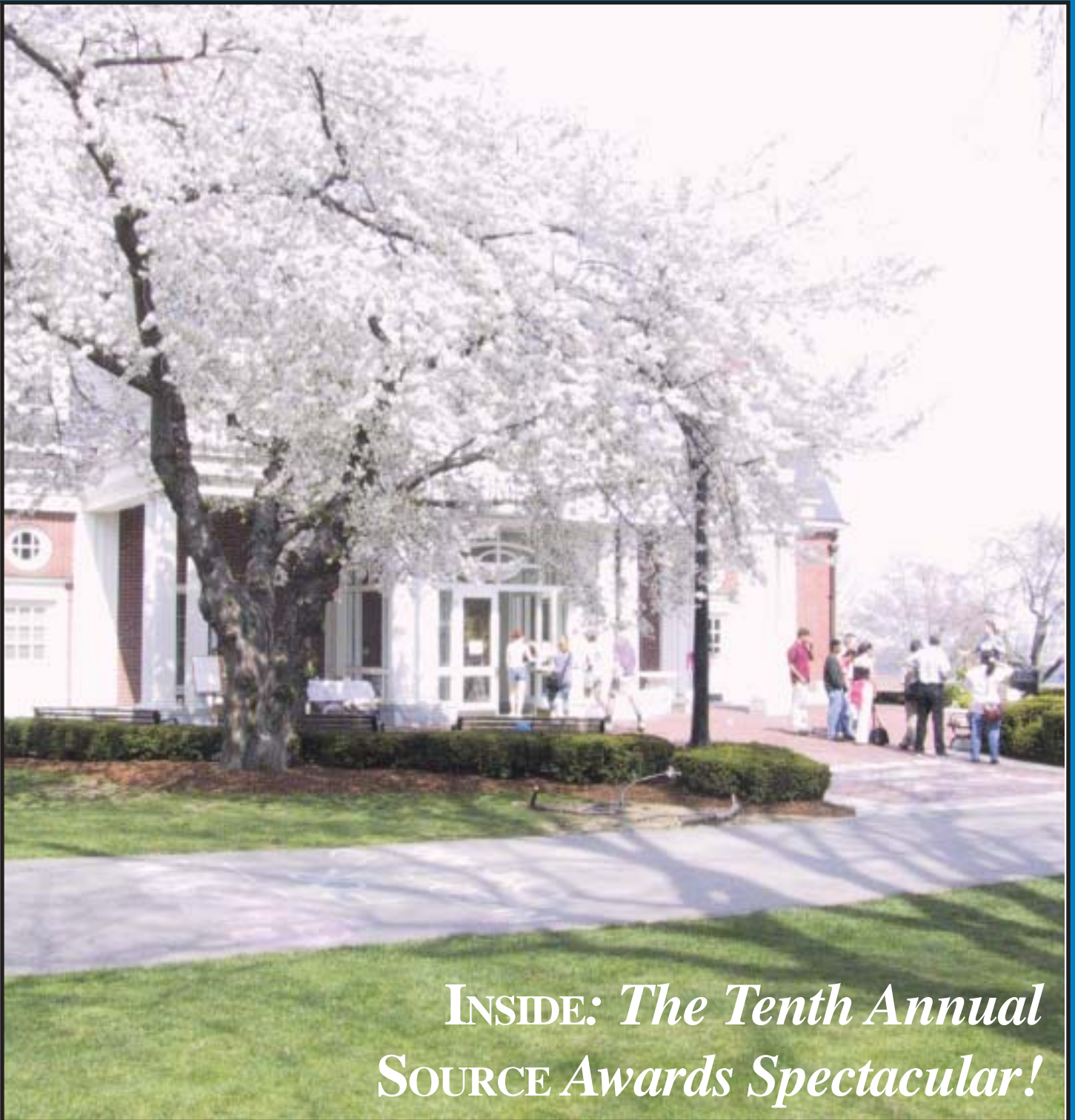


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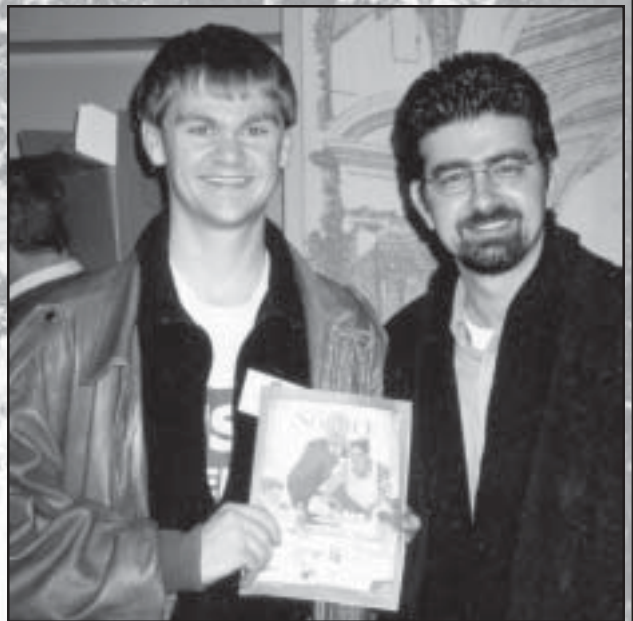
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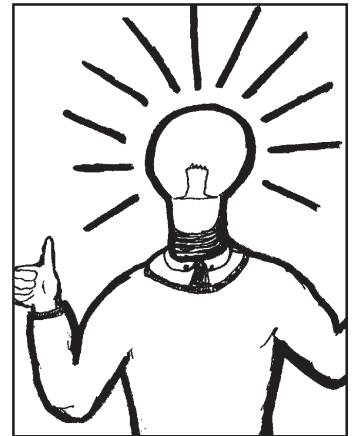
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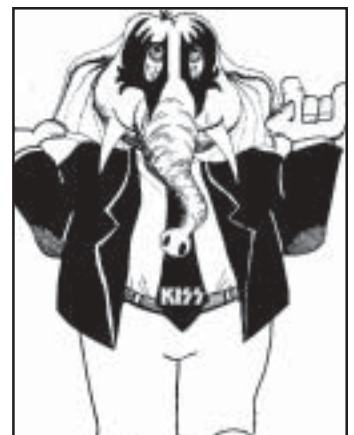
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Fond Farewells

When I took the helm of this organization a year ago, I expected little more than to write about the usual litany of left-leaning happenings at this university. Yet this year has been above and beyond the ordinary for Tufts University. From suffering physical violence at the hands of “non-violent” student leftists, charges of sexual harassment, being called “racist” more times than I can count, to twice being charged with libel, this magazine has weathered more direct attacks than ever in its 20 year history. Altogether, 18 separate complaints were filed against this magazine and its members, yet throughout it all the SOURCE has emerged stronger than ever. The SOURCE is still here, unabashed and unapologetic. While many people make this magazine possible, I would like to personally thank each of the graduating seniors.

A true conservative with a thorough understanding of the complex issues facing our nation, Jonathan Perle is our resident master of missile defense. A steadfast advocate of a strong military as well as the protection of America’s interests in the War on Terror, Jon warned of the danger posed by Osama bin Laden in these pages over three years ago. We are pleased that Jon stuck with us even after he began to pen a *Daily* column, and wish him the best at law school next year.

The legal profession is the post-graduation destiny of many a SOURCE member. A keen commentator on popular culture, Michael Santorelli has written insightfully about such topics as Hollywood movies and the Oscars. We wish him the best and hope that he will be among those whom future SOURCES can turn to in times of legal trouble.

While not conservative, steadfast libertarian Andrew Gibbs has been one of the SOURCE’s most prolific writers in recent years. While sharing a conservative’s disdain for big government, his differing views on topics like the war on drugs and euthanasia have brought a well appreciated diversity of thought to the magazine. Andrew’s computer skills are among the best, and so we have no doubt that in the future he will fight big government through the copious use of tax loopholes.

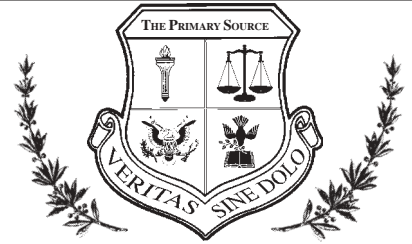
The creative drive behind many of the SOURCE’s humor pieces, Chris Kohler’s artistic

talents have offended more Tufts students than we will ever know. Chris’ skills at layout and production have brought a professional look to this magazine, and the result has been a more eye-pleasing SOURCE. With the aid of his Fulbright scholarship, no doubt Chris will go on to be one of those folks we all aspire to be: a professional video game player. The SOURCE will not be the same without his humor, and we all wish him a safe journey as he travels to Japan next year.

A man whose pen is mightier than any sword, Joshua Martino has been the heart and soul of this magazine’s writing. A master poet and preeminent writer of prose, Josh has written many of the most moving pieces this magazine has published in recent years. Josh’s uncompromising support has been essential to the SOURCE in this difficult year. His work in developing the writing skills of younger staff members, myself included, has been remarkable. It is him, and not any English class taught by a professor, that I thank for the improvements in my writing. Josh’s poetry, superb prose, and humor will be sorely missed next year.

My time as Editor-in-Chief of this magazine has been most productive. I have learned a great deal from my fellow staff members, but perhaps even more from my opponents. I would like to thank Iris Halpern, Adam Carlis, Lou Esparza, and Carl Jackson for their part in providing me with hands-on legal experience that will no doubt be useful should I choose to attend law school. Though I have greatly enjoyed the time I have spent as head of this magazine, I am pleased to leave the SOURCE in the competent hands of my successor.

Megan Liotta is a superb writer and a fiercely independent thinker. Her experience as Business Manager and Campus Affairs Editor of this organization make her the ideal candidate for Editor-in-Chief. She has been an integral part of this magazine for years, reporting on many of our campus’ most controversial topics and using her fine attention to detail to ensure a well-polished product. Supported by a dedicated staff, I have no doubt that Megan will lead the SOURCE to new heights as it enters its third decade.

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Letters

A Conservative Colleague Speaks

To the Editor,

Your book review of Bernard Goldberg's *Bias* concluded that the book was "not for hackneyed liberals." But the book is less about the Left, as was pointed out earlier in the review, than about media anchor awareness of their own biases. Bill O'Reilly is aware of both his blue-collar background and the current American landscape. That's why he has his morning coffee with cops and common folk. And that's why he has the ratings. And that's why *Bias* is most certainly for the "hackneyed liberals" you dissuade from picking up the best-seller.

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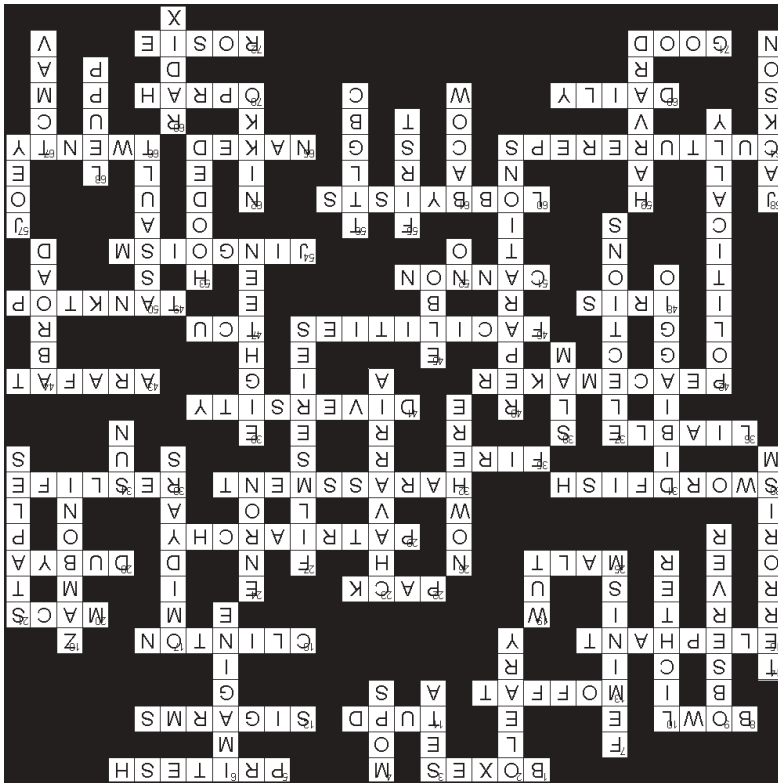
Ulterior Motives

Representative and Fletcher student Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) recently claimed that Bush and his administration may have known about the 9/11 terrorist acts in advance and purposely chose not to act. McKinney believes Bush was motivated by a Washington-based investment firm called the Carlyle Group that once employed Bush and other high-ranking government officials. She thinks the firm benefited from the War on Terror and persuaded Bush to allow the destruction of two national icons, leaving thousands of innocent people to die.

Any discussion to prove that McKinney's statements are completely false is unnecessary; she herself admits that there is currently no evidence to back them up. The real issue is that someone with the mindset of a tabloid reporter has been elected to the House of Representatives—five times. Claiming that the President abetted the death of thousands to make a quick buck is both mindless and heartless. Scarier still is that McKinney helps develop the laws of the land. Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA), a friend of McKinney, said that she is adept at dealing with issues that resonate with her political base. What kind of political base sees conspiracy theories as major issues?

Interestingly, McKinney has received campaign contributions from supporters in Arab nations. Over twenty-one percent of her contributions come from the Middle East. Some of her patrons, such as Abdurahman Alamoudi, are affiliated with groups listed on the State Department's official list of terrorist organizations. If McKinney is so bent on the government digging up information on terrorism support, perhaps they should start with her.

Answers to crossword on page 39.



McKinney is an embarrassment to the American political system. That a Representative has nothing better to do with her time than spread rumors is pathetic. While the nation still mourns the loss of 3,000 innocent citizens, McKinney chooses instead to baselessly attack our President. Her statements should be considered slander, and Congress should censure her. The voters of Georgia should know better than to give power to such a fool, and hopefully they will realize their mistake the next time McKinney's name is on the ballot.

UVW Students Mock the Regime

On April 9th at the University of West Virginia, an amendment to the rights of the students was published for public review. This amendment required students who wish to assemble in numbers greater than 50 to apply for a permit from the university at least 24 hours prior to the demonstration. Students would also be required to pay for school-provided security at their demonstrations. The students responded by applying for permits that encompassed 365 days worth of free speech demonstrations for a potential 25,000 participants, or the entire population of the university. This act is a fitting mockery of a rule that put a stranglehold on the rights of the students at many schools across the nation.

How could these rules be passed? Students themselves ratify them to quell those with differing political views, most prominent in such hot debates as the pro-life vs. pro-choice issue. An example of the arbitrary administration of these rules is when the students who passed out literature in front of a Disney seminar at UVW were arrested, even after they stopped and simply wanted to hear what the speaker had to say.

Does free speech sometimes cause an inconvenience to businesses, the government, or individuals? Yes, but there is a vast difference between inconvenience and a violation of one's civil rights. Using public roads to demonstrate is an inconvenience to traffic, but it does not violate anyone's civil rights. It is simply a price people pay to reserve their right to demonstrate in the same manner. Or do Americans want a country in which no one can be inconvenienced by the freedom of speech?

The University of West Virginia will not be upset by having free speech across campus. Assemblies might inconvenience or even embarrass people, but if the students and faculty of these schools are not willing to make a small sacrifice to preserve one of our most important freedoms, they do not deserve to be Americans. So long as the demonstrations are not disruptive to the point of violating anyone's civil liberties, they are protected by the Constitution. Although "free-speech zones" are no longer used at Tufts, Jumbos must remain vigilant against the violation of their civil rights.

Third World Insurgents

Following early April's attempted overthrow of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, every Western democratic nation condemned the failed coup—

except the United States. Rumors of CIA involvement in the affair spread like wildfire, and the State Department's Latin American chief, Otto Reich, was accused of using duplicitous techniques to foil Chavez. The result was a reinstated and strengthened Chavez and a publicly embarrassed United States.

Chavez entered the political scene a decade ago when he led a failed coup to overthrow then-President Perez. Chavez and his followers despised the Perez administration's economic austerity measures. The 1992 revolt injured or killed nearly 80 before Chavez surrendered and was imprisoned. In 2000, Chavez utilized his favorite populist techniques to convince the people of Venezuela to reelect him with the same overwhelming support as in 1998. While promising an economic and social revolution, Chavez failed to tackle the largest problems facing the Venezuelan people—crime and unemployment. The ruler's rash threats to "crush the oligarchs" scared away potential foreign investors, Venezuela's best hope for economic development.

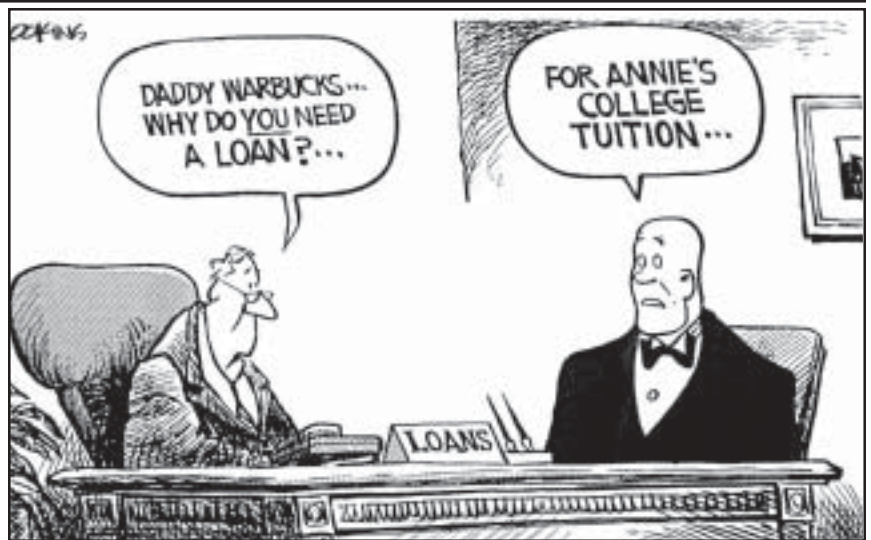
New York Times columnist Paul Krugman called the botched US intervention "foolish" and "stupid," arguing that the United States should support democracy in the western hemisphere as a continuation of the political and economic reform of the 1990s. Krugman's vision of US-led Western democracy is compelling but faulty. Democracy in Latin America is not anywhere as vital as he supposes. Instead, the political system is better characterized by the cycle Krugman names himself, one of "crude populism alternated with military dictatorship."

