

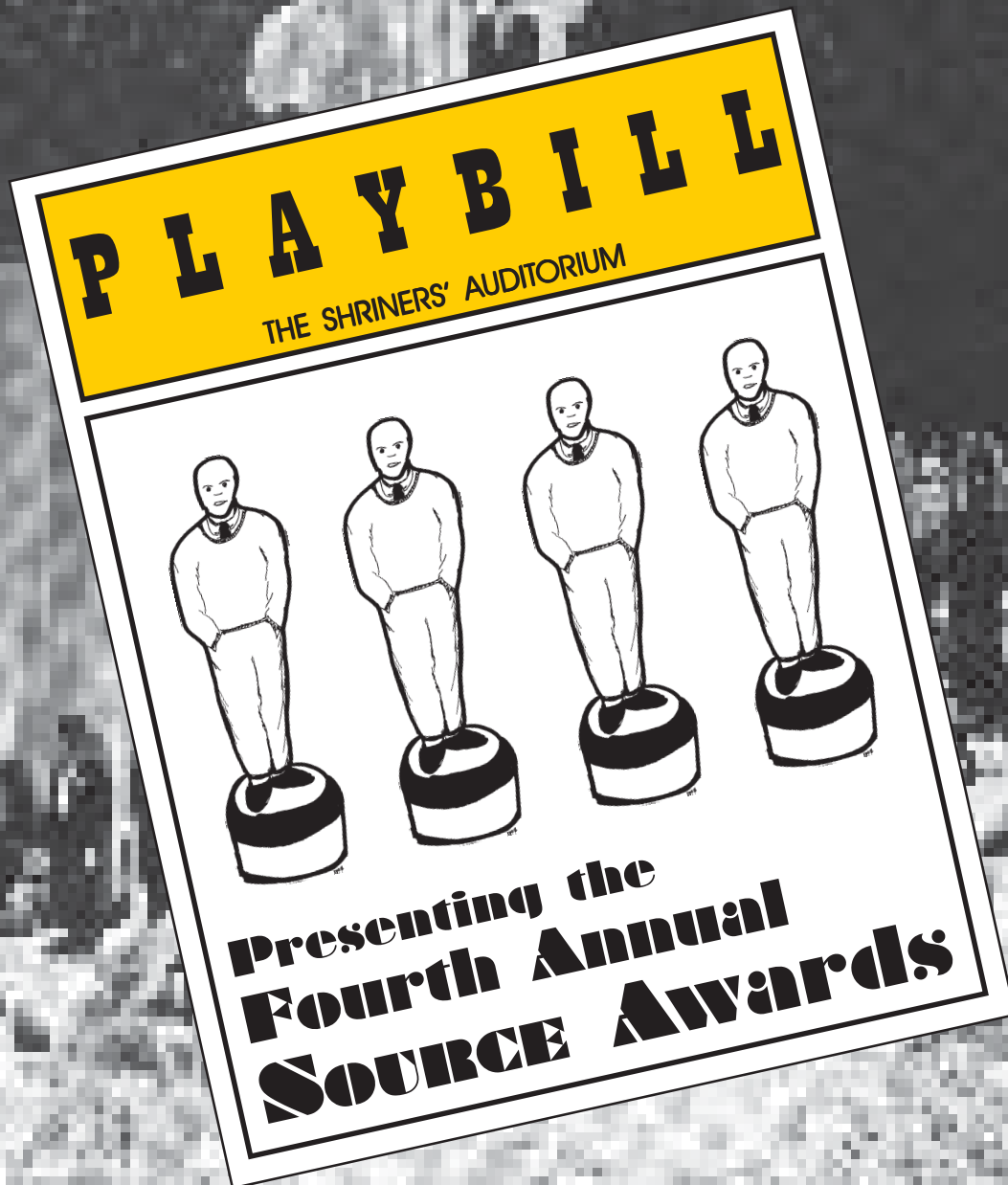
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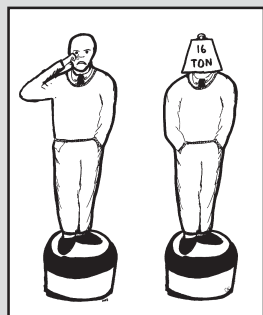
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FROM THE EDITOR

Over the years, *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* has covered a wide variety of issues relevant to the Tufts campus with varying degrees of success. From participation in the successful effort to eliminate speech codes in 1989 to the widely criticized protest editors launched at this year's Matriculation ceremony, *THE SOURCE* has never strayed far from controversy. Naturally, most of the articles published in this journal do not generate as much widespread attention as those events. And at an institution where apathy rules and apparatchiks strive to smooth out whatever waves critics make, keeping tabs on administrators is a necessary part of our commitment to Tufts.

One of the politically correct's most ludicrous proposals broadsided Tufts at a faculty meeting in October 1994, when EEOC Chairman and biology professor Saul Slapikoff proposed radically altering the manner in which introductory level pre-med courses are taught. According to the Committee, Tufts graduates far too few minorities with degrees in hard sciences (i.e. pre-meds). Shortly after a *SOURCE* article exposed Slapikoff's maniacal proposal, it quietly went away. Indeed, since the essay gave the professor's colleagues an opportunity to level harsh criticisms of expanding affirmative action to cover specific majors, it effectively sealed the idea's fate. In fact, so many people categorically dismissed the recommendation that few can even remember it; Dean of Natural and Social Sciences Marilyn Glater—then, as now, responsible for the pre-medical program—professes to be totally unaware of the sweeping proposal. Thankfully, the idea is so dead, it has already been forgotten.

An article which ran earlier this year criticizing racial gerrymandering in Tufts' Viewbook (the catalogue for prospective freshman) was not so well-received. Analysis of the book demonstrated that editors manipulated the racial composition of photographs to make

Tufts seem twice as "diverse" as it really is. Sadly, the faculty decided not to drop their pre-occupation with race. Upon viewing a video which the Development Office will use to help raise funds, many professors cited the film's 'under-representation of minorities' as a serious flaw. Some people never learn.

As for an issue many *SOURCE* writers have addressed, the slumping quality of student services, Tufts has made little progress. An essay exposing the abysmal quality of customer service at Hotung Café received extensive praise—from those not in the employ of Tufts Dining. Of course, the reason for the low quality of food and service at Hotung is TUDS' monopoly of on-campus eateries. Just this week, the public learned that TUDS will finally bow to pressure and allow students to use points off-campus, but, as Mr. Havell's article (page 22) points out, unnecessary restrictions hobble the new service to such a degree that it can hardly be termed an "improvement."

On a similar note, editors attacked the indolence currently enveloping the Hill's mammoth bureaucracy. Worst among the offenders was Political Science, a department arrogant enough to demand that students make appointments to receive graded final exams from the office secretary and inexplicably delay publishing course descriptions for more than a week. Now it seems that Poli Sci's cross-quad colleagues in the History Department have been taking lessons. Although the Registrar has already released course listings for next fall, History will not publish its booklet "for weeks," according to an office staffer.

In a perfect world, individuals and groups responsible for problems would take constructive criticism kindly and adjust their behavior. Tufts' record over the last few years is mixed at best, and basic problems seem the hardest to solve. At least, as the response to Slapikoff's proposal demonstrates, the most foolish ideas—once exposed as such—have a short shelf-life.

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Commentary

Waxing Ridiculous

Tufts recently had the displeasure of experiencing a speech by California Representative Henry Waxman presented as part of the Deans' Lecture Series. With Deans Marilyn Glater and Elizabeth Ammons and Provost Sol Gittleman in attendance, the event became yet another reunion for Tufts' liberal establishment—and yet another mouthpiece for their slanted political agenda.

Rosemary Taylor of the Community Health Program introduced Waxman as “fighting ‘the good fight’ against the tobacco companies.” The hosts should be noted for their candor. There was no attempt to pretend that their intention in inviting Waxman was to present a unique perspective on academic or philosophical issues. Rather, it was clear that the sole purpose was to endorse his partisan politics.

During the hour and a half presentation, Waxman managed to declare that private property is lawfully public space, that an increase in Medicare funding at two times the rate of inflation is actually a cut, and that Medicaid serves not just the poor but also the middle class as a ‘safety net.’ He also paradoxically affirmed his belief that the law should treat tobacco companies just like any other industry while simultaneously asserting that they should be subject to law suits for the harmful, intentional effects of their products, though other industries—such as fast food—should not.

Waxman joins Kwanzaa creator Maulana Karenga, Afrocentrist Molefi Kete Asante, and *Z Magazine* contributor Holly Sklar as another prominent liberal double-speaker brought to campus by supposedly impartial academics. Perhaps next year, this one-sided ideological representation will be balanced by some moderate—maybe even conservative—speakers sponsored by the University. Don't hold your breath.

Denying Americanism

The Supreme Court will soon review the constitutionality of a 1988 Arizona law requiring that government employees conduct official business exclusively in English. Prior to the multilingualist movement, the predominance of English made its designation as the official tongue unnecessary. Today, twenty-three states recognize English as their official language. Preferring to carry out government affairs in Spanish while simultaneously striking a blow against Americanism, Hispanics in Arizona want the law deemed unconstitutional.

Leading the pack of unpatriots, state employee Maria-Kelley Yniguez argues that the Arizona law violates the First Amendment by infringing on free speech. The law, according to Yniguez, unfairly discriminates against all non-English speakers. The Ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals agreed by the narrow margin of 6-5.

The Appeals Court and Yniguez ignore the important distinction between private affairs and government business, however. The Arizona law does not infringe upon Americans' right to speak the language of their choice in their private endeavors, whether business or personal. Although government is not known for its communication skills or efficiency, Arizona should be lauded for its attempt at improvement. It is only logical that official affairs be conducted in the language most of the population speaks, English.

The United States has its own unique culture of which the English language is an integral part, just as France has its own culture to which French is central. A myth multilingualists promote holds that America does not have a culture and is instead dependent on the hundreds of other nations from which its citizens hail for national identity. Therefore, they conclude, English should not be the official tongue.

