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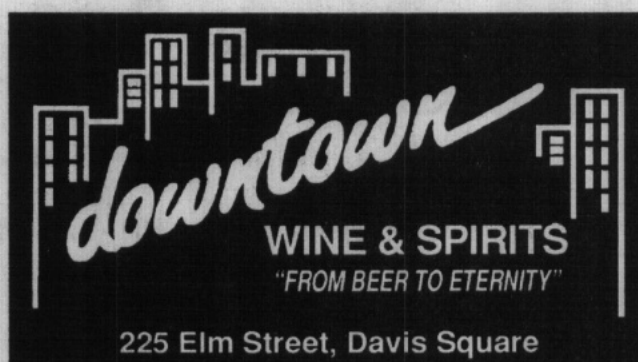
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From the Editor

The controversy surrounding the car spray painted with "offensive" material, does not point to a problem of rape, but points to a much more relevant problem at Tufts; It is inconceivable that sloppy graffiti could clearly depict rape, and by most accounts, it did not. The graffiti may very well have been offensive to some, but we will never know since few of us had an opportunity to see the car before the gentlemen were ordered to repaint it. More importantly, the controversy clearly demonstrates the dangers of allowing Tufts' administrators to dictate societal mores.

After a few years at Tufts many students think it appropriate and just to punish individuals for expressing views with which they disagree. This has little to do with protecting the innocent from insulting and offensive expressions. These same people will protest for the right of Robert Mapplethorpe to produce far more insulting and offensive images, paid for with tax money. It has much more to do with censoring ideas which some find dangerous.

Spay painting a car is not rape, but according to some, allowing individuals to spay paint this car with images which might be interpreted as rape, is in effect sanctioning rape. There will always be people who would prefer to silence opposition rather than confront new ideas. At Tufts, censoring opposition is not only seen as appropriate, but is encouraged by administrators who work to mold the campus according to their ideals, regardless of the views of the student body or the values of our civilization.

Again and again, we see people silencing others for their views, slowly narrowing the field of acceptable opinions and corralling the stragglers into little pigeonholes. When the Dean of Students office punishes a student for selling a shirt that lists "Ten Reasons Why Beer is Better Than Women," or targets students for spray painting a car with "offensive" images, they are teaching students that it is acceptable to censor certain ideas. When this example is set, it is now appropriate, in many minds, to physically and verbally harrass a student for his affiliation with this paper (pg 11), or to chide a white student for dressing as Bob Marley on Halloween.

The administration sets an example which is as influential as many classes. Students watch the "establishment" for guidance on what is acceptable. Students at Tufts are guided not to discuss opposing views, but to protest, harrass, and press charges. Upon graduation there will no longer be a Dean of Students Office to which the offended can run. Many graduated from Tufts will be paralysed in the face of opposing views, unable to address them reasonably in a fashion acceptable to society at large. In the end, attempts to mold Tufts in the liberal image will do little more than devalue a Tufts' education.

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Correction

The Diversity Dictionary on page 16 of the August/ September issue should have been attributed to the Penninsula at Harvard University instead of the Harvard Salient.

Letters

Dear Editor,

While perusing your little publication's "Month in Review" section, I noticed that your journalists were able to dig up the real cause of the recent hurricane "Bob": John Sununu and his traveling air circus. I feel it is my duty as a media tycoon, however, to point out that the "hurricane" didn't amount to much more than a tropical storm when it reached New England. Apparently Sununu isn't able to properly perform the duties assigned to him by the President. With this in mind, I would like to offer our services to members of the Conservative movement.

At Simon, O'*****, Bicoy and Ball, when we're called upon to wreak havoc, we can deliver. What the layman saw as an attempt to create a political party (The Glorious Outfront Revolution of the Spring of 1991) was really a carefully planned diversion of immense proportions. How else do you think Joe Swimmer got appointed as the student's representative to the Trustees? At Simon, O'*****, Bicoy and Ball we work miracles.

So the next time you have the occasion to speak with Mr. Bush, please let him know that the professionals are waiting for his call.

Sincerely,

Bret N. Bicoy

Partner at Simon, O'*****, Bicoy and Ball Political Consultants (Hatchetmen)

Dear Editor,

Your recent publication crossed my desk, and after a thorough reading I was most pleased, heartened and *relieved* that there is an antidote at Tufts to P.C. campus thought and ideological brainwashing. Keep up your stance and pressure. Enclosed is some grist for your press.

Concerned father of an entering freshman.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE is pleased to announce our new phone. The number is 381-3942.

Commentary

TCU Senate Retreat

Despite the fine tradition surrounding the TCU Senate retreat, the annual event has recently come under fire. While we at the SOURCE are in favor of measures which might improve our student government, the effectiveness of past retreats has left much to be desired. For example, on last year's junket, TCU Senators agreed to refrain from addressing international issues, and to address the issue of student civil liberties. Yet, in session, senators debated President Bush's Gulf policy, while refusing to address the issue of freedom of speech. The general result of the senate's yearly bonding binge is that senators get to be friends. Unfortunately, this has extended to the senate floor. Senators were so quick to make compromises that did not hurt anyone's feelings, that nearly all their proposals became paradigms of wishywashy ineffectiveness.

World Civilization Requirement

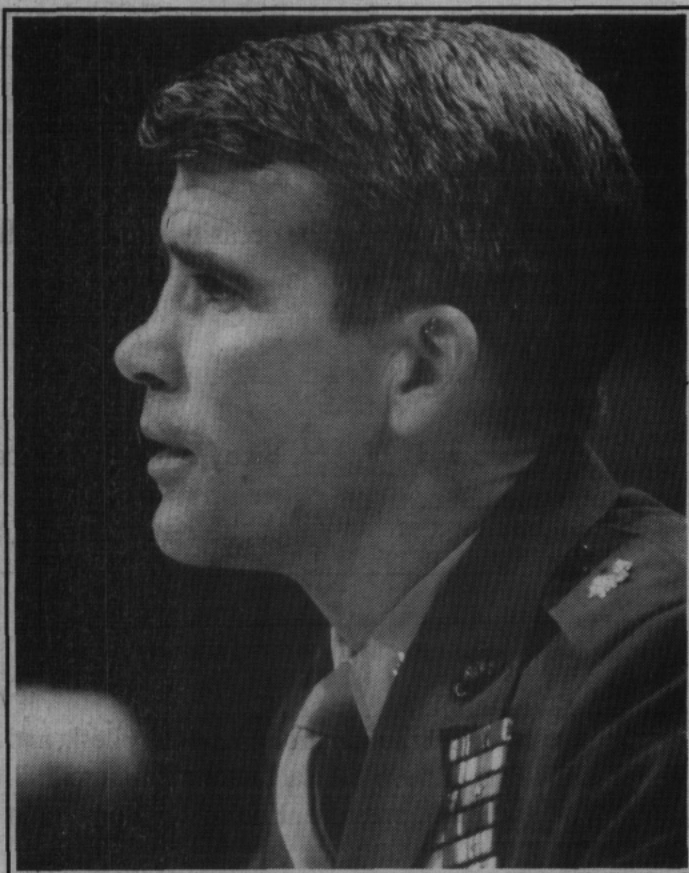
Tufts faculty have begun debate on whether they will follow through on a previous commitment to require a World Civilizations class. The requirement would be a two semester, team taught, interdisciplinary class in the history of various cultures from around the world. With students paying twenty-three grand a year for the opportunity to educate themselves, a further restriction on available courses would be unconscionable. On the other hand, the study of civilization must incorporate the study of the fine and liberal arts, as well as the natural, mechanical, and social sciences. If the new Civilization requirement were to replace the current distribution requirements the education available at Tufts would improve tremendously. If the new requirement is merely an addition to everything else, there can be no educational justification for imposing it on an already overburdened student body.

Defense Cuts

With President Bush's announcement of unilateral defense cuts by the United States, the necessity of last year's distasteful budget deal has come to light. The president has forced congress into applying all defense budget cuts to the deficit. It is a victory of sorts, but could only be seen as such in a government in which a deficit is just one more item in a budget. Our representatives in the nation's capital have let the math become too abstract. We must remember that a deficit is not just a negative number to be casually added into the final sum. It is a debt that will eventually have to be repaid, with interest.

Lt. Col. Oliver North

Lovers of liberty and justice everywhere rejoiced this month with the final vindication of Lt. Col. Oliver North. It is a sign of the times when a Republican executive branch can bring freedom and democracy to a communist dictatorship (at a profit), while a Democratic legislative body must spend millions of dollars to persecute the innocent. It is thanks to soldiers of democracy like North that freedom has begun its inevitable victory lap around the globe.



ARA

People have been quick to denounce American Restaurant Association's (ARA) proposal to replace Tufts University Dining Services. Many of the attacks have centered around the job security of TUDS employees rather than the cost and quality of the food. Although there is widespread satisfaction with Tufts Dining, ARA's proposal deserves a fair evaluation. With our stomachs and wallets in mind, we unequivocally support a little healthy(?) competition.

The Baltics

After forty-five years of meaningless delay, the United States has finally called for UN membership for the three Baltic nations: Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia. Although action at this time is certainly praiseworthy, we must not forget that it was the moral cowardice of the American government that delayed the event so long. Considering the imminent reduction of our forces in Western Europe, America should consider a military base in Vilnius or Riga.

Dr. Seuss

As poets at heart, the staff of THE PRIMARY SOURCE mourns the passing of the poet laureate of pre-adolescence. Yertle the Turtle, the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch and Max the Dog, Sam I Am, Horton, the Lorax, and all the other noble worthies will always be with us, and the generations to come. The values of individuality, egalitarianism, and environmentalism which his verse instilled in three generations of Americans has served as a bulwark for our civilization and will continue as such as long as parents remember how to read to their children.

Iraq's Nuclear Capability

It has become fairly obvious in the months following the Gulf War that Saddam Hussein is continuing to develop nuclear weapons in Iraq. We hope that President Bush does not back down as leader of the free world and is willing to re-deploy American troops in defense of Middle Eastern and world security, if necessary. Hussein's seizure of UN inspectors serves to illustrate the necessity of Bush's continued strength concerning foreign policy. The US-led alliance failed to remove Hussein from power the first time. If history repeats itself and force is necessary, we hope the alliance will not make the same mistake twice.

Columbus Quincentennial

As 1992 approaches, the nation's (as well as the SOURCE's) focus is steadily drifting towards the accidental discovery of the New World. Although one would think that the holiday would be a cause for celebration, there are those who are opposed to honor a man who allegedly raped a

country in the name of imperialism. What they fail to realize is the fact that this man opened the door to a society where discontents such as these are allowed to freely and openly discuss their disagreement and dissatisfaction with our government and its founding fathers. Perhaps they should open their eyes and look at the plethora of new countries which are following the example of the United States in overthrowing oppressive regimes and establishing governments based on the ideals of liberty and equality which Christopher Columbus allowed to flourish.

