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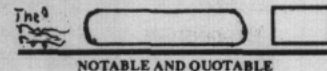
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# From the Editor

**THE PRIMARY SOURCE**, in conjunction with Lecture Series and with the help of a generous grant from the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, brought author Dinesh D'Souza to campus last month to talk about racism and affirmative action. Held in Braker 001, there was no standing room to be had. Mr. D'Souza delivered an excellent lecture, which was received very well by most, provoking a re-examination of affirmative action policies and their effect on minorities.

Mr. D'Souza spent only one year in this country before attending Dartmouth College, bringing a fresh perspective to America's racial troubles. He spoke of a new type of racism, linked to the traditional type, which grows from resentment for policies which favor some groups over others. Continuing, he analyzed the results of policies such as Berkley's on affirmative action, which pulls underqualified candidates into an extremely competitive environment, only to have them fail out soon after.

The evidence Mr. D'Souza presented on the rise of racial incidents and the failure of affirmative action policies was irrefutable. His presentation and explanation of the evidence was thought-provoking while adeptly crafted to avoid issues that would stir up emotion, rather than promote reflection. Most people truly enjoyed the lecture and left with a new perspective on the issues, or at least left with a greater respect for alternative perspectives.

There were some, however, who just should not have attended the lecture. Many came to the lecture with their minds set. One professor remarked at the end of the talk that he was going to use Mr. D'Souza's lecture as an example of racism. And during the question-and-answer period, most questions were directed to point out racism and were more inquisitorial than inquisitive.

Many attended Mr. D'Souza's lecture out of a true concern about racism, looking for answers to a perplexing problem. For many, the close-mindedness of the few brought feelings of resentment, frustration, and ultimately, sadness. For the debate has decayed to a point where reasonable discussion is no longer accepted. To disagree is to be racist. In the end there will be change, and those who refuse to participate responsibly in the discussion will be left out of the decisions.

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## WHO are the Real Racists?

At the recent Dinesh D'Souza lecture students handed out flyers entitled "Who are the Real Racists?" which criticized *The Dartmouth Review* (of which Mr. D'Souza was editor) and **THE PRIMARY SOURCE**. While we, as a rule, ignore such criticism and allow our issues to speak for themselves, we are linked in many people's minds with *The Dartmouth Review*. As the only group on campus at all familiar with the Review, we feel an obligation to present the facts behind the accusations.

1) 1982: *The Dartmouth Review* prints an article entitled "Dis Sho Ain't No Jive, Bro" implying that black students are illiterate.

*The Review* did publish an article of this title in their 15 March 1982 issue. The critics of this article however, did not read it very carefully. The article was about affirmative action and attempted to discuss the negative effects that it can have on the student body. It did not in any way seek to imply that black students are illiterate.

2) 1986: *Members of The Dartmouth Review, on Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday, tear down shanties that had been built by students protesting apartheid.*

On January 21, 1986, which was not Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday, a self-organized group of students did knock down some anti-apartheid shanties. Although the group did include a few black and white members of *The Review* staff, it was not specifically associated with, or responsible to *The Review*. It is interesting to note that the shanties violated town ordinances and had been declared unsafe by Dartmouth College and the town of Hanover and were slated to be torn down.

3) 1987: *The Dartmouth Review is cited with a racist attack against a black music professor.*

In 1987 *The Dartmouth Review* printed a transcript of a class by Professor Cole, a music professor who is black. The class was filled with profanity and racial slurs aimed at white students in the class such as "racist mother f\*cker honkey." Printing the professor's words was seen as racist. *The Review* then attempted to interview Professor Cole and offered to print a response, but was repeatedly verbally assaulted. For this two members of *The Review* were expelled only to later return after winning a court battle against the university in which the judge harshly criticized Dartmouth's disciplinary procedure as biased.

4) 1990: *The Dartmouth Review quotes Hitler in its credo, "I believe today that I am acting in the sense of the Almighty Creator: By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for the Lord's work."*

It has been established that this unfortunate incident was an act of sabotage. *The Review's* editors made a public apology when the altered credo was brought to their attention, recollected and destroyed over 10,000 copies of that edition, and halted mailings to subscribers. A hostile ex-staffer, suspected of having committed the sabotage, was questioned and refused to take a lie detector test, the same test which the editors of *The Review* willingly submitted to and passed. Taking into consideration *The Review's* consistent pro-Israel stance and history of Jewish staffers, it is highly unlikely that they would have done something so self-destructive.

5) **THE PRIMARY SOURCE**, a self-proclaimed affiliate, continues to attack its(sic) the members of this community based on race, sexual orientation, gender, religious beliefs, etc. all in the name of good fun.

**THE PRIMARY SOURCE** is not officially connected with *The Dartmouth Review*, nor do we take responsibility for, or even support everything the Review has done. As for the assertions that the SOURCE has attacked the members of the Tufts community on the basis of race, sexual orientation, gender, religious beliefs, etc.(?), we can not respond to assertions and welcome any criticism based on fact. the SOURCE has continually asserted the irrelevance of such things as race, sexual orientation, gender, religion, etc. in the assessment of an individuals character, and have attacked the use of such terms to classify individuals and separate the community.

6) *Conservative Journalism - Is NOT defined as racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, etc. The opinions expressed under this heading SHOULD represent conservative views addressing campus, state and national issues.*

The spectrum of Conservatism is as broad as that of liberalism. The staff of **THE PRIMARY SOURCE** differ greatly in views, from libertarianism to traditional liberalism, and the SOURCE attempts to present them all. These views do not include racism, sexism, anti-semitism, or homophobia, but all views are consistent in respect for and the belief in the supremacy of the individual over the group.

In pursuing our goals we have caught the attention of, and received praise from national conservative organizations. Scott Silva from The Leadership Institute says "[**THE PRIMARY SOURCE**] has a sharp look, excellent writing and sheer genius...To put it candidly, this is a perfect example of what an independent campus publication can and should be." --Compiled by Karen Ahlborn

# Commentary

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## War Memorial Steps

The War Memorial Steps that form the main entrance to the Tufts campus, honor, on one step after the next, the sons and daughters of Tufts who served their country in her wars. The inscriptions on the steps, in ascending order, currently read as follows:

*To honor the men and women of Tufts who served their country with unselfish devotion in time of war, This memorial is built by their classmates and friends in grateful appreciation.*

*In commemoration of those men of Tufts who in the war between the states helped to preserve the Union.*

*To commemorate those Tufts men who in the war with Spain took up arms in defense of an ideal of justice.*

*Dedicated to those members of Tufts who by taking part in the World War answered a challenge to the ideals of their generation.*

*To those Tufts men who gave their lives for world peace and justice [World War II, Korean War].*

*In remembrance of the members of the Tufts community who served during the war in Southeast Asia.*

With the conclusion of the Gulf War, we suggest the following addition:

*In honor of those men and women of Tufts who by serving in the war to liberate Kuwait fought to secure a world safe from arbitrary murder, mayhem, and terrorism.*

## Vietnam Exorcised

Since the Vietnam War, the American military has been subject to constant criticism. Its weapons, it was said, were boondoggles for greedy defense contractors. Its technologies, created by analyst whiz kids, could never work. The idea of being in the military was something one was supposed to be ashamed of. Yet, in a six-week war, the United States quickly routed the world's fourth largest military power with minimal casualties. Moreover, the weapons performed up to, and at times beyond, expectations. Technology has reached the point where the United States can destroy military buildings with very few civilian casualties. Perhaps now, future Saddams will think twice before invading their neighbors.

## The Worm Turns

Democracies, it is often thought, are too weak and divided to confront totalitarian dictators, but dictators at their peril misinterpret the internal debates all democracies constantly endure and the peace that they all cherish with a lack of will once troops have been committed and the actual hurly-burly of war begins. Adolph Hitler made this mistake. On the eve of his invasion of Poland, he discounted the possibility of effective Allied opposition with the following words: "The democracies are worms. I saw them at Munich." Saddam Hussein made the same mistake. Worms democracies may be, but large worms which, from time to time, turn and eat dictators.

