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WE'RE NOT SORRY

Imagine savages dancing and cheering while the heads of a neighboring tribe's soldiers—it only evokes images of barbarians of the middle ages dressed in primitive garb with sloped foreheads. Though these thoughts are images of the past, they sadly are not images of the past. They are images of modern-day Lebanese.

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PS The House of Representatives recently voted to revoke former Rep. Bob Dornan's floor privileges. Voting for B-1 B was a handful of fellow Republicans; voting against him was the remainder of the House plus five thousand Mexican aliens.

The chapel can do for Tufts by standing as a participant in PC trends. This in mind, the chapel needs an "open" stance, no matter what its "closedness" to homosexuals. More importantly, it need not hold union ceremonies. If the chapel acts in fear of angering a group, it sacrifices the inherent value of each person....

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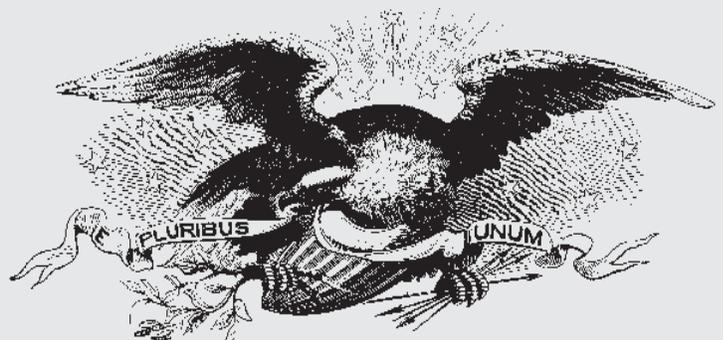
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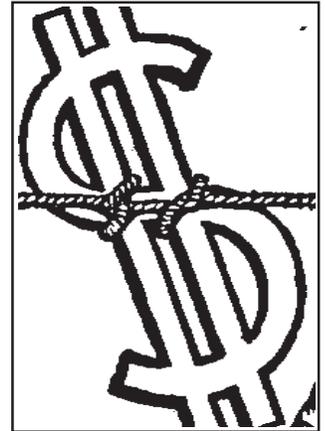
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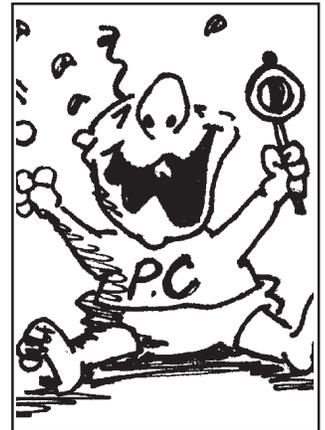
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FROM THE EDITOR

The PC crowd was never very fond of **THE PRIMARY SOURCE**. The Pan-African Alliance's attempt on Wednesday night to recruit the bulk of the Tufts community in its long-time quarrel with our journal is only the most recent attempt to silence us; it isn't the first, and, hopefully, it won't be the last. After all, this kind of tomfoolery provides college conservative papers with their most damning fodder. Without censorship, the PC crowd just wouldn't be PC. Our pointed criticism of left-wing academia would seem just a little hollow. And, of course, we'd have much less to gripe about.

But to learn from your mistakes wouldn't be PC, and to tolerate fundamental liberties for those with whom you disagree would be even less so.

THE SOURCE's first major censorship scare occurred after printing Michael Flaherty's reflective piece on black separatism, "Black by Popular Demand." Criticizing Afrocentrist historical revisionism of the sort that Cleopatra and Beethoven were black—as well as the more student-oriented black separatism popular in segregated clubs and academic organizations—Flaherty's policy prescriptions were aimed only at "bridg[ing] the dangerous ever-widening schism of society and realiz[ing] that black is no more beautiful than white or yellow." This didn't stop the inevitable PC outcry. Dean Knable called the article's effect on the black community "devastating" and became a principle architect of a campus-wide speech code a year later—the trappings of which still exist in the Dean of Students' Office's "Bigotry" policy. Students like the president of the "African-American" Society called the piece "an attack against the black community" while others were "enraged."

Never one to play the PC game, **The Source** ran into trouble again on the PC front less than a year later when Chuck Marks penned a rhyme about the Gods of Diversity entitled "They Sold Their Souls." "Yo, man! Dis be ma will!" the Diversity God declared, proceeding to anger a few PC students and administrators who not surprisingly condemned **THE**

SOURCE for parodying black slang—the same PC students and administrators in whose tradition the more recent mavens of political correctness would model their ironic defense of Ebonics, another favorite butt of **SOURCE** humor. When **The Source** criticized the legitimization of "Black English Vernacular" last year, whispers in PC circles began to suggest that another protest was at hand.

Although little ever came of it besides a few angry soapbox stands in the dining halls, **THE SOURCE** would have liked very much to see a protest rally reminiscent of the one that occurred in late 1994 in response to our annual Christmas issue. It seems the PC activists weren't very fond of our criticism of the "holiday" of Kwanzaa and proceeded to occupy **THE SOURCE**'s meetings and attempt to stage a takeover of the magazine, complaining as much about the magazine's content as the fact that editors had embarrassingly misspelled Kwanzaa's name. There was going to be a "higher learning" at **THE SOURCE**, one embittered activist declared. She must have been disappointed to discover that **THE SOURCE** would not back down from its position. Since that time the journal has published two lengthy articles deconstructing the "African-American celebration"—and radicals were somewhat more reticent to protest them than they were the more light-hearted humor on the same subject. Nevertheless the most recent complaints against our magazine still berate our Kwanzaa coverage without actually making a single point to refute it, other than being sure to stress that their feelings were hurt.

And that's what any censorship-minded protest against dissent is about: hurt feelings, a gut emotional reaction to material one finds distasteful rather than a constructive attempt to improve the community. And the best way to answer such critics is to remind them that they have a right to disagree, a right even to hate—but no right to quash the free expression upon which real university learning depends.



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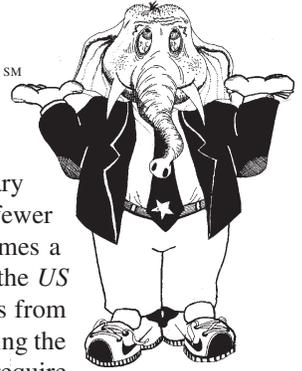
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From the Elephant's MouthSM



☞ Kyoto kamikazes, crimson greens, and, of course, **Senator John Kerry** all descend on Tufts's Cohen Auditorium on February 27th for a nine-hour symposium on **Global Warming**. Jumbo promo materials ask, "Will the future hold heat waves and disease or international cooperation?" How about a token conservative for once? ... Student strikes in Germany are in danger of seriously disrupting **Tufts-in-Tubingen** program. And Emily Krems is nowhere to be found.... Volunteer firefighter **Ben Gould** extinguishes a trash can fire in **Lewis Hall**. He was nearly killed when an angry mob of Lewis residents discovered the building wasn't going to burn to the ground after all.... **Karen Epstein** fantasizes about Scarlett O'Hara: she "fought for what she wanted despite losing her whole way of life... and, all the while, she still kept those men swooning." And as usual with Epstein's column, **nobody gives a damn**.... Responding to student outcry about medieval conditions in the Career Planning Center, Board of Trustees Chair **Nathan Gantcher** says, "We can recruit in a dungeon; it's getting [recruiters] there that's important." THE ELEPHANT can't think of *any* reason why corporate recruiters might be avoiding Tufts.

☞ Departure of three bwaanas of Political Science prompts "Key Professors take leave" headline on February 12th *Daily* front page. Indeed, with fewer 100-level courses on how a bill becomes a law next fall, Tufts is sure to slip off the *US News* chart entirely.... Two professors from the **Biology Department** write regarding the **Task Force on Race** report, "This will require us to move beyond 'tolerant cooperation' and towards 'mutually invested collaboration.' It will require that we give up 'being comfortable' and give up thinking that we have 'earned our privilege.'" It might even require that Tufts establish a **Department of Newspeak**.... **Film Series** requests \$60,000 to upgrade the projection and sound equipment in Barnum 008, which would in the words of one group member, "allow us to compete with the Somerville Theater." Between this and Brown and Brew, maybe Tufts will usurp **Davis Square** as one of the "hippest places in America." ... Whatcha gonna do when **TUPD** comes for you? Tufts's finest save Western Civilization from imminent danger by cracking the feared **Wren Fake ID Gang**. Just when you thought social life on the Hill had hit an all-time low.

☞ Asked why he brought a proposal to endorse gay marriage before the TCU senate, grad student **Glen Grossman** said, "It is really significant for a body like this to support this." The Supreme Court is holding its breath, no doubt.... TTLGBC requests "**Rainbow House**" group-housing unit. As if that wasn't enough, the group then hangs posters all over campus promoting their upcoming "**Anal Sex Talk**," which "will be a frank discussion with a how-to theme" about "erotic exploration of the anal area." Your Student Activities Fee at work again.... The *Daily* runs into ethnic hot water with a Valentine's Day piece on **Tantric Sex**. Senior **Tobin Paap** writes in a Letter to the Editor, "This ritual is not for anyone at Tufts." Bzzzt! Nowadays it seems the only copulation that isn't for anyone at Tufts is heterosexual man-on-top, lights-off *sweet lovin'*.

☞ Predictions: Culminating a year-long undercover sting, **TUPD** uncovers rings of students holding parties where minors are served alcohol.... After more student complaints about **Career Planning Center** shortcomings, **Nathan Gantcher** offers to point out all the pretty street corners on campus where interviews can be held.... **TTLGBC** and **Inter-Fraternity Council** cosponsor a "Lesbian Intercourse Discussion" with a demonstration to follow.... Locusts.

☞ THE ELEPHANT *never forgets*.

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Commentary

With Our Condolences

Few are the words that can mitigate the grief which arises from the death of a person early in his life. And when that person lived his life to such success as junior Joseph Gonzalez, the pain is inevitably greater still. Hard-working but fun-loving, Gonzalez was among a select few admitted to Tufts Medical School in his sophomore year. Despite taking a schedule of classes which most would find impossible, he maintained grades which placed him at the top of his class. Never one to boast, however, the level of his achievement has become apparent only now. A friend to many and an enemy to none, Joseph Gonzalez surely had a bright and rewarding life ahead of him.