But if one recalls his American history, the country was founded by English speakers and its political and legal systems are based on British models. Furthermore, as immigrants flocked to

the US, they maintained native tongues at home but quickly learned English so that they could assimilate into American culture and help insure personal success. They respected a reality that was so clear it did not necessitate legislation—English was essential to Americanism and success in the US.

President Clinton tragically supports the efforts of Yniguez and the bilingual bandits claiming that opposition to multilingual culture diverges from American tradition. Seemingly, Clinton mistakes America for a mosaic, not a melting pot. While it is true that the United States is composed of people from all backgrounds, Americans share one identity which over time, has been influenced by various other traditions. A country as large as the US could never have achieved its

current level of global supremacy without a common language to facilitate communication and national unity. In their concern for non-existent First Amendment rights, these multilingualists seek to deviate from Constitutional principles by pleading for special treatment under the law.

Gubernatorial Grandstanding

The death penalty never fails to bring out the worst in publicity-starved politicians. New York Governor George Pataki, for example, owes his political career to shameless exploitation of capital punishment. After rendering incumbent Mario Cuomo's long-time opposition to the death penalty the main issue of his campaign, Pataki continues to use the death penalty as a publicity cow, capitalizing on the misfortunes of others. Employing New York's death penalty bill as a media stunt, he signed the legislation into law with the pen of a slain police officer.



Taylor, Glater, and Ammons listen attentively to Rep. Henry Waxman's speech.

Pataki's latest show is a true tragedy. After the murder of police officer Kevin Gillespie in the Bronx, District Attorney Robert Johnson, an ardent opponent of capital punishment, announced that he would not seek the death of alleged killer Angel Diaz. Though not a single New York City DA has sought the death penalty since its reinstatement, it became evident to Pataki that the Diaz case would be a high-profile trial. The national media circus culminated with Pataki removing Johnson from the case, an extraordinarily unusual exercise of gubernatorial power normally used only in instances of corruption.

Ultimately, Pataki may be disappointed to learn what happens when criminal justice is needlessly politicized. Diaz may be acquitted by a jury that decides his guilt is irrelevant because the magnitude of his crime does not warrant the death penalty. Pataki's active pursuit of Diaz's death could also potentially sway the jury in the other direction if they interpret it as a gubernatorial endorsement of the defendant's guilt. Furthermore, if Diaz is convicted, his lawyer could use Pataki's removal of Johnson as grounds for an appeal.

While prosecutors should not decide which laws to enforce, Pataki's grandstanding is disgraceful. As long as New York papers remain eager to devote cover stories to his antics and voters continue to respond favorably, there is no reason to expect a change in the Governor's political strategy. Hopefully, New Yorkers will realize that Pataki is appealing to their emotions, not their intellect, and react accordingly in the voting booth. Until then, this fiasco serves as another example of why decisions about life and death are made in the courts and not behind the curtain.

Pork Farmers

Although a recent measure by the House and Senate Agriculture Committees meant to dismantle the farm subsidies program appears praise-worthy, it barely makes a dent in the current system. While the farcical "farmers' safety net" (price controls in disguise) that New Deal Democrats so emphatically stress will undergo the first steps of its demise, those getting paid not to produce have little to fear—yet.

Unfortunately, the old system will not be overhauled, just reduced to gradual, flat payments. The government will save money in the long run because of the reform, but sporadic thrift is no substitute for complete, consistent self-control. Surprisingly, Democrats are not the sole culprits of this cowardice. Republicans worried about support from various lobbies and fleeting presidential aspirations are also guilty of promoting waste. Large bundles of tax dollars masquerading as "conservation funds" pervade the new farm bill. Supported by a suddenly environmentally conscious Bob Dole, Florida will receive over \$200 million to "save the Everglades." Further kowtows to green groups and other blatantly strategic packages plague the legislation.

Price supports for certain commodities remain in place as well. Tobacco is the most surprising beneficiary. Considering the exorbitant funds Congress squanders each year on anti-smoking

campaigns, paying to keep tobacco farmers in business illustrates the personal interests at work.

The bill is not nearly as large a step in the right direction as its proponents would have America believe. The central planning that hobbles America's mighty agriculture industry remains firmly entrenched, at taxpayers' and consumers' expense. Presumably, the GOP swept Congress in 1994 to cut government and eliminate waste. It is unfortunate that the new majority is alienating its constituents to fulfill personal ambitions. Hopefully, instead of creating more nonsensical legislation and fostering bureaucracy, the Republicans will allow the laws already in existence to work—those of supply and demand.

Power to the States

The Supreme Court's ruling in *Seminole Tribe v. Florida* represents another move towards greater power and independence for the states. The decision, which dealt with a dispute over an Indian casino, sharply reduces the ability of individuals or groups to bring suits unrelated to civil rights against states in federal courts. While this ruling does not affect the power of the federal government to directly regulate states, it nevertheless scales back Washington's capacity to meddle in state affairs. There is still progress to be made, however.

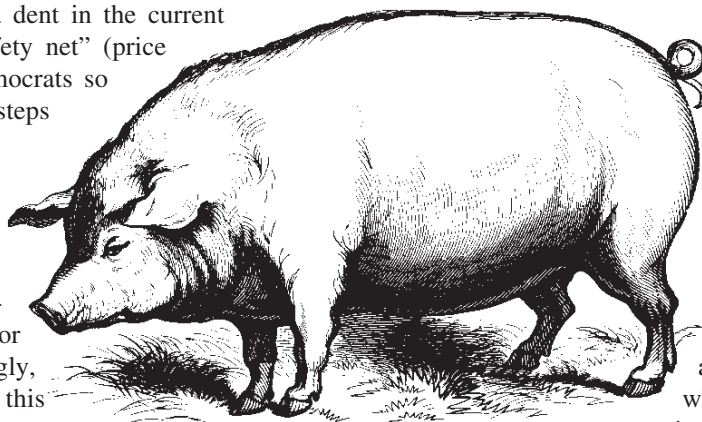
Speaking for the 5-4 majority, Chief Justice Rehnquist called upon the Eleventh Amendment, which prohibits citizens of foreign and other domestic states from suing any of the several states. This decision may overturn rulings relying on a broad interpretation of the Interstate Commerce Clause. That clause, whose goal was to prevent states from enacting tariff barriers against each other, is too often used to justify politically driven schemes including environmental, safety, and firearms regulation.

Sadly, *Seminole Tribe v.*

Florida falls victim to the same virus which plagued the many decisions it might overturn: judicial activism. If the Interstate Commerce Clause was used as an improper rationale to justify federal power-grabbing, the Eleventh Amendment is an improper rationale by which to counter it. The nation really needs a stricter reading of the Tenth Amendment.

The law is clear: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution... are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

The Tenth Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights to prevent the concentration of excessive power in the federal government. Unfortunately, the New Deal made that fear a reality, and it is now incumbent upon the Court to remedy the situation. Judicial activism, however, is improper, whether it supports liberal or conservative causes.



The usual Congressional output.

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Two Arkansas jailers were suspended for failing to notice an inmate's escape during an exercise break. The criminal is now safe and sound in the White House.

PS A University of Michigan study found that the poorer Michigan children are, the fatter they get. They were so poor that for dinner, their mother put her foot on a plate and said "CORN!"

PS Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt opened the valves at the Glen Canyon Dam to flood the Colorado River and benefit the environment. We don't give a damn.

PS A South China bird can speak over sixty phrases in Chinese and English but has yet to utter a single offensive statement. Dean Knable would be proud.

PS A Singapore parachutist crashed through the ceiling of a computer school. That's grounds for caning.

PS A small brewery in New York may soon be authorized to run its own stock exchange. The new and improved format will bypass brokers, exchanges, and intermediaries. Great rates! Less billing!

PS Oliver Stone recently visited a Zapatista rebel camp *incognito*. Rumor has it that he was researching material for a new movie about the peasants' rebellion. The word around Hollywood is that Nixon had something to do with it.

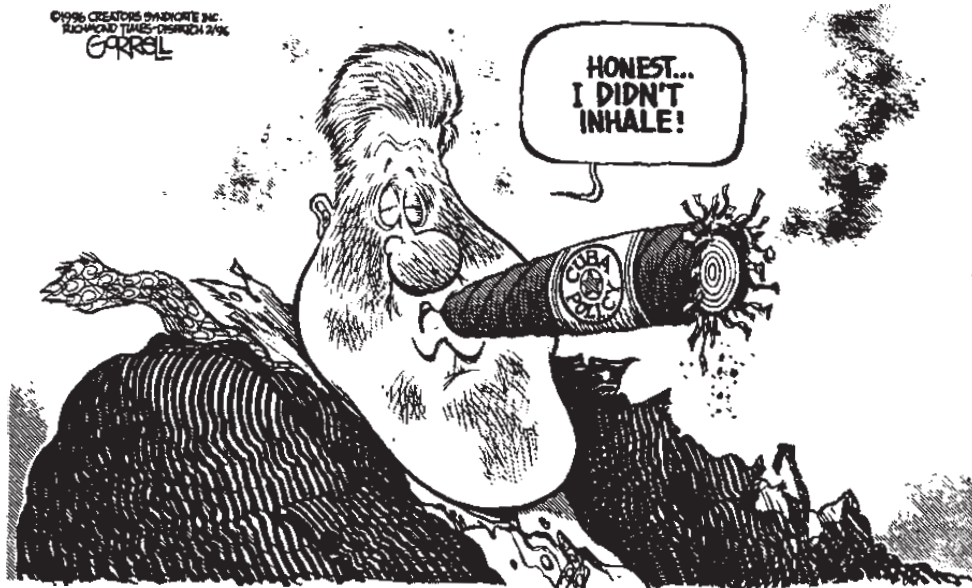
PS Howard Baltazar of Oakland was caught secretly videotaping men showering at a health club. Since there were no other criminal violations, the DA could only indict him on charges of eavesdropping. Now playing at a theater near you alongside "Up Close and Personal," "Down Periscope," and "Mr. Holland's Opus."

PS A Boston research group is developing a new male contraceptive that makes sperm too tired to swim. The Tufts cheerleading squad works just as well.