Promotion of democracy in Latin America is an important goal—one that deserves more focused efforts. Civil society has declined during Chavez's tenure, a sure sign that democracy is struggling in Venezuela. Other Latin American nations face similar tensions. As *National Review Online* political reporter John Miller wisely opines, Latin American leaders were partially motivated to condemn the coup as a means of cautioning their own militaries about insubordination. The United States, however, is ill-advised to promote uprising when what Latin America needs most of all is political tranquility.

The American involvement in the botched coup was likely unnecessary, even for those who wish to replace Chavez. As Stephen Johnson of The Heritage Foundation points out, "there were efforts already underway to remove Chavez from office through the devices of Venezuela's own constitution." A thorough examination of the facts could have prevented another failed US attempt at intervention. The adoption of a hands-off approach to Venezuelan Politics might have yielded the desired outcome and would have strengthened Venezuelan democracy by letting it evolve on its own.

Bipartisan Partiality

At first glance, Senators Dianne Feinstein's (D-CA) and Jon Kyl's (R-AZ) proposal for amending the US Constitution so that



crime victims' rights are guaranteed alongside those of the criminals sounds like a plausible idea. Their motivation seems well-intended—ensuring that hapless victims are given fair weight in the courtroom. In fact, that the Founding Fathers of the Constitution neglected to even consider defining the rights of victims in the Constitution is one of the documents peculiarities. That the designers of world's longest lasting and most successful system of government could have dropped the ball when it came to remembering to protect these people is astonishing. One may wonder how this oversight could happen.

Rest assured, this question has a simple answer. If one examines the Constitution very closely, one may chance upon a small section of Amendments numbered 1 through 10. This so-called "Bill of Rights" was designed to enumerate the rights of citizens as separate from the government and to protect them from infringement. The US Constitution was not, however, written to define how citizens may address grievances against other citizens, and amending the Constitution to establish that right is folly. Such an Amendment is both unconstitutional and unnecessary (aside from allowing the two previously mentioned Senators from getting to scribble their names all over the Constitution).

As the proposed Amendment stands, the rights outlined include a victim's notification of any public proceeding regarding the accused and the right to a voice at hearings for sentencing, potential release, or parole, among others. All accused are guaranteed to a "speedy" and "impartial" trial, thanks to Amendment VI. Maintaining objectivity would be difficult for a court and the public when required to give recognition to the victim. Allowing the victim to have sway in the decisions regarding sentencing and release is equivalent to throwing Amendments V and VI on the heap with the Articles of Confederation because it takes away the autonomy of a neutral third party, the courts. Furthermore, it would allow victims not only to extract financial revenge, but physical revenge as well. We on the SOURCE must advocate refrain from caving to the sympathetic, compassionate impulse to help victims and honor the long held tradition of impartiality, objectivity, and fairness in our justice system. □

Just days after matriculation, our world is turned upside-down when terrorists attack New York City and Washington, DC. Numerous Tufts students and professors seize the opportunity to preach their anti-American politics. Senator Pritesh Gandhi warns of “an almost expected conservative backlash” against minority students but fails to predict the unprecedented attacks on conservatives that would follow...

Carnage at the Cannon

In October the SOURCE staff **paints the cannon** red, white, and blue and leaves chief editor Sam Dangremond on guard. In the wee hours of the next morning, three hooded leftists assault Sam in what became the now infamous **Carnage at the Cannon** incident. Sam files assault charges and the attackers file countercharges. In a mishandling of justice that would have made **O.J.** cringe, the attackers are only convicted of harassment... There’s no leftist word for irony: the attackers, members of the Coalition for Social Justice and **Nonviolence**, painted over the American flag the words “Violence has no peace.”

The Judiciary panel exonerated the attackers, saying “they had practiced **physical, non-violent strategies** prior to going to the cannon.” Let’s hope cannon assaulters **Adam, Lou, and Liz** don’t tell lawyers for Osama bin Laden about these strategies... Two out of the three perpetrators later appeal the harassment verdict to the Committee on Student Life, which summarily acquits them of all wrongdoing. No peace from leftists who hate America, and no peace of mind for students who want to express **patriotism at Tufts**... Liz Monnin flees to Africa the next semester, but the boys aren’t done playing: in the spring, Carlis pens a **Radix** article describing his “juvenile acts of destruction.” He admits to committing vandalism, destruction of property, assault, and battery—yet he still wants people to believe he and his buddies never touched Sam?... **Lou Esparza** eschews further felonies but invites Sam to attend a “discussion” on race issues... but only *after* the punch-throwing peaceniks file disciplinary charges against three SOURCE members, accusing them of “**liable**.” Apparently Lou Esparza’s dictionary was accidentally tossed into the permanent **Crafts House flag fire**... They drop the complaint, but only after partner-in-crime (lit-

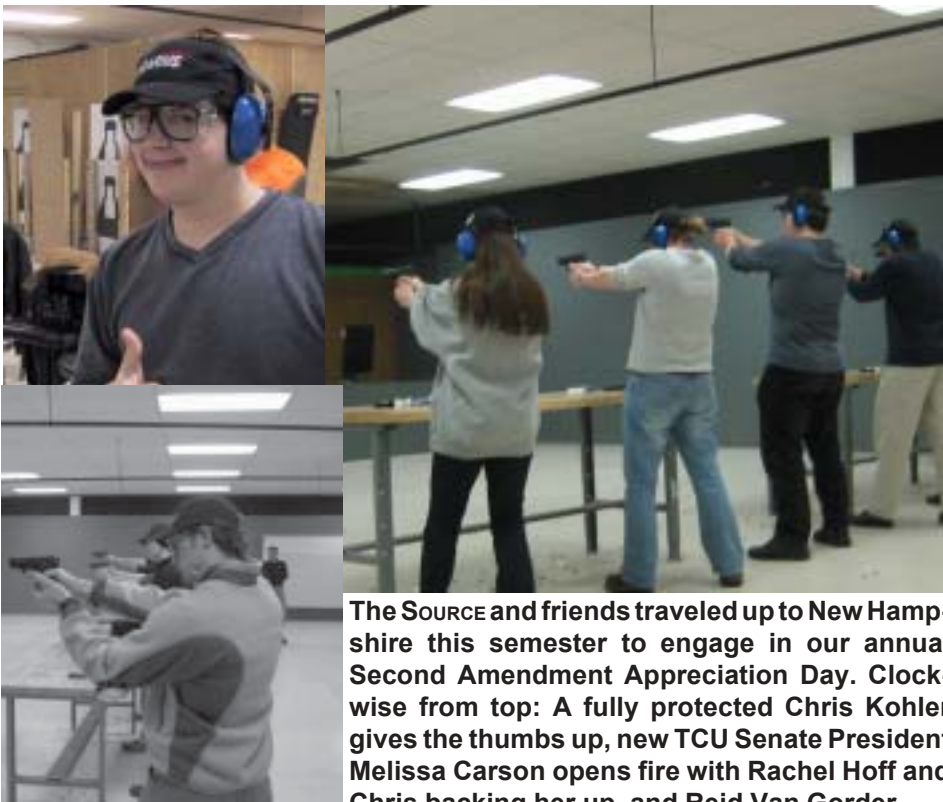
erally, folks) Iris Halpern files her own charges. Who’s Iris Halpern, you ask? Let’s start from the beginning...

SLAM Dancing

The SOURCE discovered exactly what happens when parents **don’t hug their kids**: after publishing a faceless cartoon spoofing her group’s uniforms, Student Labor Action Movement leader **Iris Halpern** has a conniption. Claiming the cartoon depicted her body in a degrading fashion, she filed **sexual harassment** charges against the SOURCE. CSL dismissed the charges almost as quickly as Iris decided she was **offended**... Halpern laments to the *Daily* that she was personally offended by the cartoon because she is the only female in her family not to have breast reduction surgery. Even worse for Iris, medical science is still unable to **surgically reduce obnoxious**... SLAM succeeds in convincing OneSource to **raise janitors’ wages**, but did irate Iris rest on her laurels? No—after the SOURCE printed an **anonymous letter** from a woman who claimed Iris harassed her, Halpern accused the SOURCE of libel. Although the claim was as frivolous as that of the cannon attackers, at least English major Iris spelled “**libel**” correctly.

Stolen or Stickered?

One day after distribution, entire boxes of our October 25, 2001 issue disappear from locations across campus. Rumor had it that the thieves were planning on re-distributing the issues with a copy of the university’s sexual harassment policy stapled to each. This proved needless after the SOURCE was **cleared of sexual harassment**... Following that hearing, anonymous feminists place bright green stickers on every copy of the November 28, 2001 issue of the SOURCE that read “Imagine A Campus Free From Sexism.” When questioned, TFA members reported that the stickers were placed by noted campus activists **Not Me** and **Ida Know**... Controversy ensues, but days later every remaining issue is stolen. An email, later confirmed by the TUPD to be valid, implicates members of the Pan-



The SOURCE and friends traveled up to New Hampshire this semester to engage in our annual Second Amendment Appreciation Day. Clockwise from top: A fully protected Chris Kohler gives the thumbs up, new TCU Senate President Melissa Carson opens fire with Rachel Hoff and Chris backing her up, and Reid Van Gorder.

African Alliance. Two weeks later, our Happy Holidays issue disappears from campus hours after distribution. We hope these people are **recycling**, at least.

Feminist Follies

TFA gals get their panties in a collective bunch in the fall, protesting (but *never* ripping down) DTD rush posters that feature scantily-clad women. DTD sets up a forum at Hotung Café to discuss the issue, and the ladies bring along a similar poster from the Thai Club. Freedom fighter Lou Esparza holds up both posters, points to the **Thai Club** one (which featured an Asian woman) and says, “The good thing about *this* picture is, at least she’s not white.” Sadly, this failed to make the annual “**Bias Incidents**” report in the *Daily*... The discussion forum closed the issue. Did that mean that the TFA would be bored for the rest of the semester? Hardly: flyers distributed at the forum read, “Warning: THE PRIMARY SOURCE IS VIOLENT Towards Women.” We win the case, but the lasses call another Hotung forum to bitch in our general direction. Feminist students and professors deride the First Amendment, and while neither Ass. Professor **Nancy Bauer** nor junior senator Ariana Flores make any sense, only Bauer stays calm throughout the entire affair. The impassioned Flores, meanwhile, appeals to reason: “**Free speech is crap**,” she exclaims during the forum. You know, for someone against the **First Amendment**, she sure likes to talk a lot. And loudly.

The unlikeliest of allies? An editorial in TCMAV’s mag, *The Window*, defends the SOURCE and says that the right to free speech must be preserved. Then, in a *Viewpoint*, TCMAV leaders **Scott Pherson** and **Kenny William** retract each and every one of those statements. This got them out of hot water with the TFA and SLAM, but the SOURCE was forced to retract every nice thing we’ve ever said about them... For women who talk about how they are silenced, they sure get a lot of money to put on crappy plays: feminists perform *The Vagina Monologues* for the second year in a row. Strangely, none of the audience members ate the **free sushi** that was being served in the lobby... Posters out-

Perhaps the most unfortunate part of the “cannon tussle” is that the original cannon design—shown here—was compromised. The field of stars on the rear was done with a makeshift stencil, and the stripes were carefully wrapped around the barrel with masking tape. The sides read “Liberty and Justice For All” and “God Bless America.”



side the play ask the actresses, “**If your vagina smelled**, what would it smell like?” Ariana Flores answers, “mystery and fun.” No matter how much their wages are raised, the janitors won’t help Flores take care of that **not-so-fresh feeling**.

Today’s Hot Lunch: Diversity

In September, a **tour guide** is heard on the academic quad telling her pre-frosh charges and soon-to-be-broke parents, “Most of the people here are, um... **very diverse**.” How diverse be they? Let’s find out... SOURCE members distribute their thoughtcrimes at the Orientation multiculti panels, and one **sycophant peer leader** told the audience, “I would like to apologize for the magazine that was handed out before the panel.” Thus, the first and last **apology** for SOURCE content was issued before the semester even began... Freshpersyn **Jennifer Ko** leads a campaign to rid dining halls of “over-fished” swordfish. Wait ‘til Jenn finds out about the **beluga whale chowder** Dewick serves during Senior Week... In a banner year for lyin’ lefty politician lectures, **Al Gore**,

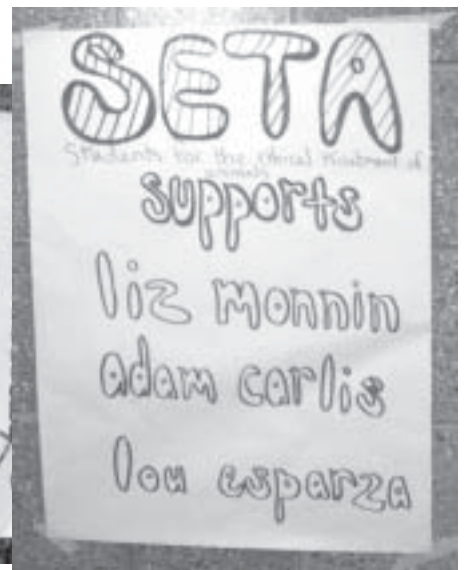
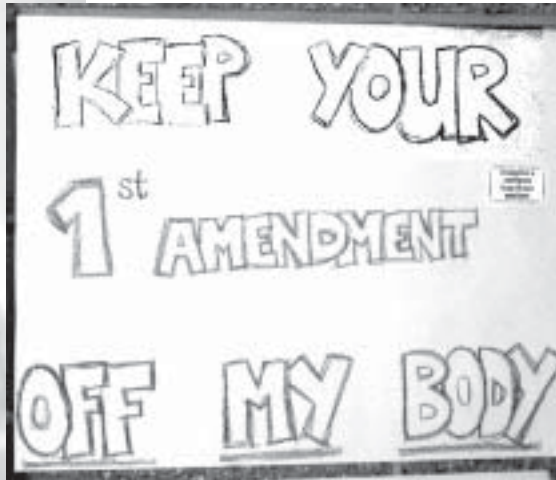
Bill Clinton, and **Michael Moore** speak at Tufts during the spring semester. One moment of respite for conservatives came in the form of **P.J. O’Rourke**, who lectured to a significantly smaller crowd.

Media Morons

In October the *Daily* adds the *Wall Street Journal Campus Edition*, bringing our *Daily* to record highs in relevant articles, appropriate layout, and words spelled correctly... The SOURCE hits the big time in a December 25th *Boston Globe* piece on campus controversy. The piece refers to cannon harasser Adam Carlis as merely “a liberal activist.” Hoorah for the vast, left-wing conspiracy!

What Have You Done For Me Lately?

And you thought Jar-Jar Binks was annoying: somewhere down Mass. Ave at your safety school, **Harvard** student Faisal Chaudhry published an essay on the Middle East, saying “white Israeli soldiers destroy refugee camps of the brown



The various hearings in which THE PRIMARY SOURCE was forced to defend itself this year brought out the best in lefty sign-making. Left: A slogan so good, they needed two signs. Center: Who needs logic when you have mixed metaphors? Right: We're not sure what the situation is here. Either SETA—Students For The Ethical Treatment of Animals—is far outstepping their jurisdiction in supporting cannon assailants Adam, Lou, and Liz... or they're not, and all our suspicions about the three of them are true.

people..." None other than **Natalie Portman** responds in the *Harvard Crimson*, saying the essay "is a distortion of the fact that most Israelis and Palestinians are **indistinguishable** physically. The Israeli government itself is comprised of a great number of Sephardic Jews, many of whom originate from Arab countries." Portman continued her fight on the set, asking George Lucas to remove a scene from *Episode II* where a Gungan runs into the Mos Eisley cantina strapped with dynamite... In other Harvard news, race-baiting prof **Cornel West** leaves Cambridge for a position at Princeton. That means Massachusetts joins New York and Connecticut as states that **export their trash** to New Jersey.

At a lecture by New England's **Israeli Consulate General**, a female Jumbo suggests to the speaker that Israel teach Palestinian poetry in schools. In the interest of cross-cultural understanding, we offer this classic Palestinian haiku:

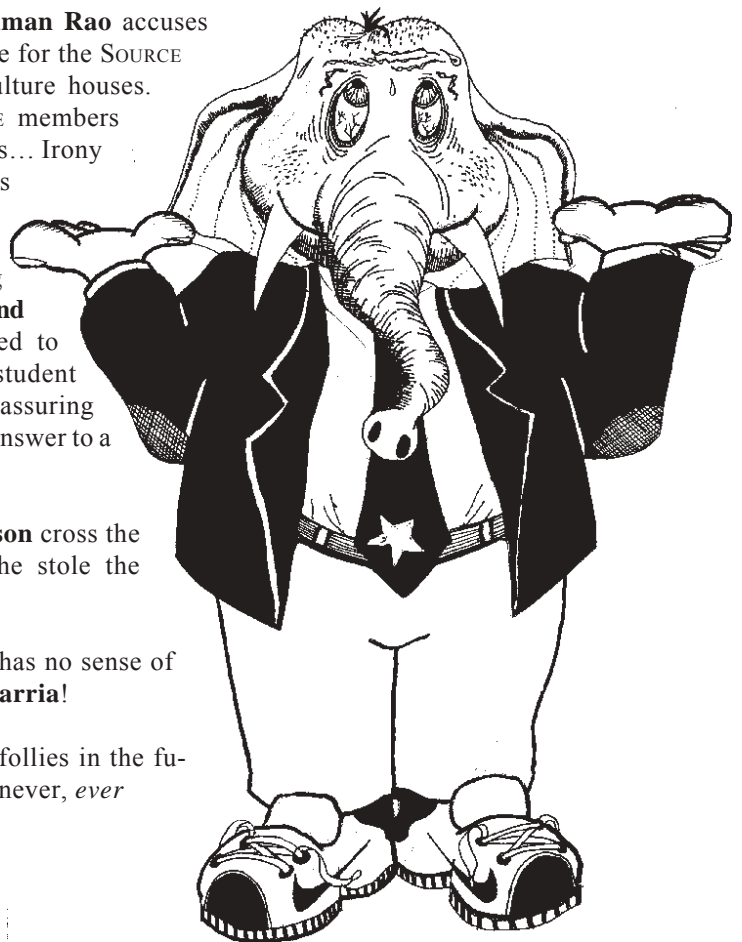
*I walk onto bus.
Press the detonator. BOOM!
Yasser pays my folks.*

At the candidate's debate for Committee on Student Life, **Suman Rao** accuses candidates who write for the SOURCE of never visiting culture houses. Irony: three SOURCE members live in culture houses... Irony squared: Suman has never attended a SOURCE meeting... Congrats to outgoing chief **Sam Dangremond** for getting re-elected to and being named student chair of CSL, thus assuring Suman will have to answer to a conservative.

