

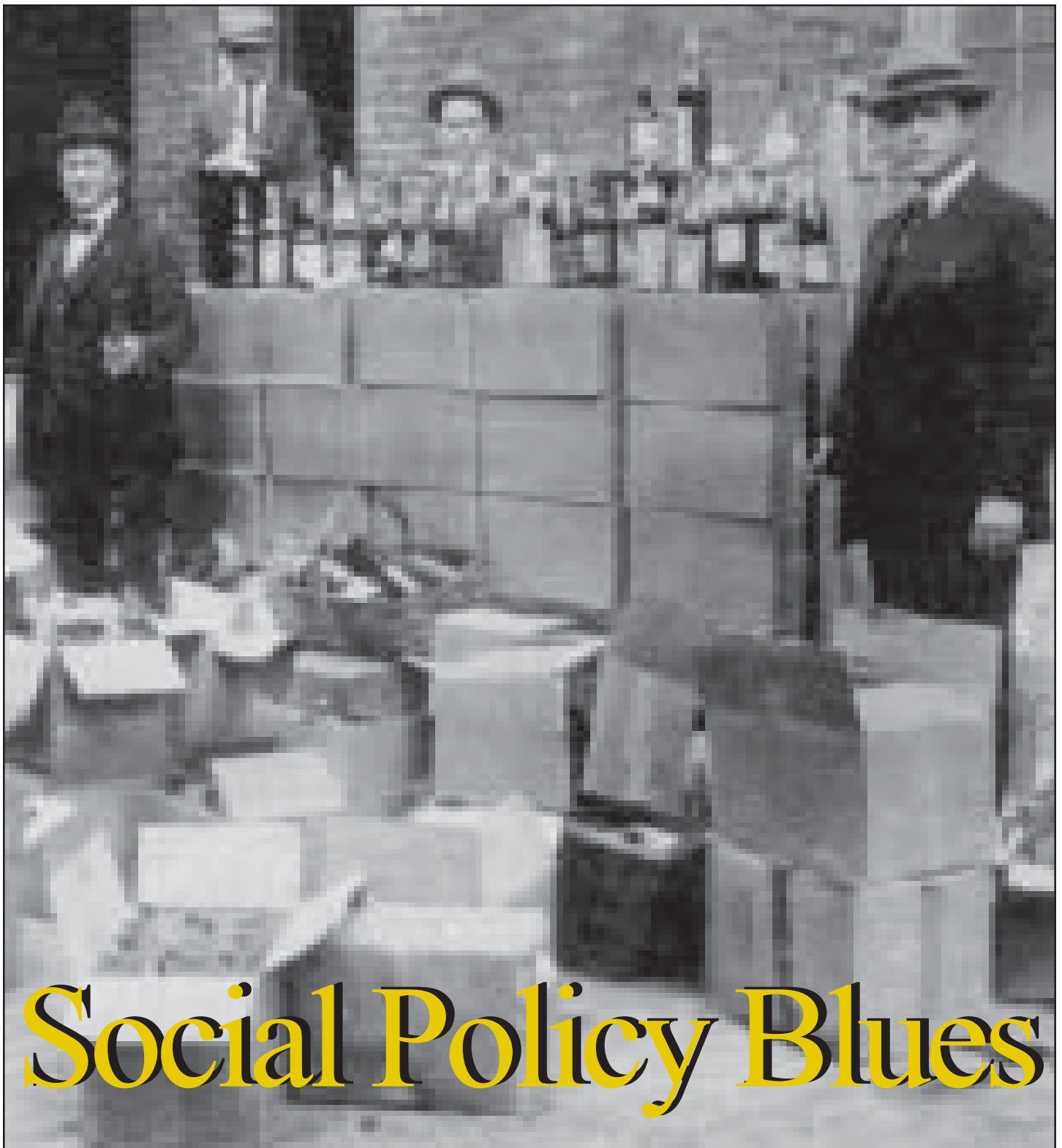
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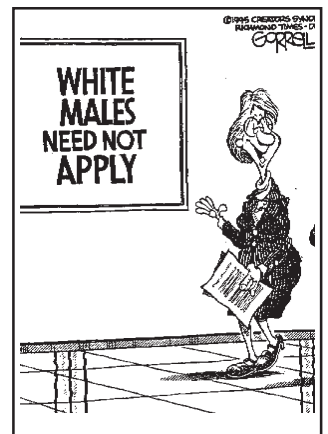
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FROM THE EDITOR

I must admit, I was shocked to learn from *The Daily* that nearby Davis Square is now one of the fifteen hippest places to live in the United States and Canada. Most of us probably think of the Newbury Street area or Kendall and Harvard Squares as the locus of hipness in the Bay State. Not so, says the ultrahip left-wing Gen-X *Utne Reader*, which identified a “cycle of hipness” that begins when snotty alternative élites arrive and ends when evil capitalists open up tasteful franchises that cause nice apartments to be built.

Doubting that Davis could hold a candle to Kendall, Harvard, or Newbury Street, I decided to take a jaunt through our hometown public square and observe *Utne*'s cycle of hipness in motion. As Johnny D's owner Carla DeLillis told *The Daily*, “There is a sense of community among the businesses and people in the area,” and nowhere was this camaraderie more evident than with the beleaguered liquor store considerate enough to locate itself right next to the Social Security building, no doubt easing that monthly outing on hundreds of local senior citizens. And, I might add, it's a small, independently-owned liquor store, not one of those “Blockbuster Liquors” that give nothing back to the community.

Indeed, the most invigorating thing about Hip Davis Square is the refreshing lack of franchises, I thought to myself as I chomped into my Double Quarter Pounder With Cheese at McDonald's. I couldn't be more thankful that we have, as *Utne* termed it, “an alternative to franchise-filled Harvard Square” right in our backyard. After all, Harvard Square has that damned commercialized Au Bon Pain franchise ruining its sense of community. Every day, I wake up and thank my stars that Davis Square doesn't have an Au Bon Pain. The only thing worse would be a Dunkin' Donuts, a Papa Gino's, or, God forbid, a Domino's Pizza.

But it isn't only food franchises that can kill an area's hipness. Think *cloth-*

ing, and then count all those blasted franchises up and down Newbury Street: Burberry's, Brooks Brothers, Armani, Kenneth Cole New York, Banana Republic, and they must have a Gap in there somewhere. Who needs these franchises when you can do all your hip wardrobe building at the Davis Square Salvation Army? And anything you can't find there, like if you need to match a used sock, for example, you can probably pick up at Everything \$1.

Which is not to say that Davis Square is devoid of culture. Harvard might have Wordsworth and the Harvard Book Store— you know, those places Tufts students frequent when we suspect our own bookstore is nickel-and-diming us to death— and Newbury Street might have four stories worth of books in Waterstone's— but Davis Square's bookstores are truly unique. There's nothing like a seven-dollar romance novel at Buck-A-Book to lift your spirits, and I have it on good authority that the Somerville Library is nearby for those who don't want to strain their purses *too* much.

Nevertheless, to evaluate Davis based on its commercial establishments probably smacks of capitalist-pigism. I certainly wouldn't want to ignore the local residents who make Davis Square the hip place that it is. After all, as *Utne* points out, once these people are forced to pack their bags due to rising rents and— of course— franchises, Davis is bound to lose its hipness forever. So, to all those aging local residents that spend their free hours hating Tufts students and dreaming up ways to make us feel even more unwelcome, I salute you, wherever you are. You are the true hipsters, whether you're clearing the bargain buckets from your daily garage sale or shaking your fist in the distance and muttering, “I would have gotten away with it if it wasn't for you damn college students!” Don't you ever change. Rock on. —KL

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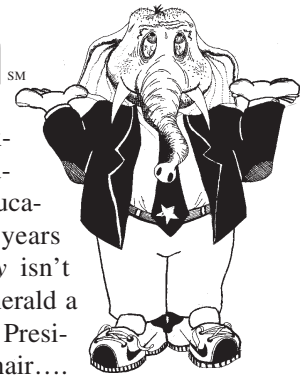
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From the Elephant's MouthSM



☞ After years of complaining about runaway grade inflation (*shhh!*), **Tufts** administrators engage in mass back-slapping when **Boalt Hall**— Berkeley's law school— ranks us the 23rd most demanding college in the nation. But grade inflation still isn't a total stranger to the Hill: *Daily* headline reads, "UC-Berkeley ranks Tufts as 12th most demanding school" **Gloria Feldt** lectures Jumbos on Planned Parenthood. But be wary of women who mother three children by age twenty telling *you* how to plan your family.... *Daily* classified ad reads, "Wanted: **Freaks for Arts Haus** Freak Show." What, residents can't participate?

☞ Fan-fave **Sol Gittleman** raves in *The Daily's* Faculty Spotlight, "When the attack on Pearl Harbor took place on Dec. 7, 1941, I was seven years old and had no idea where Pearl Harbor was. It took me four days to find a map and someone on my block who would take a guess, and that was Mr. Schulman the butcher, who said to me that Pearl Harbor was off the coast of Long Island. I thought the Japanese were bombing Brooklyn!" Young Gittleman and Mr. Schulman score about as well as **Tufts's Class of '98**— see page 20.... One year after protesting the inclusion of a Chinese dissident at Tufts's EPIIC forum, **Patrick Dai** protests opponents of **Jiang Zemin** and defends China's role in the Tiananmen Square "accident" that "saved our country in 1989." Hey, Patrick: no empire lasts forever, especially those that trample college students with tanks.