1992 Presidential Campaign

As the months pass we approach the painful process of electing (or re-electing) a president. This upcoming election promises to be quite excruciating. The Democrats have yet to come up with a coherent agenda, and foreign issues aside, President Bush is open to many attacks. Tsongas, Wilder, and Clinton surely lack national appeal, and those who do have appeal (i.e. Al Gore, Bill Bradley, Sam Nunn, etc.) have chosen not to challenge the President. More interesting is the currently vacant Republican ticket. It would be nice to have a conservative candidate for this election. Surely the Bush tax hikes and the President's failure to address the decline of America's educational systems are issues through which a conservative candidate could capture a large segment of the electorate. Unfortunately, it appears that President Bush will

continue to be the Sinonic standard bearer of conservative ideology through the next four years.

Middle East Peace Conference

The Palestinian Liberation Organization recently decided to attend the US sponsored peace conference. While a willingness for peace is something to be praised, one has to wonder if there will be a peace conference. The last time President Bush insisted that the Israelis stop settlements in Judea and East Jerusalem, he toppled a coalition government and installed the Likud party as the sole parliamentary power. One must wonder if he has changed his mind and decided to bring back the Labor party.



Month in Review

Comedy is allied to Justice.

--Aristophanes

It is unfortunate that the brothers of Psi U didn't apply to the NEA for a grant.

Once again, a new TCU Constitution has failed to effect the necessary voter turnout. When will our much honored student governors realize that the average Tufts student really doesn't care? One would think that after two such defeats, even the pathetically bloated ego of a TCU Senator would be just a bit deflated. It's a good thing they went on retreat right after the election, or they might start regenerating into ordinary students.

With all the hullaballou over ARA no one has addressed the key issue. If ARA replaces TUDS, will it comply with Tufts' embargo of El Salvadoran coffee?

Jean Mayer has declared his wish to see Tufts reinvest in South Africa. The president apparently thinks that apartheid has been sufficiently dismantled to allow Americans to stop starving the poor of that economically strapped nation. One wonders, with Mayer's upcoming retirement, if he will now advocate divestment from Tufts, where apartheid is increasingly gaining ground.

In an unprecedented union, all the nations of Africa have surrendered their sovereignty to a small group of left-wing radicals at Tufts University. The new confederacy, the Pan-African Alliance, has announced that it will become the third major economic power of the new century. Experts predict that the new nation will surpass the economic might of both the '92 European Economic Union and the North American Free Trade Zone.

SOURCE staffers recently attended the organizational meeting of the MEN's group, started in order to re-define masculinity. Many staffers were concerned that the modern image of man was degenerating into that of a tofu-eating, mousse-using wimp. We were anxious to get involved and bring back those good old days, when men were brave and women were beautiful. Unfortunately, the group had a different agenda.

We were planning on using this space to make fun of the TCU President, but making fun of P. Alexa Leon-Prado is like hunting little animals in a zoo. Besides, she's still a babe.

All right, we did Alexa, who's next?
--Chuck Marks

Question: if you were to spray-paint a picture of a woman having sex, wouldn't you paint her consenting?

Yoo hoo, oh Links... Where are you, Links?

We recently found out (for reasons we would rather not mention) that Tufts University does not allow a married couple to room together in official dormitory housing. Now we've heard for years about the oppression of homosexuals at Tufts. But it seems that when it comes down to things that *really* matter, they have more freedom than most.

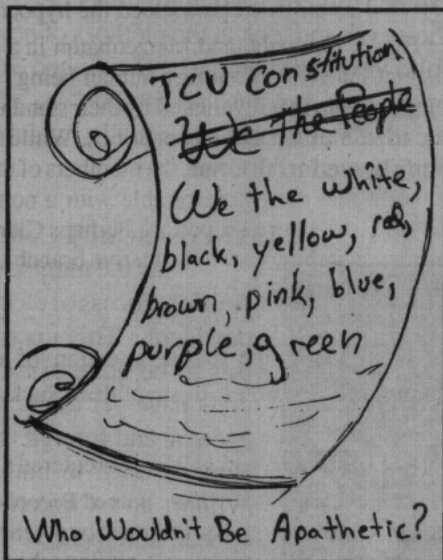
While the international community debates the impact of President Bush's proposed unilateral cuts, we at the SOURCE have just this to say: thank God we're not wasting that uranium in Europe anymore. Let's get that nuclear fuel back in the US where we can really use it. Let's just hope we can outbid the Iraqis when the Soviet plutonium surplus goes on the market.

We're approaching the anniversary of the now legendary "Wessel whacker" episode. We at the SOURCE hate to make predictions, but we would dare to say the Pee Wee Herman just might make another appearance at Wessel Library later this month.

Taking a cue from President Mayer, WMOFO General Manager Bret Bicoy has retired and created a new position made just especially for himself. We at the Source think Bicoy, who has in the past compared himself to Gorbachev, has perhaps let his ego inflate beyond that of even his predecessor.

Tufts has once again reneged on a promise to its students, surprise, surprise. Perhaps this time it was an honest mistake. The administration had made a commitment to build South Hall "cable ready." Unfortunately it seems that they meant *telegraph* cable ready, and not *television* cable ready. An honest mistake, and at least they've managed to get working (semi-) *telephone* cables in place.

In an election typical of Tufts, the empty seats of the TCU Judiciary were filled in an uncontested election. Of course the



precedents of far reaching TCUJ decisions are just the thing to attract a flock of candidates. In the past most of the problems with the TCU government have arisen because the TCUJ failed to exercise its interpretive powers to the extent necessary. Hopefully this year's J will not be filled by such wimps, but knowing the gang of four just elected, we're not holding our breath.

According to a survey conducted last year by Rutgers Professor, Donald McCabe, cheating is rampant at our little enclave on the hill. We at the SOURCE think that this whole subject has been put in the wrong light. Chronic cheaters aren't dishonest. They're just integrally challenged.

...The IGC hired a woman of the Hill of Walnut whose name was Cathy. And the overlords of the politically correct came to her and said to her, "Entice the IGC and see wherein their popularity lies, and by what means we may disband them, that Tufts Nightclub may prosper; and we will give you eleven hundred freshman to indoctrinate." And Cathy said to the IGC, "Tell me wherein your great popularity lies, and how you might be subdued." The IGC replied, "If you take away our houses, then we shall become weak like every other campus organization." Then the Overlords of the PC took away the house of 1-2-3. Now she cried, "The administration is upon you!" But the IGC said, "That's okay, we still have DTD and Sig Ep!" And the IGC became even more popular.

And Cathy said to the IGC, "Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Please tell me how you may be disbanded." And the IGC said, "If you take away our beer, then our parties will no longer be fun, and no one will come to our functions, just like every other campus organization." So Cathy and the Overlords of the PC took away their keg insurance, and Cathy said to him, "The administration is upon you!" But the IGC ignored the policies, and kept their beer and their parties, and became more popular than ever.

And Cathy said to the IGC, "You have mocked me again, and told me lies. Tell me how you might be disbanded." And the IGC replied, "If you throw us into the pit of controversy, we will become very afraid and innocuous, just like every other campus organization." So the PC groups of the campus rallied against the IGC, and Cathy replied, "The administration is upon you!" But the majority of the campus rallied against the PC groups, and the IGC became more popular than ever.

And Cathy said to them, "How can you say that you listen to me when your hearts are not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and still you have not told me wherein your popularity lies." And when she pressed the IGC hard with her words, day after day, and the IGC said, "O Lord God Jumbo, remember us, we pray thee, and strengthen us, we pray thee, and help us to rid ourselves of this pestilence." And the Lord God Jumbo heard their prayer and answered, "Can the bitch."

And the IGC did (yea verily).

-- From the *Book of Diversity*, Judges 16:4-28

Those of you who read last week's Observer...Oh, never mind. What were we thinking?

Has anyone else noticed the hypocrisy of having people like Biden, Kennedy, and Metzenbaum in a position to judge the personal integrity of another human being? If a Supreme Court Nominee were to be evaluated by their standards, he would have to plagiarize, murder, and accept bribes. While these might not be the qualifications for the Court, the members of the Judiciary Committee might feel more comfortable with a nominee who wasn't so obviously their moral superior. Perhaps Clarence Thomas should consider switching to the legislative branch of government where the standards are much more lax.

It has come to the attention of the SOURCE that the American civilization is in shambles. Sucks to be us, eh?

Last week, eight biologists entered a completely enclosed environment which they have named Biosphere II. The scientists plan to remain inside for the next two years, completely losing touch with the real world. It's obvious these people didn't go to Tufts, or they'd realize that every year hundreds of people enter such an environment: completely enclosed, completely cut off from reality.

It seems that every day there's a new headache for the folks at Rand-McNally. First the Baltics, then both Armenia and Soviet Georgia declared independence. Now Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia have uncertain futures. As a result, the revised 1992 map will be available in Etch-A-Sketch.

The day after being crowned as Miss America 1992 several weeks ago, Miss Hawaii Carolyn Suzanne Sapp was quoted as saying, "This is just so exciting. Is this what President Bush feels like?" President Bush, a good Episcopalian, has never felt like Suzanne Sapp, but he was quoted as saying, "I wish she knew what I felt like." But wudn be prudent, at this juncture, not gunna doit, na gon do her."

TUTV news: Where you've heard everything at least once before.

The exact definition of "New World Order" is becoming increasingly clear, especially in regard to the prominence of American citizens. When Saddam Hussein held American "guests" they were put up in the finest hotels in Baghdad. When he entertained guests from the United Nations, they spent their vacation camping out in a parking lot. It seems like Saddam finally got the message: America's in charge.

Month (cont.)

Last week saw the dissolution of Komsomol (the communist youth league). Apparently there's no time in a Russian child's schedule for freedom and goose-stepping past Lenin's tomb. It must be all those crash courses in free market economics.

Only a few months behind the rest of the world, Romanian coal miners have finally begun to call for the end of communism. In a way it is probably understandable. After all, they probably have not been allowed out of the mines since 1946.

Recent police reports indicate that there is a significant reduction in the number of freshman who have needed to be hauled to the hospital for alcohol poisoning. Administrators in the know have cited the moral nature of the new freshman class as the probable cause, but we think it more likely that it stems from an orientation instilled fear of being accused of date rape if caught on Professor's Row.

Has anyone else noticed the decline in cannon paintings since the Psi U car painting incident went public?

Originally the staff of the SOURCE was a little bit dubious about the TCU Senate running away on an all-expenses-paid junket. However, after experiencing the tranquility of the campus while they were away we are quickly re-evaluating our opinion. Perhaps in the future, it might be nice to have them go away more often, and for much, much longer.

Adam Tratt has been chronically complaining about harsh treatment from the SOURCE. Admittedly, we were a little extreme. But hey, who ya gonna call?



