

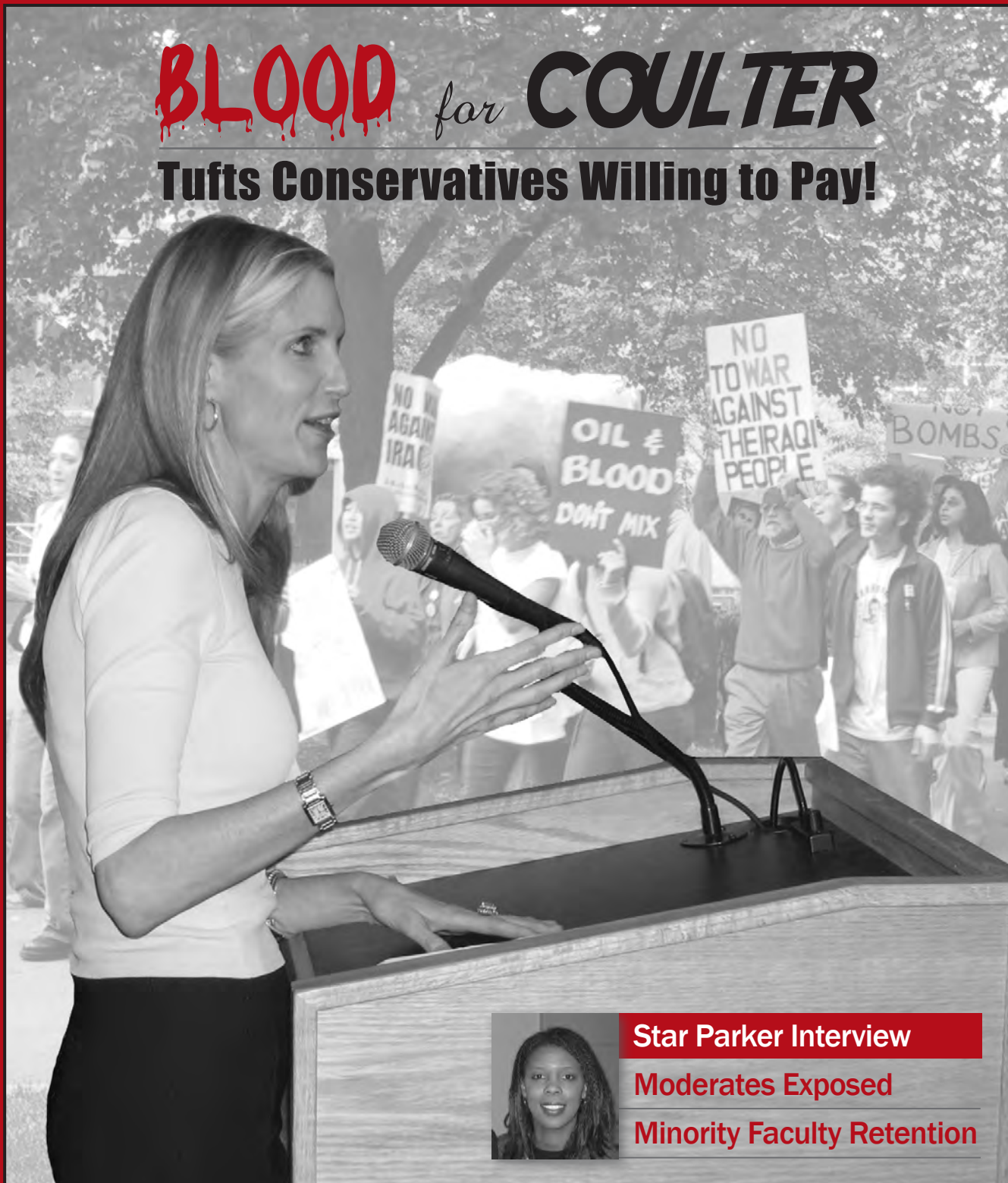
**FEATURING
BUSH'S EUROTRIP**

THE PRIMARY SOURCE

VERITAS SINE DOLO

BLOOD *for* **COULTER**

Tufts Conservatives Willing to Pay!



Star Parker Interview

Moderates Exposed

Minority Faculty Retention

ONE MAGAZINE TO EYE THEM ALL.

T
H
E

P
R
I
M
A
R
Y

S
O
U
R
C
E



Join the SOURCE

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

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

✉ info@TuftsPrimarySource.org

☎ Nick, (203) 645-1663

Help the SOURCE

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

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

📄 **Tell us what outrages you.**

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

📄 **Stay up-to-date online**

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

www.TuftsPrimarySource.org

THE PRIMARY SOURCE

VOL. XXIII • THE JOURNAL OF CONSERVATIVE THOUGHT AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY • NO. 9

DEPARTMENTS

From the Editor	4
<i>Dose of Reality</i>	
Fortnight in Review	6-7
Commentary	8-9
<i>EPIIC Symposium: Good to the Last Drop, Star Slaughters Social Security, Conservative Superhero, Tribute Gone Wrong</i>	



pages 12-13

ARTICLES

Cut Out the Middle Men	10
<i>Campus moderates are leftists in disguise.</i>	
by Brandon Balkind	
A Kaleidoscopic Problem	15
<i>In retaining black professors, Tufts just can't compete.</i>	
by Jordana Starr	
An Interview with Star Parker	16-17
<i>Parker says Social Security is detrimental to minorities.</i>	
Conducted by Douglas Kingman	
The Napster Legacy	18
<i>Consistent laws on file sharing have yet to emerge.</i>	
by Alex McCabe	
Freedom Reigns (Almost)	19
<i>What is the TCU Senate doing for you?</i>	
by Alison Hoover	
Traditional News Media vs. American Consumers	20
<i>The Mass Media is phony, self-interested and biased.</i>	
by David Rawson	
Book Review: <i>The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History</i>	21
Review by Dan Mencher	
CPAC 2005	22
<i>Vast Right Wing Conspirators gather in D.C.</i>	
by Alexandra Barker	



pages 16-17



page 18

SPECIAL SECTION

PACBUSH European Tour	11
Ann Coulter	12-13
Roommate Selection Questionnaire	14
PRIMARY SOURCE Members Attend CPAC	23



page 20

Dose of Reality

Liberals better watch out, they better not cry, they better not pout, we're telling them why: Ann Coulter is coming to town.

On March 9, conservative superhero Ann Coulter will be debating *New Republic* editor Peter Beinart at Tufts.

Students unfamiliar with her name should consider this (further) evidence of the fact that Tufts is shielding and isolating them from exposure to the true center of contemporary American political debate—specifically, conservative politics and activism.

Organizations like the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Young America's Foundation, the Clare Booth Luce Policy Institute, the Leadership Institute, the Collegiate Network, and countless others work to compensate for conservatism's absence in academia and introduce students to the vast array of intelligent and diverse right-wing thought. Students cannot possibly understand the importance of an armed society, the free market, stable families, or American sovereignty, if they have never heard convincingly articulated arguments in their favor.

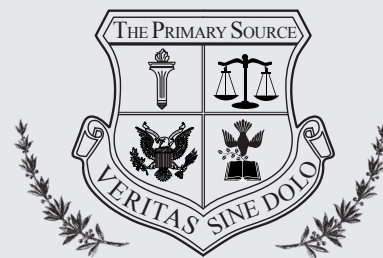
The need for initiatives such as the recently formed and TCU senate endorsed "Tufts Academic Freedom Project," a Tufts-specific effort to ensure students hear both sides in the classroom when it comes to controversial, unsettled issues, is therefore strong.

Tufts students planning to attend the Coulter debate should prepare themselves for the kind of incisive, politically incorrect commentary for which they detest and perhaps even shun *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*. This is the healthy reality of political debate in the United States, and no amount of temporary sheltering by Tufts or its policies will change this. Lecture Series is doing all

students a favor by finally inviting an influential speaker with views that differ from the majority of students'.

Though her feisty style isn't universally popular among conservatives, Ann Coulter deserves immense credit for her greatest achievement: lending the conservative movement confidence. When liberals cried of modern-day McCarthyism, Miss Coulter wrote *Treason* and vindicated conservatives of wrongdoing in that era. As conservative views were bashed and underrepresented in the mainstream media, Miss Coulter wrote *Slander* and laid bare their pervasive liberal bias. Few conservatives have the guts to go face-to-face with the liberal establishment as she does.

Liberals are either traitors to their country or clueless victims of their education and news consumption choices; this is the simple understanding of patriotism that Ann Coulter advocates. It offers little of the sophistication or nuance that academia fawns over, but neither do many other important aspects of life, and sheltered Tufts students are badly in need of a dose of such reality. *THE SOURCE* is proud to be its sole provider while Miss Coulter can't be at Tufts.

THE JOURNAL OF CONSERVATIVE
THOUGHT AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

NICHOLAS BOYD
Editor-in-Chief

Managing Editors

NICOLE BRUSCO • *Business*
JORDANA STARR • *News*
ALEX ALLEN • *Commentary*

Assistant Editors

GEORGE FRALEY • *Production*
DOUGLAS KINGMAN • *News*
RYAN VEIGA • *Graphics*

Foreign Correspondents

ADAM HOFFMAN • J. SLAVICH

Contributors

ALEXANDRA BARKER
MATTHEW GARDNER-SCHUSTER
GENA GORLIN • JORDAN GREENE
MIKE GRILLE • ALISON HOOVER
ZACHARY KLEIN • ALEX McCABE
DAN MENCHER • DAVID RAWSON
MIKE SCHILLING • SHARON SILVERMAN

Webmaster

JASON JONG

Editor at Large

ANDREW SINATRA

Editors Emeriti

BRANDON BALKIND
ROBERT LICHTER

Special Thanks

COLLEGIATE NETWORK
USBIC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Founders

BRIAN KELLEY • DAN MARCUS

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

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

©2005. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

To the Editor:

One of the quotes on the back of your previous issue is the following: "There is only one principle of war and that's this: hit the other fellow, as quickly as you can, as hard as you can, where it hurts him most, when he ain't lookin'"—Sir William Slim

How can you reconcile this idea with Mr. McCabe's article, which claims that Ward Churchill's characterization of the 9/11 terrorists ("normal and effective") is "deplorable?"

—Kyle Thompson-Westra

Editor's Note:

The two are easily reconcilable so long as one possesses a certain degree of moral clarity. Formally attacking the military of your enemy as hard and quickly as you can is indeed normal and effective. This cannot be said of fanatical terrorists murdering 3,000 innocent civilians.

