

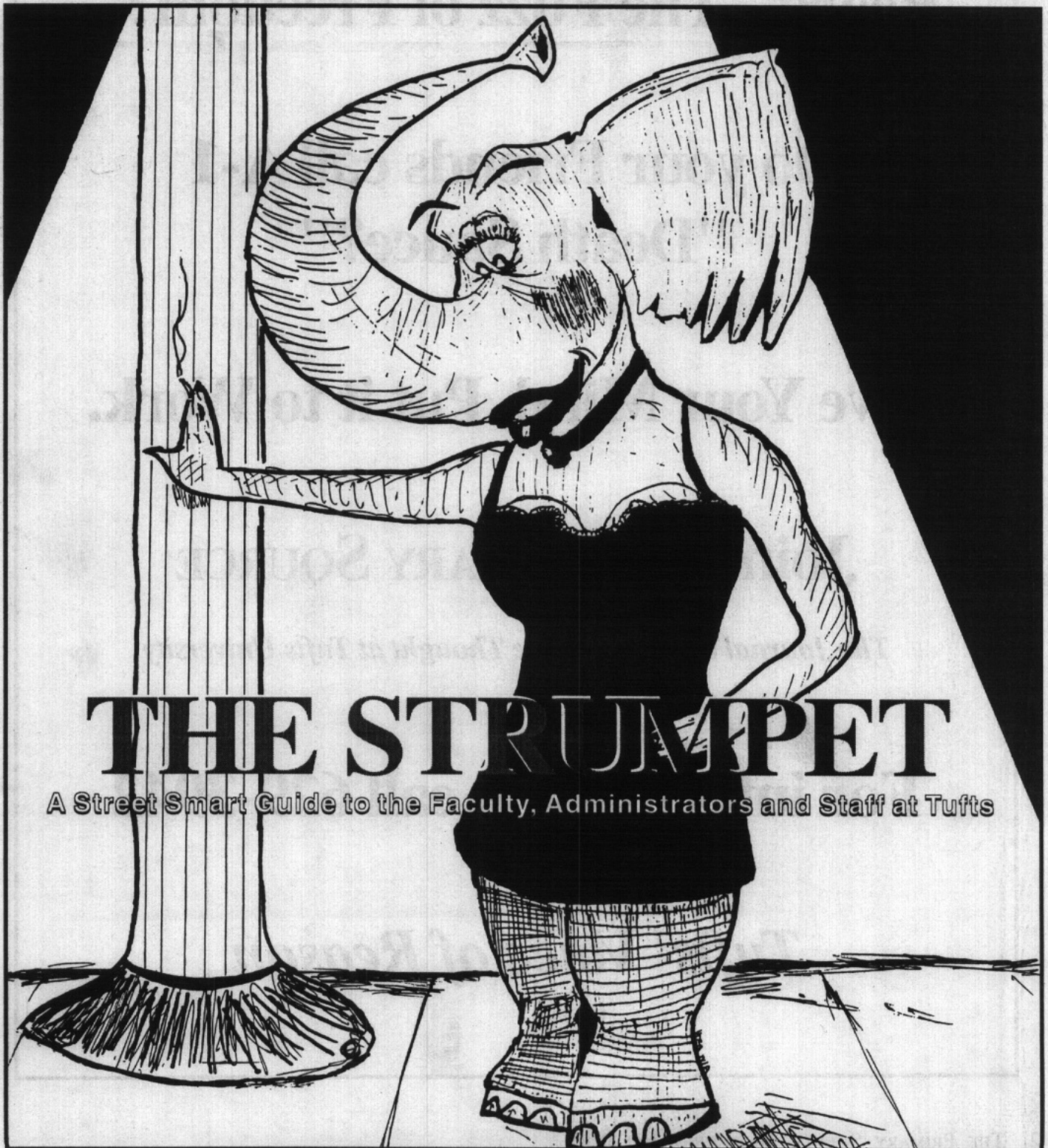
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FROM THE EDITOR

On pages eighteen and nineteen we present excerpts from letters exchanged this summer between University Provost Sol Gittleman and Joseph V. Belle, E'43. The correspondence was initiated by Mr. Belle who questioned the selection of a few of Tufts' more recent honorary degree recipients. Mr. Belle contends that by granting honorary degrees the university tacitly endorses the values of those honored, and therefore should consider the ethics and morality of degree candidates. The Provost, however, refutes this claim, arguing that Tufts should and does embrace the morality of all within the community.

There is a difference however, between tolerating loathsome opinions and praising them. Surely the Provost would not advocate the presentation of an honorary degree to a Klansman or Nazi, even though their opinions are held by some members of American society. What Gittleman is unwilling to admit, but makes clear in his letters, is that in selecting the recipients of its honorary degrees, Tufts endorses radical feminism and unrestricted abortion rights.

We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE are grateful that Mr. Belle, more than fifty years after his graduation, still cares enough about the University to aid us in our quest to restore its founding values.

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For what might well be the first time ever, Tufts is united. Conservatives and liberals, *Daily* writers and *Observer* hacks, Zeta Psi and 1-2-3, have all managed to find common ground: free speech. Tufts students, encompassing all political outlooks and ideologies almost uniformly oppose the administration's decision to bar the campus media from returning to campus for Orientation. *The Daily*, *The Observer*, THE PRIMARY SOURCE have done the unprecedented: printed concurring editorials on the matter.

The administration is fond of the word "community." The cliché is included in the Bridge-Metcalf slogan as well as the Orientation Committee's rallying cry. Perhaps the Deans' offices should recognize that Tufts' first semblance of unity in years has been in support of a free exchange of ideas on campus. The desire of Tufts' students to hear different and conflicting ideas contradicts the motive behind last year's cancellation of the gays in the military forum. The Dean of Students Office would be wise to take heed.

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The Middle East's gain is *The Tufts Daily's* loss. As the Arab-Israeli struggle has lasted for eons, so has its corresponding debate at Tufts. Zionist and Islamic fundamentalist articles have long dominated the *Daily* "viewpoints" page, followed by angry responses in the paper's "letters" section. More recently, the debate has become more bigoted and less thoughtful, as demonstrated by Naif Al-Muttawa's latest tirade. Perhaps the extremists on both sides of Tufts' Middle Eastern dispute could learn a lesson from their leaders: abandon the rhetoric, consider reason, and find common ground. Not only would such a demonstration of responsibility put an end to Tufts most tiresome controversy, but it would allow *The Daily* to expand its comics page.

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Commentary

A New Kind of Democrat?

It seems that President Clinton is back to his "say and forget" policy with regards to government change. He has introduced a plan to cut federal employment by 252,000, privatize the Federal Aviation Administration, and streamline various other government organizations. Perhaps a 51-50 vote in the Senate and a 218-216 vote in the House on the tax bill scared the man in the Oval Office. Mr. Clinton's promises to be a new kind of Democrat have fallen by the wayside—until now. If it does what it proposes, the "reinventing government" plan is truly an admirable step in the right direction for our bloated government. The President expects this plan to bring the conservative Democrats who voted against the budget back to his camp, reassure the many voters that went out on a limb to oppose George Bush, and sway the sentiments of moderate Republicans—in other words, save face. It appears that Mr. Clinton has fled to the right in the face of the liberals that elected him to office.

The catch is, it probably won't happen. If the President holds to this promise like he has to others in the past, Ted Kennedy, Barbara Boxer and all other liberals in Congress have nothing to worry about. Virtually all of Mr. Clinton's predecessors have challenged the federal bureaucracy, and lost. If the President is sincere about implementing his reform then he is to be commended. But if "re-inventing government" is merely another campaign ploy or poll-boosting sound byte, he'll pay for it at the voting booth in 1996.

A Burden to the System

Last month, California Governor Pete Wilson outlined a plan wherein the benefits of U.S. citizenship would be denied to non-citizens. The plan states, logically, that illegal aliens should not be entitled to government-funded health care or public schooling, and that children of illegal aliens born on U.S. soil should not automatically be granted citizenship, as in the past. Many illegal aliens come to America pregnant. The process of bestowing or denying political asylum can take several months, ample time for a mother to come to term. The child is born a U.S. citizen, and due to the circumstances, the mother is also allowed to remain in the country. In California, these "illegal children" and their parents are almost always supported by the state's welfare system, placing an extreme burden on the state and its law abiding, tax paying citizens.