☞ A wave of seniors jump on the fix-the-**Career-Planning-Center** bandwagon after realizing that a Tufts education, a blow-off major, and four years filling column inches in *The Daily* isn't enough to land a real job. As if to herald a genuine commitment, TCU Senate President **Omar Mattox** donates his chair.... **Womyn's Center** advertisement invites all to the "Co-Ed Naked Women's Collective." Men who show up will be promptly charged with rape.... Must-see **TUTV** hits the air and already goes into re-runs.... **Tufts Democraps** ad in November 12th *Daily* reads, "Bring your friends and procrastinate with us!" On the agenda: watch tapes of **Mike Dukakis** and remember the good ol' days.... What's with those tip cups at the **Brown & Brew**? Are we supposed to believe that somebody tipped these saps a dollar for taking fifteen minutes to pour a cup of coffee?

☞ PREDICTIONS: **Omar Mattox** gets tired of sitting on the floor and asks for his chair back.... After funneling millions of dollars and a few dozen extra bureaucrats into the **Career Planning Center**, students at the "12th most demanding school in the nation" *still* can't find jobs.... **Patrick Dai** suggests that all students who disagree with *The Tufts Journal* should be shot in the back of the head.

☞ THE ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS.

CORRECTION: Last issue, THE SOURCE mistakenly identified the Experimental College as a sponsor of a forum on the UNICCO situation. In fact, the Ex College withdrew its financial support of the event. Many thanks to Robyn Gittleman for bringing this mistake to our attention.

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Commentary

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Tufts students recently sat through a lecture by Cree Chief Matthew Mukash, who bemoaned to the “horrendous situation” caused by Hydro-Quebec, a power company supplying energy to Quebec and much of the Northeastern region of the US. Four years ago, without hearing both sides of the issue, the TCU Senate bowed to the will of environmentalists, passing a resolution calling for Tufts’ divestment of \$2 million from the company for allegedly polluting the environment and displacing natives. The senate claimed the Canadian development would result in “the release into the atmosphere of unquantified amounts of greenhouse gases...” but those released by Hydro-Quebec equal only one percent of those produced by modern fossil fuel-burning facilities. Hydroelectricity is the cleanest energy source available.

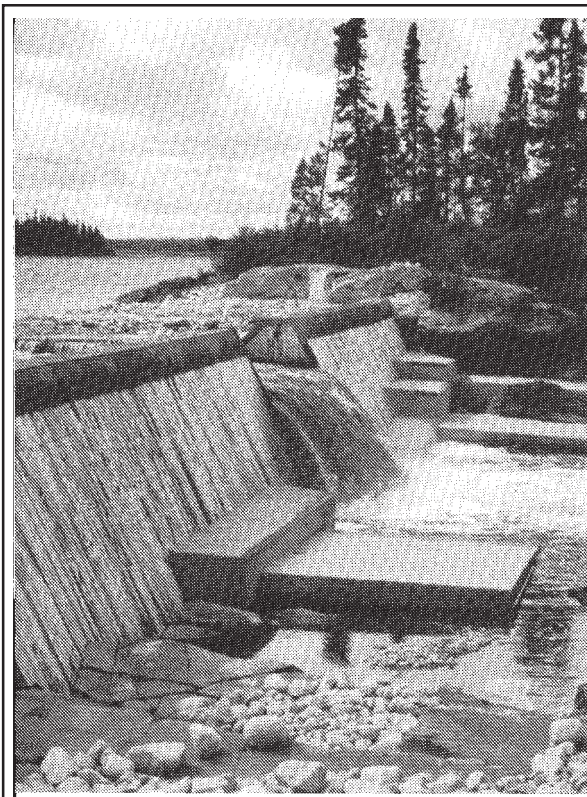
Moreover, Hydro-Quebec and the Cree tribe voluntarily signed an extensive contract known as the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. This accord allowed Hydro-Quebec to develop its facilities while granting the aboriginal people education, healthcare, self-government, and hundreds of millions of dollars. The contract originally received overwhelming support. 99.8% of the Cree voted to accept its conditions and 95.8% of those who voted chose the development of Hydro-Quebec. In total, Cree and Inuit populations received over \$200 million in direct payments from the Canadian government. Hydro-Quebec even initiated an income security program costing millions, intended to help preserve traditional Cree ways of life by subsidizing unsuccessful Cree hunters, trappers, and fishers. But Cree leadership, hoping to benefit from Hydro-Quebec without paying any price, reversed its position and joined American leftists in calling for divestment. Perhaps it is most telling that, while the Cree advocated that Tufts divest from Hydro-Quebec, they held \$63 million in corporate bonds which they chose not to sell. Their hypocrisy should not have been tolerated four years ago, nor should it now.

Microsoft Excels

An old joke among economists runs as follows: There are three ways to set your price, if you operate under current US regulations. You can set your price below the prevailing market level, but that’s called dumping, and it’s against the law. You can set your price above the market level, but that’s called price-gouging, and it, too, is against the law. Finally, you can set your

price equal to that of the market, but that’s called price-fixing or collusion, and it, also, is against the law.

The Microsoft Corporation faces heavy fines for violating an agreement it made in 1995 with the Justice Department. In that agreement, Microsoft promised not to “tie” two products together, when one was firmly established and the other was not. Now, since Microsoft has included its Internet Explorer program with every copy of Windows 95 it sells and has discouraged manufacturers from removing it, the regulatory Keystone Kops have decided that Microsoft is ‘unfairly’ using its operating system market to gain a better position in the burgeoning Web browser market. Whether or not Microsoft actually broke the agreement is irrelevant to the larger fact that the Justice Department has no business coercing firms into playing their tunes; Justice had no authority forcing such an agreement in the first place. Microsoft does the same as



every firm in the market— it attempts to provide a better product for a lower price than its competitors can. For all computer geeks’ ranting about Windows, computer-illiterate consumers have spoken: they prefer Windows above other, clunkier operating systems like Unix and OS/2. Microsoft should receive applause, not fines, for serving the needs of so many customers.

Dark words about Microsoft’s ‘monopoly’ status often issue from the mouths of wonks and journalists— people known for their utter ignorance of economics. A monopoly is a firm which comprises the entire market. Microsoft is clearly not such a firm, since it faces stiff competition in every single product it produces. In operating systems, many people (including Tufts students!) use Unix on Emerald and may soon use Java, should Sun Microsystems attempt to topple the Windows goliath by developing a Java-based user interface.

In Web browsers, Netscape Corp. holds a near 60% market share, thanks to its ingenious marketing and distribution strategies. Lotus puts out a widely used spreadsheet and word processing program, and Microsoft’s attempts to breach the market for virus scanners were soundly rebuffed by McAfee and Norton. Placing the definition and enforcement of “fair business practices” in the hands of bureaucrats is both bad economic policy and bad judgment. Microsoft should not fall victim to rapacious regulators seeking to flex their muscles.

Seven Up

Eight is enough in Des Moines, Iowa, where the McCaugheys recently spilled the world’s only surviving litter of septuplets, new siblings to their two-year old daughter. The seven bundles, a

product of the mother's use of the fertility drug Pergonal, are engaged in a struggle for survival. Delivered prematurely by Caesarian section, the heaviest child weighs a mere three pounds, four ounces, half the size of a normal infant. Suffering from respiratory distress syndrome, an affliction which interferes with the absorption of oxygen by the lungs and causes rapid and difficult breathing, many of them still depend on mechanical breathing devices. Listed in serious condition, a step above the critical life-threatening level, they will remain hospitalized for the next six to eight weeks and face risks concerning proper feeding.

Meanwhile, superdad Kenny McCaughey, claiming that his family is "not on for display," continues flashing his smile all over national television in what has become the most sensationalized story since, well, the Woodward trial. Affecting a concern that this event does not turn into "a big show," McCaughey happily basks in the limelight, publicizing the new house, a Chevy van, year-long supplies of groceries and diapers, bank accounts, and college scholarships the family has received. But bearing children in a medicinal-induced circus-like atmosphere should not merit such charity. This bizarre episode raises serious ethical questions about the role of fertility drugs, which allow women to tamper with fate by endangering both their own lives and those of their children. McCaughey announced that he hopes to raise his septuplets in "a normal Christian home," but this immaculate conception has less to do with God's plan than with the McCaughey's deliverance of themselves as human guinea pigs into the fortuitous hands of scientific technology.

No Pride

Ten thousand dollars is the fine some Canadians must pay for positing that sexual issues do not merit public comment. The Human Rights Commission ruled that the city of London, Ontario, violated civil rights by deciding not to proclaim a "Gay Pride Day," as requested by the local Homophile Association. The judgment also required that the city "issue a statement of recognition to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities that are an integral part of the city and meet with the Homophile Association to promote good relations."

Regardless of one's views regarding homosexual behavior, no government entity should possess the power to force citizens to "recognize" and set aside an entire day for a particular group. Distinguishing homosexuals from the rest of the crowd constitutes segregation and accords them special privileges which violate the notion of equal rights. Forcing this conduct on the citizenry for the sake of political correctness serves to ferment the discriminatory climate it seeks to curtail, and expands government power far

beyond its legitimate domain and into the realm of totalitarianism. Exactly how exacting a payment of ten thousand dollars will foster a more tolerant climate also comes into question. Radical gay activists, however, care more about advancing their agenda than forging better relations and reaching equality before the law.