His tragic death reminds us of an eternal lesson: that life is capricious even for the best of us. Joey, as his friends knew him, suffered from severe allergies and other conditions that often reminded him of his own mortality. Still he lived his life fully every day, never allowing physical limitations to diminish his tremendous potential. While he did live, his light shined brightly. Although we may hope that time's passage will allow us to forget the pain of Joseph's death, let us remember always the lessons of a life lived so well, no matter its length.

Everything Under the Sun

If the Office of Residential Life bestows its blessing, the Medford campus will brighten up next fall with the addition of TTLGBC's "Rainbow House." The organization hopes to obtain a residence much like those of the Asian-American and Hispanic-American communities, for example, hoping for a "gay-friendly" atmosphere heterosexuals and homosexuals alike can enjoy. As politically correct and charmingly diverse as this new proposal

may seem, it overlooks one important fact: sexuality is not culture. When a society reduces itself to grouping people on the basis of sexual orientation, it fails to treat its members with the respect that all humans deserve.

The Spanish, French, Russian, and German houses at least claim to provide the student body with the opportunity of immersing itself in a particular foreign language. But like ethnic enclaves such as the Hispanic House, the Capen House, and the Start House, the Rainbow House promises only more unnecessary separatism. One has to wonder how this proposed dwelling will contribute to the community, in light of the fact that TTLGBC's latest gift to the campus was a frank "how-to" discussion on anal sex, including the proper use of lubricants and adult toys. Tufts has always accepted what the TTLGBC has thrown its way with little or no restraint. Now is the time to start questioning whether a group which predicates itself on such an incidental aspect of human existence is deserving of high-demand, small-group housing.

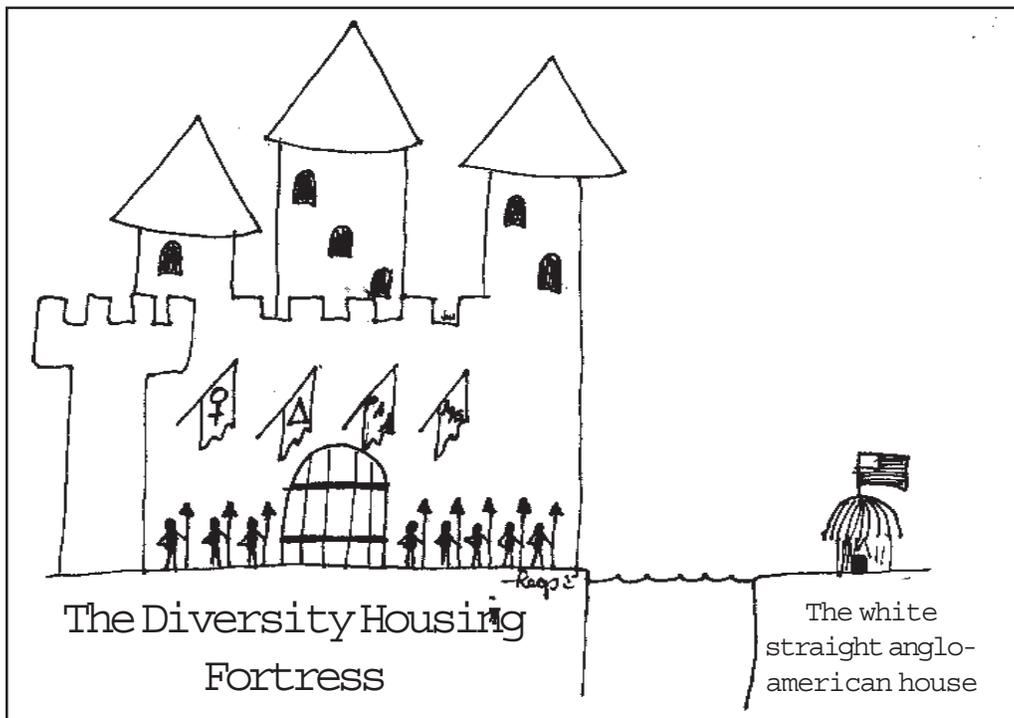
Rainbow House would not be the only "culture" house on campus whose main popular draw is the ability to present students interested in a certain agenda with an easy back door out of the Res Life lottery system. In a campus plagued by housing shortages and forced triples, reserving on-campus housing exclusively for trendy special interests in this manner is an issue of significant concern. As such, Res Life should resist the temptation to take the popular, politically correct path and instead consider which decision would best serve the Tufts community.

Banned in Boston

Beantown was once infamous for its censorship of *avant-garde* literature, but now smokers stand in the line of fire. Mayor Tom "Mumbles" Menino ignited a movement to stomp out cigarettes in all restaurants with more than twenty seats in addition

to all municipal properties, outlined in a proposal he asked the Boston Tobacco Control Program to present to the Public Health Commission Board. Bars and establishments primarily serving alcohol, or those restaurants with physical barriers separating dining areas from bar portions, may remain exempt.

It's no secret that the ordinance would please non-smokers annoyed by the smell and fumes accompanying "America's worst addiction." But in a free society, the market is dictated by the tastes of individuals. Restaurateurs these days, competing fiercely to amass a steady clientele, must take into serious consideration different preferences, making efforts to accommodate both those who light up and those who don't. Owners who choose not to arrange their estab-



ishments to protect non-smokers will necessarily forfeit that particular share of consumers—and vice versa. In this way, simple laws of supply and demand usually leave the customer satisfied. “Mumbles” and his bureaucrats can make better use of their draconian ordinance by rolling each of its pages around some fine tobacco and lighting up.

Fornigate Update

“A very complicated story” is how Mike McCurry, Bill Clinton’s own lapdog, described the Monica Lewinsky affair in an interview conducted nearly two weeks ago with *The Chicago Tribune*’s Roger Simon. The White House Press Secretary announced on record, “I don’t think it’s going to be entirely easy to explain.” Claiming that proof of presidential misconduct “would be very troublesome to me, to the press, and the American people,” McCurry also hinted at his own resignation, a step which seems worthy of consideration in light of the fact that even the ultra-leftist *New York Times* has charged him with abusing the taxpayer-funded position he holds. The Press Secretary is expected to answer directly to the American people—not President Clinton—on matters pertaining to the nation’s Chief Executive.

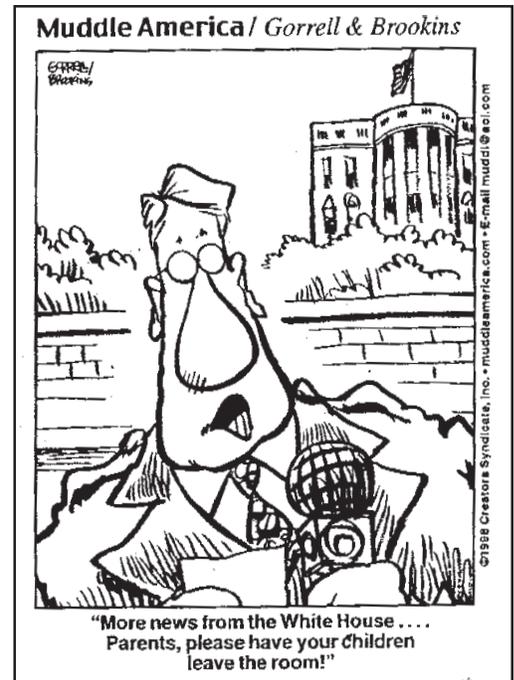
But the Clinton camp has been known to sail “trial balloons”—with McCurry at the helm—on sensitive issues in order to gauge national response before dropping a bombshell, in what amounts to gross manipulation of the public trust. McCurry’s long train of offenses also includes the countless daily briefings during which he has stalled, denied, and remained tight-lipped on important information. That McCurry would issue such admissions may indicate the degree of his boss’s guilt, but it also reflects his own sycophantic willingness to subordinate his official duties in favor of the man who would be king. As if to confirm that general suspicion, McCurry has retracted his controversial utterances of truth, blaming them on a “lapse” in “sanity,” the consequence of “me running my mouth.” But no mere running of the mouth can account for news reports of Clinton bedfellow Vernon Jordan engaging in more than ten telephone conversations, four rendezvous, and one joyride with Lewinsky during the span of a single month. It seems many parties in the Fornigate mess are blowing more than their fair share of hot air.

Under a Shady Trie

Fundraiser Maria Hsia was indicted last week on charges of camouflaging illegal contributions for the 1996 campaigns of President Clinton, Ted Kennedy, and his son Patrick. The scam involved raising money legally from private donors, only to have the Hsi Lai Temple, a southern Californian Buddhist congregation, reimburse those donors. That remittal and the ensuing cover-up clearly flout the law, even though carried out by three seemingly sweet Buddhist nuns. Many recall that Al Gore attended a function at the temple, later feigning ignorance that his visit involved fund-raising.

Janet Reno, finally opting to pursue truth rather than pander to her boss, called the indictment “yet another step forward in the Justice Department’s investigation of campaign finance abuses

associated with the 1996 election.” Whether she will take the next necessary step and prosecute the administration remains to be seen. Hsia’s indictment, along with that of long-time FOB Charlie Trie on similar grounds a month ago, simply represent more chunks of evidence to heap upon the growing pile of infidelities, improprieties, and iniquities perpetrated by the Clinton White House.



It Could Happen to You

The Baystate’s foremost gamblin’ granny, Paraskeve Kantges, is gearing up to cash in on \$21 million in disputed lottery winnings. State Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate Joseph Malone plans to hold a hearing on the matter this week, but only as a formality; the 72-year-old will most likely prevail over Nick Havan, at whose Watertown establishment, Coolidge Provisions, she placed a call-in purchase of the ticket. Few doubt that the numbers, the same birthday combination Kantges had played for years, were her own selection—and Havan’s “lying shamelessly and trying to manipulate the system,” in Malone’s words, represents man at his lowest of moral lows.