To the Editor:

As the teacher of the course "Making a Magazine," which resulted in the new publication Cannon, I found your critique of the magazine unnecessarily harsh. First of all, your comments about the price of the magazine are entirely unfounded. The cost of producing a glossy publication such as this one is not "astronomical"—it was in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Secondly, the university provided zero funds for printing and so "adhering to a fixed budget" was absolutely a consideration. In fact, the magazine was almost entirely funded by advertising (several students kicked in a few hundred dollars total of their own money at the end of the semester.) Lastly, as journalists yourselves, you can imagine the amount of work that the students put into producing such a high-quality publication completely from scratch. While we had originally hoped it would come out before the holidays, technical glitches delayed it's [sic] publication until the beginning of spring [sic] semester. The vast majority of articles in the magazine were still timely. As for the content, you'll have to make up your own mind about that. Still, I'm not sure where your caustic tone comes from—perhaps you are worried about the competition?

—Michael Blanding

Editor's Note:

Mr. Blanding, other student publications at Tufts could only dream of a budget of \$5,000/issue. To them (and to the SOURCE), consideration of timeliness and legal consequences is a requirement, not an option.



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

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

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

SOURCE *Calendar* | 3/4-3/17

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ann Coulter Debates Peter Beinart

March 9, Cabot Auditorium 9 PM

To the Editor:

I was thoroughly disappointed (and humored) by Alexandra Barkers's reaction to Sex week at Tufts. She needs to wake up, smell the coffee, and realize that her peers are eighteen and older. They are not in high school. Ms. Barker lamented the lack of information about abstinence at the Sex Fair. I should hope that college-age men and women realize that the alternative to sex is abstinence. How much more information do we need? This was a *sex* fair, not a health class. Ms. Barker was also upset by the very noticeable publicity surrounding the *Vagina Monologues*. I would expect THE PRIMARY SOURCE to be a champion of free speech, but instead it has featured an article decrying the posters and healthy shouting which promoted the play. In an environment where free speech is welcome, we are going to be offended and challenged. Furthermore, the posters which Ms. Barker called "grotesque" were based off of a [sic] the famous piece, "The Dinner Party" by Judy Chicago.

Finally, I would like to take issue with Ms. Barker's plea that Tufts engage in a "less vulgar" way of educating the community about sex. I'm sorry, but she is going to have to face the facts of life sometime. The more closeted we become, the less information will freely flow. Sex week did not feature information on how to throw drunken orgies or how to get it on with crystal meth. It dealt with a basic human urge in the most frank and honest of ways, so that we might begin to feel comfortable with health issues not before confronted. It is too bad that Ms. Barker wants to clamp down on that information and return to an environment where sexual repression and unhealthy behavior are much more common.

—Judy Wexler, LA '08

Editor's Note:

So what was it all about? "A sex fair, not a health class," or an event "...so that we might begin to feel comfortable with health issues...?" THE PRIMARY SOURCE is Tufts' foremost champion of free speech and this was no exception. The organizer's right to hold the event was not questioned. The SOURCE addressed the University's sponsorship of the event, as well as the detrimental effect caused to its reputation by the vulgarity and obscenity (or, "healthy shouting" as you put it).

Comedy is allied to Justice.

—Aristophanes

PS Larry Summers faced even more heat from Harvard faculty when over five hundred Arts and Sciences faculty members questioned him for two hours. After that time, Summers abandoned his attempts to assist the female faculty in their algebra homework.

PS A 97-year-old grandmother was arrested for dealing crack from her home. She would never have been caught if it were not for the unlucky client who smoked her husband's Viagra.

PS The EU's justice and interior ministers blocked proposals to ban the use of Nazi symbols because they doubted how much the measure could fight anti-Semitism. In good faith, the EU leaders did advocate the use of pro-Semitic patches—particularly yellow Stars of David.

PS Jury selection has concluded for the Michael Jackson child molestation trial. Blacks and women are underrepresented in the jury, just as they are in Michael's bedroom.

PS Uganda's government has given cash rewards to police officers who, in a show of strong character, declined bribes in a recent robbery. Unfortunately, the dictatorship's paramilitary officers lost their bonus when they signed up for Jamster's \$2/week "Happy Genocide" plan.

PS In Nebraska, a huge pile of manure that had been burning for four months has finally been extinguished. Neighbors are relieved that they will soon be going back to the pleasant smells of the town's sulfur purifying plant.

PS Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak ordered a revision of the country's election laws and said multiple candidates could run in the nation's presidential elections, a scenario Mubarak has not faced since taking power in 1981. And the US didn't even have to invade.

PS The EU Constitution will be blasted into space aboard a rocket soon. EU ministers have been quoted as saying they hope "someone out there will find a use for it."

PS After a partially blind man bit his canine companion on the head in a shopping mall, police arrested him for animal cruelty. His mother obviously never told him to not bite the dog that leads you.

PS Top Ten captions for the picture below:

10. "Let's play rubbah rubbah."
9. "Do you like Mickey Mouse too?"
8. "Maybe he's born with it, maybe it's Maybelline."
7. "I'll be back!"
6. "I'll be black!"
5. "Trust me."
4. "See you in lock down."
3. "I'm the black King of Pop."
2. "I'll free your willy."
1. "Yes, my nose is real!"

PS An Indian teenager from one of the country's most backward states appears to have fooled the government, the media and even the US President into believing he had topped the world in a NASA science exam. There does seem something peculiar about Bush telling someone else that they aren't rocket scientists.

PS A Northern Ireland artist is planning to tow an iceberg to Belfast, the city that built the Titanic. The Irish, still mad at icebergs for sinking their cherished ship over eighty years ago, have readied themselves to meet it with pitchforks and sledgehammers.

PS Doctors have partially restored the sight of an 81-year-old Buddhist monk who accidentally glued his eyes shut when he mistook a tube of superglue for eye drops, giving a whole new concept to the idea of "see no evil."

PS In Hollywood, an anti-smoking billboard was recently erected to remind stars on Oscar night, "The whole world is watching." Seeing this sign Chris

Rock smirked and said "*Beep beep beep* homosexuals and women beep beep beep beep*."

PS A threatening beer advertisement in Great Britain that depicted a double-barreled shotgun pointed at the viewer was banned. Following that decision, the government went ahead and also banned all Teletubby commercials, saying "those bloody things are just creepy."

PS Swiss authorities have ruled that a Geneva-based half-brother of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden has the right to use the family name as the trademark. However, no one is confident that his line of perfume promising you'll "smell like a martyr" will sell.



PS European Space Agency scientists think that there was and could even still be life on Mars and want a new European mission to the red planet. When pressed by reporters for proof, a head scientist replied, “Well where do you think the French came from?”

PS A man says he was maced after approaching police, asking them to get an ambulance for his dying dog. It is not clear whether the police were scared he was drunk or just another PETA activist wishing to waste city resources meant to save humans.

PS Swiss farmers will no longer be allowed to produce milk or cheese that could be tainted with cannabis. College students all over the United States have been flocking to grocery stores to buy Swiss cheese before the ban goes into effect.

PS A British patient is furious after being told he would have to wait nearly two years to get his hearing checked. Citizens of state-run medical systems around the world protested this case asking why the English get such quick service.

PS A 63 year-old man is charged with sexual gratification with an animal after allegedly having sex with calves. The ACLU, representing the North American Man Calf Love Association, insists that his inter-special pedophilia should be a respected alternative lifestyle.

PS Security screeners at airports have one of the highest job injury rates in the nation. They are prone to sprains, strains, and spasms from struggling to grope every young blonde at checkpoints.

PS A California man has paid a \$1 parking ticket that was issued to him over 50 years ago. The Governor thanked the man for allowing him to buy a half-gallon of gas for one of his Hummers.

PS Canada has decided to not participate in the US missile defense program, fearing it would lead to an international arms race. After all, if America’s northern neighbor wanted a cold war, they could always fight the Quebec separatists.

PS Adding to evidence that smoking is bad for a man’s sex life, new study findings show that smoking may raise the risk of impotence, particularly in younger men. Activists everywhere have lauded the study for showing “yet another disastrous result of mixing butts with sex.”

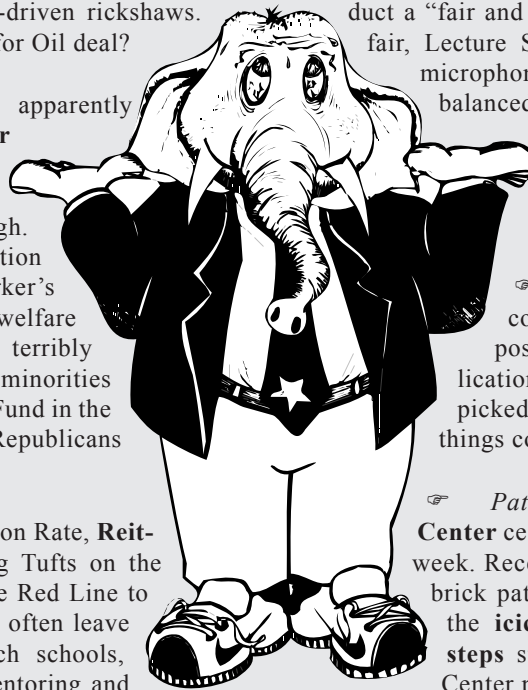
PS Japan successfully fired a state-owned satellite into orbit on Saturday in a key step toward restoring faith in its space program. Their last launch, 15 months earlier, ended in failure and brought back bitter memories of the mid-1940s that had been obscured for decades by the country’s successful automobile export assault on the United States.

From the Elephant’s Mouth

☞ *Like Oil and Water:* This year’s **EPIIC** symposium panelists are convinced America must move away from fossil fuels to avoid global conflict. They reportedly arrived to the conference via slave-driven rickshaws. Hey what happened to that Blood for Oil deal?

☞ *Socialist Securities:* Tufts apparently forgot conservative woman **Star Parker** was black... or maybe the **Pan African Alliance** didn’t think she was socialist enough. Brought to Tufts with a small portion of the **Diversity Fund** budget, Parker’s lecture on the impact of social welfare on the minority community was terribly under-attended—especially by the minorities who demanded the creation of the Fund in the first place. Maybe next time the Republicans should invite **Star Jones** instead?