Revisiting Thanksgiving

Football games, good food, and snowfall have come to symbolize the holiday which Americans call Thanksgiving. But the real significance behind the name, as some recent events at colleges across the country illustrate, is all but lost. Not long after this nation's first Thanksgiving dinner, flocks of immigrants from many different religious backgrounds established foundations along the Eastern seaboard. One such pioneer founded an academic institution called Georgetown University, for the purpose of teaching in the tradition of the Society of Jesus. Although run by the Jesuits and operating under a pontifical charter, today, that same institution finds itself struggling to maintain its Catholic identity in an increasingly secular world. The current debate centers on the issue of whether to hang crucifixes on school property in keeping with its heritage. Though seemingly uncontroversial, the question has drawn the ire of dissenters who criticize the proposal as "a fundamentally uncharitable gesture to other members of the community" who might find it "uncomfortable" working and studying in such an environment. But erecting Catholic symbols in an academy run by that faith— unlike erecting them in a public courtroom, say— is hardly "uncharitable"; students who choose to attend Georgetown do so fully aware of its long-standing tradition.

Further north, Dartmouth College battles over its own religious heritage. Last year at the school's annual Christmas celebration, the administration forced the Glee Club to eliminate "Silent Night" from its repertoire. But neither tolerance nor diversity, Dartmouth administrators' ostensible goals, are served by banning Christmas carols. Dartmouth was founded in the 18th century for the purpose of "Christianizing" its students, at that time American Indians. While no one would suggest that schools close their doors to those of different faiths, disregarding Dartmouth's religious heritage serves only to discriminate against its Protestant tradition and students who share in it. But spiritual symbolism is not the problem; noted conservative author Irving Kristol explains what is: "efforts by liberals to establish a wall between religion and society in the guise of maintaining the wall between church and state." Indeed, leftists' attempts to enforce a climate unfriendly to faith fly in the face of everything for which the Pilgrims gave thanks so many years ago.



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—Aristophanes

PS President Bubba granted former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop a waiver to be buried with American heroes in Arlington National Cemetery, making him the first non-Chinese man to receive the honor.

PS Upon hearing the news, Joycelyn Elders asked if Koop would be willing to donate his hand to science.

PS Tough-guy Clint Eastwood's little lady recently quit her job to take care of the couple's month-old tike. She made his day.

PS The woman who slapped Yankees ace-pitcher David Cone with a lawsuit six years ago for exposing himself has dropped the case. Excitedly, Marv Albert decided to switch sports and yap for the Bombers.

PS Three Texas turtle preservation groups have urged officials to ban shrimping for the remainder of this year. They claim that the sea is running out of turtles because shrimpers are mutilating these endangered creatures. Shrimpers responded with the following statement: "Hey! The Jerk Store called, and they're running out of environmentalists!"

PS The rumor mill speculates that pop-freak Michael Jackson is going to be a father again, this time to a baby girl. Jackson is said to be excited about having an opportunity to experiment with the opposite sex outside a lab environment.

PS *Post* gossip-monger Liz Smith reports that Jacko has two nurses and three chefs attending to his nine-month-old. Always keep your victims plump.

PS The Las Vegas City Council says it is ready to enact an ordinance that would ban billboards from the city. Then Vegas will be real classy.

PS Steve Bennett, a podiatrist with a long history of party politics, has bid for the Democratic nomination for governor of Nebraska. He believes he's already got one foot in the door.

PS Top Ten Ways To Make Davis Square Even Hipper:

10. Free body-piercings for all the winos
9. Make Au Bon Pain change its name to "Good Bread"
8. Force Store 24 to stay open past 8:00 pm
7. Grease the handicapped ramp outside the Social Security building
6. Get the balloon guy from Harvard Square to defect
5. Paint a Wall of Respect for Men
4. Open up a great sports bar that shows *Melrose* on Mondays
3. Capitalize on local transgendered consumer base
2. Sligo Pub Disco Night
1. Make all the scary statues nude

PS Before receiving a "Time for Peace Award," ivory-tickler David Helfgott sexually groped fellow-winner Celine Dion. The Quebecois diva's violent response prompted movie-makers to begin shooting a sequel to the *Shine*-man's life story entitled *Where the Sun Don't*.

PS INXS lead singer Michael Hutchence was found mysteriously dead in an Australian hotel room. Several million sheep, kangaroos, and dingoes with bad '80s haircuts plan to mourn across the continent.

PS A London news-rag reported that silver-screen fox Sean Connery cheated on his wife over an eleven-month period. The paparazzi caught him in bed with Pussy Galore.

PS Top Ten Things To Do Now On A Saturday Night:

10. Watch *Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman* in Hotung
9. Open-mike at Someday Café
8. Lay odds on which TCU senator will show up next at Larry Memorial
7. Ride up and down the Red Line all night on just one token
6. Catch up on *Amazing Discoveries*
5. Speculate on shocking ending to next day's *X-Files*
4. Drag-race the Safety Shuttle
3. NBC's Saturday Night Thrillology
2. Go to bars off campus and drive drunk to get home
1. Hint: all you need is a brain, a deck, and a friend

PS An Alaskan assemblyman has introduced a resolution to impose an 11 pm weekday curfew on youngsters in ultra-hip runners-up Fairbanks and North Pole. The curfew would generously be extended until 1 am in the summer and also allow each teen to bring two guests.

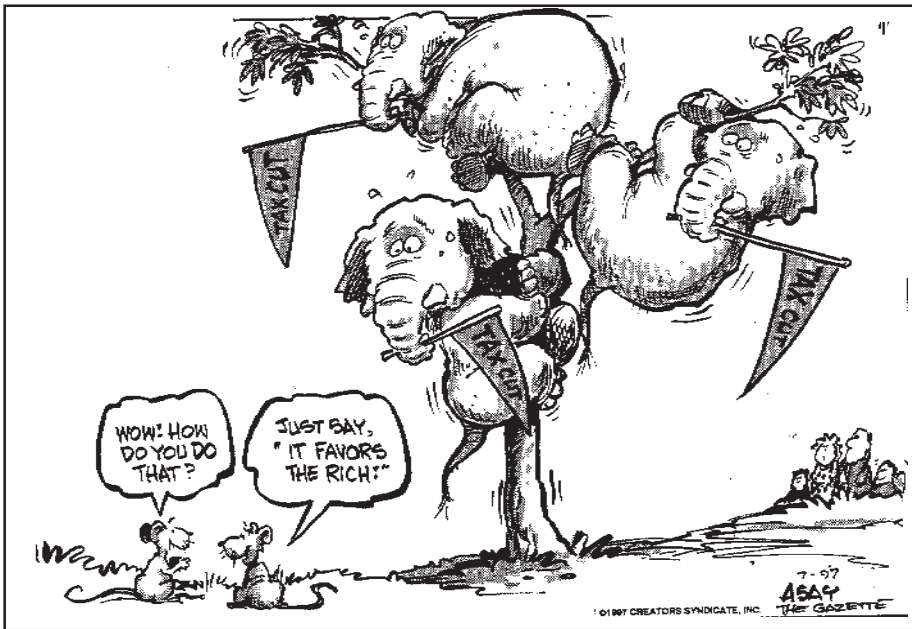
PS A retarded man in Pennsylvania killed ten other nursing home residents when his carelessly discarded match started a fatal blaze. The man has since been accepted to Tufts to promote pyro-diversity.

PS An unsuspecting restaurant patron was leveled by a bike-riding delivery man in the Big Apple. TUPD slapped a ticket on the attacker for not using an officially endorsed U-lock.

PS At the website for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), a link can be found to pro-marijuana organizations. Nothing makes us madder than spilling beer on a good joint.

PS Twenty-five percent of teens who admitted drinking said they "drink to get high," according to a US Surgeon General's Study. Tufts students now go to the Vienna Table to get high.

PS A Rhode Island high-school student was allowed to return to school this past week after serving a four-month suspension for streaking during lunch period on the first day of classes. At Tufts we call it tradition.



The Idle Tower

Your friendly conservative guide to quick-fixes and follies at colleges and universities across the country

Capitalist Happy Meals

Dining Services take note. The University of Illinois got tired of students complaining about the poor quality of University food, so they leased their dining area to local take-out restaurants ranging from "Wok This Way" to a New-York-style deli to McDonald's. Students end up saving approximately five dollars on every meal.

Courtesy of *The Orange and Blue Observer*

Sleeping With The Fish

Professor Cheryl Dunye of Claremont College screened to her Underground Filmmaking class *Sex Fish*, a documentary comprised of "scenes of fish swimming around interlaced with lesbian sex scenes starring Professor Dunye and her girlfriend." Other academic material on her syllabus includes *Hold Me While I'm Naked*, *Flaming Creatures*, *Sins of the Flesh Pods*, *Fingered*, and *Hardcore Home-Movie*.

Courtesy of *The Claremont Independent*

Not to Mention 25,000 Shares of Playboy

Student tuition money at nearby Radcliffe College funds the following leftist diversions: "\$500 for one student to arrange a national student conference for Sri-Lankan-Americans; \$456 for another to work with a coalition opposing the California Civil Rights Initiative; and \$200 for a third to 'raise awareness, discussion, and action' in the Bay Area's lesbian community."

Courtesy of *The Harvard Salient*

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Setting The Facts Straight

"We don't want to be antagonistic," explained [activist Emily] Krems. "But we also found out a lot of new facts about the issue." Krems refused to elaborate on the new facts...."

—*The Observer*, November 20, 1997

Thank You, Career Planning Center

"As for the workers... at least one of them is [college-educated]. David Rees is a graduate of Tufts University with an art history degree and also one of the custodians...."

