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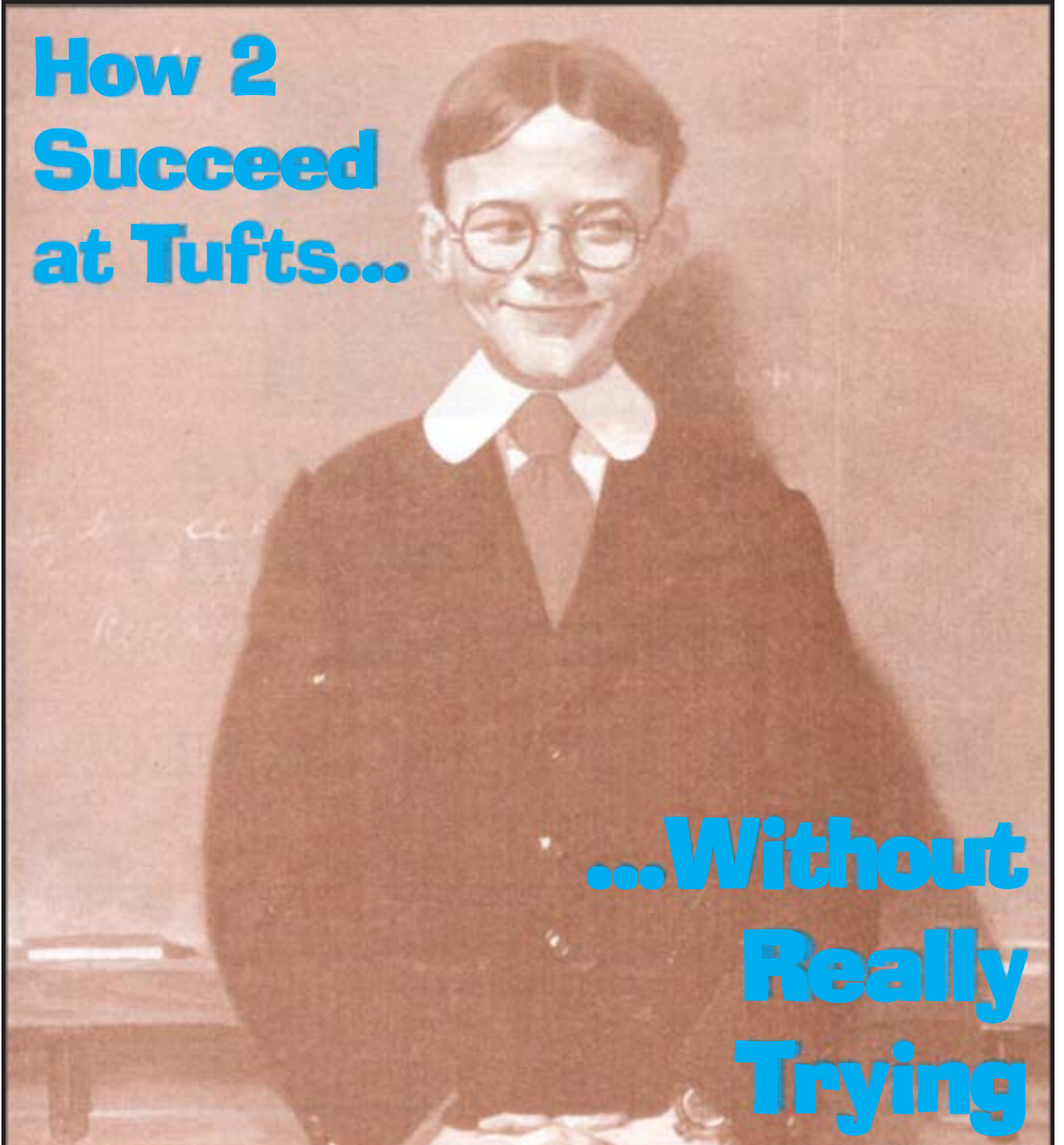
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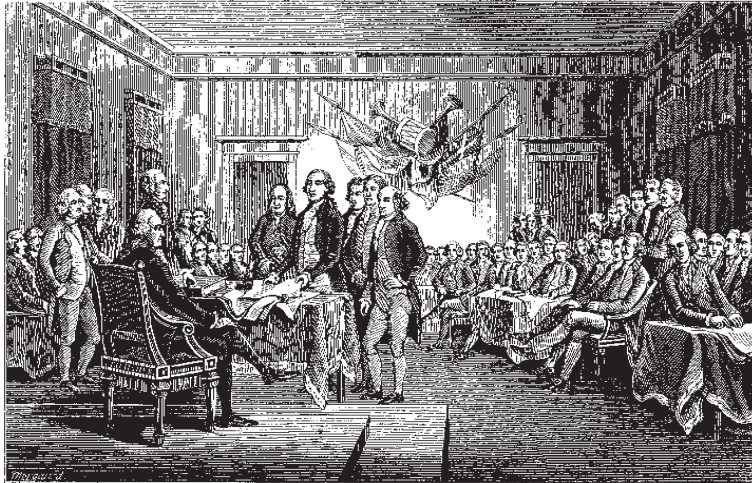
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# FROM THE EDITOR

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Many subscribers to THE PRIMARY SOURCE are alumni who read our publication to learn about the real happenings on campus that never seem to make the final cut of the administration's self-published *Tufts Journal* or *Tuftonia*. Every now and then, however, conditions reach such heights of absurdity that outraged alumni decide to "do something" through the traditional channels rather than simply read about it with fists clenched.

For example: Joe V. Belle, E'43, frequently sends THE SOURCE copies of his correspondence with Tufts administrators, from whom he has long attempted to elicit some kind of dedication to maintain a dignified social atmosphere on campus. Dismayed by the permissive sexual climate broadcast by such events as Condom Week, Mr. Belle has asked little more than that administrators cease actively endorsing these overt displays of behavior once relegated to private chambers.

Usually, University officials ignore such concerns and limit alumni correspondence to cheery reports of new buildings and government grants. But Mr. Belle received one personal response from Nathan Gantcher, chairman of the University's trustee board, that merits comment in this journal. Dismissing Mr. Belle's concerns, Gantcher wrote a curt reply, explaining, "I am sorry you feel so strongly about the problems at Tufts, but only wish that you could see first hand how this institution is thriving in today's environment rather than relying on the 'fringe' point of view of THE PRIMARY SOURCE."

There was a time, of course, when individuals in public places handing out condoms and how-to pamphlets on anal sex would be the ones considered "fringe." Recognizing that that age is no longer with us, I'm not quite sure how to react to being called "fringe." At times, I like to think that we are the only fixture on the Tufts community that *isn't* fringe—the one voice of reason

standing opposed to the excesses of the academic left. At other times, however, I realize that "fringe" is often used as a substitute for "extremist"—that favorite word of the left used to denigrate any individual consistent in his views and willing to stand by them.

This contempt for idealism is plainly evident in Gantcher's closed-minded response when he tells Mr. Belle he is "sorry" the alumnus feels so strongly about the problems afflicting Tufts. I cannot imagine a more dangerous precedent to set for the University or a more callous example to set for the students than to overtly endorse such mind-numbing apathy. With leftist radicals on one side of the fence and tradition-minded conservatives on the other—both trying to fix problems as they see them—few factions are more worthy of contempt than the one that simply doesn't care.

Gantcher isn't the only Tufts official who considers THE SOURCE a little too far out for callow eyes. Not once but twice did Associate Dean of Students Bruce Reitman try to prevent SOURCE editors from distributing copies of our first issue at Orientation 1997 events. First, the Dean tried to invoke a non-existent University policy to prevent us from handing out copies at Matriculation. Upon being asked to point to a single passage in the *Pachyderm* that even broadly applies to the situation, Reitman resorted to outright pleading. Several days later, an Orientation staffer went whining to Reitman because he didn't want any dissenting opinions in Cohen during "Many Stories, One Community." Speech-code-champion Reitman wasn't exactly happy to see THE SOURCE there, either.

In both cases, the Dean agreed not to interfere with distribution once SOURCE representatives complied with his request to stand a safe distance from the events. It seems *veritas* still isn't for the weak-at-heart.

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# Letters

To the Editor:

Man, in his unmatched creativity, has forged a new divinity in an effort to out-do the work of God once worshipped as the undisputed Lord of the Universe. The Supreme and traditional Lord of the Universe has been replaced by the modern idol, SEX. If Moses were to descend from the mountain onto the Tufts campus, SEX would be the Golden Calf which would cause his wrath. If Dante Alighieri were to write a new Divine Comedy, its contemporary vision would be an allegorical poem about the Tufts community's struggle through hell and purgatory, in a search for sex, the new god in paradise.

Ms. B. F. Smith writes perceptively of this new idolatry in the December, 1996, issue of *Crisis*. Her words are worthy of serious contemplation by the Tufts community. The phenomenon which she describes can be found on virtually every college/university campus in America:

"Hedonistic paeons to recreational sex in the late '50s paved the way for the promoters of free love in the '60s sexual revolution, when copulation was king.

"Sex crimes today have much to do with our culture's pathological emphasis on sex as the major guarantor of satisfaction in our pursuit of happiness....

"Chastity as a word, worse as a viable concept, sparks snickers and rolled eyebrows. Society militates against restraint as evidence of inhibition and repression."

The symbols of this new religion abound at Tufts and are on public view and hearing to all eyes and ears:

The constant invitations to speakers who are person-ages and ecclesiastics of the new cult.

The rituals of "National Condom Week" and "National Coming-Out Day." The anointed priesthood includes the University president.

Ministry studies conducted by seminary faculty composed of members of the Tufts Lesbian, Gay, and Bi-sexual Community, joined by several campus chaplains.

Ecclesiastical doctrine and theology developed and pronounced by "The Tufts Task Force on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Studies."

Health insurance benefits to all "qualified" adherents engaged in same-sex unions.

Religious "rites" conducted in public assembly locations with phallic symbols in large and bold prominence as a church portrayal of "Stations of the Cross" or icons to be venerated.