## Xenophobia

The late Gulf War, like all wars, was accompanied by a small but ugly rise in xenophobia by self-styled "patriots", directed in this case against Arab Americans. Although far smaller than in previous wars, there were some examples of Arabs who were harassed, assaulted, and burnt out of their houses. Such "patriotism" taints the true patriotism displayed by our soldiers in the Gulf.

## The Democrats

The Democrats had been licking their chops, finally confident that they could pose a challenge to the Republican lock on the White House. They made sure, with rare exception, to sit on the fence in the Iraq crisis, hoping to be able to say "I told you so" when some failure occurred. They refused to vote on an authorization of force until the very last minute. Senator John Kerry even went to the point of both supporting and opposing the war simultaneously. If Bush tripped up anywhere, the Democrats would have had ammunition for the 1992 electoral race. To their chagrin, opportunity never knocked. The war was a smashing success. The Democrats are left again with an albatross of foreign policy ineptitude around their necks.

## The IRA

Irish Republican Army terrorists used the Gulf War to launch attacks on British Prime Minister John Major and civilians traveling through the Victoria and Paddington subway station. "Irish Republican Army" is wrong on all counts. It does not represent the views of the people of Ireland, North or South, Catholic or Protestant. Its political arm, Sinn Fein, is a fringe party on both parts of the emerald island. The IRA has never hesitated to attack Catholics who disagree with its terrorist tactics. It pays no heed of the fact that there are far more Irish today in the United States than in Ireland proper; by, in effect, allying with Saddam and seeking to spread terror among the civilian populace of one of America's coalition partners, the IRA has shown itself to be opposed to its Irish-American brethren. By attacking democratically-elected officials while eschewing electoral politics itself (Sinn Fein party members, when elected, boycott the parliament to which they are elected), by its close connections with totalitarian Marxist ideology, and by its constant willingness to ally itself with

such foes of democracy as Muammar Qaddafi, the IRA has proven itself to be far from "Republican". Its constant reliance on terrorism shows that it is not an "Army"; it is but a gang of common criminals. Northern Ireland is far from a just land, Catholics of Ulster have legitimate grievances; but IRA terrorism does nothing to alleviate those grievances, it only brings an increase in death and destruction. The IRA claims to be the continuation of the Irish struggle for liberty which dates back to 1043, but from Wolfe Tone, John Mitchell, Charles Stuart Parnell, and Padraic H. Pearse to bombing commuters in subway stations is a long and ugly march indeed.

### War Dividend?

Assuming some kind of peace can be established in the region, this war may have actually helped the United States on many levels. On the economic level, the sagging construction industry will be boosted with billions of dollars in new revenues. Oil prices will be lower than their pre-war levels. Much of the actual war cost will be picked up by our allies. On a political level, future Saddams will be deterred by our juggernaut of a war machine. Our economic rivals in Japan and Germany will continue to play a back-seat role to us on the diplomatic and political scene, and the Soviets may lose influence in the Middle East. The United States has more chance now than ever to settle many of the enduring conflicts of the Arab World.



### Charity

Another leftist idea that should go the way of Saddam is the idea that government spending and taxes are a superior replacement for old-fashioned charity. It has been assumed by liberals that people would not voluntarily give money to the poor. It had to be forcibly taken, channelled through monstrous bureaucracies, and then redistributed. Massachusetts Treasurer Joe Malone decided to create "A Hero's Welcome", a program designed to give returning Massachusetts war heroes a monetary bonus. Instead of raising taxes, Mr. Malone decided to solicit contributions through radio-thon and speeches. The "revolutionary" idea is that if you ask people to help, they will, and gladly. They just like being able to make their own choices.

### TCU Constitutional Revision

Over the last five months representatives from all three branches of our student government have been working on a new constitution which will correct problems with the old government. In reality, the revisions represent no real departure from the existing government. The only significant change will be to grant the Senate the power to purge itself of unwanted members. As our government moves away from democratic traditions like free speech, it moves into the dark territory hitherto reserved for dictatorships. Instead of approving a reform that merely allows a majority of the Senate to remove someone we the Students have chosen to represent us, the students of Tufts University will have a chance to adopt real change. On page twenty-three of this issue, the reader will find the SOURCE's alternate proposal, which will appear on the referendum ballot. May the best constitution win.

### Comrade Gorbachev

As if to dissipate any lingering doubts, on February 27, Soviet dictator MiKhai Gorbachev, while delivering a verbal attack on the Soviet Union's true democratic forces, declared, "I am not ashamed to say that I am a Communist and adhere to the Communist idea, and with this I will leave for the other world."

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### Lithuania

Over the last month, the Soviet Union has expended almost all of her foreign policy energies toward gaining a position of respect in the Middle East. Now with American victory, the unconditional Iraqi surrender, and the cancellation of the upcoming summit, the Soviets find themselves excluded from high-level diplomacy. The only solution to their problem is to conduct a little low-level diplomacy. The repression of the Baltic states and other captive nations within the Soviet Union must cease. Only when the Soviets have cast off their Stalinist domestic policies will they be graduated into the New World Order which the United States has begun to build out of the ashes of the collapsed Soviet empire.

# Month in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice*  
--Aristophanes

Three cheers for the military-industrial complex!

As Mothers of All Battles go, this one wasn't too bad.

In the spirit of *Time* magazine, we at the SOURCE would like to present a new feature: the Loser of the Year. Actually, we'd better make it loser of the century, because our man is...Saddam Hussein! Saddam was an easy pick for the prize after his humiliating defeat on February 27. Among his stupid mistakes: (1) invading and annexing Kuwait last August, (2) holding onto and occupying Kuwait for six months, (3) defying the United States, er, we mean the United Nations, (4) launching feeble attacks against Israel, (5) declaring his intention to pull out of Kuwait AFTER the ground attack had begun, and (6) growing that silly moustache. In short, Saddam is the biggest loser of our time.

Recently, concern has been raised over the disproportionate number of minorities, specifically blacks, in the military. Apparently, the larger percentage of blacks in our all-volunteer army is not a testimony to the patriotism of blacks, or the racist-free advantage of our military, but a beastly plot by those evil white boys in the Pentagon (you know, like Colin Powell) to kill off minorities. Those PC among you who were concerned can put your mind at ease. When that plot was attempted in Vietnam, 17% of those serving were black, but only 12% of the casualties were black, the same proportion as in the general population.

As part of Tufts' renewed attempt to bring back some semblance of a social life on campus, Programming Board is bringing Karen Finley to campus Friday, March 8. We at the SOURCE were all hot and bothered with the thought of getting to see Miss Finley smear herself in chocolate and stick tubors in all sorts of body orifices. We were distraught to hear that she will only be here to do a reading. We were looking forward to the chocolate covered yams.

Many have been unwilling to believe that Saddam's erratic and at times ludicrous behavior is a product of cerebral deficiency. Tactics like firing missiles at Israel, pouring oil in the water, and burying tanks in the sand (thus eliminating all mobility) were seen as part of a master plan. If this logic is followed to its culmination, we will soon hear Saddam boasting of his successful infiltration of allied POW camps.

At a recent Senate meeting, TCU Senate President Julian Barnes was asked by a female senator how conservatively one should dress for a Trustee luncheon. President Barnes answered, "You don't want to show any cleavage." Once again, Mr. Barnes has shown a complete lack of understanding of the modern conservative movement.

Our great and glorious Senate, when not defining new trends in modern fashion, is once again assailing our civil liberties. A motion presented by Senator Stu Rosenberg acknowledging the administration's right to restrict the freedom of speech was recently passed, albeit in a much amended form. One can only wonder what occupies the vacancy in our senators' hearts where the love of freedom and liberty normally resides. Most likely, it's the same mush they've got in their heads as a substitute for brains.