But selfishness and greed are hardly unexpected when the stakes are so high; more surprising is the infrequency of such incidents. Twenty-one million reasons illustrate why the five-member lottery commission owes it to the Commonwealth and all those who invest their time and money playing Mass Millions to devise a purer, less arbitrary method of handing down such decisions. Massachusetts’ current policy of allowing call-in bets merits reversal, as it undermines another, seemingly unambiguous policy inscribed on the flip-side of the ticket, that the bearer—not the original purchaser—reaps the reward. As a result, if the commission favors Kantges, as hoped, it still bears culpability for having contradicted the rule expressly written on the back of the ticket. And not lost among the outpouring of sympathy is the question: if the customer had been a thirty year-old male secured with a steady income, rather than a poor old woman, would society so eagerly and enthusiastically rally behind him? Don’t bet on it.

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.

—Aristophanes

PS Attention seekers of higher consciousness: Prohibition heats up, with overzealous politicians across the country proposing some pretty harsh penalties for drug “crimes”: Mississippi’s “Smoke a Joint, Lose a Limb” bill would punish pot smokers with amputation of an arm or a leg, Georgia Rep. John Linder wants to quarantine drug users at abandoned military bases, and Kansas polls want to punish growing marijuana plants with life *sans* parole (“even though first-degree murderers can be paroled after 25 years,” notes the ever-vigilant Libertarian Party). Why so serious? Perhaps a little joint is the most serious threat to the general welfare. In unrelated news, Saddam Hussein is working on The Bomb.

PS ABC News fired longtime veteran Bob Zelnick because he refused to cease writing a book critical of White House stiff-man Al Gore. Zelnick hasn’t had much time to deal with the dismissal because he has had his hands tied with some unexpected IRS audits.

PS Five New York waitresses filed a complaint with the EEOC after their boss made comments like “Let’s just say you owe me sex,” after handing the sultry servers twenty-dollar bills. The waitresses have since found work at Hooters.

PS Another celebration of Camelot commences next month with the biggest ever JFK auction, where Guernsey plans on selling items like his Harvard sweater, his post-war diary, rocking chairs, and his 22-foot sailboat. Missing is JFK’s football, which was lost on a recent family vacation.

PS After Limelight owner Peter Gaten was acquitted on drug charges, a neighbor fumed, “It was like the OJ Simpson trial all over again.” The overgrown club kid vowed to dedicate the rest of his life to tracking down the *real* transvestite DMT junkie.

PS Like those new Pepsi commercials with the Rolling Stones’s “Brown Sugar”? Stones drummer Charlie Watts has some issues: the snare-master barked, “I think it’s an awful drink.” Watts later confessed that he wasn’t fond of any liquid that didn’t first have to be cooked with a lighter and a spoon.

PS Attention Afrocentrist conspiracy theorists: read the lyrics to the new Pepsi jingle and discover the song is actually about a white slave-master raping black women.

PS Big Apple icons Donald Trump and Don Imus found themselves in a minor cat-fight after WFAN’s morning man insulted the size of Trump’s book sales. Keep your eyes peeled for a pay-per-view mud wrestling event at the Taj Mahal featuring the two Dons.

PS Deadly fumes forced the evacuation of 62 kids from Grand Island, Nebraska’s, Walnut Middle School. Five bucks says the smell came from the Union chapter room.

PS Madeleine Albright and Tufts alum Bill Richardson got heckled by a bunch of aging-hippie war protesters at their town hall outings. Their number-one objection to the war: the US would win, adding yet another victory to its rancid history.

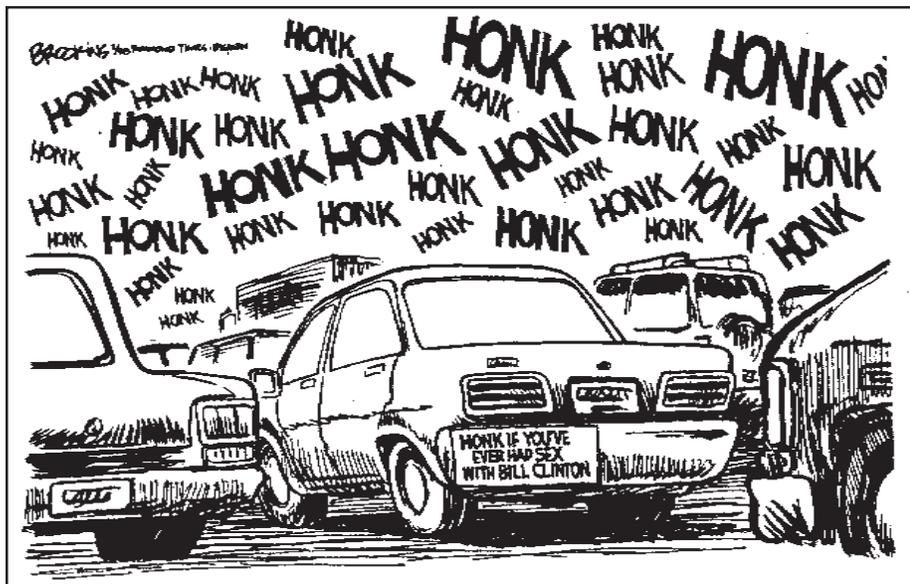
PS Cruise queen Kathie Lee Gifford has opted not to host a children’s charity telethon for the first time in 13 years. Apparently the kids don’t deserve the night off from the sweatshop this year.

PS *Post* gossip-mongers spotted doomed couple Elizabeth Hurley and Hugh Grant enjoying a romantic Valentine’s Day together while engaging in major-gross PDAs. Rumor has it that the experience was simply “divine.”

PS Gennifer Flowers is beginning to have guilt pangs about her recent magnum opus, *Sleeping With the President*, which exposed lurid details about Bubba’s sexual tastes; Arkansas’ loosest lady is suing her publisher in order to have all copies pulled from the shelves. Seems his biggest fetish was tying her up in chains while he raised her taxes.

PS When *YM* threw a bash to celebrate its “Hottest Guys Under the Sun” issue, a fist fight erupted, and security had to toss a couple of rowdy hunks out of the party. The whole thing was mortifying! It deserved a four-star Ultimate Supremo Humiliation rating!

PS Tufts Bookstore parent company Barnes & Noble recently announced that it would begin stocking art books containing pictures of nude children. In related news, Michael Jackson submitted a self-nomination for the Light on the Hill Award.



PS *Details* magazine's "10 Least Powerful People in Hollywood" round-up includes booted Disney big cheese Mike Ovitz, *Showgirls* starlet Elizabeth Berkley, and professional bitch Shannen Doherty. With this list in mind THE SOURCE is proud to present the Top Ten Least Powerful People At Tufts:

10. Dot
9. Greg Geiman
8. Grand Poobah of the TCU senate
7. Dean of Free Speech
6. Director in Charge of White Admissions
5. *Observer* spell-checkers
4. *Daily* fact-checkers
3. *Zamboni* humor-checkers
2. Special Assistant to the President on Taking a Position
1. Juan, from ISS



PS Phoenix, Arizona, educrats are pondering a bill to pay schools two dollars for each child whose parents sign a "parent's education pledge," requiring them to help their child with his homework, give him a desk, and leave him two hours of "quiet time" daily. We'll give the *students* two bucks each if they can explain why public schools throw their parents' money down the crapper.

PS Top Ten Rejected TCU Funding Proposals:

10. SULJ's petition for UNICCO trip to Disney World
9. Concert Board's request for Barbara Streisand
8. Amnesty International Spring Break in Rwanda
7. Plastic surgery for AOPi
6. Gold-plated "Magic: The Gathering" deck for the Strategic Gaming Society
5. Uncle Ben's for Oxfam
4. Jousting arena and designer capes for the Society for Creative Anachronisms
3. Pancakes for the I-House
2. Tufts Christian Fellowship compound
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PS TV viewers were wondering what was up when New York Gov. George Pataki's wife appeared on CBS without her wedding band. A spokesman explained, "She put her ring on the counter while doing the dishes... and forgot to put it on." Right, we're supposed to believe that she doesn't have an illegal alien doing her dishes?

PS Transportation bureaucrats are finalizing plans for I-69, a highway that would run directly from Canada to Mexico. The other joint of 69 runs from Mexico to Canada.

PS Denver-area economists are wondering why gas has gotten so cheap lately, with some stations selling as low as 89 cents a gallon. Great. Six years of Clinton and these guys don't even remember what supply and demand mean.

PS Nashville, Tennessee, may begin testing prisoners for the HIV virus before releasing them. Gee, what might they do that would spread the HIV virus?

PS Charleston, West Virginia, now permits civilians to write tickets for cars illegally parked in handicapped spots. A similar policy was discontinued at Tufts after too many Jumbos were skipping class to man the watchtowers.

PS Monica Lewinsky may score an invite to the "Grease" twentieth anniversary because she loved the show as a kid. Oh, and because she went down on the president.

PS Hoop icon and part-time golfer Michael Jordan will soon be hawking sunglasses for 300 bucks a pop. Then no one will recognize you when they smell you wearing his cologne.

PS According to folks at Bendetson, the word "dorm" is no longer politically correct, and will be replaced by the term "residence halls," which coincidentally also replaces the term, "filthy, disgusting, unheated, third-world living conditions."

PS In a bit of unpaid advertising for "the other white meat," 60-year-old-knockout Tina Turner said that she has always loved pork and is perfectly healthy. We always thought Cracker was the other white meat.

PS A white supremacist and a former Mormon preacher were accused of possessing Anthrax and the Bubonic Plague. Turns out it was just an old case of Schlitz Malt Liquor.

PS The folks in Jakkasjaervi, Sweden are now enjoying a cold one on the house at the bar in the Ishotellet, a hotel constructed entirely of ice. Funny, we always thought the coldest reception in the world could be found behind the front desk of Ballou.

*Call it whatever you want, but in
the end it's all about the Benjamins.*

What Price Diversity?

BY COLIN KINGSBURY

As the debate over the final report of the Task Force on Race builds, no doubt most students will exempt themselves with the usual "what does it have to do with me?" True, no one here now will need to fill the proposed American Race and Cultures requirement, and "diversity" is already the most overused word on Walnut Hill anyway. But the implementation of the group's recommendations will consume far more than distant requirements and baseless, self-righteous rhetoric.