Innocuosly Offensive Statements

Statement	Group it offends	Classification of offense
Gentleman, start your engines.	Native Americans	Racism
Our sex life is dead.	Necrophiliacs	Mortophobia
My sex life is dead.	Masturbatory necrophiliacs	Automortophobia
I've been workin' like a dog.	Canine Americans	Animalism
What's new?	Chronologically challeged	Temporalism/Ageism
O, say can you see?	The blind	Sightism
Be there or be square.	The rectangular	Geometrism
Let's do lunch.	Vegisexuals	Animal supremicisim
To be, or not to be?	WASPs	Entophobia
No way, Jose.	People named Jose	Appelism
Break a leg.	The orthopedically challenged	Orthopedism
A penny saved is a penny earned.	Quarters	Currencism
Please pass the salt.	Pepper	Mysorelishism
Have a nice day.	The chronically depressed	Happyism
Do you have the time?	The terminally ill	Temporalism
What's up?	Dwarves and the impotent	Heightism/Flaccidophobia
I'm different, you're different, we're all ok.	Identical twins	Mysogeminism
You're so mean.	Armenians	Armenophobia
It's in the bag.	Bag ladies	Homism
You're skirting the issue.	Scotsmen	Nessiphobia
I wouldn't touch that with a ten foot pole.	Tall Polish people	Reverse Heightism

Assaulted by Liberals

by Jonathan A. Kaye

It happened on one of those humid summer nights, right before school started, at an off campus party. The Medford apartment house was crammed full of people, and it was beginning to make me *nauseous*. I noticed there was a door that led to an outside terrace that perhaps would provide some relief. The heat and the possibility of someone dropping beer on my new back-to-school sneakers pushed me towards the porch. I stepped through the door and onto the porch. The die was cast.

A small circle of acquaintances was pleasantly chatting and enjoying the lovely Eastward breeze from Somerville. I joined them and initiated the usual back-to-school conversation. One person asked me if I was

She then made reference to an article printed last year which warned against assuming one accused of date rape guilty before trial. The article pointed out that there are often two sides to the story, making the question of guilt sometimes "fuzzy," and automatically assuming the accused guilty is an injustice.

Snatching the bait, I asked the young woman what was wrong with the article. Is it not conceivable for a man to be harmed by society's assumption of guilt before the facts are sorted out? Was there not such a thing as a wrongful accusation? The jaw of the woman dropped in amazement at what I said.

"How dare you! Don't you realize by pointing out the exceptions of date rape, you are demeaning date rape and saying it doesn't exist?"

I did not know quite what to say. It certainly was not what I had meant. The circle turned to me curiously to see if I was stupid enough to mire myself in a conversation with this woman. I was. "Of course you should point out the exceptions, if they exist," I said, "and the journal has perfect grounds to remind the Tufts community not to

assume the guilt of the accused before --"

"Listen you ASSHOLE," My oration was interrupted by another woman standing next to me, presumably a friend of the one I was speaking to. Her forefinger was jabbing me in the chest as she spoke. "You obviously don't seem to think

that date rape or physical assault exists. Well, it DOES!"

"I didn't say that they didn't exist."

Before I could blink, they were all yelling at me and calling me a rapist pig. The one who had been jabbing me in the chest was now inflicting a series of rabbit punches to my right arm.

Again the jabbing finger in my chest.

"Yeah? Yeah? Well that's what it sounded like to me!" It was at that time I noticed the bright yellow pin on my assailant's chest: "Don't feed or talk to straight people".

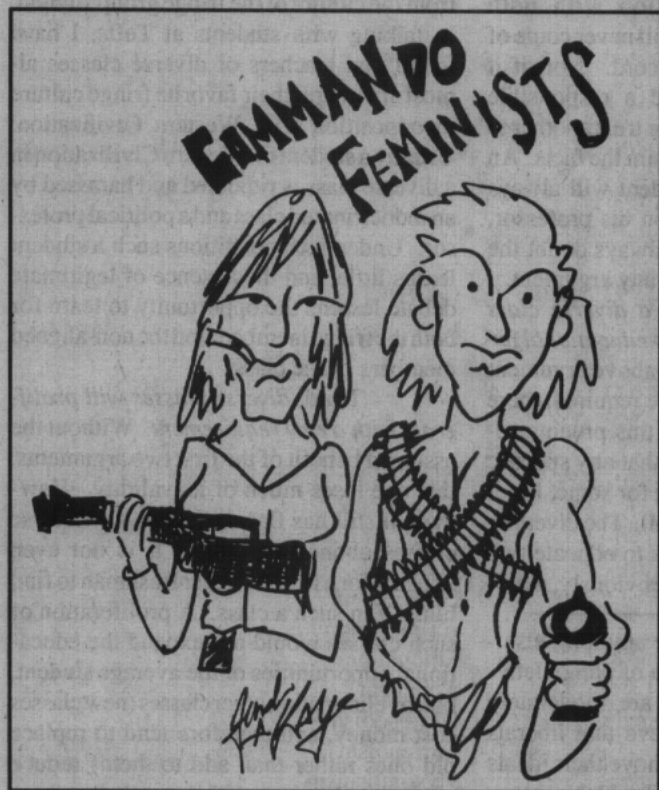
"Could you please stop jabbing me? I'd call that physical assault." I said this perhaps to sternly, for she seemed taken aback for a moment. I turned back to the woman I had begun the conversation with. She was gone. In a moment, I would discover she would return with three of her friends, who would surround me. Before I could blink, they were all yelling at me and calling me a rapist pig. The one who had been jabbing me in the chest was now inflicting a series of rabbit punches to my right arm, which caused me to spill my drink all over myself, and my new sneakers.

"Get the hell off me!" I yelled. Complete silence for a moment. Then they became worse.

"Are you threatening us? Are you threatening us?" The three politically correct thugs who had been fetched from the party were all jabbing me in the chest now. I was completely surrounded. It reminded me of a prison tactic called "crowding." At any rate, when the one to my right began slamming my arm again, it occurred to me that these people might throw me over the porch railing. I hurled myself through the circle and ran back into the party.

Would it be an exaggeration to call this episode physical assault? On my part, I mean. After all, I did break through their

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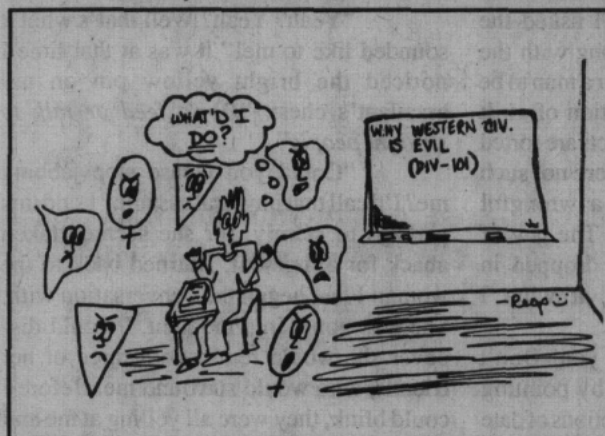
planning to cartoon again this year for THE PRIMARY SOURCE.

Without thinking, I said yes. Fool that I am, I could not detect the hostility covered by an oh-so-thin layer of interest in my life. Have I not been verbally accosted before for my association with this journal?

Fringe Group Folly

Chuck Marks

Welcome to the TCU Senate's latest folly: the "American Sensitivity Requirement," or for the uninitiated, a diversity course requirement. The plan is to extend the orientation foolishness to an entire semester of sensitivity training. All students would be required to take one "diverse" class about American fringe groups in order to be graduated. But, always trying to be nice, the TCU Senate has decided to allow the same course to count for other things (like distribution requirements) so it is "not really an extra course."



The arguments for such a course are scattered and disordered, but a few rise to the top as nearly coherent. One is that the University has a duty to educate its students. Another is that such a course would be "very educational." A third is that by requiring sensitivity classes, they would proliferate, just as math classes did with the imposition

of a math requirement. Each of these arguments, even in its most reformed statement, is easily relegated to the realm of nonsense.

First, it is the University's duty to educate its students. This is nothing but fiction. The University has two obligations to its students (aside from necessary concessions to ensure a steady influx of new tuition checks). The first obligation is to provide an opportunity for students to learn. No one can educate a student but the student himself. The University can not stick a funnel in an ear and pour in an education. The student must reach for an education with both hands; it will never come of its own accord. Nor, if it did, would a responsible scholar ever trust another to hand feed him the facts. An honest student will always check up on his professor, and must always doubt the validity of any argument.

Second, a diverse class will be very educational for everyone. Aside from the above argument that an education cannot be required, there are additional flaws with this pronouncement. It is quite possible that any specific course will be educational for some, but it cannot be educational for all. The diversity course almost always fails to educate two different student groups. Obviously, mem-

bers of the fringe group in question will learn little. The whole assumption behind a diverse course is that this fringe group has a unified culture, separate from the main-

There are no legitimate arguments in favor of a diversity requirement.

stream, which can be independently studied. If the group has a distinct culture, obviously its members must know about it. For entirely different reasons, a second group, students who have educated themselves in Western civilization, usually fail to learn from these classes. As a distinct culture, Western Civilization is different from the culture of the fringe group studied. In talking with students at Tufts, I have found that teachers of diverse classes almost always pit their favorite fringe culture in opposition with Western Civilization. Usually a student of Western Civilization in a diverse class is ridiculed and harassed by an indoctrinated class and a political professor. Under such conditions such a student learns little, and the absence of legitimate debate lessens the opportunity to learn for both the fringe members and the non-aligned members of the class.

Third, diverse classes will proliferate with a new requirement. Without the assumed benefit of the first two arguments, this one loses much of its validity. However, it still has flaws of its own. Diverse classes abound at Tufts. It is not even unusual for a first semester freshman to find himself in such a class. A proliferation of such classes would not expand the educational opportunities of the average student, but, by eliminating other classes (new classes cost money, and therefore tend to replace old ones rather than add to them) reduce educational opportunity.

So there are no legitimate arguments in favor of a diversity requirement. But why not just have it just to keep the fringes happy? There are two distinct arguments against such a requirement. One is

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circle to escape. What if I hurt one of them in the process? What if I banged somebody's funny bone? I would not want to be called into Mr. Reitman's office on a complaint of physical harassment.