The phallic symbols are properly attired in liturgical vestments.

*Baal is not gone, merely replaced. All that remains is the anticipation of the great deluge, the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, and the devastation of Sodom and Gomorrah.*

Joseph V. Belle, E'43

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# Commentary

## The Princess and the Moral Paupers

It's a remarkable feat, but after a solid week of hypocrisy and self-righteous posturing, the mainstream media and Hollywood have managed to make the supermarket tabloids look dignified and responsible by comparison. "Respectable" news organizations, the networks insist, report only the facts, even as they promote the myth that paparazzi—not a drunk chauffeur and an inept bodyguard—killed Princess Diana. "Celebrities," George Clooney announced before a gathering of reporters he had summoned to record his disgust, "despise media attention."

If, as French authorities allege, the paparazzi failed to call for help after Diana's tragic accident, the photographers deserve to be prosecuted under France's Good Samaritan law. If by driving recklessly they caused the accident, they should be charged with vehicular manslaughter. In either event, existing laws—in both the US and France—cover any possible wrongdoing. The circumstances surrounding Princess Diana's tragic death do not, as Clooney, Tom Cruise, Joan Lunden, and others suggest, require new regulations on the press. Public figures in public places should expect attention; despite their ceaseless complaining, they crave it. Recluses do not choose high-profile lifestyles.

Diana did. Had she desired a media-free life she would not have married a prince, befriended supermodels and rock stars, or vented her displeasure with the royal family to Britain's tabloids. Princess Diana was not a victim of unwanted attention, nor, as many now suggest, was she a humanitarian on par with Mother Teresa. She was a graceful and charming princess; she had a good heart and a life story of dashed hopes and disappointment—her humanity endeared her to many. For all the privilege and prestige her sons will enjoy, they now must face life without a mother. Instead of lamenting this tragedy, the Hollywood jetset and the self-anointed guardians of good reporting have used the occasion to trumpet their own virtue. It makes Diana's death all the more unfortunate—the former teacher could have given her celebrity mourners a lesson in good manners.

### Knable Fables Again

Dean of Students Bobbie Knable just doesn't know when to quit. She sank to new lows of hypocrisy last week when she penned

a letter, published in *The Tufts Daily*, appealing to diversity of opinion and free speech to defend a decision regarding the Torn Ticket II performance of the anti-Catholic play "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" Defending the Orientation Committee's decision to allow Torn Ticket II to perform the play before general audiences rather than strictly for freshmen, she wrote: "We do not censor student productions or media, whether or not we concur with the views they express."

Had she held the same line a few years back, when she and Bruce Reitman initiated speech codes which prohibited "offensive" language on campus, her statement might not appear so hypocritical. But her dishonest approach to free expression manifested itself further when she canceled a forum on gays in the military because it would include Terry Jeffrey, a policy analyst for the "intolerant" Pat Buchanan, a decision which is particularly perplexing considering she allowed Khalid Mohammed, an equally controversial leftist, to speak at Tufts without question. Her



"Controversial Speakers Policy" and her alleged efforts to exempt from it like-minded individuals such as Jesse Jackson reflects further contempt for true freedom and debate.

For all her talk of diversity's importance, Knable seems far too eager to jump to the defense of those who would bash a faith central to Western Civilization. The supposed intolerance of Catholicism renders it the perfect target for the left, and Torn Ticket II should be ashamed of itself for indulging in this misrepresentation

whether performed for Orientation or not. Nevertheless, THE SOURCE would readily take up the fight for Torn Ticket II's right to produce it, because freedom of speech always outweighs matters of taste. The duplicitous dean extolled Tufts's "tradition as an open campus where many points of view contend in the marketplace of ideas," but neglected to mention her own role in successive campaigns to muzzle this supposed tradition.

### Maximum Stupidity

Teddy Kennedy, Massachusetts' illustrious senior senator, is at it again. After starring in an embarrassing photo-op while yukking it up with Clinton & Clinton aboard his yacht, America's number one "limousine liberal" proposed increasing the national minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour. This latest exercise in demagoguery comes on the heels of an equally contemptible mandate by Boston Mayor "Mumbles" Menino which will increase the

minimum wage to \$7.49 for employees of firms contracting with the city. Preying on the weak may win the Kennedy-Menino *Vox Populi* election votes, but summoning big brother to bully the free market ultimately translates into longer unemployment lines.

Moreover, the Americans hit hardest by subsequent job loss are the ones whose skills once allowed them to work for less than \$7.25 per hour. The old minimum wage primarily affected minorities and the under-educated. Now, even a high-school diploma may not suffice in the job market, and non-franchise small businesses will have no choice but to lay off or decrease health benefits by employing more workers on a part-time basis. Economists Card and Krueger conducted a much-cited study which claimed to show an increase in employment following a minimum wage hike, but their methods and assumptions have since received widespread criticism. Both Senator Kennedy and Mayor Menino boast long histories of spouting pro-worker hot air, but minimum wage laws will pose even more harm than Ted's driving skills.

### A Gore-y Story

Finally, after a year of Republican agitating and a daring gamble by Senator Fred Thompson to conduct hearings into a matter no one cares about, a chink appears in the wall of media silence previously enveloping the Clinton administration's every peccadillo. Last Friday, *The New York Times* printed, "Surely Ms. Reno will now see that only an independent counsel can guarantee a thorough and objective investigation." What ultimately cajoled the hefty machinery of the immensely self-important *Times* to weigh in was the revelation that some of the soft money the Spotted Owl King raised on federal property in fact ended up in the war chests of several candidates, a clear violation of federal campaign finance laws.

Nevertheless, the newspaper of record still fails to acknowledge that Stonewall Janet's allegiance to crony Clinton trumps her sworn duty to defend and uphold federal law. Yet this belated realization only begins the penance the media should serve for their involvement in the administration's manifold obfuscations. While every major network broadcasted the Iran-Contra hearings live, even insomniacuring C-Span found something more worthy of air time than the Thompson hearings. To add insult to injury, the hot topic of discussion during the dog days of August concerned the lack of news in Washington.

But not even the awesomely powerful spin machinery the Clinton administration employs can deflect every inquiry. As the list of offenses grows two-thirds longer with each passing day, the excuses become worse and worse. One of Gore's lawyers gallingly claimed that fund-raising phone calls the Veep made from his office did not qualify as soliciting funds on federal property because the solicitation occurred where the call was received and

not where it was placed. Most recently, the Buddhist nuns who pimped Gore at the infamous temple fundraiser currently under scrutiny maintained that their activities failed to constitute a "fundraiser." Even the dependably left-wing *Times* called this proposition "preposterous." For too long a sympathetic press portrayed the ethically challenged Gore as Bill's squeaky clean sidekick. If Fred Thompson's hearings fail to secure any firm charges against this tainted administration, they will at least succeed in removing Mr. Gore's halo.

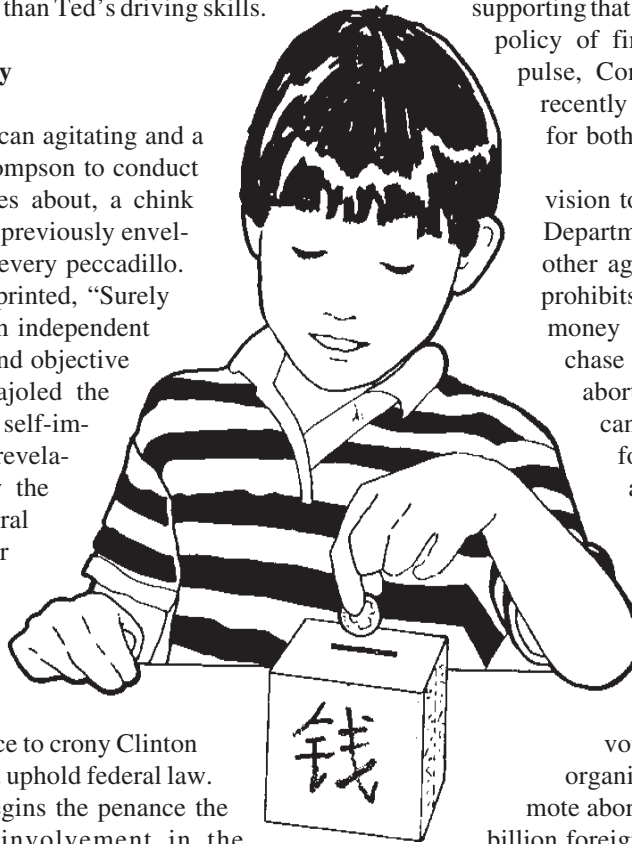
### Two Small Steps

Even if it's true that the majority of Americans support a woman's right to choose, most patently disapprove of using taxpayer dollars in the form of federal entitlement programs to fund the abortion industry. But even more contemptible than supporting that practice at home is the US government's policy of financing it abroad. Tapping into that pulse, Congress tacked two amendments onto recently passed spending bills prohibiting aid for both.

Senator John Ashcroft attached a provision to a bill passed last week financing the Department of Health and Human Services and other agencies for the coming fiscal year that prohibits states from using either federal or state money under the Medicaid program to purchase managed care packages that include abortion coverage. The Missouri Republican recently acknowledged, "It is cheaper for an HMO for a person to have an abortion than for if that person delivers a child." Unfortunately, this bill would not altogether end government-funded abortion; states would still be allowed to use their own non-Medicaid money for the practice.

As the Senate passed Ashcroft's amendment, the House voted to block aid to family planning organizations that perform, support, or promote abortions abroad, an amendment to a \$12.3 billion foreign aid bill sponsored by Representative Chris Smith. The United States allocates \$385 million in foreign aid to finance family planning programs in more than 60 countries. Since 1973, US law has ostensibly banned the use of foreign aid funds to provide abortions. But groups simply paid for abortions with the surplus in their own coffers created by US assistance. Smith's amendment successfully closes this gaping loophole.