Unsurprisingly, interest groups such as the ACLU feel that the status quo is constitutional and in line with the American role as a refuge for "huddled masses yearning to breathe free." But at the current rate of population growth, the world will have at least 10 billion inhabitants one hundred years from now. Will American taxpayers one day be responsible for the health care and education of these masses? The best interest of the country in 1993 is economic prudence and fiscal responsibility. "Free country" does not mean that we must give away our hard-earned tax dollars to those who break or sidestep our immigration laws. Until the U.S.

abandons its costly and unjust welfare program, Governor Wilson's measure is a necessary step to curb the fiscally burdensome influx of illegal immigrants.

Credit Where Credit is Due

While President Clinton's enthusiasm for the emerging Middle East peace is understandable, he should remember that his predecessor, George Bush, deserves most of the credit. It was the Bush administration that initiated the peace talks in Madrid in 1991 and persuaded the Israelis not to enter into the Gulf War. Moreover, the war assuaged Israel's security concerns by eliminating Iraq's destructive potential and demonstrating an American commitment to deterring aggression in the region.

In fact, the Clinton presidency succeeded only in slowing the peace process. Upon the President's inauguration, peace talks in Washington stalled, and Secretary of State Christopher fared poorly in his attempt to broker a cease-fire in the Israeli-Lebanese conflict. Consequently, as the Israelis could not count on President Clinton's foreign policy ability, they initiated new peace talks through the Norwegians. Norway completed the task begun in the United States by George Bush and James Baker III, mutual recognition of Israel and the PLO.

With this goal accomplished, Mr. Clinton invited the Israelis and the Palestinians to a well-publicized ceremony in Washington. Both parties chose to attend the event out of sympathy, rather than appreciation, for the President's efforts. The President spent much of last year's campaign chastising George Bush for his commitment to foreign affairs, but as the former President's vision is enacted, he deserves the rightful praise of his successor. Clinton taking credit for the Middle East Peace is like, as Al Gore once quipped, "the rooster taking credit for the sunrise."

Taxachusetts?

Over the summer, President Clinton got his way and raised taxes on all Americans. But the day after the Senate passed the largest tax increase in the history of the world, Massachusetts Republican Governor William Weld promised an offsetting tax decrease. Now it appears that we are in for another hike. Former Boston police commissioner and current mayoral candidate Francis "Mickey" Roache recently suggested that the state capital raise revenues by levying a one percent tuition tax on out-of-state students.

In a press conference, Roache said, "I'm saying to students, 'Welcome to Boston, and help us keep our city safe.'" He claimed that students from out of state have used the city's police, fire, and emergency medical services for decades without paying for them. "A penny on the dollar is a minor fee to out-of-state students. The bottom line is that we will be able to add more police to our neighborhoods," argued Roache.

Mr. Roache conveniently overlooks the on-campus law enforcement services paid for by Boston-area students' housing and tuition bills. Why should students contribute more for the security of Boston when they are protected primarily by campus police? Does it make sense to tax a New Yorker studying at B.U. to protect

against a drug dealer in Forest Hills or a mobster in Southie?

Furthermore, the 104,000 college students in the greater Boston area already pump billions of dollars into the states' economy, and millions into the government's coffers each year. They shop in Boston's stores and eat in its restaurants. Their parents stay in Boston-area hotels. Taxing their already high tuition will only dissuade them from choosing a Boston school. According to *The Boston Globe*, an anonymous city shopkeeper loves September, because "it's when all of the students come in and walk the streets at night, making us feel safe." Mr. Roache's 'tax someone else' outlook may draw local votes, but it is both unfair and economically unwise.

Money for Nothing

Congress, the White House, and the National Education Association would be wise to take heed of a study recently released by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the National Center for Education and Information. The reports indicate what conservatives have maintained for years: increased spending is not the solution to the nation's education woes. According to the survey, during the past two decades total education funding nationwide has nearly doubled, but the average SAT score has fallen by 35 points.

The United States currently spends more per capita on education than any other country, but its students consistently test below those from other industrialized nations. In the foreword to the report, ALEC president Samuel A. Brunelli writes, "The data convincingly demonstrates that after the most sustained financial commitment ever made to solving the problems of America's public schools, public schools have cost us dearly, but are performing no better." Contrary to most liberals' contentions, underfunding is not the problem with the country's schools, as several of the ten states with the highest SAT scores spend less

than the national average on education. What is of concern is that teachers are not required to take competence tests regularly, and that they are given raises and promotions on the basis of seniority, not performance. It is even more troubling that 50% of federal education spending never finds its way to schools, but is absorbed by the Washington bureaucracy.

A school voucher/choice program would introduce competition to the country's schools to help amend the existing deficiencies. Naturally, this reform is opposed by the entrenched powers of

the national education system. However, the salvation of the American education system will not be achieved through greater taxation, but by curbing the power of teachers' unions, decimating the expansive bureaucracy of the Department of Education, and implementing a voucher/choice program.

A Campus Divided

In last Sunday's *Boston Globe*, Dean of Students Bobbie Knable expressed optimism about "more and more students of different races rooming and socializing together." Apparently, Ms. Knable has not looked around her campus lately. Students reside separately in the Bayit (for Jewish students), the Asian House, the Hispanic House, and Capen House, for black students. Islamic students dine and meet in the Tufts Islamic Center. Black and Asian students sit at their own tables in the dining halls. The Asian Christian Fellowship compounds racial separation with separation on religious grounds. Knable's own brainchild, Bridge-Metcalf, is the archetype of segregated housing, reserving some of the best rooms on campus for those students who meet "diversity" and "community" criteria.

In the article, Ms. Knable suggests that the role of university

includes creating "an environment in which all students who are admitted feel equal ownership." Students who live in dormitories do not enjoy anything approaching "equal ownership." Special interest houses give students large private, "common" areas, full-service kitchens, and larger rooms. Incoming freshman cannot request roommate changes on the basis of race, religion, or sexual orientation. Nonetheless, Bridge-Metcalf and special interest houses offer alternative housing to students precisely on the basis of their race, religion, or sexual orientation.

It is these actions of the university that have done so much to foster segregation on the Tufts campus. Each year, another group vies for separate housing to remove themselves from the campus mainstream, and each year, another group is accommodated. At Tufts, we are told that prejudice and hatred will only disappear when there is understanding and the free exchange between disparate cultures. Why then must Tufts persist in their doctrine of "separate and unequal"?

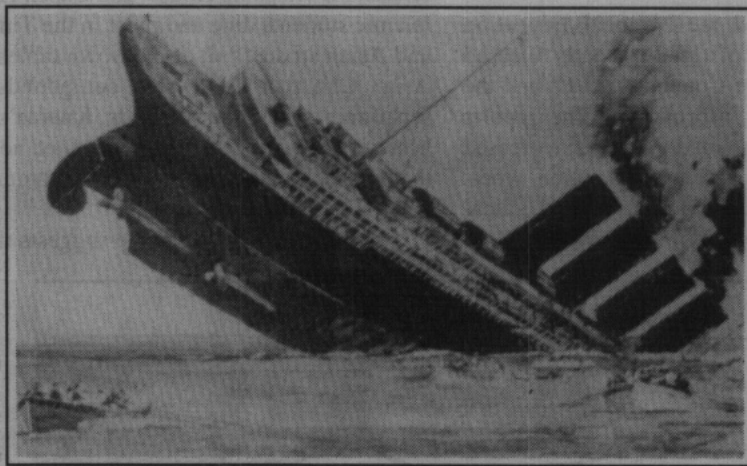


Fortnight in Review

Comedy is allied to Justice.
--Aristophanes

PS The fight against weight discrimination continues in gay Paris. Anne Zamberlan, a 287 pound actress and her overweight assistant were told to buy four tickets for a flight from Paris to Aurillac on the state owned airline. Miss Zamberlan is seeking a meeting with airline officials to contest the policy. The airline confirmed that they do indeed require two tickets for people who take up two seats, "whether they be injured or voluminous." Ms. Zamberlan, should, however, welcome the policy. With two seats, passengers also get two meals.

PS Thanks to the assistance of the ACLU, witches in Chicago won the right to dance under a full moon in a Lake Michigan Park. Secret Service, however, is challenging the decision, alleging that the darkness will hinder their efforts to protect the First Lady.