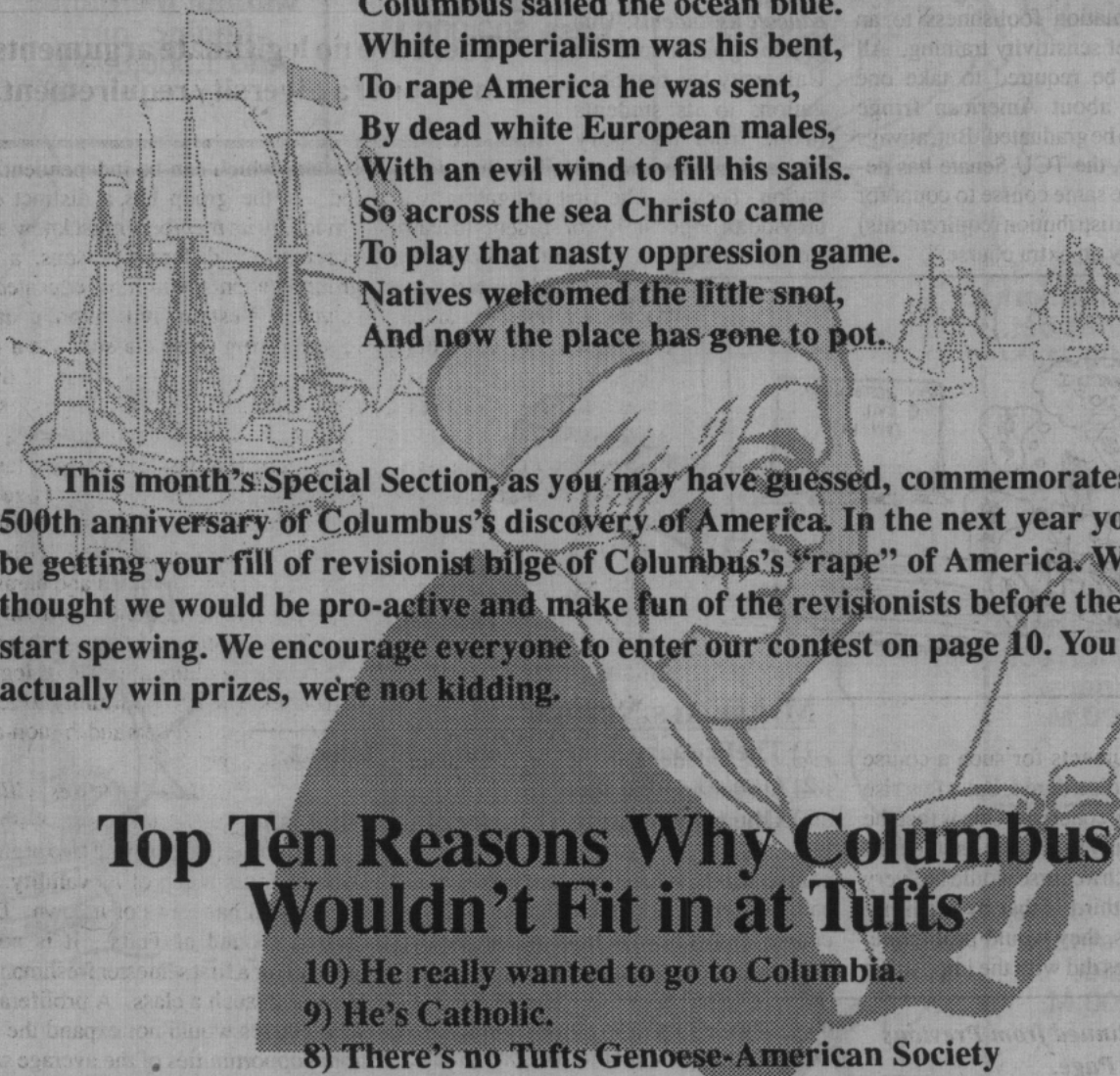
Newcomers to Tufts: beware! You will quickly find that the "oppressed" have no tolerance for alternate views. Nor do they realize the pure hypocrisy of the "PC party-line" position. As for the Dean of Students Office, don't look there for com-

mon sense, objectivity, or anything else - except, perhaps, a plethora of pamphlets.

In truth, if you are moderately conservative, or just believe that liberals should not be allowed to shove their ideals down everyone's throats like 11th century missionaries, you are almost alone here. You have yourself and THE PRIMARY SOURCE. If by some chance, you find yourself cornered, warn the brutes that you carry a small vial of mace and are aiming it at them. Careful out there.

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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SPECIAL SECTION



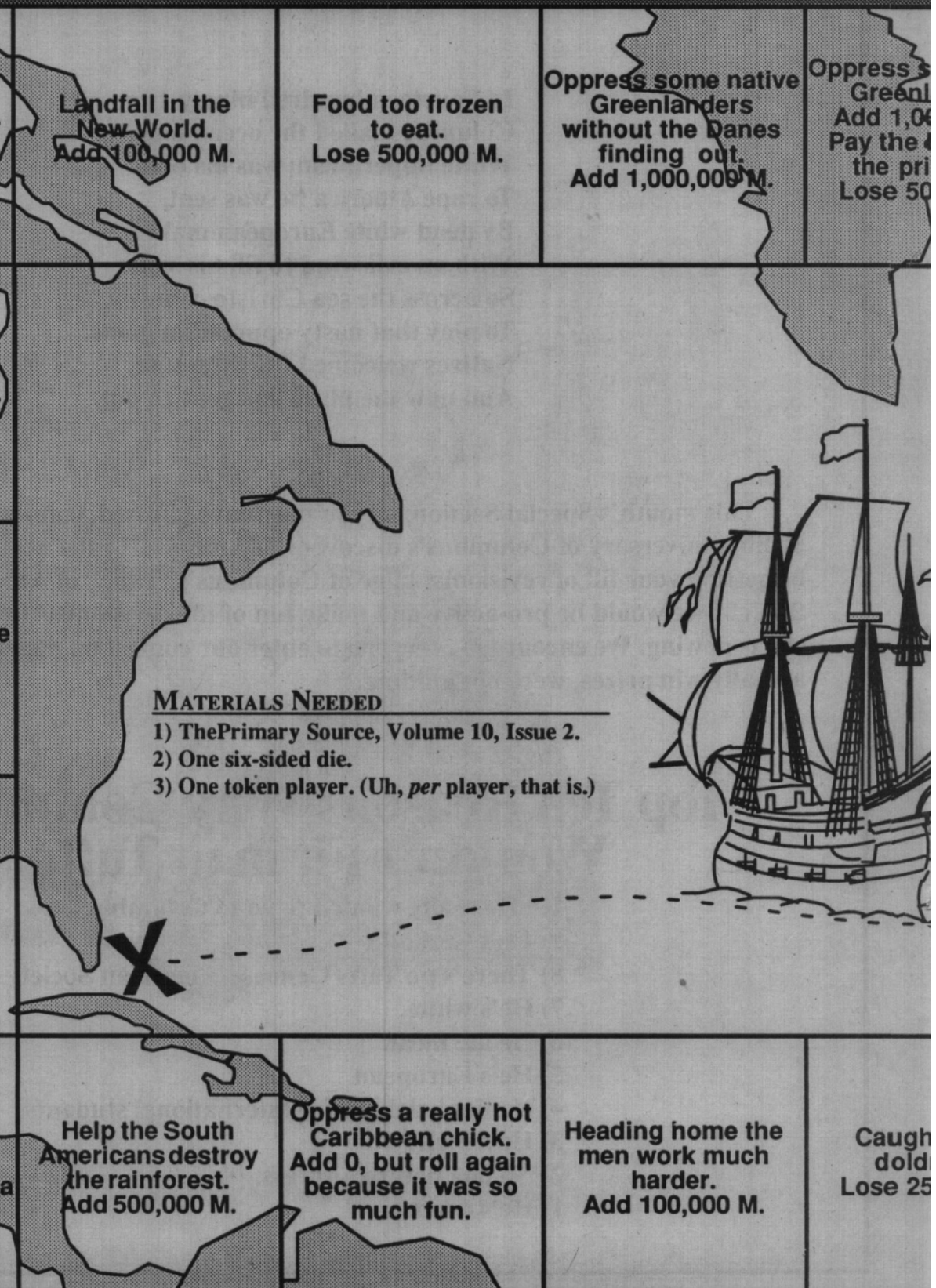
**In Fourteen hundred ninety-two
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
White imperialism was his bent,
To rape America he was sent,
By dead white European males,
With an evil wind to fill his sails.
So across the sea Christo came
To play that nasty oppression game.
Natives welcomed the little snot,
And now the place has gone to pot.**

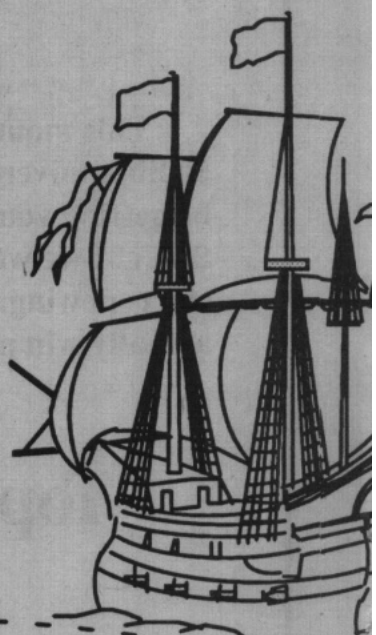
This month's Special Section, as you may have guessed, commemorates the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America. In the next year you will be getting your fill of revisionist bilge of Columbus's "rape" of America. We thought we would be pro-active and make fun of the revisionists before they start spewing. We encourage everyone to enter our contest on page 10. You can actually win prizes, we're not kidding.

Top Ten Reasons Why Columbus Wouldn't Fit in at Tufts

- 10) He really wanted to go to Columbia.**
- 9) He's Catholic.**
- 8) There's no Tufts Genoese-American Society**
- 7) He's white.**
- 6) He ate meat.**
- 5) He's European.**
- 4) No financial aid for international students.**
- 3) He's male.**
- 2) No one new to oppress.**
- 1) He's dead.**

THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS


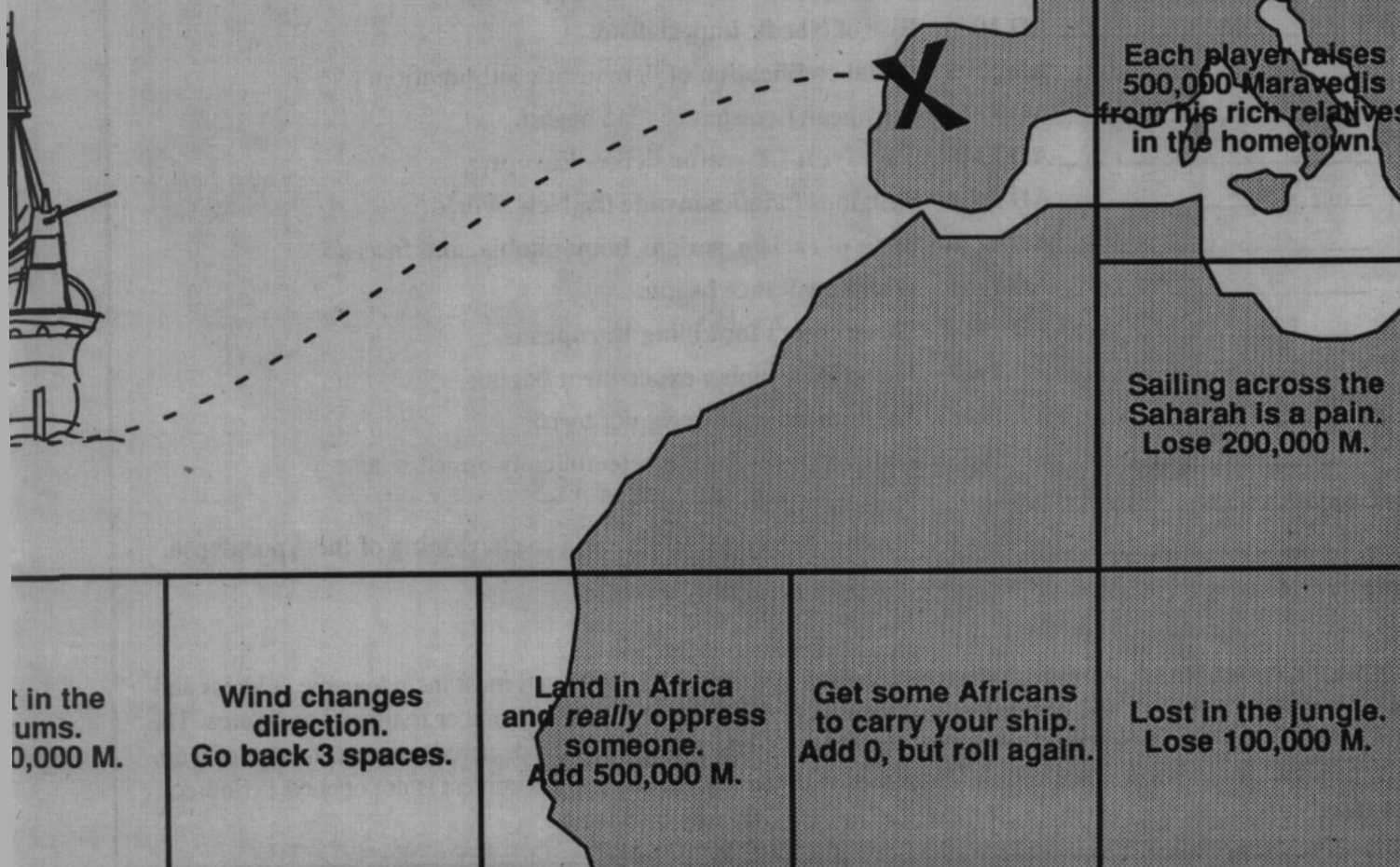
Oppress some Inuit. Add 500,000 M.	Landfall in the New World. Add 100,000 M.	Food too frozen to eat. Lose 500,000 M.	Oppress some native Greenlanders without the Danes finding out. Add 1,000,000 M.	Oppress some Greenlanders. Add 1,000,000 M. Pay the price for the prize. Lose 500,000 M.
Pass Henry Hudson adrift in his lifeboat. Add 100,000 M.				
Arrive in middle America and get some tips from those politically incorrect Midwesterners. Add 200,000 M.				
Meet up with some Aztecs and steal a lot of gold. Add 500,000 M.				
Help fund the Contras. Lose 250,000 M. Roll again for being a good imperialist.	Help the South Americans destroy the rainforest. Add 500,000 M.	Oppress a really hot Caribbean chick. Add 0, but roll again because it was so much fun.	Heading home the men work much harder. Add 100,000 M.	Caught doing bad. Lose 250,000 M.