Normally at this time of year, the SOURCE would make some kind of quip about Asian Awareness Week and the unnecessary of going around taking note only of a person's race. However, under our new kinder and gentler executive board, we shall refrain and satisfy ourself with stating that the individuality of all human beings transcends any similarity of appearance. Call it a belief in the primacy of the human soul.



With over half a million young men in an alcohol and drug free environment for six months, the Gulf War has certainly saved hundreds of American lives in alcohol and drug related deaths, more than were killed in the hostilities. With a little dealing, we should be able to make a profit as well.

Recently, the SOURCE has noted some of the more PC type walking around campus with "Fur is Murder" buttons pinned on their leather jackets. ...we're speechless; imagine, poking holes in fine leather goods.

Say, whatever DID happen to *Links*?

The United States will be making every effort not to re-arm Iraq, since it has proven to be a radical, destabilizing regime, that threatens its neighbors and is ruled by an an evil dictator who murders his citizens by the myriad and who sports a silly-looking moustache. From now on, the United States will only help Syria.



Israel's Yitzhak Shamir recently assured Western leaders that there would be no exchange of "land for peace." Syria's Hafez al-Assad was rumored as responding, "We'll work for as much *piece* as we can."

Even before the Gulf War, protesters began organizing themselves to "Stop the War Before It Starts." Now, suddenly finding themselves without a cause, the protesters are regrouping under a new slogan, "Stop the War After It Ends."

It is rumored that the newly founded Collective Of Recreational Postmortem Sexual Explorers (C.O.R.P.S.E.) has pasted posters around campus showing explicit sexual activity between the living and the dead. The caption beneath reads, "What can you do without a pulse?" No one knows who belongs to this marginalized group but it is claimed that at least 100 percent of the Tufts population will, at some time in their lives, be dead. A press release submitted anonymously to several campus publications said that the purpose of the postering was to "let people know that necrophiliacs will not lie quietly in the coffin anymore."

Last week, a constituent of Senator John F. Kerry received two diametrically opposed letters from the esteemed lawmaker. The first letter was a heated attack on George Bush and his belligerent effort to embroil the country in costly military action. The second letter told of the senator's strong support for the president and the war. The incident was explained away as a "computer error." Is this supposed to make us feel better? I guess we are supposed to take comfort in the fact that Senator Kerry can fix the faulty computers and go back to ignoring his constituents.

Just in from Senator Kerry's office:  
**The Top Ten Reasons Why the United States Should not Have Gone to War With Iraq:**

10. Iraq's battle-hardened elite Republican Guards will turn the desert into a bath of American blood.
9. Now we'll never know if sanctions would have worked.
8. We should spend money on welfare, not warfare.
7. No Blood For Oil!
6. I was a Vietnam veteran, so I know more than you, nyah, nyah.
5. Hell, No! We won't go! We won't fight for Texaco.
4. All I am saying, is give peace a chance.
3. Make love not war.
2. Saddam wants peace too.
1. The Kuwaitis *want* to be part of Iraq.

This just in from Senator Kerry's office:  
**The Top Ten Reasons to Level Iraq:**

10. Iraq's army is vastly overrated, it will be a quick five-day war.
9. Sanctions are the pipe dream of international politics.
8. We should spend money on warfare, not welfare.
7. Remember Munich. No appeasement.
6. I was a Vietnam veteran, so I know more than you, nyah, nyah.

5. Nuk 'em!
4. Turn Iraq into a sheet of glass.
3. Make war, not concessions.
2. Saddam has no interest in a diplomatic solution.
1. The sovereign citizens of Kuwait have no desire to surrender their right to self-determination.

Secret reports from the Department of Defense concerning the crackdown in Lithuania have been released to the SOURCE. It is rumored that the Soviets lost more men in the massacre in Vilnius than the United States lost in the entire war against Iraq.

We had some qualms about using Month in Review space for an attack on MassPIRG when we are already running an article about it, but any space devoted to attacking PIRG is well used. So... Once again the lobbying group has attempted to lobby the TCU Senate for funding. However, it seems that even TCU senators gain some fortitude after a year in office, and ALBO has recommended zero funding. At this point in time it might be prudent to remind the Tufts community of the Marks Amendment to the Senate resolution granting MassPIRG funding. According to this amendment, MassPIRG must supply receipts for all TCU money showing that that money was spent on campus. After giving MassPIRG \$12,250 last year, it would be nice to see those receipts. We wonder if they were all from Hotung Cafe, or if some were from the Rez.

As we are sure the PC among you noticed, *Daily* columnist Derrick Jones wrote a nice article entitled "Vanilla Ice Melted" which claimed that white people should not be allowed to rap because it is a "black" art form. Whites, said Mr. Jones, have a history of stealing black art forms for their own commercial use. Many will argue that this is not a racist statement because it is a matter of fact. Fine; than so is this: A white man invented basketball, black people should not be able to play a white sport. Pretty silly concept, huh?



# Month (cont.)

In order to increase his chances of winning the next war, Saddam Hussein has officially banned the production and importation of white cloth.

Saddam Hussein, putting a new spin on an old statement, was heard to exclaim, "Man, that was a mother of a battle!"

To prove that we can make fun of the loonies of the Right as well as those of the Left, the SOURCE hereby presents:  
**Top Ten Right-Wing Conspiracy Theorist Complaints About the American Victory in the Gulf**

10. What ever happened to "Take no prisoners!"?
9. We should have used nukes.
8. This only serves to increase popular support for the Council on Foreign Relations-Trilateral Commission cabal running our government!
7. What's this United Nations/New World Order bullshit?
6. We shouldn't be in the Middle East; we should be annexing Canada! Remember Montgomery!
5. Saddam Hussein was the only man keeping the Illuminati out of the Middle East.
4. Kuwaitis, Egyptians, Saudis... Ain't them all furriners?
3. If them A-rabs can have semi-automatic huntin' rifles, why can't we?
2. Onward to Syria!
1. I don't trust nothing that George Bush guy does. He's been drinking flouridated water.

When the Allied ground war against Iraq began a week and a half ago, the Israeli evening news broadcast opened with three well-chosen words: "God bless America".

In the summer before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Iraq's news agency accused the U.S. of being steered by Israeli policy in a world Zionist plot. The following week, the Iraqi News Agency complained that Israel was a puppet being controlled by the United States to advance its own interests in the region. Apparently, the Iraqis can't seem to decide whom they loathe more -- Israel, or the West.

Just in case anyone was wondering, Iraq was a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. And the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of prisoners of war. Not to mention the Kellogg-Briand Pact outlawing war.

We give up!! You're right ..er left, well, you know what we mean. Western Culture is completely evil. Western Culture was entirely stolen from Africa.

Why do leftists conspire,  
and the senators plot in vain?  
The Caesar of the Senate sets himself,  
and the deans take counsel among themselves,  
against the Lord God Jumbo and his anointed saying,  
"Let us defund them,  
and send them away from campus."  
He who sits in the fountain at Wessell laughs;  
the Jumbo cannot believe his ears.  
Then he will speak unto them in his wrath, yea, verily,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
"I have set my journal  
in Curtis, my holy hall."  
I will tell of the decree of the Jumbo:  
He said to me, "You are my SOURCE,  
today I have begotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the senators your heritage,  
and the ends of the campus your possession.  
You shall deride them with a rod of sarcasm,  
and dash their proposals to pieces like Pete Townsend's  
guitar."  
Now therefore, O deans, be right;  
be warned O senators who reside in the house of the  
Senate.  
Serve the Lord Jumbo with fear,  
with trembling kiss his ass,  
Lest He be amused, and you perish in his servants' wit;  
for his mighty pen is quickly wielded.  
Blessed are all who contribute to **THE PRIMARY SOURCE**.