PS Saddam Hussein is back in the news for his efforts to build a 70 story, 609 foot skyscraper in the middle of Baghdad. The building, which is to be the tallest in all of the Middle East, will serve as a center for radio and television transmissions. Apparently Saddam wants to make it even easier for the allies to knock out communications next time we have to kick his arse.

PS Top ten things overheard at the Carmichael opening:

10. What's the deal with all these TEMS people?
9. Is this Italian 101?
8. What did they do with all that removed asbestos?
7. Pass the Beef Lo Mein.
6. Those are some hot banana colored pillars.
5. Why didn't they renovate the food too?
4. How clever, they used Seafood Newburgh instead of mortar!
3. The rats must be pleased with their new digs.
2. The salad dressing isn't nearly as good since they installed those sneeze guards.
1. If this is TUDS' "flag ship" dining hall, I think it's the

Titanic.

PS Anita Hill, law professor at the University of Oklahoma, and famed accuser of Justice Clarence Thomas, has recently reentered the news. It seems that a group of Minnesota feminists are trying to endow a Hill Professorship for the study of women's rights in the work place. They do, however, have to compete with the proposed Hill Department of Perjury and Media Manipulation.

PS No doubt everyone will be tuned in to WMFO, the home of Freeform Radio this semester... It should have as least as many listeners as *The Observer* has readers.

PS Vice President Al Gore has presented a plan to save taxpayer dollars by eliminating useless government employees. He will resign next week...

PS The podiums in many Tufts University classrooms are chained and locked to the floor. While B&G has the right idea, they would be wiser keeping the professors themselves down to

earth.

PS Or at least locking them up....

PS Late night funny man Albert Gore, Jr. recently appeared on David Letterman's new program. With his performance as our inspiration, we present:

Top ten reasons to have the Vice President on a late night talk show:

10. He's cheap
9. Keeps the camera off Paul Schaeffer
8. Great for "Stupid Pet Tricks"
7. Helps the media resolve their differences with Democratic Party
6. Roger Clinton isn't always available
5. Attracts viewers even with lame guests like Kim Bassinger
4. Spotted owls are awake at that hour
3. Gives the Jay Leno Show a fair shot
2. Excellent soporific
1. Kills time until 1996

P5 The following lyrics were composed by the staff of THE PRIMARY SOURCE as a gift to Michael Jackson. We hope that he will enjoy this song as much as he enjoys little boys' company.

"Toddler" (sung to the tune of "Thriller")

It's close to midnight
And Michael is lurking in the dark
He has a cookie,
The right thing for a romantic spark

He holds your hand,
And asks you to play with his llama
You're at his command
As soon as his stare catches your eyes
You're sodomized!

[CHORUS]

Cause it's a toddler, toddler, tonight
Nothing will come between us because young boys I really like
Cause it's a toddler, toddler, tonight
Cause I like 'em really young, and tender, tender, tender tonight!

I'll make you feel right
Just climb into my twin sized bed with me
Grab me, hold me oh so tight
Jump up here, just sit right on my knee

Stay right here,
I want to go get my camcorder
I have no fear,
Because I am safely past the border
Try as you might,
But they can't extradite!

[CHORUS]

P5 California Cryobank, a sperm bank, opened its first eastern US office on Mass. Ave. between Harvard and MIT. The Cantabridgians welcome the new depository as "the ultimate recycling initiative." Reduce, re-use, recycle, rejoice!

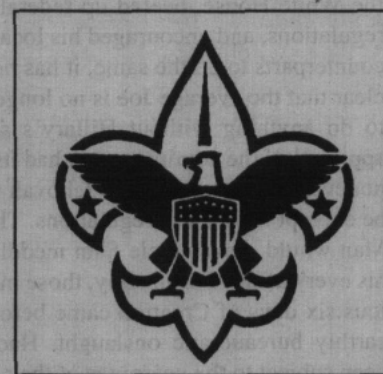
P5 In Vinton, Louisiana police officers attempted to pull over a speeding car packed with twenty naked passengers, but it crashed into a tree. Apparently the Kennedy clan took a wrong turn on the way home from Au Bar in Palm Beach.

P5 Oh well, at least they didn't drive off a bridge.

P5 A World War II German U-Boat was recently raised from the depths of the ocean floor in the hopes that it contained jewels, gold, and art believed stolen by the Nazis in 1945. After securing the weapons on board the search began for the treasure. Unfortunately the only things that have been found are 100 bottles of wine, a pipe, a pair of binoculars, some putrid cheese, and 144 French condoms. Apparently the Germans were dealing in a treasure of a different sort.

P5 In a recent *Boston Globe* review of college dorm decor, Simmons student Nina Berufaldi commented, "I've got a poster of funky naked people, but it's art." Clearly the future chairwoman of the NEA.

P5 In an executive order issued earlier this year, Mr. Clinton denied the Boy Scouts access to National Parks to perform volunteer service. The President justifies his actions as a response to the Boy Scouts ban on homosexuals. By this logic, the nation's military should be barred from its own bases.



P5 Advertisements for Wessel Library tell students to 'orient themselves now, save time later.' To truly save time, students should get their Boston Public Library cards as soon as possible.

P5 Frank Sinatra and Guns n' Roses bad boy Axl Rose are reportedly teaming up to record a new song for the Chairman of the Board's upcoming album, "Duets." The two singers plan to sing an *a cappella* version of the future classic, "I get a kick out of kicking your arse."

P5 Florida Citrus growers have canceled a \$500,000 advertising contract with Burt Reynolds due to his recent break up with Loni Anderson. It is ironic, indeed that 'squeezing oranges' would lead to the actor's fall from grace.

P5 New Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has rejected an office formerly occupied by Clarence Thomas because the stench from his cigars still lingers. Furthermore, sources report, she was disgusted by a Coke can left sitting on the desk.

God vs. The Bureaucrats

Jayne Wellman

God createth Heaven and Earth, and all things therein.

God earned His title of Omniscient when He elected to create the world before the bureaucrats existed (remember, the snake doesn't appear until the Garden of Eden). Creation would have lasted clear through the Old Testament if those pesky regulators had surfaced long ago.

Now that Clinton has moved into the White House, beefed up federal regulations, and encouraged his local counterparts to do the same, it has become clear that the average Joe is no longer safe to do anything without Hillary's seal of approval. If the administration had its way, not even the above average Jehovah would be exempt from these regulations. The Big Man would have Uncle Sam meddling in his every affair. Fortunately, those miraculous six days of Creation came before the earthly bureaucratic onslaught. Had God been subject to the yearnings of the power-hungry on Capitol Hill, St. Peter would be a toll collector at Heaven's Pearly Gates. Exact change only, please.

"...And God saw that it was good."

Imagine God appearing before the EPA to request that light, earth, its creatures, and man be called "good." They would, without a doubt, have His divine Corpus Colossus in a sling for mislabeling light. If light is so good, why is it that the only things that replicate faster than the fuzzy bunnies that adorn our nation's highways are the cancerous cells of humanoids that play volleyball a little too long without the protection of Coppertone 8 billion?

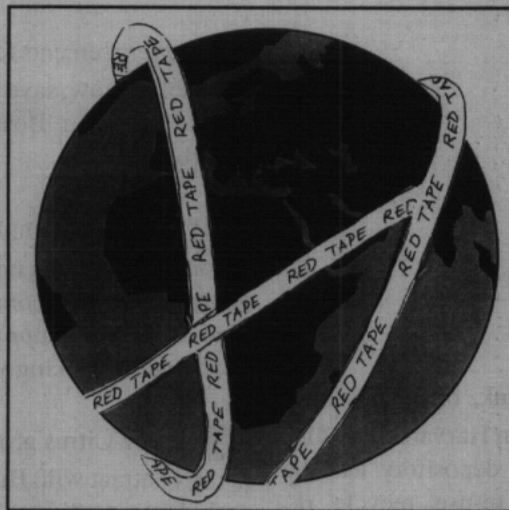
Nor would Washington deem the big Planet E worthy of the highly-coveted "good" tag. The damned orb clutters our already over-stuffed universe and is little more than artsy-fartsy space litter. On Route 66, CHIPs would smack Joe and Mary Public with a good \$500 fine for tossing Yoo-Hoo cans out the window. Yahweh deserves at least as much for chucking big blue into the celestial soup.

And as for the creatures, there's no way

that Billary and company could let their furry little butts go without a permit. At the very least, they should pay their fair share, that is pay for all the oxygen they suck into their rotten little rabies-infested lungs.