MATERIALS NEEDED

- 1) The Primary Source, Volume 10, Issue 2.
- 2) One six-sided die.
- 3) One token player. (Uh, *per* player, that is.)

IS OPPRESSION BOARD GAME

<p>ome native nders. 0,000 M. anes for ledge. 0,000 M.</p>	<p>Get directions to America from great, great, grandson of Eric the Red. Add 500,000 M.</p> 	<p>Oppress some whales. Add 100,000 M.</p>	<p>Four crew members freeze to death. Lose 100,000 M.</p>	<p>Get lost in the Arctic Ocean. Lose 50,000 M</p>
<p>INSTRUCTIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Each player places a token at Genoa, Italy. 2) In turn, each player rolls the die and moves counter clockwise the number of spaces rolled. 3) Following the instructions of the space landed on, each player subtracts or adds Maravedis to his total, which begins at 500,000. 4) Players continue to travel counter clockwise around the board until one player achieves the winning total, surpassing 10 million Maravedis. 				
				
<p>Talk to some Danes and get directions to America. Add 250,000 M.</p>				
<p>Each player raises 500,000 Maravedis from his rich relatives in the hometown.</p>				
<p>Sailing across the Saharah is a pain. Lose 200,000 M.</p>				
<p>t in the ums. 0,000 M.</p>	<p>Wind changes direction. Go back 3 spaces.</p>	<p>Land in Africa and really oppress someone. Add 500,000 M.</p>	<p>Get some Africans to carry your ship. Add 0, but roll again.</p>	<p>Lost in the jungle. Lose 100,000 M.</p>

HEY, LETS DECONSTUCT WORLD HISTORY CONTEST

In the spirit of revisionism and in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the New World, The Primary Source is giving away free Source T-shirts to winners of our "Hey Lets Deconstuct World History" Contest. Just complete this page with the proper historical event for each revisionist truth and send it via campus mail or U.S. mail to:

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Historical Event	Date	Revisionist Truth
_____	753 BC	Birth of Western Imperialism.
_____	586 BC	Colonial Monotheism spreads to Asia.
_____	0	First instance of Divine date rape.
_____	AD 410	German freedom fighters free Europe.
_____	AD 732	Rise of militant Christian oppressor in France.
_____	AD 828	Forging of the Kingdom of Oppressors.
_____	AD 1066	Rise of Nordic imperialism.
_____	AD 1215	Initial codification of democratic subjugation.
_____	AD 1271	European invasion of Asia begun.
_____	AD 1348	The Great Liberator strikes Europe.
_____	AD 1620	Religious fanatics invade the New World.
_____	AD 1776	Birth of racism, sexism, homophobia, and fascism.
_____	AD 1861	White penitance begun.
_____	AD 1914	Three cheers for killing Europeans.
_____	AD 1917	The great Utopian experiment begun.
_____	AD 1945	America begins its reign of terror.
_____	AD 1965	Justice arrives for the economically oppressed.
_____	AD 1969	The Enlightenment.
_____	AD 1981	Advent of the Anti-Christ and the beginning of the Apocalypse.

Official Contest Rules: All entries must be received by October 31, 1991 and must include name, address and phone number. Winners will be notified and their names will appear in the November issue of The Source. The two entries with the highest total scores, as determined by the editors, will be declared winners. In case of a tie, winners will be drawn at random from the entries with the highest score. This contest is not opened to Source staffers.

Siren Song

by Barbara E. Walton

Debates have been sparked across the country -- on campuses and in the media -- about the doctrine of Political Correctness. P.C. is infecting schools from sea to shining sea. These debates usually center on the relative merits of the doctrine, its shortcomings, and its implementation. Few if any have addressed the issue that any thinking individual wonders about: *why* would such a dictatorial, dogmatic philosophy appeal to the young people who are considered America's best and brightest? What about it is attractive?

Questions of Responsibility.

One of the predominant features of the PC movement is the idea that a conspiracy exists in the present power structure -- which consists mainly of Government and Industry -- for the purpose of keeping down the oppressed majority of the country. There is a certain comfort in the idea of

forting feeling that there is, after all, *someone* ultimately in charge, however miserable that someone may be. Before dismissing the conspiracy theory as ridiculous, let's

in causing. Such delusions are common symptoms of psychotic depression, but in the case of the PC, it seems to be cultural depression rather than individual.

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discuss it. Industry, often considered the center of the conspiracy, is really a group of competitive companies. Banding together for the purpose of anything is ludicrous. Industry is out to make a profit, and does not have time to conspire against the masses which feed it. Nor does the government have anything to gain by conspiracy. They already take all of our money. It can't be

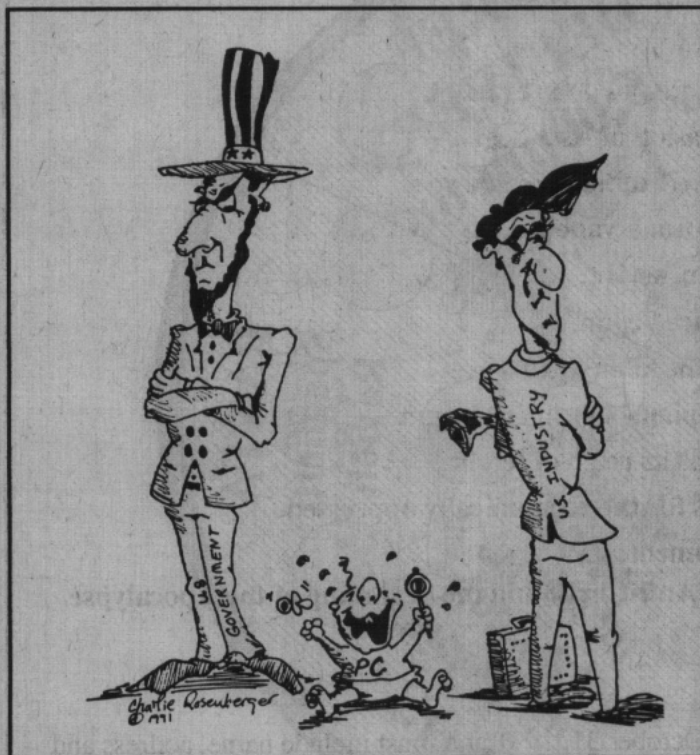
Certainty.

There is no ambiguity in the PC doctrine -- you can tell immediately if an idea is right or wrong. This facet of PC, although antithetical to the nature of higher education, can be very attractive to a young person, as yet unsure of his own beliefs. While moral questions have always been difficult ones, in other ages there have been institutions to deal with them. With the rise of amoral psychology and moral relativism, it is rare to find a philosophy which gives any direct answers to these questions. PC is such a doctrine. It is a religion for the atheist -- a socio-political dogma with its own rituals (the sit-in, the march, etc.), its own beliefs, and its own worshipping community. There is something built into human nature that needs such an institution. Like most young religions, PC is absolutist in nature. Heretics are scourged and labelled "fascists", "racists" or "homophobes". But because PC is founded on the basis of destruction (or, as it is usually put, "deconstruction"), it is unlikely to last long enough to develop a tolerance and a need for rational, intelligent discourse and debate, the mark of a truly mature religion capable of self-sustenance.

Rebellion.

PC is seen as a kind of rebellion against the norms of society, and rebellion is seen as a virtue in adolescence. The romantic *sturm und drang* concept of adolescence popularized by the media (although this concept has *not* been upheld by research), shows a youth in turmoil, finding

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conspiracy -- it allows responsibility to pass from the masses to the so-called conspirators, provides a scapegoat for anger and frustration, and gives the strangely com-