☞ *Kaleidoracism:* Holy Retention Rate, **Reitman**. Minority faculty are fleeing Tufts on the **Underground Railroad** (that’s the Red Line to Harvard Square). Minority faculty often leave for greener pastures at top notch schools, where they are not forced into mentoring and have better pay. After all, why would anyone want to use affirmative action to stay at Tufts?



☞ *Smart like a FOX:* Taking a cue from the despised FOX News Channel, **Tufts Lecture Series** invited **Ann Coulter** and *New Republic* Editor **Peter Beinart** to conduct a “fair and balanced” debate on March 9. To be fair, Lecture Series will allow equal time on the microphone. To make sure the participants are balanced, Ann Coulter will be required to eat 40 **chicken grillas**... Will students pass up Matthew Pohl’s **fake wedding ceremony** (same day) to see the royal rumble?

☞ *News Flash:* **Daily** founder cites contempt for **Harvard Crimson’s** typos as reason for starting the Tufts publication. **THE ELEPHANT** sure hopes he hasn’t picked up a copy of his paper lately. Have things come full circle?

☞ *Pat on the Back:* The **Mayer Campus Center** celebrated 20 years of incompleteness last week. Recent improvements include detachable brick patios and snow-covered benches. Will the **icicle death maze** and **instant-freeze steps** still remain the favorites of Campus Center patrons?

☞ The ELEPHANT never forgets.

EPIIC symposium: Good to the Last Drop

The 20th annual EPIIC symposium took place at Tufts February 23-27. The series boasted almost 20 lectures relating to the theme of “Oil and Water.” Organizers explained the symposium’s concentration was originally supposed to focus solely on the challenges of rebuilding Iraq and the status of the vital scarce resources of oil and water. However, following the tsunami tragedy in Asia, they shifted their focus to include a more holistic view of the benefits and consequences of water. The symposium’s topic choice was relevant, and the events were well structured to evaluate the many intricate edifices of policy. However, the tsunami tangent was poorly integrated, and seemed to be just what it was: an afterthought. Overall, the program attracted highly qualified panelists and provided a stimulus to on-campus discussions about these important policy issues.

EPIIC provides a forum for Tufts students to engage their minds by hearing contrary arguments from accomplished speakers. Some students may find a panel of experts engaged in discussion and sometimes disagreement to be a new and invigorating experience. This event should serve as a reminder to Tufts students of the value of listening to authorities from a range of experiences and beliefs. The many panels were diverse representations of professors, policy advisors, gov-

EPIIC

EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY AND INTERNATIONAL CITIZENSHIP

ernment leaders, corporate executives, and engineers hailing from locales across the globe. True diversity was inherent not only in backgrounds and persuasions, but was also fostered by their disagreements during the panel discussions. Examples of this could be found in the “Geopolitics of Oil and Water” panel, one such example of many in which experts clashed over not only the future of fossil fuel production but also the image of the United States across the world. This level of discussion and debate is commendable for Tufts, and should highlight the importance of protecting and promoting this type of academic environment.

The results of the EPIIC symposium were clear; oil and water are scarce resources that need to be evaluated for their importance to our economy and health. EPIIC’s approach to this showcased the diversity of viewpoints and the unsettled nature of this debate. The byproduct was an intellectual environment where respected scholars formulated and rebutted arguments on their intellectual merits—the true spirit of academia. The symposium was an impressive event, and the SOURCE hopes to see additional similarly academically stimulating campus dialogues.

Star Slaughters Social Security

On Presidents’ Day, Star Parker, the founder of the Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education (CURE), and author of the books *Uncle Sam’s Plantation* and *Pimps, Whores, and Welfare Brats*, visited Tufts and delivered an hour-long lecture addressing Social Security and its effects on minorities, as well as the current state of the US welfare system.

Parker compared the current Social Security system to slavery, saying that there should be no attempts to repair or modify it, but rather that it should be eliminated entirely. Her argument was concrete: Social Security stunts the wealth and freedom of every working American. It especially affects the poor, who have no choice but to rely on the government for subsistence in retirement.

A privatization solution to Social Security, on the other hand, would set people free to invest their hard-earned dollars as they please, and allow them the opportunity to make their own financial decisions, thereby retaining control of and access to their money. Unfortunately, as Parker noted, many people worry about the word “privatization” because of their innate belief that it is synonymous with “exclusivity” and therefore “inequality.” In this case, however, the complete opposite is true: privatization means inclusion; everyone remains in possession of the money they earned. More importantly, under the current system, death returns all of one’s Social Security “savings” to the government, but privatized accounts would transfer the money to heirs. Thus, the existing system discriminates against groups of people who are likely to die early, particularly, as Star emphasized, the black community. These at-risk minorities are even more affected by being forced to pay into the system at a time when they could otherwise use the capital to improve the quality of their lives or invest in an account, which would yield interest. Parker noted that the government’s attempt to repair Social Security by raising the retirement age—a temporary patch—would further hurt black households because many of the breadwinners in these families die early, and cannot fully retrieve their “savings” from the government.

Further addressing the excesses of American bureaucracy, Parker discussed the welfare system, which she herself was once reliant upon as a single mother. Today, she has concluded that it does not effectively assist poor people out of poverty. Rather than pulling themselves up by their bootstraps, families accustomed to eating out of the government’s hand are less likely to take their own initiative. Parker summarizes it best: “The welfare state allows people to escape the consequences of their actions. Negative behaviors no longer have consequences, they have safety nets.” Parker was instrumental in welfare reform of recent years, which ended penalization of working welfare recipients.

People respond to incentives, and Social Security offers the worst kind: a slave-master relationship that is dulled by the cold, crippling promises of comfort and security. As Parker noted, no amount of reform will completely solve the financially disabling effects of such a vast social safety net. Social Security privatization is not an attempt to save the crown jewel of the welfare state; it is an attempt to save those who rely on it.

Tribute Gone Wrong

The University chaplains congregated in the Goddard Chapel in a tribute to the recently assassinated former prime minister of Lebanon, Rafik Hariri. Attendance consisted primarily of affiliates of the Fares Center and the University religious services.

Hariri, 60, was one of the leading architects of the resolution that “ended” the civil war in Lebanon between the Christians and Muslims. His commitment of millions of dollars to reconstruction projects in his homeland benefited thousands upon thousands of Lebanese and contributed to the gradual revival of his country’s economic prosperity. Hariri also gave many millions to educational programs both at home and abroad, including Boston University, which named its management school after the former businessman and politician. For weeks after the assassination, Lebanon was in a total lock-down, with schools and stores closed and various strikes restricting travel and other activity. Muslims and Christians were so unified in their outrage at Hariri’s assassination that his funeral turned into a demonstration against Syrian occupation.

Though Reverend O’Leary appropriately began the ceremony on a solemn, contemplative note, Imam Nouredine, the Muslim chaplain, soon began bashing Israel. The Imam quickly digressed from his offering of “sympathy and condolences to all affected” by the assassination and instead turned to attacking Israel for her early 1980’s retaliation against Hezbollah terrorists in southern Lebanon. Nouredine omitted mentioning this motivation, instead tacitly suggesting that Israel’s aim in the incursion was to destabilize the region and destroy Hariri’s reconstruction work.

Religion and world events are inextricably tied, so it is understandably necessary to include discussion and critique of nations’ policies. The discourse, however, must be sincere and honest, something Nouredine clearly did not adhere to. He justified Syria’s continual rejection of Palestinian refugees by dismissing the policy as Syria’s “refusal to be Israel’s dumping ground.” While the world community was condemning Syria’s occupation and alleged involvement in the assassination, this religious leader saw only an opportunity to bash Israel.

Thankfully, Noor Fares, a junior at Tufts University and daughter of Issam Fares, redeemed the event with her condemnation of the “criminal and brutal act” and her insistence on learning “why did this happen?” and “who did it?” As Fares eloquently stated, the assassination should serve as a wake-up call for the world to recognize a free Lebanon and fight for a peaceful Middle East.

Rabbi Summit delivered a touching concluding speech, and his earlier remarks notwithstanding Imam Nouredine had the nerve to extend him a handshake. Nouredine should be ashamed for injecting his political opinions in this otherwise moving tribute to a great unifier. Luckily, there are Muslims out there like Hariri, not just ones like Nouredine.

Conservative Superhero

In arguments with liberals, many a conservative has been overwhelmingly compelled by the force of liberal indignation, psychobabble, and self-righteousness into making concessions they simply don’t believe: “both sides do [such and such],” “both sides work, its just different values,” the ever popular “you can’t actually prove anyone’s beliefs right or wrong,” and even “you should never try to change someone’s opinion.”

Not Ann Coulter. Commonly called the “diva” of the conservative movement, Ann says exactly what she thinks of these and other common leftist lunacies while using biting satire to expose all the excesses of modern liberalism. Her wit is sharp, her background of facts extensive, and she’s ready to take on any liberal. She knows the left better than almost anyone else in the conservative movement; whenever she is asked why she dislikes the left so much, Ann answers, “Its because I know them too well.” She knows their arguments, she knows their excuses, and she always has a ready response. Conservatives everywhere adore her frankness and her refusal to argue under liberal premises.

On March 9, the entire Tufts community will have an opportunity to see Ann in person and discover for itself just who Ann Coulter is. Tufts Lecture Series has invited Ann to participate in an on-campus debate with Peter Beinart, an editor of *The New Republic* magazine, in which they will tackle the question of which party—Republicans or Democrats—has the better claim to representing the moral values and ideals of the American People. Everyone should attend to get a true taste for what a two-sided debate looks like and to judge for themselves which side is better grounded in truth and experience.

Students familiar with Ann’s track-record, as THE PRIMARY SOURCE is, have total confidence she will emerge from the debate as the clear winner, and that she will exhibit more of her famous wit that will leave her opponent frustrated and back-tracking over his own arguments. Should the debate open up to a question and answer-session, the most self-righteous and vain of the Tufts student body will surely take their chances at a stab at Ann, alternating between political rants and attempts at outwitting her, only to be humiliated as Ann exposes them and provides a quick and scathing retort to their most pointed attacks.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE applauds the decision by Tufts Lecture Series to invite Ann Coulter to debate on the Tufts campus. After bringing in repeat liberal speakers, most recently Spike Lee and Morgan Spurlock, their choice of a speaker who can voice a conservative position on issues that many campus leftists didn’t even realize were open to debate, is a welcome contribution to achieving true ideological diversity at Tufts. Many leftists aren’t even fully aware of the premises they hold because they haven’t had an opportunity to hear them challenged. The more conservative speakers are brought to Tufts, the more this will cease to be the case and intellectualism at Tufts will be stronger for it.