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"He let man have dominion over the fishes of the sea, fowls of the air, and the beasts, and the whole earth, and every creeping creature that moveth upon the earth." Nice going, God— so much for the bunny-hugging vote— good thing You're not elected. What would Greenpeace think? How dare man be ruler of all beasts, even though He can build supercolliders and Patriot missiles? What about Free Willy or Bobu the talking chimp? Does His Holiness



somehow not value the accomplishments of those with a chromosome total other than 46?

To the hippies, pencil-pushers, and FOBs, man is the very worst of God's creations. Man is a selfish, self-centered, land wrecking, garbage making, food wasting entity that can't be trusted to save the

earth/whales/anything else already denounced as bad, and might as well be banished from existence altogether. Time for a recall, before they try to have Your plant shut down.

"And the Lord God built the rib which he took from Adam into a woman..."

And don't forget about woman. Eve was created by removing one of Adam's ribs. If He tried to do that now the AMA would surely file a lawsuit for performing surgery without a license. Hillary-care would not

cover such operations in the super-saver two-for-one blue plate special.

Imagine God getting a work permit from HUD to "create heaven and earth." He would have to file an environmental impact report and, if the Brady Bill is passed, would need to wait a week before setting off any volcanoes. Then He would undoubtedly be sued for eliminating the "nothingness." When Creation began, there was but one nothing. Now, there is none, is nothing sacred?

His run-ins for environmental infractions, however, would be nothing compared to the way OSHA would crack down on Him for shamelessly exploiting his workforce, namely Himself. Today, He would never get away with putting in 24 hours for six straight days. He'd be open to an audit for not soliciting bids prior to Creation, and the NAACP would protest His lack of an affirmative action policy. He didn't even pay social security taxes on his labor— forget about that Supreme Court post, Supreme One.

Because of His omniscience, the CIA would deem him a threat to national security. After His innumerable violations of state, local, and federal codes, the lefties and bureaucrats would either throw Him in a 2 x 2 cell next to a 400 pound man named Bubba for the rest of eternity, or ban His whole project outright. On the eighth day, God created the liberals, and it has since been one disaster of Biblical proportions after another. If only He had taken a two day weekend.

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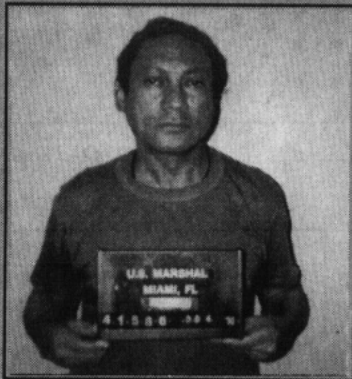
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Favorite Sport: Bullfighting: "Love to see people wave red flags"

Favorite Color: Guess.

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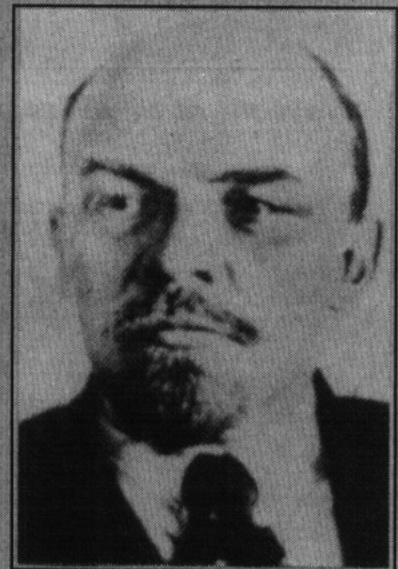
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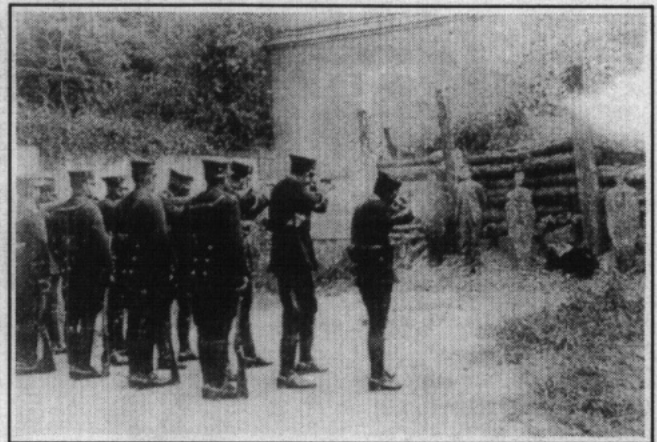
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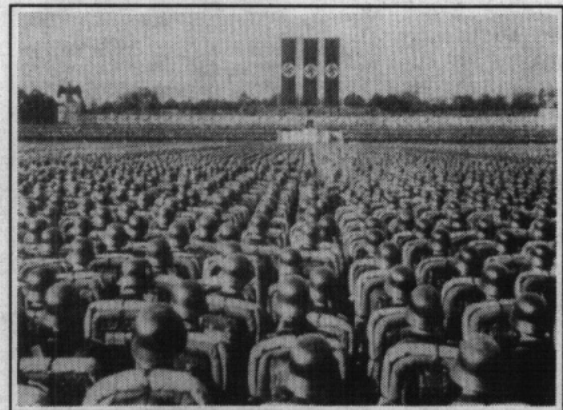
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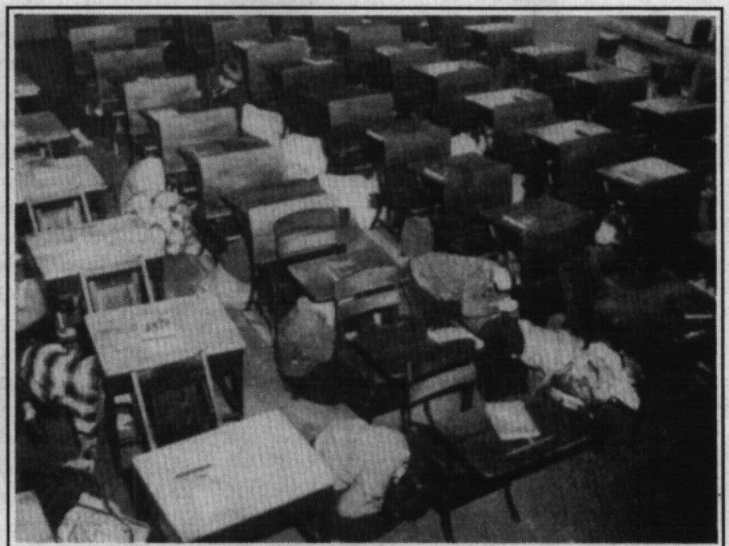
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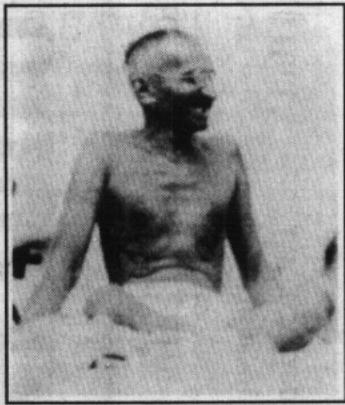
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*Wendy-Hendy! Wendy-Hendy!
Political Activism Sure is Trendy!*



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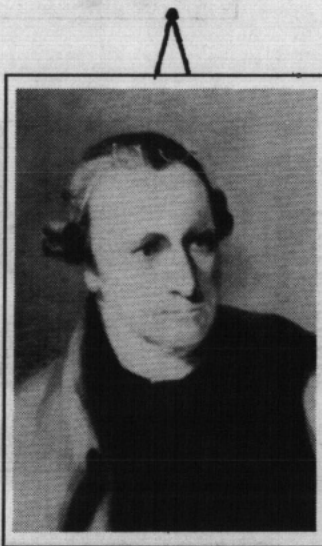
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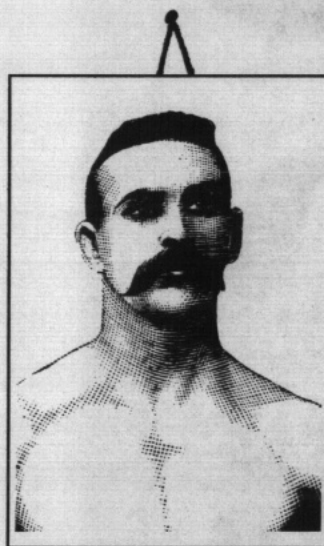
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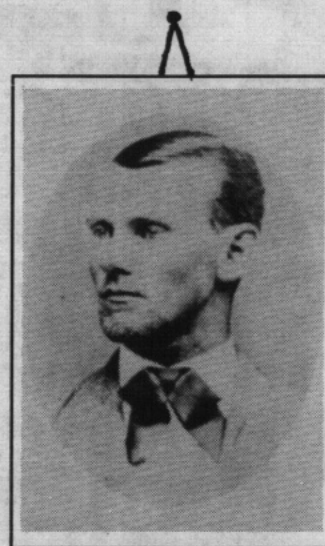
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Chapel.