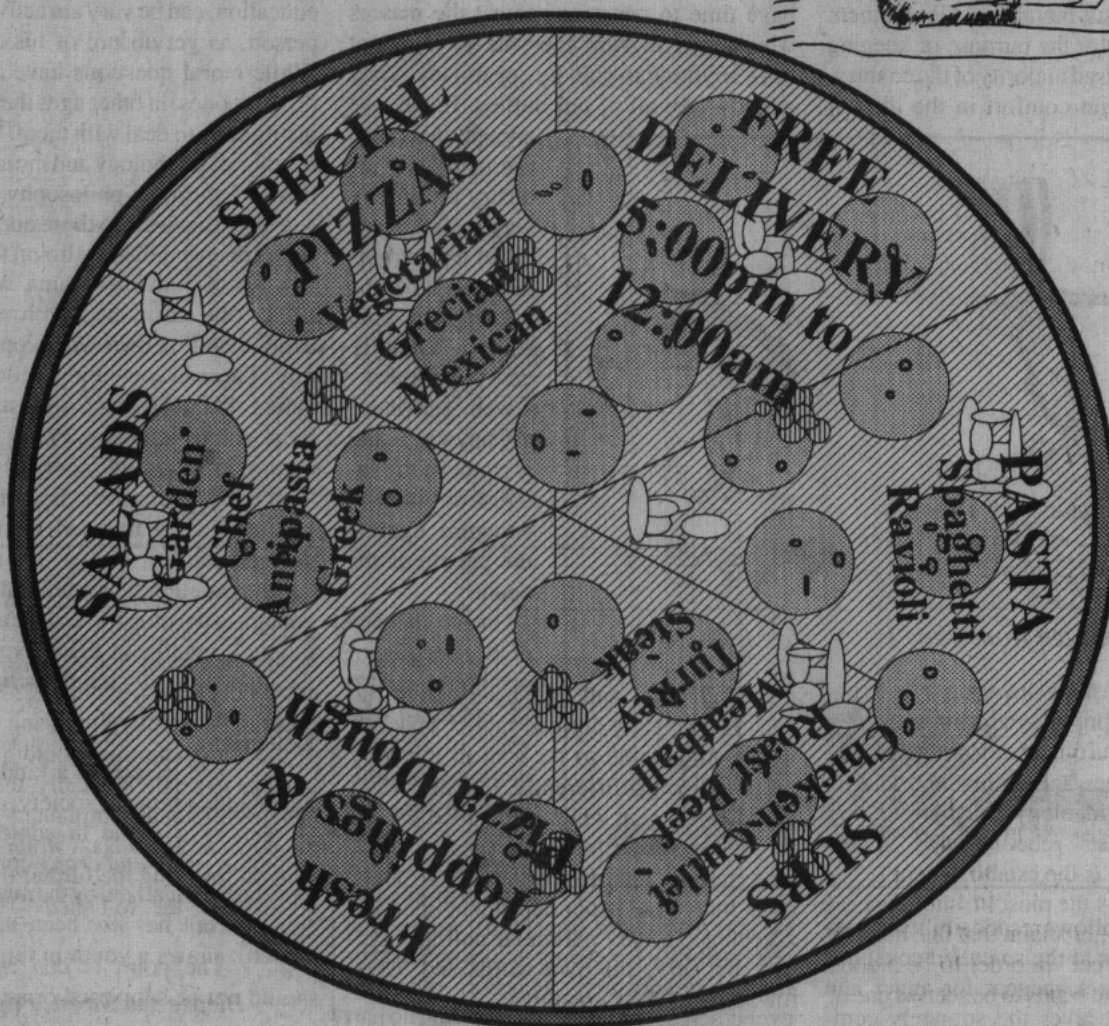
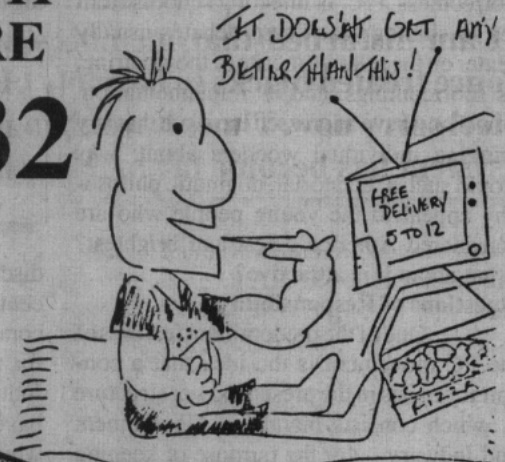
saying, *mea culpa* (my guilt). Some take responsibility for events that happened before their grandparents were born, others for events across the world that they had no part

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Segregation and the Illusion of Diversity

Michael J.W. Stickings

Tufts... the very name of this institution of higher learning evokes a sense of internationalism, a sense of racial and

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sexual harmony, a sense of true and unadulterated diversity. The second essay on last year's application served as a test, a means by which to root out those not quite diverse enough to enter this ideal sanctuary on the hill. Now you're here; you've made it in through the gates; you've been accepted into this great big happy family. You're happy just to be here among all the diversity. But wait a minute... you look around... you see lots of minorities, sure, but something's wrong, something's not quite right. You look a little further...

One of the first noticeable deviations, as they may be termed, from the promised atmosphere of diversity and integration is that certain racial minorities on campus are "privileged" to have a "house" at their disposal. To the mere passer-by, these houses seem innocent enough. Who really cares? They don't cause any harm. However, upon further inspection, these racially-oriented houses represent the antithesis to the Tufts message and policy of equality and understanding.

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his identity by lashing out against the existing system. PC provides a forum to act this adolescent drama out, by rejecting parental or societal values and embracing what is seen as the rebel ideology. But this rebellion is the conformists' rebellion, and, in colleges at least, it is the establishment.

Perhaps the most insidious aspect of PC is the implicit claim that one must be "politically correct" in order to be a good person. Everyone wants to be seen as one of

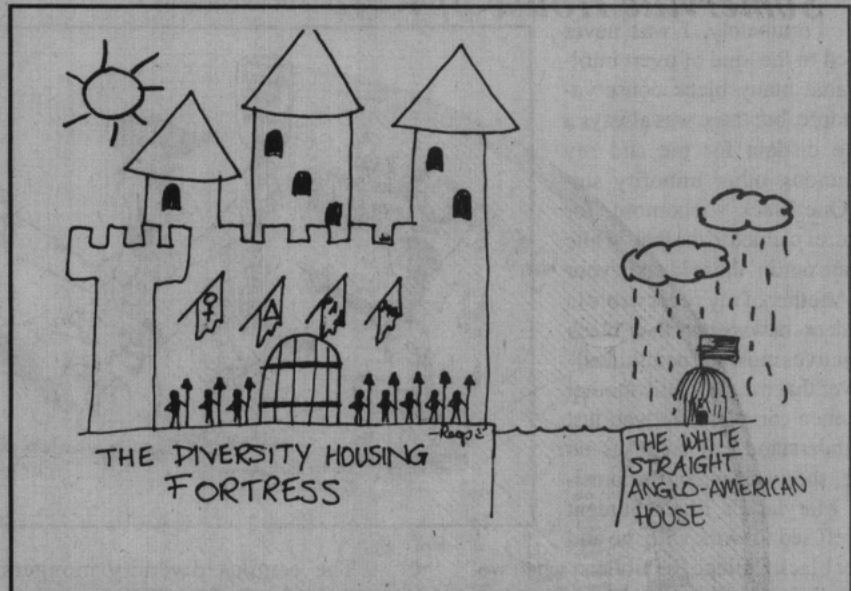
It is generally argued by those who support these houses that blacks, for example, share common experiences and that,

as victims of oppression, should be allowed to gather with support from the university. Excuse me? Common experiences? Are you telling me that

a suburban black from New Jersey shares something unique or special with a black from inner-city Philadelphia? Of course not.

Are you telling me that blacks are victims of societal, political, or economic oppression? Well, maybe they were a few generations ago and maybe some are today, but so were and are some whites. Naturally, I am disturbed that members of my race once treated blacks so horribly, but I cannot feel sorry now. Times have changed and the system has become far more egalitarian. Ever heard of Colin Powell? Bill Cosby? At any rate, anyone qualified enough to study at Tufts, anyone able to pay the tuition, can hardly be the victim of oppression.

For just a minute let's assume racial houses are acceptable. Does that mean



that I can go out and found a White-American house -- no, more specifically, a White Anglo-American house (*sans* white robes and pointy hoods, of course)? I doubt it, for opposing student opinion and the attitudes of the administration would quickly bring my idea to a halt. Basically, the ever-abundant professional complainers would shoot me down as a neo-Nazi white-supremacist bent on fostering the further oppression of non-whites, the so-called "Third World" victims.

The point is that racial houses should not be supported or advocated, pe-

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Real Diversity

David Bernstein

"Diversity" is the new shibboleth of the self-appointed campus race monitors. They demand "diversity" of almost every kind--race, gender, sexual orientation, even physical ability. What these folks won't countenance, however, is diverse *opinions*.

As a black college student at the University of Maryland I learned this truth the hard way. As a black conservative, I was ostracized by the very people who claimed to value difference because I was, well, different. They didn't mind that I was black, of course, but College Park's politically correct student leadership seemed to prefer ideological lockstep within their "diverse" student body.

Fortunately, I was never subjected to the kind of overt intolerance that many black conservatives endure, but there was always a palpable disdain for me and my views among other minority students. One black sophomore, for example, explained to me that "white people are puttin' those ideas in your head." Another of my peers wrote in the student newspaper that black conservatives must be "neutralized" (whatever that means). Still another person once complained, "you just don't understand." It came as no surprise, then and when the president of Maryland's Black Student Union refused to work with me and the other black College Republican when we wanted to bring conservative black speakers to campus.

Like many black college students, I found the student leadership's attempts to insulate me from diverse opinions condescending and antithetical to the idea of a university education. Black collegians should learn to appreciate the rich heritage of intellectual debate and dissent that has defined the black American experience. Men like W.E.B. Dr. Bois, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Malcom X, and Martin Luther King, Jr., did not share a single set of ideas. Each came to this own conclusions through study and honest reflection. If any of us hope to understand the "black thing" referred to by those popular T-shirts, we must try a little study and reflection of our own.

In 1905, W.E. B. Dr. Bois scolded a young black girl when he explained that, "there are, in the U.S. today, tens of thousands of colored girls who would be happy beyond measure to have the chance of educating themselves that you are neglecting." He further warned her that, "ignorance is a cure for nothing... every time a colored person neglects an opportunity, it makes it more difficult for others of the race to get such an opportunity. Do you want to cut off the chances of the boys and girls of tomorrow?"

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The campus diversity mongers should ponder Dr. Bois' words. Each time we refuse to consider diverse opinions, we are "neglecting an opportunity" to learn. Each time a minority student leader demands "solidarity" from his peers he makes it more difficult for others of the race to get such an opportunity. And ignoring or extinguishing "western culture" in the curriculum is truly a cure for nothing.

Perhaps more important, this desire for intellectual unanimity and separation threatens to undermine more than twenty-five years of civil rights gains. Black Americans are closer than ever to being treated by white society simply as individuals, but now many minorities themselves assert that race is the defining characteristic of every person.

How quickly we forget that this was the very attitude that made slavery possible, that has kept apartheid alive in South Africa, and that delivered Jews into the Holocaust. I, for one, would rather the average American *did not* believe that all blacks act a particular way because they are black

Similarly, I would rather not toss aside many of the great works of science, philosophy, and literature just because their authors were white. Black collegians can understand and appreciate James Madison, John Milton, and Charles Darwin--just to mention a few examples--as well as any white student. To suggest otherwise is racism in its pristine form.

My college experience has not left me as discouraged as it might have because I believe there has been a quiet reawakening of independence among most young minorities. During the past year I have met several other young college graduates who agree that we need more genuine diversity-diversity of thought. Together we have begun a magazine, appropriately entitled *Diversity*, which will explore issues of race and culture free from pressures to conform to the new, self-imposed stereotype. I hope this modest effort will spark other young minorities to break free from the orthodoxy as well.

David Bernstein is the editor of Diversity magazine.

Subscriptions to *Diversity* are available free of charge to all college students, professors, and administrators by calling 1-800-225-2862.

SDI- Now More Than Ever

C.R. Weinkopf

Since SDI's conception, shortsighted American liberals have vehemently opposed it using facts but little logic. During the cold war liberals opposed SDI asserting that it undesirably escalated the arms race. The liberals were factually correct: SDI did escalate the arms race. Logically however, liberals were tragically

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wrong; the escalation desirably intensified Soviet economic demise, advancing Soviet reform. As Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze disclosed, "If we continue to go the way we have gone before-- that is to spend one fourth of our budget on military expenditures... we will ruin the country."

The cold war Liberal policy against SDI was obviously flawed. Mikhail Gorbachev despised SDI's acceleration of the arms race which by 1985 he knew the USSR could not win. Soviet technology appeared inferior in the defeat of Soviet aircraft by their American counterparts in the conflict between Syria and Israel in 1982. In Afghanistan Soviet technology again proved inadequate, when Soviet aircraft were lost at the rate of one per day to American stinger missiles. Gorbachev must have been painfully aware of the inferiority of Soviet military hardware later proven decisively in Iraq.

