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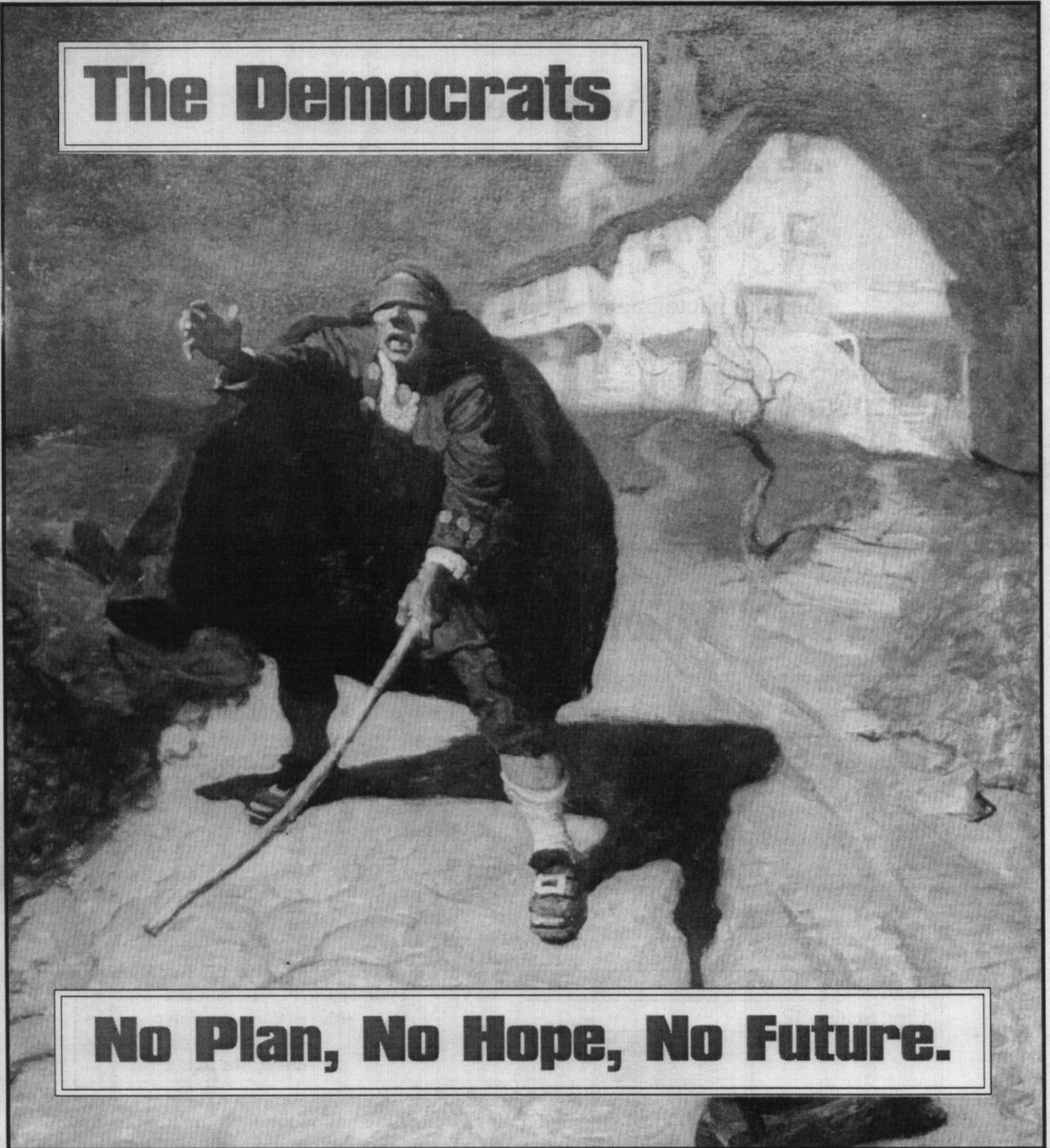
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Displaying a penchant for contemporary fads, Tufts has compiled an impressive resume of academic disingenuity. The imminent dissolution of the Religion Department, the possible introduction of affirmative action policies in the pre-medical system, and the likely expansion of the World Civilization program all rank as the University's more serious transgressions against legitimate scholarship and educational integrity. There appears to be no end to the administration's attempt to purge Tufts of the traditional elements that constitute a superior liberal arts education.

Although the bureaucrats in Ballou have garnered the majority of the headlines for their attacks on the established curriculum, students and professors, in a less obvious way, have fallen into unfortunate habits that play a large role in debasing the value of a Tufts undergraduate degree. The Course Evaluations Guide, produced this semester by the Education Committee of the TCU Senate, points to dishonest grading practices by both students and instructors. A close examination of the evaluations reveals a pattern of inflation that enables everyone involved to benefit.

The guide contains statistics that display students' responses to the course evaluation questions; classes from each of the academic departments are listed. In a vast majority of the courses, professors receive extraordinarily high ratings from their students. The ratings system was designed such that a grade of "5" meant that a professor's performance was "excellent," "4" was a rating of above average, "3" was an average score, "2" fell short of average, and "1" indicated that the professor fared poorly. A casual glance over the rankings shows that few professors received low ratings. In fact, the average grade for Tufts professors was approximately a "4," "above average."

It is difficult to believe that *all* of Tufts' professors are deserving of such high ratings. More likely, students award professors with overwhelmingly positive reviews because professors are far too generous in assigning grades. Although there are teachers at Tufts who refrain from grading easily, inflation has become an all too common phenomenon. Indeed, students do not hesitate to grumble when they receive a grade of "B" on a paper or exam. Professors thus curry favor from their students, as reflected in the evaluations, by casually awarding A's to B work. In return for their inflated grades and GPA's, students frequently give professors higher marks than they deserve on the semesterly evaluations.

Positive evaluations later play an instrumental role when professors apply for tenure. Consequently, students and faculty develop a symbiotic inflationary relationship. A cycle develops in which the students get higher grades and the overly-popular professor receives a promotion.

The unholy alliance between professors and students only serves to hasten Tufts' journey towards academic degradation. As grades and professors' ratings rise, true learning wanes. The cheapened Tufts diploma is only worth more than the mass produced Dean's List certificates distributed each semester.

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# Letters

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Dear Editor,

A pall, akin to a shroud of secrecy and isolation from the outside world, has been thrown by the deans and administrators of Tufts over the student community. The intent is, with no known reason but shame, to keep the truth of frightening campus events from outsiders, particularly alumni from whom the university expects continuing support....

Since attending my 50th class reunion at Tufts, and learning of the objectionable, even appalling, recent campus events, I have written many letters to *The Tuftonia* as the main means for informing alumni on matters about which they are entitled to know. Every effort has been stonewalled; not one letter has been published. Writing directly to fellow alumni was a second means to give the light of day to TRUTH; requests for alumni mailing addresses were refused. (I was even promised addresses of the Tufts Alliances, but none was ever sent to me.).... Nelson S. Gifford, Chairman of the Trustees of Tufts College, after I had complained to him of condition's and had sent him copies of my unpublished "letters to the editor" of *The Criterion* (now *Tuftonia*), [wrote]: "There is certainly a place for advocacy of what you believe and I think your letters to the Tufts *Criterion* vividly express those views."

**Not one of those letters, obviously endorsed by Mr. Gifford, was ever published!** The Office of Alumni Affairs certainly does **not** share Mr. Gifford's policy respecting a place to "vividly express" those views. If this is not a cabal of censorship, a tacit disavowal of the stated policy of the highest university official, what other name can honestly be used to describe it?

These are just some of the campus events and policy innovations which have been kept secret from alumni (it is difficult to recall, let alone list, all of them):

The Tufts administration's formal letter to the President of the United States supporting his plan to eliminate the ban on gays in the armed forces.

The invitations to amoral, if not immoral, personages, such as Harry Blackmun, Gloria Steinem, Donna Shalala, and Joycelyn Elders to speak, as honored persons, on campus.

The campus celebration of National Condom Week.

The Oct. 12, 1994 campus celebration, in which the president of the university, publicly, voluntarily, and unexpectedly participated, by the TLGBC, to honor "National Coming Out Day."

The mysterious, and unexplained, purpose of the Bridge/Metcalf communal living arrangement.

The cancellation, by faculty vote, of the campus celebration of Veterans' Day 1993.

The description, by a typically youthful faculty member, of ROTC students as "professional killers."

The unbelievable proposals of the Task Force on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Studies.

The lack of unvarnished meaning and objectives of the official university policy of multiculturalism and diversity. The void in results of any related studies on the possible effect on academic standards and admission of meritorious students.

Following... my most recent letter to *The Tuftonia*... [I received] a letter from the Director of Alumni Relations... [which said that the] TLGBC rally would not be an appropriate subject for *The Tuftonia*. Incredulously and disingenuously, the director... states that since *The Tuftonia* is an alumni magazine, student events are not necessarily featured unless... [they have] significant alumni participation. This is unbelievable naïveté! It denigrates the intelligence of alumni who certainly are interested in remarkable campus events... and, if this is a factual policy, it is conspicuously not being followed. The following are some examples of articles from the Fall 1994 issue of *The Tuftonia* which would not qualify for publication under such a juvenile policy...:

"Three New Deans Named on Medford/Somerville Campus."