It is no secret that despite charging tuition rates among the highest in the nation, Tufts University finds itself perpetually strapped for cash. More than a few dorms resemble South Boston's Section 8 housing projects, and our endowment remains pitiful in comparison to schools we claim to compete with. When campus-wide computer networks started becoming fashionable accessories for better schools several years ago, most universities decided to build their own. Tufts had no choice but to sell us into indentured servitude to CampusLink because the University couldn't afford three million dollars. Insufficient staffing levels in key departments, especially in the social sciences, mean students paying top dollar have to sit in lecture-size classes even at advanced levels, while others are taught by part-timers from such eminent institutions as the University of Massachusetts. The Student Activities Office no longer produces the Senior Pub, a campus institution only a few years ago, mainly because the office cannot afford it.

Few schools (or other institutions, for that matter) ever possess enough money to keep everybody happy, but the situation at Tufts is particularly critical. Nonetheless, a reading of the recommendations issued by the Task Force on race reveals an unprecedented number of new demands on Tufts's finances. While a small number of the

recommendations are not altogether bad, such as "More congenial common space in the residence halls is a necessity," the Task Force on Race is a rather odd avenue for pushing such needs. But a far larger number of the proposals are of an explicitly politically correct nature, and have serious costs attached to them.

Consider the recommendation that Tufts form an "Office of Faculty and Staff Education" to develop diversity initiatives and training programs. No doubt this will employ at least two or three people, and require office space and administrative support. It is impossible to guess at the cost, but salaries alone will be significant. Relocating the Office of Equal Opportunity to Ballou may demand only a moving van, or perhaps a renovated wing of the building. Demands with unspecified costs proliferate; "The Culture Centers should be strengthened and supported so that they can enhance their work" surely means increased funding. Of course, the

Task Force either couldn't say how much or chose not to.

Then there's the suggestion to add "at least three new tenure-track positions in American race and ethnic studies." This is truly the gift that keeps on giving, for it not only drains resources continually but essentially commits the University to support, eventually, three tenured professors. Not that we don't need more faculty, it's just that they're needed in traditional departments to support a basic liberal arts curriculum. Tufts will not linger long on the Top 25 list if we fail to support the basic programs students want and need.

Many more of the proposals carry costs that are very real yet impossible to judge. Several times the report appeals to the current capital campaign to find donations for diverse causes. Every special fellowship earmarked for Politically Correct Studies means one more needed project going unfunded somewhere else. Other moneys designated for minority scholarships will be unavailable to equally needy white students. All of the innumerable training sessions and minor programs may not demand additional staff, but will consume vast amounts of time and energy that could be directed to better ends elsewhere. Opportunity costs, as economists refer to them, are difficult to assess but important nonetheless. Each dollar allocated to an unneces-

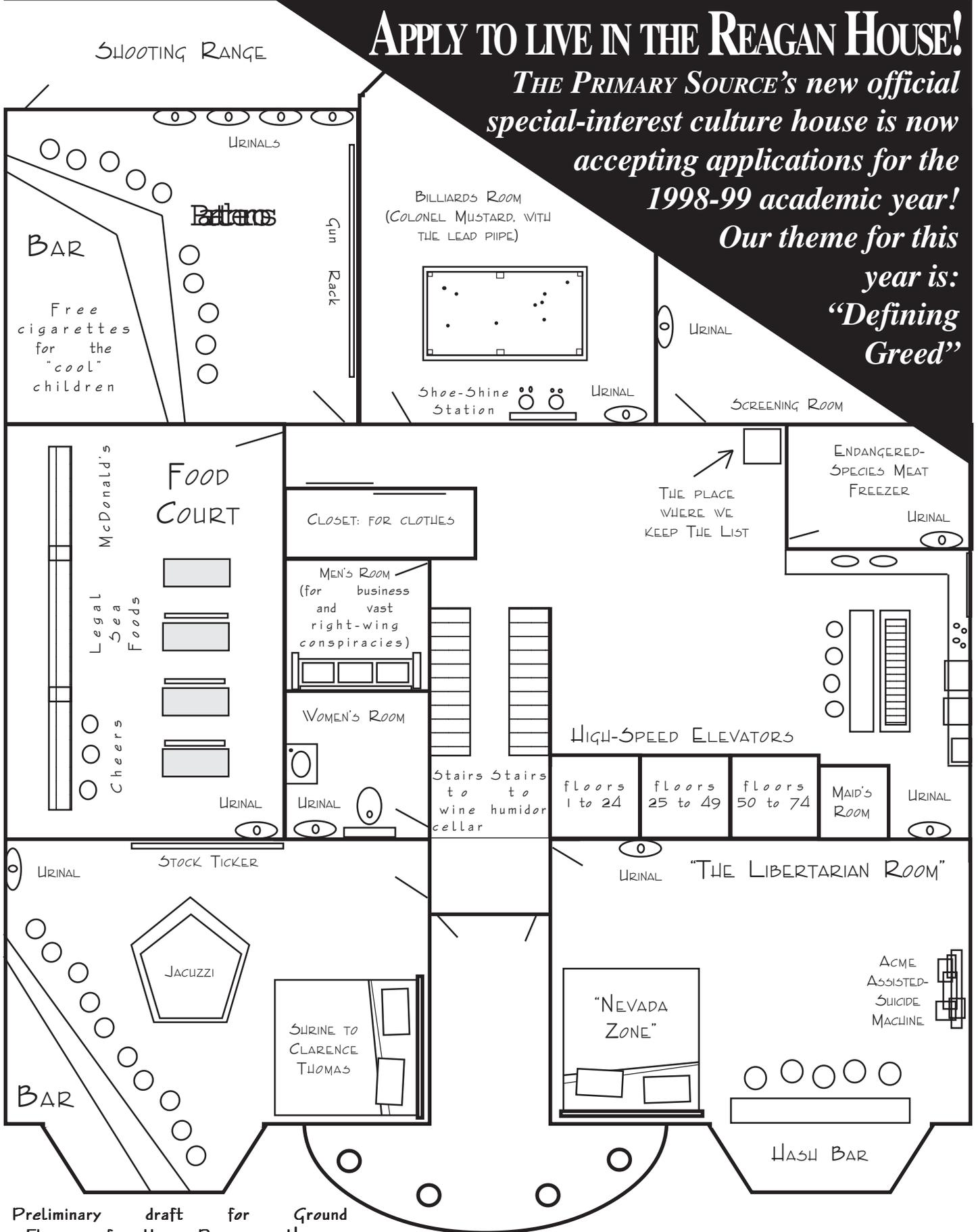
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Preliminary draft for Ground Floor of the Reagan House
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THE PRIMARY SOURCE

Anita Mann

Group affiliations: Tufts Feminist Alliance, Voice for Choice, Womyn's Collective, Tufts Men Against Violence

Occupation: Grrrrrl

Measurements: 36C-24-34

Turn-ons: "Partial-birth abortions, gay best friends, Susan Ostrander's socks"

Turn-offs: "Men who open doors for me, men who bring me flowers, men."

Favorite book: *The Compleat Works of Ali Trachtman*

Ambition: To learn to pee standing up



Bobbie Knable

Occupation: Dean of Students

Favorite note: B-flat

Favorite symphony: "Symphony of Destruction" by Megadeth

Turn-ons: Michael Powell's R&B rendition of "You Could Be Mine"

Proudest moment: Catching Marilyn Manson's garter belt at the Fleet Center

Pet peeves: Taking Bruce for a walk, Van Halen breaking up

Favorite book: *How to Win Friends and Influence People With Just a B. Mus.*



Rita Rockett

Alias: "Righteous Retro"

Idol: Neil Young

Sworn enemy: Sony

Gripe with the Right: The CD revolution

Favorite book: *Industrial Society and Its*

Future by the Unabomber

Favorite song: "We are the World"



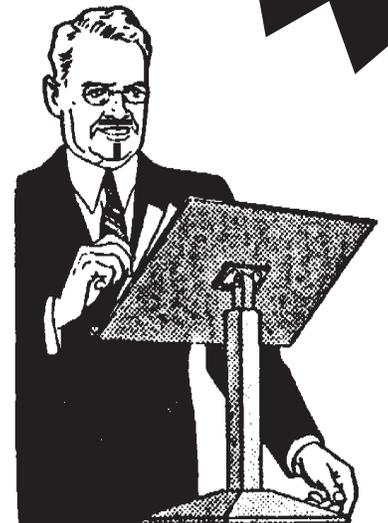
Sen. Edward Kennedy

Boxers or briefs? "No thanks!"

Pet peeves: Sunday blue laws, female drivers, chicks who press charges

Thanks God for: Bacardi 151, air bags, being a Kennedy

If you were a vegetable, what kind of vegetable would you be? Ted Kennedy



We have had
two hundred
names

Occupation:
Pet peeves:
Favorite:
Favorite authoring:
Favorite:
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Dr. Gerry Mander

Occupation: Sociology professor
Views: The military-industrial complex, women who shave their legs
Course: "The Socialization of Racism in the Star Wars Trilogy"
Write opening line: "My purpose in this paper is to debunk pre-conceived notions about...."
Favorite pickup line: "Wanna see my social construct?"
Best secret: Isn't wearing any pants



Robertson Jameson Bigglesworth III

Aliases: "Candy," "Shugah"
Gripe with the Right: Forcing him to pick a gender
Hobbies: Frolicking in the periwinkle, making friendship bracelets
Favorite weekend excursion: Jogging to Versace, trying on all the sexy dresses, and leaving without buying anything
Group affiliations: Tufts Dance Collective, Oxfam Collective, Womyn's Collective, TTLGB Collective
Biggest regret: Not being able to have an abortion
Favorite pick-up line: "Hey, baby, take a walk on the wild side."