---from the *Book of Diversity*, Psalms 2:1-11

The Topps baseball-card company has released an "Operation Desert Storm" set of bubble-gum cards. Ah, capitalism at its finest!

Amidst the complaint that no candidate had announced his intention to challenge George Bush for the presidency, George McGovern recently tossed his tie-dyed hat into the ring. And they say you can't come home again.

Could the sudden push for a TLGBC representative on the TCU Senate have anything to do with the fact that Wally Pansing will be graduated this year? Is the community worried that it won't be able to find another leader as dynamic and charismatic as good old Wally? We think it's more likely that Senator Pansing has annoyed so many people in the gay community that it wants someone around to make sure that people don't think they are all like Mr. Pansing, who has gone so far astray since he founded his high school Young Republicans.

# The PIRG-asites

Daniel C. Goodwin

The TCU Senate's primary duty, that responsibility which sets it apart from nearly every other college or university legislature across the country, is the responsible management and equitable distribution of over \$500,000. With few exceptions, the Senate carries out this responsibility with greater fairness and professionalism than the U.S. Senate. One crucial factor in the TCU Senate's favor is the lack of the leeches which feed on public funds, commonly called lobbyists.

Unfortunately, one leech has attached itself to student-activity funds across the country, surviving on student's innocent concern for the environment. This leech is called PIRG, specifically MassPIRG and Tufts cannot seem to rid itself of this parasite.

This year MassPIRG, a professional lobbying organization, has asked the Senate for \$26,322 from the money the Senate is entrusted to distribute for campus activities. Of this money, 79% (\$20,801)

Less than 2% (\$500) of our money would be "given back" for use on campus.

The question is not whether what MassPIRG does is good, although arguments would be lively on both sides, but whether our money, designated for student activities, should be used to support a professional environmental lobbying organization. Clearly by Senate standards, it should not.

Our student-activity money is given to the Senate each year by the trustees, in order for the Senate to equitably allocate the money for campus activities. While there are no organizations to which everyone belongs or with which all even agree, all of these activities still enrich campus life. MassPIRG's budget, on the other hand, is a membership fee in a political-lobbying organization. This is not a proper use of funds allocated for campus activities.

Everyone agrees that MassPIRG violates the Senate's funding procedures. The money goes directly to an outside organization which is in no way accountable to the Senate, used for things which the Senate does not pay for (e.g., staff). Unfortunately, as the only lobbying group on campus, it has been very effective in "convincing" senators to vote against the Senate's own rules. Freshman senator Adam Tratt told the Daily that "to hold this unique organization accountable to the standards rules of ALBO...is doing Tufts a great mis-service."

Apparently, some feel that since MassPIRG is good we should give them our student-activities money. The argument goes; Since students themselves support MassPIRG, we can make an exception and give the student-activities money to an independent political organization. First, if students truly support MassPIRG, then these students can give MassPIRG money. Forcing someone to give money to a political organization is illegal. Sending our dues designated for campus activities to MassPIRG is just as illegal as mandatory union dues going to political campaigns.

But, the fact is that students don't support MassPIRG. In a referendum last year, students voted 1024 to 823 against funding MassPIRG. MassPIRG contested the referendum because a MassPIRG member managed to cheat and voted twice for

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MassPIRG. With this vote, funding MassPIRG not only violates students' basic civil liberties protecting them from forced funding for political organizations, and the Senate's own rules in regard to funding, but funding MassPIRG would be in violation of its own charter which requires that students reaffirm support for MassPIRG's existence every two years.

With all evidence against MassPIRG, how did it manage to get \$12,250 last year from the Senate? Well, MassPIRG is a lobbying organization and it is good at what it does. MassPIRG knows all of the slimy tactics to get what it wants. In true lobbyist form, Lisa Fabish who last year, told a Source editor that she would "lie, cheat, or steal to get the money for MassPIRG." Last year after receiving a \$0 recommendation from ALBO, MassPIRG of course appealed to the full Senate. The Senate, responsibly, was prepared to allocate that which is used on campus, minus the full-time campus staffer. Ginny Hamilton who said that if the Senate is only going to give campus operating expenses then it might as well not give anything. So the Senate, responsibly, gave nothing.

MassPIRG, being professional slime, knew exactly what to do, as all who worked hard to uphold Senate law went back to their normal lives. Lobbying the new Senate later in the spring without opposition, it found politicians heady with new-found power who were easily swooned by standard campaign tactics. Looking more

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<b>MASSPIRG</b>	
MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP	
'91-'92 Budget Proposal	
I) Personnel	
Tufts Organizer	\$13,206 (50.17)
Campus Support Staff	\$2,431 (9.24)
Program Advocate Staff	\$3,084 (11.72)
Administrative Staff	\$2,080 (7.90)
II) Operating Expenses	
	\$2,842 (10.79)
III) Board of Directors	
	\$179 (.68)
IV) Tufts PIRG Direct Expenses	
	\$500 (1.89)
V) Statewide Education, Advocacy, and Organizing	
	\$2000 (7.59)
<b>TOTAL \$26,322</b>	

would be used to pay for professional staff to run MassPIRG's office in downtown Boston and to hire a full-time staffer "trained to teach students specific campaign skills" (MassPIRG '90-'91 budget) [i.e. lobby]. 19% of the money would pay for the operating expenses of MassPIRG's Boston office and activities (e.g., rent, phones, publi-

# Et Tu, Chomsky?

John Finneran

Last week, Noam Chomsky, professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, hopped aboard the Red Line and visited our fair campus. Speaking to a packed auditorium, Prof. Chomsky delivered a wonderfully witty lecture that jumped from one topic to the next with dexterous speed and agility.

Now, Prof. Chomsky is often considered the archetypical leftist, a sort of hybrid of *The Nation*, *Mother Jones*, and the Christic Institute, all wrapped into one and walking on two legs, but this view is overly simplistic. Oh, he's a leftist, all right, but not the worst sort: the dour, humorless would-be Vyshinskys who grimly denounce whatever evil they happen to be against that day, but who quickly cover their eyes whenever a copy of *National Review* or *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* should happen to be lying about, lest the mere sight of non-conforming opinion should contaminate their pristine political correctness.

Prof. Chomsky, in contrast, has not only a sense of humor, but also quite an eclectic, and indeed sometimes contradictory, set of political beliefs, which, were one to place them on the political spectrum, would fall lop-sidedly to the left, but would also fall here and there and everywhere. A friend of mine who was a debater in high school told me that Prof. Chomsky

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and more like the U.S. Senate, the new senate allocated \$12,250 from money they didn't have. Money later taken from the Senate's own account.

This year guarantees a good fight in the Senate. ALBO has recommended \$0, as last year, and MassPIRG is on shakier ground. They have not attempted to reaffirm support as stated in their charter, and their activities this year have been minimal. Last year MassPIRG pulled a fast one and conned the senate out of \$12,250, but as Matt Sands, Senate Treasure, noted in the Daily, "We only make that mistake once."

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is immensely popular in high-school debating circles because, in my friend's words, "no matter what topic you're debating, you can always find a Chomsky quote to support your position". All of which makes for an interesting lecture. Should Prof. Chomsky be preferring an opinion with which you disagree, you need only sit back contentedly in the knowledge that in a minute or two, three at the most, he will say something with which you agree. By the same token, if you are the sort who attends lectures in the hope that you will be offended, then you will be, but you will scarcely have time to be thoroughly offended by one statement then you will be offended by the next.

It is true that Prof. Chomsky's views are not *totally* eclectic. He often seems to start his thoughts with the *a priori* assumption that whatever America does, must be wrong. (This is symptomatic of what I, in an earlier article, called the Hate America Movement.) He spoke, for example, of our "deeply totalitarian culture" and of how the American aim in the Vietnam War -- which was simply an "American war against South Vietnam", never mind complications from North Vietnam or the Viet Cong, let alone the Soviet Union or the People's Republic of China -- was to "drive several millions into concentration camps". (This, said Prof. Chomsky, was one of those things that "doesn't exist in history, only in the real world".) And when he reached the Gulf War, his views became extraordinarily bizarre.

