFA’s primary constitutional purpose supposedly is “to establish a broad constituency to work in pursuit of feminist ideals—social, political, and economic equality for all women.” A pro-lifer’s fear that TFA includes reproductive rights in its definition of “feminist ideals” is quickly confirmed in the next article, “Principles.” The second listed principle states that TFA, acting as an affiliate of the Feminist Majority Foundation, “supports safe, legal and accessible abortion.” TFA’s constitution goes on to say that “any officer... who violates the organization’s purpose or Constitution... may be removed from office.” This seems to put teeth into TFA founder Andi Friedman’s assertion that the TFA is strictly a pro-choice group and that abortion is a “litmus issue” for feminism.

The primary reason for the unnecessary implication that a person who opposed abortion cannot believe in women’s rights seems to be that people who are pro-life are “anti-choice” and thus unwelcome in the “broad constituency” TFA hopes to create. The rhetoric usually berates pro-life activists for being fascists who impose their morals on women, their doctors, and their families. If you believe that a developing baby is not a life, this is a reasonable gripe. However, pro-life activists believe abortion is murder. Society does not give a mother the “choice” to legally shoot her child in the head. Pro-lifers argue that she should not have the right to kill that child before he leaves her womb. The pro-life voice sees needless killing in a society that allows murder. Being pro-life means that you believe abortion is a violation of the fetus’s rights. If a person believes that women should be paid wages equal to men and be able to hold the same political positions as men, and she is willing to do everything in her power to see these causes advance, she is an asset to the femi-

nist community. A pro-lifer may believe that women should have all rights that men have and should be treated as a man’s equal. It makes no sense to assert that being pro-life and pro-woman are mutually exclusive.

So why are anti-abortion men and women not welcome in feminist organizations? Both NOW and TFA implicitly assert that pro-life and pro-women beliefs are mutually exclusive. As Friedrich Nietzsche once said, “Madness is rare in individuals—

but in groups... it’s the rule.” In the past, it seemed that feminist organizations believed that men could not believe in equal rights for women. Thankfully, feminism grew out of its infancy and learned that men can believe in women’s rights. Maybe TFA, NOW, and other such organizations will break free of their madness yet again and welcome pro-life feminists into their organizations. □

*Clinton survived the scandal, but
feminist dogma may not be so lucky.*

Just Like a Woman

by Keith Levenberg

A recent *Time* magazine cover story promised to explain “how the scandal was good for America.” It’s a tempting question to ask, given the gravity of the scandal’s dark side: the American public confronted a president proven to be a congenital liar who exempts himself from the laws to which he subjects others, and nonetheless decided that he was such a swell guy after all that they’d be proud to have him as a leader. Even so, *Time* was right to realize that much good can come of the whole affair, although the benefits it can deliver are hardly those a moderate-to-left-wing voice of the establishment like *Time* is likely to consider.

The public’s reaction to Monica Lewinsky’s 20/20 interview could mark the turning point in America’s protracted descent into left-wing sexual nihilism. In this intriguing tangent alone, the lies of the left are laid bare in a manner too basic for pundits to deny. Some of the core convictions

to which feminists have dedicated themselves in the name of women’s liberation now seem like hollow absurdities when contrasted with the ugly truth of the story of Monica and Bill.

Take, for example, the feminist contention that there are no differences between men and women— or, expressed academically, that those differences that exist are purely “societal constructions,” socialized as gender roles into people from a young age. The implications of this dogma are

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used primarily to contravene people’s deeply felt intuitions about sex, intuitions which triumphed in the post-scandal weeks no matter how omnipresent was the feminist rhetoric to the contrary. Feminist sexual egalitarianism would posit both Clinton and Lewinsky as equally deserving of reproach for their sexual indiscretions, victims of mutual exploitation whose only real crime was getting caught. (Since the only arbiters of morality, including sexual morality, are the individuals involved, who, asks the feminist, would maintain the right

to condemn them for their private actions?)