"Phat Cat"

Occupation: TCU senator
Gripe with the Right: Those damned checks and balances
Favorite bumper sticker: "We Believe You, Andi!"
Turn-ons: Those senate "retreats" at the Four Seasons, adding to Tufts's collective consciousness, unbundled services, and fact-checking
Turn-offs: Spilling treasury-funded Mocha on new J. Crew sweater, having to constantly rub elbows with the sheep, contested elections
Favorite pickup line: "I've got a thousand dollars in buffer funding that says you'll sleep with me."
Toughest part about the job: Trying to hide the fact that you know you're better than everybody else

Senora Siesta

Occupation: unemployed former UNICCO employee
Gripe with the Right: being forced to choose between starving to death and getting paid \$9.50 an hour to sleep on the sofa in the South Hall Lounge
Best way to get a club soda stain out of a white cotton shirt: "Try soaking it in red wine."
Demands: \$76.50 an hour and a lifetime supply of Schlitz

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The following phallogentric oppressors must be exposed and re-educated



Emmanuel Forbes Goldstein

Turn-ons: The flat tax, the gold standard, Alan Greenspan's ties
Turn-offs: The capital-gains tax
Pet peeves: Being audited
Favorite stroke books: *The Road to Serfdom*, *The Wall Street Journal*
Hero: Ragnar Dannekjold
Favorite pick-up line: "Ever been to the Caymans?"



Dickinson Wood

Hobbies: Logging, eating red meat, throwing blood at animal-rights activists
Pet peeves: Recycling, especially having to use recycled toilet paper
Hero: George Washington
Sworn enemy: Al Gore



Lady Liberty

Main offenses: Oppressing the meek, the tired, the poor, the lazy, the nasty, the brutish, and the short
Misdemeanors: Various TUPD parking violations
Irresponsibilities: The First Amendment, the Second Amendment, the Fifth Amendment, the Ninth Amendment, the Tenth Amendment
Favorite pick-up line: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



"The Family"

Main offenses: Being stable, happy, and well-adjusted
Pet peeves: Anal-sex "how-to" sessions, women who run with the wolves, the income-tax marriage penalty
Favorite pick-up line: "Would you like to go out for dinner sometime?"
Hero: Mr. Wilson
Sworn enemy: Murphy Brown



Richman Holdenbucks, Sr.

Likes: Being rich, getting deposits back from commingled containers
Dislikes: Unions, public transportation, the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, dirty people, those nasty paper-cuts from sitting naked in a pile of money

Vast Left-Wing Conspiracy, Or Just Incessant Whining?

BY KEITH LEVENBERG

By now most students on campus are aware of the kangaroo court that various disgruntled Jumbos planned for Wednesday in Barnum Hall to air their collective grievances about THE PRIMARY SOURCE. The individuals responsible—in the typical fashion of the left—relied mostly on lies and misinformation to aggrandize their event, and they did not even restrict their lying to complaints pertaining to THE SOURCE'S content. Before any individual on THE SOURCE was so much as informed about the event, its organizers publicly announced that SOURCE members would be present to answer questions—a particularly galling lie given that they had every reason to know that THE SOURCE would not cooperate with their shenanigans. But they also knew that nobody on campus except themselves would be interested in hearing their gripes without the added mystique of THE SOURCE'S presence to fan the flames of controversy. So they knowingly and deliberately propagated information they knew to be false for the express purpose of misleading the Tufts community. This from the same people who accuse us of irresponsible journalism.

The crux of left-wing activism these days depends on precisely that: misinforming people in order to lull them into a political trap. This same demagoguery colors the left's definition of some very serious terms. Thus, "racist" is now defined as anybody who opposes special favors for racial minorities, and "homophobe" is now defined as anybody who expresses moral reservations about the agenda of TTLGBC. Or take some less controversial issues of public policy: favoring a war against Iraq is now considered a "racist" position by many, and if you ask PAA executive and "Observations" moonlighter Tiphonie Gundel, opposing socialized health care may now be similarly "racist."

So it was without much surprise that we at THE PRIMARY SOURCE learned of vari-

ous factions taking offense at our journal this year. However, it was quite shocking to hear them attempt to substantiate these familiar complaints with some rather serious accusations, such as the charge ostensibly levied by students but more seemingly lobbed by the allegedly objective *Observer* that "groups such as African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and homosexuals are continually singled out for ridicule while other groups are left alone." Where did this occur? Blank out.

Our ridicule of affirmative action, for example, never extends to ridiculing, on the basis of race, the individuals who benefit from it. After all, nobody can really be blamed for taking advantage of an opportunity extended to him: the shame lies primarily in the left-leaning social engineer who engages in the practice in the first place. Nevertheless, it is dishonest to deny the reality that preferential treatment on the basis of race will result in individuals given the benefits of affirmative action having lower academic qualifications.

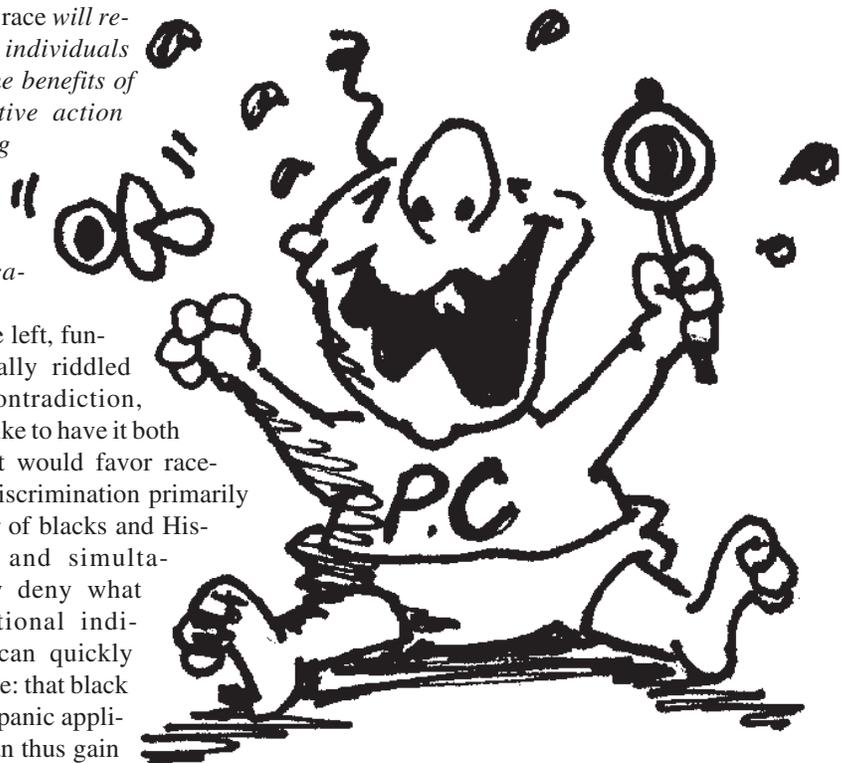
The left, fundamentally riddled with contradiction, would like to have it both ways. It would favor race-based discrimination primarily in favor of blacks and Hispanics and simultaneously deny what any rational individual can quickly conclude: that black and Hispanic applicants can thus gain

admission with lower academic credentials. To the extent that this affects Tufts's academic standards THE SOURCE would be neglecting its responsibility were we to shy away from this truth.

The Observer claims in its typically biased fashion that PAA members "were quick to use statistics to disprove the stereotype that it is easier for minority students to gain admission to Tufts." As evidence, Tufts's "newspaper of record" cites only that 80 percent of Jumbos are non-minorities. This statistic is a red herring that shines no light on the question of whether different races face different obstacles behind Bendetson's closed doors. The actual numbers that would settle the question remain secret—and we need not wonder why. But the statistical reality of affirmative action is, as Dinesh D'Souza properly noted, the worst-kept secret in American education. It can be denied as much as is necessary for the cult of self-esteem, but nobody is ignorant of the essential truth: vast racial differences in academic qualifications abound.

If Tufts's policies of treating races differently do not result in races being treated differently, why won't Bendetson publicize the relevant numbers? Why not release annually, with the rest of the

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statistics about the incoming class, items like the average SAT scores of those receiving affirmative action and those races not so fortunate? Why be clandestine about the tangible results of the policies about which Tufts's diversity mavens are so proud? Why not speak the truth and let Tufts students judge for themselves?

The pro-affirmative-action faction

is hoping that Tufts's admissions bean-counters will do no such thing. And when it isn't throwing red herrings at the wind, it's building up even hollower straw men. Consider PAA President Gareth Robinson's quizzical "rebuttal" to THE SOURCE's continuing crusade against affirmative action: he thinks, according to *The Observer*, that "it is false to believe that admission to Tufts is only difficult for a select group.... 'It is more difficult for students to get in across the board.'" Firstly, in no sense did anything in THE SOURCE intimate that admission to Tufts is *only* difficult for some: it is difficult for all, and somewhat less difficult for others. Secondly, that it might be harder for students to get in across the board ignores the fundamental fact that it is still more difficult for whites and (possibly) Asians than for the beneficiaries of affirmative action. In short, Robinson's fallacious dodge of the issue has no relevance to the actual debate.

Nevertheless, I find *The Observer's* reporting on this issue an incredibly positive step. For the first time in my memory, Tufts's mainstream media, albeit in an inexcusably biased manner, actually recognized that *a debate about affirmative action exists*. Without THE SOURCE's constant "Affirmative-Action Updates" and ceaseless admonitions about the discriminatory practice, the status quo would have prevailed with the popular wisdom acceding that affirmative action is as fundamentally important to the core of academia as quoting one's own colleagues. Whether *The Observer* realizes it or not, THE SOURCE mobilized the debate on this issue—possibly causing many readers to question their

assumptions and definitely forcing the pro-affirmative-action contingent to defend their views. Without THE PRIMARY SOURCE, "objective" articles like *The Observer's* infamous "Affirmative Action An Asset To Tufts" front-pager would have continued to saturate the campus without serious opposition.

The left once accused a Senator Joseph

McCarthy of conducting a witch-hunt against Communists in high places. The charge wasn't very accurate:

Preferential treatment on the basis of race will result in individuals given the benefits of affirmative action having lower academic qualifications.

there is no such thing as a witch, of course, and the Communists were quite real. McCarthyism as it is practiced today, on the other hand—with the late Senator's favorite gambits now in the arsenal of those leftists even more indignant and radical than the norm—definitely achieves witch-hunt status. For these individuals at Tufts to express their true motives for wanting to silence THE SOURCE would discredit them completely, so they prefer to conjure up charges that have absolutely no basis in reality. They concoct non-existent evils to seek and destroy, easy scapegoats to subvert the politics of liberty and equality which they truly despise.