Rafik Hariri

Campus moderates are leftists in disguise.

Cut Out the Middle Men

by Brandon Balkind

“Can’t we all just get along?” Moderates ask this question frequently of their polarized peers. Their rhetoric seems harmless, but their motives, like those of Hillary Rodham Clinton and her “move to the center,” must be exposed. Centristism is a type of political capital that principled Leftists intend to spend.

Self-proclaimed campus centrists are almost always liberals in disguise. Genuine moderates, those who vary from Left to Right depending on the issue, do exist—but they rarely tout their political affiliation as reason to consistently denounce conservatives. On the other hand, Leftists in moderate clothes can’t resist “reaching out” to the campus Right while leaving the liberal establishment unquestioned.

Liberals have several methods in their moderate masquerade that would draw laughter were they not so effective. Take for example Democrats who join the Tufts Republicans in order to protest its conservative leadership in the *Daily* as official club members. Maybe they have to satisfy their liberal need for victimization, but the media latches onto the engineered conflict as though they were exposing Stalin’s purges, showing much less affection for then-President Nicholas Boyd than was demonstrated for “Uncle Joe.” Leftists complain about the *SOURCE*’s sharp rhetoric and preface their argument with “I’m a centrist,” to let the audience know their anti-conservative motives should be completely overlooked. Only liberals would follow reasoning that closely resembles “I went to a temple once, so I am allowed to bash Judaism.” Unfortunately, there are plenty of liberals at Tufts who buy into it. Be-

coming a member of the Tufts Republicans or the *SOURCE*, a right to which even the most liberal Tufts student is entitled, does not grant that person permission to speak as an insider—yet this tactic is increasingly popular at Tufts and elsewhere.

Worst of all are the students who push the compromise agenda under the moderate banner of civil discourse. It’s not surprising that Tufts liberals would ask the few conservative voices on campus to tone it down, but doing so un-

der the false identity of centrism is about as legitimate as throwing away issues of *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*. Though the previous statement might give enraged readers new ideas, it is worth noting that the magazine has successfully prosecuted such offenses in the past. Moving forward, if the ideological tables were turned and Tufts became an overwhelmingly conservative university, the centrist-pretenders would not continue to advocate tranquility. They would be concerned with keeping their true liberal beliefs alive by any means necessary, as can now be witnessed on the national scene by the DNC’s appointment of Howard Dean as its chair. Moderates who stand idly by as Democrats conduct an extreme makeover cannot lecture a truly oppressed minority, campus conservatives, for being too “in their face.”

While they covertly push their liberal agenda, the conservative-denouncing centrists scatter like roaches when it’s time to defend the expression of the *SOURCE* or Republicans. When the Republicans agreed to host a discussion on homosexuality, the Republican-denouncers went straight

to the open arms of the Tufts Democrats, where they advocated a petition to oppose the event (though many who signed it had not attended). Their zeal for cross-aisle interaction was suspiciously absent when the Tufts Academic Freedom Project approached them to garner their support for their resolution against ideological discrimination. Their words may claim otherwise, but fake-centrists’ selective outreach is nothing more than the political action of the intolerant Left.

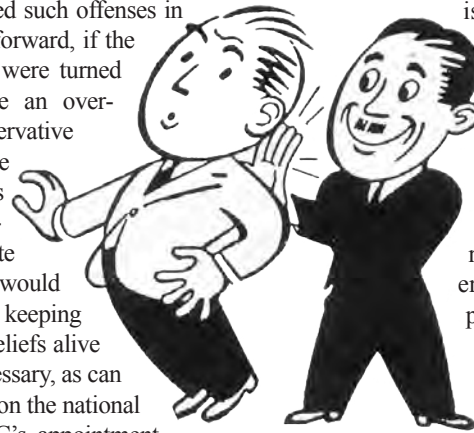
Perhaps the very understanding of moderate politics at Tufts is the problem. Telling self-labeled Tufts centrists they are actually liberals is, in the words of Tufts’ soon-expected guest Ann Coulter, “like trying to convince a fish it is surrounded by water.” In the greater balance of American politics, the weighted average of the faculty’s ideology would fall off the left side of the scale. It is therefore somewhat forgivable that Leftists might misunderstand the campus Right as extreme, or mislabel their own affiliation as centrist—but this pardons too many intentional acts of liberal deception. It is not the misinformed Left-conforming student who denounces conservatives. The fake-centrist denouncers are opportunists seeking to marginalize the Right while getting attention for themselves, much like Madame Hillary. After all, she

is “pro-life,” but as a “moderate pro-lifer,” advocates abortion rights. Simply stated, moderates cannot have their fetus and eat it too.

It is much easier to respect an honest liberal than a devious one, provided that they exist. Though conservatives often joke about straight-talking Howard Dean and

his scream, he poses less of a danger to America than the woman behind the iron mask known as Hillary Clinton. The same is true of campus political rivalry. Tufts will benefit if liberals stop hiding behind the moderate label to bash conservatives and instead embrace the competitive nature of the Left-Right system. Though liberals will never loosen their grip on Marx, they must eventually realize that the best truth can be sought in the competitive marketplace of ideas. ■

Their words may claim otherwise, but fake-centrists’ selective outreach is nothing more than the political action of the intolerant Left.



Mr. Balkind is a Senior majoring in Computer Engineering.

PAC BUSH European TOUR



1 BELGIUM

W'S OLIVE BRANCH TO FRANCE'S CHIRAC:

"I'm looking for a good cowboy."

EUROWEENIE REACTION:

English-speaking Chirac speaks French in front of the President.

INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE:

Axis of Evil will grow by one additional vital French trading partner.

2 GERMANY

W'S OLIVE BRANCH TO GERMANY'S SCHROEDER:

"This notion that the United States is getting ready to attack Iran is simply ridiculous."
(seriously, that's a big concession)

SCHROEDER'S FATAL MISTAKE:

"President Bush knows our position. He accepts and respects it."

THE TRUTH:

Bush does know Schroeder's position: right next to Saddam.

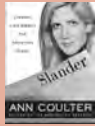
3 SLOVAKIA

W'S DEMAND OF PUTIN: "I have some concerns about some of the decisions by Vladimir." "Renew a commitment to democracy and the rule of law."

PUTIN'S REACTION: "This is, in essence, a system of the Electoral College which is used on the national level in the United States. And it's not considered undemocratic, is it?"

W'S THINKING: "This guy would make a perfect leader of an EU country. Ewww."





COMING TO TUR



ANN COULTER

"We should invade their countries, kill their le

SEPTEMBER

"Liberals hate America, they hate flag-wavers, they hate abortion opponents, they hate all religions except Islam, post 9/11. Even Islamic terrorists don't hate America like liberals do. They don't have the energy. If they had that much energy, they'd have indoor plumbing by now."

"Liberals can't just come out and say they want to take more of our money, kill babies and discriminate on the basis of race."

Peter Beinart

Editor of the The New Republic



V.

Don't say we did

UFTS MARCH 9...



COULTER

...their leaders, and convert them to Christianity.”

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

Ann Coulter
Conservative Columnist



“Why not go to war just for oil? We need oil. What do Hollywood celebrities imagine fuels their private jets? How do they think their cocaine is delivered to them?”

“The swing voters—I like to refer to them as the idiot voters because they don’t have set philosophical principles. You’re either a liberal or you’re a conservative if you have an IQ above a toaster.”

V.

didn’t warn you.

A PRIMARY SOURCE

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Finding a roommate can be a tricky process. THE PRIMARY SOURCE encourages you to pick up a roommate selection questionnaire from the Office of Residential Life and Learning. It looks something like this:



Office of Residential Life, Learning, Minority Promotion, and WASP Suppression
2005-2006 Roommate Selection Questionnaire
 We are happy to assist you in finding a roommate to room with in the next academic year. Simply complete this form.

Name: _____
 Student ID: _____
 Class Year: _____

GENDER/SEXUAL ORIENTATION:

- FTM FTX Genderqueer Intersex
Woman Womyn Lesbian Gay
Bisexual Transgender Queer MTF
MTX Transvestite Man (oppressor)
Other: Please explain in 200 words or less how we possibly left anything out

NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES:

1. Are you offended by the American flag?
 Yes Not yet, I'm a freshman
 Yes, unless I'm burning it with my professor
2. Are you a U.S. citizen?
 Yes No
 Yes, but the Canadian paperwork is in the mail
 No, I am a citizen of the world.

EMBARASSING PERSONAL HABITS

3. Have you ever mistaken a CD tower for a urinal?
 Never
 At least once
 My friend says five times
 I don't remember
4. Do you read THE PRIMARY SOURCE?
 Of course—After all, I'm a proud American.
 I picked it up once, ACCIDENTALLY
 When no one's looking.
 I don't know how to read.

PARTYING STYLE

5. Have you attended a Prohibition Party meeting?
 Yes No
 Yes, and I spiked the punch bowl
6. How do you take your booze?
 Straight outta da' can
 Through a funnel
 With roofies at a frat party
 Shot-up from a hypodermic needle

POLITICS

7. What type of Leftist are you?
 Smelly, tree-hugging, vegan hippie
 Progressive secularist
 Communist
 Socialist
 National-Socialist

8. Have you ever had conservative tendencies?
 Yes, it was scary No
 My friend has that—is it contagious?

BACKGROUND

9. What is your cultural persuasion?
 Judeo-Christianity
 Zen Buddhism
 Islamofascism
 Atheism
 Wiccanism

10. How minority are you?
 Totally
 At least as much as Ward Churchill
 Enough to get in to Tufts

In retaining black professors, Tufts just can't compete.

A Kaleidoscopic Problem

by Jordana Starr

Tufts has a notable reputation for sending people away from Walnut Hill—in fact, the University was recently ranked among the nation's top schools for its study abroad program. Unfortunately, the junior class is not the only group that Tufts notoriously sends on to other schools—black and female faculty also leave Tufts, and unlike the displaced third-year Jumbos, they're gone for good.

Last spring, the administration hired The Kaleidoscope Group, LLC to investigate the root of this retention problem. A Chicago-based “diversity consulting” firm, The Kaleidoscope Group interviewed 38 of the 74 faculty members hired between 1990-1996. These interviews discussed the strengths as well as concerns faculty had regarding various aspects of the University.