PS Top Ten Rejected Events for Spring Fling:

10. Cole Slaw Wrestling with the Deans
9. Coed-Naked Vienna Table at the Gittlemans'
8. Lambada with Bruce Reitman
7. Smoking Up with Adam Kraemer
6. The Name Game with I. Melvin Bernstein
5. Watching the Ballou Receptionist Breathe
4. Pedicures for UNICCO
3. Musical Chairs with the TCU Senate
2. Richardson Naked Quad Run
1. Violent Femmes concert

PS Enterprising Italian elders took advantage of a senior citizen discount offered by the Udine supermarket chain to shop for others at a profit. Beats working in MacPhie.



PS After much media bally-hoo, the one black nominee in the Academy Awards failed to take home a prize. That's because the Jews control the film industry.

PS Texas Minister Ted Kipperman is offering drive-through nuptials. Two all beef patties, special sauce, wedding please.

PS In Limey-Land, a man was imprisoned for rape after having sex with his girlfriend—who offered no sexual encouragement other than wearing only a T-shirt while in bed with him. Now he knows all there is to know about the crying game.

PS A New York man returned a wallet he recovered from a mugger with over \$1,000 in it. But, upon receiving a meager \$1 reward from the wallet's owner, the samritan pulled a gun and stole back the wallet. Serves the cheap bastard right.

PS Thanks to genetic engineering, we may soon be able to take vaccines merely by eating bananas. Peggy Barrett launched a protest.

PS Nigerian criminal mastermind Mustafa Dikko tried to steal from British businesses by promising them \$45 million in exchange for access to the details of their bank accounts. Silly Dikko, tricks are for kids.

PS Margaret Ray, the woman repeatedly arrested for stalking David Letterman, was jailed once more for stealing groceries. This time the late-night loon claimed to be a Secret Service agent with the code name "Poobah." Poobah, Oprah. Oprah, Poobah. Poohbah, Oprah....

PS A UC Santa Cruz college newspaper advice columnist told a student to ditch her boyfriend and have a steamy lesbian love affair. We didn't know that "Ask Hillary" went into syndication.

PS A Cambridge man punched his best friend in the face and then bit off his ears. At least the victim won't have to listen to the new Hootie and the Blowfish album.

PS Bomb squads closed roads and ordered evacuations on the Isle of Wight when a package began buzzing. However, it turned out to be a sex toy with a faulty battery. Joycelyn Elders was in town.

PS Auto parts salesman Ifikhar Raja is auctioning off a high demand license plate which reads B15MLA, resembling the Muslim holy word Bismallah. Louis Farrakhan will auction off his plate KILYT.

PS Australian Mary Stewart hospitalized her husband for two days by clobbering him with a saucepan. She wanted him to appreciate the pain she endured while giving birth. He should have shown more respect for the land down under.

PS Last week in Iowa, a man with an artificial leg stole a three-legged dog named Pearl. He's now the Republican frontrunner.

PS Top Ten Tufts Classics:

10. *The Broadyssey*
9. *East of Eaton*
8. *King Queer*
7. *War and Peace and Justice*
6. *1001 Take Back the Nights*
5. *Great Grade Inflation*
4. *Treasure This Island*
3. *Howard's End*, by Liz Ammons
2. *The Hound of the Somervilles*
1. *Much Ballou About Nothing*

PS Also from across the seas: the Queen of England agreed to pay Fergie, Duchess of York, four million pounds to keep her sex activities secret. Prince Phillip will pay her double if she'll confide them to him each night before bed.

PS The FDA approved a nicotine nasal spray to help make smoking history. Too bad no one will do the same to the FDA.

PS The Sex Pistols are offering to perform a benefit concert for Princess Di if she fails to receive her multi-million dollar divorce settlement. Better than the Violent Femmes.

PS The home shopping network will be selling wares from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts' gift shop. And somebody bought a Jackson Jills tape last week.

PS A Montana rancher donated the body of an eight-legged sheep to a local high school. That oughta teach the locals not to inbreed.

PS Four teen-age high school girls from Albuquerque, New Mexico, were arrested after skipping their high school classes to bur-

glarize homes. Brings a whole new meaning to home economics.

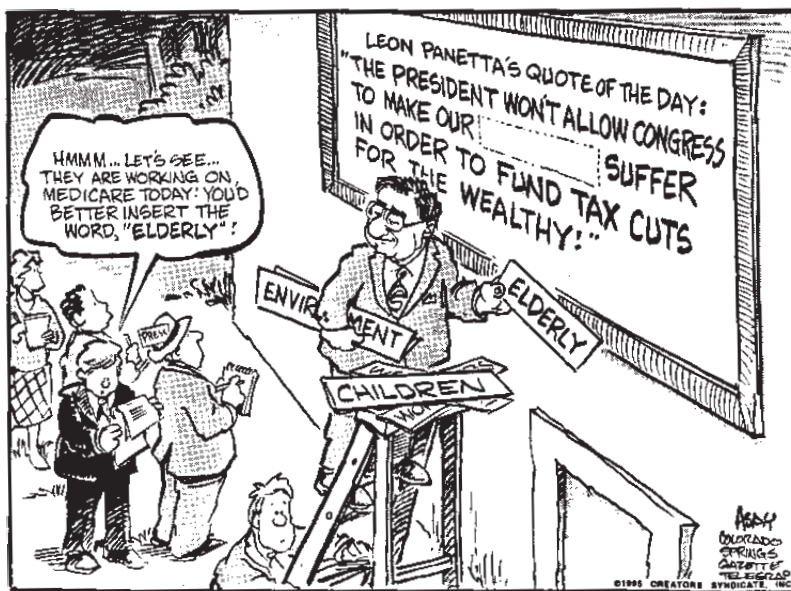
PS Following a massive raid, thirteen people will be arraigned in West Roxbury District Court for supplying prostitution under the guise of escort services. Talk about cheap sex.

PS Keanu Reeves was threatened with being dropped from a sequel to *Speed* if he did not get into better physical condition. Maybe Dave Geffen can whip him into shape.

PS Recent investigations reveal that European Parliament members can claim over \$150,000 each year in office expenses. After taxes, they can even afford bus fare.

PS Two men in Florida robbed a Girl Scout, making away with petty cash and a box of cookies. Good thing they didn't eat any brownies.

PS Maybe next Fortnight.



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Hypocrite-in-Chief

Colin Delaney

The people who run Tufts University are thick as thieves, and a catalogue of their offenses would consume more paper than the Oxford English Dictionary. From the dining halls which display a bounty of tropical fruit and delicacies for prospective freshmen, to a telecommunications office which tells students to show thanks for the expensive monopoly they support, to a molasses-paced Registrar declaring that 'the grades are in the mail,' the powers-that-be at Tufts have serious difficulty with telling a straight story. And the King of the Hill is, of course, John DiBiaggio.

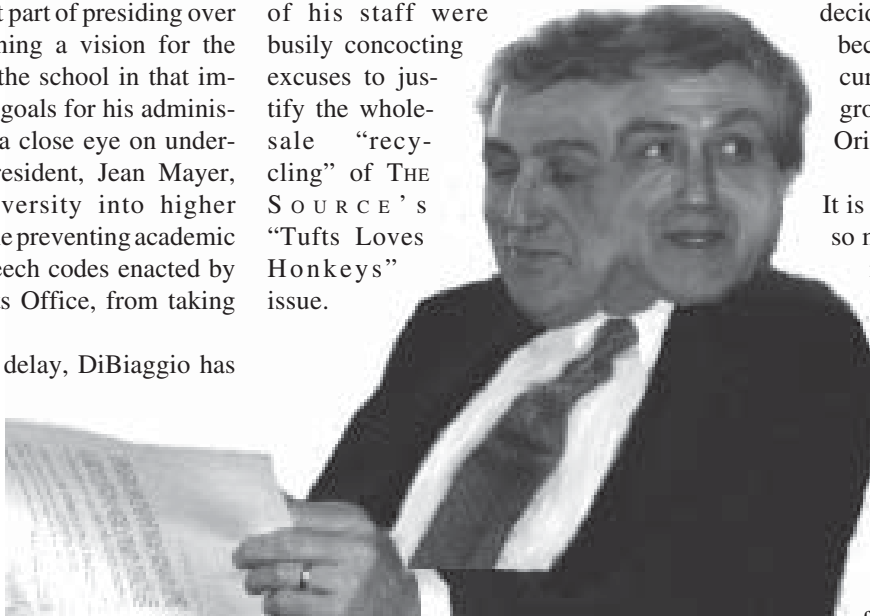
Throughout his four-year reign, the President has carefully constructed a polished public image. Everyone's friend and ally, DiBiaggio tells callers exactly what they want to hear. And, as far as can be told, he has succeeded. By keeping controversies quiet and playing both sides of most every issue, the Bureaucrat-in-Chief has managed to raise quite a bit of money for a host of campus improvements.

But an important part of presiding over a university is defining a vision for the future and molding the school in that image. By setting high goals for his administration and keeping a close eye on underlings, Tufts' last president, Jean Mayer, propelled the University into higher education's elite while preventing academic fads, such as the speech codes enacted by the Dean of Students Office, from taking root.

After too much delay, DiBiaggio has finally begun to define his position on issues as variant as binge-drinking, diversity, and academic integrity. But on the most critical issue, freedom of expression, the President has turned over a new, unsavory, leaf. Rather than simply practicing the usual doublespeak, he added an element of hypocrisy. In an essay published in both *The Boston Globe* and *The Tufts Daily*, DiBiaggio criticized campus speech codes, laying out an excellent argument against the illiberal thought-

policing regulations and touting Tufts' history of opposing them. But people familiar with the President know that consistency is not his strongest suit. In fact, his public statements and editorials directly contradict his actions on campus.

Knowing the indefensibility of opposing the free-expression tenets of the First Amendment, DiBiaggio incessantly reiterates his support for the unregulated exchange of ideas. Accordingly, in a meeting a week before Matriculation 1995, DiBiaggio offered his personal guarantee that no attempt would be made to prevent THE SOURCE from disseminating information. Of course, the actions of his devious deputies on August 30 are well-known. The torrent of criticism Tufts received for that act of censorship did not deter further actions, however. On the very day the President's article appeared in *The Boston Globe*, members of his staff were busily concocting excuses to justify the wholesale "recycling" of THE SOURCE'S "Tufts Loves Honkeys" issue.