It would pain me to go one-by-one down the few actual con-

crete examples these radicals cited on those rare occasions when they chose to cite anything at all. Such a condescending explanation of the content of THE SOURCE would insult the overwhelming bulk of our readership who are no doubt sufficiently intelligent to understand our pieces on their own. Moreover, it would legitimize the immature whines of those radicals who want to censor us for reasons that have nothing to do with their obnoxious pretensions.

Just as McCarthy abused his public authority to throw the "Communist" label at anybody whom he wished to ruin, Tufts's McCarthyites are attempting, with success, to label anybody who disagrees with

the left's racial-politics agenda a racist. But by perverting an intellectual debate with the trappings of race war, they are thus empowered to coerce anyone not wanting to be labeled a racist into acquiescing to them. Thankfully, most Tufts students are smart enough to know that opposing affirmative action does not a racist make. And making a number of pointed jokes on the subject—or being completely candid about what the program entails—does not change matters a bit.

That the First Amendment's staunchest defenders traditionally have been on the left seems now to be merely a fluke, or at the very least a horrific indicator of how much more libertarian the "old" left was. In fact, censorship is entirely consistent with left-wing ideology. Leftists have long argued for paternalism, for the domination of "society" over individual man, for the subordination of individual liberty to loftier social concerns, and for the malleability of the human spirit through public policy.

And to them censorship is just another social program, less popular than seat-belt laws but no different philosophically: in this formulation, freedom of speech is just another inconvenient civil liberty which must be suspended for "the greater good" of society. Such beliefs are glaringly evident through the left's Orwellian euphemisms, like "irresponsible speech" for expressions that it wishes to censor.

That the left thinks society might be more com-

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fortable, more blissful, or just more serene with nobody making waves justifies its flirtations with censorship only to itself. Any serious campus-wide debate on this topic is sure to result in a near-unanimous recognition that the more noise is made, the better. The overwhelming majority would recognize the inherent banality in any social arrangement whose ultimate goal is merely to toe the party line. Much John Stuart Mill would be quoted. And THE PRIMARY SOURCE would be vindicated—again.

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The Tufts Feminist Leadership Alliance is an illegitimate organization undeserving of students' financial support.

The Abortion Club

BY JESSICA SCHUPAK

Young activists at Tufts are fortunate to have a plethora of leftist groups and causes from which to choose. And now, aspiring radicals have *two* feminist organizations available to help them spread their message of sexual freedom and reproductive rights. Though a viable activity for Jumbos, the Tufts Feminist Leadership Alliance is little more than a pro-abortion club created by résumé packers as a refuge for the feeble-minded.

Though Tufts proudly boasts the Women's Collective, a band of womyn seemingly decided earlier this year that Walnut Hill needs another bastion of radical feminist rhetoric. According to *The Daily*, co-president Andi Friedman thinks TFLA is not a duplication of an existing group because the Women's Collective is not a political organization, whereas her brainchild has an overt agenda. She added to *THE SOURCE* that the TFLA's stance is more action-oriented than its sister organization. But arguing that the Women's Collective is not decidedly leftist and does not support a variety of controversial political causes, such as abortion, is futile at best. Examining the laundry-list of events sponsored by the Women's Collective in recent years, including a lecture by NOW bigwig Patricia Ireland, confirms the organization's political mission. Friedman even admitted that she does not "know enough about the Women's Collective to say" whether or not it is political, but noted that it does sponsor political events like "Take Back the Night." Both the TFLA and the Women's Collective host speakers and politically motivated events and in reality differ only in nomenclature. There is no compelling reason for Tufts to recognize and fund both groups.

Roe, Roe, Roe Your Boat

Friedman continually stresses that a central focus of the TLFA is to advance its pro-choice agenda. Indeed the TFLA's

first event, a tribute to the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision's 25th anniversary, touted a candlelight vigil and a ribbon-tying ceremony in honor of a woman's fabricated right to choose. Earlier this year, Lew Titterton illustrated in the pages of *THE SOURCE* the irony of the TFLA attaching ribbons to a tree, a symbol of life, in honor of the right to terminate it. And while the TFLA crusaders mourned those who could not obtain legal abortions before Justice Harry Blackmun made the world safe for women (but less so for their children), I wondered if they considered the 1.5 million babies whose lives are lost each year by the Supreme Court's gavel.

At the engagement, Women's Center Director Peggy Barrett launched a defense for the ghastly and morally unconscionable partial-birth abortion procedure. Barrett pressed that the operation (which is formally known as intact dilation and evacuation, or D&E) represents less than one percent of total abortions; had she finished her math Barrett would have revealed that that number amounts to 15,000 annually. Moreover, the vast majority of partial-birth abortions are performed on an elective basis. The late Dr. James McMahon, a creator of D&E, calculated that 91% of the thousands of partial-birth abortions he administered were elective and of the remaining nine percent, which he categorized as for maternal health considerations, most were for depression. If Barrett finds nothing wrong with plunging surgical scissors into a live baby's skull and vacuuming his brains out, the numbers should not even matter to her— so why stress the scar-

city of the procedure? It remains curious why Barrett and other pro-abortionists concentrate in totals and the "necessity" of D&E while continually side-stepping the ethical challenges to partial-birth abortion.

Some rally participants contended that taking the pro-choice position is not the same as being pro-abortion. But the legal-and-rare argument holds no water—if there is nothing wrong or unfortunate about abortion, there is no need to desire its rarity or discourage it—and by supporting the procedure with the vigor that the TFLA does, it advocates it as an alternative to personal responsibility and respect for life.

Though supporting abortion is dubious in itself, it is additionally suspect to honor a decision that even many pro-choicers concede is illegitimate. The Supreme Court is burdened with the responsibility of deciding its cases based only on the Constitution. Nowhere in the historic document is an American citizen granted the right to an abortion, leaving legislation on the matter to the states to decide or to

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Feminist Alliance big-whig Andi Friedman

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Congress to draft a Constitutional amendment. Blackmun’s artificially concocted right set a dangerous example for future courts to rule based on personal preference rather than Constitutional grounding—a reality which could as easily work against the feminist lobby someday.

When questioned about how the TFLA could host an event honoring Blackmun’s brand of judicial activism, Friedman admitted that she hasn’t read the “details” of the case but accepts the Supreme Court’s authority, after which she blurted that it is possible that the Court could be wrong. The co-president asserted it is not something the TFLA has thought much about yet but probably should. The event “was not as much about the case as the symbolism of the case,” Friedman clarified, and the TFLA was not interested in the “legalese” of the decision but its “spirit.” Simply, the TFLA “support[s] that *Roe v. Wade* is on the books.”

The TFLA’s more recent stints with pro-abortion activism are of a more obvious political association. The group hosted State Senator Susan Fargo to speak about her women’s clinic buffer-zone bill and how students could help lobby in its favor. The TFLA also courted prominent pro-abortionist Eleanor Smeal, former president of the National Organization for Women, and current head of the Feminist Majority Foundation (the TFLA’s mentor organization). And the TFLA is “real pumped” about the group’s Adopt-a-Clinic project. Through this new feature members will travel to abortion clinics to escort women inside to “protect” them from pro-life protesters. “Volunteers” will even be reimbursed for ground transportation out of the group’s \$1,000-plus TCU buffer-funding package. Another portion of the allocation will be used for general announcements and advertisements. One of the planned ads will serve to extend condolences to the family of a security officer who sadly lost his life in a clinic attack. Speaking on this upcoming announcement Friedman ironically offered, “It is unfortunate that people are dying to support a woman’s right to choose.” Though the loss of this man’s life is tragic and violent clinic attacks are abhorrent, it is shamelessly opportunistic that the TFLA seeks to capi-

talize on his family’s loss to further its agenda.

When asked if Friedman sought to bring any conservative feminists to campus, the co-president noted that the group is open to all speakers and that it would be educational to hear that point of view but that the TFLA is strictly a pro-choice group. Friedman even went as far as to say that abortion is a “litmus issue” for feminism. By her logic, if a woman crusades as she herself does for political, social, and economic equality, but does not believe that equality includes a license to kill, she proves a poor excuse for a feminist, maybe even a woman.

In addition to campaigning for abortion rights, the TFLA hopes to embark on some educational endeavors, spreading information on women in the workplace, for example. But the primary focus of this organization is abortion advocacy—even much of the planned education involves disseminating information on sexual freedom and abortion rights. Friedman calls it “shortsighted” to label her group simply a pro-abortion organization. But the majority of its activities involve the controversial issue and though some, such as a potential conference about “breaking the glass ceiling,” don’t, TFLAers admittedly concentrate more effort and receive more attention for their pet topic. Friedman and her gang falsely assume that “people have pretty much accepted a woman’s right to choose.” In fact, *The Daily* cited a nationwide poll in its news article covering the TFLA’s first event which found that only 47% of respondents endorse *Roe* and 11% fewer support abortion for cases in which a woman simply does not want to carry a pregnancy to term.

Nevertheless, the TFLA thinks that abortions are not accessible enough and that this poses an especially grave problem for poor women. Perhaps if a poor woman could not afford to accept the possible consequences of sexual freedom—raising a child, or from the TFLA standpoint, an abortion—she should have considered that

before exercising her NOW-endowed liberty. But the operative assumption here is that abortion is good and should not just be legal, but abundant, never stepping back to question whether or not sexual recklessness should be discouraged or even if killing innocent babies is wrong.

The TFLA stands for all of the same political points as the Women’s Collective; if its founders felt that the Collective was not politically active enough there is no reason why they could not have organized more activities or encouraged a more “proactive” attitude from within it—especially since, as Friedman observed, there is much overlap between the two groups. The only obvious reason is the benefit of pasting a litany of impressive-sounding titles on one’s CV. Friedman remarked to *The Daily*, “I feel like we’re explaining ourselves... but unfortunately because of the backlash and work of the conservative, radical right, it’s become necessary.” More likely it is because the TFLA champions a questionable cause and leads a questionable existence—but the minority always makes for an effective scapegoat.

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Women’s Collective Chief Peggy Barrett

Maine's plebiscite on discrimination isn't about homophobia: it's about freedom.