California Representative Nancy Pelosi asserted that approval of Smith's provision "means more unplanned pregnancies, more abortions, and exploding poverty." But Uncle Sam's duties do not include engaging in social engineering experiments to induce population control. Pelosi sneered, "We're going to work very hard to make sure this is killed in conference." If she succeeds, more than mere legislation will face the chopping block.



# Fortnight in Review<sup>SM</sup>

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** Representatives from *Onyx* at Meet the Press urged students to join the literary magazine, claiming it wasn't just for blacks but for anyone who wants to explore "the black experience." But the editor's note in *Onyx* issue ten—handed out by said reps at same panel—contains the following sentence: "*The Onyx*, the Black Literary Magazine, features the poetry, essays and artwork produced by Black students and faculty at Tufts." Which is it—"Many Stories, One Community" or "Whites need not apply"?

**PS** Citizen activists in Indiana, where Frito-Lay is test-marketing Olestra potato chips, started a grassroots campaign to get the fat substitute banned by the FDA after hearing reports of gastrointestinal problems and diarrhea. Frito-Lay has code-named the synthetic substance, "the Dewick-Macphie."

**PS** While diving off the top of a sculpture in Rome's Bernini Fountain, Sebastiano Intili broke the sculpture and hurt his foot and now plans to sue the Italian city for damages. When in Rome, act like an American.

**PS** Florence, Arizona, unveiled a new escape-proof death row. The comprehensive plan: execute the inmates.

**PS** Benton County, Arkansas, Sheriff Andy Lee plans to house jail inmates in the prison parking lot to ease crowded conditions. Note to visitors: use The Club.

**PS** Chicago, Illinois, public high-school students will now have to register sixty hours of community service to graduate. Suggested activities include building pyramids and picking cotton.

**PS** From the *Observer* follies file: the first issue of the weekly rag printed the same article twice under different headlines—both on the front page. Reportedly *The Observer* was seeking to prove that first impressions really *are* everything.

**PS** DC Mayor Marion Barry lamented federal rejection of his plan to use a \$170 million budget surplus to "create jobs." [Insert your favorite crack-whore joke here.]

**PS** Tampa, Florida, police made a major prostitution bust, shutting down twelve escort businesses trafficking \$500,000 in receipts over the last year. Which accounts for only a small portion of Mayor Barry's of surplus spending.

**PS** Georgia lawmakers are considering legislation to protect the state's huge shrimp boat industry. Stupid is as stupid does.

**PS** Top Ten Cuts Proposed by Tufts Review:

10. The Boston and Grafton campuses
9. The library
8. Hot water between 7:00 and 10:00 am
7. The Economics department
6. Bed frames
5. Electricity
4. Veal in the dining halls—oops.
3. The School of Engineering
2. Grades
1. THE PRIMARY SOURCE

**PS** Officials postponed a master's degree program in Hawaiian literature at the University of Hawaii-Hilo. Have no fear: Ph.D. candidates can finish their degrees in sand-castle building at the Ex College.



**PS** Indianapolis, Indiana, slapped a year's probation onto former state auditor Michael Bosworth for pilfering several thousand dollars from the public coffers. The government doesn't like competition.

**PS** President Clinton endorsed Utah's plans to put a "virtual university" online, allowing students to obtain degrees through classes offered on the web and on television. If completed, the college will offer majors in Political Science, English, and Downloading Porn.



**PS** Baltimore, Maryland's, highest ranking black police officer publicly accused the Police Commissioner, Thomas Frazi, of racism. An apologetic Frazi promised to discontinue affirmative action immediately.

**PS** Boston College announced plans to spend \$260 million to hire new professors and add new buildings. Not to be outdone, Tufts recently unveiled a \$260 plan to add flush toilets to Bush Hall.

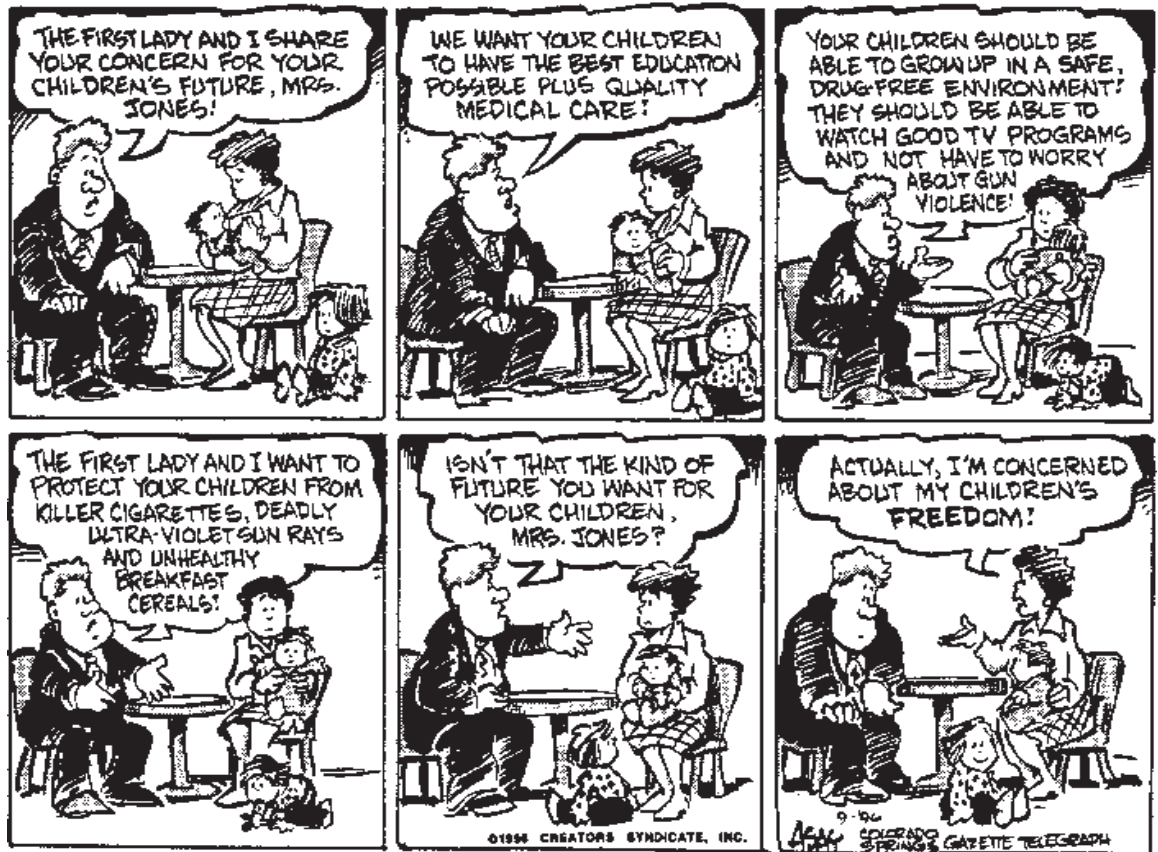
**PS** Top Ten New Date Rape Panels:

10. "She Had It Coming" by the Inter-Greek Council
9. "Date Rape Is Nobody's Fault But Tufts's" by bitter UNICCO clingers-on
8. "Date Rope A Bqd Thang Fer Tfts" by *The Observer*
7. "Date Rope A Bqd Thang Fer Tfts" by *The Observer*
6. "Don't Date Rape, But If You Do, Wear A Condom" by Tufts Sex Talk
5. "Date Rape Sucks, And, By The Way, We Drink And Smoke Up A Lot" by *The Zamboni*
4. "All Heterosexual Sex Is Rape" by the Womyn's Studies Department
3. "Date Rape As Out-of-Turn Point of Order" by the TCU Senate
2. "Date Rape! The Musical" performed by the Beelzebubs
1. "Sleeping Through Pointless Panels" by THE PRIMARY SOURCE

**PS** According to Jefferson City, Missouri, state Rep. Dana Murray, a trip by nine legislators to the Maui Ritz-Carlton resort was well-worth the expense to taxpayers. Hope they learned a lot about Hawaiian literature.

**PS** On October 4, Sotheby's will auction off the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil ever found. The proceeds will be used to prevent Steven Spielberg from making another *Jurassic Park* movie.

**PS** Bleeding heart New York Gov. George Pataki signed a law forcing motorists who kill cats to make an effort to locate the owner or report the death to police. Still no restrictions on knifing tourists, though.



**PS** North Dakota budget hawks received \$5 million in taxes this year from the sale of 17.5 million gallons of alcohol. And that's just to visiting Kennedys.

**PS** New Jersey welfare queens filed a lawsuit challenging a 1992 law denying benefits to children born to mothers already on the dole. After all, it's not their fault they're parasites.

**PS** No doubt due to rampant grade inflation, Seattle, Washington, high school students must now receive at least a C average to graduate. And straight A's to even begin to *think* about community college.

**PS** Participants at the National Mayors' Conference decried the comeback of heroin as an illicit drug of choice. At least *one* mayor chose crack.

**PS** Filmmaker Kevin Smith, of *Clerks* and *Chasing Amy* fame, began filming a new movie about angel visitations. But *thirty-seven* of them?

**PS** The Thought Police strike again. Take one: Ass. Dean of Students Bruce Reitman pleads with SOURCE editors to cease hand-distributing copies of issue #1 at Matriculation rituals. Take two: The Ass. Dean tries to block SOURCE editors from hand-distributing copies of same at "Many Stories, One Community." In both cases, the two parties strike a deal. Who says diplomacy is dead? You're a good man, Brucie. Sort of.

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*A house divided cannot stand,  
but it sure generates “many stories.”*

## *The Disuniting of Tuftonia*

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by Keith Levenberg

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THE PRIMARY SOURCE has long accused Tufts’s fringe-leftist administrators of unfairly using freshmen Orientation to impose their political agenda on students too vulnerable to resist. “Many Stories, One Community” is the smoking gun.