"Surgeon General Elders Says Hungry Children Can't Learn."

"An Arena for laughter, Tears, and Memories."

....If concerned alumni such as I cannot penetrate the shroud of silence, and if Tufts is to return to sanity and a university of which students can be rightly proud, then Tufts' students must inform their parents, and alumni whom they know, of campus events which good reason should tell them are causing the destruction of the university as a renowned, noble, and principled place of learning.... Students must protect their education from unprincipled lunacy.

Joseph V. Belle, E'43

# Commentary

## Ecological Hazards

Radical environmentalism, a long time economic menace, may soon also jeopardize the nation's standing with its strongest ally and undermine international free trade. New England currently receives six percent of its energy from Hydro-Quebec. But eco-imperialists in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, who insist that other sovereign nations abide by the same environmental policies as the US, have threatened to bar the importation of Canadian power if Hydro-Quebec does not submit to American ecological regulations.

Quebec has warned that it will respond to any such sanctions with tougher trade standards on the three billion dollars of goods it receives from the US annually. A trade war, of course, would be harmful to both Canadian and American economic interests. Moreover, Canadian environmental policies which have no direct impact on American interests should not be of American concern. If hydroelectricity will, as the eco-radicals suggest, destroy the Canadian environment, the Canadian people will act to regulate it themselves.

But it won't. Hydro-electricity is one of the least polluting readily available sources of energy. It pollutes the environment far less than combustible fuels, such as coal and oil, which are the chief sources of power in the US. It is available in almost endless supply and emits no toxic fumes. Earth worshippers, however, will never be satisfied; they demand a perfectly clean energy source that simply does not exist.

Clean and inexpensive energy and positive relations with its neighbors, not eco-imperialism or protectionism, are in America's best interest. Voters in the Bay and Granite states must put an end to the dangerous demands of radical extremists, and instead let ratio-

nal and common sense dictate public policy.

## Removing the Ceiling

November eighth's conservative revolution included the passage of Question Nine, which abolishes rent control in the Commonwealth. Prior to Question Nine's enactment, the city governments of Brookline, Boston, and Cambridge often forced landlords to lease their homes and apartments at prices below market value. By making renting less lucrative, the cities effectively made housing more scarce and lowered local property values. Thus rent control not only denied landlords their economic liberties, but

robbed them of their private property.

Lower property values, of course, translated to lower assessments on property taxes. Consequently, rent control communities relied more heavily on aid from the state. As a result, all Massachusetts citizens were forced to pay for the socialist leanings and redistributionist policies of a few isolated communities.

But before the votes were even counted on Question Nine, Boston Mayor Tom Menino had already set in motion procedures for reinstating rent control through the courts. True to liberal form, Mayor Menino and other rent control supporters opted to thwart democracy in pursuit of their political aims. Apparently Mr. Menino *et al.* believe they know better than the individual property owners about what is in their best interest. The voters of the Commonwealth sent a clear message to Beacon Hill for less government. By deliberately contradicting this sentiment, Menino is violating the tenets of democracy and property rights.

## Science = Truth

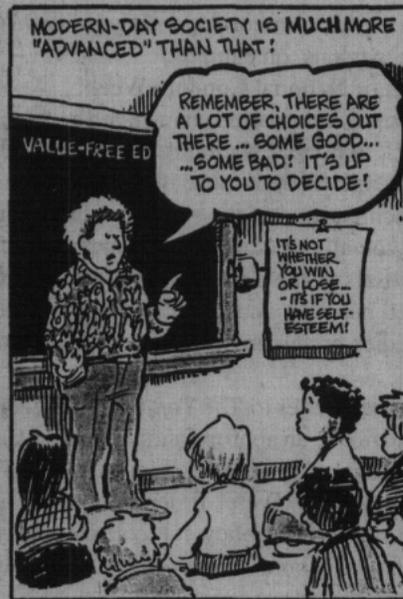
Since the creation of mankind, dedicated and courageous men have devoted their lives to the search for truth. For centuries, this search has produced the scientific and technological knowledge which has largely contributed to the advancement of the human

condition. Without the motivation of scientific leaders such as Copernicus, Edison, and Einstein to uncover the mysteries of nature through empirical evidence, mankind might still be in the dark age.

As our last refuge of objective truth, it seemed that science transcended superficial barriers such as culture and politics. But this is not the message of modern day academia, as indicated last weekend, when the National Association of Scholars held its annual meeting at the Marriott

Hotel. The main topic of discussion was the growing concern about the advent of a phenomenon referred to as the constructivist movement. This movement, largely composed of obscure professors and authors, seeks to overhaul traditional views of science as a means of ascertaining absolute truth.

This group of feminists, Marxists, environmentalists, and multiculturalists are united in their belief that science must be perceived in relative terms. It disdains science's "patriarchal structures and linear thinking," going so far as to compare it to rape. It views science as the tool of the military and industrial interests and believes that science should become more "multicultural." The opponents of science contend that truth is not discovered, but



constructed, by privileged white males who hold influential positions in society. They argue that men have a tendency to alter hypotheses to suit their interests.

But science cannot be subjected to relativist critiques, and, as Harvard biologist Edward O. Wilson pointed out, "There can be no multicultural solution to the genetic problem of cystic fibrosis." It is arguable that Madame Marie Curie would have agreed with the designation of science as patriarchal, and its comparison to rape, when she and her husband were making progress in the study of uranium and radiation. Numerous prosperous industries have complained of being the targets of scientific studies which uncover their advertising deceptions over the years, despite claims that science is the tool of the wealthy who influence the results of research projects to suit their interests.

Clearly, the scientific relativist movement is a conspicuous attempt at abolishing any vestige of absolute truth in society. The same types of interest groups have ceaselessly attacked the Christian Right, religious orthodoxy, and the Catholic Church for adhering to centuries-old standards of morality. Now, radical academics have focused their attention to science, the last unpersecuted refuge of objectivity.

### Late Night Paternalism

The Rhode Island chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has decided to challenge, as unconstitutional, a Pawtucket ordinance which imposes a ten o'clock curfew on those sixteen and under and a midnight curfew on those between the ages of sixteen and eighteen. Supporters defend the legislation, suggesting that it will reduce crime.

The ACLU is correct in opposing the ordinance. It is the duty of mothers and fathers, not the state, to parent their children. To the extent that government strips people of individual responsibility, it can expect that crime, far from abating, will only increase. More importantly, it is both unfair and anti-libertarian to punish an entire group for the actions of only a portion of its members. Not all youths are bent on mayhem and destruction.

The ACLU is wrongheaded, however, for attacking the measure on constitutional grounds. Extrapolating from the Constitution full civil liberties for minors would open a Pandora's box of judicial disasters. The purpose of specifying a particular age as the beginning of legal adulthood is to "activate" certain rights for citizens. Of course no one wants ten-year olds driving automobiles or pre-

schoolers playing with firearms. Likewise, establishing full rights for children would enable many youngsters to "divorce" their parents over personal differences, thus becoming wards of the state. The destruction of family values is conducive neither to the reduction of crime nor the protection of personal freedoms.

If the voters of Pawtucket are willing to rescind the privileges of its minors that allow them to stay out at night, so be it. If this measure fails to achieve its stated aims, the next question for a paternalistic city council is which liberty it should take away next. The state's expansion must be thwarted at an early stage.

### Supplying Freedom

Once again, the American battle between supply-side and welfarism rages. Now, however, marks the only time in the past half-century (other than the 1980s) that capitalism appears to be victorious. The tax cuts that the new GOP majority in Congress propose will stimulate the economy by freeing it from the clutches of government. The GOP promises \$150 billion in tax cuts, mostly aimed at America's middle class.

The Democrats claim that reducing the tax burden would cost

the government \$1 trillion. The debate between the relative stabilities of the public and private sectors has not yet been settled, but with the appropriate spending cuts, the Democrats' concerns about the deficit can be easily allayed. Moreover, the GOP-backed balanced budget amendment would assure that tax breaks will not come at the expense of future generations.

Common

sense dictates that tax cuts put money back in taxpayers' pockets, whereas government spending is inevitably wasted on ineffectual social programs through a cumbersome bureaucracy. Moreover, additional money in the private sector means increased investment, which enables the economy to expand and augment aggregate wealth.

The GOP's proposed tax cuts will curtail the government's fiscal irresponsibility. If the GOP delivers on its promises of hard line welfare reform and a new health care plan, the choices of spending cuts may not be so tough after all. The nation will end up with a smaller government that is better suited to serve the private sector. This is, after all, precisely what it was intended to do in the first place.



# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
--Aristophanes

**PS** At the annual National Conference of Catholic Bishops, held at the Omni-Sheraton Hotel in Washington, some bishops expressed disgruntlement with the hotel's policy of renting pornographic videos to its customers. At \$7.95 a video, they'd have to pass the basket around ten times at Sunday Mass.

**PS** Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is leaving the priesthood after repeated Vatican pressure to resign. JB's plan to replace Rosaries with flaming tires didn't sell too well with the Holy See.

**PS** Ice brat Nancy Kerrigan has reportedly broken up the marriage of her agent-lover Jerry Solomon. If the two get married, Nancy will probably say "I, er, uhm, think, maybe, sure, I, sorta, do."