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Department of Anatomy
(1851-1889)
Initiated Naked Quad Run.
Died from frost bite of the
nastiest sort.

Professor
Jesse James



Department of Finance
and College Bursar
(1847-1882)
Perfecting the "higher
education heist" with \$35
tuition. Guilty conscience
drove him to leave Bursar's
Office and pursue more
noble career as bank
robber and murderer.

Professor
Helen Keller



Department of
Communication
(1849-1922)
Was charged with selecting
school colors. Students ran
her clear out of Medford
for her poor taste.

Redefining Racism

Colin R.P. Delaney

At the end of its 1993 term, the Supreme Court handed down its controversial decision on twentieth century gerrymandering and snuck out the back door. All of Washington was turned upside-down. The Congressional Black Caucus held an emergency press conference condemning the decision, the Republican National Committee was abuzz with talk of closing the gap in key districts, and the Dems were recounting their lead in the Congress. Editorials ran by the score in the *Washington Post*, and by the time the dust had started to settle, the nine in black were gone. What they left behind was a decision that can roll back years of unfair affirmative action laws.

Shaw v. Reno. The suit was filed by white voters from North Carolina's twelfth district who claimed that their rights had been infringed upon by the artificial creation of a minority-dominated voting district. The racial composition of North Carolina as a whole is 22% black, but the make-up of the 12th congressional district is 53% black. There is no problem with the creation of black majority districts *per se*, but this is no ordinary case. For example, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Congressman Kweisi Mfume (D-MD) both come from black majority districts and are handily re-elected every two years. But their districts are of a "normal" shape as Congressional Districts go. The areas they represent have large black populations, as does much of South Central Los Angeles and Central Maryland, respectively. But Rep. Mel Watt's (D-NC) 12th CD carves a black majority out of the heart of North Carolina by snaking through small black population centers along Interstate 85. The district stretches 160 miles from end to end through parts of Gastonia, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Durham, in some places no wider than two lanes of the Interstate it follows. It must be said that the district bears a striking resemblance to a salamander. Although political gerrymandering

has become just part of the game, this new kind of racial gerrymandering shines an entirely different light on the political scene. The real problem is that this new racial gerrymandering is unfair to everyone, especially minorities.

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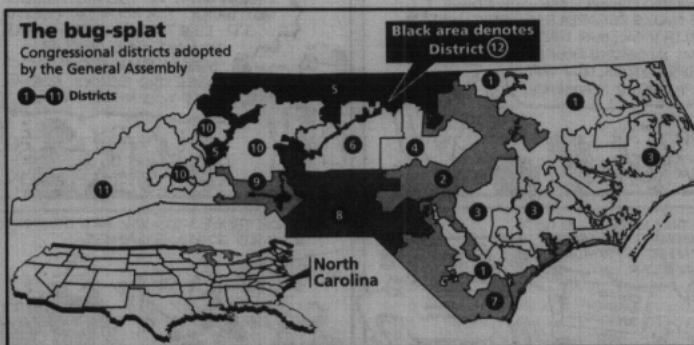
Racial Politics. Following the 1990 Census, the North Carolina Legislature went to work with Democratic Governor Hunt on re-drawing the state's twelve congressional districts in accordance with the Justice Department's mandates concerning minority-controlled zones. At the time, the policy was to create the maximum number of black majority districts the state's population could support. The first new map was sent to Washington with one black majority district, the 1st CD. It too was a patching together of black areas in the eastern part of

affirmative action laws from the workplace to the polling booth. The Justice Department, and subsequently the state of North Carolina, tried to give more power to black voters. This meant that in a state that is mostly white, there would have to be "black" districts so that blacks could elect black members of Congress. This policy is based on three mistaken assumptions: that a black majority would automatically vote for a black candidate, that only black congressmen can effectively represent black districts, and that white people could never elect black members of congress.

While few believe the latter two assumptions, the first has surprising support among the American public and in Washington. The notion that race dictates one's voting patterns indicates that all people of a given skin color think alike. This is an archaic and anti-American belief. The United States was founded on the principle that each citizen has the right to self-determination. When our own Department of Justice orders states to group people together so that they may more easily vote as a block, something is gravely wrong.

However, if we accept this as true, that people of one race do all think and vote alike, then we must also conclude that the white people in the 12th CD are being denied their right to vote as a block and elect a white representative. Furthermore, blacks must logically be under-represented in the ten "white" districts,

because their votes are concentrated within the first and twelfth. When the state of North Carolina was forced to answer questions such as these before the high court, it offered an even more asinine defense than the argument already presented. The state claimed that the plan did not give blacks an unfair electoral "advantage" because it had



the state. But the Justice Department said that North Carolina had a large enough black population to create a second black CD, and mandated that the map be re-drawn. The Justice Department's aim was to compensate for years of "unfair" redistricting with new districts that would benefit minorities.

Affirmative Action. This Justice Department order amounted to the extension of

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Examining the Surgeon General

Benn Lieberman

By a 65-34 margin, the Senate confirmed the controversial nomination of Dr.

Joycelyn Elders as the United States Surgeon General on Tuesday, September 7. While most would agree that Dr. Elders usually

has the best of intentions, her techniques for maintaining public health have been labeled "radical" by at least one Senator and "controversial" by even the mainstream press. She has a strong tendency to vex large portions of the American population with her routinely offensive statements. She and her husband failed to pay social security taxes for a live-in nurse for Mr. Elders' mother. She has also been accused of milking her current and previous jobs for all they are worth by remaining on the Arkansas payroll while receiving the customary pay given to presidential nominees. Dr. Elders' personal business dealings have come into question along with her judgement about matters of the public health. The combination of these factors makes it difficult to rationally defend the confirmation of the latest FOB appointee.

Joycelyn Elders was born and raised in rural Arkansas. Despite her modest beginnings, she worked her way through Philander Smith College, a small, traditionally black school in Arkansas. She graduated with honors in 1952 and moved on to the University of Arkansas where she received her master's degree in biochemistry. In 1957, she received her medical degree. Dr. Elders then trained in pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. She later returned to the University of Arkansas, and in 1987 after a 26-year

career, she was appointed Director of the Arkansas State Health Department by then Governor Clinton.

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statements. During her six year tenure as Director of the Arkansas State Health Department, Dr. Elders routinely made statements as insulting as calling those who are pro-life "non-Christians with a slave master mentality." Not only are her statements offensive, but they can also be purely ludicrous. In reference to drug-addicted prostitutes, Dr. Elders said that she hopes that "we would provide them with Norplant [a contraceptive], so that they could still use sex if they must buy their drugs." The idea

in the front seat of the car, but not what to do in the back seat of the car." These statements, however, are nothing compared to what Dr. Elders told an abortion rights rally last year. She expressed the opinion that abortion foes need to "get over their love affair with the fetus." In the same speech she took aim at the Catholic church. "Look at who's fighting the pro-choice movement: a celibate, male dominated church." These and other statements have been so callous that they drew a New Jersey Bishop to condemn her remarks as "bigoted."

Questions have also been raised about the Doctor's business dealings in Arkansas. In 1979 she was appointed to the board of directors of the National Bank of Arkansas. In 1989, the shareholders of the bank staged a hostile takeover, and in 1992 they filed a civil suit against the board of directors. They alleged that the board mismanaged the bank by permitting the management to make improper loans. While the

case was settled out of court with no admissions of guilt, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency did issue letters of reprimand to all of the former members of the board, including Dr. Elders, for their failure to more closely monitor the management.

During the period between her appointment as Surgeon General by the President and her confirmation by the Senate, Dr. Elders engaged in a practice commonly referred to as "double dipping." She continued to draw a salary from

the state of Arkansas while receiving a \$500-a-day consulting fee from the national government. While all not-yet-approved presidential nominees are given this consulting fee, many critics raised questions about Elders' dual salary ar-

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that the public coffers should be used, in any manner or amount, to support such an odious lifestyle is criminal.