Although the responding faculty members, in their interviews, did mention positive student-teacher and colleague-colleague relationships, as well as the location and size of the school, the three black professors that were interviewed had a slightly different take on the school environment.

In addition to the typical complaints of low salaries, high cost of living, and lack of housing, the black respondents in particular pointed out an interesting trend: “additional pressures of serving as role models and mentors for minority students.” Black professors are expected, simply because of their skin color, to take on an informal role of parent to black students. White professors, however, are not expected to reach out to white students to give them support—even those students completely unaccustomed to an environment like Tufts'. This discrepancy places a great deal of pressure on faculty members who, even though their skin may be darker than other professors', simply would like to conduct research and teach, just

like everyone else. This added burden results in some of our best and brightest professors leaving Tufts in pursuit of better opportunities at other schools.

For a school as obsessed with diversity as Tufts, it does a lousy job bringing people of different races and backgrounds together. The TCU segregates students through publicly funded culture groups—every ethnicity gets its own budget for food fairs, movie nights, and culture shows. Tufts' “culture requirement” is a complete joke with every Weinstein and Finklebaum enrolled in Yiddish Lit, all the Wangs and Chens taking Chinese, and all the Rodriguezes and Lopezes studying South American history. With such institutionalized segregation, it should be no surprise that

our few black professors have become fed up with the lack of “community” at Tufts.

The respondent's suggestions, were hardly conducive to solving the problems presented in the report. Suggestions such as, “deal with the Boston culture as it relates to African Americans” and “create a vision that departments need to foster an environment of success for women” are no more helpful than the business strategy for South Park's underpants gnomes: “steal underpants, ...umm..., profit!” In fact, some of the suggestions would only make the situation worse—mandatory “diversity training” or “institutionalized methods to bring us together as African-American faculty” would only continue to exacerbate an “us versus them” mentality already so commonplace on this campus.

Although Arts, Sciences, & Engineering has since addressed a number of the problems brought up in the report, all issues concerning race were relegated to “diversity training” in the published AS&E update. Once more, Tufts is trying to solve a much deeper-rooted problem with discussions and workshops. Kaleidoscope Group will be pleased—diversity training happens to be their forté. ■

Black professors are expected, simply because of their skin color, to take on an informal role of parent to black students.

Miss Starr is a junior majoring in Political Science and Philosophy.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE BOARD

The Place to Discuss Tufts Online.

Campus News

~
National News

~
PRIMARY SOURCE DISCUSSION

~
Academic Freedom

~
Political Discussion



SOURCE BOARD is the place to discuss Tufts online. You'll get immediate, full access to discussions, stories, polls, and more if you:

REGISTER TODAY AT:

www.TuftsPrimarySource.org/sourceboard

THE PRIMARY SOURCE BOARD

Parker says Social Security is detrimental to minorities.

An Interview with Star Parker

conducted by Douglas Kingman

During Star Parker's recent visit to Tufts, THE PRIMARY SOURCE had the opportunity to sit down and speak with her about Social Security. Miss Parker is a conservative activist who has written two books, Pimps, Whores and Welfare Brats, and Uncle Sam's Plantation.

PRIMARY SOURCE: What do you see as the role of government in social programs such as Social Security?

Star Parker: At this point I see the government removing itself from retirement, so if it's going to be a part of it then it should be a part of educating people on ownership, what that means, and how they can recover themselves and lead them to private resources and private informational resources to find out about investing and find out about taking a sense of responsibility over their own retirement.

PS: What do you see as the role of your organization, CURE, in this process?

SP: We're going to make sure that the discussions of reform in the system recognize the issues of the poor, low-wage workers and how important it is that they get a lot of their money out, if not all of their money out. We cannot agree with increases in any type of taxes, increase in any type of retirement age, nor can we agree with that they should have small accounts. So CURE works very aggressively with many of the other think tanks in Washington, D.C. that want total privatization.

PS: On your web site, you have a Social Security petition. Do you find a lot of support for it in the minority community?

SP: It's starting to grow. The more people understand what has happened, the more they

recognize that they are not going to have a sure future with Social Security. Polls are showing that young people don't believe there is going to be anything there as it is, so when you look at the black community, they are starting to get the facts about how they bought a lie and how we have not fared better even over the last 40 years. Many are saying, "At least it was a good program and now it just needs a little tweaking." For low wage workers, it never has proven to be a good program, considering what

"The polls are already showing that they have no confidence in the government being there for them."

think citizens have the momentum to change Social Security, why isn't the popular support there?

SP: I think the popular support is not there yet because it is still being discussed. The seniors are upset about just talks about making any type of changes and their organizations are already being aggressive. People are waiting to see, most Americans aren't that engaged in politics anyway and that is the reason that we're not seeing the discussions. I believe that many are more involved than polls or pages might say, because they already have alternative investment portfolios accumulating and they're already looking at 401Ks and IRAs. The polls are showing they have no confidence in the government being there for them. It's not going to be a matter of whether Americans are going to want to make the changes. The challenge is going to be how we pay for it, and whether Americans agree to the bitter pill that we have to swallow to make those changes.

PS: The last point on your petition specifies no change in payments to current recipients or in taxes. Is this feasible?

SP: It is. There's one bill that I like a lot by Paul Ryan, a congressman out of Wisconsin. Will it happen that way? I doubt it, because I think some of these legislators are perhaps looking at borrowing. Although most times borrowing has a distaste on surface, in certain situations borrowing is actually an investment in your future. For instance, if you own a home and you have excessive debt on the other side, with credit cards or whatever, you may borrow equity to pay off all those other debts and then end up better off in the long run; so there are some times that borrowing is not a negative. I don't believe that we don't have to pay our obligations to our seniors, nor do I think we should believe that. I really think that there's plenty there for the seniors and the promises that we've made to them to be obliged. That said, there will need to be cuts in other government programs and we are going to have to just prepare ourselves. There's excessive waste in Washington, D.C. and we finally need to start growing up and saying that there are many things that we pay for as taxpayers that we absolutely should not.

PS: The Social Security system is, in essence, a federally-mandated ponzi scheme. Therefore, how is it possible, as you say in one of your columns, to fulfill obligations to those who have already paid in, and allow the rest of us to get out as quick and expeditiously as possible? Isn't the payment of current benefits contingent on younger workers paying and therefore current workers continuing to draw on the next generation paying and expecting benefits?

SP: It is, you're absolutely right, that's one of the reasons that it will not be easy, and that's why most of the discussions are starting with smaller accounts. They need those tax revenues, you're absolutely right. In fact, I've heard estimates saying 90 percent of current taxes paid are paid out immediately into the retired community. The President has said he's not going to increase taxes and he has said that he is not going to decrease benefits for those that are 55 or older. This means we are going to look at either borrowing and/or cutting other government programs. There's just no other way to do it. They have done something really horrific here. They have got themselves in a bind and that's why people who say there's not a crisis are fooling themselves. It is a crisis, we have over committed ourselves and there's no way to pull ourselves out of this without it being very painful.

PS: What do you envision as a responsible replacement for the Social Security program?

SP: I'd like to see the day that everybody's walking around with past books in their pockets and they own the very products that they purchase. I think that we'd have a healthier America, we'd have a sense of belonging amongst those that feel so disenfranchised and are always complaining, we will shut the mouths of liberals that insist that capitalism is evil because now they themselves will even own part of it. I think that we'll start to see a whole lot more care taken to things like the environment. Everything in general will get better simply because people will have a sense of responsibility. I think that it will just be a lot healthier for all. If I own it, I want it to stay good, I want it to stay better, so I'm going to take better care of it and that means we're going to do that in every area of our lives.

PS: Medicare is as much of a financial burden problem as Social Security. Should this program be dealt with at the same time?

SP: No, it can't be. They just passed a bill, one of the worst things that they could have done prior to discussing Social Security and I think it's going to hurt the President in a lot of ways. He passed that bill which obligated us to \$700 billion of new un-funded obligation, and now he's saying let's reform Social Security. It'll be interesting to see how it comes out. There's no way we can socialize medicine in this country. We thought we learned that when

Hillary tried. As I mentioned earlier, I believe that very quickly we'll see this is going to be extremely expensive, and we'll see the deficits probably as early as the next congress.

PS: If the Social Security system isn't changed or discarded, how long do you think we have until the final collapse comes about?

SP: We know in 2018 it will be cash-strapped, but I think that even before that we're going to see some problems. One of the reasons is because wages are coming down; they're coming down very quickly. We're healthy, our economy is healthy, and we're seeing good employment numbers, yet what people are able to get for their labor these days is smaller which means the tax base is smaller.

“There's no way we can socialize medicine in this country. We thought we learned that when Hillary tried.”

We're hoping we can sustain ourselves until 2018 but I'm not sure that it will really last that long based on new wage levels.

PS: Why are politicians so invested in keeping the Social Security system?

SP: Do you know how much money we're talking about? It's power, it's control it's providing a sense of “I did something for you.” It's part of what they do. That is an excellent question; I really don't know why they would want that control over somebody else's life. Many of them just don't feel a way out of it, but I'm not sure the number is that great. I think politicians really think that this is a good thing, they feel a sense of accomplishment professionally to have a good government program that works, in their estimation.

PS: Are lobbies like the AARP large factors in maintaining this broken system?

SP: Oh yeah, and they're getting bigger at it, they're already running a vicious smear campaign against the President.

PS: Previously, you have equated Social Security to slavery. Why do you think these two have so much in common?

SP: We're confronted with a time similar to what happened during slavery in that this has become a political problem instead of a moral, basically for the same reasons. Everyone knows that it's wrong but no one wants to deal with the transition costs. It's too hard to say, “let's get out of this.” And we saw these same debates during slavery. As I mentioned in my article, I was referring to the historical research of Joseph Ellis. When they were having debates over slavery they actually looked at “well, how do we pay the slave owners, what do we do with the slaves themselves?” and the more they asked questions on how to transition out of slavery, the less they wanted to do it. And that's what's happening with Social Security. Everyone knows the system is flawed and that it's not the type of program that a free people should ultimately be addicted to. Even Roosevelt had questions during that time. He looked at it more perhaps as an emergency need during that era, but we're talking 70 years now and yet we're hearing some of the same discussions that great men like Madison had during the early congress, “the transition costs are too high, maybe we need to just go home and pretend this'll go away.”