**PS** Says Solomon's ex, "Why me, why now?"

**PS** Top Ten Future *Daily Columns*:

10. *Miles from Literate*, by Ken Uwrite
9. *The Excretion*, by Mikhail S.N.O.B. Stinkings
8. *If Only They Had Brains*, by Justbe Cuzz
7. *Anti-Semitic*, by S.S. Al-Killemall
6. *Capitol Punishment*, by Bo Ringwriter
5. *Braindead for Life*, by D. Biggoh
4. *Do They Read This At All?* by La Femme Stinkita
3. *Misadventures in Proctology*, by D U M B Toolin
2. *Too Far to the Left*, N.E. Dailyite
1. *Neil Diamond in the Buff*, B. Zarre Fetish

**PS** New York Governor-Elect George Pataki paid a visit to "The Late Show" with David Letterman to read the nightly "Top Ten" list, which was "Top Ten Ways to Mispronounce Pataki." Giuliani thinks "quomoe" works, but we're not so sure.

**PS** Richard Nixon and Marilyn Monroe will be featured on 1995 postage stamps. They will be included in the special "People Jack Kennedy Screwed" series.

**PS** Outgoing New York Governor Mario Cuomo told a radio audience: "I'm going to be the first twelve-year governor to go out homeless and jobless. I can picture myself Jan. 9, all huddled up, freezing on a cold pavement, chilling my tush and telling some guy with a seven day growth of a beard, 'I don't want to go to your lousy shelter.'" It seems that even Mario lacks faith in his welfare programs.

**PS** Speaking of Super Mario, the lame duck went on the air at WAMC radio in Albany last week to warn of the new Congressional leaders, whom he depicted as "Republican storm troopers" interested in damaging President Clinton. He's probably frightened that the GOP will reduce unemployment benefits.

**PS** Gerald "Jed" Ardito was cleared of choking his lover to death after the state Supreme Court jury accepted his "rough sex" defense. Jed doesn't need prison time, just an opportunity to affirm his sexual identity, a resource center, and an administrator.

**PS** While on a post-campaign vacation, Senator Teddy Kennedy rested up at the family compound in Palm Beach, Florida. Tropical Storm Gordon was in the area, and Teddy got pounded. The storm hit him hard, too.

**PS** While in line at the Publix supermarket, the senior slosher ran into former opponent Mitt Romney. Teddy was disappointed, however, when Mitt informed him that he couldn't bring nine shopping carts of Colt 45 into the "Ten Items or Less" lane.

**PS** It seems that the Friends of Bill are engaging in criminal activity these days. The Clintons' Whitewater real estate partner, Susan McDougal, has been brought up on charges of embezzlement of \$150,000 from a prominent California conductor's wife. We expect Mrs. McDougal's lawyer to be found dead in a national park some time soon.

**PS** If you slept with Hillary, wouldn't you kill yourself too?

**PS** Clinton Budget Director Alice Rivlin called key GOP budget proposals "nonsense" and "a potential fraud." But seeing that the Rivster rounds out the bottom of the bell curve, Republicans need not worry too much.



**PS** Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York plans to reopen Whitewater hearings when he assumes his seat as head of the Senate Banking Committee. "It won't be a witch hunt," he says. True, Hillary season doesn't begin until February.

**PS** Top Ten Professions for Newly-Unemployed Democrats:

10. TCU Budget Coordinator
9. National Service Program
8. Would you like some beef jerky with your *Hustler*?
7. Coordinator for National Health Care campaign II
6. Thievery... (whoops, they just lost that job)
5. Calendar Coordinator, Tufts' Student Activities
4. Defense lawyers for the President
3. New LGB Resource Center Coordinator
2. Speaking in poli-sci classes at East Coast universities
1. Experiencing the other end of the welfare system

**PS** 86-year-old Mildred Clarke died in Albany on November 17th. The problem was that she woke up in the morgue several hours later. There's no way she'd let the good Lord call her home until she collected her last Social Security payment.

**PS** D.C. Mayor Marion Barry was excited to learn that it is common for the party in power to take a hit during midterm elections.

**PS** But back to PETA. The bunnyhuggers in Arkansas have hung a banner over a highway reading, "Holidays are MURDER on Turkeys," to protest the killing of 40 million gobblers for Thanksgiving. Umm, nothing as yummie as a traditional holiday dinner of fava bean curd and tofu patties.

**PS** The Reverend Al Sharpton is at work on an autobiography in which he discusses what he perceives as this country's dangerous movement to the right. "And if we don't reactivate the communities, particularly the communities of color, we'll lose the few rights we have," he said. Like the right to race bait, lie, wear gaudy jewelry, and sport cheesy perms.

**PS** Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates recently paid \$30.8 million

at a Christie's auction for "Codex," a 277-year-old compilation of Leonardo Da Vinci's scientific writings. In a similar story, Hillary Clinton just paid \$3.80 for Kotex at a local CVS.

**PS** Three Coney Island teens, wielding a gun-shaped cigarette lighter, were finally arrested after pulling off seventeen robberies over a period of a month. Clearly the nation needs a seven-day waiting period on the sale of all inflammatory devices.

**PS** OJ now reports that the media have had the story all wrong. The Juice claims that his murdered wife Nicole used to beat him, not the other way around. Further proof that OJ's IQ is no higher than his jersey number.



**PS** Somerville local Michael Boifacio is staging a hunger strike until Time-Warner Cablevision agrees to carry Portuguese programming free of charge. The cable folks, although unwilling to compromise, have volunteered to give him unlimited access to the Cooking Channel for the duration of his protest.

**PS** The charges of sexual harassment against Clarence Thomas have recently been revived in the media. Two more women have "broken their silence" to further vilify the conservative justice. These ladies should just chill out... have a Coke and a smile.

**PS** Talk show host Ricki Lake recently spent the night in prison for joining People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in a violent protest of the mistreatment of sundry mindless creatures. It's nice that Lake could put her professional ambitions aside,

and rush to fellow talkmaster Geraldo's defense.

**PS** *Playboy* has decided to answer readers' requests and dedicate a future issue to nude DJs. Let's hope Rush Limbaugh doesn't return the call.

**PS** And speaking of Rush, his hometown of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, will reportedly spend \$18,000 to provide sightseeing trips to the hospital in which he was born, his childhood home, the barber shop where he shined shoes, and the radio station where it all began. It is not yet clear, however, if the local Jenny Craig center will be included in the tour.

# Desperately Seeking Spirit

Tex Malwal

Despite the best interests of the student body, the Tufts administration has slashed the Department of Religion into a pitiful shell of its former self. The latest proposal will create a religious studies program, in which students will only be able to study religion through courses offered by other departments. Considering the overall importance and influence of religion, the forth-coming decision to eliminate the Department can only be regarded as a disgraceful attack upon a rich academic field.

The sole Religion professor at Tufts, Howard Hunter, asserts that the field needs the support of its own department. If studied from the viewpoint of another discipline, as is currently proposed, religion will be relegated to secondary status. A strong possibility is that some current Religion Department courses will be offered through the English Department. Hunter finds fault with such an arrangement, explaining, "It is one thing, and a worthwhile endeavor, to study the Bible as literature. But it is another thing to teach the Bible as Bible, not as literature but as the expression in verbal form of an intense religious experience." There is also a strong possibility that some Religion Department courses will be rerouted toward the Sociology Department. Regarding this possible situation, Hunter states, "[it is] one thing and a worthwhile effort to present religion as a social organization, through the sociology of religion. But it is another thing to present religion and to focus on religion and religious experiences which give rise to a variety of social organizations."

There are many unfortunate consequences to the elimination of the department. Religion majors will obviously suffer the most, while non-majors will be denied a chance to increase their knowledge base in a discipline that is essential to humanity. Professor Hunter recognizes the

*Colin Kingsbury conducted the interview with Prof. Hunter for this article.*

fundamentally important impetus for learning and studying religion. He cites the necessity to understand and communicate with

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foreign cultures. Hunter states, "...for an educated person to be unaware of the pervasive importance of religion throughout cultures everywhere is deeply unfortunate. If we are going to engage in military actions abroad, to conduct business abroad, or to have diplomatic relations with other countries, and fail to understand the religion of the culture with which we are dealing, we are doomed to superficiality and possibly to errors of grave misunderstanding."

The administration has a well-documented history of neglecting the Religion Department.

Despite an investigative report several years ago that determined that several professors should be hired, Hunter has remained the only full time professor.

He contends, "It would appear that several successive administrations have responded to more pressing and compelling needs in a given year. Other areas needed support and were more pressed than the Department of Religion." He added that the administration may not have prioritized the department because of a misperception. He explains, "An aspect of the failure to develop religious studies lay in the lack of understanding by administrative officers as to the na-

ture and purpose of a Department of Religion." He further characterized this situation as "a kind of neglect, a lack of understanding, a lack of effort to understand what constitutes religious studies." While Dean of Arts and Humanities Elizabeth Ammons has been busy at protest rallies, such as the one she attended during President Bush's visit, she would better serve the student body by spending her time investigating ways to retain the

department.