Drug addiction and prostitution are not the only subjects on which the Doctor chooses to inveigh. In reference to a matter as serious as teen sex the Doctor made the jovial remark that "we have had driver's ed for our kids. We've taught them what to do

Journal Review: *Spare Change*

Chris Weinkopf

Beside the usual array of panhandlers, religious zealots, punks, and communists, vendors of *Spare Change*, Boston's homeless newspaper, can be found at the entrance of any T stop. The publication, only one year old, has quickly become a staple among the city's periodicals. Its ever-expanding circulation currently totals 25,000, even though issues are distributed almost exclusively by homeless vendors. Nominally *Spare Change* is nonpartisan; but because the issue of homelessness is political, so too is the substance of most its articles and editorials.

As its motto, "helping the homeless help themselves," suggests, *Spare Change*, in many ways, is the embodiment of conservative principles. It does not receive a cent of government support, but is funded entirely through voluntary contributions, advertising revenues, and sales. Its beneficiaries do not simply collect handouts, they must earn their money by selling issues throughout the city. The publication's success, both in sales and in the number of people it has helped, is testament to the capacity of free enterprise to provide for the nation's disenfranchised. No government program has ever accomplished so much so quickly.

More importantly, *Spare Change* instills the values of hard work and individual responsibility upon its members, thereby facilitating their recovery. Vendors are given bundles of papers and told where to sell copies. Twenty percent of all sales revenues must be returned to the publication and the other 80% are kept by the individual salesperson. Consequently, a vendor's profits depend entirely on his ability to sell copies. He quickly learns that he will have more money to spend if he works longer hours, attempts an innovative sales approach, or looks presentable to his customers. The woman who sells *Spare Change* at Tufts' own Davis Square T stop works at least eight hours on most days, and is always both polite and courteous.

Compare her, or any of her *Spare*

Change colleagues, to most of Boston's panhandling homeless, who are often intoxicated, dirty, and rude. *Spare Change* forbids its members from being drunk or

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high while on the job, and it mandates that they always keep clean. According to journal policy, if a vendor is asked to leave a distribution site, he must. The *Spare Change* worker guidelines state, "you are not only representing *Spare Change*, but the home-



less population and yourself as well." The journal is successful because its staff takes pride in their work.

More importantly, the values of self-esteem and self-determination, which are acquired by the *Spare Change* staffer, enable him to succeed in other endeavors of life as well. In one article from the

publication's June edition, the writer reports that a friend's passion for *Spare Change* had given him the courage to stay off drugs. Another journalist reports, "I am a *Spare Change* 'vendor.' I am not begging.... *Spare Change* has helped me, and others like myself, by giving us the ability to do something for 'ourselves.'" Most of the paper's members gain an apparent sense that they control their fate. As one July edition poet mused, "Remember it's no one's fault for what I've done to me." Conversely, the credit for her recovery goes to none other than herself.

Spare Change articles also often embrace what Dan Quayle has termed as "family values." God is mentioned frequently, and is often invoked as source of inspiration and support. An anonymous article, titled "Being a Young Parent," tells the story of a young woman who has quit drinking, stopped hanging out in the streets, and vehemently pursues her GED, all for the sake of her infant son. She became pregnant shortly after dropping out of school in the ninth grade, at a time when "the only thoughts [she] had were what [she was] going to drink that night." She is the kind of destitute woman most frequently cited by pro-choice advocates when justifying abortion. But her young child has given her a new outlook on life, "I love my child and he means the world to me," she writes, "I am always going to be there for him."

Despite the publication's conservative values, however, its politics are often more liberal. While the *Spare Change* articles written by homeless people usually espouse individualism and self-responsibility, those penned by the members of its parent group, "Jobs with Peace," often spout Marxist dogma about oppression being inherent in capitalism, or the evil of the United States. From a strictly quantitative study of *Spare Change* articles, it would appear that the radical liberals are a minority within the staff. They

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Office of the
Senior Vice President/Provost



June 11, 1993

Dear Mr. Belle:

...I am enclosing a list of all [honorary degree recipients] since 1968. As you can see, it represents people from all walks of life, from all political perspectives, religions, races and ideologies.

You singled out Gloria Steinem, Harry Blackmun and Donna Shalala because obviously they have stated opinions which offended you in respect to family values.

But, what is wrong with Father Hesburgh, for thirty years President of Notre Dame University; Sandra Day O'Connor; or Etta MacPhie? or Danny Kaye? Don't they also represent Tufts' values?

Mr. Belle, a university is made up of many people and many opinions. Tufts continues to award ROTC certificates and take ROTC candidates because we passionately believe that the country should be defended by young men and women who attend this university. There are many alumni who will not give us a penny because we continue to affiliate with ROTC.

Try to understand, we cannot make all people happy. We need your loyalty, your affection, and your trust. But, don't make us do everything just to please you. We will from time to time give an honorary degree because other people nominate these worthy people. You may not like Harry Blackmun, but others do, and we respect all of you, even if there is disagreement.

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S. Gittleman

June 17, 1993

Dear Mr. Gittleman:

...You have provided to me a list of Tufts honorary degree recipients and state that the list represents people from all walks of life, political perspectives, religions, race and ideologies. This statement, in itself, is symbolic and expository of Tufts manifesto of "diversity." Through this "diversity," Tufts is making, in my mind, a meaningless and futile attempt at espousing and pleasing any and every philosophy and belief. As a natural consequence, you please and espouse no one and nothing....

In the granting of honorary degrees you put Justice Blackmun and Ms. Steinem in juxtaposition with Father Hesburgh, Sandra Day O'Connor and Etta MacPhie (should I know the latter?) Do you use Father Hesburgh and Justice O'Connor as expiation for honoring the "high priestess of barren womanhood" and a premier advocate of abolishing both marriage and the family and the Supreme Court Justice who authored the *Roe v. Wade* decision which resulted in the destruction of over 30,000,000 innocent Americans - one third of the next generation, indeed one third of potential Tufts students and faculty? This is gravely faulty reasoning in your apologia.

You demean my intellect when you ask me not to make Tufts do everything just to please me. If you accede to my reasoning not to honor personages such as Blackmun and Steinem, you are not acceding to any pleasing of me; you would be acceding to TRUTH, HONOR and NOBILITY by the singular logic of not honoring ignoble and ill-conceived philosophies.

No one should expect a great university to please everyone; but a great university, it seems reasonable to say, should have a healthy perception of what is honorable and what is the truth....

Sincerely,

Josquin V. Belle

Office of the
Senior Vice President/Provost



June 22, 1993

Dear Mr. Belle:

Alas, we may just have to agree to disagree. There is a significant gulf between us regarding ideology, terminology, not to mention a whole host of isms. But, let us remain open to debate and argument: that is the strongest commitment any civilized person can make.

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All my best for an enjoyable summer. I just finished Paul Kennedy's *Preparing for the Twenty-first Century*. Very Sobering.

Sincerely,

DIALOGUE

Joseph Belle E'43 and Provost Gittleman

June 26, 1993

Dear Mr. Gittleman:

I am fully enjoying our dialogue; I relish intellectual battles, although I contend, immodestly, that the intellectual part of it might be perceived as one-sided.

In this letter, I would like to pursue just one of my objections - the granting of an honorary degree to Ms. Gloria Steinem at commencement 1987. On the basis that honors are tendered to personages who have made positive contributions to the good of American society and culture, it would be revealing to know what determinations Tufts administrators made in this regard pertaining to Ms. Steinem. I enumerated her philosophies in the debate I initiated in the *CRITERION* in 1988, viz.:

"By the year 2000 we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in human potential, not God." (*Sat. Review of Education*, March 1973)

"For the sake of those who wish to live in equal partnership, we have to abolish and reform the institution of legal marriage." (Speech at IWY conference, Houston, 1977.)

"We are demanding reproductive freedom [abortion on demand] as a right, like freedom of speech, because it weakens nationalism....The right wing way is to say, 'Individuals should make that decision, not the men in power.'" (*New York Times*, Jan. 31, 1980.)

"Overthrowing capitalism is too small for us. We must overthrow the whole ##### patriarchy." (*Detroit Free Press*, April 15, 1974.)