Ostensibly an assortment of students who mustered up the “courage” to share their experiences with new members of the Tufts community, the panels are little more than an advertisement for multiculturalism and all the other divisive isms the left uses to divide “one community” into many. Administrators in charge carefully design the program to loudly broadcast all the diversity Tufts has to offer, more often than not building panels that feature an almost-comic assortment of separatists of as many hues, nationalities, and sexual tastes as can be crammed into a group of five. Double-entitlements are preferred: being a Muslim is just fine, but being Muslim *and* international is ideal; being a guilty white guy will get you kudos, but being a guilty white guy *and* an alcoholic is what it takes to land you on the diversity panel.

This year’s two panels were no different. Although in some respects more benign than diversity panels past— one speaker self-identified as a “Korean-American” seemed to subtly resist Asian cultural separatism, although he refused to go into detail— other panelists embraced traditional leftist themes like moral relativism, victimization, and that old crowd-pleaser, race-baiting.

One speaker, an Arab, used her time to make a soapbox stand for her side in the Arab-Israeli conflict— not much of a “story,” even when she quizzically lambasted *The Daily*, which prints pro-Arab “Viewpoints” with conspicuous frequency, for biased coverage. Urging Jumbos to recognize the crusade of terrorists, murderers, and madmen as just another point of view, she pleaded her audience to acknowl-

edge that “there are two sides to every story.” Indeed, there *are*: the right side and the wrong side. Had the left not deified relativism— the notion that morals are nothing more than subjective cultural norms— a speaker at a University-sponsored event could not try to legitimize the work of terrorists like Yasser Arafat and stand unopposed. That this overt politicization found its way into a program about diversity shows what happens when culture is treated as a higher value than morality: vice triumphs over virtue as long as the vicious have a culture to call their own.

In addition to her brazen political grandstanding, the panelist shrouded herself in the classic shrouds of victimhood— a tactic of which the left is particularly fond. This attempt, however, was particularly crass, given that the “victim” in question had just finished virtually *defending* terrorism. Nonetheless, she and her Arab fellows are oppressed, she explained, be-

cause they have to suffer extra security checks at airports. But just as aggrandizing ethnicity compromises morality, exalting victimhood imperils truth. Like it or not, most if not all terrorist threats to the airways come from Arabian sources. To ignore this truth and treat all alike at the security gates would jeopardize the life of every air traveller. Even an Arab should recognize this fact and submit to moderately greater scrutiny at the gates; her life is endangered by terrorists just as much as anybody else’s.

The recent elevation of ethnicity to the closest the left has to a sacred absolute empowers leftists to employ another favorite strategy: race-baiting. It is far more difficult to argue against political opponents on an intellectual level than to simply call them racists and be done with the whole matter. Witness Aliguma Kabadaki, a long-time political opponent of THE SOURCE and a panelist at the second session of “Many Stories, One Community.” Defending the efforts of the Harambee Coalition, a leftist campus activist group whose exploits included calls for racial quotas at Tufts and (yet another) ethnic studies department, Miss Kabadaki couldn’t resist the opportunity to portray rational dissenters as racists and take a cheap shot at THE SOURCE at the same time. She and her comrades at the Harambee Coalition had

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## Philosophy 43 or 143:

### Norman Daniels's Better-Red-Than-Read Bonanzas

"Fair treatment has little, if any- thing, to do with treating people fairly (Rawls, 781). What it really means is treating them the way they would choose to be treated if they were *another* person trying to roy- ally screw themselves over."

## English 1:

### Where PC Rules Supreme (Among Equals, Of Course)

"That reminds me of something my grand- mother, who is black, always used to tell me from her sickbed, when she wasn't in her wheelchair suffering from AIDS, namely, when she said, 'Girl, apply yourself,' and I'm not quite sure what she meant, because I have ADD, but I've never been one to refuse advice from a lesbian, especially a lesbian single mother, and boy did I learn a lot from her, but not as much as I learned from *The Communist Mani- festo*, but that's another story, which I'll get to in paragraph three (as per my thesis statement)."

## Political Science 45 or 46: Monkey See, Monkey Do for a Genuine Devigne A-

"Whatever you said."

## Physical Anthropology:

### Gender-Bending with Stephen Bail

"Sex is just a social construct (69). Womyn and men are not *born* th theories indicate that the only reas develop differently and become attra members of the opposite sex is tha parents beat them with canes if they and torture them with stun guns, ar mace in their eyes, and stick bambo under their fingernails, all the whil ing, 'Procreate or die!' (Gould, 2

## Womyn's Studies:

### Take Back the Night for College Credit

"Any kind of sex with a man is rape."



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With “Tricky Dick” Eichenberg

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## PS 10: Intro to American Politics

Jim “Pass the Hat” Glaser

“My purpose in this paper is to argue that a bill becomes a law. My first point is that there are bills. My second point is that there are laws. My third point is that bills sometimes become laws. Someone might object that not all bills become laws, but this would miss the point because my original argument (see sentence 1) was that a bill becomes a law, not that all bills become laws. Therefore, I conclude that a bill becomes a law.” (I am indebted to Prof. Glaser’s teaching assistant, Joe Bupkus, for his invaluable assistance in writing this paper.)

### Extra Credit: Don’t forget to use these fun buzzwords:

“collaborative thinking”  
“group dynamics”  
“mobilize the text”  
“relative truth”  
“buttress my argument”  
“collective alienation”  
“social construct”  
“accepted norms”  
“oral history”

And be sure to give yourself another bonus point for every use of the word “dialectic”!

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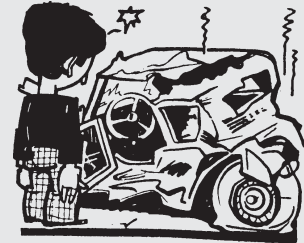
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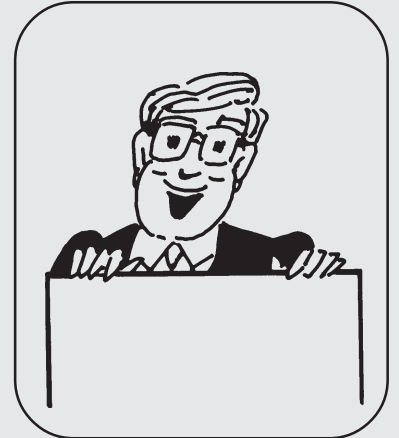
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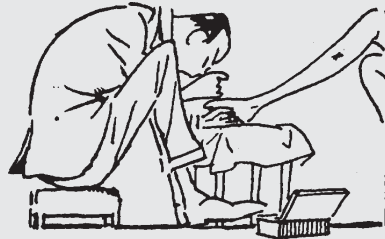
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*When Tufts women have friends like the producers of "Why No Means No," who needs enemies?*

# Why No Means "Huh?"

by Colin Kingsbury

An attractive junior asks an underclass coed out on a date. Giggling with anticipation, the girl dresses up for the big night, trading dowdy school-clothes for something just a bit racier. The boy takes her to a cozy little Italian restaurant, and afterwards to a typically- too-loud party where she knows nobody. Still, she feels good about the whole affair, and doesn't think twice when her date invites her back to his room.

"Typical dorm room," she says wryly. "No place to sit but the bed." Still, she accepts her date's offer of some wine, and shortly after kisses him. He, of course, takes this as a cue to move things faster. She says "no" once, but offers little resistance, and as the light fades we hear him say, "trust me," as they sink to the bed. The next time we see the girl, she tells her roommate the boy raped her. Some months later we learn that she decided to press charges, though the boy still cannot figure out "what her problem is."

As happens so often in life, this scenario presents us with a bewildering array of questions and second thoughts. But that hardly interfered with the message the producers of "Why No Means No," better known as the "date rape seminar," wanted to send when they presented the above scenario to this year's freshmen. While deserving of some credit for staging an arguably realistic situation for discussion, the program's organizers followed it with a discussion that studiously avoided reality and presented a distorted image of Tufts to an audience that could know no better.

## Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics

Tufts proudly trumpets its number twenty-three standing in the *US News and World Report* ranking of universities. Some other numbers regularly tossed around campus never make the viewbook, however. According to the girl who played the victim

at "Why No Means No," one in four women will be victims of sexual assault during their college years. One Perspectives group leader recalled several of her female freshmen asking her if Tufts really suffered from so great a rape problem. Thankfully, the one-in-four estimate bears no resemblance to reality. According to the statistics released by Tufts in compliance with the federal Campus Crime Act, a total of three sexual assaults occurred on the Medford campus in the past three years. This number includes cases adjudicated within the university and never reported to the police. The argument that victims fail to report a large proportion of rape cases to authorities might explain a small fraction of this disparity, but hardly all or even a lot of it.

So why would Tufts officials allow a student to repeat this fallacy before a large group of freshmen with plenty of time to fill out transfer applications? Perhaps it suggests the ulterior prejudices of the officials responsible. Peggy Barrett, director of the Women's Center, remarked to a group of

Perspectives leaders this year that "every man can be a rapist." By the same token, every woman possesses the physical capacity to molest children, but that hardly means all women have child molesters within them. Such a statement suggests only an abiding distrust of the male sex in general, which, while unsurprising, ought to disqualify her from holding any post here. (Surely no misogynist deserves tenure.) That many of the responsibilities of her position revolve around helping women deal with men only accentuates the offense of her statement.

## Rotten Advice

One of the great paradoxes of contemporary feminism is its simultaneous promotion of a greatly exaggerated crisis of sexual assault and its advice to women to act with complete disregard to the messages their actions send. One often hears

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the refrain that a girl should be able to wear whatever she wants, go to a boy's room whenever she wants, get as drunk as she wants, and not have to worry about a male sexually assaulting her. This is true in the same sense that motorists should not have

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to worry about drunken drivers. Still, if you found yourself alongside an obviously-drunk driver behind the wheel of a Mack truck, only a complete fool would not advise you to take immediate defensive action.

A similar principle applies to peoples' conduct around members of the opposite sex. Actions send messages that may or may not mirror our intents, and much of the process of maturing concerns learning how to minimize the disparity between the two. Luckily, most Tufts students learned at least the rudiments of this long before they arrived at Tufts. By going back to her date's room and kissing him, the girl in "Why No Means No" sent a not-small message that she held some interest in him. From his point of view, that she engaged in the above on the first date might well imply that he had a ticket to ride. If all this is starting to sound like your mother advising you never to kiss on the first date, that's because mothers are some of the smartest people in the world and few of us listen to them often enough.