On campus, it is widely perceived that there is an unofficial anti-religion sentiment in Ballou. Hunter, however, does not believe that Tufts has a culture of disbelief. According to him, "that would require effort. Tufts has a culture of disregard." Hunter points to general apathy as the cause of the department's demise, and does not hold individuals responsible. Although Hunter attributes the demise of the Religion Department to institutional disregard, the University's history of sacrificing legitimate academics for political reasons would lead one to believe that there is more involved.

The University currently mandates that all liberal arts students take World Civilizations in order to gain a tolerance of cultures alternative to their own. Ironically, the Religion Department serves to allow students to gain just such an understanding. And the department's importance goes much further; religion is the backbone of all societies. The administration is apparently unaware of the loss it faces. The study of religion must remain a part of liberal arts education. Without it, students will lose more than the opportunity to gain an appreciation of foreign cultures. They will lose the opportunity to further understand their own, as well.

*Mr. Malwal is a freshman majoring in Biology.*



# The Clinton Contract With America '96

*I, William Jefferson Rodham Clinton, do hereby bestow upon the masses this contract. I have felt the pain of the people, and I want to help. As president, I will alleviate your suffering. I have made a pact with you, my fellow citizens. The promises I have listed here will provide us with a safer, kinder, gentler, and happier nation.*

- \* *All McDonalds restaurants must be open 24 hours a day, and to make government look more like America, I will make Mayor McCheese the new Secretary of Health and Human Services.*
- \* *Cannabis Sativum will be the National Plant.*
- \* *Barney Frank will be the National Fruit.*
- \* *The bald eagle, our national symbol, will be replaced by Donna Shalala, our answer to the Ayatollah Khomeini.*
- \* *Should anything happen to Hillary, I will appoint a competent successor to the office of the Presidency.*
- \* *Any abortion after the 65th trimester will be made illegal.*
- \* *Under our new affirmative action policy, every female White House staffer will have health care, her own bedroom in the Old Executive Office Building, and a daily presidential briefing, so that I can keep on top of policy...*
- \* *The Pledge of Allegiance will be replaced by "Row, Row, Roe v. Wade," as performed by my crackhead brother and Marion Barry.*
- \* *School prayer will be allowed, so long as the spotted owl, Louis Farrakhan, and Gloria Steinem are all properly venerated.*



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# *The Demise of Dick*

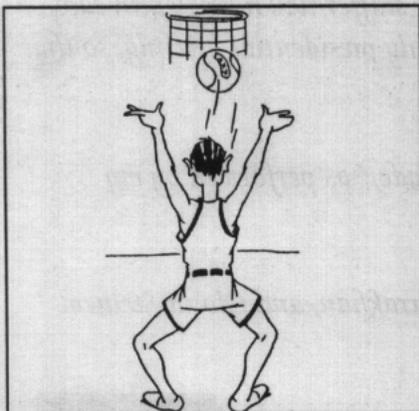
## OUR Pal Dick



*See Dick rant and rave in the Senate*



*See Dick live the good life*



*See Dick play Midnight Basketball*



*See Dick become disgruntled*



*See Dick behind bars*

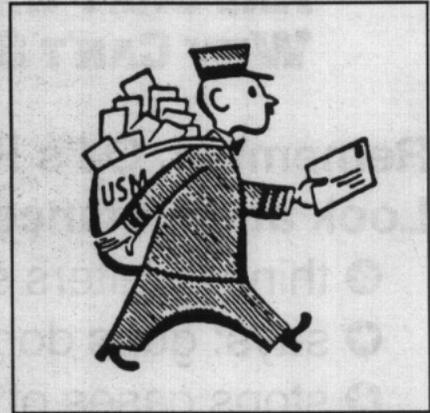
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*See the GOP take Washington*



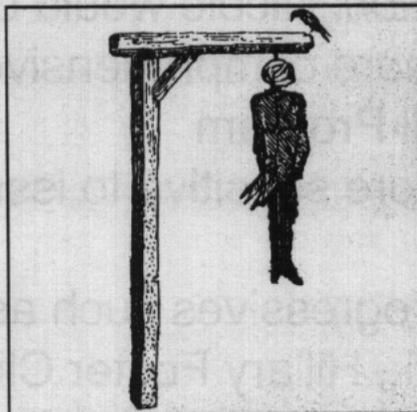
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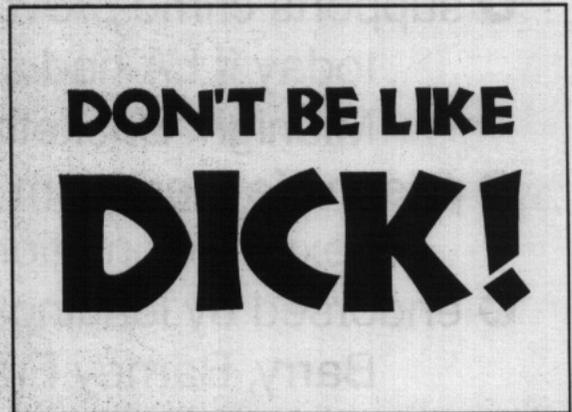
*See Dick deliver through snow and rain*



*See Dick make new friends*



*See Dick hanging tough*



# O.J. SIMPSON

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**IF TEDDY CAN DO IT...  
AND GARY HART DID IT...  
WHY CAN'T OJ?**

**Remember, OJ's Personal Life is His Own Business!  
Look at his stance on the Issues that matter:**

- ★ thinks waiters shouldn't have to work on weekends
- ★ says: guns don't kill people, racist cops do.
- ★ stops cases of repeated violence against women
- ★ advocates a more energy-efficient speed limit
- ★ vehemently opposes capital punishment
- ★ helps US workers by driving an American car
- ★ supports crime *prevention*: Nicole would be alive today if LA had a more comprehensive Midnight Basketball Program
- ★ prison life made him more sensitive to issues of sexual orientation
- ★ endorsed by leading progressives such as Marion Barry, Barney Frank, Hillary Foster Clinton, and Charlie Manson

**SHOW THE RIGHT WING THAT CHARACTER *DOESN'T* MATTER.**

# Sending a Signal

Jessica Schupak

Voters sent a loud message of dissatisfaction to the Clinton administration on election day. They turned out in great numbers to display their disapproval by casting ballots for Republican candidates. For the first time in forty years, Republicans now control both legislative bodies and a majority of the gubernatorial offices. Even longtime liberal icons, such as Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, who just a short time ago was a prospective presidential candidate, and House Speaker Thomas Foley, fell at the hands of the GOP onslaught.

The Republican victory is a manifestation of the American public's dismay with Clinton legislation, such as the soft crime bill and the mediocre health care reform act. It is indeed ironic that this move towards conservatism occurred not under a great Republican leader like Ronald Reagan, but under a Democrat whose election just two years ago was supposedly symbolic of a leftward shift and a rejuvenation of the Democratic party.

The sudden reversal in direction was most dramatic among middle-class voters, formerly the backbone of Democratic support. These new "Reagan Democrats" attributed their disappointment to a costly big government that has lost touch with the needs of the people. Voters in Indiana, for instance, wanted welfare reform, more attention paid to "family values," and a transition to a locally controlled education system; issues not on the priority list of the Clinton administration. Thus, to show their discontent, they elected ultra-conservative businessman Mark Souder (who has never served in an elected office before), over two-term Democratic incumbent Jill Long, in the fourth Congressional district.

The new leadership in the House will

translate into a radical overhaul of power as the GOP takes control over the purse and policy making. The Republicans plan to introduce their agenda in the form of the

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"Contract with America," a package of ten bills pertaining to various issues, the most important ones being welfare, crime, and taxes. Because the GOP will not have a two-thirds majority, however, there are several uncertainties about what will happen to its proposed legislation. President Clinton has suggested that he may be willing to compromise on most issues, but in light of his upcoming reelection campaign, he might try to showcase some executive clout by unleashing his thus far unused veto pen. Despite this threat, Republicans claim they

lies that have additional children while on welfare. It is also geared to put welfare recipients to work by placing 1.5 million of the nation's five million welfare recipients (as opposed to Clinton's suggested 400,000) into work programs by the year 2000. Speaker-designate Newt Gingrich has stated that the party also seeks to make those unable to find employment dependent on private funds and charity, thereby relieving tax

payers of the responsibility of supporting them. Not only are these provisions long overdue, but obviously consistent with the concerns of voters who showed overwhelming support for the Republican plans.