PS: Finally, what should Tufts students do to ensure responsible changes are made to Social Security?

SP: I think that they should do exactly what they are doing. Write about it in their papers, dialogue about it in editorials, and keep bringing it up in class. They should also write letters to their congress people and to Tufts alumni. The alumni of Tufts should see their student body engaging in this debate and become concerned as young people and tomorrow's major thinkers. We're not talking about a state school here—these are highly professional trainees that are going to be doing very well in their later years. I think it would be interesting to let the alumni know that you're thinking about this. It would make them think about it and get more serious about this great debate. ■



Consistent laws on file sharing have yet to emerge.

The Napster Legacy

by Alex McCabe

Since the days of Napster, when users could download an unlimited amount of music for free, people have been jumping from program to program, hoping for another sweet taste from the forbidden tree of free music. But since Napster was forced to shut its doors thanks to the efforts of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), the question of file sharing has evolved to copyrighted movies, software, music, and any other kind of file that a user is willing to provide.

Services like Kazaa, Aimster, Morpheus and a host of other programs allow millions of users to share videos, pictures, and music regardless of the copyright laws that apply to them. The ability to download these files before they even hit the market has become yet another perk of the Internet for millions.

But just as millions around the world have not stopped file sharing with Napster's demise, the RIAA has not stopped its crusade against file sharers. Over the last few years they have brought file-sharing service to court and have sued thousand of individual users for infringements of copyright laws. But since the legality of file sharing is a much disputed issue, cases against both companies and individuals have had varying conclusions, resulting in victories for both file sharing supporters, and the industries opposing them.

But a final answer may be soon in coming. In March, the United States Supreme Court is due to hear a file sharing case concerning the "Grokster" service. The record and movie industries are calling for the court to hold Grokster

directly liable for the millions that exchange copyrighted music, movies, and software over its service, despite the fact that Grokster itself is not engaging in any illegal activity. Such an interpretation could, if taken to the extreme, outlaw any software or service that is simply capable

File sharing services should be protected ... if for no other reason than to encourage innovation...

of sharing files that are copyrighted. Many third parties including Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, and AOL are calling for a different interpretation, one that would hold Grokster liable only if they were proven to have actively encouraged illegal activity over their service.

The court must also take past precedents into account. In the 1980s the Supreme Court ruled in a case brought against the makers of video tape recorders that such machines were not illegal so long as the users were "merely capable" of using them for illegal purposes. File sharing services should be protected in the same way if for no other reason than to encourage innovation, which be dealt a severe blow by an interpretation outlawing all programs capable of illegal file sharing. And, realistically, all companies affected by a negative ruling would have to do is pack up and relocate their operations to a foreign country, making the US less competitive and less desirable as a headquarters for the information technology industry. It will certainly be interesting to watch which way the court turns.

But whatever the outcome, colleges around the United States are already taking steps to ensure that their Internet networks are not used for illegal file sharing. At Tufts, the University pays a web service known as Cdigix to provide students with free music downloads. There are, however, restrictions to this system that would make many students revert back to their old file sharing ways. Cdigix cannot be used with Apple computers, cutting off a large segment of Tufts students. The music is only playable using Windows Media Player, and the files cannot be burnt onto CDs or used in portable music players. The files also expire once the school year is through, and perhaps worst of all the selection is not comparable to what an illegal program can provide. It is, however, both legal and free, and songs can be downloaded permanently for \$0.89, ten cents cheaper than Apple's iTunes music store.

Although Tufts has undoubtedly taken a step in the right direction with this new service, if it is really interested in stopping illegal file sharing, a program that offers students more flexibility and that more students would be able to use needs to be found. The ability to use the service on an Apple Computer, play tracks on portable music players, burn songs to CDs, and a far better selection of music are a few enhancements that would make Cdigix a viable alternative to illegal downloading. Until then, Tufts should consider an arrangement with a different company for recognized, user-friendly service, such as iTunes. It would be a better, more effective, and more popular investment and may have a real shot at ending illegal file sharing at Tufts. ■



Mr. McCabe is a freshman majoring in International Relations and Economics.

What is the TCU senate doing for you?

Freedom Reigns (Almost)

by Alison Hoover

Back in September, Tufts freshmen were asked to vote for a group of students to represent them on the TCU senate. This proved difficult, as they had not had the chance to meet many of the candidates, much less form opinions on how they would serve as representatives. Even returning Tufts students couldn't recall the names of their senators, never mind know their candidates well enough to make educated decisions. The only ways students could learn about candidates was through pictures on posters and sometimes catchy slogans chalked everywhere. Several months later, the TCU senate has become a cohesive body of students looking out for the best interests of all Tufts students. Supposedly, anyway.

After hours of debate, the TCU senate recently approved a new resolution in favor of the Tufts Academic Freedom Project (TAFP). A slightly revised version of TAFP's original ideas was passed, encouraging the continuation of the movement at Tufts. This resolution stresses the importance of freedom from fear of ideological discrimination by superiors in coursework, a faculty commitment to providing multiple viewpoints regarding unsettled issues, and a faculty hiring and firing process free from ideological discrimination. While it is promising that this resolution passed, there were interesting, though not always valid, points in the discussion of what was acceptable for legislation.

As soon as the resolution was presented, a lengthy substitution written by senator Matt Pohl was presented. While there were initially questions over the validity of this substitution due to the author's absence, it was eventually supported by a dif-

ferent senator. This draft, which upheld the basic tenets of the proposal, deviated from the original by trying to change what sort of bias the movement is trying to protect against. Changes in this draft included substituting "political bias" in every instance where "ideological bias" was described. Political bias is part of ideological bias, and is covered in the TAFP resolution.

The responsibility of providing multiple viewpoints in a classroom should rest on the shoulders of the leader of the classroom—the professor.

However, limiting TAFP to a mere political issue seriously undermines the true nature of the effort. Other aspects of ideology, such as religious or economic beliefs, present the same problems in the classroom as

those of a political nature. Since the different elements of ideology are equally unsettled and equally lop-sided in their presentation in the curriculum at Tufts, all elements of ideology have been included in the resolution.

Once the first substitution was rejected, other issues were raised with the proposed resolution. These issues, and the responses they elicited, revealed the true nature of each of the senators who brought them to the table. Senator Athena Bogis brought up the issue of professors' feelings. According to her, for example, a homosexual professor should not be forced to present ideas opposing homosexuality, since it might be painful. The feelings of individual professors should not be considered when determining what will benefit Tufts students the most in their expensive education. Professors are paid to ensure the best educational opportunities in their power. Students attend

Tufts expecting to receive a high-quality education. Professors who are unable to present an viewpoint that opposes their particular lifestyle for fear of damaged feelings should not teach that particular class. More importantly, if a professor only presents one opinion to a class, then two conclusions can be drawn. One is that he doesn't fully believe in his own conviction, and fears that he will be convinced of some other opinion. The other is that he does not have enough respect for his students that they will be intelligent enough to choose the "correct" opinion, when presented with two contradicting viewpoints. A fair and balanced presentation of unsettled issues would demonstrate a professor's comfort with his own beliefs and respect for his students.

While these ideas were discussed for over two hours, the senators also voiced problems with other, pickier details. Senator Aaron Miller repeatedly brought up the capitalization of the phrase Academic Freedom, a concept that is referred to in policies to which Tufts University already subscribes. He then attempted to completely remove the second clause of the resolution, the necessity of a faculty commitment to providing multiple viewpoints regarding unsettled issues, due to the vague nature of the phrase "unsettled issues." Fortunately, others opposed him in this, including senators Jeff Katzin, Diler Erdengiz and Harish Perkari. This clause was amended to stress the importance of faculty-provided forums for multiple viewpoints.

The passage of this resolution is a wonderful first step in the direction of attaining academic freedom at Tufts. Sadly, it is a watered-down version of the original, due to the aforementioned changes in the second clause. The responsibility of providing multiple viewpoints in a classroom should rest on the shoulders of the leader of the classroom—the professor. The professor is the member of the class with the most years of experience

in defending certain opinions and the most time to research multiple opinions and arguments for and against others, and therefore is an unfair adversary to face when students are not presented with a wide variety of opinions in a positive light. The TCU

senate has favored this extremely important issue despite the misgivings of some senators, and now the next step must be taken to encourage professors to fulfill their duties in the classroom. ■



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

The mass media is phony, self-interested, and biased.

Traditional News Media vs. American Consumers

by David Rawson

While no profession needs restoration of respect as much as journalism, the current controversy regarding the perception of the news media is about American consumers. Recent scandals involving journalists and reporters at CBS, *The New York Times*, and *USA Today*, among others, have left an unfortunate blemish on the reputation of mainstream news. There has been a long-term trend in the appearance and quality of news, however, which puts these scandals in context with the expansion of news media to fit new niches in the changing tastes

of the American consumer. Less important are the failings of individual journalists and sensationalism in reporting when consumers are faced with several options to watch, read, or listen to the news. There has never been so much choice and freedom for an individual to tailor the news to his or her preferences. Consequently, it appears that Americans are gaining the upper hand on news media, deciding for themselves what information they want and how they want to get it.

NBC News President and Tufts alumnus Neal Shapiro, who spoke on campus on February 18, must as a businessman take these observations into account—he affirmed that reporters and journalists face a credibility crisis and that consumers face a glut of options in news media, many of which have unambiguous and unapologetic biases. The former deserves considerable attention because the collection of news should reflect common standards of skepticism, transparency, and distinguished work. The latter, though it signals a long-term evolution in consumer preferences with respect to news, can be optimized only if these standards are observed. There needs to be a mutual understanding between news

media and the American public that there is a trend toward diversification—on the airwaves, over the internet, and in print. With diversification, however, the adherence to standards in the collection and dissemination of news should be paramount.

At present, many traditional news organizations, especially in television, do not grasp this trend. To the detriment of their reputations, they dramatize and sensationalize news to overcompensate for losses in audience. They are failing to reach out to the conservative majority of America that feels increasingly alienat-

ed by the media's low standards and liberal leanings. It is of no surprise that this strategy, albeit economically practical for news organizations, has lowered the quality and appeal of news. Meanwhile, media that have responded by offering diverse content and an intellectual connection with the American public are seeing growing audiences. Such media includes: the *PBS NewsHour*, with its independent and intellectually motivated appearance and strict focus on the news of the day; the Fox News Channel, which gives conservatism and liberalism equal standing and highlights increasingly popular conservative American values; and online blogs and independent websites, which give consumers diverse and often opinionated insight to the news.