Evidence suggests that even the dreaded Ms. Barrett acknowledges this in some way, as she once stated that different levels of risk of assault exist for women depending on their behavior. Thus a girl with a reputation as "easy" is more likely to find herself in a situation where a boy might misinterpret her desire to engage in sex. Yet Barrett fails to take the next logical step and assign some level of culpability to the girl, because to do so would also

suggest that unlimited sexual freedom, always a key feminist goal, has a dark side.

Another key point of contention revolves around the girl's failure to resist her companions advances in a firm and authoritative manner. After the initial punctuated "no," the victim admittedly took no real defensive action. During the skit, the victim openly wonders whether this means she bears responsibility for what happened. Her roommate responds that she said "no" and that was all she needed to do. This, too, completely ignores reality. How many times in movies do women initially reluctant to sleep with Tom Cruise change

their minds after a few more minutes of foreplay? Soap operas abound with examples of such coercion, and Jackie Collins sells millions of novels full of it. Human sexual relations simply cannot be mechanically crammed into simple frameworks where C follows B which follows A. This keeps life interesting, but also requires us to practice caution.

In any event, critics will no doubt contend that after the fact is no time to criticize the behavior of a rape victim. "If

a person doesn't look before they cross the street and gets hit by a car, you don't yell at them, you get them to a hospital." True enough. But "Why No Means No" concerns a simulated case of rape, not an actual one. By all means the seminar should encourage discussion of the manifold complicated factors that influenced this situation. But when one must weigh the promotion of feminism's political goals against some woman's best interests, smart money says politics wins.

### Love Is A Battlefield

Feminism inevitably butts heads with common sense and reality simply because it religiously disavows what most of us know instinctively: that men and women are different. This suggests not any form of inferiority or superiority, but differences which we must account for in love and life. If the Women's Center wishes to change this, let it come out and say so up front. But to hide behind a respectable guise and encourage potentially risky behavior to young women is indeed a form of assault in itself.

Insofar as the radical strain of feminism in vogue on campuses today preaches for women to forge an identity for themselves as men's equals it certainly benefits us all, but all too often it marginalizes the good roles men can play in women's lives as fathers, brothers, and husbands. On many campuses today, party nights find men and women roaming about in separate packs looking for temporary sexual gratification without long-term commitment. In an age when the left preaches the dangers of STD's and sexual assault, it must also take responsibility for creating an environment conducive to these plagues.

Yet signs exist that suggest hope lives still: a recent Dewar's ad carried the copy, "Men are from Earth. Women are from Earth. End of story."



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*A fond farewell to Mother Teresa, one of history's most revered moral leaders.*

## At the Lord's Right Hand

by Micaela Dawson

On an ordinary day in 1948, an extraordinary event took place. An Albanian nun of the Loretto teaching order was plodding through the streets of Calcutta, India, where she had been educating impoverished children. She came upon a woman who lay dying, half-eaten by maggots and rats, in plain sight of a hospital. The nun appealed to the medical staff to treat the infirm, but they turned her away. Shocked and dismayed at their callous disregard for human life, Sister Teresa persisted until the doctors finally relented. So disheartened by this cruel display was the young missionary that she set out to establish a place where she could minister to Calcutta's afflicted herself. She founded the Missionaries of Charity order and transformed a building near a temple into the Home for the Dying, active now for forty years. Today, about twenty volunteers from the US, England, France and other countries assist these nuns, monks, and priests with cleaning, comforting, and feeding the terminally ill who suffer diseases like tuberculosis. But the volunteers will have to continue serving the "unwanted, unloved, and uncared for" without the tireless guidance of their leader, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who tragically passed away just days after lamenting Princess Diana's fatal accident. The Home for the Dying, or Pure Heart clinic, set the ground work for a lifelong campaign on behalf of human dignity. Sister Teresa and a small group of nuns traversed the overcrowded city's slums, "scooping up destitutes lying in the gutters, sheltering infants abandoned in trash heaps, and soothing the putrid ulcers of lepers." The nuns have picked up more than 54,000 people from the streets of Calcutta in over 40 years, and more than 23,000 have died at the Home for the Dying.

Locals protested the missionaries' effort, but the police commissioner sent to evict them became so overpowered by the

stench and misery that he dismissed the charges. Mother Teresa went on to create a global network of homes for the poor, operating 517 missions of over 2,500 volunteers in 105 countries, including one of the first homes for AIDS victims. In 1962, she won her first prize for "distinguished service," and continually rolled money from such awards into new "Pure Heart" homes. A 1968 BBC television interview brought her world-wide attention and new funding resources.

In 1979, she won the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize, of \$192,000, along with numerous other financing sources from public foundations and private donors. Her missionary work carried her throughout the four corners of the earth, during famine in Ethiopia, the Chernobyl disaster, earthquakes in Armenia, and political unrest in South Africa. In 1982, she persuaded Israelis and Palestinians embroiled in war to suspend shooting long enough to rescue 37 retarded children from a Beirut hospital. And when communism collapsed, Mother Teresa made her way back into Eastern Europe to herald the end of the Evil Empire.

The meek and mild humility associated with the nun belied the more resolute boldness with which she championed the sanctity of life and the institution of the family, and denounced obstacles to their stability. In the summer of 1987, Mother Teresa visited death row inmates at San Quentin. She blessed religious medallions and distributed them to those about to face execution. She turned, pointed her hand at the sergeant on duty, and warned

him in a stern voice, "What you do to these men, you do to God." The sergeant's surprise and wonder at this elderly lady's strength left him speechless. She placed a personal call to Governor Pete Wilson asking for a reconsideration of capital punishment, but unfortunately, to no avail.

This more audacious aspect of the nun's character revealed itself again in a battle she waged against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi over a sterilization project designed to check India's population growth. Ardent opposed to the use of contraception as destructive to the virtues of love and family, she outspokenly challenged the Prime Minister's social engineering proposal. Gandhi nonetheless concluded, "To meet her is to feel utterly humble."

She took on radical feminism in a letter to the World Conference on Women in Beijing, writing an impassioned defense of the family unit, asserting that there are and should continue to be clear differences between men and women, and condemning abortion. "We can destroy the gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of abortion, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than

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loving, than giving oneself to others,” she declared, adding, “Abortion is the greatest destroyer of peace in the world today, and those who want to make women and men the same are all in favor of abortion.” The tiny humanitarian then addressed Beltway bigwigs at the National Prayer Breakfast, where she used this customarily neutral forum to once again decry the controversial issue of abortion. She pleaded, “Please don’t kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted and to give that child to a married couple who will love... From our children’s home in Calcutta alone, we have saved over three thousand children from abortions.” She never backed down from an opportunity to defend her convictions and values, no matter how powerful and influential her listeners may have been.

Mother Teresa began her 1994 address to the National Prayer Breakfast with a scriptural reference that proved quite relevant to the course of her own life: “On the last day, Jesus will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, enter the Kingdom. For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was sick, and you visited me.’ Then Jesus will turn to those on his left hand and say, ‘Depart from me, because I was hungry, and you did not feed me; I was thirsty, and you did not give me drink; I was sick, and you did not visit me.’” She wondered aloud which side the members of her audience would fall on come Judgment Day.

In a society where it seems only morally depraved characters like Jeffrey Dahmer, OJ Simpson, and the Menendez brothers make news, it is always comforting to be able to point confidently to the good deeds still being performed by luminaries like Mother Teresa. Her death marks the end of a lifetime spent carrying out God’s work on earth, and her presence as an international standard-bearer will be sorely missed. As the “saint of the gutters” slips into the great beyond, the world can safely assume that she will remain at the Lord’s right hand.

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merely tried to “do a little something for themselves,” she postulated, but suffered “a few slaps in the face from the campus ‘conservative’ magazine.”

THE SOURCE has published many articles and editorials criticizing Kabadaki’s politics; never has the publication engaged in baseless personal attacks as her comment implied. Perhaps picking up on her failure to elaborate, one freshman in the audience asked her precisely what denunciations she had endured from THE SOURCE. Forced to provide details, her grand declaration seemed a little bit less so; THE SOURCE, she explained, had published one piece criticizing the legitimacy of Kwanzaa and another criticizing her campaign to maintain a University-funded shuttle-bus to a black church. (Copies of these articles are available on request to any readers who

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and Connie Mack, the New York Senator drafted a letter to the President urging him to assess blame for the recent terrorist attacks and alert Arafat that the United States’s stance is “No more terrorism, no more concessions.” These legislators are not alone in their allegiance to Israel; both Houses voted for sanctions against the Palestinian Authority but must now work out the language to sell it to the President who preaches peace at all cost.

The Clinton Administration seemingly considers its Middle East policy consistent with the US’s pledge to Israel. If George Bush had gotten re-elected in 1992, it is unlikely that today’s turmoil between Israel and the Arab states would have ever reached this level of hostility. Bush and his Secretary of State, James Baker, were not only committed to defending Israel, but had proven their willingness to initiate combat in the face of terrorism and oppression. Though it is impossible to determine what would have happened, Bush probably would not have forced Israel to tie her own noose and certainly would have posed a credible threat to the Palestinians if they violated their end of the bargain. Similarly, if America had elected Bob Dole in 1996, he and his pro-Israel running mate Jack Kemp would have stood firm in defense of

wish to judge them for themselves.)

Other diversity follies were humorous though less egregious, like the co-coordinator of the Tufts Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Collective confessing that he wasn’t quite sure what “transgendered” meant or the guilty white guy rediscovering his Jewish roots copping to not having attended any religious services. But what remains most bothersome is that the program which pulls no punches in labelling and dividing the Tufts community still insists on adopting the moniker “One Community” for its title. True communities derive strength from the unifying bonds individuals share, but multiculturalists insist on venerating the differences that drive them apart. We are now one community, but a community torn apart.