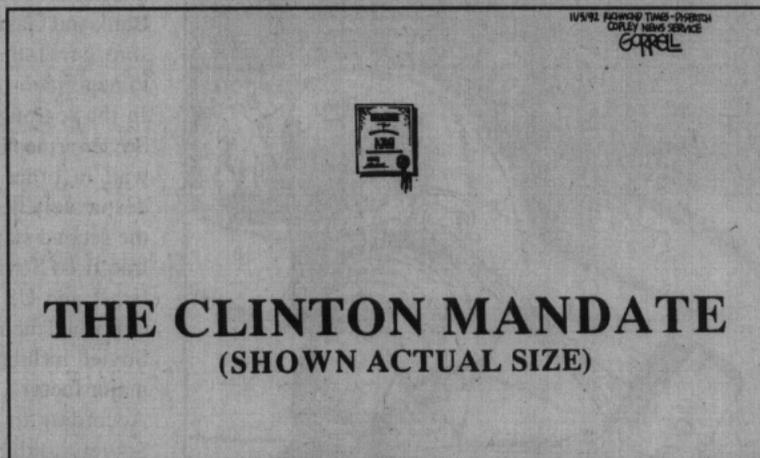
A top priority of Republicans will be to reduce the cost of the \$30 billion federal anti-crime bill enacted in September. Senator Phil Gramm of Texas labeled the Clinton legislation as a "\$30 billion social program [that we] called a crime bill." The first revision that Republicans plan to make is to eliminate the \$5.3 billion allocated for "pre-

vention" programs. Gramm commented on this move by saying that "[The people want] a real crime bill that recognizes that if social programs prevented crimes, this would be the safest spot on the planet, [they want a bill] that grabs violent criminals by the throat, puts them in prison, and that stops building prisons like Holiday Inns." Similarly, Republicans intend to stop overprotection of criminals, for example, by placing limits on federal appeals. The general objective of Republicans is to address the public's demands by be-

ing tough on crime and making the nation's neighborhoods safer.

Republicans plan to re-engage the Reagan Revolution against taxation. Policy makers intend to lower taxes for middle to upper income individuals. Among proposed GOP tax cuts, as outlined in the Contract

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will remain firm and are confident that they will have enough Democratic support for a two-thirds override of the President's veto.

To address the welfare situation, Republicans plan to pass the Personal Responsibility Act, aimed at discouraging illegitimacy and teen pregnancy and cutting spending on welfare programs. The act would deny welfare benefits to young mothers and eliminate increased AFDC support to fami-

# Red in the Middle

Doron Stember

The former Soviet Union long sought to control the Middle East. Since 1931, they used Arab governments as puppets in order to gain access to the rich Middle Eastern assets: oil reserves, the Suez Canal, and access to the Mediterranean Sea. When the state of Israel was formed with American support in 1948, the Soviets moved quickly to check the spread of influence into an area which they wanted to control. Consummate with their desire to gain control of the Middle East and its vital oil supplies, the Soviets embarked upon forty years of communist double speak aimed at weakening Israel's resolve so that it might be conquered.

## The "Phased Plan"

In rallying Arab countries together by aiding them in their attempt to regain control of Palestine, the Soviets gained a permanent foothold in the region that would be used to advance their own agenda. The day Israel was born, the state was simultaneously attacked by Syria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan. The pro-Soviet Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was formed to promote the destruction of Israel and other non-Communist Arab nations. Moscow immediately initiated major shipments of arms to many Arab states. In three separate full-scale wars and countless minor conflicts Israel was attacked by its Arab neighbors. After the 1973 Yom Kippur War, it became clear that Jerusalem could not be taken directly by force. Consequently, the Soviets developed a plan, which the PLO adopted, to give Israel a false sense of security.

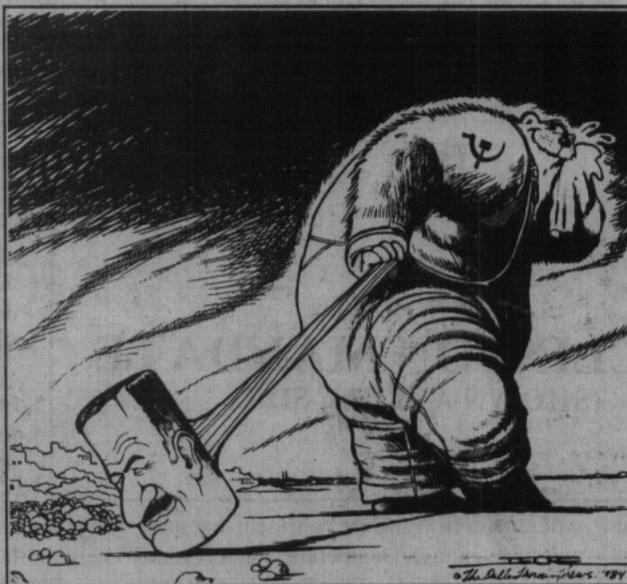
The Phased Plan involved several successive steps towards toppling Israel and imposing a communist dictatorship in its place. Since Israel had proven itself too

powerful to be defeated, it would have to be rendered vulnerable before a final attack could topple it. The Soviets decided that they could expose the Jewish state's Achilles' heel if it would agree to give up strate-

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gically vital pieces of land. Phase 1 of the Plan would have Israel give the Gaza Strip, West Bank, and Golan Heights to the PLO, who would establish the People's Republic of Palestine. In Phase 2, the Soviets would support an invasion of Israel by the new heavily-armed state.

The first step in the Soviet's political masquerade was calling for a "peace" conference—which they would sponsor—be-



tween Israel, the PLO, and the Arab nations. Israel, concerned with the dominant Soviet presence, initially refused. Facing the political pressure of refusing an international peace conference, they were forced to agree to a meeting in Geneva. Incredibly, the Soviets—the very diplomats who had called for the conference and were sponsoring it—

still refused to recognize Israel. Nevertheless, they manipulated an agreement in which Israel yielded control of portions of the Sinai to Egypt.

## A Setback for the Soviets

While the Soviet Middle Eastern agenda was going ahead at full steam in 1977, Egypt turned its back on the Communist superpower and signed an unexpected peace agreement with Israel. Despite having suffered this serious setback, the Soviets pressed forward. Several years later, the communists again called for a Middle East peace conference in order to establish a fully autonomous satellite PLO state in Israeli territory. The Soviets, in showing their true motives, brazenly declared that a peace conference in the Middle East would lead to "the ultimate triumph of communism everywhere." To force Israel back to the negotiating table, the Soviets gathered Arab leaders in Syria to prepare for war. Meanwhile, the PLO, Islamic Jihad, and Palestinian Communist Party continued terrorist attacks on Israeli soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Despite the pressure, Israel stood its ground and refused to negotiate.

In the region's next major conflict, a Soviet-armed Iraqi military invaded Kuwait in order to seize control of oil desperately needed by the west. When the second stage of the conflict began, Iraq fired Soviet built Scud missiles at Israel and US troops. While Iraq certainly had their own agenda in the Gulf, Soviet influence was undoubtedly a major factor.

According to British intelligence, the Soviets told Saddam Hussein to demand yet another "peace" conference between Israel and the PLO as a condition of withdrawal. When the Bush Administration agreed, Israel had no choice but to agree to the meeting. As the Madrid peace conference began, the Soviet Union collapsed under the strain of an economy in shambles and a people in revolt.

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# Send 'Em Home

## Josh D'Agostino

Despite the most recent election, in which scores of Democrats were removed from office, incumbency remains the most important factor contributing to the reelection of government officials. Today, holding a political office is a career choice rather than a part-time interest. Congressmen frequently remain in office for decades, forgetting that they are merely elected citizens, not ordained members of "the ruling elite." In refusing a third term in office, George Washington set the precedent for self-limited terms. The enactment of term limits will force the modern politician to adhere to Washington's standard for government.

### Potomac Fever

While congressmen may arrive on Capitol Hill intending to serve their constituents, they eventually develop a personal interest in Washington affairs. Once immersed in the trappings of power and privilege, even politicians with the best of intentions set them aside to ensure their own reelection, and hence, the continuation of their way of life. Career politicians become stricken with "Potomac Fever," the illness that afflicts those who put their personal political goals ahead of the best interests of the nation.

As "Potomac Fever" spreads, beneficial legislation is sacrificed for laws that support the personal needs of those in political office. The result: twelve million dollar midnight pay raises and "incumbent protection acts" that appeal to special interest groups and ignore the needs of the public as a whole. If securing a life-long career in government were not an issue, "Potomac Fever" would be cured, thus preventing much useless legislation. Term limits are the cure for this corrupting illness.

### Who's Limiting Democracy?

Citizens have put term limits on the ballot in seventeen states in recent years, voting in favor of every proposal. In Massa-

chusetts, supposedly the nation's most liberal state, term limits were approved 51-49%. If Massachusetts has challenged what Milton Friedman refers to as the "tyranny of

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the *status quo*," then the federal government should take up that challenge, too.

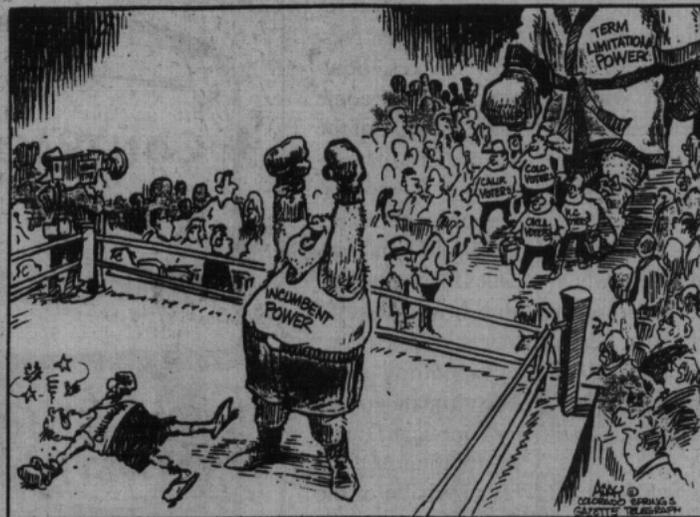
Since leadership positions in Congress are more dependent on seniority than on merit, relics of the "old guard" are consistently returned to Washington by voters who believe that they can get an edge on other states. Indeed, Ted Kennedy ran his successful campaign on the notion that his seniority "can do more for Massachusetts." Currently, only individual states limit the terms of legislators. In the interest of national consistency, Congress should take it

the freedom to turn out their elected officials after they have served for long enough, but in a representative democracy, not all citizens vote on all of the politicians who govern them. Career politicians elected by a single district govern the nation as a whole. A voter in Medford can vote only for Ed Markey, yet the long-time Georgia Rep. Newt Gingrich, by virtue of his post as Speaker of the House, will set Congressional policy that has an impact on Medford. This inherent flaw in representative democracy can be corrected by having the federal government respond to the concerns of voters on a nation-wide scale.