Perhaps the most offensive of DiBiaggio's attempts to curb free speech was an incident SOURCE editors decided not to publicize. In December 1994 a small group of staff members embarked on the traditional singing of SOURCE Christmas Carols in front of various on-campus residences. For years, our visits to fraternities,

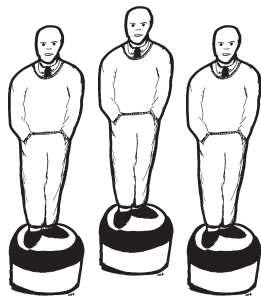
sororities, and special interest houses had been well-received and appreciated, but all that changed. The staff began the evening by singing three songs critical of DiBiaggio's administration in front of his house. We stayed only for a short period of time and moved on without incident. That

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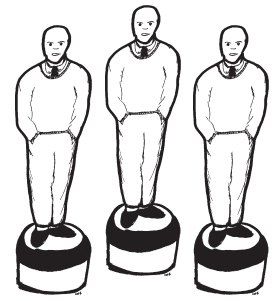
is, until a TUPD cruiser turned onto Packard Avenue, and an officer leapt out, demanding identification and promising disciplinary action. The President later acknowledged that a member of his staff had called the police, and assured editors that the whole incident was an unfortunate mistake. We accepted the explanation and decided not to publish his apology because DiBiaggio promised to secure on-campus housing for media groups during the following year's Orientation week.

We should have known better. It is now clear that the promise, like so many others, constituted nothing more than lip service. When it came time to uphold his end of the bargain, the President reneged, saying that long-time SOURCE opponent and speech-code framer Bobbie Knable managed decisions concerning Orientation. As a result, no student media organizations received on-campus housing for Orientation—the focal point of liberal indoctrination efforts. And so, on a campus lead by a supposed staunch advocate of unfettered discourse, the administration does all within its power to limit the exchange of ideas.

*Please see "DiBiaggio,"
continued on page 20.*



The Nominees for the Fourth Annual SOURCE Awards



One thing Tufts does consistently well is squander our money. In a field of many, these nominees for the **BIGGEST WASTE OF UNIVERSITY FUNDS AWARD** represent truly mind-boggling waste of colossal proportions: **The Human-Animal Mutualism Society**; **Scotty "I'll call it a Chaplain's Table if you call it on the house" McClennan**; the utterly imbecilic **Bridge-Metcalf** program; and **Tufts In Ghana**, where you can spend two weeks earning academic credit while studying with an African Master Drummer.

To select the contestants for everybody's favorite prize, the **PERSON-MOST-IN-NEED-OF-AN-ENEMA AWARD**, The SOURCE strapped on the hip boots but did not wander far from home. First on the bus bound for the proctologist are: our own **Colin Delaney**; **Jesse Jackson**, who grandstanded at the Academy Awards; **Peggy Barrett**, who lead the "feelings" rap session after the Carmichael graffiti incident; and **Senator Andi Friedman**, who rejected intellectual debate in favor of organizing a workshop about race relations.

THE SOURCE now proudly presents the nominees for an award that needs no explanation. Candidates for the **SHUT-UP-AND-GO-AWAY AWARD** are: **Pat Buchanan**; **Hootie and the Blowfish**; the **Unimaginative Protesters who Hijacked a TCU Senate Meeting**; and the **Unidentified Co-ed** who whined to *Daily* readers about being "VIOLATED" at a party while refusing to disclose any details.

The **NOBODY-LOVES-ME AWARD** celebrates those most in need of a hug but least likely to get one. The nominees are: **Carol Wan**, the Chinese Culture Club officer who cried racism when the Senate decided not to buy Kee Kar Lau for the whole Party; **Princess "Do I get the castle?" Diana**; the fraternity that has fallen and can't get up, **Delta Tau Delta**; and Melrose native **Peter "I coulda been a contenda" McNeely**.

Although Dick Arme's **FOOT-IN-THE-MOUTH AWARD**-winning "Barney Fag" performance will be hard to top, **Newt "I had to sit in the back of the plane" Gingrich** made quite a splash; joining him are **Jack Kemp** for endorsing an also-ran; **Linda "The Grades are in the Mail" Gabrielle**; and **Glenn Cook**, who dared cross Tufts' feminists in a letter to *The Daily*.

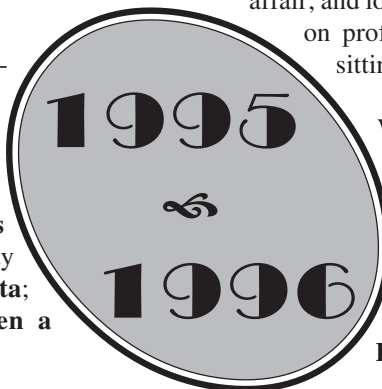
The new **DEAD WEIGHT AWARD** recognizes supreme achievement in the category of accomplishing nothing. Kicking off this year's nominees is the perennially wheel-spinning **TCU Senate**; Tufts' **Concert Board**, for having the imagination to invite the Violent Femmes to perform at Spring Fling—again; slothful **Registrar Linda Gabrielle**; and the **TAB Building**, where room after room of administrators do God knows what.

In a world which rewards feeble-mindedness, good ideas are as rare as good meals in Dewick. It was equally hard to come up with nominees for this year's **BEST NEW IDEA AWARD**. Still, the past year gave us: **The 17% Flat Tax**, **Dean Ammons' Long-overdue (forced?) Resignation**, a **Concert Board** which brought the only Clinton we approve of, George, to Spring Fling; and **Gerry Studs' Coming Retirement**.

With a runaway favorite leading the pack, the contest for the **HYPOCRITE OF THE YEAR AWARD**, looks to be all sewn up. The nominees, which include a submission from *Daily* hack David Meyers, are: Freshman **Senator Mike Parks**, who, after watching his motion for an Engineering Culture Rep go down in flames, proposed the elimination of all Culture Reps; **Johnny "Two Face" DiBiaggio**, who relentlessly professes chocolate but eats vanilla; **Dean Bobbie Knable**, who sang the praises of poster-destroying henchmen but denied responsibility for the affair; and longshot **Registrar Linda Gabrielle**, who leaned on professors to quickly submit grade sheets before sitting on reports for weeks.

With more bad ideas than we can count, the competition to secure a **WORST NEW IDEA AWARD** nomination was fierce. The contenders: **It Takes a Village**; establishing the **Tufts in Ghana** program; the Office of Student Activities' **Poster Policy Enforcer**; and the nonsense about **Awarding Stars to Frequent Diners in Hodgdon Hall**.

At a university full of liars and cheats, it takes real effort to win a nomination as **CROOK OF THE YEAR**. **OJ Simpson**; joins Tufts' greatest ripoff scheme yet (and that says a lot), **Tufts Connect**; **Hillary Clinton**, who "lost" documents; and **UNICCO**, which can read all about it in the 2200 copies of this issue they're sure to "recycle."



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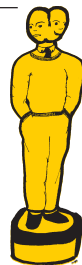
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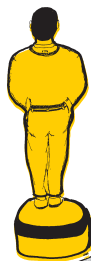
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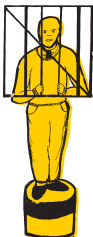
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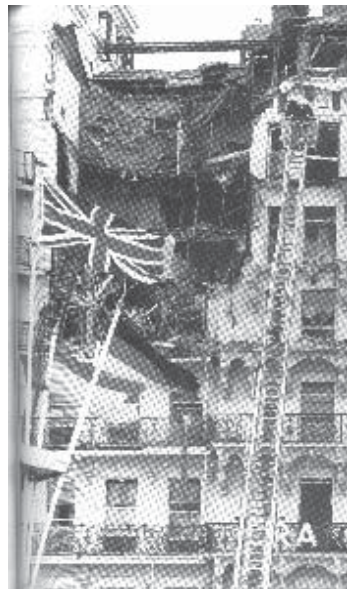
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Abdul-Rauf's Airball

Steve Seltzer

The National Basketball Association lost its signature villain in 1993, the year that Bill Laimbeer left his sport in the hands of kinder, gentler players. No longer would the devious Detroit Piston frustrate the basketball world with his repertoire of flying elbows, nagging complaints, and game-breaking jump shots. With Laimbeer gone, someone else would have to emerge as the NBA's most hated player. But no one was prepared to meet that challenge. At least, not until Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf committed a flagrant foul against America.

Abdul-Rauf, a star shooting guard for the Denver Nuggets, earned the contempt of basketball fans across the country when he broke what was not only an NBA rule, but a time-honored tradition; he refused to stand for the performance of the American National Anthem before each game. The former Chris Jackson declared that such an action violated his Islamic faith. Moreover, Abdul-Rauf could not possibly respect the United States, a nation of tyranny and oppression. As a result, Abdul-Rauf endured several days of an unpaid suspension until he agreed to pray silently during "The Star Spangled Banner."

Although reunited with his team, NBA fans have not welcomed Abdul-Rauf back with open arms. A chorus of catcalls and insults greets the outspoken athlete regularly when he takes the court. Worse yet, several foolish individuals have leveled death threats at Abdul-Rauf. Despite the inadequacy of his views, Denver's sharpshooter has the right to express those ideas without jeopardizing his safety. He cannot, however, breach his contract by claiming victim status. Nor should he distort the concept of religious freedom to advance his extremist political beliefs. Most egregiously, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's vision of America amounts to a false and perverse characterization of the nation that has served him so well.

Stand and Deliver

When the Denver Nuggets signed Abdul-Rauf to a contract, both parties agreed to abide by numerous stipulations. The Nuggets, for instance, must provide a certain level of medical treatment. For his part, Abdul-Rauf agrees to do more than play basketball—he must also follow all NBA and team regulations. By signing on the dotted line, Abdul-Rauf promised to stand for the National Anthem. Upon his breaking that contract, suspension without pay became the only logical and appropriate response.