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a nation to which the US had pledged support. Clinton’s hollow threats the globe over surely provide little more than amusement for the PLO, Hamas, and the Hezbollah.

America has never tolerated terrorism on the homefront, and she shouldn’t expect other nations to turn a blind eye to innocents slaughtered within their borders. But Clinton expects Israel to take the terrorist abuse lying down and renders it impossible for her to fight against it. The most recent attack is number thirteen for Hamas since Clinton initiated his peace process, which has brought anything but. Terrorist leaders like Rantisi declare that Arafat will never battle terrorist organizations because he “knows that the crackdown is not for the benefit of the Palestinian people,” while Hamas has announced that it will not abate its trademark suicide bombings if Israel refuses to release Hamas-member prisoners by next week. Mr. Clinton must recognize that the peace process he brokered has failed and generated little but despair. To shed hope on the dismal situation in the Middle East, the Clinton Administration must recognize the unfortunate reality that more land does not make for more peace—before another innocent life is lost.

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# Setting the UNICCO Facts Straight

by Criag Waldman

As students came back to school this semester, they seemed upset about a number of things, including the \$225 they each had to pay for cable and television service. The one thing though that they did not seem to be phased about were the loud and abrasive UNICCO protests.

For many years, Tufts had contracted a custodial company to clean the dorms, academic buildings, and offices. Last year, when the UNICCO contract came up for renewal Tufts made a decision to change the company in contracted for these tasks. Since July 30th, Tufts has been using a new custodial service, ISS, replacing the old one, UNICCO. Beginning then, Tufts started to see a storm of protests from the old UNICCO workers. Workers, their families, and local politicians combed the campus roads toting signs bearing slogans like, "Justice for Janitors," "God is not pleased with Tufts," "Medford supports Tufts worker," "Tufts locked out my daddy," and, "ISS stop covering for Tufts unfair labor practices."

No matter how much sympathy these workers try to drain from the students, the facts of the matter remain simple and indisputable. When Tufts notified UNICCO that it would not renew its contract, the University gave all former workers the chance to interview for positions with ISS at a lower wage—a salary far more in tune with the market value for unskilled custodial work despite being close to twice the national minimum wage. Many did not take that opportunity, but over forty of the original 110 former UNICCO employees interviewed and subsequently landed jobs with ISS.

More importantly, ISS agreed to provide service seven days a week; UNICCO provided only five days of service. This means our bathrooms, hallways, and lounges are cleaned every day instead of just from Monday to Friday. Students no

longer have to live with dirty facilities on the weekend—and any student who witnesses the after-party "messes" in dorm bathrooms on Friday and Saturday night can testify to the singular importance of this feature. UNICCO could not match this offer; the University simply picked a service plan better-suited to college students' unique habits.

This seven day-a-week plan is actually better suited for students pocketbooks. This service is cheaper than UNICCO's five-day service, allowing the University to save costs and hopefully pass it on to students. Some sources from other publications have been quoted as saying that UNICCO was fired to get rid of the older, longtime employees. This, however, does not seem to be the case—nor is it even relevant. The university saw a chance to save the students money while improving the conditions in which they live. The Tufts community would have rightfully been up in arms if they had not taken this opportunity.

The University made an economic decision based on several offers and not upon so-called "unfair labor practices." The American capitalist system allows for free competition in the marketplace. ISS put up an offer; UNICCO had a chance to match it; UNICCO refused. If its workers want to assign blame, they should yell at

their own union for failing to compete with ISS's workers. Perhaps union policies more adaptable to the needs of the consumer would have made UNICCO's offer more appealing to Tufts.

This is just one of the many ways that unions hurt their members. By using the government's coercive power to drive up wages, they diminish their company's ability to put out a competitive bid for a contract. Before federal labor laws policed unions, working men rightly understood that their greatest enemy was the company that couldn't make a profit. Now, they blame the free market system, rather than their own greed, for their unemployment. But in a truly free market economy, such workers would never even receive as much as \$9.50 an hour; only federal laws that prevent anyone from working on an individual basis permit unions to use strong-arm tactics to drive up wages. Tufts janitors should be thankful for wages so much higher than the market value; plenty of workers would gladly work for much less.

*The Tufts Daily* quoted local politician Kevin Tarply as saying, "The American Union people are not going to get on the endangered species list." But the truth is that these no-win fights and bogus causes have already put them there.

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who has not yet declared a major.*





*This summer's tobacco settlement only furthers the health of the nanny state.*

## Going Up In Smoke

by Ananda Gupta

No one finds it easy to work up much sympathy for the tobacco industry. Its representatives plainly lied to Congress, and its strategists actively sought to addict young people to fuel the market for a product whose consumers regularly die premature deaths. It is a mistake, though, to blindly accept the ludicrous settlement served up to the Clinton administration by 39 state attorneys general and the industry's legal armies. If Congress has any conscience or concern for liberty, it will reject the settlement and let the tobacco industry hoist itself on its own petard.

### The Anatomy of Leviathan

The terms of the settlement number only a few. The industry will pay \$15 billion a year for 25 years, and the money will go to various state purposes. The Food and Drug Administration will receive regulatory authority over nicotine, culminating in the power to completely ban it in 2009. Moreover, even more stringent restrictions on tobacco advertising and sponsorship will become enforceable. No more Joe Camel at bus stops or on taxicabs. Although the settlement, like any other, should remain between the disputing parties, the terms which increase the federal government's regulatory authority subject the settlement to congressional and administrative review—allowing bureaucrats to stick their noses into yet another ostensibly private matter.

Of course, the word "settlement" involves mutual benefit, so the tobacco companies get something too. Specifically, they receive immunity from all future American class action claims as well as absolution from any future Medicaid reimbursement claims. They also receive total freedom from punitive damages in any way related to their past conduct. Plaintiffs, both Medicaid and otherwise, receive a chunk from the \$15 billion annual payment, but only

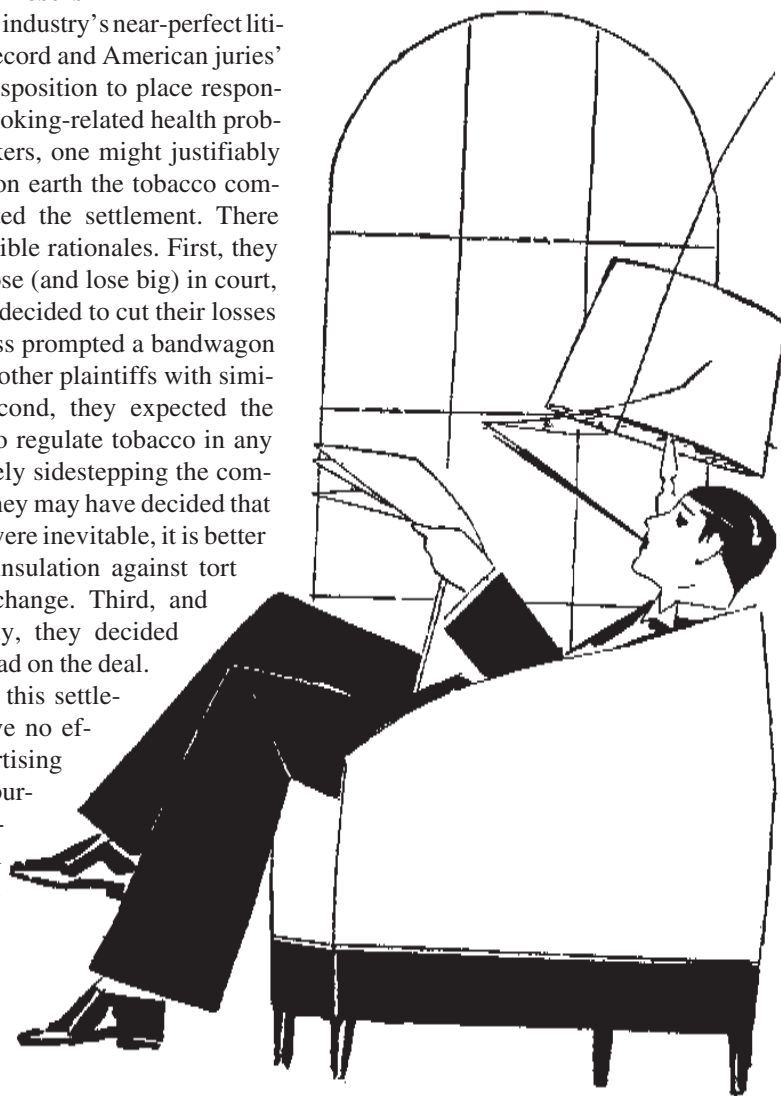
presently existing ones; anyone who wants to sue a tobacco company must either form a class or give up. Needless to say, those who do not follow the antics of politically ambitious state attorney generals as well as people who may not yet have developed any health problems owing to tobacco use will miss out on any class action suits and thereby lose any compensation they might otherwise have received.

### Winners and Losers

Given the industry's near-perfect litigation track record and American juries' remarkable disposition to place responsibility for smoking-related health problems on smokers, one might justifiably wonder why on earth the tobacco companies accepted the settlement. There are three possible rationales. First, they expected to lose (and lose big) in court, and therefore decided to cut their losses before that loss prompted a bandwagon effect among other plaintiffs with similar cases. Second, they expected the government to regulate tobacco in any case, effectively sidestepping the common law, so they may have decided that if regulation were inevitable, it is better to get some insulation against tort claims in exchange. Third, and most plausibly, they decided they were ahead on the deal.

After all, this settlement will have no effect on advertising or sales in the burgeoning Eastern European and Asian markets for cigarettes, and the loss of domestic advertising—most effec-

tive at inducing brand-switching, not recruiting—will only harm tobacco companies with a comparatively small market share. The industry might also count itself ahead since it can now predict and account for its losses. Regulation, for all its pitfalls and reliance on bureaucrats' whims, is generally predictable. Juries are not. Some economists have pointed out that it's rational for large companies to prefer regulation over tort liability, since even the most stringent regulation's compliance costs rarely exceed even a moderate tort judgment. Additionally, it's difficult for industry executives to maintain a cordial and cooperative relationship with a jury, as they do with legislators and other authors of regulations. Regulations can, with the proper encouragement, contain loopholes and escape clauses. Tort judgments do not. So the tobacco companies might very well realize that immunity from tort saves them from the possibility of a mind-boggling





and industry-breaking judgment, much like the one against the asbestos industry during the 1970s.