Officials in the city of Cambridge are trying to prevent the enactment of Massachusetts' new term limit laws. Apparently, they feel that democracy is not based on what the majority desires. Massachusetts as a whole has approved term limits, making Cambridge's minority challenge to this decision a challenge to the democratic process. When the majority votes to impose term limits upon its legislators, they are, by definition, exercising their democratic rights..

A perfect example of an entrenched politician with little regard for the will of his constituents is the venerable Tom Foley. The soon to be former Speaker of the House, actually sued the state of Washington when term limits were approved by voters. Foley became so concerned with his personal position in government that he actively challenged

the desires of the people he supposedly represents. Foley's indifference to the needs of his constituents has earned him a place on the unemployment line. Such a blatant abuse of power can be eliminated with a federal



upon itself to approve a federal law or a constitutional amendment which enacts term limits. In order to preserve equal representation in Congress, term limits must materialize on the national level.

Opponents to term limitations suggest that their enactment will limit democracy by curbing voter freedom. Voters do have

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law or constitutional amendment imposing limits on legislators' terms in office.

### Citizen Legislatures

Career politics is failing this country. Voters are now calling for a return to the days of citizen legislatures. This form of government will attract persons truly devoted to serving the interests of America, not themselves. Citizen legislators will not build a personal power base in Washington simply because they know that their time is limited. This type of politician is not concerned with personal gain, but with society's gain.

Real issues, such as crime, the budget, and foreign affairs will take precedence in Congress and will draw the full attention of citizen legislators. They will not concern themselves with guaranteeing their incum-

bency and artificially pleasing voters with pork-filled legislation. Most importantly, citizen legislatures will correct mistakes made by a Congress of incumbents by repealing failed legislation. Since today's ruling congressional elites fear admitting pre-

beneficial to the republic to keep the Congress as far from the entrenched bureaucracy as possible. A government run by technocrats and bureaucrats is a government so self-absorbed that it loses sight of its true responsibilities.

Career politics is destroying America. Term limits can reverse this by curbing political corruption and encouraging regular citizens to run for office. Thomas Jefferson warned the American people that "It is a cause of just uneasiness when we see a legislature legislating

for their own interest, in opposition to those of the people." Hopefully, the newly-elected Republican majority will be able to enact the term limit provision of their "Contract with America" that is supported by the vast majority of voters.

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vious mistakes, they let America suffer. Citizen legislatures aiming only to serve the nation would not be so irresponsible.

Opponents of returning control of the legislature to normal citizens charge that government would be less responsible if it were run by people not well versed in the inner workings of the federal government. Quite to the contrary, it would be truly

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### Prudence

Critics of Israel have claimed that its refusal to negotiate with the PLO was a reflection of "unreasonable ultra-right wing internal politics." By refusing to discuss peace with Arab nations, opponents claimed that the Israelis were sanctioning a permanent state of war. However, the Jewish state has been wise to refuse to deal with the proposals made by the Moscow regime through its Arab puppets. The Israelis recognized the ulterior motives of the Soviet Union and refused to negotiate. But when Egypt turned its back on the Soviet Union in 1977, Israel willingly negotiated a peace treaty. And since the Evil Empire (and its puppet states) fell, Israel has formed agreements with both the PLO and Jordan; a deal with Syria is imminent.

For forty six years, the Israeli government stood vigilant against all enemies, whether they came waving AK-47's or olive branches. Unlike the many countries that have yielded to the will of their arch-enemies at the bargaining table, Israel was wise to refrain from negotiating until it could guarantee its own long-term security.

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with America, are a \$500 per child credit, lower assessments on capital gains, tax breaks for businesses, and other investment incentives. Lower taxes, however, will not come at the expense of the deficit. The increasingly robust economy will likely yield additional revenues for some taxes, and lower assessments will be offset by spending cuts. The ultimate goal of the American Dream Restoration Act, the tax provision of the Contract with America, is that the federal income tax will eventually be replaced by other

sources of revenue; a national sales tax, such as the one Representative Bill Archer has suggested, is a possibility. They will also introduce the Fiscal Responsibility Act which mandates a balanced budget by 2002.

Representative Jim Talent has commented on the elections by calling them "a decisive repudiation of the Great Society."

The results of the election are a clear signal that citizens want change, especially in the realm of social spending reform. Republicans must take advantage of the priceless majority they have achieved and execute the voters' requests

Although many nervous liberals have advocated compromise as imperative to legislative success for the next two years, compromise is clearly not the solution. Republicans must remain steadfast to their campaign promises and not back

down. After all, as Newt Gingrich pointed out, "the nation didn't elect Republicans to act like Democrats."

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# The Means to an End

## Colin Delaney

In 1980 the United States and the world stood at a crossroads. The thirty-five year-old Cold War between the US and the Soviet Union had taken the world time and again to the brink of nuclear holocaust. Yet both sides of the conflict were content to deter each other with the threat of complete annihilation. In November, when the American people cast their ballots for the man who had promised to re-invigorate American defensive posture, they got a president committed to escaping the permanent horror of Mutually Assured Destruction doctrine. The new president said that he "came into office with a decided prejudice against... the idea of deterrence providing safety so long as [the US and USSR] had the power to destroy the other with nuclear missiles."

Early in his term, President Reagan formulated a military and foreign policy in line with his belief that "the renewed strength of the democratic movement, complemented by a global campaign for freedom, will strengthen the prospects for arms control and a world at peace." And so, while Reagan took a decidedly hard line with the Soviets at arms control negotiations, the American military began a long period of expansion and modernization. Nine years later, the results of the Reagan strategy to eliminate the communist threat to the security of the American people were clear: Eastern Europe had been liberated and the Soviet Union was well on its way to complete collapse.

The Reagan strategy, however, was not without criticism. Many political economists claimed that increased military spending would be paid for with either severe cuts in social programs or ever-increasing budget deficits. Advocates of a "nuclear freeze" worried that the Reagan policy meant the beginning of yet another arms race that would simply take the Cold War to a higher level of intensity. Such

arguments are short-sighted. Thorough analysis of the international situation that Reagan faced and a study of the military effects of his strategy on the enemy would

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lead even Reagan's harshest political opponents to recognize the providence of his policies.

### Peace Through Strength

In Reagan's view, it was necessary to expand the conflict to new areas and intensify the threat to the Soviets in order to demonstrate the resolve of his administration to put a stop to a belligerent Soviet



foreign policy that put millions of Red Army troops in Central Europe and invaded Afghanistan. The contrast between his policy of "Peace Through Strength" and President Carter's comparatively weak and conciliatory stance is proof of the benefit of using

the military as an extension of diplomacy. Defense expenditures were at their lowest point since before the Korean War during the Carter years. It was during this time that

Brezhnev engineered a massive military build-up in both strategic and conventional forces. No sooner did Carter "defer production" of the Enhanced Radiation Weapon (Neutron Bomb) than it became clear that the Warsaw Pact's intermediate range SS-20 nuclear missiles

were not going to be removed. In commenting on the Soviet military build-up of the 1970s, Richard Smoke noted that "it was hard to think of motives other than expansionism to account adequately for the increasing Soviet ability to deploy large forces far from home."

In a speech to the nation explaining his goals for the military build-up and the Geneva disarmament talks, Reagan explained his theory of deterrence to the American public and the world:

"A secure force keeps others from threatening us, and that keeps the peace. And just as important, it also increases the prospects of reaching significant arms reductions with the Soviets, and that's what we really want. The United States wants deep cuts in the world's arsenal of weapons, but unless we demonstrate the will to rebuild our strength and restore the military balance, the Soviets, since they're so far ahead have little incentive to negotiate with us. Let me repeat this point because it goes to the heart of our policies: Unless we demonstrate the will to rebuild our strength, the Soviets have little incentive to negotiate. If we hadn't begun to modernize, the Soviet negotiators would know we had nothing to bargain with except talk."

### A Strategy For Winning

Since he was morally opposed to allowing the American people to live in fear of nuclear holocaust, Ronald Reagan moved to change the prevailing nuclear policy to bring an end to the constant threat of

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Mutually Assured Destruction. The Administration attempted to change the MAD doctrine by reassessing and improving America's nuclear war fighting capabilities, attempting to eliminate the enemy's destructive capability, and actively pursuing arms control initiatives.