A Vote for Choice

BY PHILIP DE VAUL

Last week, gay activists flew into a rage when Maine voters repealed a law barring discrimination against homosexuals. Those who ousted the law were boosted by a coalition of Christian conservative leagues whose religious agenda just happened to side with the free market (this time). The upset at the ballot box left Maine Governor Angus King scrambling for an explanation, and although he did admit disappointment in his constituents, King added that the decision did not mean Maine-iacs were bigots.

And he's right. These days, the great misconception is that allowing one the right to be a bigot is the same as condoning bigotry in general. But what is bigotry but a sort of stupidity? And outlawing stupidity is not only difficult: it's unconstitutional. The First Amendment is a great example of the freedom of stupidity: it allows the freedom of speech—even to Pauly Shore and Larry Flynt; the freedom of religion—even to Scientologists and Hare Krishnas; and the freedom to peaceably assemble—even to whichever group Andi Friedman is endorsing at the time.

All these liberties imply the freedom of association, a freedom that is a major part of all American lives. We use it in our most important actions. It manifests itself when substance-free folks hang out together, when the Tufts Christian Fellowship goes on an outing, and when the TTLGBC erects its Rainbow House. These are all truly discriminating acts. Such acts are based on a set of criteria (such as being substance free, or Christian, or embracing "alternative sexual lifestyles"). In fact, our university engages in discrimination by admitting only those who are (hopefully) intelligent and willing to work hard.

Those who choose not to associate with homosexuals, or minorities for that matter, make the same types of decisions. Their choices, however, seem much less

valid to most Americans, since they are rooted in ignorance. But the validity of their discrimination should not be of legal importance. Maybe more blacks and whites *should* sit together at Dewick, and maybe Ted Kaczynski *should* learn to sit with, well, anyone, but forcing either situation wouldn't be healthy. Besides that, it wouldn't be right, because it's not our business.

Many will argue that when bigotry crosses into the area of commerce it concerns the public, and should therefore be outlawed. This is an unfortunate line of thought for two reasons. The first is the simple fact that a businessman's enterprise is as much his private property as anything else, and because of our Constitution that property is protected from public devices. But government interference with businesses is not only reprehensible—its inefficient. If left alone the market system could weed out bigots and create a better

workplace (and we wouldn't have to impose regulations or appoint task forces in the process).

Consider this: If a perfectly qualified homosexual is turned down or fired from his job due to his sexual orientation he has several options. Not only can he actively boycott and protest the business, he can find work somewhere else—or start his own business. Whichever he chooses to do, he will no doubt be more comfortable when dealing with people who associate with him through choice rather than force. And if he is truly qualified, his other ventures will be successful. Aside from this, the bigot will suffer, not only from the boycotts, but because he chose to run his business inefficiently in refusing to employ the most qualified worker.

It's not that the citizens of Maine are homophobic; they weren't voting against same-sex unions or other issues purportedly central to the gay rights platform. As the leaders of the conservative effort argued, they were voting against the "special right" not to be discriminated against. According to the natural rights conceived in the Declaration of Independence and those enumerated in our Constitution, no one—black, white, or gay—deserves these unfair special privileges which impose big government's fist in private citizen's lives.

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*Make war,
not love.*

The Perils Of ‘Peace’

BY TRACEY SESLEN

It is clear to most Americans now that the US, like it or not, will attack Iraq in an attempt to show the Butcher of Baghdad that the nation will not tolerate his stockpiling of biological weapons. American aircraft carriers have moved swiftly over the last several weeks to position themselves for the moment in which President Clinton finally gives the signal that America's patience for Saddam's stubborn antics has run out. The UN, however, remains cautiously optimistic that a diplomatic solution can be achieved. Backed by the support of the Security Council, the Secretary General left Wednesday for the Middle East in hopes of striking an eleventh-hour deal, in the meantime chastising the US for attempting to "humiliate" the Iraqis.

There is little reason to believe, however, that Secretary Annan has any chance of convincing Saddam to allow UN inspectors into the remaining eight forbidden sites. The Iraqis have promised to welcome him, though history provides little comfort. When former Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar found himself in a similar position back in 1991, he fumbled under pressure. Saddam has recognized the United Nations as an organization of impotent bureaucrats who rely more heavily upon US funding than that of any other nation, and he knows that by bending to UN requests, he submits himself to US interests.

President Clinton, of course, understands the motive behind Saddam's unwillingness to cooperate with weapons inspectors, and over the past month, has readily demonstrated his intolerance for the repeated anti-American snub. In recent weeks, however, as key international allies have withdrawn their support for a US attack, there have been signs that the Commander-in-Chief has begun to re-evaluate his position. Responding to arguments that violence is simply not the answer, the White House organized a so-called "Town Hall

Meeting" with the purpose of explaining American policy towards Iraq and reestablishing unity among a heavily fragmented populace.

Even though Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary William Cohen, and National Security Advisor Samuel Berger attempted to remain dignified and answer the public's questions, the forum represented more of a three-ring circus, with hecklers interrupting whenever the opportunity arose. The student-led protest, however, hardly indicates the misjudgment on the part of the Clinton administration in choosing to hold such an event. The forum, broadcast around the world on CNN, underscored a weakness in Clinton's leadership capabilities, which is the last thing he needs right now, facing such a dangerous and cunning adversary without support from many of his Desert Storm allies. Furthermore, it indicated a disturbing trend toward the democratization of foreign policy. Such sensitive matters should be left to those who best understand the regions and situations at hand, rather than those who simply read about them in the newspaper. Most important, though, the forum revealed an inexcusable lack of focus in American foreign policy towards Iraq and created serious questions in regard to military goals.

In response to a veteran's query regarding whether the US was "ready and willing" to send in troops to eliminate Saddam

Hussein as an international threat, Cohen returned a surprising and somewhat contradictory answer. He asserted that the US armed forces were "prepared to do whatever is necessary" to contain the Iraqi threat, yet in the next breath softened the US position, stating that "what we are seeking to do is not to topple Saddam Hussein, not to destroy his country...." But then what do the air strikes seek to accomplish? Looking back to 1991, Saddam has already proven that a US offensive aimed at military installations is not enough to put an end to his wicked ways. President Bush failed to finish the job when given the chance, and enabled the dictator to rebuild his evil empire. History stands to repeat itself if Clinton does not attempt to learn from his predecessor's mistakes. Using military force without the ultimate intent of disabling Saddam's regime beyond repair is indeed the worst possible decision the administration could make. Not only would it mean the unjustified loss of American lives, but it would endanger American oil interests, threaten the security of neighboring countries, and increase the unimaginable suffering of the Iraqi people that has already taken place at the hands of the brutal dictator. Saddam Hussein is a mass murderer, an omnipresent threat to worldwide peace and stability, and must be stopped before his actions lead to the deaths of millions more.

Clinton must act quickly and decisively. If not, disaster is surely at hand. In that case, the only "winner" will be CNN, making millions as it attracts viewers with endless footage of Saddam's latest victims.

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sary program is essentially a wasted dollar.

Numerous smaller programs may not place significant demands by themselves, but taken as a whole they add up to quite a burden. Funds for SCOPE and high school programs fall under this category, as with the recommendation to publish a bimonthly newsletter “devoted to information about race issues and the role of the [culture] Centers on campus.” Even if you agreed completely with the need for increased diversity on campus, after one or two issues what more would there be left to say?

Personal opinions aside, it is essential that before Tufts vaults headfirst into the implementation of the Task Force’s recommendations, the University must quantify the costs. We cannot judge the merits of the proposals without considering the costs, because today many vital student needs go unfulfilled due to fiscal constraints. Needless to say, the Task Force set out to solve a problem that simply does not exist, yet today it threatens to siphon tremendous resources from areas (Career Planning Center, anyone?) which serve all students regardless of their color.

In the end, programs which value race more than Tufts’s academic mission inevitably lead to such ironic ends. Tufts is neither a racist institution nor plagued by race-related problems. Minority students do not suffer from the level of discrimination that would justify the medicine prescribed by the Report, which simultaneously harms the very programs those minority students need to prosper here just like everyone else.

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Which is funnier, black helicopters or the Black Athena? You make the call.

The Tentacles of the Left

BY ANANDA GUPTA

Double standards and hypocrisy should surprise no one who follows Washington personalities. High comedy they may sometimes be, but they do have the guns (or at least the allegiance of those who actually do), and the right to legitimately take our money. Thus, when they bluster and bleat, we shrug it off. The musings of power freaks come with the territory of republican government. But the First Lady’s recent howler about a “vast right-wing conspiracy,” while transparently a pathetic attempt to shift responsibility for her husband’s philandering onto his enemies, should make us think after we finish laughing. After all, there have been right-wing conspiracies, from the banal (Iran-Contra and Watergate) to the horrific (Pinochet and Peron). Nonetheless, the First Lady expected us to swallow her line without daring to suspect her own machinations as one more of the numerous left-wing conspiracies that have marred this century. Double standards indeed.

And, of course, the left-wing conspiracies run the same gamut as their right-leaning counterparts, although they are more often comic than trite. Such is obvious when one considers the Hollywood picture: a right-wing conspiracy consists of white men in gray suits smoking cigars and sipping gimlets in some anonymous steak-house back room (always nice mahogany paneling, too). A left-wing conspiracy... well, it recalls P.J. O’Rourke’s description of his youth, where he and three

friends were involved in a “cell,” videotaping various events as a chronicle of American society’s oppressive nature. However, they spent most of their time smelling bad, smoking weed, and muttering dire predictions about the revolution. When another cell’s leader bashed a police officer over the head with a two-by-four at a protest, hours of debate over how best to protect themselves from reprisals transpired. As a character in the recent sleeper movie *The Last Supper* puts it, “The conservatives are organized. We buy animal-friendly shampoo.” Thanks to these images, the notion of

a left-wing conspiracy has tremendous comic value, whereas there’s always something foreboding about guys who look like Pat Buchanan.