But before I get to that, another area where I think Prof. Chomsky is wrong, let me point out some areas where I think he is right. He was right on a number of his shorter comments, such as his assertion that, official free trade dogma aside, Amer-

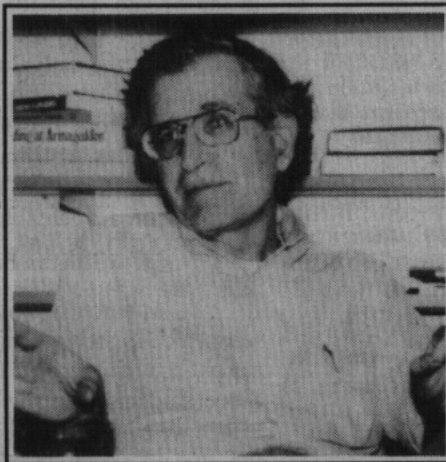
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ica still attempts to protect her industries as much as she can and his statement that Hafez al-Assad is "indistinguishable from Saddam Hussein", as well as on his more general distrust of the power of the State. He mentions both the limits to the good the State can do ("It is a misunderstanding of democracy to think that leaders will save you."), and the evil that the State *does* do. But here, even though I'm supposed to be agreeing with Prof. Chomsky, I must point out a contradiction in his views. Although he discoursed at length on the terrible things the American state does, he seems to have

great confidence in the United Nations and in international law, which is, in effect, a super-state (a government, however rudimentary, above the level of the nation state). If the State is so terrible, it does not seem to me to be an intellectually tenable position to argue that we can produce good by adding yet more statism.

When led through Prof. Chomsky's views on the Gulf War, one cannot help exclaiming along with Alice, "Curioser and curioser!" The Gulf War, said Prof. Chomsky, was "a straight race war", clear and simple. We

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# Disconnected

Barbara E. Walton

The '80s generation has been called many things -- The "Mean" Generation (*New York Times*) and the Why-Bother Generation (*Pump Up the Volume*), among others -- and these accusations often arise from within our own ranks. These things are not baseless slander. We have our faults, and we know them. We are cynical (Who can blame us, right?), we are apathetic (So what? No one listens to us, anyway.), we are crude (Oh, who gives a flying fuck?). We can make an almost infinite list of our shortcomings, and we often do just that (or have it done for us -- I would

and the deliciously nasty *Heathers*). Even more "understanding" portrayals tend to perceive our strengths as directly proportional to our resistance against these shortcomings.

Why?

What makes us different? What shadow did we grow up in? What terrifying specter are we running so hard to escape, lashing back at so violently? What, as the more "80s" among us would say, is our damage?

Nothing.

Nothing at all.

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refer the reader to teen films such as *Less Than Zero*, *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*, the aforementioned *Pump Up the Volume*,

became disconnected. We were cut off from the lifeblood of our own culture and history, and left to sink or swim.

And that is precisely what makes us different.

Some where along the line we

The Puritans who landed on the shores of New England brought with them a dream of founding the "Perfect Commonwealth." Although others had come before and have come since with less grandiose ideas, it was this Pilgrim's dream that has consistently colored the history and self-image of the American culture. As Malise Ruthven put it, "Utopia is as much part of the American agenda as is the Communist millennium in Russia." Our Declaration of Independence makes the radical statement that "All men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights." The Constitution exists "in order to form a more perfect Union." Many of our ancestors set out from their native land not to break from tradition but to follow it, to materialize the traditional Promised Land. With their accomplishments, they also made mistakes.

Today, though, their mistakes have become the focus of any study of history, leaving out the accomplishments which are

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fought Iraq only because the Iraqis are dark skinned (as opposed, presumably, to the ice people of Kuwait, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia). But this part of Prof. Chomsky's view, although silly enough by itself, is not the truly curious part. If the true nature of the war is so clear and simple, we might ask, why has it not been emphasized by the media and academics? Why has there been a "capitulation", to use Prof. Chomsky's word, of these two groups (whom I shall call the opinion elite)? Because, Prof. Chomsky replies, among the "cultivated order", the respectable opinion-makers who write Op-Ed articles and are interviewed on talk shows, the "racism is absolutely blatant". When the opinion elite speak of the war as preserving a balance of power, stopping aggression, ending the rape of Kuwait, etc., they do indeed believe their words, but do not realize that such explanations are just masks for the true (racist) explanation.

Their racism is so deeply engrained that it is not even noticed.

This is the truly bizarre aspect of Prof. Chomsky's belief: The members of the opinion elite (with only a few exceptions, such as Noam Chomsky) say what they think, but do not realize that what they think is not what they are thinking, for they are thinking something else. This conspiracy view of the human brain, whether applied to the opinion elite or others, is utterly unconvincing; for, the individual members of the opinion elite, who are, after all, inside their own brains, must surely know what they are thinking when they think it better than can Prof. Chomsky.

In a different, though related, view, Professor Chomsky argues that the United States, having destroyed her economy during the Reagan and Bush administrations, now cannot compete in the real world economy, but has a "comparative advantage in violence". The United States, in an attempt to cling to her erstwhile status as a great economic power, now hires herself out to

such rich states as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to bloody up their enemies. America is therefore now becoming a sort of mercenary state -- but Prof. Chomsky does not use the term "mercenary state". Indeed, he used a term that one would not suspect would cross the lips of such an avid fighter of racism both real and imagined. Americans, declared Prof. Chomsky, are becoming "the Hessians of the world". *Et tu, Chomske?* With, in Prof. Chomsky's view, an intelligensia in which the "racism is absolutely blatant", the forces of good and decency can only lament the loss of Prof. Chomsky. In the words of John Milton:

*Earth felt the wound, and Nature from  
her seat,  
Sighing through all her works, gave signs  
of woe,  
That all was lost.*

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# FMLN: Impeding the Peace Process

Nissan Raclaw

The tragedy of El Salvador is the incessant violence and death caused by the conflict between the government of El Salvador, led by President Alfredo Cristiani, and the Farabundo Marti Front for National Liberation (FMLN), named after the founder of the El Salvadoran Communist party at the time of Stalin. Since the right-wing Alianza Republicana Nacionalistas (ARENA) party was elected in 1989, the process of negotiations appeared to have been producing some forward movement until November of last year. It was at that time that the FMLN began a major terrorist offensive in El Salvador.

The ten-year-old war in El Salvador recently appeared to be nearing a political solution when both the government and the FMLN were party to the April 4, 1990 Geneva Accord, which provided for UN-supervised negotiations to end the bloodshed in the Republic. At the subsequent negotiating sessions, the parties have discussed the issues of human rights, the electoral system, and the military. The Cristiani government has put forward a 33-point proposal on the topic of the armed forces. This proposal indicates the government's willingness to subordinate the military to the duly constituted civilian leadership. In fact, the government pledged to reduce the number of troops in the Republic in accordance with regional military agreements.

The government proposal was presented at the third round of talks, known as Costa Rica I; however, the FMLN was unable to accept that proposal. Nevertheless, both parties did sign a Human Rights Accord at Costa Rica I. In the subsequent two rounds of talks (Costa Rica II and III), the FMLN first presented an entirely new proposal, differing radically from its previous positions, and then went on to insist that without the dissolution of the armed forces there would be no end to the conflict. The government has stated that the very existence of the military is clearly a

non-negotiable point, and has been frustrated by the FMLN's shift in positions throughout the negotiating process.

Salvador Samayoa, chief of the FMLN Political Branch has made it clear that "to each thing that they offer us, we say no; it's not enough... and we want more." The crux of the problem is that the FMLN demands total dissolution of the military while maintaining its own very sophisticated weaponry as a right of self-defense. The fact is that the FMLN simply refuses to give up the armed route to power and to participate in elections, knowing that its fate would be the same as that of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. The FMLN recognizes that the existence of a strong, albeit often brutal, military is the main obstacle to an FMLN seizure of power.