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Mr. Gittleman, neither you nor I should take the philosophies of a Gloria Steinem casually or lightly - or with impunity. Her aim, obviously, is to destroy Judeo/Christian culture - and to replace it with paganism. It's, consequently, beyond belief and good reason that Tufts would honor such a radical personage. It opens Tufts' judgment on the granting of honors to grave intellectually-grounded questioning. It would be ludicrous to justify such action on the dubious, undefined, basis of "diversity."

Respectfully,

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do, however, dominate the editorial board. *Spare Change* radicals, such as James Shearer, the journal's managing editor, are for the most part 'formerly homeless.' When they join activist organizations, like Jobs for Peace, they take on extremist politics and lose their sense for the true problems of the streets.

The primary flaw of Shearer's politics is that they are not based in fact. The editor contends that by the year 2000, only seven short years away, there will be 19 million homeless people in the United States—even though by most estimates, including a study the Urban Institute and the Federal Census, America's current homeless count totals only 300,000. Moreover, Shearer's response to his imagined epidemic is the typical liberal approach: more government, more taxes, more regulation. When profiled in *Spare Change* he says, "the real solution to [homelessness]... has to come from Washington." He clings to socialist zero-sum myth, that wealth is finite. "The distribution of wealth in the country is pathetically maligned," he argues. "It's very true that the rich keep getting richer, [and] the poor poorer..."

Because he blames homelessness on systemic injustices and not individual failures, Shearer is unable to formulate a rational solution to the problem. He denies that chemical dependency and mental health

problems underlie most homeless cases. Shearer claims, "There's a great number of [homeless] people who are [chemically addicted or mentally ill], but that's only a small percentage of the total." Not so, according to most major studies. Dr. E. Fuller Torrey of *National Review* contends that 85% of the nation's homeless suffer from either substance abuse or mental illness. Shearer's own publication contradicts his argument—nearly half of the paper's articles deal specifically with mental illness or the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The political weaknesses of *Spare Change*, however, by no means invalidate its mostly positive message and impact. In addition to "helping the homeless help themselves," *Spare Change* also allows the more prosperous to help the less fortunate. Each issue contains a listing of upcoming volunteer events. Furthermore, when one buys an issue of *Spare Change*, 20% of his money goes to aiding the journal's future publication. Given the demonstrated responsibility of its vendors, the *Spare Change* customer can be confident that the remaining 80% of his dollar will probably *not* be spent on drugs and alcohol, as is frequently the case with panhandlers.

By providing Boston's homeless with a forum to express their concerns, *Spare Change* also gives the city an "inside view" as to how it can best deal with the homeless problem. In recent issues, the journal has

been relentless in its criticism of local shelters. It has exposed abhorrent conditions, bureaucratic waste, and physical abuse in Boston homes that receive public and private monies. The nature of a shelter invites corruption and abuse. Many are willing to give money to a home for intrasigents, but are unwilling to ascertain that it is being operated properly. Homeless shelters are also not open to usual market pressures that would enforce quality standards as, literally, 'beggars can't be choosers.' Consequently, the quality of services wanes as prices rise. Hopefully, *Spare Change*'s muckraking will make its way into the hands of the state's shelter benefactors. If so, donors will be able to be more selective about contributing their money, causing better shelters to thrive while poorer ones are forced to reform or close.

By aiding the improvement of the state's shelter system and 'helping the homeless to help themselves,' *Spare Change* provides Boston's disenfranchised with a valuable ally in their quest to raise their standard of living. Although its editors chastise the free market and champion the ever-growing role of government, their own creation proves the viability of the private sector. By discovering a demand and offering the supply, Boston's homeless have found the path back into mainstream society.

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only created two of twelve districts with black majorities, a 17% share. Since blacks comprised 22% of the total population, it reasoned, they were in fact being denied proportional representation. So, the bureaucrats, argued, there was no problem, in fact, whites actually *benefited* from this minority-majority district. The problem with such logic is that it only further divides the people of North Carolina along racial lines. In her opinion for the majority, Justice O'Connor said, "Racial classifications of any sort pose the risk of lasting harm to our society. They reinforce the belief held by too many for too much of our history, that individuals should be judged by the color of their skin."

In the Wake. The decision handed down by the Court did not explicitly rule that the

North Carolina district was unconstitutional, but that it *might* be. The case was taken to the high court after a special three-judge panel denied to hear the case, saying that a district drawn to help blacks could not be unconstitutional. The Court disagreed, and sent the case back to the lower court to be heard again. The only real question answered by Supreme Court's decision was that racial gerrymandering to help blacks did in fact hurt whites' rights to equal protection and therefore, is possibly unconstitutional. The lower court will decide if this district in particular is constitutionally unsound. In the coming term, the Supreme Court will decide three more cases involving questionably shaped Congressional Districts, two in south Florida and one in Georgia.

Justice O'Connor warned of the pitfalls of policies which "reinforce the perception that members of the same racial

group...think alike." She cited thirty year old voting laws that stress the importance of the individual, "not his race, his creed, or his color." Contrary policies amount to apartheid.

The Victims. The suit was brought by white voters because they felt victimized by the segregationist law. But they are not the only victims. The black citizens are victims too, because they were condescendingly afforded special treatment by the white, Democratic state government. Society is also a victim because racial gerrymandering, like affirmative action, categorizes people as races, not individuals. Lines are being drawn between races and cultures that only succeed in balkanizing the country as more people join us in the land of plenty.

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A Change for the Same

Dave Mollow

The most extraordinary thing about the agenda presented by President Bill's administration is that what it prides itself on most is what lacks entirely. It fails to address the concerns of ordinary people. Most Americans want a society with more upward mobility and economic opportunity. Clinton wants higher taxes and more cumbersome bureaucracies. Most Americans want a military that is based on macho camaraderie, that is, one that can fight. Clinton wants a military in which everyone is treated fairly. Most Americans want change. Clinton wants more of the same retroactive big government programs that have retarded in the West for sixty years.

Every time Bill Clinton and other liberal and socialist politicians propose new plans to raise taxes or redistribute the wealth, they pretend they are introducing truly revolutionary and pathbreaking ideas. We stand at the dawn of a new age, we are told, difficult choices face us. Will we continue clinging to the tattered remnants of a greedy capitalist society that obviously spirals inevitably toward its own destruction? Or will we have the courage to try something new, to transcend our petty and narrow self-interest, to walk with Bill and Hillary, working together as a team and discovering the new society that awaits us, just around the corner, where everything is roses...

Somehow, at least for a while, Americans seemed to believe that Clinton's proposals were truly new. This guy, the media informed us, is an optimist, he has a vision for the future. Within a few weeks of his inauguration, however, Americans began to realize he was just a commonplace liberal, full of rhetoric about the need for the wealthy to sacrifice when he was on television, and full of rhetoric about the need for everybody to sacrifice when the time to submit actual proposals came. Quickly, people

discovered that all kinds of Americans-- those who drink or smoke, those who use gas to heat their homes, etc.-- were the rich. I do not mean to suggest that public reac-

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tion would have been different if Clinton had been a man of his word and had moved to raise taxes on only the wealthy. Clinton's tendency to talk about raising taxes on the wealthy and then propose raising taxes on everyone sheds light, I think, not on the man himself but on the fundamental problem with liberal and socialist ideologies.

The problem is that increasing tax rates and increasing tax revenues are two

taken from the rich. Although it may seem counter-intuitive, the only way to create a larger public sector is to cut taxes, because we then draw revenues from a larger pool of wealth (since more wealth will be created). R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr., writing for *The American Spectator*, clarifies this point by explaining that during the 1980s "tax receipts collected from the upper one percent rose considerably, due to declining marginal rates." This way,

the public sector can expand, but only as a function of a healthy and growing private sector.

For years now, conservatives have pointed out this tension between increasing tax rates and tax revenues, and have often, as a result, declared the liberal agenda of wealth redistribution founded on praiseworthy compassion but unsound assumptions. The acknowledgement of the liberals as well-meaning but proceeding from unwarranted assumptions has lent a persuasiveness to the arguments of many conservatives, for it has stripped these arguments of the dogmatism and pedagogery that people find so offensive.

But for decades now, big government liberals have held the reins of power in varying degrees throughout the West. They have always promised to take from the rich and ended up taking from everyone. The time has come for conservatives to reevaluate those "well-meaning" liberals and expose them for what they really are nine times out of ten: plain and simple demagogues.