Gorbachev made his fear of the arms race (including SDI) clear at the 1986 Reykjavik Summit. In an attempt to halt the arms race, and minimize the demise of the Soviet economy, he offered to eliminate all strategic nuclear weapons by 1996 if Reagan would agree to abandon SDI. Reagan, however, brilliantly rejected Gorbachev's proposal, perpetuating the arms race and Soviet economic disintegration. Today the Soviet Union no longer exists, and its former republics are all heading towards market economies.

First the liberals opposed SDI for accelerating the arms race. It did, causing

the collapse of the Soviet economy. Today, liberals argue SDI is unnecessary in the absence of a Soviet military threat. Unfortunately, the disintegration of the Soviet empire presents the U.S. with a new nuclear menace. With the collapse, what becomes of The Soviet "Union's" 30,000 nuclear warheads and tactical weapons? What becomes of all the un-

employed Soviet nuclear specialists who know the world's most danger-

ous secrets? Though the Soviet Union is no longer a direct threat, it still maintains an enormous nuclear arsenal. It is unclear exactly who will control this arsenal in the future.

Soviet Republics have been all but destroyed under centralized rule. They lack diplomatic clout, economic infrastructure, even food. These desperate republics will need some means of raising revenues to

abroad. Now Moscow no longer needs nuclear weapons. The nuclear virtuosos of the Soviet Union may now bring their expertise to where there is a demand- Libya and Iraq have already demonstrated interest.

Islamic Soviet republics (some of which house Soviet ICBM's), present another legitimate world fear. After years of Soviet repression they may turn towards fundamentalism and ally themselves with such undesirables as Iran. Clearly the former USSR feared the expansion of fundamentalism into Soviet and it was a key reason for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The thought of Iran gaining even indirect access to nuclear weapons is frightening.

When the Soviet Union was one consolidated power it was a known element. The U.S. may not have approved of Moscow's nuclear intentions, but at least they were known. The collapse of the USSR, however, throws the entire nuclear balance

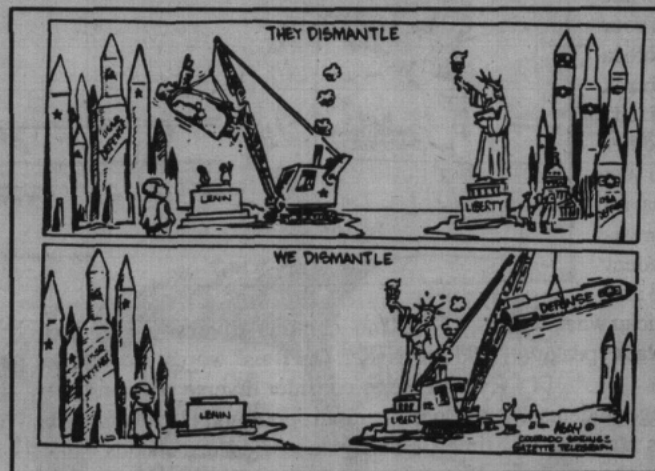
into disarray- the control and weaponry could end up in anyone's hands. Though this does not pose an immediate threat, SDI is not ready for immediate deployment.

The U.S. should make SDI research and eventual deployment an utmost priority, if we wish to insure the security of our own nation and the world.

Let us not be confused

by the liberals' misinterpretation of facts, had SDI been eliminated or greatly reduced years ago (as liberals had wished) the Soviet collapse would have taken longer. Abandoning SDI now could have more frightening consequences.

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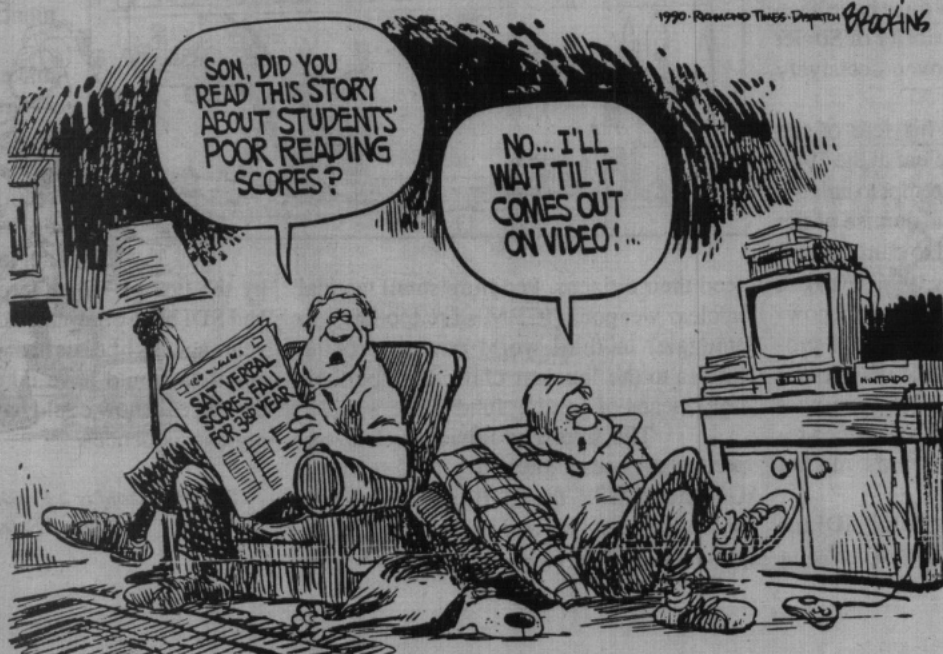
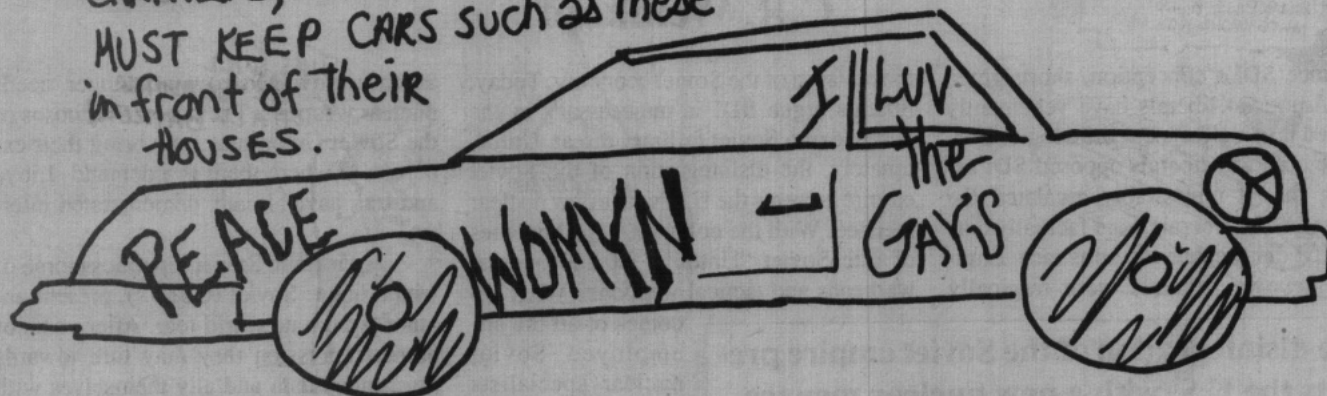


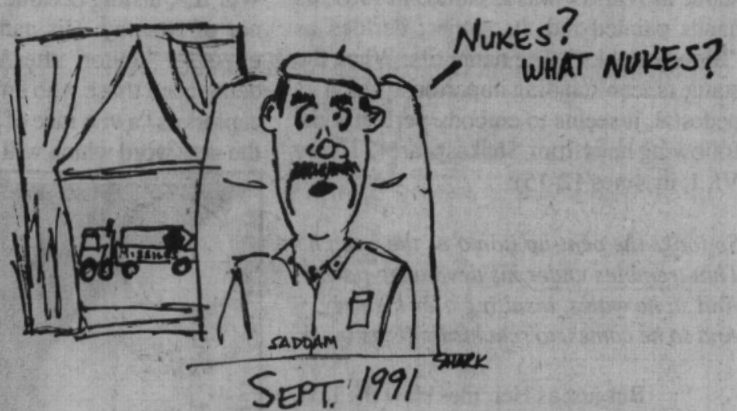
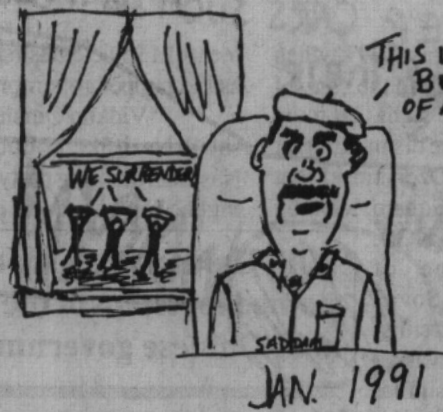
feed their citizens. Peddling small tactical nuclear weapons (ICBM's are too large to smuggle) to third world powers seeking access to the 'nuclear club,' may be their only means of gaining funds.

The future of Soviet nuclear experts also poses a threat to global security. Under the USSR, the KGB kept close watch on Soviet scientists and nuclear physicists, preventing them from sharing technology

Comic Relief

To Keep their
CHARTERS, all fraternities
MUST KEEP CARS such as these
in front of their
HOUSES.





Goodbye, Bloody Feliks

John P. Finneran

In the heady days of August 1991, when crowds in Moscow thwarted the *coup* of the committee of eight, the sight that most stood out in my mind was the dismantling of the giant statue of Feliks Dzershinski that had dominated Lubyanka Square, location of the headquarters of the KGB.

The grim, gray statue of Dzershinski, founder of the Soviet secret police, had stood as a sinister reminder of the all-pervasive presence of the KGB. A similar statue in Warsaw was assaulted in 1989, its hands painted red, its subject derided as "Bloody Feliks". The name fits. When the statue is seen standing imperiously upon its pedestal, it seems to embody perfectly the following lines from, Shakespeare (3 Henry VI, I, iii, lines 12-15):

*So looks the pent-up lion o'er the wretch
That trembles under his devouring paws;
And so he walks, insulting o'er his prey,
And so he comes, to rent his limbs asunder.*

But just as Hercules slew the lion, so, too, did the Russian people tear down the statue of the man who represented absolute state power over the individual.

Dzershinski was a Polish *emigre* who embraced the Bolshevik cause and became the first director of the Soviet secret police the Cheka (the Extraordinary Commission to Combat Counter-Revolution, Sabotage, and Speculation), which, after a number of name changes, became known as the KGB (the Committee on State Security). Dzershinski was both the Soviet Himmler and the Polish Quisling. The early Bolsheviks saw Russia as but the first province in a Communized world. The Communist International (Comintern) was established in Moscow in March 1919 and actively encouraged armed Communist uprisings. In 1920, Russia and Poland fought a war which initially brought great Russian successes. Until a Polish counter-offensive pushed the Russians back to their own frontiers, the Bolsheviks sought the establish-

ment of a Soviet Polish state with Dzershinski as the puppet governor.