Why did **Carl Jackson** cross the Atlantic? Because he stole the SOURCE.

What's diverse and has no sense of humor? **Noris Chavarria!**

Here's to more fun follies in the future. THE ELEPHANT never, ever forgets.



Reparations are a losing game.

Sins of the Fathers

by Gerard Balan

Recently CNN reported that a rash of con artists have been scamming blacks, promising them that for a fee, they would tell them how to file tax claims for slave reparations. Apparently 80,000 African-Americans filed claims for slavery reparations last year, a sharp increase from the 11,000 who filed these claims the year before. Here's the funny part: the IRS *actually* sent back checks totaling over one million dollars to people claiming the non-existent "Black Investment Tax." One of the con artists, Vernon James, who received \$40,000 in reparations, rationalized that since "the IRS took money from slaves...they [blacks claiming reparations] have the right to get it back."

This government blunder brings to light the controversy that still simmers over slave reparations. Americans remain divided over whether the government and certain corporations should provide restitution to descendants of African slaves. Events of the recent years suggest that the reparations movement is quietly building up steam. On September 30, 2000, California Governor Gray Davis signed into law a bill that could lead the way to the payment of reparations to the descendants of slaves. Under the Slaveholder Insurance Policies Bill (SB 2199), California's Insurance Commissioner has the power to request slave insurance policies from insurers doing business in California. Subsequently, after discovering evidence linking many American corporations to the slave trade, attorney Deadria Farmer-Paellmann filed a federal slave reparations lawsuit last month against FleetBoston Financial, CSX, and AETNA.

Supporters of the reparations movement, such as the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), cite *Mr. Balan is a junior majoring in Psychology.*

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several past precedents to support their claim. These include government payments to Japanese-Americans placed in internment camps during World War II and to survivors of a racially-motivated massacres, such as the murders that occurred in Rosewood, Florida. Other proponents, such as Randall Robinson, author of *The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks*, take the argument further. Robinson asserts that, "No race, ethnic or religious group has suffered as much over so long a span as blacks have and do still, at the hands of those who

benefited... from slavery and the century of legalized American racial hostility that followed it." Consequently, Robinson reasons, if Japanese Americans and Holocaust survivors can receive reparations for the suffering they endured, surely African Americans should receive the same benefit for the atrocity that was slavery. The difference between slavery and the Holocaust, however, is that the Jewish survivors were directly afflicted by the German government that doled out the reparations. In the case of American slavery, both the victims and the victimizers are long dead.

This leads to a greater question of whether holding people responsible today for the atrocities committed by others in the past is either ethical or fair. Even if we were to hold modern day whites responsible, should every white American pay restitution or only those who are direct descendants of slave owners? After all, only wealthy white Americans had slaves while poorer white Americans could not afford them. Are those who can prove that they descended from people were involved in the abolitionist movement or served and died in the Union army exempt? Additionally, the American black community is becoming more diverse. What about African Americans who

are not descendants of slaves or did not arrive in America until after slavery had been abolished? Should they receive reparations? How can we justify having Caribbean blacks pay slavery restitutions to African-Americans? Blacks whose ancestors come from Haiti, for example, logically will not qualify for reparations since they are descended from slaves brought over by the French. It would be outrageous to suggest that their tax dollars should be used to pay restitution to other blacks descended from the same horrible legacy.

Moral and ethical issues aside, there is a more practical reason to oppose slave reparations: it is economically infeasible. If, for instance, the United States government gave \$1,000 to each black person, paltry compensation for human suffering, that would yield a sum of \$34,658,190,000 using the figures from the 2000 census. If that amount were raised to \$10,000, the bill jumps to \$346 billion dollars. If the amount were raised further to \$20,000, the government would owe \$700 billion dollars.

Where will this money come from? If the feds were able to pull off paying a lump sum, the effect would be a rapid and sharp increase in inflation rates similar to that in the 70s. Even if the astronomical sum were to be paid out over time in installments, the budget deficit would rise dramatically. Taxes would be raised and federal programs would have to be cut to compensate for the reparations payments. Higher taxes usually lead to lower discretionary income, which leads to lower investment and spending. That would severely harm the economy by slowing its growth. Consequently, reparations payments, even small ones, would have be detrimental to the entire economy.

Undoubtedly reparations will cause deep discord in the United States that may set race relations back decades. According to Robinson's book, the reparations movement is not about money as much as a symbolic acknowledgment of America's past wrongs and a commitment to right past misdeeds. However, blacks have made it too far to be satisfied with the politics of symbolism. Rather, reparations supporters should appeal to universal ideals and build diverse coalitions. Blacks need novel ideas to fight the problems that still persist in their communities, such as poverty, inadequate health care, unfair imprisonment, and poor education. Reparations will harm America; new ideas will strengthen it. □

Path of Most Resistance

by *Chris Kohler*

Early this April, I received a small prize at the annual Academic Awards Convocation. My parents drove up from Connecticut to attend the ceremony. This was their first opportunity to meet some of the profes-

sors with whom I share mutual admiration and respect. They were amazed by the level of enthusiasm my professors seemed to have for my work and really had no idea how to respond. At the reception following, President Bacow was walking towards us on the steps in the sculpture court. I stopped him, thanked him, and shook his hand. At this, he said, "Are these your parents?" Moving to shake my mother's hand, he said in earnest, "We are *very proud* of your son." As he moved away, my mother mouthed to my father, "That was *the president*."

That experience had a profound impact on my parents, and I think it finally made them feel similarly to the way I do about Tufts University. All too late—as many seniors will understand—did I discover the tremendous opportunities that Tufts offers us if only we reach out and grasp them. Simply attending a university for four years guarantees you nothing. A diploma is a piece of paper. Every time we hear about a college graduate flipping burgers at McDonald's, this becomes painfully clear. Only by using to your advantage the tools that the University provides can you make your four years worthwhile ones.

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One tool with which I was provided was my junior year in Japan. All things considered, simply staying at Tufts all through junior year would have been the path of least resistance. But I worked all through sopho-

more year applying to the program, and the benefits to both my undergraduate and professional careers have been immeasurable. That experience made it possible for me to research and win a Fulbright scholarship. That, too, was made possible by Tufts' exceptional Japanese program and the professors and advisors who pushed my project along. I'm not special. These opportunities are available to each and every Tufts student. This Tufts University, the one my parents saw at the Academic Awards Ceremony, is the Tufts University I'd like to remember once I'm gone.

But as I'm sure you realize, that is not the only Tufts University that I will remember. My parents drove up to Tufts a few other times this past semester. Once, they happened to come on the same day as the ill-fated trustee luncheon in Dewick. I brought them to sit with SOURCE members and friends, and they listened as angry students took advantage of the Q&A session to raise complaints and gripes that went on for several minutes. It was clear that these students were not the ones taking advantage of the opportunities that a Tufts education offered them. My

parents could not believe what they were witnessing. "Why do they keep talking about their feelings?" my mother commented. "The trustees pay for their education, not their therapy."

She then got to see Adam Carlis stand up and call me a racist—not that he mentioned my name, because then he would be engaging in "personal attacks." This has been the buzzword of the campus Left this year. Say whatever you want to, but don't mention the person's name—unless that name is Sam Dangremond, of course. But besides my friend Sam, who apparently is the only person on campus who can be openly beaten and slandered with no outcry or consequence, for an "intelligent" student to mention someone's name is taboo. I saw the effects of this doctrine firsthand when a freshman, John Dulac, wrote a *Viewpoint* openly criticizing my article on "The Vagina Monologues." Dulac called my article—called me—"prejudiced" and "intolerant." But he never once mentioned my name. Perhaps he thought this princely. I find it cowardly, and indicative of a larger cowardice problem.

"Bias incidents" (my favorite Tuftonian doublespeak phrase) are catalogued and printed in the *Daily* by the Bias Response Team each year. Reading these lists, it becomes clear that "bias incidents" are a fringe phenomenon relegated to a few easily erasable chalkboard messages written by random students or, most often, local residents or guests. I do not worry about these messages. They affect no one. They are not indicative of an atmosphere of racism. They

are isolated, scattered, meaningless acts of vandalism committed by people who will never hold a position of power over you and me.

The real acts of intolerance, the real stuff that worries me, is what you read in *Radix*. Some of their writers make no

bones about it: they are willing to steal, vandalize, and assault to get their way and then brag about it in public. These, too, are extreme examples. The difference is that we know who perpetrated these "bias incidents," and they are allowed to go on with nary an administrative inquiry. Even worse is when we see attacks on a specific racial group. "Whitey is always the problem," said author Michael Moore at a well-attended lecture

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last month. Excuse me? This type of thinking is espoused by many Tufts professors as well, and it gives young, impressionable students the authority to make broad, sweeping, degrading comments about an entire race or gender (the latter as seen in “The Vagina Monologues”).

This is the opposite of “personal attacks.” If someone has a problem with *me* personally, they ascribe it to “straight

white males.” Obviously, not all straight white males cause certain people the same grief that I cause them. Meanwhile, if I were to say “Ariana Flores is a race-baiting demagogue,” I would be making a “personal attack,” but at least you can pinpoint exactly who I’m talking about. I didn’t say “Hispanic women are...”

Of course, I *might as well* have said that. Because these people are so used to dealing with problems in broad, race-based thinking, as soon as I “attack” (read: point out the truth about) a person, I have automatically “attacked” every group to which that person might belong.

For the record, Ariana Flores is a race-baiting demagogue. She was the recipient of a few jokes in the SOURCE after she chewed

out some SOURCE members at a forum on sexual harassment. But her latest *Viewpoint* typifies all that is wrong with the Left on this campus. She defines the failed Amendment III as a “racist and homophobic piece of legislation.” She goes on to state—point-blank—that the only reason Amendment III’s writers and supporters brought it to the

ballot is to silence “gays and people of color.” These inflammatory statements (which inspired a record three counter-*Viewpoints* and two letters in the next day’s paper) have probably done more to divide this campus along racial lines than anything ever printed in the SOURCE. Flores seems to aspire to be the next Jesse Jackson. She is content to stir up racism and intolerance while ignoring basic facts. She is not interested in healing or ameliorating. She is interested in exacerbating the problem to her own benefit.

People like Flores comprise the *other* Tufts University. They are the reason that I am glad to be getting the hell out of here. I leave with no regrets; my time is up and has been well-spent.

One final thought before I leave: Tufts students do not realize how good they have it thanks to THE PRIMARY SOURCE. Leftism runs amok on other college campuses, and I’m not just talking about students whose hygiene is only slightly worse than their politics. Restrictive speech codes and kangaroo courts that suspend students without due process for saying the wrong words are *de rigeur* for many college administrations. You just don’t read about it a) due to the *overwhelmingly* liberal media bias on college campuses and, to a slightly lesser extent, the national press and b) because the administrations keep these things hush-hush.

For a time, Tufts was going down the same slippery slope. But this has been a banner year for freedom of speech on this campus. THE PRIMARY SOURCE has been entirely vindicated of each of the offensive, baseless charges that have been filed against this journal and its members. The administration has realized that the conservative movement on this campus is a force to be reckoned with. What’s more, the SOURCE has succeeded in bringing these debates and hearings into the public eye. The days of secret, hush-hush disciplinary action at Tufts may well be over, and every student has THE PRIMARY SOURCE to thank for preserving their rights.

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Icons of conservative humor P.J. O'Rourke and Chris Kohler meet for the first time this semester.



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*Segregation was racist when it was called “Jim Crow.”
It’s still racist when it’s called “culture reps.”*

Segregation Never

by Robert Lichter

TCU Senate culture representatives were 198 votes away from losing their voting power. Of the 52% of the campus who voted on Amendment III, which would have done away with the old system that allowed token senators—called culture representatives—the right to vote, 48% opposed it while another 40% supported it. Although the students who opposed the amendment may have greater numbers, the supporters outweigh them in logical and democratic thought.

During the debate on the culture lobbyist amendment, Ariana Flores based her arguments on the old liberal stereotype that says minorities are incapable of attaining any measure of success without special consideration and help. She labeled Amendment III racist and homophobic, but two of her opponents in the debate presented an excellent argument against her position before they even opened their mouths: one is black and another is homosexual. Why would either of these members of minority groups support this amendment if Flores’ accusations were true? The audience could clearly see the dark skin and rainbow pin worn by her opponents. That two supporters of the amendment come from the very groups she feels need protection belies the need for a minority rep. Both are capable of framing logical arguments in support of their ideas, and both can gain supporters who are not nec-

essarily within their respective minority groups.

The United States used to have a system that marginalized blacks under the guise of equality while holding them separate from

white society. “Separate but equal” was a hideous, unfair system that prevented blacks from accessing education, housing, and public facilities because whites insisted blacks needed their own facilities. Martin Luther King

dreamed of a day when his children would be judged not by the color of their skin, but on the quality of their character and ideas. Unfortunately for Flores, we who agree with Dr. King must judge her by her ideas.

She claims that the TCU Senate needs culture reps because minorities are marginalized and require access to the senate. Yet she acknowledges that recent senate races are uncontested—does this imply that no minority student has any ideas that the student body at large would find worthy of support? The problem, she says, is that senators do not always take into account how projects and policies may affect minorities. According to this presumption, every person of color is exactly like every other person of color, and every homosexual is the same as well. That policies sometimes have adverse, unintended consequences is true; if such a policy only adversely affected minority students, undoubtedly that policy would be illegal, or at least reviled by a majority on the campus.

Senate seats are not hotly contested, and voter turnout is not high. If a culture group

wanted to elect one of its members to the senate in order to pursue that group’s agenda, they could easily rally enough support to win a seat. Of course there are many excellent candidates for the senate among minority students, people who would be assets to campus government and political discourse. Still, senators should be elected because they can prevail in a campaign of ideas, not given a “pity vote” as a minority.

The presence of unelected culture reps in the senate may mislead minority students into thinking they can be represented only by someone of their race or sexual persuasion. This mindset would make them unlikely to think through issues and make decisions based on the critical merit of the facts, rather than blindly following a “culture expert.” If a student thinks that those who represent him must belong to his culture group, then he will select friends from within that group and be suspicious of outsiders. This is how a supposedly diverse campus ends up with voluntarily segregated dining halls, even though the rest of the country outlawed segregated restaurants decades ago.

The doctrine of “separate but equal” not only kept blacks physically separate from whites; it also encouraged the absurd belief that the races are different and can never truly integrate. That anyone might believe they have to think in certain patterns because of their race or sexuality denies the importance of the individual and goes against the grain of democratic government. When a minority dares to think outside his cultural box, he will be kept in line by his own culture police. Thus, racism and bigotry end up coming from inside the group, not from the outside.

The contention that minorities cannot win elections but must be given senate seats further begs this question: if the senate as a whole marginalizes minorities, which specific senators have helped create this atmosphere of exclusion? If they exist, Flores should point them out. They do not belong on the senate, and we need to remove them during the next election or through recall. Having culture reps in place to counter their effect is not enough; racists and homophobes should not be in such positions of power. So, pray tell, Ariana: who are the racists and homophobes in the TCU Senate? Do they really exist, or are they ghosts of past discrimination, gone, but continually called to appear by the marginalizing doctrine of unelected culture reps? □

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In the marketplace of ideas, one party holds a monopoly.

Diversity of a Different Color

by Sam Dangremond

"Only through diversity of opinion is there, in the existing state of human intellect, a chance of fair play to all sides of the truth."

—John Stuart Mill

Less than 2 percent. How could Tufts be diverse when a group that makes up almost half of the American public comprises less than 2% of the Tufts faculty? Were this a racial group, there would be an uproar—but this is an ideological group. In a survey of more than a third of all Tufts University faculty members, less than 2% were found to be registered Republicans.

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In the academic world of an American university, the search for truth is the goal of students and faculty alike. Students join the university community with the desire to learn from the accumulated wisdom handed down by professors. In this learning environment, like any other in which young minds are being shaped, students naturally ask whether a diversity of opinion is present. Are all sides represented well enough to ensure that students arrive at the truth? Do universities encompass an assortment of views, or are they dominated by a uniformity of thought?

Critics of the modern university have often alleged that today's institutions of higher education are politically correct. Authors such as Dinesh D'Souza have created a cottage industry around describing this phenomenon. Each year, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, a conservative think-tank names the most outrageous leftist events on campuses, and conservative writer David Horowitz has conducted sev-

eral polls of faculty members concerning their beliefs. Yet these descriptions of the ideologies in universities rely on anecdotal stories about single professors or events, or are based on polling with its inherent flaws. A more systematic method of evaluating the diversity of opinion present on college campuses could ground this debate in a more factual basis.

One possible way of evaluating the ideological diversity present in a university would be to study the voter registration among faculty members. While the two-party system of Republicans and Democrats cannot reflect the whole of a person's beliefs by its simple either/or choice, the two parties nonetheless represent two trends of thought. By examining how faculty members are registered to vote, one could assess the general ideological tone at a given university. Are faculty members registered as Democrats, Republicans, independents, third parties, or are they not registered at all? Such a study was conducted of the faculty here at Tufts University, and the results were entirely predictable.

After correlating the list of faculty with the voter registration rolls from five surrounding towns, a very clear trend emerged. Out of a total of 127 faculty members surveyed, a sample size of over one-third of the Tufts' faculty, 43.3%

were found to be registered Democrats, while 1.6%, a mere two professors, are registered Republicans. This trend is a clear

validation of what many have long suspected about the Tufts faculty. The remainder of the faculty was 29.9% independent and 25.2% were not registered to vote.

Excluding those who are not registered to vote, the trend becomes even more striking. Although some faculty members may purposefully choose not to register, one may assume that the main reasons faculty are not registered are that they have recently moved to the Boston area or because their citizenship status precludes them from voting. Looking only at those faculty members registered to vote, one finds that 40.1% are independent, while a whopping 57.9% are Democrats and only 2% are Republicans.

With this trend in mind, one must ask whether or how it may affect education at Tufts University. There are essentially two distinct camps of thought among the faculty about the role of ideology in the classroom and in the university setting. On one hand, many professors strive to objectively analyze their field of study by removing their own personal beliefs from the academic setting. Other professors believe that this is not entirely possible, and they are open about their beliefs and the role they play in their academic work.