—Josh Lee, *Tufts Daily Viewpoint*, October 23, 1997

The Democrats' knee-jerk racial politics accomplish absolutely nothing.

Politics As Usual

by Ian Popick

Unwilling to be outdone by the Tufts administration, our federal government this past week has strung together an astonishing array of laughable mandates and statements regarding race and diversity. Most prominent in the headlines has been Clinton's nomination of Bill Lann Lee to the post of Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and the GOP's justified refusal of approval. Lee has garnered an objectionably over-zealous record concerning affirmative action, and Senate Republicans actually shed their recent passivity and firmly declared Lee's nomination dead. Clinton's Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, however, stated that Lee "should be and will be" appointed, suggesting the possible use of the scarcely used and scarcely Constitutional "recess appointment"—an appointment done during Congress's recess, allowing Clinton to bypass the approval process.

Of course, such a maneuver would provoke certain ire and backlash from Congressional Republicans. A recess appointment seems doubtful considering the series of nominations from which Clinton has already backed down, including that of his personal friend Lani Guinier. Yet, according to presidential advisers, feigning a fight over Lee's nomination would be an effective tool to win back the Democrats who deserted him over the recent "fast track" trade bill. His aides have also spoke of the plan to use Lee (who is of Chinese descent) as a poster-boy against the alleged racial extremism of the GOP in the next election. It seems peculiar that though Lee "should be and will be" appointed, Clinton's minions are instead already crafting the political repercussions of Lee's defeat.

Next, Clinton gave himself the dubious distinction of being the first sitting president to address a gay and lesbian civil rights organization, or as one commentator suggested, being "an American president

kissing up to the wealthiest extremists." Though homosexuals constituted a full 7% of Clinton's electoral support and contributed \$3.2 million to Democrats in 1996, Clinton, never one to stick his neck out too far, still steered clear of controversial topics like *Ellen* (since Gore has felt the backlash caused by his lauding of the sitcom). Instead, he spoke about urging Congress to legislate job protection for homosexuals and to approve Bill Lann Lee. Said Clinton, "What counts is energy and honesty and talent. No arbitrary distinction should bar the way." Funny how such labels only apply to minority groups Clinton hopes to exploit for political expediency.

Yet Clinton is not the only man to blame for all the diversity-oriented *faux pas* this week. On Capitol Hill, Pennsylvania GOP sell-out George Gekas has indefinitely delayed legislation to terminate all affirmative action at the federal level. But at least the bill's sponsor, Charles Canady (R-FL), seems to be that rare Republican with some sense remaining, stating, "We shouldn't wait to end discrimination." Indeed.

Back to the executive branch, Vice President Gore has urged America to foster

a broader understanding of the "unique suffering" of minorities—as opposed, apparently, to the generic suffering of whites. Similarly, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo has struck a deal with the National Association of Realtors to establish a "sensitivity" program that teaches realtors about the customs of minorities. Though, surprisingly, Cuomo claims HUD will only reallocate existing funds for this program, it has no doubt coerced NAR into pledging its \$250,000. Still, Cuomo states the following benefits: "The logo [obtained by passing the program] will be like a Good Housekeeping Seal.... They can put it on their stationery." How nice.

HUD also announced new rules pertaining to Clinton's latest favorite catchphrase: "hate crimes." These rules would allow for much larger penalties because each act could be counted as a separate offense—part of the so-called "Make 'Em Pay" initiative. Among the additions to bureaucracy that this proposal will cause are fifty extra FBI agents and federal prosecutors assigned to handle hate crimes; a "National Hate Crimes Network" to organize the resources of federal, state, and local enforcement; a training program for those who fight discrimination in housing; of course, more "educators"; and, finally, the federal government will have to pay for someone to develop the obligatory Internet web site for reporting hate crimes.

The President has also endorsed a plan by Ted Kennedy and strange-bedfellow Arlen Specter (R-PA) that would "make it

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Various Figures React to Tufts's New Social Policy

Practice
Socially Conscious
Partying

Drink Only
Recycled Beer

SCIRT

Jesus Liked To
Party, Too

Stop This Persecution!

Tufts Christian
Fellowship

Thatcher
Crushes
Tufts's
Party Scene

SULJ &
UNICCO

**Support
Responsible
Drinking
And Drive
Safely**

Ted Kennedy

**ANY
PROTEST
IS A GOOD
PROTEST!**

Alex Shalom

**Hey Hey!
Ho Ho!
Penis Parties
Gotta Go!**

Womyn's
Collective

**Protest
Injustice**

(continued on previous
picket sign)

The Observer

**Don't Forget
To Bring Your
Protest
Booze To The
Next Rally!**

Davis Square: A SOURCE

With frat parties down for the
weekend entertainment.



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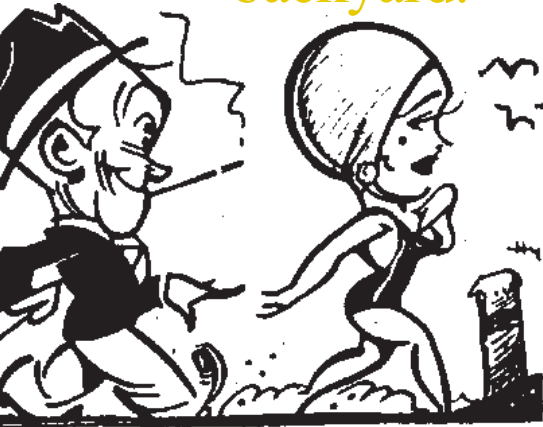
*Sligo's has a
great selection
on tap*



*EIGHT bits buys
you high culture at
buck-a-book*

Happy Page Production

the season, fun-seeking Jumbos are left with few choices for
Fortunately, we have a den of über-hipness right in our
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in local community
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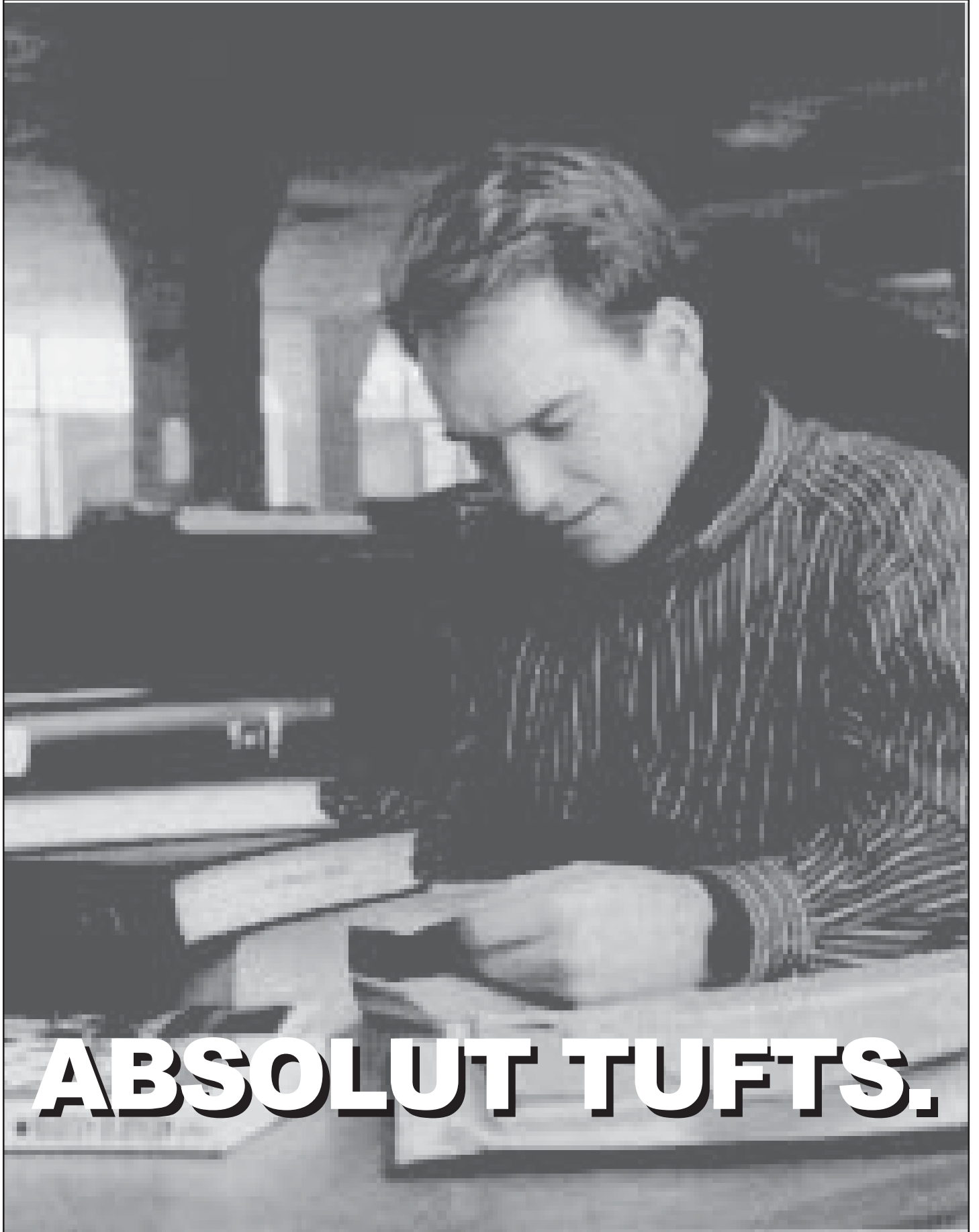
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*a-hip tunes just
cents away at
disc diggers*



*at least it's not
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ABSOLUT TUFTS.