The truth— a throwback to pre-'60s sexual morality and a confirmation of individuals' intuitions about sex— is not so forgiving. Men and women are different, and Clinton merits more reproach for the affair than Lewinsky because he knew about sexual differences and exploited them to curry sexual favors. As F. Carolyn Graglia pointed out in the *Women's Quarterly*, "The average

man, we knew, was born with lust in his heart for raw sex; the average woman, with a yearning for romance." Thus, in between the various sexual encounters about which Lewinsky confided to Walters and 70 million Americans that she felt the President had been "serviced," Clinton would frequently tease Lewinsky with the idea that he might be committed to the relationship in the traditional sense—including his claim that he might leave Hillary to be with her after his term expired, with the relationship continuing well into Clinton's old age and need for adult diapers. He knew these were the lies he had to tell her to get "serviced." Hence, the exploiter and the exploited.

This pattern of a relationship is not unique to Clinton and Lewinsky, and frighteningly may even be the norm in '90s culture. The blame for this fall from grace, observes Graglia, ultimately lies with the sexual revolution and feminist morality: "By endorsing the sexual revolution, feminists persuaded many women to adopt male patterns of sexual behavior. They encouraged women to reject the double standard that tolerated male promiscuity while expecting the female to cultivate modesty, sexual reticence, and discretion. They regarded this double standard as one of the worst abuses of patriarchal oppression of women. Instead, by abandoning this double standard, women lost their sexual power." Far from the glorification of sexually promiscuous women in film and television—with the various projects of Aaron Spelling as the archetype— Lewinsky revealed to America the steamy underbelly of feminist indiscretion. Women don't receive empowerment from behavior like Lewinsky's even

as Clinton receives a thumbs-up from the male population. After all, a plurality of the American public still considers Monica Lewinsky a slut.

That politically and sexually conservative women like Graglia are experiencing something of a renaissance now that Monicagate is in post-production is by far the most compelling means in which the scandal was somehow good for America. Their voice of

choice is *Ex Femina*, a publication of the Independent Women's Forum, which now publishes such conservative thinkers as Kate O'Bierne, Mona Charon, and Midge Decter, as well as the next generation of conservative women, led by Wendy Shalit and Danielle Crittenden. (Both Shalit and Crittenden are celebrating the recent publication of their first books: Shalit's *Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue* and Crittenden's *What Our Mothers Didn't Tell Us: Why Happiness Eludes the Modern Woman*.)

O'Bierne's analysis of the scandal is by far the most biting criticism of Clinton issued to date. Observes O'Bierne, "I remain convinced that Bill Clinton is in violation

of Article 2 of the Constitution, because he is not 35 years old. Surely he lacks the maturity, the judgment, and self-denial that our Founders hoped to ensure by putting in an age requirement for the presidency." The common sense is so refreshing that it could only flourish in a forum as iconoclastic as *Ex Femina*. O'Bierne continues to describe a conversation between Lewinsky and Linda Tripp in which Lewinsky described how intimidated she was to talk to a man as powerful as Bill Richardson. When Tripp asked, "Monica, what about you and the President for the past two years?" Lewinsky answered, "Oh, that's different." O'Bierne notes, "She knew that Bill Richardson was a serious grown-up, and that he held an important position. She knew that was not the case about President Clinton. And thus she could declare to him, 'I love you, butt-head.'"