Professor James Glaser, chairman of the Political Science Department, takes the first approach. While admitting that he has his own personal beliefs, he views his role as a faculty member as one that requires impartiality. "I am a social scientist," Professor Glaser said. "So objectivity is my goal. To do otherwise [than act objectively] puts your credibility at stake, both with students and colleagues." Professor Glaser even extends his neutrality beyond the classroom, saying, "If someone invited me to lead a rally for or against a particular issue, I would not attend."

Other professors take a more postmodernist approach to the relationship between ideology and the classroom. Many believe that entirely separating one's beliefs from one's academics is impossible. One English professor com-

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mented, "Faculty members should not pretend that we're not part of the system." The English department in particular is infamous for its ideological stances on hot-button political issues; one can hardly traverse East Hall without being bombarded by overtly opinionated messages on doors and bulletin boards. Dean of Students Bruce Reitman, however, commented that as long as faculty members are honest about what they will be teaching and do not penalize those who think differently, then this be-

more left-leaning than its surroundings.

Provost Sol Gittleman aptly summed up the most likely cause of the current situation. "The top Ph.D. granting universities were radicalized in the 60's," Gittleman said. "Now those people are teaching." He further elucidated the nature of today's institutions of higher learning, saying, "The inclusion of policy and advocacy in American universities has happened in the last 30 years." Thus, no longer are faculty members content to be merely mentors; they also strive to be active

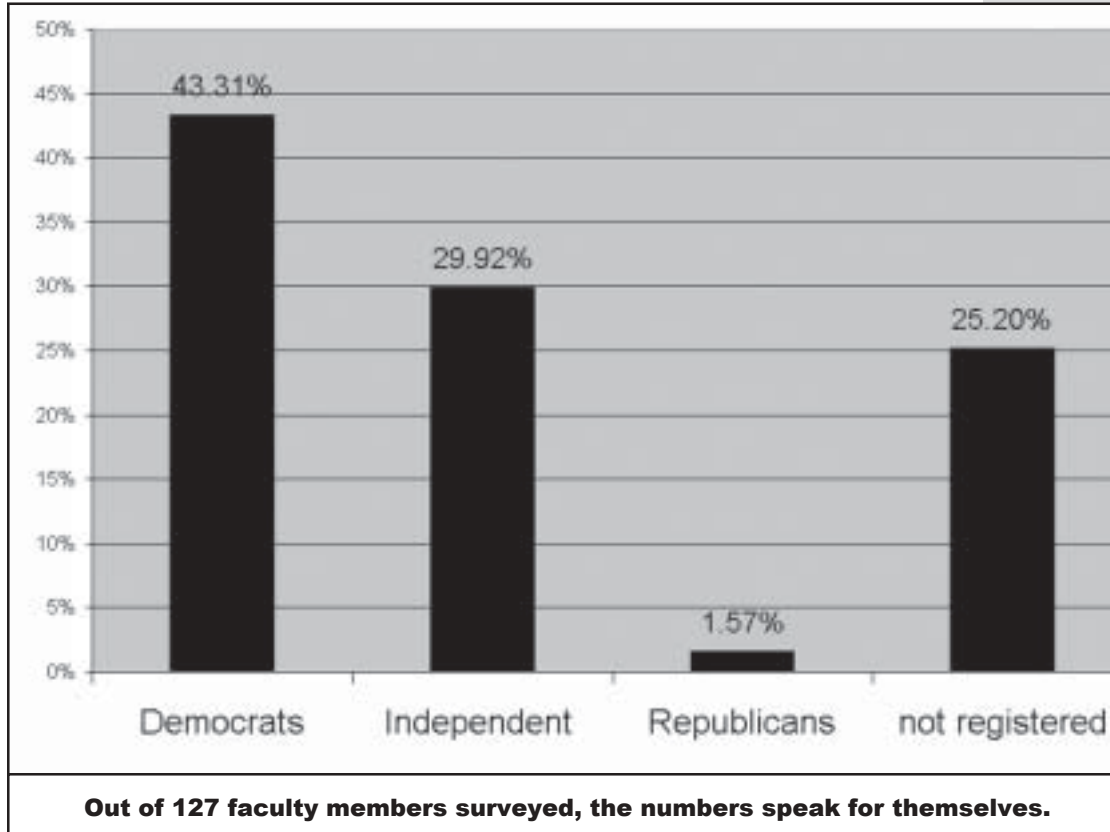
Methods

In any study which attempts to draw generalities from specific information, the methods used in that study should be thoroughly examined. First, the list of all faculty members was obtained from the Tufts Bulletin available at www.ase.tufts.edu/bulletin/organization.com. A total of 370 full time faculty members are listed in this bulletin, which has not been updated to the current year.

Since voters register by town, the addresses of these faculty members were found using an online version of the white pages. A variety of sites are available that can search the whole of Massachusetts for a given name, most notably InfoUSA.com. This step introduces error into the study for three primary reasons: a faculty member simply may not have a listed phone number, a faculty member may have a name that is too common to determine which town they live in, or a faculty member may not live in Massachusetts. In the first case, an online search of government public records (mostly real estate transactions) done through KnowX.com refined the study by identifying towns of residence in some cases where no public listing was available in the white pages. The second and third cases are limiting factors to this study.

The hometowns of 279 faculty could be identified using the methods mentioned above. From the remainder, 37 could not be identified because neither a white pages listing nor public records were available, and 54 could not be identified because the names were too common. These 279 faculty members resided in 75 different towns across Massachusetts.

In order to pragmatically narrow the study, the voter rolls of only five towns with the greatest number of faculty residing in them were researched. These towns are Medford, Somerville, Cambridge, Arlington, and Lexington. There were 127 faculty members living in these five towns surrounding Tufts. Voter registration rolls for all enrolled voters are readily available at each town or city hall. □



havior is a healthy exercise of academic freedom.

Limiting the academic freedom of faculty members would be an inexcusable abridgement of their freedom of speech. Still, Tufts students should wonder why this one-sided political trend exists and how the school can promote more speech so that undergrads are exposed to a more balanced ideological spectrum. Unfortunately, Tufts' location in the Northeast is one factor that precludes a more even balance of ideology. Massachusetts is perhaps the most heavily Democratic state in the nation, yet the average percentage of all voters who are registered Republicans in the five towns surrounding Tufts that were studied is 10%. Therefore, Tufts is even

citizens by shaping public policy. This new role has likely attracted a certain type of applicant to faculty positions, resulting in the lopsidedness seen in this survey.

In the end, suspicions about the nature of Tufts faculty have been confirmed. Tufts is Democratic, and the paltry few Republicans give no balance. Tufts sorely lacks diversity of thought. Although professors like Glaser may try to overcome their own beliefs, there are far more who are blatant about their liberal beliefs. Not only does Tufts have an ideological imbalance, but the university also has more faculty who are willing to foster this imbalance in the classroom. Without diversity of opinion, one can only wonder about the chance for fair play to all sides of the truth. □

On the Fence

by *Tara Heumann*

“No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any interscholastic, intercollegiate, club, or intramural athletics offered by a recipient, and no recipient shall provide any such athletics separately on such basis...A recipient which operates or sponsors...athletes shall provide equal athletic opportunity for members of both sexes.”

This excerpt from 106.41 of the 1972 Amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was meant to bar sex discrimination in educational athletics. Also called Title IX, the statute was passed to give women unprecedented opportunities in housing, course offerings, and employment as well. Proponents of Title IX point to the development and proliferation of women’s athletic programs at large southern state colleges and universities to defend the law, citing the rising statistics of women involved in college sports as a direct result of the Amendment. As frustrated Jumbo fencers argue, however, Title IX isn’t all good news. At Tufts, the law prevents the male team from attaining varsity status, a technicality that hurts not only the men, but also the female athletes the law was designed to help.

Tufts’ obligation to provide “equal opportunities” for male and female Jumbos forces the school to take steps to balance the number of varsity athletic teams of each sex or at least make them *Miss Heumann is a sophomore majoring in International Relations.*

proportional to the student population. Though there are 13 male fencers who practice for at least eight hours a week alongside women, the rigid requirements of Title IX actually force the university to treat the men and women unequally. The

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varsity-level women’s team receives financial support from Tufts that the club-level men’s team must forgo. The university pays for women’s uniforms and strips, arranges for athletic department vans to transport the women to and from meets, and provides food for competition days. The men’s team is forced to raise its own money for such expenses. Frustrated fencers point out that the men and women train, practice, and party together as an indication that the men deserve equal treatment. To demonstrate their team unity, every female fencer has taken on the responsibility of selling \$80.00 in candy bars to help defray some of the men’s costs.

In addition to financial costs, the men pay for their club status in terms of lost competitive opportunities. In a recent fencing meet hosted by MIT and Brandeis only two of the eight teams in attendance agreed to spar against Tufts’ athletes. Since teams receive no NCAA points for fencing against male Jumbos, there is little incentive for them to square off against Tufts men. Without varsity status, the men’s team is ranked below every other male team on the ladder. Subsequent placement after the original sorting is based on defeating teams ranked higher. Ranked much lower than their skill

level, male jumbos present a danger to other teams; the potential costs of fencing against them are much higher than the benefits.

Though the men’s team pays the steeper price for the discrimination, the counterintuitive result is that the women’s team is hurt by Title IX as well. Said one female varsity fencer, “One of the unfortunate aspects of Title IX, at least for the women’s fencing team, is that we get snubbed by other schools who don’t want to waste their time fencing just us and not our men.” At the collegiate level, she added, it is common practice to bring both teams to each meet. The women end up relying on “the goodwill of other schools” to fence Tufts’ male athletes in order to create their competitive schedule, a situation that places even female Jumbos at a distinct disadvantage.

Title IX is needed most at large state colleges and universities where, if the decision were left entirely up to athletic administrators, the only varsity team funded would be men’s football. But favoritism shown towards pigskin is not sexist, it’s economical; football draws fans and creates tremendous revenue for the school. Title IX may be seen as correcting a market failure; the positive externalities associated with women’s athletics are more important than the profits than can be made by supporting varsity football alone. But when Title IX does a disservice to student athletes, as it does for Jumbo fencers, the sports conferences should take an active role in providing as many teams as possible with the chance to compete.

It is not the national law but the New England Intercollegiate Fencing Conference (NEIFC), of which Tufts Fencing is a member, that determines rankings and creates the disincentive for other colleges to spar us. If the NEIFC would arrange the ladder according to ability and not varsity status, male and female jumbos would finally get a fair shake at competition. As long as the team is endorsed by the university, it should not matter to the conference whether the school has provided the funding or if the athletes themselves have worked to maintain the team themselves. Even if the invocation of Title IX currently leaves Tufts unable to fund a men’s team, a skill-based ranking system on the part of the NEIFC would finally treat male fencers like the hardworking serious competitors that they are. □

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In the midst of the oh-so-many trite and tired ideas that get recycled each year at Tufts, occasionally something innovative will arise. Our first nominee for BEST NEW IDEA is **free movies** from **Film Series**. Now you don't have to pay anything to not see *Lord of the Rings*... The second nominee for Best New Idea is the **flat panel displays** erected across campus by TuftsLife.com. The SOURCE hopes the program can be expanded further by firing the people whose jobs TuftsLife guru Mike Masterman does in his spare time... The next nominee is also an Information Age campus improvement: **online elections**. Thanks to the new Elections Board, future TCU candidates will be forced to cater to the apathetic white male demographic... Finally, you gotta love the **student advocate system** proposed by Wendell Phillips winner Mike Ferency. Although the program needs work, we can already see Tufts' own Johnny Cochran rising from its ranks.

Some Tufts students are so fond of hearing the sound of their voice that they can't stop talking—even to avoid incriminating themselves. For those folks, there's the FOOT-IN-MOUTH award. The first nominee is **Noris Chavarria**, who begged President Bacow, "Please make it so that I don't have to live in fear of being the butt of someone else's jokes." Knock knock... The next nominee is *Carnage at the Cannon* perpetrator **Liz Monnin**. Only Little Miss Monnin could be so bold as to write "we want a campus where every student is safe and protected from harassment" while serving Probation I for harassing Sam Dangremond... The final nominee is **Carl Jackson**, who organized the mass theft of SOURCE issues and then bragged about it in an email to Pan-African Alliance alumni.

Two nominees stand above all others for the prestigious DIRTY DAMN LIAR award. First, **Iris Halpern** gets the nod for exaggerating her plight to the media when she told the *Globe* that students discussed her body in front of her after the infamous SOURCE cartoon appeared. The funny thing is that Halpern never once

alleged this at any other time, even during the hearing before the Committee on Student Life... The other DIRTY DAMN LIAR is Pan-African Alliance head **Abdul Farah**. Left holding the bag after Carl Jackson fled to Africa, Farah denied all knowledge of "magazine dumpings." Too bad he was among the recipients of Carl Jackson's aforementioned email...

In a year in which Tufts made the national media for its outrages, the OUTRAGE OF THE YEAR AWARD is one that is hotly contested. The first nominee is the **theft of over 4,000 copies** of THE PRIMARY SOURCE, a series of crimes that showed some Tufts students aren't above resorting to a little theft when it suits their ideology... The second nominee is the Committee on Student Life, for their decision to let **Carnage at the Cannon** assailants Adam Carlis and Liz Monnin off of their punishment. To student government's elected leaders, violence against conservatives just doesn't qualify as a **hate crime**, or even a plain ol' crime.

THE BIGGEST WASTE OF UNIVERSITY FUNDS award has several contenders, the first being **Radix**, for receiving over **\$5,000** in buffer funding yet publishing rather infrequently. No matter how much money they get, we have a feeling they'll soon *submerge* out of existence... **Glossy Observer covers** take the second nomination, but at least they get students to pick up the *Observer*—even if they don't read it... Iris Halpern's **new feminist lit mag** gets a nod, and yet another publication—THE PRIMARY SOURCE—is the final nominee. Issues Four, Five and Six turned out to be a true waste, since they were all **stolen**.

Tufts leftists are never short on bad ideas, so there's always a heated battle for WORST NEW IDEA. The first dunderheaded design was the **Trustee Luncheon in Dewick**. President Bacow's intentions were good—allow students to address trustees—but he should have known better than to give Jumbo activists the chance to bitch. After a verbal barrage, one trustee stormed out of the event early... The next pea-brained proposal is the **Graduate Student Union**. Don't blame us if unionized English TA's go on strike when

the professor forgets to put *I, Rigoberta Menchu* on the syllabus... When senators believe their opinions on world affairs matter, we've got ourselves a front-runner for the WORST NEW IDEA AWARD. When soft-skulled senators Nick Abraham and Pritesh Gandhi proposed that the TCU senate issue a **condemnation of violence in Israel**, the student body laughed and laughed. As a SOURCE contributor, Nick should have known better.

Insomniacs take heart: the 2001-2002 school year provided undergrads with plenty of yawns amidst terrorism, protests, and on-campus crime. The first YAWN OF THE YEAR nominee arrived on campus preaching revolution. Yet with their teen-angst-ridden rhetoric, **Radix** did a better job of recruiting conservatives than the SOURCE did. No doubt *Radix* will go the way of the half-dozen liberal mags that have disbanded since the SOURCE was founded... When Harvard students got word that Tufts' **Student Labor Action Movement (SLAM)** was fighting for living wages, Iris Halpern's Crimson cronies must have yawned and said, "Been there, done that." In the end, Tufts will remember SLAM for their uniforms, not their accomplishments... And did you hear the one about the feminists who fought to **remove "Jackson College" from diplomas**? Talk about trying to break the glass ceiling with a feather.

Do we even need to consult the judges? Amazingly enough, **Pritesh Gandhi** is not the front-runner for the SHUT-UP-AND-GO-WAY AWARD. Yes, Pritesh was the best friend of culture reps, the poseur who proposed a senate condemnation of Israel, and the worrying wussy who whined of a conservative backlash after September 11th. But Pri can't compare to **Iris Halpern**, who filed 14 frivolous complaints against the SOURCE, trampled free speech, and led protests that excelled at sound and fury, but yielded nothing. Halpern told the *Daily* that vandals who defaced thousands of SOURCE issues were exercising free speech. Guess they don't read the Constitution in Women's Studies.