And, of course, the government wins too, since its regulatory scope increases and it gets to add yet another personal decision to its nanny-state portfolio. Trial lawyers also benefit, since the tobacco companies will still get hit with big class-action suits, and plaintiffs' attorneys' bank accounts will not suffer. Finally, and most subtly, \$2 billion from each \$15 billion annual payment goes to pay for health care for uninsured children. Socialized medicine is bad enough, but to implement it by extorting the necessary funds from an unpopular industry is even worse. Americans do seem to share a conviction that, in general, their health care should be paid for by other people. But for the state to decry the state of medicine, blame its ills on the free market, use monies looted from an unpopular industry to finance its own doomed solutions, and then trumpet the final product as the epitome of equality and justice is just reprehensible.

The losers are, naturally, the American people, who watch their decision whether or not to smoke disappear into the hands of Big Brother and watch their taxpayer dollars continue to flow into tobacco subsidies (a program strangely absent from the settlement). Smokers in particular lose big, but they are an unpopular minority and will generate little enthusiasm for their defense.

However, critics of the settlement point out that tobacco may be the top of a slippery slope. Legal scholar Robert Levy notes that some people in "positions of responsibility" have already called for taxes based on proportional fat content of food, with the revenue going to "public bike paths and exercise trails." The tobacco settlement will provide ample precedent for such foolishness. Even coffee, with its high caffeine content, may yet fall under the ax. (Certainly few at Tufts would want the price of coffee or Pepsi to double as a result of caffeine taxes.) Finally, the ban on tobacco advertising may not seem like a dramatic threat to free expression, but the First Amendment makes no exceptions for unpopular, even dangerous, products. Commercial advertising may not have a particularly solid

footing in the legal precedent books, but other slippery-slope concerns arise here as well. Will Ronald McDonald and his greasy hamburgers be banished from the airwaves? What about dangerous sports like skiing or mountain climbing? Will they be banned in the name of public health or, more typically, "the children"?

### The Libertarian Solution

Libertarians take personal responsibility very seriously, hoping that juries will remain resolute in their support for that ideal and continue to hold smokers responsible for their decision to smoke. But lying to Congress is a serious matter as well (although Congress rarely seems to reap any consequences from its constant lying to the American people), and perjury charges against tobacco executives would certainly be in order. Nevertheless, deception and fraud do not justify the massive usurpation of civil liberty that the settlement undertakes—especially the individual smoker's right to sue, a right guaranteed by the Seventh Amendment to the Constitution.

The settlement also takes a matter which ought to remain a private dispute—that is, a dispute between purveyors and consumers of a product—and place it in the legislative sphere. But no private dispute can receive fair treatment while regulators fall all over themselves at the sidelines to regulate and coerce should the verdict not go their way. Such behavior by Congress and the Department of Health and Human Services (slated to review and, presumably, approve the settlement later this year) echoes Attorney General Janet Reno's threat to impose tight regulations on television content should the industry not do so "voluntarily." The courtroom should remain free from the influence of the legislative branch; otherwise, the balance and separation of powers enshrined in the Constitution become mean-

ingless. And, perhaps most obviously, the government should stop subsidizing tobacco farmers. Libertarians have often pointed to the absurdity in taxing and subsidizing the same product. After all, it makes little sense to force Americans to pay not only for an unhealthy product, but for government-sponsored campaigns railing against its use.

Most people support the settlement because they see the tobacco companies as

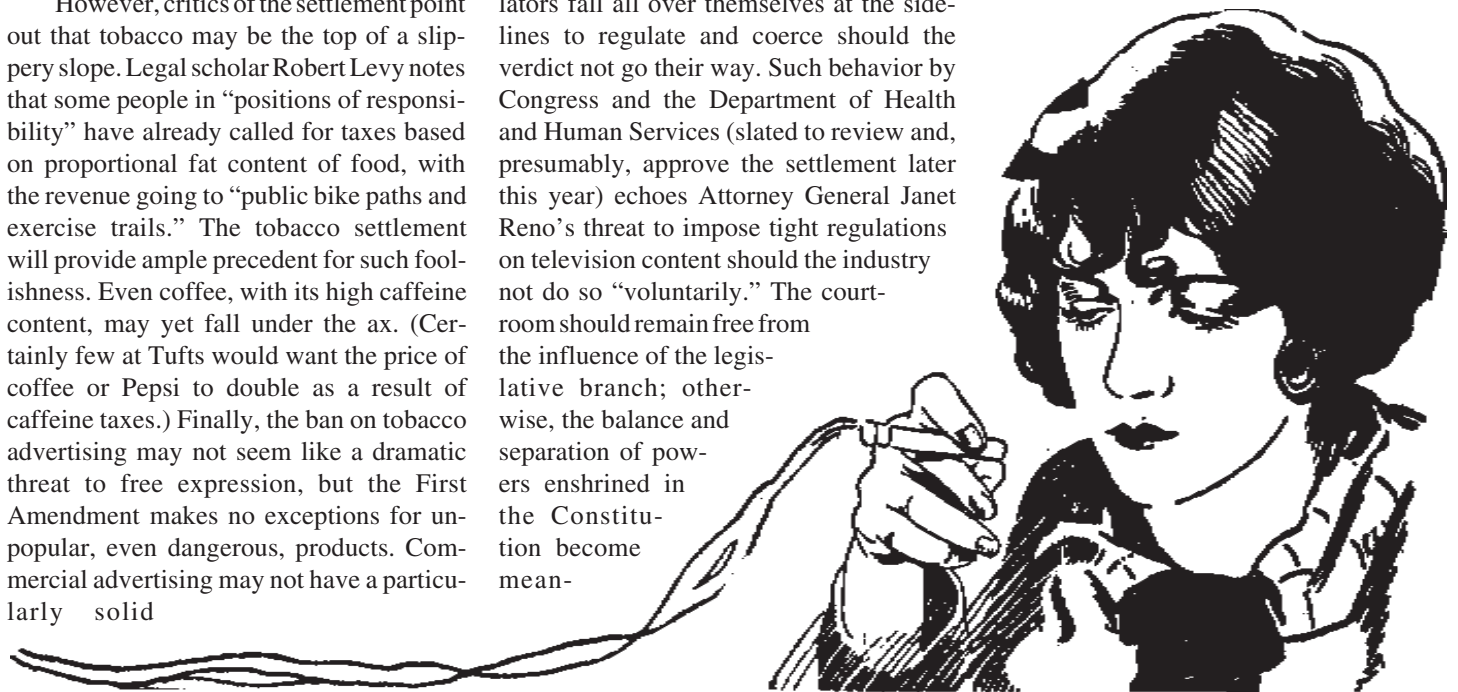
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deserving losers. The companies only lose in the sense that they bow to coercion to receive benefits which make the settlement worth taking up. They quite reasonably do not consider the damage to the average American's freedom which the vastly increased regulatory powers granted to the state by the settlement will wreak. Conscientious Americans ought not follow suit by trading away their freedom to make their own health decisions and jeopardizing the American's right to his day in court.

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*Only peace through strength can salvage the middle east "peace" process.*

## Don't Throw In The Towel, Bibi

by Jessica Schupak

Imagine savages dancing and cheering while toting the heads of a neighboring tribe's soldiers—it probably evokes images of barbarians of the middle ages dressed in primitive garb with slovenly hygiene. Though these thoughts are images of uncivilized people, they sadly are not images of the past—they are the images of modern-day Lebanese guerrillas.

After the ambush and slaughter of twelve Israelis last Friday, Lebanese Hezbollah terrorists posed for the media with body parts of the slain. Eleven of the twelve belonged to an elite military unit, bringing the Israeli soldier death toll to 864 since the establishment of the Lebanese buffer zone in 1982. Along with captured military equipment, the guerrillas celebrated with mutilated body parts of the dead Israelis, graciously offering to return them for burial in exchange for prisoners. The latest incident follows two serious attacks by other groups which left fifteen and seven dead respectively and over 200 injured.

In the wake of the recent terrorist tragedies Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced suspension of the deliverance of concessions granted to the Palestinians via land-for-peace accords. Critics have blasted Bibi for throwing fuel on the fire, but as the Prime Minister judiciously remarked on the treaties' reality, "We bargain, and the Arabs collect." The only conditions Israel required of the Palestinians for compliance with the territorial and security arrangements was that PLO leader Yasser Arafat make strong efforts

to combat violence. One year ago, Netanyahu announced that "if the Palestinians continue to curb terrorism, our response will be very, very positive in a number of areas, and especially and most directly in the economic areas." Not only did violence ensue, but Arafat has been seen publicly embracing Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi (though he claims to be tough on the terrorist organization). As the *New York Post* put it, "It is offensive to hear him condemn the bombing with the same lips he used to smooch Rantisi."

After the tragic Ben Yehuda marketplace bombing in July, Israel closed her borders, generating much criticism from the Arab nations and American liberals. Conveniently ignoring that the closure did not apply for food and medical supplies among other necessary border transactions, those skeptical of Israel's motives charged that the state sought to intentionally derail

the "peace process," not promote regional security. It is precisely this unwillingness to understand Israel's tenacity which has backed her into a corner.

Onlookers can lay most of the blame on the Clinton administration. Since the Oslo Accords, the Israelis have followed the program of giving land to the Palestinians only to have their favor returned by the slaughter of innocent people. Nevertheless, Clinton recommends that "we keep pushing" the peace process. The President and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright seemingly ignore that the process to which they refer is a peace in which Israel relinquishes land in exchange for a mounting death toll; it is a peace in which people live in terror of flying shrapnel. The United States has effectively tied Israel's hands. Israel is simply too dependent on the US to ignore implied policy orders; thus she has little choice but to continue along a self-destructive path.