With articles like Graglia's "Let's Face it, Girls: The Sexual Revolution was a Mistake," Ellen Ladowsky's "That's No White Male, That's My Husband!", and Crittenden's "Just Say No to Feminist Sex," *Ex Femina* and the Independent Women's Forum are carving out a new ideology for women dissenting from the feminist establishment. Their common sense is gaining ground in the mainstream, and it seems they're helping a good part of America to wake up from the moral slumber of '60s ethics. That's how the scandal was good for America. □

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*Through their apathy, the women of the TFA
prove that sisterhood is greek to them.*

Sisters of Mercy?

by Alyssa Heumann

For Tufts University, last week was one of both hurt and healing. The attack on two innocent gay students shocked the campus, and many students struggled to deal with the hatred and homophobia which still exist in society. Fortunately, and perhaps in a testament to the tolerance and open-mindedness of Jumbos, the campus rallied around the LGBT community. President DiBiaggio made an official response to the incident, and there was a large rally on the patio opposing hate crimes and their close-minded and violent perpetrators. Indeed, nearly every campus activist organization came out in support of the LGBT community, from the Pan-African Alliance to the Coalition for Social Justice. The two assaulted students, though still affected by the pain and anguish of their experience, should be able to feel the compassion of their friends and the rest of the community, and know that action is being taken to curb homophobia and hatred at Tufts.

However, after reviewing the events of last week in full, one might conclude that some groups at Tufts are far more deserving of sympathy than others. In stark contrast to the campus uproar over Saturday night's assault, the campus fell silent when confronted with the events of last Friday morning. Approximately fifteen members and pledges of the Zeta Psi Fraternity assaulted pledges of the Alpha Phi Sorority. The brothers, in their attempt to reclaim the cannon from the women, ended up bashing some sisters with paint cans and throwing others off the canon. Eight Alpha Phi pledges required medical attention, and two were hurt badly enough to require trips to the hospital. Though garnering front-page coverage in Tuesday's Daily, the violence received a startling lack of campus response. While the patio was standing room only for the rally

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against homophobia, hatred, and the violence they encite, nary a student took up arms against the Zeta Psi pledges for their malicious aggression toward women.

When questioned about the possible ramifications for the perpetrators, both the Inter-Greek Council (IGC) and the administration expressed a desire to move past the incident as quickly as possible. Since Alpha Phi declined to press charges against the Zeta Psi pledges, there is no action scheduled to be taken by the IGC. Assistant Dean of Students Bruce Reitman was equally loath to act against the fraternity in question, and dismissed the incident as "a little horseplay that got out of hand."

With the campus expressing widespread apathy over the violence against the sorority, one would think that the Tufts Feminist Alliance would be rejoicing in their relative good fortune. To be sure, Andi Friedman would be wringing her hands in glee if she were still on campus as a sister and TFA president. Finally, a straightforward case of unprovoked hostility against females, with the favorite target of the left, fraternities, as the perpetrators. Isn't this what programs such as "Why No Means No" are supposed to prepare us for?

However, nothing could be further from outrage than the silence of the Feminist Alliance in response to the incident. If this were any other group on campus, would the result have been the same? If the Alpha Phi pledges had been replaced by the Coalition for Social Justice and Non-Violence, would the campus outcry be more widespread or impassioned? In contrast to the professed goals of

the Feminist Alliance, which would seem to call for staunch opposition to this attack, the women of the TFA sit idly by. To anyone concerned with violence on this campus, it would seem that when sorority sisters become the target of brutality, they are denied the outrage and defense afforded other groups. How ironic that the same campus activists who were moved to tears over the violence against homosexuals cannot even muster a weak response to a case against women.

It is exactly this response, or lack thereof, which contributes to the poor relations between the Greek system and other groups on this campus. The same close-mindedness on both sides is responsible—be it the Greek conception of activists as stodgy dogooders, or the TFA's interpretation of Sorority sisters as thoughtless airheads and Fraternities as the bastions of homophobia and insensitivity. However, for those concerned with hate crimes and the elimination of violence on campus, no incident, no matter who it affects, should be overlooked.

Protection from violence is due every woman, whether her weekend plans consist of hitting the fraternity party scene in a tank top and black pants, or listening to lectures by Patricia Ireland. Belonging to a sorority does not mean that a woman surrenders her rights to protection and feminism. To the contrary, she is extending herself to others by joining the sisterhood: a feminist concept. By judging others through the Greek letters they wear, we are reinforcing the stereotyping and close-mindedness which so often accompany hate crimes. Women on this campus should concentrate not on the group memberships that create divisions, but on the rights and commonalties which we all possess. This would be a true first step in putting an end to hate and the crime it engenders. □



The trial is over, but Slick Willie has left a lasting impression on the Presidency.