*Seems the neo-prohibitionists
are cracking down on alcohol.
Say what? Pass me a stiff one.*

Absolut Madness

by Colin Kingsbury

"One must always be drunk. Everything is there: it is the essential issue. To avoid that horrible burden of Time grabbing your shoulders and crushing you to the earth, you must get drunk without restraint."

—Baudelaire

Here's a tip: if in doubt, make it a double. It saves time. Besides, you can sit down and drink four doubles and if some researcher comes along and asks how many drinks you've downed that night, you tell him four. If he asks for proof, show him the glasses. I can never remember all those rules— one shot equals one wine, whatever. If it fits in one glass, well, that's one drink. Anyway, the only people who keep count are sops trying to keep from getting drunk and testosterone freaks out to prove something, and you should strive to avoid both.

Don't ever listen to anybody who says they drink just for the taste. First, they're liars, and the company of honest drunks is always preferable to sober liars. Second, any alcohol worth drinking could fuel a rocket, and probably tastes like it. Teetotalers like to berate people who actually admit they drink for the feeling. But drunkenness serves an important function: it stops all thought processes, rendering buffoons unconscious and wise men stupid. The latter is especially important, because people who spend a lot of time thinking tend towards the antisocial, and need a respite from themselves that only drink can provide. Without alcohol, there could be no literature. Imprimis: name a great writer who never took a drink. Or, name a great writer who didn't live a tortured life. Hey, you'd drink too.

And what about "the good old days?" Either things were better back then or all the old people got together and started a conspiracy against us young'uns. Well, back then, everybody drank. And smoked,

and ate steaks for breakfast. Winston Churchill started the day with a scotch and soda, and closed it with a Martini, extra dry, made by pouring Gin into a shaker with ice and then nodding towards France. Bill Clinton banned smoking in the White House and celebrates with sparkling water, probably paid for by the Chinese government. Journalists were famous for their drinking, and this was in the day when people still read newspapers. Can anyone remember the three-martini lunch? Actually, probably not. The more you think about it, the more it looks as if the past seems so good only because all anybody can remember is what they read in old newspapers, which were of course written by a bunch of drunk newspapermen.

Writers aren't the only people who drink, but they take it much more seriously than most others, they take pride in it, nourish it, revel in it. Most drinking results from one or more of the following three factors: happiness, drunkenness, the opposite sex. Sociologists cook up studies to label this behavior as antisocial, but what do people who spend their lives staring at

columns of statistics know? Certainly not how to drink. And it's a known fact that most drinking problems are caused by people who don't know how to drink. For all you freshmen, here's a simple rule: if you can't see it, don't drink it.

This brings us to the whole college drinking scene. Lately a lot of pansy researchers and their hangers-on have latched onto the whole notion of "binge drinking" as the greatest evil facing our society since, what, Saturday Night Specials? Of course college students drink a lot, didn't we know this already? That's nearly as Earth-shaking a discovery as the notion that men try to get women drunk so they will climb into bed with them. College students drink like fools because they're learning. Face it: drinking is a very tough thing to do. It's much harder than driving a car. You can drive while eating, smoking, sometimes even while making love, but you can't drive while drinking. As Dean Martin said, "Don't drink and drive. Don't even putt."

Still, drinking's not all fun and jokes. It leads to many bad things, such as the person next to you in bed on Sunday morning. Today, researchers talk about "secondhand binge effects," meaning problems binge-drinking students cause for students who don't binge drink, such as impaired sleep and study time. But that problem is easily solved: if you binge drink, you won't suffer any "secondhand binge" effects. Thus the real solution is not less drinking, but more. Collegians also need to learn how to drink not just more, but better. Warm beer

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goes down like, well, warm beer, but a good cocktail is like nothing else in the

Hangovers exist in a place reserved especially their own, created by God as a way of reminding us how stupid we can be. Worst of all, they make people consider quitting drinking, which, as we all know, is the worst possible solution.

world, and it feels much better in the morning. If people could just get past that silly stage quicker you wouldn't have nearly so many problems.

Hangovers exist in a place reserved especially their own, created by God as a way of reminding us how stupid we can be. They serve to remind the young that they too are mortal and to humble those beings who think they can do no wrong. Worst of all, hangovers make people consider quitting drinking, which, as we all know, is the worst possible solution. My advice, garnered from years of experience, is that when you know you've had too much, don't just go to sleep. Stay up, eat breakfast, and when the headache just begins, you know what I'm talking about, that's when you go to sleep. That way, you're asleep the whole duration of the hangover, and wake up feeling perky, though probably also at three o'clock in the afternoon. This leaves enough time to shower, shave, eat breakfast again (it is the most important meal of the day, after all), and get ready to head out on the town. Repeat five times, and you call it a week. As long as you find time for classes and/or work in this, you can actually make a living this way.

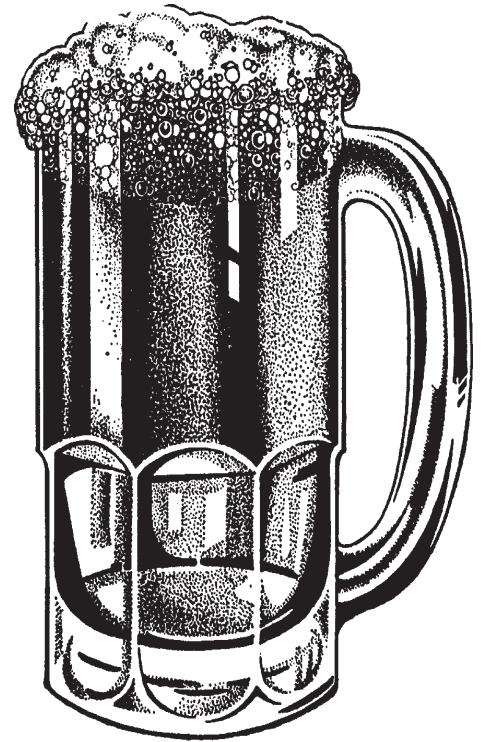
Of course, most of you will call me a drunk, and if you find me sometime between six in the afternoon on Thursday and six in the morning on Monday, I'll probably agree. But let's be honest: you can't live without me and my friends. Without us, you'll grow up and have no stories to tell your kids. Without drinkers, this world would be a pale, lifeless place, full of people who do nothing but climb out of bed at sunrise and work an honest day until they die and can't bear to dance because every

time they do they feel and look foolish, and for once care. A world full of people afraid to enjoy themselves.

Drink is a catalyst to no small number of problems. But so are money, love, and free thought. Not only is a perfect world impossible, most attempts at Utopia have produced little more than tyranny and mass bloodshed. If we take only one lesson away from history and all the wisdom of the ages, it is that the only person we can truly save from his own inner demons is ourselves. A world completely sober sounds to me

an awful place, and if you want to rid the world of me, then rid it of drink. I will be the first one to go.

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Social Policy Blues

Most students now know about the proposed "guidelines" regarding the two-guest-per-brother limit at social functions held at fraternities. If enforced, these recommendations would effectively wipe out the campus social scene as we know it at Tufts. After a spirited protest led by the Greeks and supported by the TCU Senate a few weeks ago, the University adopted a "wait-and-see" position, which means that nothing will change this semester. But before school begins again in January, national representatives to the Fraternal Insurance Policy Group will gather and most likely vote to make this recommendation the official policy, after which Tufts has no real choice but to enforce the two-guest limit.

Needless to say, this would affect the university negatively in many ways. After some signs of success in raising student morale in recent years, this move would hurt badly. Moreover, it would upset the long-standing arrangement by which Tufts forced most on-campus partying into houses along Professors Row and maintained a respectable level of peace in the dormitories. Of particular

concern is anecdotal evidence which suggests that alcohol poisoning occurs much more frequently during "dry rush," when students are forced to supply their appetites on their own, and do so to foolish excess.

Unlike many other schools, Tufts has for some time staked out a unique and laudable position on alcohol use, which says, literally, "It is our belief—based on a growing body of research—that the example set by the 60% of you who drink moderately or not at all will have more influence on the drinking behavior of those who abuse alcohol than our efforts to prohibit all campus drinking" (Dean of Students Bobbie Knable, in an October 7th ad in the Tufts Daily). Fraternities present an easy and thus tempting target, but people must realize that these organizations serve only as convenient intermediaries, ones easily replaced if the need arises. While the decision for now is largely out of our hands, a pragmatic and well-reasoned response to drinking problems on campus must center primarily on those people who abuse alcohol. —CWK

Clinton's ineptitude in dealing with Iraq reveals his administration's grave foreign-policy problems.

A Line In The Sand

by Jared Burdin

On October 29, Iraqi "President" Saddam Hussein expelled US weapons inspectors from Baghdad. Three weeks later, he finally relented in the face of international pressure and a Russian promise of lifted or relaxed economic sanctions. Of course, the United States was at the forefront of the push that forced Hussein to back down. Unfortunately, the situation in Iraq is not completely resolved, in part due to the peacenik White House's inexcusable United-Nations-before-United-States foreign policy.

Throughout the conflict, Clinton and company made appeals principally to international interests. The White House never once asserted the United States' sovereignty and national interest in this matter. In one statement, Secretary of Defense William Cohen even suggested that the US required the permission of the UN before conducting military strikes. In a particularly offensive comment, President Clinton had the audacity to declare that any Iraqi attack against the US weapons inspectors would be interpreted as an attack against the United Nations.