Contractual agreements reflect the highest virtues of free market interaction. A minimum of two willing entities decide upon a mutually beneficial arrangement through an open exchange of information. No one forced Abdul-Rauf to sign with the Nuggets against his will; he voluntarily committed to an organization and its rules of operation. Even if Abdul-Rauf did not care for all of his contract's provisions, he

The ability to swish a three-point shot, though, does not lend credibility to Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's case. Denver's least favorite Nugget abused his religious freedom in opposing the NBA's practices. He argued that Islamic law proscribes its followers from worshipping any other en-

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tity than Allah. The rule mandating that Abdul-Rauf stand for the US anthem, by that logic, violates his faith. But standing for the National Anthem constitutes only a demonstration of respect and in no way represents idolatry. National pride does not substitute for spiritual reverence; the millions of Jews and Christians who stand for their nation's song and worship only *one* God would no doubt agree. Abdul-Rauf would truly have experienced religious oppression had he lived in Stalin's Soviet Union where the ruling communists killed anyone who worshipped a being higher than the state.

In fact, Hakeem Olajuwon of the Houston Rockets claims that Islam encourages its devotees to show respect for their nation's government. While Olajuwon may not qualify as an expert on Islam, he is a devout Muslim and his remarks pose a serious challenge to Abdul-Rauf's core assertion. If Olajuwon's remarks do indeed hold true, then

Abdul-Rauf has distorted his religion's holdings. Moreover, his decision to pray silently during the Anthem would actually mock the Islamic tradition.

Some observers have ventured to defend Abdul-Rauf with trademark tiresome, relativist rationale. Religion, these



subjugated those concerns with his written acceptance of the entire document. Furthermore, Abdul-Rauf always has the option of seeking work elsewhere should he grow dissatisfied with his employer. The Continental Basketball Association and European professional teams would more than likely have an interest in Abdul-Rauf's considerable talents.

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individuals contend, is a deeply personal phenomenon. Only Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf knows what Islam means to him—no one can challenge his opinion about his religion. Therefore, Abdul-Rauf's employers must admit that their rules have infringed upon one Nugget's observance of his religion. Never mind that the Koran articulates Islam's holdings. More significantly, Islam views Allah's word as absolute and immutable. Spirituality loses its value when worshippers remodel religious content in accordance with personal tastes.

Tolerance, at least in this case, comes in many shapes and sizes. Abdul-Rauf has escaped the criticism usually reserved for defenders of religious freedom. Militant secularists who normally jump at the chance to condemn even the slightest expression of faith have demonstrated an atypical unwillingness to chastise the ballplayer for his brazen display of religious conviction. Yet the Christian Coalition, Moral Majority, and other organizations that compose the religious right never escape the scornful wrath of liberalism. In all probability, liberals gave Abdul-Rauf their tacit approval because he espouses the left's politics of misery. Abdul-Rauf ironically relies on the First Amendment to describe America as a 1990s version of the Evil Empire.

Through a Victim's Eyes

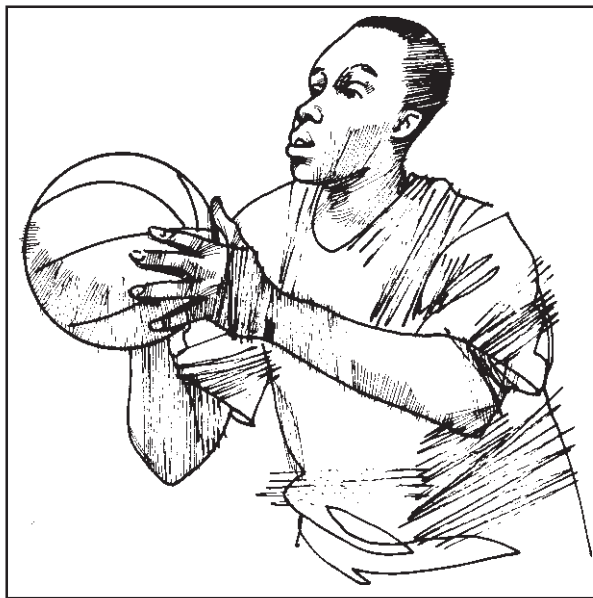
In Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's America, marginalized people suffer at the hands of an inherently unjust "system." Consequently, Abdul-Rauf refused to stand for the anthem of the country which he calls tyrannical and oppressive. The player's depressing vision of America, however, is short-sighted and categorically inaccurate. Few would expect such hostile America-bashing from a man who has clearly flourished in the society which he so adamantly castigates.

Abdul-Rauf had to compete with the finest players in the world to become a star in the NBA. He must continue to train in order to further develop his skills. And his hard work has paid off; Abdul-Rauf earns millions of dollars to play a game. Despite his claims to the contrary, America has treated the militant ballplayer very well.

No doubt, Abdul-Rauf would argue that thousands of others suffer in this country on a daily basis. While some people undergo numerous hardships, their unfortunate plights have not resulted from the "system." America offers many opportunities, but it makes no guarantees. Americans enjoy both political and economic freedom in a culture that transcends race, gender,

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and ethnicity through its commitment to natural rights and the democratic process. Additionally, America constantly works toward self-improvement. Consistent with its Western heritage, the United States perpetually strives to understand truth and act in accordance with timeless moral precepts. American culture will correct mistakes, as was the case with the abolition of slavery and the extension of suffrage.



People the world over have embraced America's ways. The former communist states of Eastern Europe have rejected totalitarianism so that they may enjoy free markets and democratic institutions. In 1989, almost one million Chinese students gathered in Tiananmen Square to demand the same opportunities that Americans have. Immigrants continuously flock to America in search of a better life. Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf nonetheless maintains that the United

States is a terrible place. Perhaps he should visit the Third World nations that still perform female circumcision before so hastily renouncing American practices.

But Abdul-Rauf does not seem likely to reconsider his position, especially when the fourth estate reinforces his beliefs. Bob Ryan, a sports columnist for *The Boston Globe*, supported the radical athlete's actions and has even argued that the National Anthem should no longer precede sporting contests. After all, he reasoned, "The Star Spangled Banner" is an arcane reminder of a needlessly patriotic past. National pride, though, can amount to much more than blind allegiance. Although Mr. Ryan may wish to belittle Ameri-

can values and the selfless individuals who sacrificed to preserve those principles, many people do not. Ryan also forgets that professional sporting events embody a number of fundamental American qualities, including competitiveness, determination, and excellence.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf's story is an American tragedy. The Nuggets' best player struggled through the NBA's ranks to become a top-notch professional athlete. More impressively, Abdul-Rauf suffers from Tourette's Syndrome but has conquered the disease to the point that it no longer affects his ability to play basketball. Few fans, though, will remember such an inspiring triumph of the human spirit. Sadly, Abdul-Rauf has tarnished his remarkable accomplishments by promoting a radical political agenda.

Abdul-Rauf's saga, however, can still have a positive result. Oppression does in fact plague America. The US government taxes its citizens at exorbitant rates. Americans can only observe while bureaucrats funnel their money into a wasteful welfare state that erodes public morality. And countless unjust regulations compromise basic rights and freedoms. Maybe the Abdul-Rauf controversy will generate opposition to such tyranny. Maybe someone, for once, will call a long overdue foul on government.

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China Policy in Flux

Colin Kingsbury

The recent presidential election of Lee Teng-hui to the presidency of Taiwan marks more than just the birth of a new democracy in Asia. For the first time in over four thousand years, a Chinese people had the opportunity to choose their own leader—an incredible leap forward for a people who mired under the injustice of authoritarianism for centuries. More specifically, the birth of democracy in Taiwan renders ineffective the United States' current conciliatory policy towards China. That nation continues to get its own way in a host of contested matters because a paucity of firm leadership has compromised American interests.

As a result of inertia generated by inflexible institutional forces, the United States' attitude toward China and Taiwan has perpetuated itself well beyond its useful life. That is, current policy reflects more the preceding geopolitical situation than modern day strategy. The original motivation for normalization with the Red Chinese was not an ideological softening toward communism; rather, Nixon's desire to counter the rising tide of Soviet power in East Asia. Our alignment with China may very well have been a determinant factor in winning the Cold War. However, the Soviet Union is dead, and with it our major strategic motivation for rapprochement with the People's Republic.

Nevertheless, our stance toward China, one of the single worst human-rights violators in history, has only grown softer over the years. The Cubans need only shoot down a few Cessnas piloted by expatriates for Congress to pass tough new laws strengthening the United States' embargo.

The Chinese, on the other hand, can literally get away with murder, even if the victims are protesters demanding the smallest measure of freedom. The irony of this

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situation is that dissenting American ideologies both oppose China's miserable record, albeit for different reasons. The Left is always eager for a sixties-style crusade, and conservatives are happy to get their licks in on a bunch of communists. Unfortunately, other groups, such as foreign-policy hacks within and without the diplomatic corps, and America's major corporations unduly influence United States

"inexperienced" politician recommend an aggressive policy aimed at speeding up liberalization. Along similar lines, current State Department analysis of China's recent actions omits comparable care for our own concerns. Surely the geriatric crowd in Beijing knew that we would not take kindly to a violation of international copyright laws, or the detention of American citizen Harry Wu, but the recent experience of American foreign policy precludes anxiety on the part of the Chinese.

For better or worse, America's policy towards the mainland is heavily influenced by the concerns of United States business interests gambling on the future of China. While our government should listen to those who pay the bills, it should not take its cues from the same group of spineless Sinophiles who are unwilling to risk irritating a second-tier power to the possible detriment of their own balance sheets. It

was the private interest of a large group of concerned corporations that convinced President Clinton to de-link China's human rights record and Most-Favored-Nation status.

Ostensibly, they feared that any rebuff of Beijing would be met with retaliatory measures, despite the simple fact that the Chinese rely upon solid trade relations to a significantly greater degree than Americans. Trade with China, while highly profitable for United States business,

pales in comparison to American ties with Europe, Mexico, or Canada. Nonetheless, Beijing continues to dictate the rules.

America's reluctance to confront Chinese communists makes Clinton's decision to stand firm on Taiwan remarkable. The mainland has always asserted that the Taiwan dispute was an internal matter; thus



policy-making concerning the Far East.