And the winner is

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Liz Monnin**



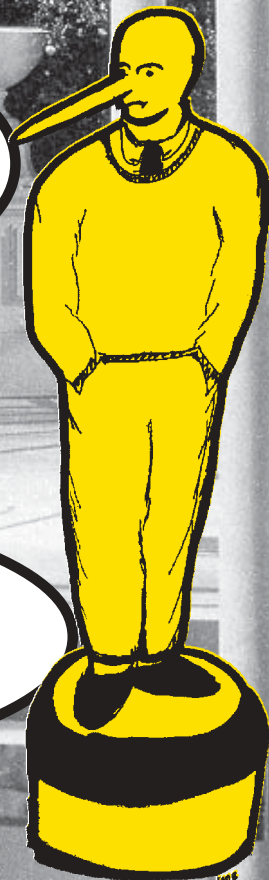
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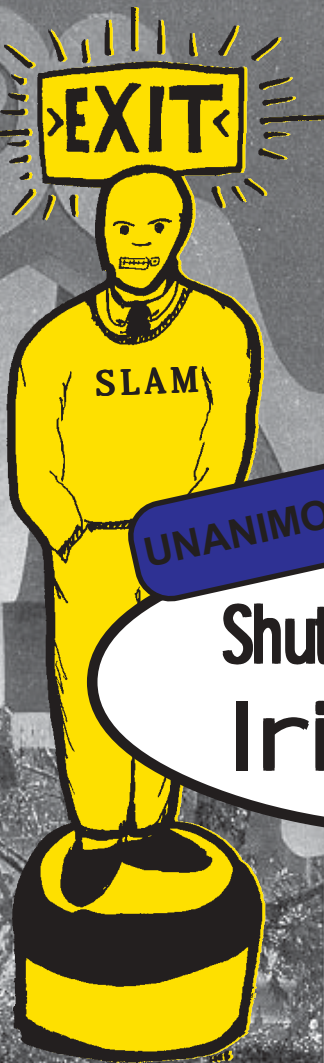
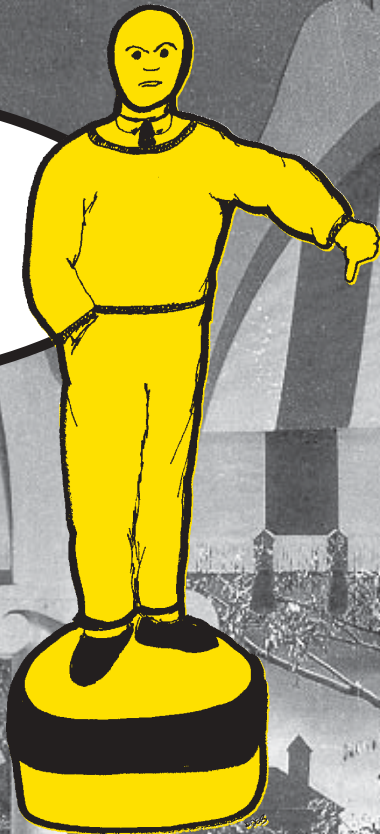
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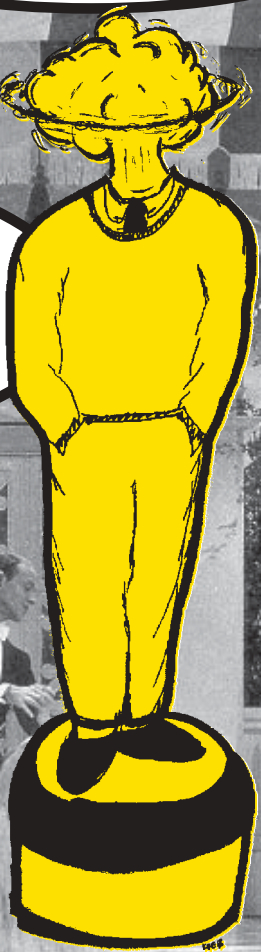
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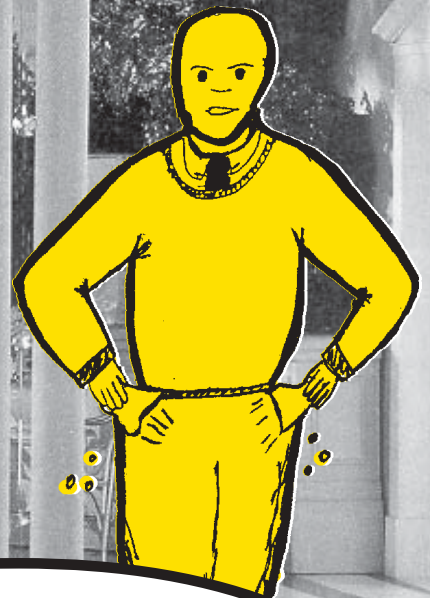


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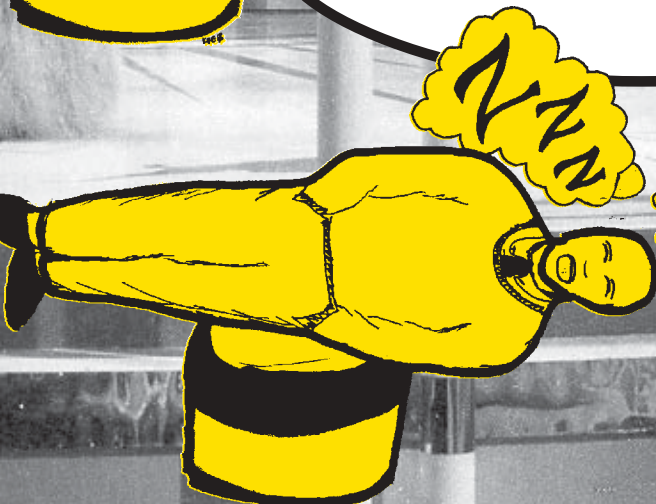
**Shut-Up-and-Go-'Way
Iris Halpern**



**Yawn of the Year
No more "Jackson"**



**Biggest Waste
Observer Covers**



Le Pen is mightier than le sword.

Rewriting European Liberalism

by Christian Miller

On Sunday, April 21st, the elections in France stunned Europe. Jean-Marie Le Pen, candidate for France's National Front Party, defeated incumbent Prime Minister Lionel Jospin and the head of the socialist party to go on to contest Jacques Chirac in the run-off elections on May 5th. As of last Tuesday, a poll predicted that Jacques Chirac and Lionel Jospin would garner the most support from the French public, allowing them to advance to the run-offs. In

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fact, when the French elections occur every five years, the parties of these two candidates trade off control of the parliament and the presidency, with the smaller parties rarely obtaining any substantial victory. Coupled with the prevailing left-leaning mindset of the nation, that many took to the streets to protest Le Pen's win is hardly surprising. Their rage raises some serious issues for France—why would a man of Le Pen's politics garner so many votes, and what do his policies portend for France?

Perhaps a review of French politics is in order. Enduring four different governmental systems under four different "Republics," the French finally seem to have achieved stability under the Fifth Republic. The Fifth Republic incorporates features from the American and British federal governments and is hence dubbed a Presidential-Parliamentary system. France has emerged as a multi-party state with current elections hosting sixteen separate competing parties. Because of the large

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number of parties and the requirement that a party win a majority of the vote, France always has a run-off election between the parties that obtain the largest percentage of votes in the first round. Normally, this has always been France's socialist party headed by Lionel Jospin, and the conservative party headed by Jacques Chirac.

So how did a man like Jean-Marie Le Pen, whom his opponent Jacques Chirac calls "a xenophobe and anti-Semite," finish second to a moderate like Chirac by a narrow margin? Much of the problem lies in the comatose state of French politics. A general consensus exists among large portions of the population that lately the two major French parties have achieved very little. Since there are so many parties, for either to carry a majority strong enough to enact effective legislation and policies is no easy task. Compounded with the recent accusations of corruption and scandal among several French politicians, no wonder Le Pen received so many votes. Those who voted for Le Pen feel that many of the traditional French parties are not listening to their concerns and lack backbone. For these reasons, many French voters decided that a change in political affiliation, at least in the initial elections, is necessary to remind politicians of their function: representing the needs of voters.

While support for Le Pen is unlikely to continue in the run-off elections, his character and policies provide a new and interesting perspective to French and European politics. A number of accusations have been directed at the National Front leader,

including that he is a fascist and a Nazi, among others. One must keep in mind just how thoroughly liberal France is, however, when assessing the validity of these accusations. That is not to say, however, that Le Pen is entirely innocent of them. Many of his comments do carry an edge of bigotry to them, and this should be held against him. Since France is such a left-leaning nation, the one good thing about Le Pen's success is that a right-wing candidate like him could act as an effective counterbalance. In fact, his success reflects a larger trend of conservative successes in other European nations such as Italy.

The one policy of which French voters should be wary is Le Pen's stance on immigration. The National Front staunchly supports closing borders and restricting immigration; their motto is "France is for the French." Nationalism in and of itself is a respectable quality, yet anti-immigration laws are counterproductive to free trade and economic association in Europe. The laws limit the flow of ideas and labor within Europe, prohibiting markets from settling into their proper equilibrium and firms from increasing productivity through the influx of labor. Such a policy could depreciate the already sagging European economy.

Perhaps the most amusing aspect of this election is that not too long ago there were jabs and barbs from the French mocking the United States for the Clinton scandals and for the contested elections in 2000. Since the roles are now reversed, every American can kick back and take the opportunity to engage in a classic American pastime: laughing at the French. □



Le Pen, candidate of controversy.

If you hate paying taxes, then have a steak for dinner.

Vegans Suck (the Economy Dry)

by Reid Van Gorder

Having spent three years at Tufts University, I have often been confronted by a certain group of campus activists for my consumption of red meat. Some believe it is an unethical food source, some believe it is unhealthy, and some feel that animal products should be eliminated from one's diet altogether. "Regarding ethics, a vegan diet eliminates a tremendous amount of killing," claims Vegan.com. Replace the words "a vegan diet" with "adoption," and this same phrase can be used to argue against another type of "killing." Ignoring the ethical issues, which can be debated to no end, and ignoring the health arguments, which are also very debatable, I choose to consume red meat because it helps the economy, specifically the farming industry.

As the United States farming industry has become more efficient, it has also become able to produce more grain each year, even in the presence of extreme weather conditions such as droughts. The influx of grain into the market has caused prices to fall and has hurt some farmers. Leave it to the government to combat the laws of economics by setting a floor on prices in an attempt to "help" those who were hurt by the naturally falling prices of grain. Even a Harvard undergraduate can see that the price floor set by the government will cause a surplus of grain to flood the market and will hurt even more farmers. Farmers won't even

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be able to give their crop away because the government's oblivious economic policy would make it illegal. In order to maintain the price floor, the government must pick up the slack by paying certain farmers not to grow grain, thus eliminating the surplus. In 1999, the government shelled out over \$17.6 billion in farm subsidies to maintain this inefficient price floor, which brings me to one of the main arguments in favor of a vegan diet: efficiency.

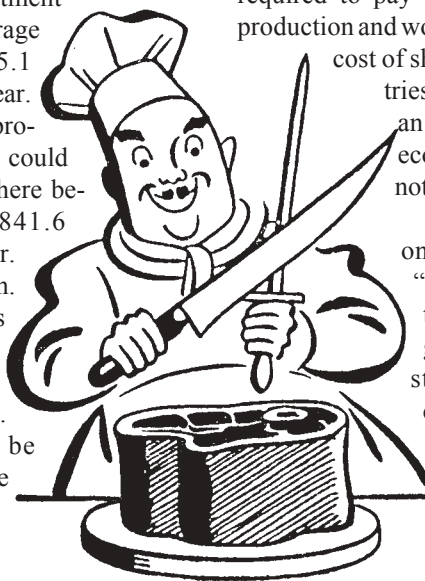
According to www.chreese.com, a popular pro-vegan website, producing one pound of beef requires between eight and sixteen pounds of grain. The grain is used to feed cows before they are slaughtered and sliced up into oh-so-delicious pieces of steak. According to the Department of Agriculture, the average citizen consumes 115.1 pounds of red meat per year. Using the information provided above, this meat could be replaced with anywhere between 920.8 and 1841.6 pounds of grain per year. That's a whole lot of grain. To the uninformed, this sounds like a great idea. Eating less meat means more grain for everyone. World hunger could be ended and everyone would be happy, right? Wrong.

Let's consider the economic impact of the grain that would be "saved" if everyone were to switch to a vegan diet. Assuming a person would consume close to the same amount of food per year, the annual 115.1 pounds of red meat could be replaced with 115.1 pounds of grain. There are several sources of grain in the United States, but for this example, consider corn as the substitute of choice. By consuming corn instead of meat, anywhere between 805.7 and 1726.5 pounds of corn would be left in the marketplace, per person, per year. Using an American population count of about 243 million, this leaves between 195.8 and 419.5 billion pounds of corn that would go uneaten. If the economy was unhindered, the price for corn would plummet, and once again farmers wouldn't be able to give the stuff away. Instead, good old Uncle Sam would decide to step in and subsidize the farmers losses, thus maintaining the precious price floor. At a current market price of about \$0.04 per pound of corn, the government would have to write a check for between \$7.8 and \$16.78 billion every year. This isn't exactly pocket change. The government would either be forced to cut funding to their beloved programs, which rarely happens, or raise taxes, which often does. Raising taxes would not only anger the average conservative, it would also hurt the same economy that the government was trying to help in the first place.

Some may argue that the surplus of grain created by a vegan diet could be exported to developing nations in need of food. This "solution" would not change the economic impact experienced by a purely vegan diet. The government would still be required to pay farmers for their excess production and would also have to cover the cost of shipping the grain to countries in need. This would add an extra tax burden to the US economy and would solve nothing.

So the next time someone tries to tell you that "meat is murder," tell them to mind their business and go back to their thrift-store-wearing, welfare-draining group of deadbeat activists and complain to someone who cares. You're helping the economy. □

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Terror by any other name...

Arafat's Strategy

by Jonathan Halpert

Two weeks ago the IDF took the battle from the cafes and pizza parlors of Israel to the barren streets of the Palestinian refugee camps in towns like Bethlehem and Jenin. And rightfully so. The Israeli people have put up with terrorism for decades, unable to retaliate against the Palestinians, who are protected by the Europeans, leftists, and the Arabs

who see them as political currency. In reality, Israel is hated for embodying what the Arab nations fear most: a prosperous, democratic government led by Jews. Meanwhile the situation in the Middle East is propagated by international meddling, Arafat's grand strategy (final solution?) against Israel, and the fact that both sides have more to gain by fighting than by settling for peace.

Europeans and the American Left have long supported the Palestinian cause. The Palestinians appear to be underdogs, brutalized by a militant society possessing an overwhelming economic and military advantage. To the left-minded, Israeli martial actions appear barbaric, reminiscent of the heyday of imperialism. Yet they are quick to forget history. To those in the Ivory Tower, Israel seems to be oppressing part of its population. However, the Palestinians not only are not and do not want to be part of the Israeli population, they prefer to claim that Israel has no right to exist. When Palestinian Arabs were offered a state in 1948, they fled Israel with the intent of returning to rebuild

their homes on the corpses of the Zionists. That they are still waiting is a matter of grand irony, and they deserve little pity for

their predicament. Leftists prefer to ignore that Israelis are surrounded by hostile dictatorships and refugees who would like nothing more than to "drive them into the sea." To criticize other nations for flexing their military

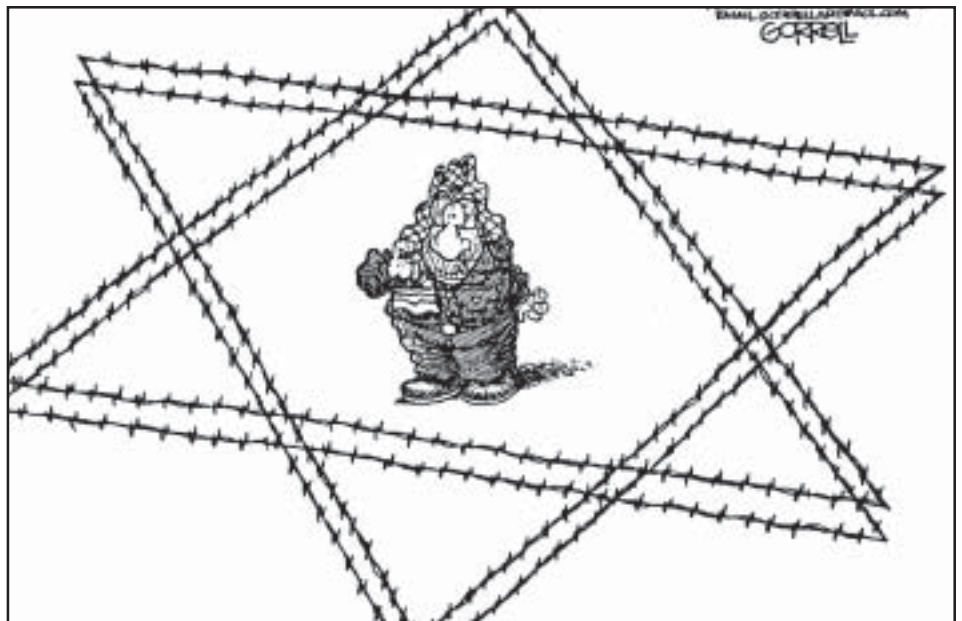
muscle is easy when one's own country is not threatened. But if Canadian citizens were terrorizing American cities, the Marines would already be marching through Ontario. Israel cannot be blamed for a much-needed escalation in a conflict brought upon it by the Palestinian Authority and its criminal mastermind, Yasser Arafat.

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Arafat is not and has never been a peacemaker. He has never embraced the moderate parties in Palestine. Prior to signing the Oslo accords, he even used his forces to wipe out hundreds of moderate leaders whom he labeled "traitors" for being willing to cooperate with Israel. He is and has always been a terrorist, and the discovery of documentation of Arafat's funding of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade should come as no surprise. Arafat understands the flow of power in the tyrannical and anarchic Palestinian-controlled lands. A year ago he was nearly ousted by Hamas and Islamic Jihad when he appeared to be a peacemaker while they held the hard line. Ignorant of history and trained in the fallacy of modern Jihad, the Palestinian people fell in with these fundamentalist groups. Arafat's solution to this internecine power struggle was to use Al Aqsa to pump out suicide bombers and make headlines.

To this end Arafat has raised money from Syria, Iran, Iraq and—surprise—the Saudi royal family. (The budget for compensation to the families of "martyrs" is a matter of public record and can be seen on the official government website.) He also obtained arms for his private army of "Palestinian gunmen." The capture of the Iranian weapons trading vessel by the Israelis only revealed the tip of the iceberg of Arafat's international support. Once the Palestinians decreed the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade a freedom-fighting organization, Arafat's power had been secured. The Brigade has diversified to appeal to a larger segment of Palestinian society, adding more female and educated members by offering funding to

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their families and an alternative to starving in squalid refugee camps (albeit death). The situation is further exacerbated by the flagging Palestinian economy as Palestinians are no longer allowed to work in Israel, which has closed borders to keep out suicide bombers. Thus the situation becomes bleaker for Palestinians as still more of them fall under the terrorists' spell. This is no reason for Arafat to seek peace, at least not out of earshot of English-speaking journalists, because the source of his power is the conflict itself.

There will be no peace until Arafat accepts an outcome other than the defeat of Israel, the elimination of the Jews, and the Palestinians seizure of Israeli lands and industries. His strategy is sound. The creation of the Palestinian Authority gave Arafat the means and legitimacy he needed to equip an army of terrorists. By appealing to the international community for moral support, he gains status as an actual diplomat rather than a blood-thirsty tyrant. He gains moral legitimacy for suicide bombers, which, according to Palestinian diplomats, are not the same as terrorists. He gains the monetary support of neighboring Arab states who are wary of having a Western power on their doorstep. The religious angle gains converts to the cause amongst the ignorant masses and discontented intellectuals in Islamic nations. And Arafat is patient; he truly believes that one day he will obtain the forces he needs to defeat Israel. The key to his strategy is to sustain the conflict indefinitely. As such, Arafat gains nothing by forging a lasting peace. Even if he is ostensibly engaged in a cease-fire, his martyrs will continue to kill civilians with impunity and the conflict will continue. For this reason the Israelis have nothing to gain by negotiating with Arafat. The only hope for Israel is to wipe out Arafat's gunmen and remove him from power. The international community must realize that peace will not be found in treaties with terrorists, but in the practical application of force.

The Palestinian people have everything to gain by peace. They will regain their jobs, they will be free from Israeli reprisals against Arafat's terror corps, and they will finally be able to modernize their society and give up the death culture that only adds to their misery. The only way to give the Palestinian moderates a voice, however, is to depose the greatest enemy of their people, Arafat himself. □

Will the ICC protect human rights or trample individual liberties?