What these media organizations have in common is a connection with a specific segment of the American public as it stands today and as it is trending toward the future. Americans trust them to present the news with their interests in mind. By contrast, traditional news media—the three alphabet networks and the *New York Times*,

for example have lost their traditional audiences and now resort to watered-down news stories appealing to an obsolete perception of the mainstream. Sure, dramatized and detailed television, news magazines, and extra sections in the daily newspaper will grab the public's attention, but when it comes to strict news, Americans put their trust in media that have a humble and well-intentioned concern for them. The American public is smarter than traditional news media may think, and the public seems to want respect and modesty from the people who give them the news. The expansion of news media and the trend in popular taste has exposed the phoniness, self-interest, liberal bias, and economic ambitions of traditional news organizations, journalists, and reporters. The status of these three will be determined by how well they can recover their audiences in ways that emphasize professionalism and concern for the public, not drama and self-importance.

Numerous polls have shown that Americans have a very low opinion of traditional news media. Shapiro stressed that journalists must adhere to a few key standards in order to win the hearts and minds of their audience. Given these facts, one thing is certain about the future of American news media: the media will be successful if con-

nections on ethical, professional, and personal levels are established with particular Americans. The emerging American mainstream does not want the talking puppets of CNN's *Crossfire*, the ego of Dan Rather, or the

over-editorialization of the *New York Times* or prime time television news magazines. It wants professionalism, altruism, and respect in the media. Even if Americans desire some bias or opinion in the news, they still put a premium on modesty, honesty, and concern for the public.

The freedom of information and the Internet have given more Americans an opportunity to become educated, so it is time that traditional news media get off their high horses and support that opportunity. What could be more helpful to democracy today than a fresh infusion of civic interest and high standards in the news media? ■

The American public is smarter than traditional news media may think.



Mr. Rawson is a sophomore majoring in International Relations.

The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History

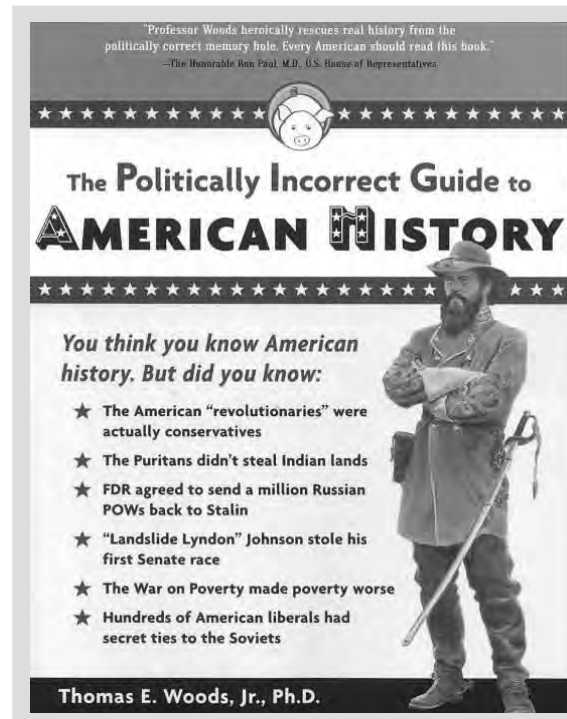
by Thomas E. Woods, Jr., Ph. D.
Regnery Publishing, Inc, ISBN 0895260476
\$19.95, Hardcover

Does the average American know that:

- The First Amendment allowed states to manage religious affairs?
- A Southern district court set Dred Scott free before the Supreme Court threw him back into slavery?
- President Abraham Lincoln believed that whites were superior?
- Big businesses did more for America than all the big government programs combined?
- FDR made the Depression worse?
- Reagan did not slash the budget?

Forget what was taught in high school history class and add a new perspective to what is now being preached from the pulpits in elite colleges. Thomas E. Woods, Jr., brings forth aspects of American history in *The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History* that no politically correct textbook or liberal professor will ever mention. Each chapter covers one era in American history and starts with a paragraph detailing very briefly the claims Woods intends to go about proving (or disproving) in it. Woods dedicates a chapter section to each claim, and offers the left-wing point of view. However, he then counters it with his own, providing clear analysis backed up by facts, and he finally quotes numerous relevant first-hand sources. The writing is fluid, concise and coherent, and the reader will never finish a chapter without having learned something new. To support his often politically incorrect assertions, Woods provides an extensive bibliography, full of resources for the readers to investigate the facts for themselves. Throughout the whole book, the reader will find

text boxes along the side of the page recommending “A Book You’re Not Supposed to Read” that relates to the point Woods is trying to prove in that section. Other text boxes also appear with such themes as “PC Today,” which includes a brief analysis of the modern left-wing interpretation of the relevant topic, and “What They Said,” with many more quotes from key players in the era being discussed, among others.



One great thing about *The Politically Incorrect Guide to American History* is Woods’ thoroughness. His contentions don’t simply result in repetition of his assertions until a page quota is filled. Woods takes on each issue from all sides, but also makes sure to keep everything pithy. In order to further his points while avoiding redundancy, he offers specific examples, and often lets the people who took part in the historic events speak for themselves. Primary sources provide the best in-

sight into accurate historical reporting. Occasionally, Woods quotes other historians, but he mostly he transfers the analysis from himself to the now newly-educated reader.

Everyone, regardless of their left or right political leanings, should read this book. It will offer perspectives on American history that are difficult to find elsewhere. This is especially true for that majority of people who learned everything that they know about American history in high school. In high school, the textbooks have been watered down tremendously by liberal pressure groups. In order to keep out of controversy (and therefore keep their budgets), high schools remain very politically correct, and textbook publishers reflect this so that the school districts continue to purchase their products. This is not necessarily

to say that high schools teach a bunch of lies (although many people feel that way). It’s just to say that they refrain from covering sensitive issues, so much in the curricula gets watered down or left out altogether. In his book, Woods brings forth a lot of topics with which most people are familiar, but then he discusses aspects of these topics, and brings in facts relating to them, that will often shock the reader. A great example of this involves Walter Duranty and Joseph McCarthy. To this day, McCarthy is denounced, mostly by the Left, as a dangerously paranoid witch-hunter. However, as Woods says in his book, “While denunciations of McCarthy continue half a century later, no one has even heard of Walter Duranty.” Walter Duranty was a high-profile reporter for the prestigious *New York Times* who would continually defended Soviet actions and who falsely denied that many of Joseph Stalin’s atrocities ever even occurred. It is such history that the Left has tried to keep from Americans for too long, and Woods should be applauded for bringing it to light.

—Dan Mencher

Vast right wing conspirators gather in D.C.

CPAC 2005

by Alexandra Barker

In 1973, a group of conservatives met in Washington, DC and together created the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). This past President's Day weekend, seven Tufts conservatives joined thousands of students, seniors and everything in-between in the nation's capital to attend the 32nd annual CPAC. All in all, approximately five thousand people came out of the woodwork from across the country and the world to attend. This year's change of venue was a fitting one, as the first CPAC held since President Ronald Reagan's death moved into the new Ronald Reagan Building. The 40th President was and remains the foundation of the modern conservative movement. His grace and character will always be emulated, but never duplicated. Holding CPAC in the Reagan Building served as a wonderful tribute to the former President, but also served a different purpose. It allowed for the growth and expansion of the conservative movement's most influential and trend-setting conference into a more spacious facility—symbolic of the actual movement's growing popularity.

This past election season saw Democrats attempt to "Rock the Vote," and bring out young people in vast numbers through grassroots efforts. Yet, the Left did not count on Republicans succeeding at the same thing. The Republican Party was able to reach out to its solid base, resulting in a record number of people turning out at the polls. Conferences like CPAC help strengthen and unify this base. Attendees were presented with lectures and debates covering immigration, gun rights, abortion, Social Security, and virtually every other important political issue. They absorbed the experience with incredible spirit motivation and enthusiasm. Appearances by conservative celebrities such as Ann Coulter, Karl Rove, the National Rifle Association's Wayne LaPierre, and Vice President Dick Cheney brought the audience to its feet, clapping and cheering.

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

Throughout the conference, the Reagan Building Atrium was flooded with booths from conservative lobbying, campaigning, and activism organizations. Young America's Foundation, which co-sponsors CPAC with the American Conservative Union, and the Clare Booth Luce Policy Institute were two of the many influential student outreach groups present. Recent polls show a rising conservative tide among college students. These organizations are both driving and prospering from that trend. They are educating young people, the future of the conservative movement, with an emphasis on the importance of morality—a backbone of modern conservatism. The benefits extend beyond students who already identify themselves as conservative; one of their central objectives is to facilitate student activists in bringing conservative speakers to their schools. The growth of conservatism can be detected not only in the continually rising attendance at CPAC, but also at the high number of Tufts' freshmen in attendance.

Interestingly enough, a liberal counterpart to CPAC does not appear to exist. This could be attributed to two things, the first being the deep divisions that run through the Democratic Party at the moment. For example, the appointment of Howard Dean

as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee has alienated many Democrats. There are now two groups in the DNC: leftists in the Dean camp, and centrists who lean more toward traditional values. Many Democrats believe that Dean is taking their party to a radical new liberalism that the majority of America does not agree with as the last election proved. It will be difficult for Democrats to be successful in this country when a shrinking percentage of Americans agree with their extremist philosophy of free-for-all baby killing and the meaningless marriage.

However, party disunity does not completely explain the absence of a liberal equivalent to CPAC. Democrats have been unified at times in recent history and have had plenty of opportunities to launch such an endeavor. The real reason that there is no liberal CPAC equivalent has to do with the nature of leftist argumentation. Liberals argue with emotion, whereas conservatives rely on reason and rationality. How could a three-day conference devoted to liberals' "feelings" about a variety of issues possibly run coherently or conclude successfully? After the first day attendees would tire of this and yearn for more solid approaches to articulating and defending their views. Crying about a woman's right to choose (or, murder), or ranting about how the soldiers in Iraq are destroying the lives of people who previously enjoyed free (and mandatory) plastic shredder treatment and rape rooms quickly grows old. Michael Moore's comparison of the terrorists of September 11 to the brave minutemen of the Revolutionary War is not an effective argumentation of liberalism, or even hatred of America. Of course, with few facts on their side, perhaps it is no wonder they debate as they do and why there is no "LPAC" (Liberal Political Action Conference).