Nevertheless, the weapons inspections are vital to the United States's clear interests in protecting our allies in the Middle East from the unpredictable thrashings of the Iraqi madman. Even conservative estimates reveal that since the end of the Gulf War, more weapons were neutralized by the inspection teams than the US armed forces managed to destroy in the war itself. Any interference that jeopardizes the inspectors' success stands to thwart America's success in the Gulf War—a battle that, although fought with broad international assistance, unmistakably remains a key execution of the United States's Mid-East foreign policy.

But, in these post-Bush years, the Clinton Administration is only engaging in diplomacy through the highly questionable

framework of United Nations sanctions. This avenue failed six years ago, and it can only fail now. After three weeks, all they had accomplished was travel restrictions on Iraqi dignitaries. The positive effects the travel restrictions had on Iraq's activities were negligible, but the negative effects could be devastating. Three weeks free of surveillance would have been plenty of time for Iraq to conduct potentially dangerous activities. Many US officials speculate Saddam could have moved his weapons of mass destruction deep underground, out of range of conventional weaponry. Even more alarming, the CIA reports Iraq is purportedly prepared to purchase five Tamara radar-evading aircraft systems from the Czech military. British Intelligence reports Iraq is fully capable of producing a small arsenal of biological weaponry invisible to detection as well.

In the meantime, trouble continues to brew on the homefront. "Exploitable weaknesses" were found by the Offices of Oversight and Security Affairs at the Pantex and Rocky Flats weapons facilities and the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore weapons labs; these included penetration of the facilities by persons with "suspected foreign intelligence connections" and outdated alarm systems. The inability of the military to develop an effective long-range missile defense system despite billions of dollars in spending further presents obstacles. The United States

also lacks a weapon capable of effectively penetrating underground bunkers deeper than five to ten feet.

Yet although Congress recently involved itself in international and military affairs, it neglected to tackle these real and pressing issues. It stalled a bill that would have paid \$900 million in arrears to the UN due to Clinton's unwillingness to compromise on domestic abortion policies. It passed a bill that would withhold support from ex-Soviet states that assist Iran with its long-range-missile development program. And Clinton agreed to sign a defense bill that would grant him the power to kill the B-2 bomber, among other things.

It does not take a military strategist to know that Saddam used his surveillance-free three weeks to move Iraq's weapons of mass destruction from the prying eyes of the inspectors. Nothing else could explain why the Iraqis allowed the situation to resolve itself so quickly. However, there seem to be no plans on the horizon to punish Baghdad for its provocative actions. In fact, the White House is prepared to allow the UN to increase the amount of oil Iraq may sell, as if rewarding the dictatorship for its threatening rituals.

Despite this soft line, the President is ordering a buildup of forces in the Persian Gulf area. Perhaps Mr. Clinton might finally show some semblance of a spine and start asserting that the United States's foreign policy priorities lie in defending our own interests, not the UN's. However, it is far more likely that he will just observe the farce of his own policies and then jump ship with our Saudi, French, and Russian "allies."

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*Reviewing the libertarian case
for abortion rights.*

Abort, Retry, or Ignore?

by Ananda Gupta

No debate, policy or moral, is so rife with bad arguments (on both sides) as the debate over abortion rights. But one need not give up altogether, for there are some good ones both for and against. Hopefully, this will be one of the good ones—I do not expect to persuade all who read it, but I hope at least to make clear the case for abortion rights.

Abortion is the termination of a woman's pregnancy before the fetus's birth, resulting in the death of the fetus. There are several medical procedures which amount to abortion, most of them innocuous and some ghoulish. The issue of which procedures pass moral muster is secondary, however; whether we ought to allow *any* concerns us here.

Under the Law

Most people who oppose abortion do so on religious grounds; that is, the religious doctrine which inspires their other moral beliefs also proscribes abortion, and consistency dictates that people who accept one part of the doctrine accept it all. Furthermore, according to this argument, since the law's job is to institute and enforce certain moral principles, it is perfectly legitimate to ban abortion—either solely because it is immoral or because abortion violates a right held by the fetus, a right whose validity is known through faith.

The most common response to this argument is a poor one: the claim that government ought not 'legislate morality.' But government plainly should do so; otherwise, one can hardly think of its purpose at all. Admittedly, while people debate intensely the specific role of government, no one denies that government ought to enforce moral principles arrived at by the electorate. A better way to answer the religious argument against abortion involves questioning the justification for the

moral principles the law is supposed to uphold. In a religiously pluralistic society, moral principles must have some non-religious justification in order to become part of the law. For example, state laws against murder exist not because of the Ten Commandments, but because of the natural rights described in the Declaration of Independence. (There is no federal law prohibiting murder—only assassination.) For some philosophers, natural rights come from God, but, for many others, natural rights are simply self-evident or discovered through reason, and thereby involve no religious component.

The reasons why the law must be foundationally secular are many, but the most important one is just that legal debates ought not become debates over the truth or falsity of a particular religion. If my reasons for holding a particular view are purely religious, then, if my religion is false, I need to find other reasons to hold the same view (or I need to change my view completely). Moreover, since religious (not theological) debates are often irresolvable in principle, purely religious reasons do not suffice to justify a law. We do not, after all, rely entirely on the majority's will to prevent someone from legislating his religious belief that, for instance, every citizen should wear white sneakers and await the coming of a strangely-named comet. Anti-abortion advocates miss the point when they compare abortion to slavery, wondering

how people could possibly justify "choice" in slavery when so many others think it clearly an abomination. But the reasons to oppose slavery need not include religious ones—one can simply appeal to the natural right of property in oneself, and justify abolition on that basis.

The difference between natural rights and religion can appear cloudy; after all, one might just as easily find irreconcilable differences between two natural rights theorists as between two religious people. But the difference manifests itself when we consider the different methods by which the two pairs arrive at their views. Most natural rights theorists claim that reason inspires their position, whereas religious truths necessarily derive from faith. I will not belabor the issue of whether that suffices to distinguish religion from natural rights (although it might seem obvious to the reader, at least from the fact that this publication does not call itself "Tufts's Voice of Faith").

A Runaway Argument

However, natural rights are a two-edged sword for the abortion-rights advo-



cate. After all, if there is a natural right not to be killed, and if the fetus has that right, then abortion is wrong regardless of religious concerns. Of course, fetuses do *not* have every natural right; for example, they do not have the right to make contracts. Nor even do children. So, not every natural right comes immediately. We acquire them as life progresses, and only when we have them do they become sacrosanct. If we receive the right to life itself at some point after conception, then abortion is permissible until that point. In the same way, we receive the right to make contracts at age eighteen, and contracts we make before then do not hold up in court.

Most anti-abortion advocates think that life begins at conception, and therefore that the right to life ought to begin there as well. But conception is a perfectly arbitrary point; it has no virtues as a landmark for the right to life other than its clear definition. Birth is easily defined, too, and could serve just as well as a starting point for the right to life if clear definition is all we need. (So could the development of underarm hair, as the journalist Bill Bradford once put it.) A fetus at conception is alive, and has human DNA— but so do all of our skin cells, which plainly do not have the right to life. The difference between a fetus and a skin cell is simple: one is a potential person, and one is not. But a potential person is not a person, just as a child is not an adult. It is ludicrous to suggest that children and adults ought to have the same rights, and it is equally ludicrous to suggest that potential people and actual people ought to have the same rights.

At this point one might justifiably wonder when a potential person becomes an actual person, and complain that we have gotten exactly nowhere. But we have gotten somewhere— by realizing that the typical points at which people think the right to life begins are totally arbitrary. Further, all such points are equally arbitrary if we do not consider the consequences of choosing any given point. That is, in order not to be arbitrary, we must realize that the decision cannot be good or bad in itself — it can only have good or bad consequences.

It seems clear that the best consequences must come from some level of abortion rights. At the most basic level, allowing abortion in the case of rape or incest seems intuitively likely to produce good consequences. And the enforceability of laws against abortion poses grave

which any woman who has an abortion risks.

This reasoning does not entail that the right to life begins at birth— although birth seems a good place, given that it signals the ability of people other than the mother to care for the infant. Just as certain height and hand-eye-coordination attributes take hold during the teen years, thereby allowing us to reasonably set the driving age therein, the fact that the fetus can be cared for by someone other than the mother might suffice to apply the right to life starting at birth.

Legal Yet Rare?

It does not follow from the right to an abortion that people ought to have abortions. Bill Clinton's comment that abortion should be "safe, legal, and rare" struck many as contradictory. Yet there is no contradiction. *Many* legal activities ought to be rare— lying to friends, for example, or using excessive profanity. A more extreme example is a just war— a war which, by definition, is morally justified. But we do not think that such wars ought to regularly occur, or that we ought not try to resolve conflicts through means other than war. Thus, one need not relish the prospect of fighting a just war or having an abortion, yet can be perfectly consistent in supporting the right to do either. Furthermore, it

seems obvious that certain immoral activities ought to remain legal. One might think promiscuity or, again, the use of profanity immoral, yet few would argue that they should be illegal.

I have answered only a few important questions here. In particular, I did not find a concrete point at which the right to life ought to start applying (although birth, or not too long before, does seem a sensible choice). But I think it clear that the case for abortion rights is consistent and strong, and that at least some of the arguments against them are neither.