Justice for None

by Michael Fortes

Effective July 1st, the world's first International Criminal Court (ICC) will become a reality. Its stated purpose is to act as a world court that will try those who have committed war crimes or other atrocities against humanity. A good idea in principle, the ICC will not be able to deliver on its promises and also threatens the very constitutional rights that we Americans hold dearly. President Bush's refusal to ratify the treaty is a wise decision that is in the interests of all Americans.

First and foremost, the ICC claims universal jurisdiction to try individuals charged with genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and aggression anywhere on Earth. This includes nations that are not part of the ICC. Despite our refusal to ratify the treaty, Americans would still be subject to the court. This jeopardizes not only the everyday American citizen, but also threatens American servicemen and women stationed around the world and the statesmen that create American policy.

The wording of the treaty that establishes the ICC is far too vague. Consider the following actions condemned by the court: "Willfully causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or health... killing or wounding treacherous individuals belonging to the hostile nation or army... Committing outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment... Intentionally launching an attack in the knowledge that such an attack will cause incidental loss of life or injury to civilians or civilian objects or widespread, long-term and severe damage to the natural environment..."

This wording is so broad that just about any action carried out by the American military would be considered a crime, thus hampering our global military operations. Ambushing enemy troops? Mortar rounds accidentally falling into civilian areas? Pi-

lots inadvertently killing civilians during bombing? Are all these to be considered war crimes? For the American military, most likely yes. Unfortunately in the eyes of the ICC it would seem that war and war crimes are both one and the same.

ICC jurisdiction would not stop at war, but would also include jurisdiction over "forced pregnancy." Under the phrasing of the treaty, actions of pro-life groups working to restrict access to abortions would be considered criminal, as would government reductions in money that could be spent on abortions. Indeed, the Pope or other religious leaders could be tried because matters of abortion or homosexuality fall under the jurisdiction of the ICC. Already ICC advocates have issued statements that the laws of many nations may have to be changed in order to act in accordance with ICC guidelines. The concept of democracy can be tossed out the window. Free speech has to go too—certain comments are punishable by the ICC as "outrages upon personal dignity."

The list of loopholes and opportunities for the ICC to trample on individual rights is immense. In the eyes of the ICC, having a prisoner wait in detention for seven years before trial is an acceptable period of time. The ICC would even have the ability to try people in cases that are wholly domestic, such as riots or gang warfare; essentially there would be no boundaries to ICC jurisdiction. Luckily for American citizens, the Bush administration is doing everything it can to protect the rights of Americans. Congress is currently trying to pass laws that give the United States the authority to use any means necessary to free Americans that are taken captive by the court. They are also trying to have former President Clinton's signature stricken from the treaty. (It was signed, but it won't ever be put up for ratification.) Let's hope our leaders don't back down and give the ICC free reign. □

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Guilt, Guns, and Gullibility

by Andrew Gibbs

No greater paradox exists in the human experience than that of government. Nations form governments to defend against tyranny both foreign and domestic, yet invariably these same governments end up trampling the liberties of those they are sworn to protect. Sometimes the effect is subtle and gradual, other times rapid and violent. Given time, however, the result is the same. Liberties wash away, whether it be in a tumultuous storm or by a gradual erosion. What

proves most interesting are the mechanisms by which governments achieve self-aggrandizement and why people are so often willing to go along for the ride. The process typically takes the form of a two-tiered strategy involving an initial outlay of brainwashing, usually in the form of guilt, followed by physically coercing those impervious to propaganda. Always, demagogues rely upon the general population's gullibility and the recurrent suspicion that somehow government can serve as a panacea for the world's problems.

The application of force to attain one's political ends requires substantial commitment of both time and resources, not to mention that it is often messy and unpleasant. Consequently, a preliminary application of psychological means often serves to soften up resistance. With sufficient attention to detail, one may ascertain the guilt factor in any argument in favor of big gov-

ernment. Opposition to wasteful social programs, for example, brands one as selfish. Speaking out against reparations and affirmative action earns one the racist tag. Criticism of foreign policy or excessive domestic policing makes one unpatriotic. Being a

gun owner implies a tendency towards violence and anti-intellectualism.

When exactly America adopted such a stance is not clear, but somewhere along the line critical thinking, self-reliance, and having the guts to

defend oneself went from virtue to vice. Once a nation comprised of rugged, pioneering individualists, the United States now resembles a bucket of crabs preoccupied with dragging down those who succeed and impugning those who dare to think outside of the current herd mentality. Welfare, healthcare, a living wage—when did such things become rights, not privileges? At some point the apathetic masses decided that these things were theirs to receive and the productive individuals' to provide. What were once considered weaknesses are now extolled as virtues, thus masking the failings of the mediocre and irresponsible.

The founders of this country had so little faith in pure democracy that they deemed it necessary to write a Constitution and a Bill of Rights (especially the right of every civilian to own and bear arms). The founders suffered first-hand as citizens of a violently oppressive government; one would be hard-pressed to find better history teachers. Alas, their wisdom is lost on so many today. Tens of millions of citizens wisely

choose to protect themselves, yet many attempt to strip them of this right at every turn. Every time a million moms march on a nation's capitol, authoritarian government figures crack surreptitious smiles, knowing full well that a disarmed populace is an obedient and subservient one. Does no one recall that Hitler was history's most ardent proponent of civilian gun control? There will always be a bully who wants what belongs to someone else, and unless the would-be victim is willing and able to stand up to the aggressor, a victim he shall be. The bully may be an individual or a government, but always the intent is the same.

When an individual commits a robbery, or as P.J. O'Rourke is fond of calling it, "engages in a little freelance socialism," it is a crime, and with any luck the perpetrator is caught. When large groups of people, however, gang up and assault smaller groups of people, that is perfectly acceptable, as long as a vote was taken beforehand. Thus democracy in its purest form has been accurately dubbed a "tyranny of the majority." This tyranny manifests itself in a mélange of ways, and when collective guilt fails to garner sufficient results, persuasion by force summarily comes into play. Examples include the present system of taxation, unconstitutional drug laws, the draft, and the enforcement of draconian gun laws on people peacefully exercising their Second Amendment rights. The irony of an institution acting in such an authoritarian fashion when charged with *protecting* its constituents from the initiation of force seems to be frequently overlooked.

Quoth Thomas Jefferson: "No man has a natural right to commit aggression on the equal rights of another, and this is all from which the laws ought to restrain him." Unfortunately, our government seems absorbed by committing acts of aggression against peaceful citizens. The vast majority of our laws make any true lover of freedom (not to be confused with those who mechanically mouth the word) shudder. Doing something as simple as growing or smoking a leaf in the privacy of one's own home can land one in prison for years. Gun laws are so tediously complex and oppressive that just about any peaceful gun owner is unwittingly a criminal, and violations can earn offenders serious jail time. Tax laws are downright absurd. The United States tax codes take over eight million words to describe, and if the IRS disagrees with a filing, they may very

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well choose to ruin the filer's life. By way of comparison, the Christian Bible is approximately one tenth the size, weighing in at a meager 783,000 words, and hardly anyone can get through *that*.

Big government is a terrible thing to behold in its naked truth, still so many people are indifferent. The answer is astonishingly simple: people are short-sighted, gullible, and just plain bad at math. Apathy is a destructive force, and nowhere is this more evident than in government. The average person refuses to combat unjust laws unless they somehow impact his own life, yet the victims of such laws never have enough power on their own to muster sufficient opposition. Thus governments chisel away the freedoms of small groups a little at a time. Only a principled, unwavering body of citizens willing to uphold natural rights in *all* cases, regardless of whether they are the victims of current legislation, can preserve individual liberty in the long run.

Democracies find themselves further crippled by those who cannot critically analyze the claims of others in a mathematical and scientific fashion. When an activist hears that hundreds of people die every year from accidental firearms discharges, she has the knee-jerk reaction to abolish private gun ownership. What she fails to take into account, however, is that many more people drown in their swimming pools or that preventing citizens from defending themselves

creates an increase in violent crime as criminals gain the ability to act with impunity.

One must carefully examine the whole picture with each element in its correct context or else reach erroneous conclusions.

Another example of a popular cause poorly grounded in reality is the concept

of reparation payments to the descendants of slaves. Making people responsible for the actions of their great-great-grandparents is questionable, but making people responsible for the actions of *other* people's great-great-grandparents crosses the line of sanity. Of those who would be forced to pay reparations, a large fraction of their ancestors arrived here too late to do any oppressing, and of those whose ancestors were around for slavery, only a small fraction actually owned slaves. Furthermore, what exactly constitutes sufficient proof of slave heritage to warrant reparations is not clear, and who knows what would happen in the case of inter-racial marriages. Can the descendant of an owner marry the descendant of a slave and call it even? The government and numerous organizations cannot even

figure out how to dole out money to a few thousand victims of a terrorist attack that occurred only a few months ago. How are they going to deal with a million victims of a crime that is over a century old? The logistics are staggering.

Lastly, politicians love to simplify. Fiery oratory invariably wins over the masses where intellectual debate fails. Whenever they can cast a situation as an epic struggle between good and evil, they will do it. Just look at President Bush. He unabashedly employs the word "evil," and people lap it up like a famished cat at a saucer of milk. Such adjectives are best left for children's bedtime stories and religious texts. Nothing is ever so simple that it may be summed up in a single word. Bush really ought to learn some more sophisticated vocabulary or at least hire competent speech writers.

How then to master this double edged sword that is government? Nobody seems to know. People have been trying for thousands of years and things are still a hideous mess. In this modern age, people react by strapping bombs to their chests, parking trucks full of fertilizer

outside of government buildings, or flying commercial aircraft into office buildings. I can only recommend the following: read a lot, take long walks when the weather is nice, think critically, doubt politicians, question authority, hold down a job, buy a gun, and wear sunscreen. □

The founders suffered first-hand as citizens of a violently oppressive government; one would be hard-pressed to find better history teachers.

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Notable and Quotable

I think that most women are intelligent enough to appreciate the humor of the SOURCE.

—Sam Dangremond

Free speech is crap!

—Ariana Flores

For every flag burned by the enemies of freedom, one thousand should be hoisted on liberty's shores.

—Joshua Martino

The respondents made liable [*sic*] claims.

—Adam Carlis and Louis Esparza

If the United States does the right thing, both in terms of security and morality, and decides to get rid of the oppressive, brutal regimes of countries such as Iraq and Iran, Americans will find that in the end, they will be held as liberators, rather than conquerors.

—Jonathan Perle

We want a campus where every student is safe and protected from harassment.

—Liz Monnin, who was then serving Disciplinary Probation I for harassment

Thus far we have written counter articles and engaged in magazine dumpings.

—Carl Jackson

If the PAA doesn't want people to think black people are lazy, immoral idiots who steal, they should stop being lazy, immoral idiots who steal.

—Megan Liotta

Your sister called my sister a waste of skin.

—Samantha Resnik to Tara Heumann

So Melissa Carson feels that culture reps should vote, just not on money matters. So, what is she arguing for? Three-fifths of the vote?

—Gerard Balan

Some people may call me a traitor for abandoning my party's nominee.

—Jesse Levey

I challenge those who truly care about Tufts and its students to run for seats in student government, and not to be content with pacifying themselves with a diatribe to the unsuspecting trustees.

—Mike Ferenczy

I like to make fun of people. Well, not all people. I only deride and belittle people I don't know, particularly those undeserving of my insulting jibes. Usually, I don't make fun of serious stuff, just how people look or if, you know, they're different from me. I do it behind their backs.

—Rob Lott

Don't ever cut the mullet.

—Phil McCarthy

In the laboratory that I imagine, the scientists are nearly all men, and they search for ways to harness and control this miracle of nature primarily because they cannot give birth themselves. Genetic engineering (GE) is therefore an extreme example of patriarchy.

—Emily Good

I say to all of you who are not voting for someone who you believe in, but are instead choosing "the lesser of two evils," you are the ones who are wasting your votes, and you are the ones who are compromising the democratic process by endorsing a candidate you do not trust, simply because he's not as bad as the other guy.

—Russell Capone

I like cheesy, 12-year-old girl chart music. But if I put up a poster of Ace-of-Base I would need a police escort at parties.

—Brock McCormack

I think everyone in my family would agree that my dressing skills have dramatically improved with age.

—Shannon Gourley

I have no problem fighting with the administration, storming into Mel Bernstein's office and demanding what we want.

—Michele Shelton

Maybe I should have stayed at UC Berkeley. At least the worst I would face is death threats.

—Christian Miller

If bureaucrats insist on throwing such large amounts of money at education, we should at least educate the children with it; teach them how well paper burns or show them what great tissues dollar bills make if you rub them back and forth in your hands long enough.

—Rob Lichter

We, the panel, have unanimously decided to drop the charges against THE PRIMARY SOURCE.

—Committee on Student Life

I stand before you in depressed dejection.

—Iris Halpern

The denial of basic human and civil rights is written into Cuban law. I know this because of the experiences of my own mother and father.

—Michael Fortes

The devaluing of the strength of women's words and the right of their bodies to pass judged by the worth of their minds, ideas, and actions by a social and judicial system that ignores their call for justice must be stopped and these voices must be allowed to be heard.

—Andi Sutton

... the panel found the three students to be guilty of harassment.

—Dean of Students Judiciary, 10/27/01

I am not sure why the officer chose me to verbally harass, but I am afraid it may be that I was a student of color.

—"Defendant 2" from TUPD report

Zealots lose sight of the value of alternative perspectives, and in some cases, ignore basic facts in order to support their theories. Iris Halpern has fallen into this trap.

—Jordan Brenner

I realize that the combination of having a white student holding the tombstone of the former head of affirmative action while sticking out his tongue is indeed quite humorous.

—Benedict Clouette

Many feminists at Tufts are not female and many females at Tufts are not feminists. Having a fixed culture representative for a political ideology is unacceptable.

—Eric Mitton

Please make it so that I don't have to live in fear of being the butt of someone else's jokes.

—Noris Chavarria

I was approached by two strangers who wanted a moment of my time. My first thought was that the Mormon Church must have radically changed the way it sponsors missionaries. But I didn't take long to realize these were missionaries of a very different kind: English graduate students eager for my support to unionize grad students.

—Jason Walker

The University has received complaints from teaching and research assistants that representatives of ASET/UAW have come to their homes, uninvited to lobby them about the union election.

—Dean Robin Kanarek

I didn't touch her, didn't say anything to her. She had a bizarre homophobic reaction to me dancing with my other friends who were girls.

—Iris Halpern

I really thought this article would increase my presence as an evil figure on this campus.

—Chris Kohler

Bah!

—Andrew Gibbs

Rob Lichter? He doesn't even know her!

—everyone

If you want to keep your self respect, turn off Jerry Springer and pick up *The New York Times*. I know I won't, and that's precisely why shows like Jerry exist.

—Erica Goldberg

We Americans have short attention spans, and when it's no longer cool to be patriotic, we'll go back to bitching about all the petty things we used to bitch about, especially when it comes to problems in our country.

—Stephen Tempesta

They just wanted to destroy me because I made those charges against them.

—Iris Halpern

When I walked in I got a hug from Larry Bacow... It was a good time!

—Philipp Tsipman

I wasn't trying to close down THE PRIMARY SOURCE. We were not trying to censor anything and I never wanted to abrogate free speech.

—Iris Halpern

We ought to be able to prosecute harm done by words and speech.

—Prof. Nancy Bauer

Angry womyn are mistaken if they think they should yell loudly about vaginas to drown out songs of love.

—Tara Heumann

I don't think we are going to get Michael Jackson for Commencement.

—Eric Greenberg

Post-Election Education

by Megan Liotta

Judging by the press coverage surrounding Amendment III this past week, nearly everyone on campus must know that the TCU Senate election went uncontested yet again this year. Fewer people probably realize that those running for the TCU Judiciary elections were also waved in with nary a vote. And less than a fifth of the Tufts campus even bothered to cast a vote for the Committee on Student Life (CSL), the only contested election. In fact, eleven people ran for only five spots.

Think about that number for a moment. When was the last time student government boards garnered more than twice as many candidates as there were spots? This year's CSL election was the only one in recent memory in which voters were faced with such a dilemma. Controversy made people run for this committee and ignore the other two. The candidate debate at Hotung two days before the election revealed some answers as to why this year was so different. More importantly, the debate would have opened the eyes of the Tufts community to the qualified candidates had more than a handful of Jumbos bothered to attend. Because so few came and because the *Daily* failed to provide any serious coverage of the debate, Tufts went

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to the polls and picked next year's CSL without bothering to educate themselves about the candidates. So who exactly will be serving on the CSL, and what do they know about it?

At the debate, freshman Will Wittels stepped up to the microphone and vowed to consider the personal opinions of his fellow Jumbos before making any policy decisions on CSL. He repeatedly proclaimed his devotion to public opinion. This would all be well and good if the CSL controlled

political issues on campus. But it only influences judicial policy and only does so when a student appeals his or her case and asks for a different punishment. Directly after hearing a case, the Committee goes into deliberations and does not come out until they have reached an agreement. Since the members are not allowed to discuss cases prior to the hearing and do not

break between the hearing and deliberations, a CSL member would be hard-pressed to seek out public opinion on the issue before changing policy.

Fellow frosh Eliza Drachman-Jones did just the opposite. She stood at the mic and pronounced her mind "open" and "liberal" but completely failed to show how. Her ad in the *Daily* added nothing different to her platform. While open-mindedness is indeed a worthy attribute, particularly when serving on a judicial committee, anyone can stand up and declare herself as such. Not even Drachman-Jones' tone of voice indicated that she had any enthusiasm for the election whatsoever. More than once she was asked to step closer to the microphone because the tiny crowd in Hotung could not hear her. One question was what people were voting for when they marked Drachman-Jones' name.

Stacy Ulrich, a sophomore who seems to be involved in every campus group (except the SOURCE), brought little to her campaign other than her enthusiasm to be involved. Perhaps this is all she needs. By her own admission, she had no idea what the CSL did until listening to the veterans at the debate. She did not make the student body any guarantees about pressing the flesh and caring about what they think. She merely promised to do her best to make fair and informed decisions, and really, that is all she needs to be a great Committee member. Whether or not she did her research on the CSL before the debate, she knew better than to make promises she was not sure she could keep and seems enthusiastic to learn how her position functions in the community. That's more than anyone can say for either Wittels or Drachman-Jones.