Our current stance towards the People's Republic stems from a severe case of sacred cow syndrome. After twenty-five years of interdependence and skillful diplomacy by the Chinese, the American State Department formulates policy as if China, not the United States, is the senior partner in the relationship. Moreover, a legion of chicken-littles stands ready to caution against "angering" or "offending" China, should any

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United States “meddling” in the form of arms sales has long been a sore point. Accordingly, China denounced America’s decision several weeks ago to send an aircraft carrier to monitor missile tests as an intrusion in domestic affairs. However, as the Chinese continued to huff and puff, President Clinton displayed rare good judgment and sent a second carrier group, eliminating any possible ambiguity about America’s position *vis-à-vis* Taiwan. If the worry-corner in America’s foreign policy community was correct, this affront to China should have resulted in nasty words, expulsions of American citizens, and even economic sanctions.

The outcome could hardly have been more different. Though indignant, the Chinese ended their military exercises as planned and even offered to sit down at the negotiating table with the Taiwanese to discuss issues of mutual concern. Clearly, the United States’ show of force played a key role in resolving the conflict. Defending Taiwan from Chinese aggression is a no-brainer; however, future policy must be based on a clear conception of our vital interests, and not just firm resolve during momentary conflicts.

While America’s overall power dwarfs that of China, we must bear long-term interests in mind and consider the mainland’s position. The Taiwanese have not decided upon independence; some wish separation, others desire eventual reunification. No one but Taiwan can make the decision. The mainland’s stance is unbending. Even today, the Red China “reserves the right to invade Taiwan” if it deems such an action necessary to avert the island’s secession. Moreover, just as “getting tough on crime” is an easy way to win votes in the US, “getting tough” on Taiwan is a win-win proposition for a mainland government that needs all the support it can get. Though America, dedicated to the democratic ideal, should back Taiwan’s choice of paths, it would be unwise for us

to encourage them to seek independence. Regardless of the military ramifications, the outcome of this stance would likely make us a blood enemy of the mainland.

The People’s Republic today is a nation in search of leadership. While China has all but given up the Maoist creed and hung an “Open for Business” sign over the

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party headquarters, the current totalitarian regime may not be leaving power any time soon. As communism wanes, there is a fear that China’s rulers will turn to aggressive nationalism to maintain their power. Taiwan’s move to democracy offers an exciting opportunity for the United States to prevent a totalitarian retrogression. Stopping this possible reversion would greatly improve long term Sino-American relations and simultaneously win greater freedoms for the Chinese people. The new crop of rulers in Beijing need legitimacy, and

Germans), all the while ensuring the rights and privileges Taiwanese citizenship conferred upon them. The communists would also profit by taking credit for re-unifying their country. Through osmosis, the Chinese people on the mainland might also enjoy expansion of their rights. In short, all parties would benefit.

Such a scenario is too optimistic for the near future. As it stands today, China and Taiwan cannot even agree on how to deal with each other’s mail, let alone re-unification. In addition, both suffered terribly during the civil war which led to the original split, and many open wounds remain.

Still, both China and Taiwan realize that peace is the most profitable option. Economically and politically, trading goods is better than trading insults, and the mainland has greatly benefited from the twenty-odd billion dollars of investments made by Taiwanese. Access to the Chinese market naturally enriches Taiwan, and downgrading China as a security threat in Asia will benefit the entire world.

The challenge for US policy is then to reconcile our need to support democracy with an interest in keeping the peace. There are no simple solutions here, no quick answers. The China-Taiwan conflict may continue for many years, and Western eyes and ears will never have the foresight to detect all angles. America should recognize, however, that reconciliation is ultimately in its best interests, whether or not Taiwan reunites with the mainland. America can use its awesome political,



Taiwan desires human rights and liberty. Lee Teng-hui has often said that Taiwan could re-unify, but certainly not under the current authoritarian regime. Hence it seems entirely plausible that the United States could coerce China to sit down with Taiwan and discuss the possible terms for reunification. A timeline could be established whereby Taiwan would rejoin the mainland—perhaps following a model similar to Hong Kong’s. This would satisfy many Taiwanese who wish to rejoin their homeland (not unlike the East and West

military, and economic power to further rapprochement; we can either offer incentives, or if necessary, promise the mainland that we will defend freedom on Taiwan. Either way, the birth of Taiwanese democracy offers an opportunity for America to rebuild its ramshackle East Asian policy. It would be tragic to let this chance slip through our hands.

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Subjugation Mythology

Micaela Dawson

Three weeks ago, Tufts students gathered in the pews of Goddard Chapel to attend a lecture by Liberation Theology guru Leonardo Boff as part of the 1996 EPIIC program on "Religion, Politics, and Society." Instead of presenting legitimate scholarship, the Brazilian author and former Franciscan priest promoted his latest book and lobbed unwarranted assaults at Pope John Paul II, the Catholic Church, the United States, and capitalism. Lkening "Romanism" to Naziism and St. Mark to Karl Marx, Boff's speech was fraught with propagandist hype.

Liberation Theology seeks to improve the living standards of Latin American peasants by equating Catholicism with egalitarianism. Despite its pretensions, this misguided doctrine is rooted in traditional concepts neither of liberty nor theology. Proponents want to employ the Catholic Church as a political tool to radicalize Latin America. And EPIIC's approach to this complex issue belies the program's stated aim; Boff's lecture was neither educational, responsive to public inquiry, nor conducive to peaceful international citizenship.

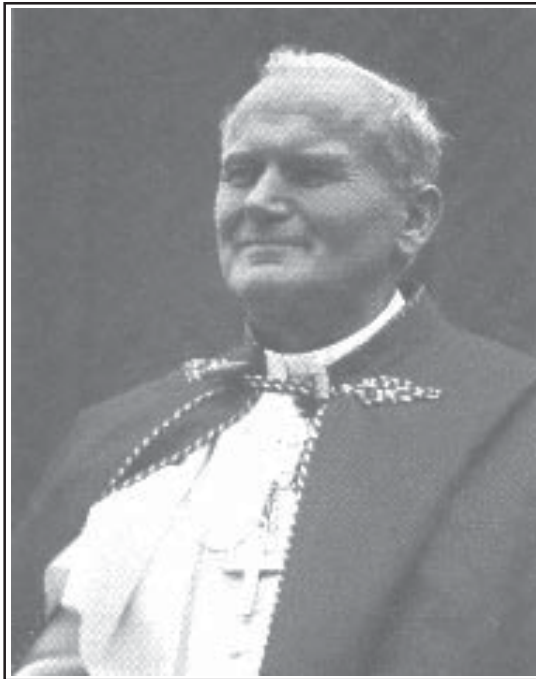
The Gospel of Matthew tells us that Jesus Christ went up the mountainside and delivered the sermon of the Beatitudes, the first of which promises the Kingdom of Heaven to those who are poor in spirit. Liberal theologians commonly misinterpret this passage as a reference to those who are materially poor, thereby justifying egalitarianism. But Pope John Paul II explained that "one can be rich and poor in heart when one never ceases to make a gift of what one has and of what one is; when one never stops serving." He wrote that the "Church of the poor" is universal, not unique to a particular socioeconomic class.

In his lecture, Boff claimed that the state must create economic opportunity for the poor, landless majority of the Latin American population. Michael Novak, co-publisher of the Catholic journal *Crisis*, wrote that other radical theologians, such as Gustavo Gutierrez and Juan Luis

Segundo, have offered similarly defective solutions to poverty. They urge the masses to overthrow the institutions that bind the poor to poverty, disease, ignorance, and fear; and build new statist institutions.

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Contrary to popular opinion, assisting the poor is a virtuous and fundamental aspect of capitalism extolled by most economists, including Adam Smith and Milton Friedman. But the method of execution is critical; charity should not incorporate the Marxian analysis which Liberation Theologians embrace. They focus on the state, disregarding the entrepreneurial and philanthropic powers of individuals. Only when



Pope John Paul II weathers the storm of radical liberalism.

creativity is channeled into productive enterprises and the potential of each individual is demonstrated, can human dignity and personal economic status advance.

Perhaps no other religion emphasizes the magnitude of the power of one indi-

vidual to reshape the course of history to the extent that Catholicism does. Christians believe that Christ calls the people to rise to their full personal potential and serve their fellow men in an imperfect world. He did not call them together to overthrow the Roman regime which controlled Judea at the time. As one audience member reminded Boff, Christ urged that the people render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and unto God that which is God's.

Liberation Theologians claim that using guerilla warfare tactics to institute "economic justice" is permissible, labeling insurgents as martyrs to the cause of class warfare. But Pope John Paul II called for a "Gospel Revolution," or a conversion of the spirit, and declared, "The Church of the poor does not wish to serve those who provoke tensions and conflicts. She admits only one single combat, for truth...." Christ's church is not concerned with ephemeral political struggles, but with the eternal dignity of man's spirit.

Liberation Theology pretends to serve as an instrument of human dignity, a haven for the oppressed, and a champion of human rights. But the Pope tells us that "freedom is ordered to the truth and is fulfilled in man's quest for the truth, and in living in the truth." Only democracy gives people the right to defend themselves on an institutional level. Personal liberty and democracy can only exist if state power is limited.

Capitalism is the economic system of limited government, and thus personal liberty. In *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, the Pope asked for worldwide recognition of "the fundamental human right of personal economic initiative," and he called on the people to be active and creative, like God. He urged Third World countries to replace "unjust, corrupt, or authoritarian forms of government with participatory and democratic ones." Advanced nations should encourage in the

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And Orientation policy is not the only subject on which DiBiaggio defers to the stalwarts of political correctness who populate the Dean of Students Office. By writing and enforcing a host of regulations concerning advertising, Bobbie Knable and company have widespread authority to determine when and where “free speech” should be allowed. Thus, by allowing his lieutenants the discretion to contrive and enforce regulations in any manner they see fit, DiBiaggio has relinquished control over the actual status of free speech on campus. Given Dean Knable’s history of clamping

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Third World the “creativity which is a distinguishing mark of the human person and the true source of the wealth of nations in today’s world.”