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problems— would we really want the police to investigate all "miscarriages"? More pointedly, if the point of development chosen turns out to be conception after all, on what grounds might a woman abort even to save her own life? After all, the two lives have equal weight before the law under modern institutions. (Exceptions abound, of course, most commonly in the case of self-defense, yet it would be hard to argue that the fetus or mother 'attacks' the other.) Although good consequences might also result from an abortion ban— that is, many couples seeking to adopt could do so at a lower cost— the fact that many women choose abortion even despite the high "price" orphans command muddles any sort of argument along those lines. Lastly, most states employ the death penalty or life imprisonment to punish murderers, a fate

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*Tufts upperclassmen fail
a cultural literacy pop quiz.*

World War II Ends! Pearl Harbor Attacked!

by Lew Titterton

illegal to injure someone because he or she is gay, disabled, or a member of the opposite sex.” That’s called battery; it’s already illegal. Incidentally, America suffers annually 20,000 murders, 95,000 rapes, 500,000 robberies, and 1.6 million violent crimes. Odd how Clinton only becomes passionate about the roughly 8,000 politically incorrect incidents known as hate crimes.

Finally, Clinton spouted his most egregious remarks in a press conference that focused on grade school diversity training programs to teach tolerance for minorities, gays, and the handicapped. Again, Clinton’s obnoxious tendency to accelerate state paternalism arose, further disparaging the family unit. The Bleeding-Heart-in-Chief lamented, “concerned parents aren’t teaching children to be unbiased” and claims he “wants to teach [the children] a different way.” He rambled further, telling kids that their parents are “pretty well-separated” from the issue. Such arrogance is inexcusable, particularly when the “solution” involves frivolities like a public school-wide distribution of “anti-hate crime resource guides.”

Such schemes demonstrate the pretentious, condescending, politics-as-usual nature of the modern Democratic Party. Using catch-phrases like “diversity” and “hate crimes,” they stigmatize whatever they cannot censor. Clinton’s much-touted “Race-Harmony Drive” is a farce. The Democrats are pimping away America’s future one culture at a time: Clinton addresses the National Italian-American Foundation one night, a black Baptist church the next night, the aforementioned gay rights organization the next. Instead of fostering a unified love and respect for this country, Clinton is merely instructing each of the myriad “diverse” cultures to plunder from the government treasury before the well runs dry. At the same time, he is shoring up his party’s constituents for the next election, i.e., bribing the electorate. The new Democrats’ paternalism and coddling politics seem intent on turning America into one of the “cradle-to-grave” governments causing misery all over Europe. Whatever happened to asking not what your country could do for you, but what you could do for your country?

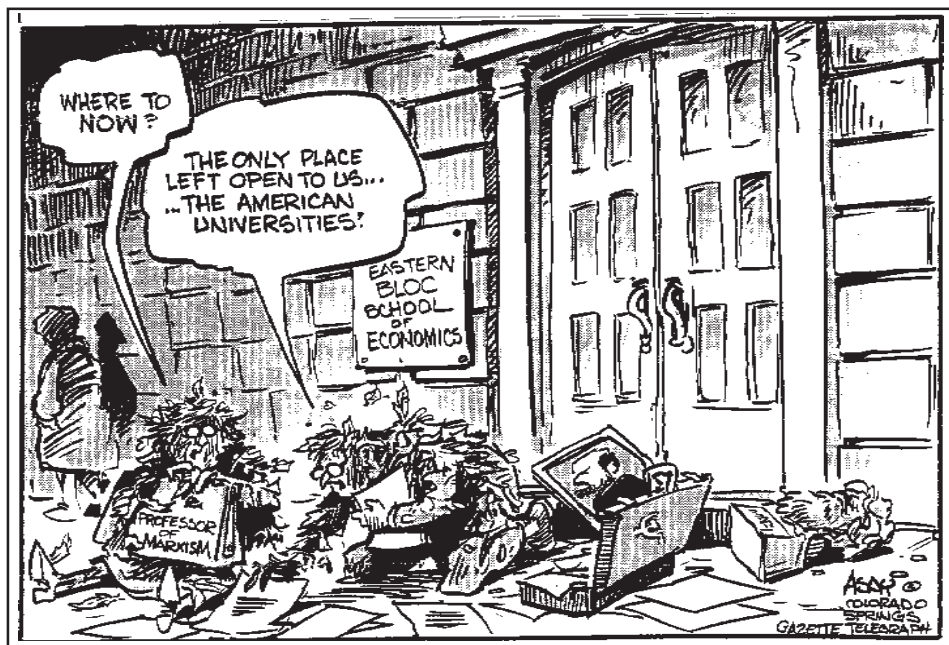
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Few people can argue the importance of basic economic knowledge for everyone. Unfortunately, few Tufts upperclassmen can correctly identify who wrote one of economics’ most famous and important texts, *The Wealth of Nations*. This and many other disappointing results were gleaned from a five-question historical survey of 107 Tufts upperclassmen. Adam Smith, the author of *The Wealth of Nations*, was correctly identified by only 43 of those students, or about forty percent. Particularly egregious responses of Marx and Churchill each appeared twice, even though the former scorned the capitalism of Smith’s seminal text and the latter was born over a century after it was first published. Of the four other questions asked, only one was answered properly by more than half the students, and that question was “Which came first, the Renaissance or Enlightenment?” With fifty-fifty odds, the correct answer of “the Renaissance” was still only received about two-thirds of the time.

The other questions asked for the date

of the attack on Pearl Harbor (12/7/41), the 16th-century scientist who first proposed that the Earth revolved around the sun (Copernicus), and the person who invented the printing press (Gutenberg). Correct answer percentages were, respectively, 30, 31, and 33. Naturally, these questions cannot claim to represent a comprehensive historical survey. But they do address key themes in the history of Western Civilization. By the time a student, even one who is not focused on history, has reached junior year, it is fair to expect him to know the answers to at least three of these questions. Tufts upperclassmen averaged just over two. This shows a general lack of “cultural literacy,” as University of Virginia professor E. D. Hirsch called core cultural knowledge.

Granted, the sheer percentages of right and wrong responses can be misleading. The Pearl Harbor question is a perfect example of this. It is a query that must have its answers broken down into not just right and wrong, but proximity to the actual



date. Any liberal arts student should be able to identify the date from Franklin Delano Roosevelt's legendary quote, calling December 7, 1941 "a date that will live in infamy." Answers of August of 1941 or February of 1942 show that the student probably knows about World War II but perhaps hasn't read *Bartlett's Book of Famous Quotations* recently; these answers are understandable. But over ten percent of respondents placed the attack at the end of the war or even after it had ended, giving years such as 1944, 1945, 1948, and 1949. Such results reveal that some Tufts upper-classmen do not realize Pearl Harbor brought America into WWII, do not know the years in which the war occurred, or both. Knowing that more than one out of ten students have little grasp of an event as catastrophic and relatively recent as World War II is a sad revelation indeed.

Less shameful than the Pearl harbor results but still alarming is the fact that more Tufts students believe Galileo proposed the heliocentric model than believe Copernicus did. It is fairly reassuring that people know Galileo made a huge contribution to science and thus give his name so often; it would be much better if they knew more about exactly *what* his contribution was and gave him and Copernicus credit where each is due.

While Galileo dominated question four in terms of wrong answers, it was a toss-up of incorrectness for number five. Several students thought Benjamin Franklin invented the printing press, which is regrettable. But at least he was an inventor, even if he lived centuries after Gutenberg. How does one explain the two people who strangely answered 19th century philosopher John Stuart Mill?

No one can argue the validity of the questions themselves. Each involves key knowledge of some of the most important people, concepts, inventions, or events of the last five centuries. The one argument that remains, that tries to salvage something from these poor results, is that the survey itself is invalid. "Why these five

questions?" one may ask. "Why not ask about numerous other key historical facts?" Admittedly, these questions were chosen somewhat randomly, but they represent a fair scope of the history of Western Civilization and its achievements in economics, science, and art.

"Well, fine," one might now say. "The survey is valid in terms of covering Western Civ, but what makes Western Civ important?" This attitude is what has created a World Civilization requirement here without a similar requirement for Western culture. Knowledge of both the West and the rest of the world is essential to a liberal arts education, but the politically correct feel that we need only study "trendy" cultures.

We all have probably (and hopefully) heard the adage, "Those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it." Nowhere is this saying more appropriate and disturbing than it is here. Without a grasp of history, one is almost invariably fated to misunderstand key concepts, lack an ability to discuss complex philosophical and even practical issues, and pass his ignorance onto others. Judging by these results, nearly sixty percent of Tufts students will suffer from these very problems.

One consolation Jumbos may take is that a similar survey conducted at Stanford University by *The Stanford Review* yielded results slightly worse than Tufts's. The results make two different but equally unsettling concepts abundantly clear: that students can either get away with learning little to nothing about Western Civilization after over two years of college, or that they have simply missed fundamental and important facts. These possibilities in addition to the fact that these questions should be able to be answered by high schoolers issue a sad revelation about college education today.

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Survey Results

1. Who wrote The Wealth of Nations?

Correct (Adam Smith): 43 (40%)
 Incorrect: 64 (60%)

...including:

Winston Churchill, Friedrich Nietzsche, Niccolo Machiavelli, Karl Marx

2. Which came first, the Renaissance or the Enlightenment?

Correct (Renaissance): 72 (67%)
 Incorrect: 35 (33%)

...including:

"Aren't they the same thing?"