Sophomore Suman Rao sadly resorted to race-baiting in his winning candidacy. He, in all his diverse glory, drew attention to the skin color of the members of CSL who were up for reelection. All of those to whom he physically pointed, including myself, are

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white and editors for the SOURCE. He repeatedly berated the incumbent CSL candidates for our clear inability to make an unbiased decision because we all happen to be white. Never mind that the election was uncontested last year, so any minorities who had a problem with the racial makeup of the CSL had only themselves to blame. And never mind that Rao made clear that his decisions, if elected, would be based on his own skin color (a medium brown, for anyone who cares). Even his *Daily* ad stated, "One Indian is better than none." His accusations were based entirely on negatives: *they* don't spend enough time in the culture houses; *they* don't have minority friends; *they* don't have enough melanin. Aside from the fact that all of these comments were totally unfounded, Rao never once told whether he had any of these "qualifications" or why he thought they would be helpful. Sadly, the format of the "debate" left little room for rebuttal on the behalf of Rao's victims.

Sam Dangremond brought his experience as a member of this year's CSL to the debate. Throughout the evening, he repeatedly emphasized his own knowledge of Tufts' judicial system—from both sides of the bench—and the anti-political nature of CSL, which served as the basis of his platform. Whether anyone bought the latter statement as fact is debatable. More importantly, voters had faith in Sam's experience and with good reason: having faced eighteen complaints this year just as a defendant, he's had more than ample familiarity with the system. Little else need be said about Sam's campaign. As a former member of CSL myself, I can attest to the veracity of his statements regarding the political nature (or lack thereof) of CSL. He did openly appeal to closet SOURCE fans in his *Daily* ad, which, considering the SOURCE's campus reputation, probably helped him more than anyone will ever know.

These five are the new CSL members for the 2002-2003 school year. They will serve as judges at some of your hearings. They will be in control of judicial policy change. Hopefully they will, as past CSL members have, keep their personal politics out of deliberations. □

books

Stupid White Men

by Michael Moore

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Hardcover \$24.95

In what will almost certainly be remembered as a banner semester for Lecture Series, the student group brought both conservative icon P.J. O'Rourke and Green Party hero Michael Moore to speak in our run-down science lecture halls. If you have been following along with my book reviews, you are already familiar with O'Rourke. So who is Michael Moore? In a nutshell, Michael Moore is what a Tufts leftist would be if our leftists were 300 pounds and could spell. He's a reasonably talented writer currently enjoying a respectable run on the bestsellers list with *Stupid White Men*.

It sounds like a funny title to a funny book; the problem is that Moore apparently believes it all. He does not even want the book in the humor section; he's serious. White men, says Moore, are the bad guys. One of the chapters is titled "Kill Whitey." This is not an entirely racist and sexist notion, as Moore lumps in Condoleeza Rice and Clarence Thomas as "honorary" white men. This ensures that Moore will never be happy, because apparently Rice and Thomas are not "real" minorities. Moore's book is published by Stupid White Men, men who, he stresses, *only* published the book because they thought it would make money, not because they agreed with it. A normal person would find this to be an open-minded policy. Moore is simply disgusted.

In fact, the last time I checked, wasn't the publishing world overwhelmingly *liberal*? Well, of course it is. Talk to conservative author Harry Stein, whose book was practically buried by unsympathetic editors. But Moore believes that it is the vast, right-wing conspiracy keeping the "real" people down, and this is the thought that permeates his work and leads to each and every one of his chapters. This leads to Moore being almost invariably wrong on everything.

I agree with Moore that his book should not be placed on the humor shelves. There are more chuckles in *Schindler's List*. I read Al Franken's *Rush Limbaugh is A Big Fat Idiot*, disagreed with practically everything the man said, and laughed out loud. I *howled*. I did not crack a smile reading *Stupid White Men*. The whole thing reads like a 250-page *Radix* article—not funny, but very, very angry. Moore is pissed off, perhaps justifiably so—after all, he's so far to the left that he can't stand Republicans or Democrats, and spends an entire chapter beating on the latter.

Does Moore truly believe that America is just one big Green Party, itching to get out and vote Nader? Yes he does; even though Bush was elected. Well, Moore's not entirely convinced of that. In fact, considering the timing and the content of *Stupid White Men*, Moore wrote the entire book in response to what he feels is a coup, a hijacking of the electoral process. No amount of recounts will ever convince him otherwise. (He's firmly convinced that Bush is an "idiot," of course, referring to him as either "President" of The United States or Thief-in-Chief. This is only slightly less clever than "Sam Dangermond" or "SOURCE-errors.")

I think that if you get really, really far to the left, eventually you travel through some sort of *Pac-Man* style warp and get back to the right again, and Moore actually seems to have a toe in. He calls for more courses on American government, he does not recycle, and he wants kids to stand up and take some responsibility for themselves. In fact, that's an important message in Moore's book that applies to all ideologies: Get off the couch. Get to work. Do something. The problem, as I perceived at Moore's lecture in Pearson, is that telling Tufts leftists to "do something" will result in a sit-in, vandalism, or physical violence. I just hope these are not the kind of people Moore wants to encourage.

—Chris Kohler



An Open Letter to ASET

by Jason Walker

Dearest ASET/UAW/AFL-CIO, What a long, strange trip it's been indeed. After such a spirited campaign, I must congratulate you guys on your quite possibly successful tactics. Of course, members of WHUT are cautiously optimistic that you not only lost the election, but also that there were enough oddities about the election and your interpretation of labor law to have your bid to unionize thrown out by the courts. Nevertheless, nothing is certain, so you still have a chance of victory, I must acknowledge.

In retrospect, it's stunning just how much of what you did fell into the category of the "predictable" based on other union campaigns and qualified as the sort of intangible thing that WHUT could never really speak about until it was too late. Take the gerrymandering issue. We knew full well that your overseers—err—"friends" in the UAW pulled the same stunt at NYU and Brown. This was brilliant—once you had kind of gotten away with excluding those students most likely to vote against you at Brown and NYU, your propaganda at Tufts could rightfully claim that you *wanted* to "leave no student behind," but you know, gosh darn it, there's this new precedent that binds your hands. Clever!

It was somewhat good fortune the NLRB refused to allow you gerrymander Science, Psychology, Fletcher, and Engineering out of the election this time, since it effectively took the issue away from the foreground. With the NLRB decision mandating the

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inclusion of all TAs and RAs, the election would at least be a fair one, despite your best efforts. Or so we thought.

Your masterstroke didn't come until the days of election. We *were* under the impression that you were fine with any bargaining unit devised by the NLRB. Once the lists of eligible voters were released, you said nothing about them in the weeks leading up to the election and actively courted all

students on the list for a yes vote by calling them on the phone and visiting them at their homes, uninvited.

But you had one last card up your collective sleeve. Perhaps if you couldn't talk NLRB into gerrymandering the unit for you but you could still contest individual voters *at the*

booth, contesting inconvenient votes into a realm of legal limbo. Best of all about this strategy, it avoided what would've been a public relations disaster if you had been up front about wanting to exclude significant numbers of Fletcher students from the beginning. By the time word got out, it would be too late for most students, as they had probably already voted. Of course, it was also convenient that you decided to contest Fletcher students when Fletcher opposed the ASET so overwhelmingly. Perhaps you were taking a cue from Al Gore's election lawyers, but either way, smart thinking. Machiavelli would have been proud.

Of course, public relations are still important for you. After all, you will want keep the Graduate Proletariat energized and properly informed, so you will have to say something about the apparent backflip from your "leave no student behind" stance. Word had

gotten out to some extent by word of mouth, WHUT emails, and even administration emails, so ASET needed some kind of explanation. To that end, Joe Ramsey had the Herculean task of spinning the story back into your favor via email. Unable to justify the UAW's actions, he instead redirected attention back to the administration, in a textbook example of Fallacy *Ad Hominem Tu Quoque*, better known as the "You too!" fallacy. In essence, Joe tried to argue that the UAW had certain legal rights to contest voters it felt had been placed on the list "in error," and anyway, it wasn't important, because the Administration didn't think anyone should be able to vote.

However, the point remains that even if Joe's charge was true, UAW *chose* to contest voters it thought were likely to vote no. The only apparent difference between contested and non-contested Fletcher voters was that the former tended to have strong anti-union views, and the latter did not. Even worse, some students complained that they had been told by UAW activists that they shouldn't bother voting, since the ballots were to be impounded by the NLRB. The most classic part of Joe's email was the section where he wrote, "The ASET/UAW has the legal right to challenge the vote of those persons whom it feels were placed on the list in error," then signed off with "In Solidarity." Solidarity! "In solidarity, we're contesting your votes." Cute. I'd like to ask those contested voters just how much solidarity they're feeling with Joe after reading that email.

Even if people didn't see the outright fallacious reasoning, Joe treated the administration's position uncharitably. The administration, to their credit, has consistently argued since December that it didn't think graduate workers qualified as "employees" under the 1935 Labor Relations Act, but if the government found differently, distinctions between grad students were arbitrary, and thus every student should have the right to vote. Both its legal and public relations policy have reflected this position, thus the charge of "manipulation, fear-mongering, and hypocrisy" is impossible to sustain. Even if you disagree with the Administration's position, it's at least principled and self-consistent.

This all probably sounded more like a critical comment on the UAW's tactics rather than praise, and I suppose it is. I would be remiss, of course, in not noting your tactical

blunders as well. After all, it would be rather egocentric of us to think we were the *only* reason you lost the election. Ironically, it was your own aggressive tactics which successfully alienated many graduate students who might have otherwise voted yes. As surprising as this might sound, most people find it to be an invasion of their privacy and a waste of their time to have any ideologically-motivated people showing up uninvited at their doorstep, whatever gospel they wish to spread. And telemarketing is about as disreputable as tools of persuasion come. If I'm not going to change my long distance because some stranger in a boiler room calls me, what makes you think that I'd trust an organization which uses those same tactics to assume power at my school? Please.

Perhaps you thought that by refusing to link your website to opposing points of view, or acting so obnoxiously rude to people who questioned you, that you would make

that opposition go away. (Tiffany Magnolia's lament that ASET's *open* forum was marred by "people asking lots of questions" comes to mind—See *Tufts Daily*, April 3). The personal attacks you launched against Jason Epstein were, at best, a strategic blunder, at worst mean-spirited. At the GSC debate, displays of hostility against WHUT from ASET panelists and ASET audience members weren't much better, particularly considering the agreement WHUT reached with ASET reps James McCrea and Kellie Donovan to cede the floor to the undecided students exclusively for questions.

ASET demonstrated not only their capacity for rudeness, but also their willingness to dishonor promises struck in good faith. This is not a great way to win the trust of grad students, particularly over some-

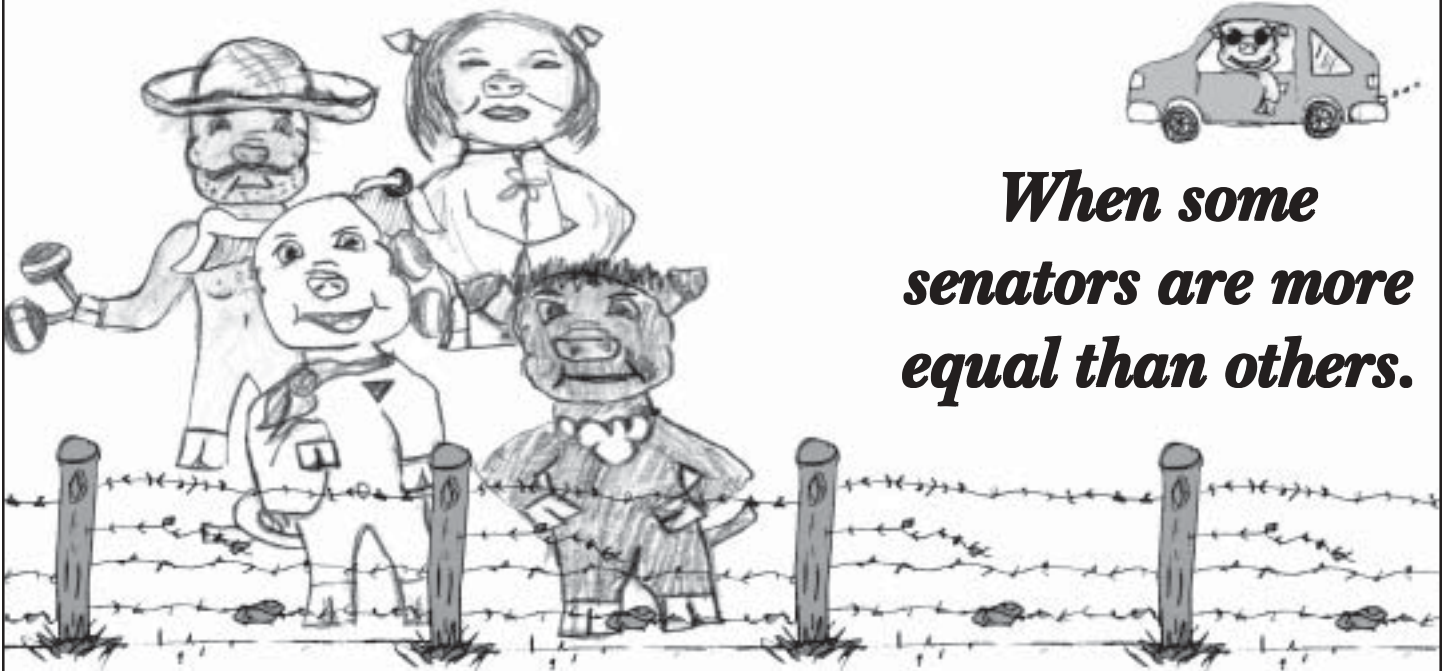
thing as important as our jobs.

Oddly, I'd say overall this spring was a fun semester. I thought my involvement in this whole ordeal would consist of nothing more than an article or two. Little could I have imagined I would have gotten to know so many people from other departments and forge so many new friendships through WHUT. As for you, ASET, your organization is dangerous and if successful, may irreparably damage academic life at Tufts for both grad students and undergrads. But at least you were entertaining; I never could have made up something as surreal as ASET. I walk away from this semester with less naïveté and more realism about groups like yours, so if nothing else, I must thank you for the lessons in social psychology you've provided me and every other grad student.

In "Solidarity,"



Culture Reps: the Animal Farm!



***When some
senators are more
equal than others.***

Parting Thoughts

by Jonathan Perle

Over the four years I have spent at Tufts, I have written numerous articles on the issues concerning the United States' foreign and domestic policies. Among the topics I have addressed are affirmative action, school vouchers, liberalism and its adherents, terrorism, the Middle East, and national missile defense. Rather than write a review of my time at Tufts, I prefer that my final article be a summary of subjects that I have written about in the past that continue to be important today.

Free Speech and Political Correctness

One of the few issues on this campus that has implications beyond local cases has been the confiscation of free speech by the Left. The speed and coordination of Tufts Leftists to suppress speech that they deem unacceptable through theft has only been matched by their inability to comprehend the arguments of their political opponents. In the last four months on this campus the Left has protested opposing viewpoints by seeking to suppress those viewpoints through legal action, theft, and harassment.

Liberals on this campus and across the country often anoint themselves arbiters of what is and is not acceptable to society. The SOURCE argues conservative positions that directly confront and challenge political correctness. In particular, the SOURCE's stance on affirmative action (which in general reflects the greater conservative community's stance) has been

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to call for the end of all programs that factor race into the decision-making process. At the SOURCE, this attitude is inspired by the belief that any distinction based upon race is a racist distinction and should therefore not be made. It is a coherent and logical argument which deserves serious consideration. If the Left truly has any interest in finding truth then it needs to stop suppress-

While campus events should and do occupy a large portion the campus publications' space, somebody from both sides should be out there talking about those issues that are important in a broader scope.

ing free speech in the name of a greater good. Too often people reject the possibility that their political opponents have points worthy of being addressed.

School Vouchers

Over the years I have written a number of articles concerning the failing public school system in America. While our higher education system is the best in the world, our urban primary and secondary schools are often in shambles. Each year, the government spends thousands of dollars to educate pupils located in inner-city schools, yet many public schools continue to fail abysmally. For years now the Left, lead by teachers' unions such as the National Education Association (NEA) and National Federation of Teachers (NFT), has argued that pumping more money into the school system is the way to solve the problem. Unfortunately, we have witnessed that increasing the flow of capital to a school often has marginal or no consequences on that school's performance.

Now is time for change. For years supporters of school vouchers have been trying merely to give kids a chance to

attend private institutions that are more successful than their public counterparts. Yet powerful teachers unions have lobbied aggressively and prevented voucher programs from taking off. Why? Because teachers unions represent teachers and not students; they place the needs of teachers first and students second.

Colleges have scholarship programs that help disadvantaged students to attend. Many outside groups also offer scholarships, as do the armed forces through the GI Bill. Nobody denies that scholarships in higher education are both a necessity and a benefit. Those who want to ensure that future generations have access to education, even though some may not be able to afford it, must provide money for students who cannot afford the costs of a private school education. While they may not be a panacea, school vouchers are a good place to start.

Campaign Finance Reform

Of all the affronts to free speech, perhaps none is more insidious and potentially harmful than campaign finance reform, hailed by many as a step towards factoring out special interests and cleaning up the political system. Unfortunately for those concerned with the idea that speech equals money, especially in the modern era when it takes money to put a candidate's name out across a county or a state, campaign finance reform will only hurt democracy. As any historian knows, special interests have always been a part of American political life. Indeed, they are an integral part. If the Sierra Club or the NRA cannot support a candidate, who is going to fight for environmental or Second Amendment issues?

Still more discouraging is that current campaign finance legislation is based upon the mere assumption that the appearance of corruption—not actual corruption—must be avoided. Even though proponents of campaign finance reform have no evidence that anybody (with exception of Representative Traficant) in national office at the moment has exchanged a vote for money, they insist that the mere "appearance" is enough to justify squashing the First Amendment. As evidence they point to George W. Bush's support for big oil. Guess what? George W. Bush has *always* been a big oil man, and was long before they started giving

him money. Big oil gives money to Bush's campaigns because they already know his political philosophy is in line with theirs, not because they need to change it.

Missile Defense

For years I have been arguing that America's vulnerability to a missile attack is a strategic vulnerability of the grossest proportions. As of now, a ballistic missile is the only weapon against which the United States has no real defenses. During the Clinton administration, the United States refused to go forward with building an adequate missile defense system for fear that some of our allies would object. That decision set us years back in the development of an effective system.

This past year, President Bush finally took the bold step of announcing the United States' intent to withdraw from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM). This anachronism of the Cold War has helped keep America defenseless for a decade, while our enemies have invested resources in developing long-range ballistic missiles. With the prohibitions of the treaty, which limited a system to an ineffectual land-based network, the real work can begin.