Like Marxism-Leninism, Liberation Theology discourages personal initiative and the generation of wealth, satisfied instead with disincentive, dependence, and submission to the will of the government. For this reason, the Pope repudiated the “Social Assistance State” as anathema to human dignity and lent his support, in *Centesimus Annus*, to limited government and an active worldwide market. Unfettered capitalism will generate opportunity for the so-called “excluded peoples” of Boff’s rhetoric: women, blacks, and indigent peoples.

Boff and many Liberation Theologians claim that Latin American nations’ “de-

pendence” on certain speakers while favoring those she supports, speech will never be free as long as she controls policy.

It is clear, then, that Knable’s record on First Amendment matters should disqualify her from holding a position of responsibility in an administration devoted to free expression. Indeed, while DiBiaggio’s editorial criticized faculty and administrators who endorse speech codes, he has taken no action to sanction or dismiss those who drafted Tufts’ rule. Moreover, DiBiaggio welcomed longtime friend, former Chancellor of U-Wisconsin, Madison, and architect of campus speech codes, Donna Shalala, to his Tufts Inauguration.

Now, apparently unsatisfied with sup-

porting both sides of controversial issues, DiBiaggio decided to break with academic fads and disavow speech codes. But when one considers his on-campus actions with regard to freedom of expression, those grand declarations about protecting students’ rights elevate the President to the highest levels of hypocrisy. With such a duplicitous character at the helm, the University’s reputation suffers by association. DiBiaggio must stop making hypocritical statements and clean up his own record before preaching to others about theirs.

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Still, the Third World requires further progress. Elites must accept expanding social mobility. Greater private ownership, an expanded manufacturing sector, and opportunity for individual achievement will facilitate the advancement process.

These solutions take root in the exercise of liberty, and the subsequent manifestation of man’s dignity. The Church’s most significant contribution to economic, political, and social affairs is its maintenance of the sanctity of life and the value of freedom. Leonardo Boff indulges in deception by manipulating Christianity to advance his militant secularist goal of wealth redistribution. The Catholic tradition teaches that spiritual virtue transcends materialism and other such mundane concerns. The Church is the true haven for all who are poor in spirit.

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which compare government to concerned parents. But in this case the comparison is valid, since an individual’s rights should not require his ability to personally defend them. And since a right which cannot be protected is not really a right at all, an external power must step in.

Causes and Concerns

Unfortunately, the fathers of nonviolence themselves fell into the same inconsistencies as the false pacifists of today. Gandhi saw no conflict between a state-run economy and the ideals of nonviolence.

Since coercion in the economic sphere is still coercion, Gandhi’s approval of central planning is *prima facie* contradictory. The Civil Rights Movement, which owes its success to nonviolence and civil disobedience, later flip-flopped and appealed to government for forced desegregation and affirmative action laws. Desegregation may be a worthy goal, but using violence to any end is morally questionable at best.

Various groups cite poverty, hopelessness, and moral decline as causes for the sobering problem of violence in America today. But they omit the true proximate cause: government. When politicians and “concerned citizens” appeal to government coercion to solve pressing problems, they

advance a “might makes right” philosophy. When the state deprives individuals of the right to dictate what they will and will not do with their lives and property, children see violence as an acceptable and even admirable way of achieving their goals. As the old saying goes, violence begets violence. Until government realizes that its hypocritical “solutions” to social problems only salt the clouds of an aggressive society, younger generations everywhere will decide that there is nothing wrong with following suit.

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The Fake Pacifism

Ananda Gupta

As violence explodes around the globe, calls for tolerance and an end to aggression echo through news programs and legislative halls. Homage to the words and teachings of Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King comes readily to politicians' lips. However, most of those who loudly and publicly profess their adherence to a nonviolent philosophy also advocate state action against social ills. Such an approach is woefully inconsistent: state action is inherently coercive and therefore violent.

Give Peace A Chance

That the spirit of tolerance absolutely proscribes violent solutions to problems is fundamental to what Gandhi called "satyagraha," meaning "force of truth." Satyagraha rejects all physical coercion including "loving violence;" violence is destructive regardless of its perpetrator's intentions. However, Gandhi limited his definition of violence to the use or threat of physical force. Although demagogues typically bandy terms such as "verbal violence," a harsh word is not comparable to a stabbing or explosion. Any true victim of violence knows the difference.

Noted *Washington Post* columnist and supposedly nonviolent social activist Colman McCarthy makes the valid point that "everyone knows the peacebreakers, but not the peacemakers." As a result, people scoff at unfamiliar nonviolent solutions to thorny problems. The scoffs, McCarthy claims, are "a natural reaction to difficult problems, just like the

consternation that young students feel when confronting a difficult math problem." But students learn math from the first grade on and can thus adapt—not so with nonviolent conflict resolution.

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It is difficult to consistently claim that violence is an appropriate or satisfactory solution (with the exception of self-defense against an immediate threat); nonviolence entails an uncommonly long-term view of the world. On a more general level, it is often easier to use or threaten violence than adopt nonviolent measures. The easiest or most impulsive solutions are rarely

the best ones. Nonetheless, self-defense must remain a viable option when no other choice exists.

The Fake Olive Branch

Unfortunately, McCarthy and his ilk collapse into inconsistency because they contradict their nonviolent philosophies by espousing government as a means toward desirable ends. Two crucial premises promote their hy-

pocrisy. First, violence is an unacceptable method of resolving disputes. Second, groups cannot exercise rights that their members do not individually possess. If the sum of a group had more rights than its

individual parts, then questions arise concerning the limits of groups' rights. If one individual has no right to kill another, it is illegitimate for several individuals to have that right.

The inconsistency arrives when pseudo-pacifists conjure up government as an effective means for alleviating social ills, regardless of whether or not violence is a component. It is a staple of political theory that the only characteristic unique to government is its monopoly on the use of force. Advocates of communitarian programs often claim that government is the only tool with which to accomplish their goals, implicitly appealing to its coercive power. Accordingly, using the state to solve social problems constitutes resorting to violence. It is easy to talk about finding nonviolent solutions to problems. But it is pure hypocrisy to profess pacifism and advocate government use of force in the same breath.

The Anarchist's Invitation

Given that violence always characterizes government action, one might conclude that total pacifism leads to anarchy. But if self-defense has a place in nonviolent philosophy, so too does the rule of law. Self-defense is the use of force to protect one's rights—in most cases the right not to be killed. Furthermore, and crucially, when we say that people have the right not to be killed (or any other right), we also mean that they can protect that right—else, it would mean nothing to declare that right in the first place. Viewed in this way, the rule of law defends the rights of those not capable of self-defense—and is therefore *itself a form of self-defense*. At first, it appears that such an approach is not truly self-defense; after all, it is government and not the individual who is protecting the rights. But we can hardly question the duty of a mother to defend her baby, even though she is not acting in personal self-defense.

Such a response to the anarchist's invitation seems paternalistic. Defenders of liberty habitually shy away from analogies

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Food for Thought

Edward Havell

Tufts students have demanded the ability to use points off-campus at privately operated diners and restaurants for years. And every time the subject re-enters the spotlight, at least one TCU senator places expanded usage of dining points on his agenda. However, until recently, no real progress had been made— Dining Services incessantly explained away its reluctance to offer points-off-campus services by citing problems with inadequate technology.

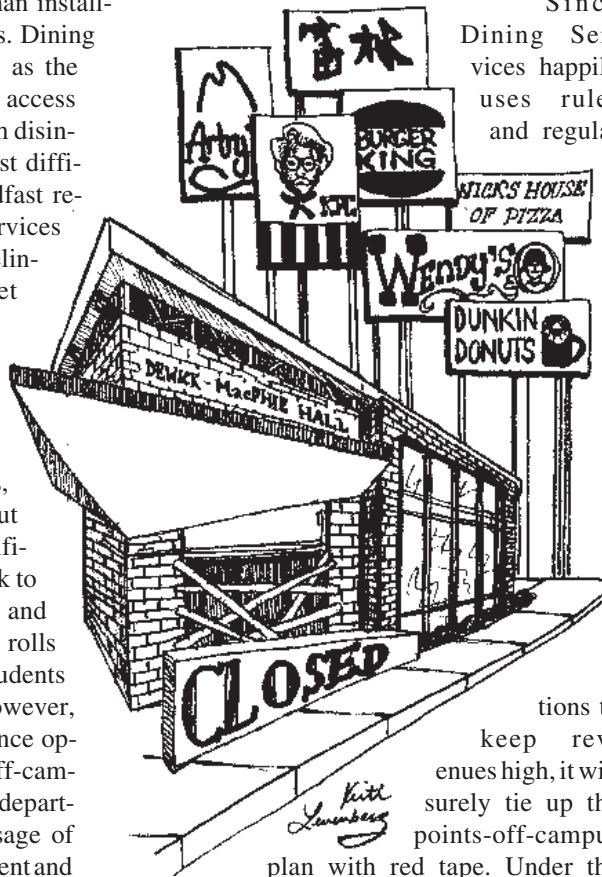
Nonetheless, the push for points-off-campus resembles previous efforts to acquire access to cable television service in dormitory rooms. Students' incidental problems with Tufts Connect aside, most dorm residents may now receive cable in their rooms. And wiring the entire campus with a complex cable-delivery systems is significantly more challenging than installing extra "readers" of ID cards. Dining Services may cite technology as the obstacle to extensive points access off-campus, but its claims seem disingenuous. In reality, the greatest difficulty is piercing TUDS' steadfast resistance. Of course, Dining Services has every reason to oppose relinquishing some of its market share; its ineffective and over-priced monopoly cannot compete with external capitalist enterprises—and the administration knows it.

Dining Services clearly is, and should be, concerned about the possibility of having a significant portion of its clientele look to the eateries of Boston Avenue and Davis Square when mealtime rolls around. The great pressure students exerted on the University, however, made taking a full-fledged stance opposing utilization of points off-campus politically unviable. The department can, of course, make usage of points off-campus so inconvenient and taxing that students will not stray from dining halls as much as they would otherwise. Therefore, any forthcoming off-campus points system will assuredly be encumbered by regulations and restrictions hindering the culinary freedom students

seek. Dining Services may now claim to support students' in their drive to spend points elsewhere, but the facade is obvious and deceives few.