Lessons of the Impeachment

by Jonathan Block

The recent end of President Clinton's impeachment trial brought relief to many Americans. For the first time in more than a year, people could rejoice over the conclusion of one of the darkest episodes in this country's history. It should surprise no one that the vast majority of Americans were relieved that the President was acquitted of the charges of obstruction of justice and perjury leveled against him. After all, since Clinton was impeached by the House in December, his popularity rating has been steadily rising.

The reason why the American people were happy with the Senate's decision to acquit seems obvious: the President most likely lied about a sexual affair he committed in the Oval Office, and marital infidelity is a private matter between the two people involved, not the entire country's business. Couple this with the fact that the economy has been in phenomenal shape for the past few years, and nothing could have removed the "Comeback Kid" from office, except perhaps a murder accusation. (If you believe that Clinton was somehow involved in the death of Vince Foster, a plausible argument could be made for Clinton's expulsion.)

Despite the fact that a majority of Americans were against removing Clinton from office, the Senate impeachment vote fell largely across party lines. With respect to Article I (perjury), Senators voted strictly along party lines. However, for Article II (obstruction of justice), five Republicans defected, while every single Democrat again voted against removal from office.

In an era of partisan politics, it is refreshing to know that a group of five Republicans voted with their conscience instead of along party lines. No matter what one's view on President Clinton's guilt or innocence is, the fact that these Republicans went against

the official party stance is noteworthy in this era of strict partisanship. After all, much of politics today is dictated by heads of parties rather than the individual politicians themselves.

Nowhere was this point more exemplified than in the way Democratic senators voted. It is hard to believe that out of the 45 senators who consider themselves Democrats, not one thought Clinton guilty of either perjury or obstruction of justice. Rather than act like a jury and weigh the facts presented to them, these Democrats acted more like friends intent on absolving a fellow comrade of serious charges.

Perhaps the most interesting development to come out of the impeachment trial was the actions of Sen. Arlen Specter. Taking a page out of the Scottish law books, Specter, one of the most honorable men to hold the position of Senator, asked that Senators be given three options when voting on the two impeachment charges: guilty, not guilty, and not proven. Although Specter was prevented from voting "not proven" by Chief Justice William Rehnquist and eventually voted not guilty, Specter brought up an interesting way to hold Clinton's somewhat accountable for his actions without directly removing him from office. As Senator Specter said in a February news conference, "I think it is important to make a distinction that I do not believe the President is 'not

guilty.' I believe there has been... a sham trial, and it's a trial on which you can't really come to a verdict because of the absence of witnesses and the absence of relevant evidence."

Specter's perspicacious comments deserve more than the cursory consideration they were initially given. If Clinton's impeachment trial was supposed to be a "real" trial, why were there no witnesses called to testify and why was there no evidence presented? For the small part of the American public that actually watched the proceedings, all they saw were a bunch of lawyers giving long, drawn-out diatribes that many thought were either not interesting, not relevant, or both. If there is one key lesson to come out of the trial, it is how not to run a judicial proceeding. Despite the Senators' best intentions to prevent the trial from becoming a media circus, President Clinton was tried and acquitted in the court of public opinion, not the court of law.

As we usher in a new millenium and the year 2000 presidential race begins to heat up, I think we should all hope that the presidency reverts back to some old standards: honesty, decency, and respect for the office. Otherwise, we will continue down the slippery slope towards even more salacious scandals. For both Republicans and Democrats alike, this is a prospect that must be avoided at all costs. □



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The recent court ruling against the gun industry shows a growing lack of personal responsibility.