A perfect example of the success of Reagan's

policy of "Peace Through Strength" is the negotiations for the elimination of Intermediate Nuclear Forces. When Reagan unveiled plans to send cruise missiles and intermediate-range Pershing missiles to Europe, the Soviets immediately opened the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) talks in Geneva. Weeks later, Reagan drafted a personal note to General Secretary Andropov indicating that unless the Soviets withdrew their intermediate range SS-20 nuclear missiles from Europe, he would approve the shipment of the Pershing and cruise missiles. He stated in no uncertain terms that the move was not a direct threat of war, but a balance to the Soviet threat. The Soviets refused to withdraw, and the Pershings were sent; days later, the Soviets walked out of the INF talks. It was only after Mikhail Gorbachev and his "new thinkers" came to power that the INF talks resumed, culminating with the December 8, 1987 agreement to eliminate all of the superpowers' intermediate nuclear forces.

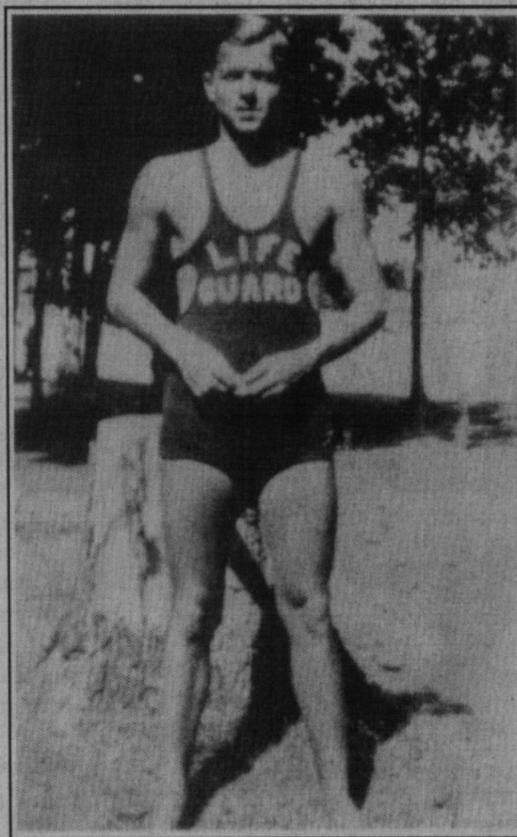
It was the decision to go ahead with research on the Strategic Defense Initiative that worried the Soviets the most. They realized that if the system were successful, the weapons that they had spent billions on would be rendered impotent and useless. At the Reykjavik Summit, Gorbachev made termination of SDI a condition for the continuation of all disarmament talks. Defense policy analysts have argued that the newly found urgency on the part of the Soviets in negotiating a treaty to stop all SDI-like research stemmed from a realiza-

tion that American study in the field was advancing at a much faster rate than Soviet BMD. The United States, the Soviets feared, would have the impregnable shield before they would. "The only tool available to them that could possibly halt [SDI] was to make arms control offers."

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The ultimate result of the changes in American strategic doctrine was a shift in the

power balance of the nuclear equation back to the Soviets. As America once again dealt from strength, the Soviets recognized the futility of continued aggression. The United States under Reagan's leadership would not make concessions to "the evil empire." It was from this position that the United States was able to forge treaties that eliminated entire classes of nuclear weapons and make



drastic reductions in others.

A spin-off of the US-Soviet arms race during the 1980s was the accelerated collapse of the Soviet economy. As the United States increased military expenditures, the

costs were absorbed by the booming economy of the middle 1980s. In contrast, the Soviets were spending a much higher portion of their GNP on the military. The Defense Intelligence Agency estimated that the Soviets were spending as much as 16% of their GNP on defense in 1985, while in the same year, Department of Defense Outlays amounted to only 6.2% of the American GNP. Given the comparative strength and growth rates of the two economies, it is clear that a continued arms race would have forced the Soviet government to slow production of consumer goods, stagnating their economic growth.

Richard Smoke wrote that the "new thinkers" in the Kremlin recognized that "basic reforms of the Soviet economy are mandatory and urgent, and [that] accomplishing them will require enormous investments that, in turn require redirecting investment away from the military." Indeed, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze would disclose that were the Soviet Union to "continue the way we have gone before— that is, to spend 1/4 of our budget on military expenditures... we will ruin the country.... We simply would need no defense because a ruined country and poor people need no defense."

#### **The Costs of Victory**

While Reagan was successful at getting the Soviets to not only return to the bargaining table but also to agree to many of his arms control proposals, the means by which he achieved this have been criticized from the very beginning. Congressional opponents charged that the spending increases associated with the build-up were too great. Liberal pundits called Reagan "a rhetorical hip-shooter who was recklessly and unconsciously provoking the Soviets into war." Other critics charged that Reagan's intensification of the Cold War with deployments of advanced missiles made the Soviets uneasy and might provoke them into launching a first strike.

The costs of the military build-up in sheer dollar terms are easily calculated, but its human costs may have been significantly greater. By 1987 defense outlays (in constant 1991 dollars) had increased by more than 50% from the Carter years; the gun-for-butter trade-off, critics argued, hurt

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# Trading Blows

Edward Havell

Congress is set to vote on the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, involving one hundred and twenty three countries. If passed, GATT will lower border taxes by an average of 38 percent, quadruple the number of duty-free products entering the United States, create a World Trade Organization to settle disputes, and manage major industries. Opposing the treaty is an anti-GATT contingent composed of such political figures as Senator Jesse Helms, presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan, and Texas billionaire Ross Perot. Unfortunately these individuals are unable to look past their own political agendas, as they are poised to sacrifice an agreement that will benefit the United States by opening up international markets.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole demonstrated his amenability to politicking when he announced his intention to delay the vote for ratification until companion legislation concerning GATT regulations and a form of capital gains tax cuts was added. While GATT may be over-regulated, it cannot be amended. Dole has since capitulated, pledging his support of the agreement. While some degree of political posturing is to be expected, Dole's former bid to delay GATT was no small concern. GATT is expected to easily pass through the House of Representatives. Both departing Speaker of the House, Democrat Thomas Foley, and his replacement, Republican Newt Gingrich, favor the plan and there is sufficient support on the floor to push the bill through. However, it is unlikely that the required 60 affirmative votes would be obtainable in the Senate without Dole's support.

Compounding matters, a delay in GATT could be its doom, if the senator's attempts at stalling had been successful. In a rare demonstration of common sense, many administration officials including Vice-President Al Gore stated that if GATT is delayed

it may not ever be ratified. Although the Clinton administration has been anything but effective in its policy making and analysis, the efforts made concerning GATT and

GATT concerns trade, not inter-country political structure.

The main complaint concerning GATT, voiced most loudly by Perot is the possible

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loss of American jobs to overseas workers. According to Perot's political action group, United We Stand, America, the United States will lose over one million jobs to overseas workers. The loss-of-jobs debate is little more than a recycled NAFTA scenario. Virtually every economist in the world supported NAFTA, and likewise, most advocate the free trade ramifications of GATT. Those who oppose GATT on supposedly principled grounds likely have ulterior motives, not unlike the politicians who claimed NAFTA was theoretically flawed while conveniently receiving large campaign contributions from organized labor.

NAFTA have been successful to date.

In addition to Dole, Helms and Buchanan have both voiced fears that the creation of a new World Trade Organization for settling disputes, in which the United States would have one vote, would infringe upon America's political freedom. Ironically, this concern about America's sovereignty is expressed most adamantly by conservative constituencies, and yet these are

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Suppressing GATT would do little but support protectionist restrictions sustaining inefficient industries and services. The continuance of remaining tariffs is forcing consumers worldwide to pay more for basic goods and services than they would otherwise be able to while the tax funds generated are absorbed into massive bureaucracies. These tariffs do not only lower the world's overall standard of living, but also inhibit economic growth worldwide. Consumers will be forced to purchase fewer goods and services due to the inflated prices, preventing new enterprises from forming and the creation of new, useful jobs. While lower trade barriers will decrease American employment in some sectors, new jobs will be created in others. This situation is caused not only by increased trade, but occurs regularly due to other factors such as new inventions and methods of production. And while new production methods are beneficial to the general population, so are lower trade barriers. In general, through specialization new jobs will form where they are most needed, and the United States will be trading inefficiency for an economy better filling its potential.



the same groups that GATT is most amenable to. The GATT opponents frequently cite George Washington's famous speech urging the United States to avoid all entangling foreign alliances, but the speech refers to military, not economic, issues. While there may be concern among some about the merging of the United States into a world government through a supranational institution (specifically the United Nations),

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Americans by cutting off 'vital' services while embarking upon a 'welfare program for the ailing military-industrial complex.' At the same time, mounting federal budget deficits nearly doubled the national debt in just four years. The federal government was mortgaging America's future.

The combination of the "cowboy president's" stand-offish language and gun-fight mentality also brought the world closer to war. Proponents of the unilateral military freeze who gained widespread following during the Reagan years, claimed that the President was restarting the arms race and bringing the world closer to the nuclear precipice. Any increase in nuclear weapons, they reasoned, was inherently dangerous to the security of the people of the world.

It was SDI that evoked the harshest criticisms, for it was the embodiment of all that was the Reagan foreign and defense policy strategy. Yet opponents argued against it because the SDI cost a lot of money (analysts estimated the total cost of layered Ballistic Missile Defense at \$500 billion), might be construed by the Soviets as an aggressive weapon that disarmed them and jeopardized their national security, and was vulnerable to attack.