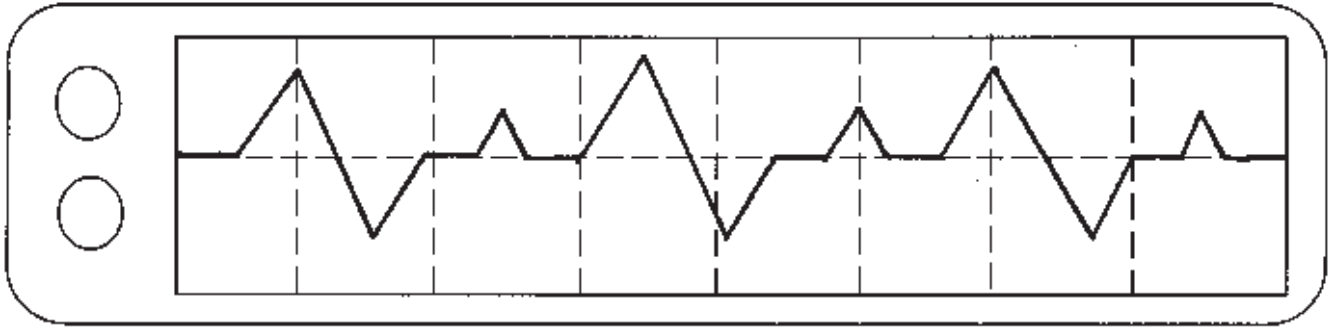
Members of Congress have pleaded with Clinton to reconsider his foreign policy vis-à-vis Israel. Senator Al D'Amato declared that Arafat "has the power to curb these murderers but he does nothing. It's about time we held him accountable for these acts." Along with senators Joe Lieberman, Tim Hutchinson, Trent Lott,

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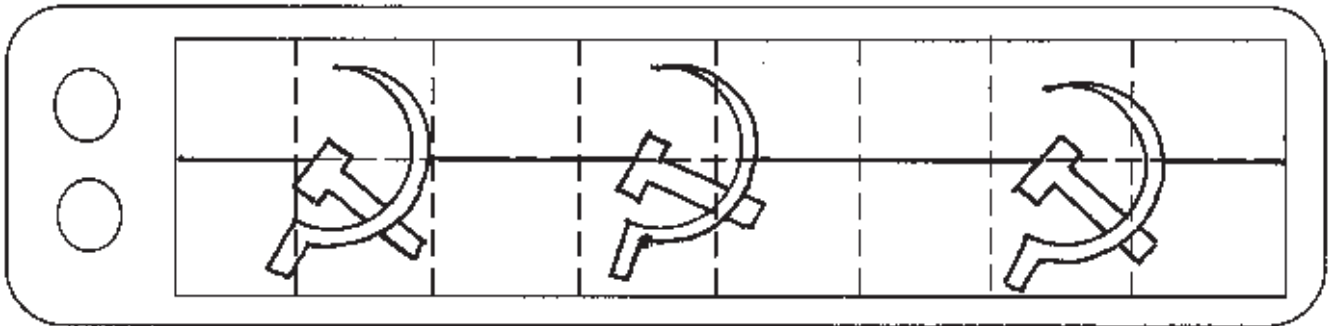


*George Bush and Benjamin Netanyahu would have made a formidable team for peace.*

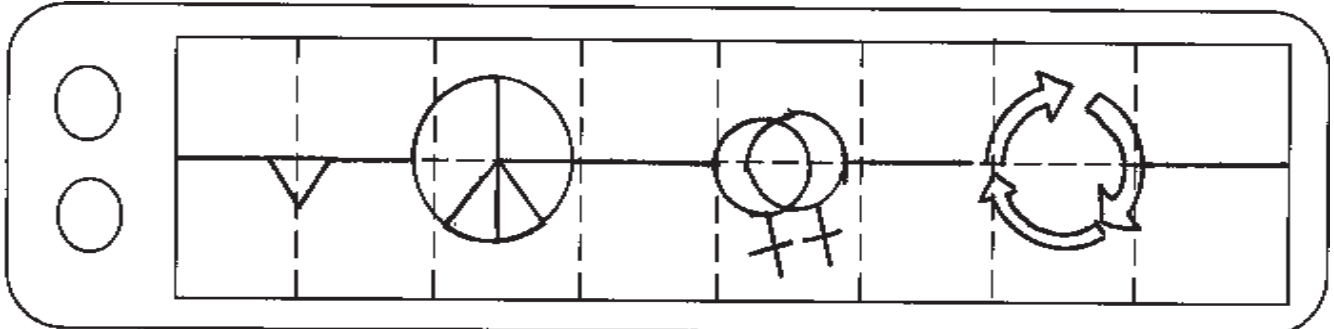
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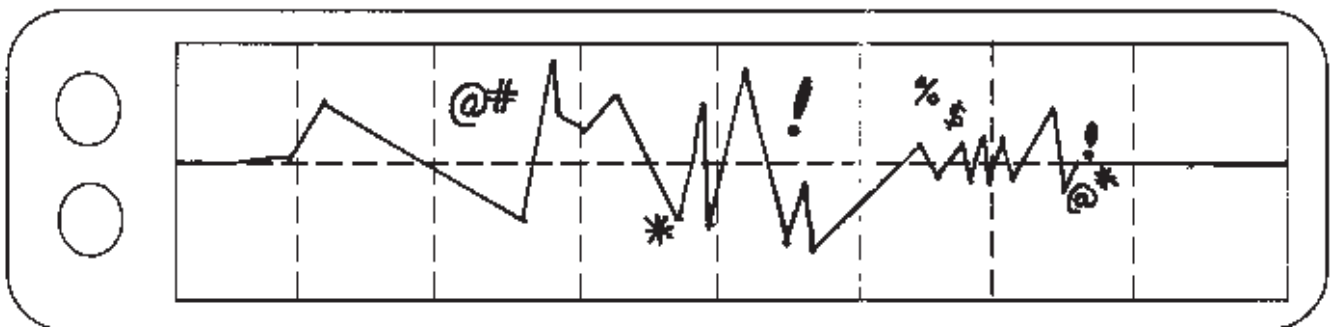
**This is your brain on Daniel Mulholland.**



**This is your brain on Susan Ostrander.**



**This is your brain on Rob Devigne.**



**Any Questions?**

## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

*The other day I dreamed that I was at the gates of heaven. And St. Peter said, "Go back to Earth, there are no slums up here."*

—Mother Teresa

*You better lock your doors at night. Those new janitors, all illegals and niggers.*

—protesting UNICCO worker, apparently displaying worker solidarity

*You don't have to be particularly funny to come write for us.*

—Adam Lenter, Editor-in-Chief of the Zamboni, at "Meet the Press," 9/5/97

*And having looked to government for bread, on the very first scarcity, they will turn and bite the hand that fed them.*

—Edmund Burke

*The welfare culture tells the man that he is not a necessary part of the family; he feels dispensable, his wife knows he is dispensable, his children sense it.*

—George Gilder

*You know, I think the best possible social program is a job.*

—Ronald Reagan

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

—Marilyn Quayle

*The business of America is business.*

—Calvin Coolidge

*If all that Americans want is security, they can go to prison. They'll have enough to eat, a bed, and a roof over their heads. But if an American wants to preserve his dignity and his equality as a human being, he must not bow his neck to any dictatorial government.*

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

*The power of America rests in a stirring but simple idea— that people will do great things if only you set them free.*

—George Bush

*The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not.*

—Mark Twain

*A government is not legitimate merely because it exists.*

—Jeane Kirkpatrick

*How can the modern relativist exercise tolerance if he doesn't believe in anything to begin with? It is not hard to exhibit tolerance toward a point of view if you have no point of view of your own with which that point of view conflicts.*

—William F. Buckley, Jr.

*I takes two to speak the truth— one to speak, and another to hear.*

—Henry David Thoreau

*If all the good people were clever,  
And all the clever people were good,  
The world would be wiser than ever  
We thought that it possibly could.  
But somehow 'tis seldom or never  
The two hit it off as they should;  
The good are so harsh to the clever,  
The clever so rude to the good!*

—Elizabeth Wordsworth

*Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously— and accepting both of them.*

—George Orwell

*Error of opinion may be tolerated when reason is left free to combat it.*

—Thomas Jefferson

*A man is as old as he's feeling; a woman as old as she looks.*

—Mortimer Collins

*Wise men don't need advice. Fools don't take it.*

—Benjamin Franklin

*Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.*

—Erma Bombeck

*Governments are suspicious of literature because it is a force that eludes them.*

—Emile Zola

*It's a good rule to follow the first law of holes: if you are in one, stop digging.*

—Denis Healey

*Whoever seeks to allow the mastery of the state over the individual makes a pact with the devil. Communists worship Satan himself, Socialists believe that perdition is a good system run by bad people, and liberals want us all to go to hell because it's warm there in the winter.*

—P.J. O'Rourke

*The worst thing in this world, next to anarchy, is government.*

—Henry Ward Beecher

*Let me give you a tip on men's characters: The man who damns money has earned it dishonorably; the man who respects it has earned it.*

—Ayn Rand

*Don't put no restrictions on the people. Leave 'em the hell alone.*

—Jimmy Durante

*Eisenhower told me never to trust a communist.*

—Lyndon B. Johnson

*Always tell the truth— it's the easiest thing to remember.*

—David Mamet

*Few things in life are more embarrassing than the necessity of having to inform an old friend that you have just got engaged to his fiancée.*

—W. C. Fields

*When a fellow says, "It ain't the money, but the principle of the thing," it's the money.*

—Kin Hubbard

*Brevity is the soul of lingerie.*

—Dorothy Parker

*Guidelines for bureaucrats:*

1. When in charge, ponder.
2. When in trouble, delegate.
3. When in doubt, mumble.

—James Boren

*Young man, never be a solemn ass.*

—Tom Wicker

*The avocation of assessing the failures of better men can be turned into a comfortable livelihood, providing you back it up with a Ph.D.*

—Nelson Algren