Vidkun Quisling was the head of a small Nazi-like political party called the Nasjonal Samling party in Norway. Following the Nazi conquest of Norway in World

Will Universities soon follow the blood-stained footsteps of the pathologically paranoid Chinese government?

War II, Quisling became the puppet governor of Norway. His name became a synonym for "traitor" after Winston Churchill denounced those who embraced their Nazi captors as "a vile race of quislings -- to use the new word which will carry the scorn of

full well that terror is the life-blood of the totalitarian state.

St. Thomas More knew that Utopia does not and cannot exist in the mortal world, but the modern totalitarian lacks this understanding. When such genteel utopian projects as Brook Farm foundered against the rock of experiential failure, the projects themselves were abandoned. But the totalitarian, certain that omnipotent forces (the predetermined his-

torical dialectic for Lenin, the blood destiny of the German *Volk* for Hitler) demand fulfillment, tries to achieve his ends through brute force. The totalitarian loses all sense of proportion. Thus do such ghastly excesses as the Holocaust and the man-made

Ukrainian Famine become morally tenable. If the end is seen as infinitely good, then any means, any amount of force, is necessarily justified. And force, with its power increased tenfold by the fear it engenders, is indeed necessary, for totalitarianism requires complete conformity, making the role of the secret police vital.



mankind down the centuries". He could, by the same logic, have spoken of "a vile race of Dzershinskis".

The Cheka was established on December 20, 1917, just six weeks after the Bolshevik seizure of power, by Vladimir I. Lenin. Like the SS, the Nazi secret police organization directed by Heinrich Himmler, the Cheka was from the start dedicated to controlling society through force and fear. An early act to heighten fear was the murder of the deposed czar, Nicholas, along with his wife and children. For Lenin understood

The removal of the statue of Dzershinski represents the conquest of fear. And the death of terror means the death of totalitarianism. We should, in the near future, expect to see the body of Lenin removed from its mausoleum and buried. And we should likewise expect to see the other vestiges of the totalitarian Communist state dispensed with. The death of Communism does not mean that the Soviet Union's problems are solved. Far from it. But now, at last, real solutions are possible.

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economic. The other is cultural. Each year we pay an exorbitant amount of money to study at Tufts. What do we really pay for? We pay for two things: the opportunity to educate ourselves and a Tufts diploma. It is hard to conceive of a way in which a diversity requirement adds to the value of a Tufts diploma, but it is easy to see how it reduces the opportunity to learn. It is a requirement, and that is a restriction, limiting the opportunity to learn.

The cultural argument is a bit more esoteric. We live in a culture which espouses the values of Western Civilization. However, we belong to a generation that has been disinherited. The education which has been the birthright of our ancestors has been stripped away and nothing has replaced it. It is possible that one can succeed in our culture without an understanding of its origin and history. But if we are educated to disavow this culture, as is the inevitable result of studying a fringe group without a comparable study of the mainstream, we are saddled with a viewpoint that will prove disastrous in the real world. If, as in past generations, we are educated in our own history, (by *we*, I mean our generation of Americans, and by *our* history I mean the history of Western Civilization, which is the culture of every person born in America and every person who chooses that culture through immigration) the study of fringe groups would prove a valuable tool. But without a basis in the knowledge of our own culture it is useless and detrimental.

The American Sensitivity Requirement, thus, would not be a fulfillment of the University's duty, nor would it be educational, nor would it expand our educational opportunities. On the contrary, it would both reduce our opportunity to learn and limit our ability to live in our own society. The imposition of a diversity requirement would be a detriment to Tufts students, and through the further warping of our generation, a detriment to Western Civilization.

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riod. They are highly regressive, separatist, and contrary to a trend which must be continued if this university and the entire country hope to finally eradicate the horrors and injustices of racism. Full integration, unblemished by something as utterly superficial as the color of one's skin is essential.

As of now, it is doubtful that Tufts will alter its policies to achieve a more egalitarian atmosphere on campus. Special orientations for minorities continue, establishing racial segregation even before the rest of us arrive on campus. The Richardson House still offers single-sex housing for women. (But why no all-male dorm? I suppose because we've never been "oppressed.") The university offers a women's and other minority study programs. (But why no men's study program? I suppose because we were, and are, terrible "oppressors.") The TCU Senate maintains a number of ethnic and cultural representatives, adding to the racial divisiveness and inequality on campus.

Even now, Tufts has plans to build an international studies complex to further segregate that community from the mainstream student body, and this in addition to the current International House which already provides separate living quarters.

So, you've looked a little further. Does everything still measure up to the ideals of a Tufts education? Does everything seem fair to you? If it does, then give yourself a pat on the back. You've been successfully convinced that reverse discrimination is acceptable; you've become, in the administration's view, the ideal student, unquestioning and content in your place. But just one thing... you might want to take a white male sympathy course somewhere else and find out just what you're missing at Tufts. There might still be hope for you.

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Parents, Welcome to Tufts

As you return to campus six weeks after leaving your children in the hands of this great University, you may notice some subtle changes in their appearance. For example, dread locks, pink triangle buttons, or nose earrings. If you ask what caused this change you might be told how oppressive you are or you might find out how enlightened they've become.

The truth is that they've begun the long and painful process of being diversified. They've either learned how guilty they should feel or they've learned how oppressed they've been. They won't tell you about how Tufts tries to instill a liberal mentality in everyone but they will exhibit some of the early symptoms. If you really care about your child and the values you've given him, if you want to know the details and hear the trumpets of deconstructionism as they bring down the walls of morality and decency, don't rely on your child to tell you, don't rely on the pretty bulletins and sweet letters Tufts sends home, rely on the only legitimate source, THE PRIMARY SOURCE.

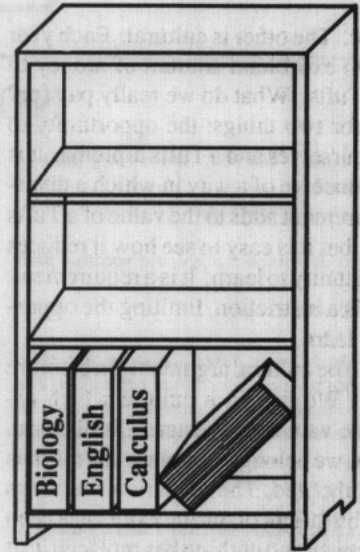
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When people think of the TCU Senate, they think of Alexa Leon-Prado.

-- Alexa Leon-Prado

Unemployment insurance is a prepaid vacation plan for freeloaders.

-- Ronald Reagan

No better weapon against poverty, disease, illiteracy, and tyranny has yet been found than capitalism. The technique, human skills, and changes of cultural habit necessary to expand the productive capacity of the earth has been pioneered by democratic capitalism.

-- Michael Novak

I didn't go into psychiatry because I had problems, I went into psychiatry because my mother had problems.

-- An anonymous psychiatrist

The most conservative persons I ever met were college undergraduates.

-- Woodrow Wilson

Blindfold me, spin me like a top, and I will walk up to the single liberal in the room without zig or zag and find him even if he is hiding behind the flowerpot.

-- William F. Buckley, Jr.

Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice; moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.

-- Barry Goldwater

With the reorganization of the honor societies being held off until the end of November, it will be hardly practicable to commence hazing then ... Nevertheless, there definitely will be hazing next fall.

-- Richard A. Kelley, assistant to the vice president, Tufts College, 1946

But on this pilgrimage, what I have seen and experienced has forced me to re-arrange much of my thought patterns previously held and to toss aside some of my previous conclusions. ... During the past 11 days here in the Muslim world, I have eaten from the same plate, drunk from the same glass, and slept in the same bed (or on the same rug) -- while praying to the same God -- with fellow Muslims whose eyes are the bluest of blue, whose hair was the blondest of blond, and whose skin was the whitest of white. And in the words and in the actions and in the deeds of the white Muslims, I felt the same sincerity that I had felt among the black African Muslims of Nigeria, Sudan, and Ghana.

-- Malcolm X

Smart is knowing to believe only half of what you hear; intelligent is knowing which half.

-- Anonymous

Sickness and healing are in every heart; death and deliverance are in every hand.

-- Orson Scott Card

This is this world, the kingdom I was looking for.

-- John Holmes

Did an elephant step on your face, or do you go to Jackson?

-- Perry Congdon, 1948

Strange events permit themselves the luxury of occurring.

-- Charlie Chan

If you were happy all the time, you wouldn't be a human being; you'd be a game show host.

-- Winona Ryder

As a man, I have to spend my time, money, or other resources to support causes that champion women's issues.

-- James R. Preston

A civilization cannot feed upon perishable things. Only imperishable things at the center can give it life.

-- Donald Davidson

It is said that the voices that are more loudly heard these days are the neo-Gnostic voices counseling change -- adjusting to and enforcing it, without carefully assessing its repercussions and without, above all, measuring change in terms of moral constants.

-- George A. Panichas

The two people most responsible for racial harmony in this city [New York City] are me and Jackie Mason.

-- Al Sharpton

They can be complicated, stubborn, noisy, and sometimes they refuse to work. But thank God they are exchangeable.

-- Zsa Zsa Gabor, on why men are like cars

There is no Soviet Union. It was an empire based on force, control, and totalitarianism. That empire is dead and being buried.

-- Dmitri Sines

What felled the liberals was not gas lines or inflation or Ronald Reagan. It was the fact that, somewhere between Adlai Stevenson and Ted Kennedy, the mind of the liberal came to despise the average American in the engine-room of democracy. The average American came to be seen, and with deep conviction, as a tasteless, racist, jingoistic, chauvinistic, violent, selfish menace to progress.

-- David A. Mittell, Jr.

Man is like Perseus, he cannot look at the Gorgon of the future except in the mirror of the past.

-- G.K. Chesterton

The only problem with pragmatism is that it doesn't work.

-- George Byrnes

It's interesting to reflect that even the most pro-"choice" liberal doesn't seem to want to have an abortion clinic named after him. (The Kennedy Center for Choice?) Why not? Anyone would feel honored to have a hospital named after him. If abortion is merely another health procedure, why should anyone recoil from having it done in his name? If it's a precious liberty, why not take pride in the institutions where that liberty is exercised?

-- Joseph Sobran

Schizophrenia is like drugs at half price -- you only pay on the way out.

-- a schizophrenic, to a drug addict

Sometimes in my dreams there are women. When such dreams happen, immediately I remember: "I am a monk."

-- The Dalai Lama

The sleep of reason breeds monsters.

-- Goya

Everything possible to be believed is an image of truth.

-- William Blake

Now I say unto you that because all men are not just, it is not expedient that ye should have a king or kings to rule over you.

-- Book of Mormon, Mosiah 29:16

The more mental training man has, the less he will be affected by luck or misfortune.

-- Maimonides

There are lines of power in the world, you know -- invisible, but thrumming with a tremendous, scary load of energy. Every now and then, someone will stumble over on and get fried, or grasp one in the right way and set it to work. But you have to find one.

-- Stephen King

If you see five teenage mutant ninja turtles scaling the wall outside by all means call us [the police]"

-- Tufts' Detective Sgt. Lonero

Woodstock was a nightmare; I was there. Rain, mud, b.o., and acid. You didn't miss anything.

-- Billy Joel