3. What is the exact date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?

Correct (12/7/41): 32 (30%)
 Incorrect: 75 (70%)

...including:

December 8, 1944; 1949; April, 1945; July, 1946; June 14, 1944; "Summer"; December 8, 1946; "1940-something"; "1940s"

4. Name the scholar who first proposed in the 16th century that the Earth revolves around the sun.

Correct (Copernicus): 33 (31%)
 Incorrect: 74 (69%)

...including:

Galileo (many times), Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Aristotle

5. Name the person who invented the printing press in the 15th century.

Correct (Gutenberg): 35 (33%)
 Incorrect: 72 (67%)

...including:

Isaac Newton, Benjamin Franklin, Johann von Goethe, Martin Luther, John Locke, "A German," Alexander Graham Bell, "I should know this," "I have known this once before," "Oh, I forgot," "I know this"

*Those who can, do.
Those who can't, teach diversity.*

Ambassadors of Racism

by Craig Waldman

A policy ostensibly designed to provide lecturing experience for up-and-coming minority professors, Tufts's Future Faculty Ambassadors Program embodies the word *discrimination*. It seems Michael Powell, Tufts's Special Assistant to the President on Affirmative Action, is intent on consistently flaunting what leftists once covertly conducted behind closed doors. Last issue, THE SOURCE reported on Powell's efforts to give special privileges to minority students through offensive coddling and victimization. Before that, THE SOURCE obtained University documents proving that whites would be systematically excluded from certain positions. Now, his latest pet project is yet another example of open discrimination.

Opined Powell, "Tufts is making progress in diversifying the faculty," a proud statement which only barely hints at the shameful racist policies Tufts uses to execute this "diversification." Although Powell claims in a letter circulated to the freshman class that students "have the right to work and study in an environment that is free from discrimination," the administration itself is actively engaging in precisely that. The message that its programs are sending is clear: "Whites need not apply."

Especially bothersome is that the administration of a University of this caliber does not even realize that racial discrimination in any form is wrong. Instead of trying to rid the campus of racism, Powell and cosponsor Robert Hollister, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, conceived an inherently discriminatory program that seeks to help only minorities at the obvious expense of whites: a lecture series for would-be professors and Ph.D. candidates open only to minorities.

Powell admits that the goal of his program is to provide lecture experience for budding minority professors. But instead of trying to provide experience for

any qualified Ph.D., the University seeks only minorities. Were the same program to exist for whites, excluding minorities from certain opportunities, the University would instantly be condemned as racist and quickly find itself in court. Nevertheless, it actively supports racism as long as it benefits minorities.

The Tufts Daily reports, "This [program] gives the Ph.D. candidates valuable teaching experience and enables the administration to recruit them for possible full-time positions at the University." But let's be honest and call it what it really is—resumé packing. The fact that Tufts directs University funds towards helping would-be academics pad their CV's is inappropriate enough, but extending the "service" only to minorities is deplorable.

The Daily also indicates that Powell feels his plan to "diversify" the faculty is not moving "as quickly as he would like." He went even further in saying that "the advances that are made in finding a diverse faculty are not acknowledged by the entire Tufts community." There is good reason for that: the majority of rational people, faculty and students alike, disapprove of overt racism and are tired of minorities receiving special advantages due only to the color of their skin. In the professional world, merit should trump race.

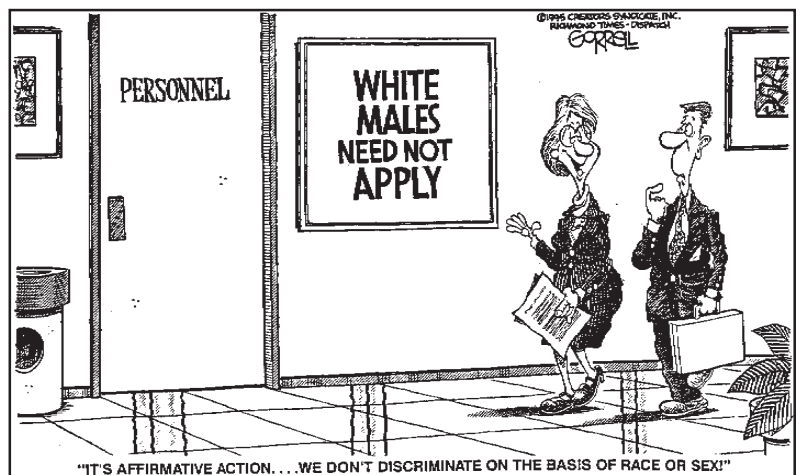
This key thing Powell ignores is that qualifications do matter. His bureaucratic contrivance essentially states that not being

white is a genuine qualification for employment. Witness the first beneficiary of Powell's brainchild, Frederick Luis Aldama. While finishing his doctoral studies at Stanford, Aldama has the perfect background to give a speech in this program: he was born in Mexico City, Mexico. Although he moved to California at an early age, at least he was born into a PC-friendly culture; hence, he is qualified to lecture at Tufts. While *The Daily* spends ample column space sifting through his racial qualifications, it largely ignores his academic credentials.

The most striking line of this entire article occurs when the author says, "Powell described Aldama's exceptional academic and *cultural qualifications* for the program" (emphasis added). The phrase "cultural qualifications" is something one might expect to find coming from white racists a hundred or so years ago; it is not something that University officials ought to utter today. The notion that an individual must be "culturally qualified" for a job is plainly offensive and un-American. That Tufts has cultural qualifications for acceptance into specific programs is an embarrassment to the entire University.

If Tufts is looking to recruit faculty out of Ph.D. programs, it should do so without regard to color. In fact, a lecture series designed to attract up-and-coming professors to Tufts would be a fantastic idea if conducted on a color-blind basis. All new Ph.D.'s should have an equal chance to apply and get a job at this University and expect to be judged only on the basis of merit. The highest standard that Tufts should uphold is excellence—not knee-jerk diversity.

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America is where the future usually happens first.

—Alvin and Heidi Toffler

A professor is a man whose job is to tell students how to solve the problems of life which he himself has tried to avoid by becoming a professor.

—Anonymous

All that Communism needs to make it successful is somebody to feed and clothe it.

—The Columbia Record

Einstein's theory of relativity, as practiced by congressmen, simply means getting members of your family on the payroll.

—James Boren

The schools ain't what they used to be and never was.

—Will Rogers

Chinese food— You do not sew with a fork and I see no reason why you should eat with knitting needles.

—Henry Beard

A man who hates America hates humanity.

—Paul Johnson

No civilization can survive for long with twelve-year-olds having babies, fifteen-year-olds killing each other, seventeen-year-olds dying of AIDS, and eighteen-year-olds getting diplomas they can't read.

—Newt Gingrich

I wonder why you can always read a doctor's bill and you can never read his prescription.

—Finley Peter Dunne

You don't have to think too hard when you talk to a teacher.

—J. D. Salinger

It is not what a lawyer tells me I may do; but what humanity, reason, and justice tell me I ought to do.

—Edmund Burke

Conservatives have more faith in people than in government institutions.

—John Tower

It is sobering to consider that when Mozart was my age he had already been dead for a year.

—Tom Lehrer

You can fool all the people all the time if the advertising is right and the budget is big enough.

—Joseph Levine

Conservatism is an attitude of mind and heart that seeks to maintain and transmit to a new generation the spiritual, ethical, moral, and political values that make freedom and civilization possible.

—Sen. Jesse Helms

A society that puts equality ahead of freedom will end up with neither equality nor freedom.

—Milton Friedman

Our problem is not simply to destroy capitalism, but to do this through the creation of a culture which will not tolerate the repressive and competitive values which capitalism has already induced us to accept.

—gambling opponent Robert Goodman

The power to tax involves the power to destroy.

—John Marshall

It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself.

—Thomas Jefferson

Friday, November 14th. At 11:31 am, a residential assistant in Carmichael Hall reported the smell of marijuana. When the officers arrived, they did not smell anything.

—Observer Police Blotter

It's kind of like going to a Spice Girls concert, and Baby and Sporty are missing.

—Tufts student Fawn Mendel, regarding professors more concerned with research than teaching

We keep the level of punishment more or less constant in our society by redefining deviancy.

—Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan

When buying or selling is controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought or sold are legislators.

—P.J. O'Rourke

The greatest long-term threat to the well-being of our children is the enfeebled condition— in some sectors of our society, the near-complete collapse— of our character-forming institutions.

—William J. Bennett

A bible and a newspaper in every house, and a good school in every district— all studied and appreciated as they merit— are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty.

—Benjamin Franklin

Good heavens, television is something you appear on; you don't watch it.

—Noel Coward

You've got to learn to survive a defeat. That's when you develop character.

—Richard M. Nixon

The real community of man, in the midst of all the self-contradictory simulacra of community, is the community of those who seek the truth.

—Allan Bloom

Vegetables are substances used by children to balance their plate while carrying it to and from the dining table.

—Anonymous

Government has an important role to play to restore law and justice, but federal programs cannot rebuild a shattered moral order, a self-indulgent popular culture, educational failure, and the breakdown of church and family. We must affirm our belief and conviction in individual responsibility, civic duty, and obedience to the law. We will not accomplish these goals with another Great Society bill out of Washington, DC.

—Pat Robertson

Inflation is taxation without legislation.

—Milton Friedman

Isn't it strange that people build walls to keep the enemy out, and there's only one philosophy where they have to build walls to keep their people in?

—Ronald Reagan

Religions change; beer and wine remain.

—Harvey Allen