Bill Clinton and his friends in the White House know, and always have known, that we cannot take money from the rich

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very different things. If you raise the income tax rate on wealthy people (or on anyone else), they have less incentive to increase their income. Consequently, even though a higher percentage of their income flows into the coffers of the government, less money does (since less wealth has been created). There is thus an upper limit to how large the public sector can possibly become from new taxes. We are already taking as much money as can possibly be

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rangement. Because of these questions Elders resigned as the Director of the Arkansas State Health Department, but not until July 18.

In another episode which has raised questions about Dr. Elders' ethics, she and her husband recently paid \$15,000 to the IRS for back social security taxes. It took six years and an impending confirmation hearing to convince her Doctor that her taxes should be paid. Apparently she feared that the legal transgression would doom her chances for Senate approval, as it did Zoë Baird and Kimba Wood. Elders also cowardly tried to shift the blame for the infraction onto her husband. Dr. Elders claimed that her husband had taken charge of all financial dealings involving his mother, but this is a weak excuse for someone who at the time was in line to be the nation's top doctor.

Yet another blemish on Dr. Elders' records includes an incident which would be funny if it were not so true. She recently told *USA Today* that, "to look at college campuses as a model [for national health care] is perfect." She went on to ask, "what better model do you want?" As any Tufts student can testify, the college health care system is far from being worthy of emulation. One is often required to wait hours for treatment which is consistently substandard, not to mention the mountains of pa-

perwork which go along with every visit to health services.

The most serious charge which has been levied against Dr. Elders stems from an incident which occurred during her tenure as the Director of the Arkansas State Health Department. In 1991, after several complaints, it was discovered that a large batch of condoms distributed at state health clinics were defective. The FDA was notified, and through testing, the agency determined that the prophylactics were failing at a rate 12.5 times the accepted average. All of the condoms were recalled from the clinics, but not before most had been given to the public. According to *Human Events* magazine, of the 756,000 condoms in the batch in question, only 85,00 were returned to the state. The other 671,000 were in the public's hands (and other appendages). Faced with the problem of how to rectify the situation, she elected to ignore it. Instead of notifying the public of the potential for ruptures in the condoms, Dr. Elders decided to do nothing.

Dr. Elders was questioned about this incident at her hearings before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, which is charged with making recommendations on Surgeon General nominees. Elders told the Senators that "we looked at the number that was out, and... we made the decision... that it was better in the public good [not to issue a warning], and sometimes you as a public health official have to

make decisions that you consider in the greater public good." She also stated that "we felt making an announcement would be creating a major scare that would make everyone afraid to use condoms." Senator Coats pressed her, reminding her of the ramifications of venereal diseases and AIDS. In light of this, how could her decision be in the best interests of society? The Senator eventually came right out and asked Dr. Elders if she still believed that her decision was the correct one. She responded plainly and simply, "yes, I do."

This country is in need of a Surgeon General who will address the current crises in public health. Dr. Joycelyn Elders, however, must learn that while being blunt and candid can often be a virtue, in the words of Theodore Roosevelt one must "speak softly and carry a big stick." Elders must learn to curtail her tactless statements while still attempting to be a vocal advocate for the health of the American people. The Doctor should also recognize that the position of Surgeon General should not be used to advance one's own agenda (*i.e.* pro-choice, Norplant for drug addicted prostitutes, *etc.*). If Dr. Elders learns this lesson while gaining an understanding of what is best for the public, she will have the opportunity to do a great deal of good for the health of the United States as a whole.

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without taking money from the rest of society also, that there is no way to destroy the natural tendency people have to work to improve their own economic position, not someone else's. They also know that the public will never elect a candidate who promises to take money from the middle or lower classes. They know that if implemented, their own ideology would cause economic ruin so severe that the public would vote them out of office. That's why they say one thing and then do another, resurrecting the same old pattern of lies and deceit that has haunted the West for half a century.

"Better a real city, tainted by selfish motives," Allen Bloom writes of this phenomenon, "than one that can never exist, except in speech." Unfortunately, Presi-

dent Bill would lead us further down the path to the city that can exist only in speech. Liberal promises to do the impossible-- increase revenues from the rich without hurting the rest of society-- have produced a sense of disillusionment in the American people. The public forever awaits the arrival of a society that will never exist. As a result, the conviction that politics is all a lie, somebody's idea of a sick joke, pervades our culture. People feel a nagging need for a new politics that transcends the old disputes between Left and Right.

With the assistance of the liberal media, the Clintons succeeded in portraying a stale leftist ideology, whose inability to address any modern problems has been revealed time and again in both the East and the West, as the new and needed "politics of meaning," in the words of Michael Lerner, editor of *Tikkun*.

I guess, however, that I would be unfair to President Bill if I pointed out that I don't think people feel their lives anymore "meaningful" than they were when we lived under the oppressive yoke of trickle down. After all, it's still early in the presidency and many of the proposed programs have not yet been implemented. I guess the added meaning and all that much vaunted "reconstruction of identity" will come as a consequence of Canadian-style health care, higher taxes, and allowing homosexuals in the military. But in the meantime, it would make my day if someone would please, please explain to Bill Clinton and *The Boston Globe* that "managed competition" and higher taxes are not new ideas with which the president was blessed, but the story of 20th century Western, heavily regulated, capitalist societies.

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--Louis Nel, Deputy Minister of Information for South Africa

A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.

--Samuel Goldwyn

The similarities between me and my father are different.

--Dale Berra, Yogi Berra's son

You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid.

--from a guest directory at a Japanese hotel, 1991

Warning: Never use while sleeping.

--warning on a hair dryer

Outside of the killings, [Washington] has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

--Marion Barry

It would be a good thing to take your bankbook to the fallout shelter with you.

--Federal Reserve System Suggestion

During state of national emergency resulting from enemy attack, the essential functions of the Service will be as follows: (1) assessing, collecting, and recording taxes...

--I.R.S. Handbook, 1976

Actual meltdown takes three to five days, and that's certainly enough time to evacuate Long Island.

--George Koop

Most hazards are caused by accidents.

--United States Department of Safety

If you ever fall from the top of the Sears Tower in Chicago, go real limp, so the people at the bottom will think your a dummy and try and catch you. Because hey- free dummy.

--Jack Handey

This town needs an enema.

--The Joker

In the end I have come to believe that the universe is benevolent.

--Albert Einstein

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checked by failure, then to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

--Theodore Roosevelt

I do the very best I know-- the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end.

--Abraham Lincoln

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

--Robert Frost

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principle difference between a dog and a man.

--Mark Twain

Happiness is a good meal, a good cigar, and a good woman- or a bad woman, it depends how much happiness you can handle.

--George Burns

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took my weedwacker and I made my own freakin' path.

--Patrick R. Frank

I'm sort of conservative, and I'm sort of liberal... I've never burned a flag, but I've never put one out either.

--Garry Shandling

Just because something can reproduce doesn't mean it should.

--Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Love is the history of a woman's life, it is an episode in a man's.

--Madame De Stael

Pleasure is a sin and sometimes sin is a pleasure.

--Lord Byron

I found little that is good about human beings. In my experience, most of them, on the whole, are trash.

--Sigmund Freud

Wu da tu la Solo? Sont pi ta lay, yi pa ta trum ti ta, wa ta ching ka. Jaya wan ni chi ko, why wu shy ni, why tan ni why-o wuska!

--Greedo, from Star Wars

The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom.

--Blake

Beauty is only a light switch away.

--Anonymous

No man has earned the right to intellectual ambition until he has learned to lay his course by a star which he has never seen - to dig with the divining rod for springs which he may never reach. Only when you have worked alone, when you have felt around you a black rulf of solitude more isolating than that which surrounded the dying man, and in hope and despair have trusted to your own unshaken will-- then only will you have achieved. Thus only you gain the secret isolated joy of the thinker...

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

These texts are not addressed to common mortals... Agnostic perception is a path reserved for an elite... For, in the words of the Bible: do not cast your pearls before a swine.

--Kamal Jumbalitt

Cowards die many times before their death.

--Shakespeare

Governing a large state is like boiling a small fish.

--Tao Te Ching

I'm sick and tired of being accused of being a drunkard... I haven't had a drink in two days.

--Billy Martin

And that, in my view, is what the whole controversy comes down to. Aren't you entitled to the fruits of your own labor or does government have some presumptive right to spend and spend and spend?

--Ronald Reagan