None of this should come as much of a surprise; numerous Dining-Services regulations extort money from students. Freshmen must pay for twenty meals per week regardless of how many they actually eat. Sophomores, too, must purchase a set number of meals per week. Dining Services may reasonably, if condescendingly, argue that because freshmen are unfamiliar with the Medford/Somerville area's nutritional opportunities, they require an extensive dining base. However, a student who has attended Tufts for several months is certainly capable of making his own culinary choices.

Since Dining Services happily uses rules and regula-



tions to keep revenues high, it will surely tie up the points-off-campus plan with red tape. Under the current scheme, only Points Plus will be available off-campus. Thus, the Dining Dollars allotted to underclassmen with the one-size-fits-all meal plans will remain within the University. That is, these points can only be spent for goods procured by

Dining Services; only the points which students voluntarily purchase may be spent outside the University.

Thus, allowing usage of Points Plus off-campus is of no greater convenience than the current system. Those who wish to spend their money off-campus can keep cash in their pockets instead of buying

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Points Plus in the first place. No less than half of all undergraduates receive Dining Dollars through mandatory meal plans and still have no way to spend that money at outside eateries. Allowing only Points Plus off-campus does not expand the choices of individuals compelled to purchase certain meal plans.

Even those fortunate enough to have Points Plus instead of Dining Dollars will be able to take only limited advantage of the proposed system. Students will be able to use points from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am during the week, and all day on weekends—and only on purchases to be delivered. Naturally, it should make no difference to Dining Services whether food is delivered, picked up, or served in-house. But good service has never been TUDS' goal— limiting off-campus points usage has always been its foremost priority.

Dining Services wants to operate in a vacuum, absent from competition. Independent food retailers must satisfy their customers and maintain high quality or the restaurant will lose business to other establishments. Dining Services faces no such challenge. Its customers want to use points off campus precisely because they are unhappy with the only choice. Unfortunately, beneficial change remains a fleeting prospect. Patti Lee and company are perfectly happy operating within their blissful vacuum and will use whatever necessary regulations to maintain the *status quo*.

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Police



Blotter

Sunday, March 17

At 9:40 am, three UNICCO employees were diagnosed with Mad Cow Disease and officially quarantined by Tufts Health Services.

At 7:33 pm, a student was caught leaving Dewick-MacPhie Hall in possession of a copy of *The Observer* with intent to read. He was issued a warning.

Tuesday, March 19

At 3:15 am, a TUPD officer observed several members of the Chinese Culture Club stealing foodstuffs from the TCU Senate. No arrests were made.

At 12:17 pm, a student was observed placing an aluminum can into the commingled papers recycling bin. He was lynched. No arrests were made.

At 11:56 pm, nine members of the Chinese Culture Club were caught performing "routine weapons tests" outside the Taiwanese Culture House.

Wednesday, March 20

At 9:37 am, three UNICCO employees were found at Dunkin' Donuts with 2,200 issues of *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*. A TUPD officer accompanied them for the remainder of the meal.

At 5:24 pm, a male student asked a female student to join him for a cup of coffee. The phallogocentric oppressor was booked for sexual harassment and date rape.

Thursday, March 21

At 6:56 pm, five droogs were observed adding an unknown substance to the milk in Carmichael Dining Hall. When questioned, they claimed that it would "sharpen you up and get you ready." TUPD asked Alice when she was ten feet tall.

At 11:43 pm, six Medford/Somerville teenagers with skateboards were beaten severely by a mob numbering 8,000. No witnesses came forward.

Friday, March 22

At 9:43 am, three UNICCO employees were found doing their jobs. They were immediately reprimanded.

At 1:32 pm, a member of Tufts Concert Board was caught attempting to bring a decent band to campus. Re-education began with a marathon session of John Denver records and two backstage tours with the Violent Femmes.

Talking Tufts Connect

Marjorie Minnigh Tackles Problems by Phone

by GAR LIQUE

Observer Editorial Board/
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How many times have you heard sayings like "Girls can't do math," and "girls don't do the information superhighway"? If you're a woman, probably too many times. But Marjorie Minnigh, telecommu-

Profile

nications czar for Tufts, never listened to what other people thought she could do. "I sure showed them!" she recently boasted, proud of her administrative position. *The Observer* was fortunate enough to get the chance to sit down with Marjorie over a cup of latté at Oxfam/Internet Café.

One of Minnigh's most important tasks has been making sure that students keep quiet about Tufts Connect's service. "We have to realize that some people are simply going to get screwed, but the important thing is that Tufts Connect will serve the community." And Minnigh is quick to add that she is very concerned about student welfare, reminding people that "Thanks to Tufts Online, no one will need to dig ditches after graduation, unless they want to piss their parents off." Some students, however, will never be grateful, as was demonstrated by one Luddite who yelled "You [expletive deleted]! If it wasn't for Tufts Connect, you'd be the one digging a [expletive deleted] ditch!" during the interview.

Minnigh responded, saying that dealing with student's lack of understanding of Tufts Connect was one of her hardest tasks. "Monopoly, shmonopoly," she lamented. "Tufts Connect is all about competition. Just because students can't use other services doesn't mean they're not out there." Tufts Connect's real priority, according to Minnigh, was to provide a data network, not phone service.



As a result, Minnigh made valiant efforts to deal with some of the minor glitches at the beginning of the year. "There was that time we accidentally rerouted students' calls to Poughkeepsie and billed them double for it," she wistfully recalled. "I thought it was kind of funny, but a lot of people got upset, so we went back and refunded whatever we charged over the regular rate to Albuquerque. Can you believe they still weren't satisfied?!"

A conversation with Minnigh is sure to be dotted with many such humorous anecdotes. "Remember that time some wires got crossed and you could hear everyone else's phone calls? That sure caused a lot of trouble. But everything worked out all right in the end, and the FBI paid me handsomely for it."

Nobody responds to narrow-minded critics quicker than Minnigh: "What we do is only understandable by someone of my intellect. You bratty students sit around in your own little worlds eating muffins and reading Foxtrot. Stop being so immature and stupid, and let us decide what's best for you."

In conclusion, Marjorie defines what Tufts is all about. Even though some people get swamped, Ms. Minnigh understands the importance of being one community and sharing. "Only when the totality of all individuals needs and desires are surrendered to the collective can Tufts' society be truly progressive and free."

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

I did very poorly on the SAT and even worse on the GREs, and I am a professor of Women's Studies!

—Prof. Ronnie Steinberg of Temple University, explaining why patriarchal tests are useless for measuring women's intelligence

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

—Ronald Reagan

I loathe this woman so much I decide to kill her. A plan forms in my mind, and, pointing myself in her direction, I light another cigarette. I am going to passive smoke her to death.

—London Review of Books

Most education certification today is pure "credentialism." It must begin to reflect our demand for excellence, not our appreciation of parchment.

—William Bennett

Well, when you come down to it, I don't see that a reporter could do much to a President, do you?

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

A prisoner of war is a man who tries to kill you and fails, and then asks you not to kill him.

—Winston Churchill

The presidency has many problems, but boredom is the least of them.

—Richard Nixon

Do not attempt to do a thing unless you are sure of yourself, but do not relinquish it simply because someone else is not sure of you.

—Stewart E. White

Race should not be a source of power or advantage or disadvantage for anyone in a free society. This was one of the most important lessons of the original civil rights movement.

—Shelby Steele

Marriage is the waste-paper basket of the emotions.

—Sidney Webb

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

—Marilyn Quayle

The conservative movement is founded on the simple tenet that people have the right to live as they please, as long as they don't hurt anyone else in the process. No one has ever shown me how being gay or lesbian harms anyone else.

—Barry Goldwater

My first qualification for mayor of the City of New York is my monumental ingratitude to each and all of you.

—Fiorello LaGuardia, shouting to his supporters from a table he leapt onto at his campaign headquarters on the night of his first election victory, in 1933

It is a folly to expect men to do all that they may reasonably be expected to do.

—Richard Whately

Equality of opportunity is an equal opportunity to prove unequal talents.

—Sir Herbert Samuel

Shut up, you old windbag.

—British Member of Parliament Willie Hamilton, to fellow MP Nicholas Winterton, in a 1986 parliamentary debate

There are still things worth fighting against... It is better to be narrow-minded than to have no mind, to hold limited and rigid principles than none at all.

—Evelyn Waugh

Build a system that even a fool can use, and only a fool will want to use it.

—Christopher J. Shaw

Generally the theories we believe we call facts, and the facts we disbelieve we call theories.

—Felix Cohen

Ginsberg's Theorem:

- 1) You can't win.
- 2) You can't break even.
- 3) You can't quit.

—Ginsberg

Capitalism in the United States has undergone profound modification, not just under the New Deal, but through a consensus that continued to grow after the New Deal. Government in the U. S. today is a senior partner in every business in the country.

—Norman Cousins

Campus sidewalks never exist as the straightest line between two points.

—M. M. Johnston

What is hard today is to censor one's own thoughts—

To sit by and see the blind man

On the sightless horse, riding into the bottomless abyss.

—Arthur Waley

During my eighty-seven years I have witnessed a whole succession of technological revolutions. But none of them has done away with the need for character in the individual or the ability to think.

—Bernard Baruch

As the dimensions of the tree are not always regulated by the size of the seed, so the consequences of things are not always proportionate to the apparent magnitude of those events that have produced them.

—Charles Caleb Colton

For every proverb that confidently asserts its little bit of wisdom, there is usually an equal and opposite proverb that contradicts it.

—Richard Boston

Everything you read in the newspapers is absolutely true except for that rare story of which you happen to have first-hand knowledge.

—Erwin Knoll

Furbling: Having to wander through a maze of ropes at an airport or bank even when you are the only person in line.

—Rich Hall, Sniglets

Apathy can only be overcome by enthusiasm, and enthusiasm can only be aroused by two things; first, an ideal which takes the imagination by storm, and second, a definite plan for carrying that ideal into practice.

—Arnold Toynbee

Any dramatic series the producers want us to take seriously as a representation of contemporary reality cannot be taken seriously as a representation of anything except a show to be ignored by anyone capable of sitting upright in a chair and chewing gum simultaneously.

—Richard Schickel