Lawyers, Guns, and Money

by Andrew Silverman

December 7, 1941 should no longer be considered the day of infamy in American history, for as of February 12, 1999 the concept of personal responsibility, one of the cornerstones upon which this nation was founded, received a major setback in a US courthouse. It was on this day that a Federal jury found 15 different gun manufacturers liable for negligent marketing and ordered them to reimburse the families of eight Brooklyn shooting victims.

The controversial legal theory behind the plaintiff's case was that the manufacturers, to quote Elisa Barnes, a lawyer for the families, "knowingly failed to take the most basic precautions and actions to minimize the likelihood their guns would cause injuries and loss." The plaintiffs then went on to claim that due to looser gun control laws in southern states, gun manufacturers and distributors knowingly flooded these markets, resulting in an illegal flow of handguns to northern states and other regions of the country.

Claiming that gun manufacturers are responsible for the families' loss is preposterous, for to do so ignores two glaring facts. First, it was neither the gun companies that shipped the guns into the hands of criminals nor was it the executives that pulled the trigger and thus led to the death of the plaintiff's relatives. Furthermore, the fact that the suit was not against the shooters but the company that provided the means with which to shoot is profound, for it elucidates the growing trend within our nation of not holding individuals responsible for their actions.

Institutionalized irresponsibility is not limited to just the miscarriage of justice in Brooklyn. Additional examples can be found in both the recent tobacco settlements and the concern over the failing So-

cial Security System. In the suits brought against tobacco companies such as Ligett Corporation and RJR Nabisco, various state attorneys general sought compensation for the treatment of smoking related illnesses.

The premise that the *cigarette companies* were responsible for the smokers' poor health and not the smokers *themselves* contradicts the concept of free will and individual responsibility. Yet this case is logically no different than that brought against gun manufacturers, for in both instances the onus was not put on the individual who shot somebody or the smoker who caused his own ill health, but the company that provided the means by which to inflict harm.

More frightening than fully automatic weapons or lung cancer is the rationale behind our Social Security System. The concept of Social Security is contradictory to the tenets upon which America was founded, for it robs the individual of the responsibility of providing for his financial welfare upon retirement.

Assuming that the average citizen is inherently irresponsible has allowed the people of this nation to expect that it is the government's job to care for us when we are aged. Such thinking has placed this nation in a situation where its citizens

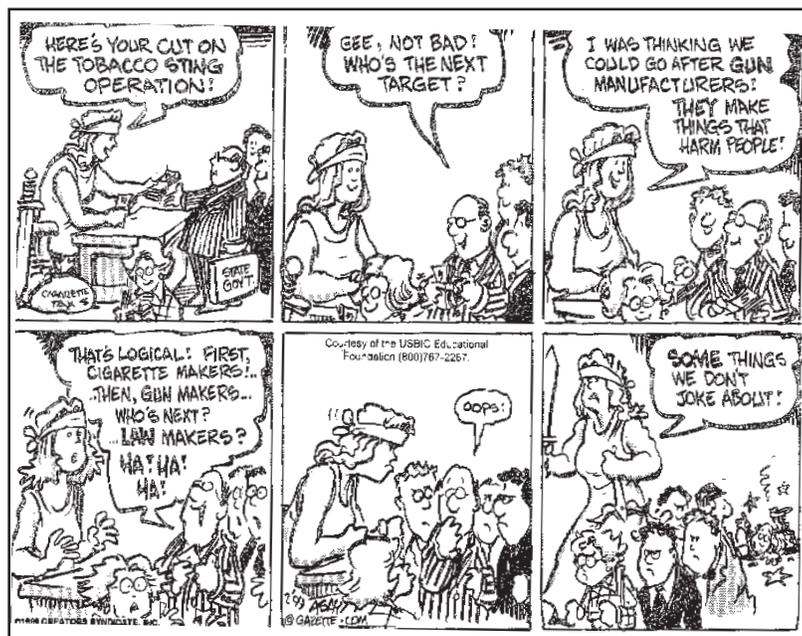
have one of the lowest savings rates among industrialized countries. It forces us to sacrifice 14% of every paycheck to provide for people we do not know and to support a system which will presumably not exist when it is time for the present generation to retire.