Most recently, the FMLN has begun a new "military campaign" that has been a major escalation in the violence in the Republic. At the same time, the willingness on the part of the government of El Salvador and President Cristiani to try to find a negotiated settlement to the conflict has been noted at the Presidential Summit held in Puntarenas, Costa Rica. The accord

signed at the Summit included a section concerning the situation in El Salvador and stated that "the Presidents of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, deeply concerned with the difficult situation in the sister Republic of El Salvador which has become worse in the last few days due to the actions of the FMLN [and]... recognizing one more time the efforts that have been

**The FMLN has shown its true colors in a new offensive designed to cow the Cristiani government into accepting the FMLN demands**

made since the First of June 1989 by President Cristiani... being aware that the dialogue process... has been blocked by the persistent violent actions of the FMLN... commend the firm disposition of President Cristiani... [and] energetically demand of the FMLN an immediate and effective cease-fire...."

The FMLN has shown its true colors in a new offensive designed to cow the Cristiani government into accepting the FMLN demands that the armed forces be dissolved. A month prior to this offensive, the United States Congress voted to withhold 50 percent of all military aid to El Salvador; however, the money retained was to be reinstated if the FMLN violated certain Congressional restrictions. These included: (a) the launching of a military offensive which threatened the Constitutional Government of El Salvador, (b) deliberate violations of the human rights of the civilian population, or (c) the continued receipt of significant quan-



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# Tufts' Response to War

The war in the Persian Gulf has brought to Tufts all of the expected protests, lectures, and controversies. We have compiled a list of events which occurred both on campus and across the country. It is far from exhaustive but is representative of the opportunities presented to the Tufts community over the past months. There were predictions of thousands of deaths, a protracted war, and the allied coalition failing, none of which materialized. In short, there was the expected divergence of campus from the main stream.

This section presents a perspective of Tufts during the war. The vast majority of lectures, protests, and associated events were against the war and against Bush's policies. The vast majority of the students supported the war. The truly disturbing aspect of this disparity is that it points out the discrepancy between those who control the funds that bring the lectures and organize the events, and those who supply the funds for the same activities. This discrepancy materializes as a true imbalance in what is presented to the students. Not only is there no attempt to present a balanced perspective, there are movements to quell alternative views. We can see this simply, in the attempt by some on the faculty to have the American flags removed from campus housing by invoking the infrequently used banner policy.

We are encouraged that students have not been manipulated by the imbalance of what is offered; but saddened by the limited education available. Many were disenchanted with the establishment during the 60's and 70's, and there was a distinct change in the opinions in this country. It is tragic that some are attempting to force their opinions on following generations, restricting the development of a unique perspective. In the end, attempts to force a mold onto the future generation will not create followers, but only dissent as it has before.

--Dan Goodwin

## Survey

Do you support or oppose President Bush's policy in the Gulf?

CLASS	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Freshmen	83%	17%
Males	91.4%	8.5%
Females	77%	23%
Sophomores	84.8%	15.2%
Males	87.5%	12.5%
Females	81.8%	18.2%
Juniors	80%	20%
Males	83.3%	16.7%
Females	76.9%	23.1%
Seniors	73.3%	26.7%
Males	76.5%	23.5%
Females	69%	31%

The Primary Source conducted an informal survey, during the ground war, of 184 Tufts students, none of whom were staff members. The Survey reveals an interesting pattern. In every class the women were less in favor of the war and in general, the younger members of the student body were more supportive of the war effort.

# Before the War

## Events

### *Anti-War*

**Amnesty Vigil 3/5** -- Vigil for Human Rights in the Middle East

**Mother Courage 2/28** -- Feminist Activists against the War

**Noam Chomsky 2/27** -- MIT Professor on "The Rule of Force"

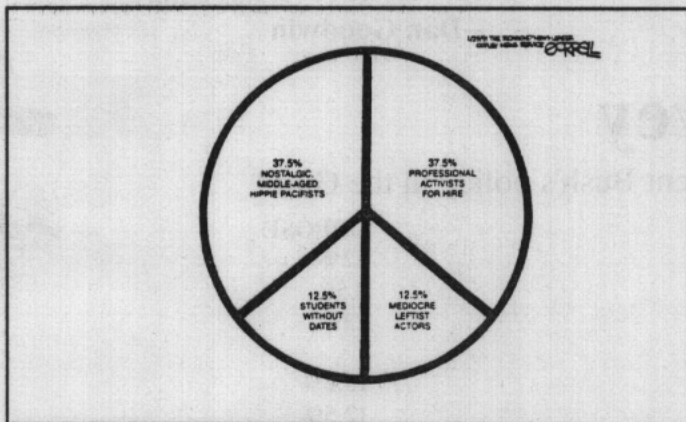
**Silent Protest** -- Wordless walk around campus

**Rallies 1/17, 1/18** -- Rallies in Davis square, Downtown Boston

**Faculty Vote 12/3, resolution printed 1/22**  
-- Faculty Gulf Crisis Group denounces governmental policy

**March 12/1** -- Rally in Boston "Stop the War before it starts". Mother of objecting soldier speaks

**"Gulf Crisis: Who Should Do What Now?"**  
1/30 -- Faculty Crisis Group



**March on Washington 1/26** -- Tufts students along with other anti-war activists march on the capitol

**Speakout 2/1** -- Organized anti-war shouting

**Teach-In 1/18** -- A series of panels set up to "educate" Tufts students

### *Pro-War*

**Leslie Gelb: "World Politics and the Next Order 2/22** -- Gave a lecture supporting the war.

**Pro-Policy Demonstration 2/3** -- Demonstration at the State House

**Counter-Protest (Boston) 1/17** -- Demonstrators clashed with anti-war protesters in Boston



# Before the War

## Predictions

In the months preceding the war, members of assorted groups made predictions about various elements of the Persian Gulf crisis. Granted, almost nobody expected the war to be as successful as it was, but some "liberal loonies" were a full 180 degrees off. We at The Source exhaustively read through the op-ed pages and leftist literature to pull out the worst, most ludicrous, yahoo predictions. We humbly present them to you.

1. *The Saudis have insisted on approving any offensive military action against Iraq and Kuwait from their territory. and I don't believe they would approve the incineration of another Arab country*

-James Reston

New York Times 11/13/90

Was Mr. Reston suggesting that Arabs would never attack and destroy other Arabs? I guess the overrunning of Kuwait by Iraq did not fit into his theory. As a matter of fact the Saudis not only approved the invasion, they were among the front line troops and first round of bombers.

2. *Mr. Hussein knows that a war on Iraq would shatter the anti-Iraq coalition.*

-Tom Wicker

New York Times 11/14/90

Mr. Wicker, a usually responsible member of the world of journalism, shows that being an occasional member of This Week With David Brinkley does not make one understand the Middle East. The coalition never fell apart even after such strains as the Temple Mount incident and the bombing of a shelter containing civilians. The fact that Saddam is an Arab does not make him loved by other Arab governments.

3. *Human carnage of unprecedented proportions can be expected [from the aerial bombing campaign]. Estimates of Arab casualties run from 200,000 to 500,000*

-Eqbal Ahmed

Mother Jones 3/1991

Apparently Mother Goose would be a better magazine for this "expert" to write in because this is a fairy tale. Not only is Ahmed's understanding of the accuracy of modern munitions nonexistent, but he made this prediction in a current issue of a magazine, after the bombing had already begun. It is true that many on left are out of touch with the real world. Casualty counts have not been officially released from Iraq but not even Radio Baghdad's civilian casualty estimates approach 200,000 dead.