Being surrounded, even for a few short days, by generally like-minded but particularly diverse conservatives is a rare treat for the average Tufts conservative. Talking and collaborating with other students at CPAC strengthens their ability to advance the conservative cause at home. Democrats' inability to further their movement in this way is their loss and Republicans' gain. It is why the dynamic spirit and strength of the conservative movement cannot be rivaled, and will just continue to grow.

Recent polls show a rising conservative tide among college students.



Phyllis Schlafly

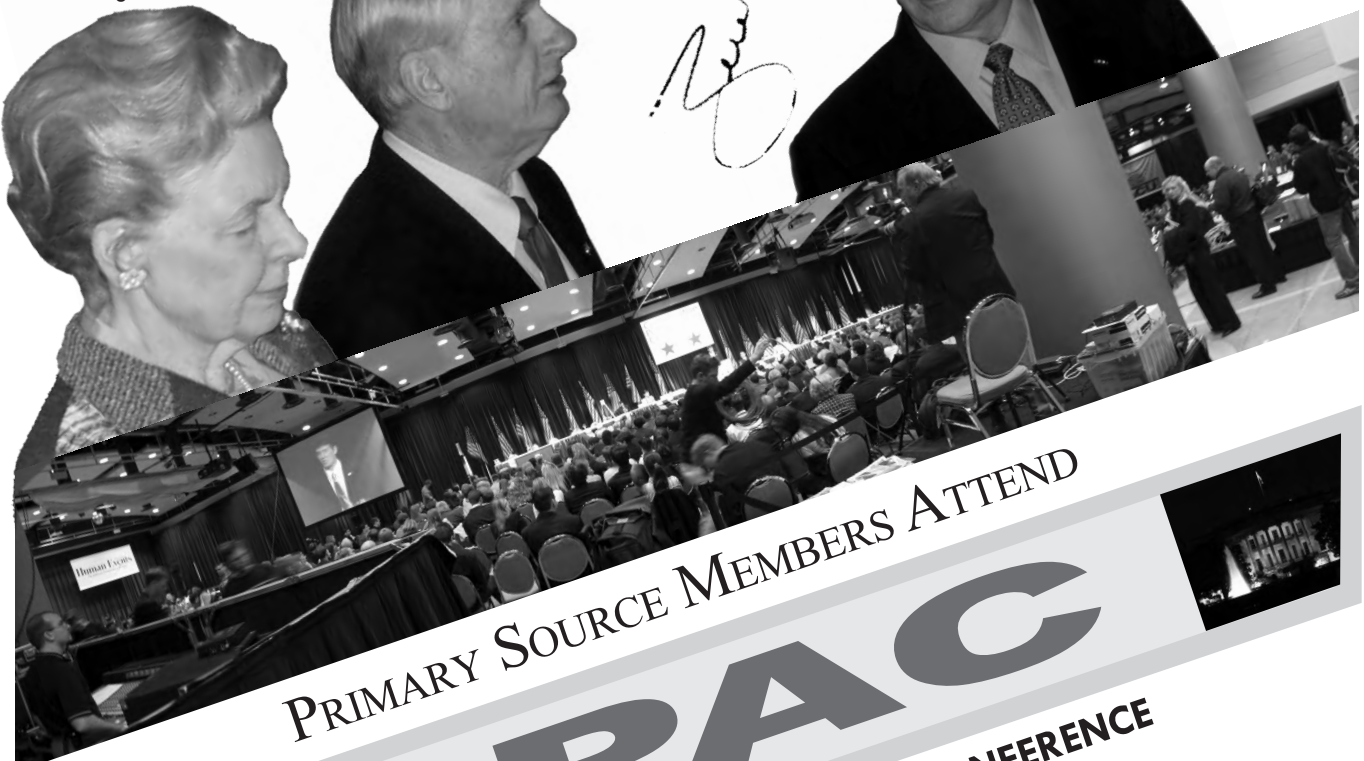
Phyllis Schlafly
Founder, Eagle Forum

Zell Miller
Former GA Senator

Zell Miller

Oliver North

Oliver North
Freedom Alliance



PRIMARY SOURCE MEMBERS ATTEND

CPAC

CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE

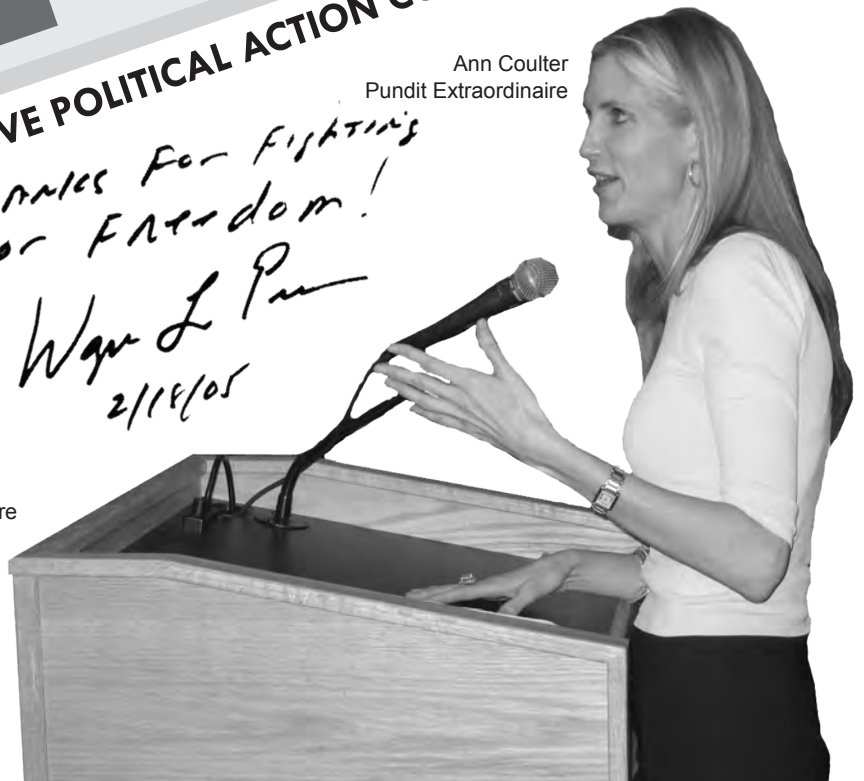


Ann Coulter
Pundit Extraordinaire

*THANKS FOR FIGHTING
FOR FREEDOM!
Wayne LaPierre
2/18/05*



Wayne LaPierre
CEO, NRA



NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

No, in fact, we're suing them.

—Star Parker, on whether her organization is working with inner city schools.

Are we supposed to like gay people now, or hate them? Is there a Web site where I can go to and find out how the Democrats want me to feel about gay people on a moment-to-moment basis?

—Ann Coulter

Ever [sic] night, The Harvard Crimson's pressman, Louis, would pick up our boards on his way to Cambridge. The next day we cringed while counting typos.

—Bill Frechtman, *Tufts Daily* Founding Editor-In-Chief

Impeach Clinton. And her husband.

—Anonymous

We can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans.

—Bill Clinton

I would rather have a German division in front of me than a French one behind me.

—General George S. Patton

We didn't admit it at the time, but practically the whole New Deal was extrapolated from programs that Hoover started.

—Rexford Tugwell

You do not have a constitutional right not to be offended.

—Mark Levin

President Bush is on a big tour of Europe. He said he's hoping he can see the whole country. Earlier today President Bush met with German leaders and we found some common ground—we both hate the French.

—Jay Leno

Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.

—Thomas Jefferson

The character inherent in the American people has done all that has been accomplished; and it would have done somewhat more, if the government had not sometimes got in its way.

—Henry David Thoreau

There is no greater civil liberty than to live free from terrorist attack.

—Tony Blair

One of the greatest perils which threatens us now is the tendency to centralization, the absorption of the rights of the States, and the concentration of all power in the general government. When that shall be accomplished, if ever, the days of the Republic are numbered.

—Orville Browning, Andrew Johnson's Secretary of the Interior

Lisa, if we start conserving, the environmentalists win.

—Homer Simpson

If the senator can find in Title VII [of the Civil Rights Act of 1964]... any language which provides that an employer will have to hire on the basis of percentage or quota related to color, race, religion, or national origin, I will start eating the pages one after another, because it is not there.

—Senator Hubert Humphrey

To grasp the true meaning of socialism, imagine a world where everything is designed by the post office, even the sleaze.

—P.J. O'Rourke

The American, by nature, is optimistic. He is experimental, an inventor and a builder who builds best when called upon to build greatly.

—John F. Kennedy

Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood—the virtues that made America.

—Teddy Roosevelt

We have gone forth from our shores repeatedly over the last hundred years and we've done this as recently as the last year in Afghanistan and put wonderful young men and women at risk, many of whom have lost their lives, and we have asked for nothing except enough ground to bury them in.

—Colin Powell

People are not complete fools (though you might not always be able to recognize this from the editorials of the *New York Times*).

—Mona Charen, *Useful Idiots*

The world is more peaceful and more free under my leadership.

—George W. Bush

When I die, I desire no better winding sheet than the Stars and Stripes, and no softer pillow than the Constitution of my country.

—Andrew Johnson

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

—Abraham Lincoln

Americans are overreachers; overreaching is the most admirable of the many American excesses.

—George F. Will

[Americans] are possibly the dumbest people on the planet ... in thrall to conniving, thieving, smug pricks. We Americans suffer from an enforced ignorance. We don't know about anything that's happening outside our country. Our stupidity is embarrassing.

—Michael Moore

The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

—Ronald Reagan

It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.

—General Douglas MacArthur

Let's get one thing straight from the outset: The UN sucks. And before you start talking about the starving babies it saves and the thorns it pulls from cuddly creatures' paws, please remember that all sorts of awful institutions do good things. Hamas funds hospitals, Hitler built highways, Stalin improved literacy, Baywatch helped people with tired blood by providing uplifting, and uplifted, torsos to look at.

—Jonah Goldberg

We have wished, we ecofreaks, for a disaster or for a social change to come and bomb us into Stone Age, where we might live like Indians in our valley, with our localism, our appropriate technology, our gardens, our homemade religion—guilt-free at last!

—Stewart Brand, *Whole Earth Catalogue*