However, these arguments are flawed if their proponent considers the alternative, MAD, successful. A Soviet attack on the

West to prevent development of SDI would certainly be met with a nuclear response that could lead to a full nuclear exchange which would in turn cause the destruction of both nations (and possibly the entire earth). But if MAD were so successful in deterring a first strike by the Soviets in a world without SDI, then it would work in this situation too. If the United States developed the first working shield against ballistic missile attack, the Soviet's ability to win a war or even inflict damage on the West would be wiped out. It was this fear that led the Soviets to the bargaining table and have lessened the need to develop SDI.

**A Just Cause**

The fundamental question one must answer in determining how well Ronald Reagan performed as leader of the free world is whether or not his military and foreign policy helped or hurt the advancement of peace.

Simple analysis of the diplomatic history of the 1980s would lead the casual observer to conclude that changes in military policy instituted by the Reagan Administration caused the Soviets to agree to arms cuts that he wanted—arms cuts that began to lift the pall of nuclear terror from the world. But it is only in the study of the writings of Soviet leaders that this can be confirmed. The writings of the "new thinkers" who came to power after four years of Reagan's strong-arm foreign policy indicated that the conflict between the West and

the East could not go on indefinitely without bringing complete financial ruin. Indeed, Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev had a rather bleak outlook on the state of affairs in his country; "We cannot go on this way any longer," he said.

Reagan used the military at his disposal as an extension of his political philosophy. He constantly spoke of a world at peace, but demonstrated his commitment to defend against the inherent threat posed by totalitarian government in the Kremlin. Although the economic cost of the war he waged against communism was great, it was a cost worth bearing. Today American children are free from the sickness of being told to "duck and cover" to shield themselves against nuclear radiation. In the world after Reagan, the people of Eastern Europe are free and the threat of nuclear holocaust has been significantly lessened.

The state of American national security was in serious question when Jimmy Carter left the Oval Office in 1981. Only after eight years of new thinking on the part of American strategists—and four on the part of the Soviets—was the security of the United States assured. It was through the strength and resolve of Ronald Reagan that peace between the superpowers was guaranteed.

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On his last day in office, President Reagan's National Security Advisor told him, "Mr. President, the world is quiet today."

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At this moment, a delay in GATT, not to mention a rejection, poses increased problems not only because of long term ramifications, but also due to the current United States trading situation. America's trade deficit has reached \$10.13 billion for the month while its imports of crude oil are the largest that they have ever been. GATT would ease the burden of this problem by opening up new markets for United States goods and services. Even at a high price, the United States will still need oil. However, lower trade barriers will enable poorer countries to afford United States goods and services. Argentina, for example, has both an economy hungry for American goods and

workers able to produce low-cost products for American employers. Recognizing the mutual benefits of such an arrangement, Argentina went as far as asking to be included in NAFTA. However, because of United States Congressional denial, Argentina's government has made a greater effort to establish closer ties to the European Community.

A failure by the United States to immediately take advantage of GATT would be unwise. There is a direct and almost exact correlation for countries between their percentage of world trade and percentage of world wealth; the countries that trade more are richer. GATT would clearly and unequivocally increase the amount of both United States and world trade. Thus, the lower trade barriers would allow for greater specialization by countries and the subse-

quent increase in productivity per man hour world-wide. A United States rejection of GATT would lead other countries to seek closer economic ties elsewhere, lowering the United States' share of world trade.

The anti-GATT contingent chooses to ignore the rational arguments of economists world-wide, preferring to use the scare tactics similar to those battling NAFTA. By threatening America with unemployment and political infringement, the opponents are hoping to draw votes, perhaps in the 1996 Presidential election, and/or provide other political benefits. Hopefully, GATT should nevertheless pass, and the United States will reap the resulting benefits.

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# December is: Irish-Fillipino-Native American- Jewish-Bisexual Month!

## Irish-Fillipino- Native Ameri- can-Jewish- Bisexual Trivia:

**Q:** What IFNAJBi was the first to sing "Auld Lang Syne" in Yiddish during a raindance?

**A:** José McSchwartz Sitting Stallion

**Q:** What IFNAJBi first cross-dressed during the Potato famine Bagel Breakfast?

**A:** O'Funny Boy Rabbinowitz

**Q:** What Felipe Rosenschmidt Swimming Bear novel described the life of Roxy the IFNAJBi Transsexual?

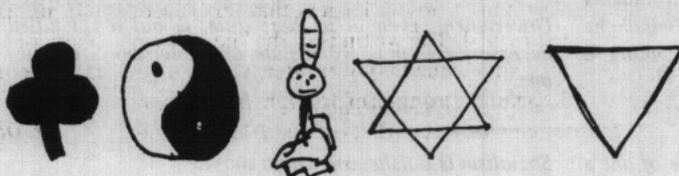
**A:** Dances With She-Wolves

## Calendar

Dec. 21st— Whiskey and Falaffel Stir Fry in the pink teepee on the academic quad

Dec. 23rd— Leprechaun bugging and scalping ceremony at the new Hillel center

Dec. 24th— Christmas Eve Midnight Mass! Featuring matzoh bread communion served with Land O' Lakes margarine



## Film Schedule

Dec. 7-- The Wedding Banquet

Dec. 9-- The Crying Game

Dec 14-- Four Same-sex Unions and a Shamrock Bar Mitzvah

## Statement of Purpose of Tufts IFNAJBi Community:

We, the members of the Irish-Fillipino-Native American-Jewish Bisexual Community at Tufts, want to unite all of our oppressed brethren. We feel that the best way to inform Tufts students about the wants and needs of our community is to celebrate our heritage with pride during the month of December. For more information write to Patty Miguel Burning Butte Liebowitz at The Pipe-Passin'-Beer Drinkin' House of Pickled Herring or call 1-800-IFNAJBi, that's, 1-800-436-2524.

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## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

*During an election campaign the air is full of speeches and vice versa.*

--Henry Adams

*A lot of fellows nowadays have a B.A., M.A., or Ph.D. Unfortunately, they don't have a J.O.B.*

--Fats Domino

*Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry.*

--Winston Churchill

*Socialism is workable only in heaven, where it isn't needed, and in hell, where they've got it.*

--Cecil Palmer

*The leaders of the Democratic Party have gone so far left, they've left the country.*

--Ronald Reagan

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

--anonymous

*One omen is best, to fight in defence of one's country.*

--Homer

*The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level.*

--Norman Mailer

*In San Francisco, Halloween is redundant.*

--Will Durst

*Let no guilty man escape, if it can be avoided....No personal considerations should stand in the way of performing a public duty.*

--Ulysses S. Grant

*Your chances of getting hit by lightning go up if you stand under a tree, shake your fist at the sky, and say, "Storms suck!"*

--Johnny Carson

*In Rome, I am weighed down by a lack of momentum, the inertia of a spent civilization. In New York, I feel plugged into a strong alternating current of hope and despair.*

--Ted Morgan

*Jimmy Carter as president is like Truman Capote marrying Dolly Parton. The job is too big for him.*

--Rich Little

*When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself public property.*

--Thomas Jefferson

*If you want to get rich by writing, write the sort of thing that's read by persons who move their lips when they're reading to themselves.*

--Don Marquis

*The cardinal rule of politics-- never get caught in bed with a live man or a dead woman.*

--J.R. Ewing

*The orgasm has replaced the Cross as the focus of longing and the image of fulfillment.*

--Malcolm Muggeridge

*Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one.*

--Thomas Paine

*Socialism is Bolshevism with a shave.*

--Detroit Journal

*No man should be in public office who cannot make more money in private life.*

--Thomas E. Dewey

*A man without a woman is like a neck without a pain.*

--anonymous

*Sociologists are those academic accountants who think that truth can be shaken from an abacus.*

--Peter S. Prescott

*Psychology is the science that tells you what you already know in words you don't understand.*

--anonymous

*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

--Genesis 1:28

*Carter is the best president the Soviet Union ever had.*

--William Safire

*In Marseilles they make half the toilet soap we consume in America, but the Marseillaise only have a vague theoretical idea of its use, which they have obtained from books of travel.*

--Mark Twain

*Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere.*

--G.K. Chesterton

*How can I believe in God when just last week I got my tongue caught in the roller of an electric typewriter?*

--Woody Allen

*Because I'm Jewish, a lot of people ask why I killed Christ. What can I say? It was an accident. It was one of those parties that got out of hand. I killed him because he wouldn't become a doctor.*

--Lenny Bruce

*Is life worth living? That depends on the liver.*

--unknown

*If I had done everything I'm credited with, I'd be speaking to you from a laboratory jar at Harvard.*

--Frank Sinatra

*Somewhere on this globe, every ten seconds, there is a woman giving birth to a child. She must be found and stopped.*

--Sam Levinson

*Young man, there is America--which at this day serves for little more than to amuse you with stories of savage men, and uncouth manners; yet shall, before you taste of death, show itself equal to the whole of that commerce which now attracts the envy of the world.*

--Edmund Burke

*I should have been a country-western singer. After all, I'm older than most western countries.*

--George Burns

*A murderer is one who is presumed to be innocent until proven insane.*

--unknown