Accepting the rationale of the gun manufacturer ruling, the tobacco suit, or the argument for Social Security contradicts the values upon which our nation was built. Additionally, agreeing with the plaintiffs is akin to claiming that individual citizens should no longer be held accountable for their actions. It is the lack of accountability which leads to the absence of law and it is the rule of law that separates democracy from tyranny.

Thus, the Brooklyn ruling should not be seen as a victory for victims of violence, but instead should be recognized for what it is—an assault on the future of every American. This threat is substantiated when courts begin to ignore the idea that the individual is solely responsible for making decisions concerning his own welfare.

It is hard to fathom that eleven supposedly responsible citizens made so egregious an error in the gun-manufacturer suit, but according to prevailing logic, holding them accountable would be unjust, for they live in a society swiftly becoming devoid of personal responsibility. To ask them to make a legal decision on a seemingly anachronistic concept is to ask them to be responsible and apparently that is no longer the job of the government. □

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*At Tufts and across the nation,
hate crimes are being dealt with improperly.*

Hate and How Not to Stop it

by Lew Titterton

A gay college student is robbed, strung up against a fence, and left for dead in the desolate cold. A black man dies a horrible death as he is dragged behind the car of a white supremacist. An openly gay Tufts student is beaten by a local hater. What do these three tragedies have in common? They are all examples of hate crimes, they all show a most deplorable side of humanity, and they are being addressed incorrectly by America and by this university.

Only someone of absolute malice and bigotry would say that these crimes should go unpunished. In exacting punishment, what is being done wrong? The answer is a complex one, and to understand it one must take a closer look at each of these incidents.

Let us begin with Matthew Shepard, a young man who by all accounts had great potential and whose only crime was being gay and meeting the wrong pair of Wyoming low-lives last year. Shepard was robbed, beaten, driven to a remote area of that very remote and rural state, and tied to a fence unconscious, bleeding, and freezing. When found, his barely-animate body was described as "tied up like an animal and crucified."

The culprits who did this to Shepard were two young high school drop-outs who were staring at bleak futures even before they chose to commit this heinous act. They clearly deserve to be punished to fullest extent of the law.

The problem, however, is that many leftist groups seek to prosecute them *beyond* the fullest extent of the law. The federal government already has a hate crimes statute under which the Feds can take over a state case and prosecute as they see fit if the victim has been denied the right to exercise a "federally protected right," such as voting or attending a public school. Now Demo-

crats such as former New York Congressman and current Senator Chuck Schumer and infamous Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy want to extend the statute to any crime where race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, or disability is the prime motivation. Shepard's attackers would not be prosecuted under the old law; their case would instead fall under the jurisdiction of the proposed new one.

While the proposal may sound good, consider this: what makes a hate crime any *worse* than any other crime? What if Shepard had been killed simply for being the wrong guy in the wrong place? What if his assailants had just wanted to rob him and take pleasure in his death for some alternate reason? Would the crime be any worse? Should the punishment be any less? It would be, if the law were to pass.

What hate crimes laws implicitly state is that other crimes are somehow not as bad. Would Sen. Schumer like to be the person who tells the parents of a kid killed in a

drive-by shooting or in a hold-up that the killers will get lesser punishment than other murderers because their motives, while still evil, are different? It demeans the lives and deaths of those killed in non-"hate" crimes to specially prosecute the killers of those who were.

"Violence based on prejudice is a matter of national concern," states the bill. However it would be more accurate to state that *all* violence is of national concern. No one can say that one egregious act of mayhem is worse than another and neither should the law.

While this hate crime legislation can be ascribed to the left, there is very little that is leftist in the State of Texas. But Texans are just as wrong in their prosecution of hate crimes. The most recent and horrific example of this came when white supremacist John William King and two cohorts dragged James Byrd, a black man, behind their pickup after offering him a ride home. Following a state historical trend, King was sentenced to death last month. The two other men face what is likely the same fate.