4. *If we go to war in the Persian Gulf, everyone agrees, it will take longer than 2 or 3 days and we will lose vastly more than 20 or 30 lives, even with the best planning and execution, but this is one of the men [Schwarzkopf] who planned and executed the Grenada operation.*

-The Progressive 1/91

The point attempting to be made in this article was that Schwarzkopf is a bit of a military dunderhead and was personally responsible for botching the Grenada invasion. Schwarzkopf proved a brilliant tactician in this war and Allied casualties were not vastly higher than the above predictions. Regardless, Grenada was a hurried operation, so careful planning was not possible. But putting all that aside, we won in Grenada and we won in Iraq.

5. *The majority support for this war reflects the early, lingering illusion that it will be short and cheap in human lives... We demand the war be ended, now, before a ground war and other escalations takes tens of thousands of American lives.*

-Daniel Ellsberg

The Progressive 3/91

Where did Ellsberg get his data- The Iraqi Daily? Saddam Hussein proved unable to pluck out eyes or cause blood rivers. No loss of life is cheap but as wars go this was bargain-basement priced. Why does Ellsberg insist on ending this war in the late stages of the bombing? Of course, if the war were to go on, the U.S. would win, and Ellsberg cannot stomach that idea.

6. *Saddam Hussein is very pragmatic, very realistic and in the present circumstances, his priority is that his people enjoy a minimum standard of living.*

-Elaine Sciolino

New York Times 1/6/91

The emaciated looking prisoners of war tend to counter this argument. Let's not forget Saddam putting civilians in military targets and allowing his country to be embroiled in a war he could not win. If Saddam Hussein were to stay out of warmaking all together his people could have quite a nice standard of living. Iraq is oil rich and has agricultural capabilities to boot. The esteemed lady is right in one sense: Saddam did assure his people will have a minimum standard of living for a long time.

7. *Now is a propitious time for Israel to come forward with a genuine peace initiative.*

-Jimmy Carter

New York Times 1/2/91

This is classic Carter. Not only was this written as Saddam was promising to bomb Israel, but does the esteemed former President really think any Arabs would accept an Israeli peace plan? What were his other suggestions-- sending in the Delta Force to fight Saddam? President Carter, with all due respect, go back to monitoring elections in the Third World where you can't cause any damage.

# After the War

## Results

*Some figures represent the most accurate estimate available at time of printing.*

-- Allied soldiers taken prisoner:

9 Americans

2 British

1 Italian

1 Kuwaiti

-- Allied soldiers missing in action: 66

-- Iraqi soldiers taken prisoner: 55,000

-- Allied fatalities: 125 (including 79 US)

-- Iraqi fatalities: approximately 40,000

-- Iraqi army divisions killed or rendered ineffective: approximately 48

-- Allied sorties: approximately 95,000

-- Iraqi sorties: 0

-- Allied missile attacks: Way too many to count

-- Iraqi Scud attacks: 75

-- Destroyed or damaged Allied tanks: 4

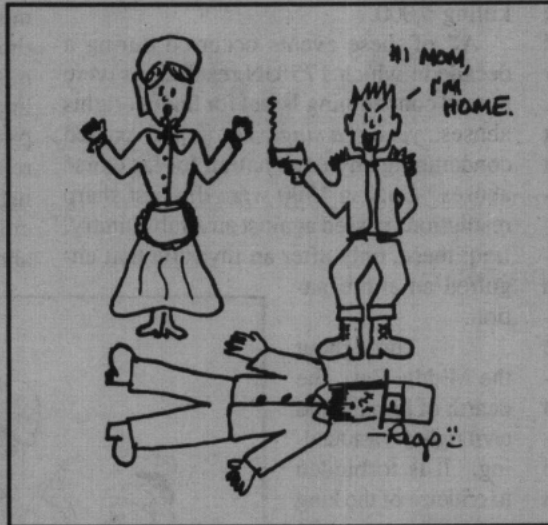
-- Destroyed or captured Iraqi tanks: 3700 (out of about 4000)

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necessary to understand and avoid the same mistakes in the future. We are taught that the founding principles of American society (white American society, anyway) were greed and brutality. Our ancestors were not trying to build the Perfect Commonwealth; they were merely forcing their lifestyle on the innocent and unsuspecting native population. When they wrote "All men are created equal," they were thinking of only the elite (and let's not even get into the explicit sexism of the statement!). We must break away from this past, despise it, sever all connection to it.

This violent disconnection happened during a period of great changes in our society. Families were becoming less secure, the government was on trial for fraud, organized religion was being "slammed" as a tool of the oppressors and a vice of the ignorant. As we grew older, the economy began to slide. Parents and neighbors lost jobs; farms went bankrupt. Friends were suddenly pulled up and moved to another state, looking for work. Terrorist acts proliferated (or at least we began to hear more about them). The world became a frightening, unpredictable place for the '80s generation. We learned not to

trust, and to build ourselves a protective wall of cynicism and pessimism. After all, what we didn't care about couldn't hurt us, and if we expected nothing, we would not be disappointed.



In any other generation, when times got bad people, would look to history, some golden age in their past. They would identify more strongly with their heritage as a defense against the hostile world. That option had been taken from us. We could not trust the present, we had little hope for the future, and the past was an abomination. We lived in a societal depression that bor-

dered on psychosis (Dr. Aaron Beck defines psychotic depression in terms of self-blame, anticipation of punishment, lack of motivation and interest, and delusions of evil or worthlessness), and the world responded by placing even more blame on our culture (pressured, materialistic, bad parenting, etc.). So, instead of turning toward our tradition, we turned further from it. Looked at from this perspective, it seems amazing that we didn't all just throw in the towel one day and leave the whole mess to someone else.

But we didn't. And as we get older, more and more people of the '80s generation turn to their own cultures -- not the majority yet, to be sure, but quite a few -- to find some kind of purpose. Some are turning to religion, others to ethnic culture, still rarer individuals to genealogies and other physical connections to the past. We are beginning to realize that being set adrift is not the answer to anyone's problem. Hopefully, we will discover that heritage which forms our foundation, before the remnants slip from our grasp completely.

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ties of foreign arms shipments. It would seem that these violations have been perpetrated by the FMLN.

From November 20, 1990 through December 14, 1990, the FMLN has been the cause of 229 civilian deaths and injuries. In addition, 169 civilian residences have been destroyed or damaged since the beginning of the FMLN offensive. The national civilian infrastructure has also come under a concentrated attack since November 20: There have been 330 attacks against the Republic's electrical system, 22 attacks against the public transportation system, and 17 bombed and/or robbed banks. All of these attacks were clear and deliberate violations of the civilian population's civil rights and are also attempts to destroy the infrastructure of the Republic.

The recent attacks against the military in El Salvador by the FMLN have been aided by the introduction of SAM-14 missiles. They have caused the downing of two aircraft of the El Salvadoran military. These missiles represent a qualitative improvement over past FMLN technology, indicating an outside source of new weapons. The most likely culprits in this regard are the Nicaraguan FSLN and Cuba. In addition, the military captured a Frenchwoman at the Honduran border transporting arms and military plans of the FMLN. Again, this points to another violation of the guidelines set forth by the Congress as to the behavior of the FMLN.

The most recent offensive by the FMLN against the government and the people of El Salvador must not go without a response. It is blatant terrorism by an organization that fears a negotiated settlement to

the conflict, for it cannot win the people's support in open election. Therefore, the FMLN can never give up the armed insurrection option as that is the only way that it can seize power. The recent offensive by the FMLN is especially odious in light of the internationally recognized efforts of the Cristiani government to peacefully seek out a negotiated end to the violence and bloodshed. As always, it is the people of El Salvador who pay the price.

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# It's a Tough Neighborhood

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**T**he *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* holds that every human being has "the right to life, liberty, and security of the person." This definition is further amended to include freedom from torture, slavery, cruelty, degradation in treatment or punishment, extended detention without charges, or disappearance due to imprisonment.