The Comic

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merous scholars since. According to this theory, not only was ancient Egypt black but ancient Greece borrowed or stole most of its advances therefrom. (Mary Lefkowitz has pointed out the irony in many Afrocentrist scholars’ efforts to simultaneously reject, yet demand for their own, the achievements of Greek civilization.) When taken to an extreme, such as Leonard Jeffries’ “ice people vs. sun people” dichotomy, these sorts of theories show their

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comic force. According to Jeffries, whites are “ice people,” inherently selfish, exploitative, and insensitive. Blacks and Asians are “sun people,” who are naturally altruistic, generous, and caring. If Jeffries and his ilk were more influential, or less obviously off their collective rocker, these kinds of theories would belong in the other category (“strange”). As it stands, they’re just funny.

More unintended humor: *Editorial Humor*’s attempt to blame the Lewinsky scandal on the anti-Castro majority of American Cubans. Supposedly, they wanted to divert attention from the Pope’s visit to Cuba, and therefore broke the story as a diversion. This theory apparently forgets that it was *Newsweek*, that giant cog in the right-wing machine, which originally discovered (and killed) the story. It then found its way into the hands of Matt Drudge, the Internet journalist and rumor-monger. About five minutes after Drudge got his hands on it, the entire Web knew, and the rest is history.

The Strange

Usually, any left-wing conspiracy theory that involves the CIA falls into the “strange” category. Chief among these are, naturally, the theory that the CIA introduced crack-cocaine into America’s cities in order to corrupt young blacks, and the theory that government researchers and the CIA conspired to introduce AIDS to the world. Neither of these fall into the comic category, because they are actually almost plausible, yet they’re still “strange” because they have no evidence. Furthermore, one can ask questions: if the CIA wanted to kill off homosexuals in America, why not create a virus that takes fewer than fifteen years to kill? That way straights would be quicker to scapegoat gays for the epidemic, and the government would be able to avoid spending so much money on fake “cure research.” Similarly, crack cocaine is a remarkably easy substance to manufacture, and it’s difficult to believe that urban drug dealers couldn’t figure it out themselves. Now it may be perfectly true that punishment for crack-related crimes far exceeds that of its better-imaged parent drug, but the War on Drugs never made much sense anyway.

Another “strange” conspiracy is Susan Faludi’s “backlash” theory. That is, men are so unnerved and fearful about female progress over the last thirty years that they came together to reverse those gains. Radical feminists have some of the looniest theories around, and they would be funny if they weren’t so deadly serious. (Leonard Jeffries appears at times to realize how absurd he sounds.) This isn’t Leslie-Nielsen-dead-pan either. Aside from the inherent contradiction in “backlash” stories (they have two conflicting premises: women have

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made progress, but men have stopped them from making progress), it’s just difficult to see what Faludi and her kind are talking about. Women earn more college and advanced degrees than men do; educated women in their 20s earn more than their male counterparts; women enjoy safer professions and are crime victims less often than men. This is not to say that there are no “women’s issues,” but it’s not clear how women can be doing so well and yet suffer from the machinations of a nefarious backlash.

Unless, of course, you count the Promise Keepers. The National Organization for Women made a big gaffe when it claimed that the Promise Keepers, an organization of Christian men dedicated to, well, keeping their promises and respecting their responsibilities, had sinister ulterior motives. According to Patricia Ireland (beloved at Tufts for her flagrant violation of the Controversial Speakers Policy and incredible ability to avoid uncomfortable questions), the director of NOW, the Promise Keepers’ talk about responsibility and male duty was actually code for medieval treatment of women. Whether this reflects feminist hos-

tility to religion, or just resentment that their mission might be over, NOW’s verbal flogging of the Promise Keepers counts as a strange and unpleasantly loony conspiracy theory of the left. (Maybe it was cramps.)

And the Winner Is...

So, which side has the stranger theories? True, it’s difficult to beat black helicopters and Canadian imperialism for humor value. But “sun people”? Additionally, the right’s conspiracy theories always seem to end up with a twinge of truth. The Oscar-nominated documentary *Waco: The Rules of Engagement* describes and depicts compelling evidence that the FBI spent most of its time before Congress lying through its teeth. William Gazecki, the director, artfully interposes shots of an FBI higher-up claiming that “at no time did we fire at the compound” with thermal images showing muzzle flashes from automatic weapons aimed at the Davidians. It turns out that just before the Ruby Ridge debacle in 1991, the coalition of federal agencies preparing to raid the Weaver property conducted an extensive financial appraisal of the property they intended to seize. Sadly, it no longer takes a cynic to divine that there might have been motives other than upholding justice at work in those agents’ heads.

Finally, conspiracies of the left suffer from an inherent dilemma. The left believes in the ability and will of government to do well. Yet most conspiracies occur under government’s aegis. At least right-wing conspiracy theories have a policy prescription: if the state weren’t so damn big, then maybe it wouldn’t be so arrogant as to pull these kind of tricks. But what recourse does the left-wing true believer have? ‘Please, Senator, use your expansive and unlimited powers only for the public good!’ Not too convincing. Nevertheless, as long as Americans continue to believe that government can get larger and larger without becoming arrogant, and that unchecked power can be good as long as virtuous and public-spirited people wield it, the First Lady will be able to tell us “gullible” isn’t in the dictionary. And she may as well be telling the truth.

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NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

As far as Saddam Hussein being a great military strategist, he is neither a strategist, nor is he schooled in the operational art, nor is he a tactician, nor is he a general, nor is he a soldier. Other than that, he's a great military man.

—Norman Schwarzkopf

I'd rather be black than gay because when you're black you don't have to tell your mother.

—Charles Pierce

The nearest approach to immortality on earth is a government bureau.

—James F. Byrnes

All good things which exist are the fruits of originality.

—John Stuart Mill

You cannot accomplish good for the people unless you face up to the weak and the foolish.

—Napoleon Bonaparte

This bill is the legislative equivalent of crack. It yields a short-term high but does long-term damage to the system, and it's expensive to boot.

—Barney Frank

The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected.

—Will Rogers

China is a big country, inhabited by many Chinese.

—Charles de Gaulle

Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.

—George Washington

War is to men what maternity is to women.

—Benito Mussolini

Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror... for without victory there is no survival.

—Winston Churchill

To do nothing is the most difficult thing in the world—the most difficult and the most intellectual.

—Oscar Wilde

That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass and I'm just the one to do it.

—Texas congressional candidate

I am too fond of myself to hate anyone. It would constrict my life, which I prefer to expand over the whole universe.

—Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Men will confess to treason, murder, arson, false teeth, or a wig. How many of them will own up to a lack of humor?

—Frank Moore Colby

What good is money if you can't inspire terror in your fellow man?

—C. Montgomery Burns

It is true that the welfare-statists are not socialists, that they never advocated or intended the socialization of private property, that they want to "preserve" private property— with government control of its use and disposal. But that is the fundamental characteristic of fascism.

—Ayn Rand

No harm in putting all your eggs in one basket— just watch it closely. Lucky Numbers 16, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28

—fortune cookie

The Internet is a great way to get on the net.

—Bob Dole

It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satisfied; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.

—C. S. Lewis

The Constitution may not be perfect— but it's better than what we have now.

—Clarinews

In the republic of mediocrity genius is dangerous.

—Robert G. Ingersoll

The president has kept all of the promises he intended to keep.

—George Stephanopoulos

We must make this an insecure and inhospitable place for capitalists and their projects... We must reclaim the roads and plowed land, halt dam construction, tear down existing dams, free shackled rivers and return to wilderness millions of tens of millions of acres of presently settled land.

—David Foreman, *Earth First!*

Chastity is the most unnatural of the sexual perversions.

—Aldous Huxley

Poverty of goods is easily cured; poverty of the mind is irreparable.

—Michel de Montaigne

Breaks balance out. The sun don't shine on the same ol' dog's ass every day.

—Darrell Royal

The road to tyranny, we must never forget, begins with the destruction of the truth.

—Bill Clinton

The highest art of war is not to fight at all, but to subvert your enemy by destroying his moral principles, his religion, his culture, and the traditional links between individuals and society. When a country is demoralized, you can take it over painlessly, without firing a shot.

—Thomas Schuman

The one pervading evil of democracy is the tyranny of the majority, or rather, of that party, not always the majority, that succeeds, by force or fraud, in carrying elections.

—Lord Acton

The more corrupt the state, the more numerous the laws.

—Tacitus

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

—Thomas Jefferson

This country was founded by religious nuts with guns.

—P.J. O'Rourke

Dan Rather's membership in the "cultural elite" proves that America really is a classless society.

—Florence King

I believe there are more instances of the freedoms of the people being abridged through gradual and silent encroachments by those in power, than by violent and sudden usurpation.

—James Madison

Wherever is found what is called a paternal government, there is found state education. It has been discovered that the best way to insure implicit obedience is to commence tyranny in the nursery.

—Benjamin Disraeli

Where self-interest is suppressed, it is replaced by a burdensome system of bureaucratic control that dries up the wellsprings of initiative and creativity.

—Pope John Paul II

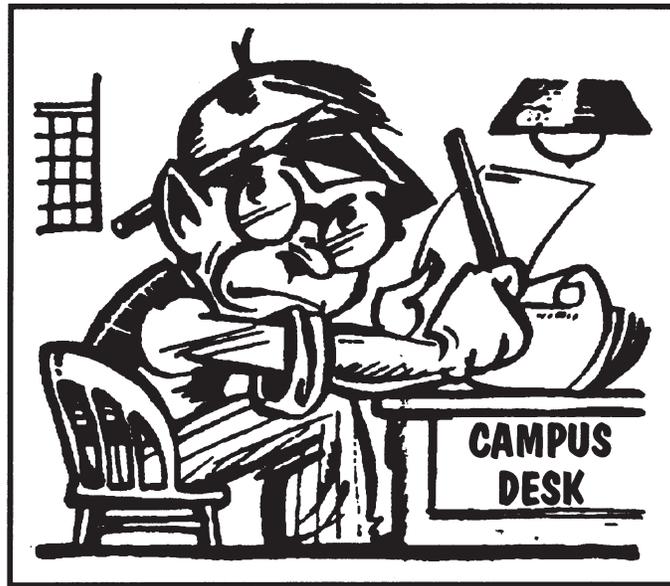
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—Slow-witted McDonald's Employee, referring to the "Team Big Mac Meal"

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