Like Shepard's case, severe punishment seems the most appropriate course of action. For once a white man is being killed for the slaughter of an innocent black. For once, our instincts might tell us, justice is being served.

But those instincts are incorrect. I will admit that I personally felt a visceral thrill at hearing King would die. On an emotional level, killing the evil seems, well, *good*. But



Convicted killer and white supremacist John William King

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how can any state-sponsored killing of a human being be good, even one as vile as John King? The death penalty obviously is no deterrent; that fact has been proven time and time again. King was stupid enough to commit the crime in Texas, the most recognized home of the death penalty in America and all non-dictatorial nations. If the death penalty made a difference, one might think King could have put his hate on hold and gone to a state where execution was illegal to commit his crime. Though our emotional sides may experience a twisted sense of satisfaction at the death of King and his accomplices,

we will know logically that nothing positive has come of it, and our nation is committing an act of barbarism.

The last case in this trio of tragedy is the most local and recent; it involves the attack of two homosexual males leaving a nearby party by a man screaming “faggot.” According to the *Daily*, the perpetrator has been identified, and by the time this issue goes to press, he will probably be publicly known and in jail. This is the correct course of action, and hopefully he will remain behind bars.

What was not a correct course of action was the campus response. On the front page of Tuesday, March 2nd's *Daily*, there were articles on the homophobic assault and on sorority girls being beaten by drunken Zeta Psi pledges. The former was addressed with utmost seriousness; the latter called by Associate Dean of Students Bruce Reitman “a little horseplay that got out of hand, with no malicious intent involved.” The former had an anti-hate rally in response, the latter a general show of apathy and silence from the Greek community. Even this extremely feminist campus seemed far more preoccupied with the gay attack, which involved precisely three people, than with the Greek incident, which involved approximately forty.

Why was this the case? Simply put, the words “hate crime” provoke so much ire around liberals that they can't see the truth

through their emotions—that while the gay-bashing incident was terrible, at least as bad if not worse is an incident in which hapless sorority girls end up with bruises and black eyes because pledges can't drink responsibly. The sworn secrecy of those involved is

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especially terrible because it teaches these young women to shut up about abuse that they may face at the hands of boy-friends or husbands in the future. Where is the rally for these girls?

Not that I object to the anti-hate rally. I am certain that it gave a great deal of love and support to the victims of the ho-

mophobic attack and to all victims of prejudice on this campus. However it is naïve to think that it had any effect as a deterrent to future crimes. Are we really to believe that someone so full of hate that he randomly assaults other people on the street would see this rally and suddenly have the epiphany, “Good Lord! I've been wrong all along! These progressive college liberals have really shown me the error of my ways!”

If the answer is not harsher sentences, capital punishment, or college rallies, what do we do to prevent more hate crimes? The answer is simple: educate. Freshman Erin Ross presented this idea to some extent in her viewpoint of March 4th, entitled, “Com-

bating Hate with Education and Activism.” She noted that we must begin telling children that hate and violence are wrong at early ages. Ross, however, succumbed to that incorrect liberal mindset, writing, “Regardless of whether I philosophically support the death penalty, it was refreshing to see Texas, a state historically fraught with racial turmoil, taking a clear stance against hatred.” This could easily be paraphrased into, “I *don't* support the death penalty, except against white supremacist bastards.” While I am not out to put words in Miss Ross's mouth, her sentence is again indicative of the liberal notion that hate crimes deserve greater punishment.

In the end, anti-hate education, while seemingly simplistic, will not be easy. There are many parts of this nation that historically hate gays and blacks, and even in ethnically diverse areas there will always be parents who behind closed doors crack ethnic jokes and teach their young to lash out at groups and individuals who are different. But as difficult as it will be, education is the only answer. The alternatives range from rallies useless in preventing crime to laws that discriminate against victims who are doubly unlucky: they were attacked, and their assailant happened not to hate them for who they were. Besides, if James Byrd's murder proved anything, than it was that most hatemongers do not fear harsh punishment.