As soon as the United States' withdrawal from the treaty becomes effective, serious research into a sea-based missile defense system should begin. Such a system, using a space-based component as well, will be able to travel anywhere in the world to protect US troops in regional conflicts, as well as cool tensions among combatants. If our European neighbors were threatened by Saddam Hussein, for instance, a ship could be dispatched to the Mediterranean to intercept any missiles from Iraq. More importantly, such a system counters the threat of attack against Americans at home.

It is my hope that the SOURCE, the Daily, and the Observer will continue to speak for conservatives on the Tufts campus about issues that have global implications. While campus events should and do occupy a large portion the campus publications' space, somebody from both sides should be out there talking about those issues that are important in a broader scope because even if they are not important to students now, we will feel their impacts once we graduate. □

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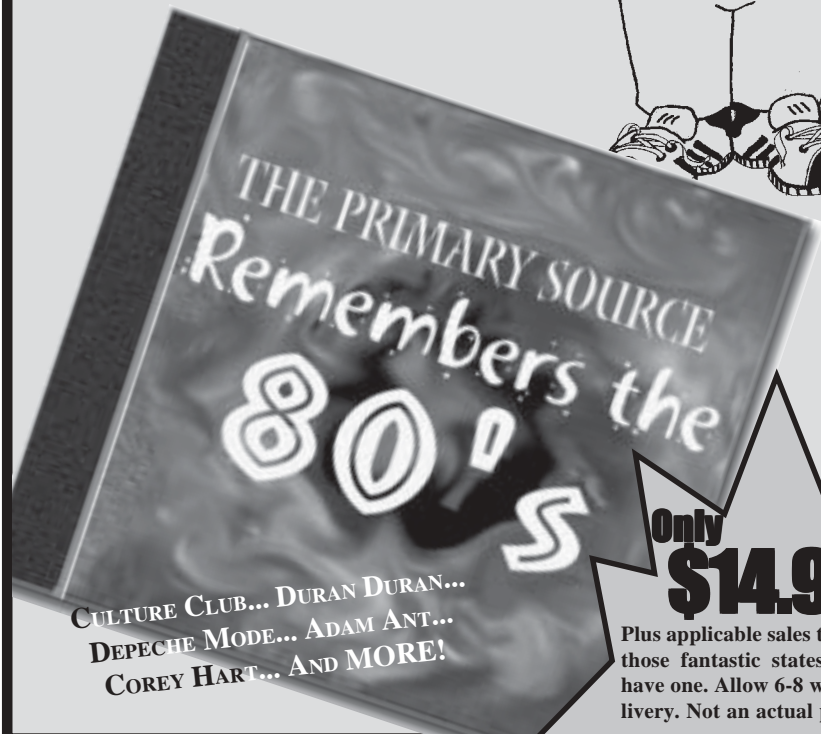
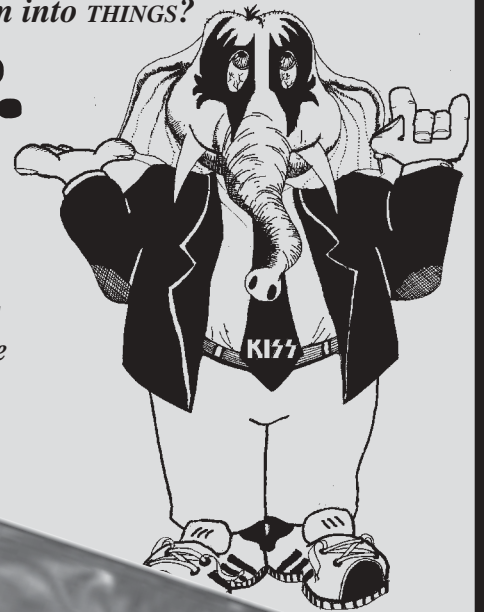
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Abolition in the New Millennium: The SOURCE Interviews Tommy Calvert

On April 6th, 2002, Tommy Calvert Jr. participated in a slave redemption trip to Sudan led by Christian Solidarity International. The group bought the freedom of about 3,000 slaves, and leveraged a peace agreement that helped free another 3,000 slaves.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE: Can you give us some background on organizations you've worked with, and how you got involved in this project?

Tommy Calvert: I became involved in the American Anti Slavery Group my freshman year when Dr. Charles Jacobs and a former slave from Mauritania, Moctar Teyeb, came to Tufts to speak about slavery. I've worked with student organizations across Massachusetts in the campaign during my sophomore year against TIAA-CREF shares in Talisman Oil, and on the slave redemption process, I worked with Christian Solidarity International.

PS: Can you talk about the process of going into the country, making the transactions, and buying the actual slaves?

TC: The CSI does not buy all of the slaves. Some of the slaves are smuggled, and some are given for free as a result of a peace agreement between certain tribes in southern Sudan and the Arabs in the north. The Arab retrievers go into northern Sudan to purchase or smuggle some of the slaves, and they are brought back to the areas in which the families and relatives had been. Then they are interviewed, fingerprinted, videotaped, and digital pictures are taken of each of them so as to prevent against fraud.

PS: Christian Freedom International used to buy slaves. They stopped and released a statement saying that they felt it increased trafficking of slaves and helped support those regimes. Do you see a conflict in buying slaves in an economic solution to this problem?

TC: The whole issue is not market-oriented. It's hard for some Westerners to understand that this is not about supply and demand. It's an Eastern concept of terror to enslave these people, and while the militias that do it do use slaves as booty, they don't necessarily do it for that reason. It's religion. CFI ended the program because they didn't realize how complex and how hard it is to run a slave redemption program without corruption. CSI has developed, since the early Nineties, very strong relationships which are paralleled by no other organization in the world. But nobody believes that this is the absolute solution. The solution will be a regime change that insures that people's rights are respected. Also, we rely on the security of the SPLA and the governors of the states. They are responsible for protecting their people. If we were endangering anyone and causing additional raids, the military leaders would tell us to leave ... and we would.

PS: Do you think buying slaves helps put more people into slavery?

TC: Again, this is an instrument of terror. It is an Islamic holy war, a jihad, against these people. It is happening by issue of clerics in the

north, not because they are making oodles of money. Most people around the world know that slavery is not economically efficient. The buying of slaves is not going to stop slave raids, because it is a jihad against these people. The clerics have cited certain portions of the Koran, which state in times of jihad you can enslave your enemies, which is why these people are under these terror tactics.

PS: Isn't it true that the SPLA drafts slaves as well and uses them in their operations?

TC: I do not know. I've never heard that accusation. One concern I did have was about the age of some of their soldiers. Of course, it's hard to guess ages for some of the soldiers because when you live in poverty, people look different, but they looked exceedingly young to me. I do think that leadership of the SPLA are leaders that we do not necessarily want to support.

PS: Can you talk about why there is so much ignorance about this issue and what steps you have taken to increase awareness?

TC: This issue is unknown because the Southern Sudanese people have no media outlets and they have a hard time getting the information out ... because the government controls

[the information]. The government in Khartoum issued denials, and only after many groups and the State Department investigated did the information come out. There aren't many organizations working on this issue, and they are strapped for cash. One of my hopes is to expand the knowledge of this issue to blacks in the South and in the Midwest and in the Caribbean and in South America and in Europe. It is important that we broaden our horizons.

PS: Do you feel that there is enough international focus on this issue?

TC: The problem that the international community has is that if they say certain things about Sudan, they will have to act. If they say that it is genocide or slavery, then it is clearly against UN Law. They entrench themselves if they speak out. The international community has largely ignored this issue. Europe and the United States are the leaders in the world, and they don't necessarily understand these fundamentalist regimes and would rather leave black folks alone. They don't see too much economic interest there, other than the oil.

PS: As we close here, do you have any words for people that want to become involved in this issue?

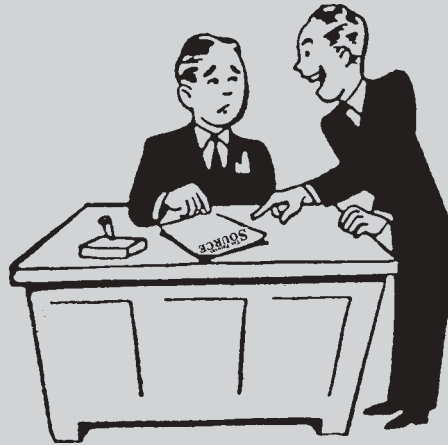
TC: The best thing we can do is educate. You don't have to take my word for it; there are a lot of slaves that can speak to it. Go to www.ibolish.com, and challenge yourself. I was told to take in everything with a skeptical eye and ask people point blank, "Are you really a slave?" I think people should become involved because it could be any one of our people.

—Nikhil Abraham spoke with Mr. Calvert for THE PRIMARY SOURCE.

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One Jumbo does his protesting with a pen.

All Things Reconsidered

by Joshua Martino

I am not a conservative. I never have been, and I probably never will be. And George W. Bush is a lousy president.

Surprised? Don't be. I am living proof that the Tufts Left will never succeed. Thanks to fanatical activists, the only sanctuary for moderate guys like me is a conservative magazine, *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*.

Every freshman is a fallow field. When they arrive at college, the expectations, fears, and anxieties of their new life uproot their high-school selves. Who am I, we asked ourselves. We sought an identity in classrooms, textbooks, and dormitory lounges.

At Tufts I quickly discovered who I was not.

As a prospective English major, I took my first tour of East Hall aghast. On many doors I saw political propaganda: pro-choice, pro-feminism, and pro-Clinton. I agreed with the causes without reservation. Feminism? Smash the glass ceiling. Abortion? I am also pro-choice. Clinton? He's not such a bad guy (remember, this was before he committed perjury). That my politics would be welcome in my academic department did not assuage my anger. I had always wanted to read good prose, but I never wanted to be proselytized. If these were the folks that would teach me writing and literature, I thought, I had better rethink my course of study.

In my dorm I also discovered which of my hallmates would not make suitable friends. After all, who wants to be friends with a Tufts leftist activist? I certainly did

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not want to go to the dining hall with them; their conversation was almost as dry and unmemorable as their vegan walnut brownies. There we were on this idyllic, vibrant, literate campus, and my leftist classmates spent their weekends on buses to Washington, New York, and the School of the Americas, where they threw bottles at cops. Who

wants to bring home an angst-ridden feminist with her permanent frown and shorn head? Mom and Dad are liberals, but they would not appreciate being called "bourgeois oppressors" by their son's latest flame. When I was a freshman, my leftist classmates

buzzed about Oxfam Café, plotting class revolution and assigning blame for various "isms." I was not about to walk in there and ask, "Anyone want to go to the movies?"

The lifestyle is unpleasant, and then there's the politics. Very few reasonable freshmen—even liberals—could support the causes of the activist crowd, let alone their methods. After thorough soul-searching and personal deliberations, most of us have come to accept that terrorism is wrong and socialism failed. But September 11th proved that some Tufts leftists have not yet reached these simple verdicts. Hours after that tragic morning, they blamed the United States for the attack and denounced a revived patriotism. They began this process, no doubt, as soon as they called home to New York and found that their parents were unharmed.

So the Tufts Left lost a friend, an ally, and my willing pen. I became a member of *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* and never looked back.

I did go back to East Hall, however, to become an English major. Alongside Tufts'

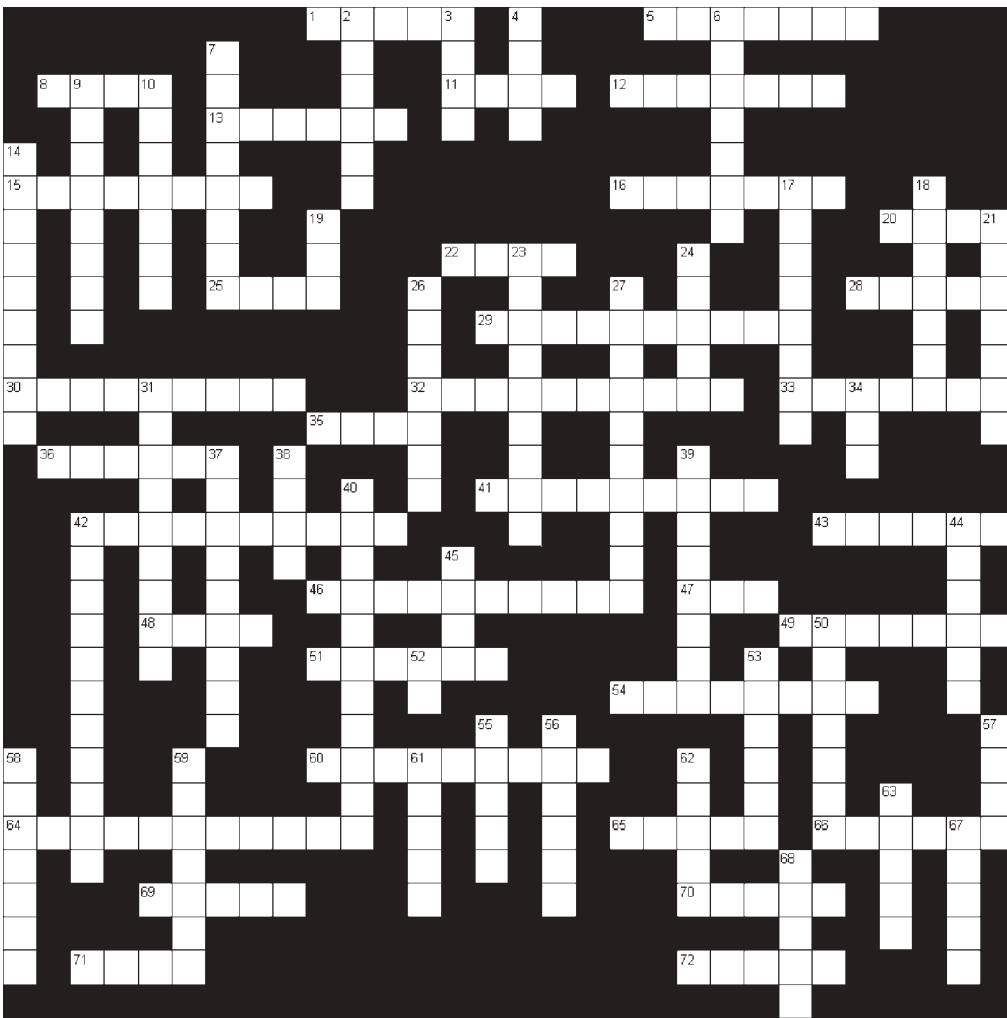
finest professors, I swilled whiskey with Hemingway, told ghost stories with Poe, and learned how to write. Which professors are they, you ask? They're the ones with just their office hours posted on their doors.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE has provided me a few friends, romance, many bylines, and, most importantly, a haven from leftist activism. I have tried to create this refuge in every article I have written in this journal because I know many like me exist on this campus: moderate folks who cannot stand extremists and the mockery they make of worthwhile causes. This magazine's personal attacks, its sour condemnation of campus politics, and its unwavering elitism as Tufts' only conservative voice have convinced many here that *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* staff hates Tufts. On the contrary, we love this university. It's just that we would rather defend the campus from political correctness than sit through a class that teaches us how to unpack our backpacks of racist white privilege.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE will never be silenced. We will never apologize. We will never stop trying to improve our magazine and this campus. Come September, a freshman will be forced to sit through "Why No Means No" and "Many Stories, One Community" and will be appalled. Disillusioned, he will wish he joined his friend at BU or Yale. I hope he finds a copy of this magazine in the auditorium lobby. *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* will be there to assure him and many other disheartened freshmen that they are not alone. □



The Fourth Annual PRIMARY SOURCE Crossword



Down

2. New University Chaplain
3. Students for the Ethical Treatment of Lou, Adam, and Liz
4. They keep losing restaurants
6. "_____ a campus free from...."
7. Not helpful in empowering women
9. Shiny covers but rarely read
10. Rob _____? I thought he was gay....
14. Coercive means to a political end
17. You're ignoring their speech to solve this puzzle
18. Publication that has more editors than readers
19. Feminine feminists
21. Where the Source gets its office supplies
23. Knock, knock! Who's there?
24. The Source's most profitable investment
26. Peace and Justice Studies gets you _____ in life.
27. Free movies
31. Doesn't think you should be reading this
34. Center of Universe (according to Tufts student at Al Gore speech)
37. Rarely contested at Tufts
38. Group that advocated overpaying janitors (because that is their future occupation)
39. Total number of charges filed against the Source
40. Jesse Jackson likes, David Horowitz doesn't like
42. Thou shalt be _____ Correct
44. Studying _____ (it's not Women's Studies)
45. Raised voter turnout to a whopping 17%
50. New activity, instead of painting, at the cannon
52. ___ Means "Pass me another drink"
53. _____ sweatshirts, a trendy new substitute for ski masks
55. Most violated amendment on college campuses
56. World's longest acronym
57. Deathtrap on wheels
58. Mastermind behind "magazine dumpings"
59. University that is better than us?
61. "I condemn the personal attacks that have become commonplace in some of our student publications."
62. Town in Japan being overrun by monkees
63. Froot _____
67. Men who have to sign a piece of paper to know they shouldn't rape
68. Publication, rhymes with pot addicts

Across

1. Where next years juniors will live
5. Resigned from Senate but won't go away
8. Trendy new haircut style
11. Protects the campus from hooded thugs
12. Training grounds for Tufts' militia
13. Tufts' feminist of the year
15. The only thing that Tufts and the GOP have in common
16. Stood up to Issam Fares
20. Computers in Eaton that are rarely used
22. The PAA is a _____ of liars
25. Most popular beverage at Spring Fling
28. The Rock voted for _____
29. According to Emily Good, genetic engineering is an expression of the _____
30. Best food ever served at Dewick
32. Source was not guilty of _____
33. NOT the on-campus housing experts
35. Stands up for free speech on university campuses
36. Leftist Dictionary's spelling of "libel"
41. Ideological _____ sorely missing on campus
42. Middle name of Viewpoint author who doesn't care if her family dies in a terrorist attack
43. Nobel Peace Prize winning terrorist
46. Don't bother them; fix it yourself
47. Name for student body
48. A plitudinous flower
49. Tight and white
51. "Carnage at the _____"
54. Liz Ammons can't stand "mindless _____"
60. Better than Culture Representatives
64. Didn't get elected to the Senate
65. _____ Quad Run
66. Source celebrates _____ years on the hill
69. Hukked on Fonix dident wurk for them
70. _____ 's Book Club for the illiterate
71. "It was a _____ rape" -The Vagina Monologues
72. Talk show host who came out of the closet.... but then, she was never really in, was she?

Aight, yo. Da answers be on Page 6.