But my lips will turn up when I turn on CNN in a year and hear that John King is dead—my pulse will quicken; my anger will momentarily subside. But every logical fiber in my being will know it is wrong for so many reasons, and wish that decades ago someone had taught Mr. King not to hate. □



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Talk sense to a fool and he calls you foolish.
—Euripides

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and
won't change the subject.
—Winston Churchill

When you know absolutely nothing about the
topic, make your forecast by asking a carefully
selected probability sample of 300 others who
don't know the answer either.
—Edgar R. Fiedler

Honesty pays, but it doesn't seem to pay
enough to suit some people.
—F. M. Hubbard

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need
to complain.
—Lily Tomlin

Food for thought is no substitute for the real
thing.
—Walt Kelly

The smallest minority on earth is the individual.
Those who deny individual rights, cannot claim
to be defenders of minorities.
—Ayn Rand

One almost begins to feel that the reason some
women worked feverishly to get into men's
clubs is to have a respite from the womanized
world feminists have created.
—Carol Iannone

You cannot claim both full equality and special
dispensation.
—William Raspberry

I suggest there is no such thing as a left or
right. There is only an up or down... Regardless
of their sincerity, their humanitarian motives,
those who would sacrifice freedom for security
have embarked on the downward path.
—Ronald Reagan

Men willingly believe what they wish.
—Julius Caesar

One cannot really think or exchange thoughts
with an audience.
—Anne Morrow Lindberg

I've been on a calendar, but never on time.
—Marilyn Monroe

Idiot, n. A member of a large and powerful tribe
whose influence in human affairs has always
been dominant and controlling.
—Ambrose Bierce

We are willing enough to praise freedom when
she is safely tucked away in the past and cannot
be a nuisance. In the present, amidst dangers
whose outcome we cannot foresee, we get nervous
about her, and admit censorship.
—E. M. Forester

Marxian Socialism must always remain a portent
to historians—...how such a doctrine so illogical
and so dull can have exercised so powerful and
enduring an influence over the minds of men, and
through them, the events of history.
—John Maynard Keynes

Wherever they burn books they will also, in the
end, burn human beings.
—Heinrich Heine

People seem not to see that their opinion of the
world is also a confession of character.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Righteous people have no sense of humor.
—Bertolt Brecht

The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious
encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but
without understanding.
—Justice Louis D. Brandeis

The most tyrannical governments are those
which make crimes of opinion, for everyone has
an inalienable right to his thoughts.
—Spinoza

Do not do an immoral thing for moral reasons.
—Thomas Hardy

You may fetter my leg, but Zeus himself cannot
get the better of my free will.
—Epictetus

All progress has resulted from people who took
unpopular positions.
—Adlai Stevenson

We always tend to think of historical tragedy
as failing to get what we want, but if we study
history we find that the worst tragedies occurred
when people got what they wanted... and it
turned out to be the wrong objective.
—Henry Kissinger

During the feminist revolution, the battle lines
were again simple. It was easy to tell the enemy,
he was the one with the penis. This is no longer
strictly true. Some men are okay now. We're
allowed to like them again. We still have to keep
them in line, of course, but we no longer have
to shoot them on sight.
—Cynthia Heinel, *Sex Tips for Girls*

One man's larceny is another's just distribution
of goods.
—Robert H. Bork

As trite as it is to write about...
—first words of an *Observer* editorial

The nice thing about standards is that there are
so many of them to choose from.
—Andrew S. Tanenbaum

Political liberals hold no monopoly on respecting
women's abilities.
—Marilyn Quayle

The hardest thing in the world to understand is
the income tax.
—Albert Einstein

Don't be a naughty Eskimo.
—Frank Zappa

Don't worry about the world coming to an end
today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.
—Charles Schultz