Political systems, though, determine how these rights are enforced, as in the case in the Middle East today. Whenever the words "human rights" and "Middle East" appear in the same sentence, however, Israel is nearly always mentioned first. Several reasons are given for this reaction, including the fact that Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. Such an attitude, however, borders on racist; it dismisses many severe abuses, as if to say, "Well, what do you expect from Arabs?" Israel, an open society and a target of relentless propaganda, falls easy prey to the scrutiny. The bias against Israel is more a political ploy than a genuine concern for human life.

The figures and statistics of this article come primarily from the State Department of the United States Reports on Human Rights, and from Amnesty International.

The United Nations itself has contributed to this bias. Consider the following: In 1982, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad had be-

tween 20,000 and 30,000 citizens massacred in Hama when some villagers began an uprising. In March 1986, Egyptian troops killed at least 107 demonstrators during police riots. In 1987 police in Saudi Arabia killed 400 religious pilgrims in Mecca after Iranians started a riot. In April 1987, Algerian forces fired upon and killed 350 citizens who were protesting food prices and corruption. In 1988 Saddam Hussein used

poison gas on Kurdish villagers in Iraq, killing 5,000.

All of these events occurred during a decade in which 175 UN resolutions were passed condemning Israel for human rights abuses...yet not a single resolution passed condemning any Arab nation for far worse abuses. Only in 1990 were the first sharp resolutions passed against an Arab country, Iraq; these, only after an invasion that engulfed an entire nation.

Throughout the Middle East, the dearth of human and civil rights is astounding. It is forbidden to criticize of the king or emir in states like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Qatar. Harsh laws restrict women's freedom throughout the Arab world. Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Yemen prohibit by law the practice of Christianity. Slavery, abolished long ago in this country, is still alive and active in parts of the Middle East.

Syrian is controlled with an iron fist by dictator Hafez al-Assad, who has taken severe steps to consolidate his power. Reports coming out of Syria cite the disappearance of citizens arrested for security reasons; most are held indefinitely without charge or trial. The Syrian constitution forbids torture, but some 35 methods of torture are employed to extract information from prisoners. One method, called the "Black Slave," uses a device to insert a heated metal skewer into the anus.

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Yet, he directed his army in 1976 to kill more than 23,000 Palestinian Arabs. Palestinians, along with Kurds, Jews, and other minorities, are summarily arrested and imprisoned. In addition, Jews must carry passport and identity cards noting their religion, and are subject to special monitoring by the Syrian military. Any Syrian citizen caught trying to emigrate or travel abroad without permission, or suspected of



having visited Israel, is subject to arrest and prosecution.

In Saudi Arabia, slavery was abolished in 1962; yet the presence of slaves was reported as late as 1981. Arbitrary arrest is common, and trials are usually closed and held without attorney. Prisoners are often tortured or physically abused to elicit responses. Several forms of cruel punishment are openly exercised by the state: amputation, beheading, stoning, and the firing squad.

Freedom of speech and the press are severely restricted, and freedom of assembly, peaceful association, or religion do not exist. No political parties may exist. Male citizens require official permission to leave the country. The segregation of women is government policy in Saudi Arabia. Women are not equal members of society: they cannot drive cars, ride bicycles, travel freely, or leave the country without being accompanied by a male family member.

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and are required to sit in the back of buses. Women cannot even attain judicial restitution for domestic violence.

Egypt is dubbed one of the most moderate Arab nations; moderate, though, is a relative term. Suspect practices in Egypt include the torture of prisoners, many of whom are detained indefinitely without due process; some reports hint at the deaths of persons in custody. In 1981, Egypt arrested 1,500 people in a security sweep. In a two-year period, 8,000 political dissidents were detained and tortured. Many were given electrical shocks and beatings, as well as threats of sexual abuse against themselves or their wives. As in other states, women in Egypt suffer from discrimination. Religious freedom, too, is so lacking that President Mubarak must personally intervene on behalf of Christians to have a church repaired.

In the Gulf, the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait led to human-rights violations of a unseen level in recent history, including summary executions, looting, widespread terror, and torture of civilians by military personnel. This occupation notwithstanding, the Iraqi human-rights record, both before and during Saddam Hussein's rule, has been one of the worst in the Middle East.

Since he ascended to power in 1979, Saddam has put countless people to death. Hostages are often taken in lieu of pursuing dissidents. In 1985, about 300 children were arrested in Northern Iraq in retaliation for their parents' political views; many of the children were beaten, and some died as a result. In 1971, a 12-year-old girl was imprisoned, raped and tortured to force an admission that her father had spied for Israel.

Iraq has no freedom of speech, press, assembly, or association. What do exist are arbitrary detention, denial of due process, and interference with the right to privacy. Possession of an unregistered typewriter is illegal; public insults of the president, the Revolutionary Command Council, the Ba'athist party, the national assembly, or the government are grounds for execution.

In Jordan, during the infamous "Black

September" of 1970, King Hussein killed 3,400 Palestinian Arabs in 10 days. Residual restrictions from the martial law imposed in 1967 remain effective. Detained persons for security reasons can be held without charge or trial indefinitely. There is no right of appeal from a military court. Abuse of women is highly prevalent, but is difficult to measure since it is regarded in Islam as a domestic issue.

In 1986, Kuwait deported 27,000 people for "security reasons," including many Palestinians. Kuwait, along with the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Iran, and Pakistan served as receiving depots for a slave trade of Bangladeshi girls.

In one sense, Israel is more open to scrutiny than the Arab countries. By declaring herself a democracy, Israel has committed herself to guarding many of the basic civil freedoms that do not exist in the Arab states, including freedoms of press, assembly, and religion. Jerusalem, for instance, was opened to worshippers of all three major religions in 1967, a condition that did not exist before that

ment buildings, and military posts were dismissed. Pan-Am Airlines even refused to allow Iraqi citizens, including those with US citizenship, to board its planes.

Israel has also been censured for military raids that cause civilian deaths; when Israel charged that terrorists don't hesitate to hide in civilian areas, she was accused of inventing propaganda. Israel was even accused of committing the massacre at Sabra and Shatila, which were, in fact, committed by Lebanese Christian militiamen. Instead of simply weeding out the terrorists, the Phalangist militiamen, of their own volition, slaughtered everyone in sight. Today, after the Iraqi attempts to spurn "collateral damage," in the Gulf War, we know how far an adversary will go for the sake of his own propaganda.

With the exception of Jordan, only Israel offers citizenship to Palestinian Arabs. Arabs living in Israel or in the territories can find work inside Israel. In contrast, Palestinian refugees are treated far worse in other Arab

states than even their own citizens. The Arab regimes try to play both sides of the coin: repressing the Palestinians, and at the same time championing

**Rights in the Middle East**

	Israel	Jordan	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia	Syria	Iraq
Democracy	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Free Press	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Public Demonstrations	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Religious Freedom	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Political Parties	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Sexual Equality	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

*Based on the State Department's 1990 Human Rights Report.*

time. On another level, Israel must be compared with her neighbors, for she does not live in isolation. Israel is by no means a perfect state; she is, at best, a "hardened" democracy, hardened by her location in a tough neighborhood.

Living in this neighborhood, one must be tough, and in this is exactly what Israel strives to be, militarily and politically. All told, though, Israel has gone to great lengths to preserve both her principles and her difficult security needs.

Nonetheless, Israel had been greatly criticized in the past for the "racist" policy of singling out Arabs as terrorist suspects, and of detaining them without trial. During the Gulf War, however, the British imprisoned Iraqi students in Britain merely because of fear of terrorism. Furthermore, all maintenance crews of Arab origin at European airports, govern-

their cause. Since the start of the *Intifada*, many more Palestinians have been killed in cold blood by their own brethren than died in conflict with Israeli soldiers.

In short, the political structures of the Arab states have fostered an environment largely intolerable to human and civil rights. Only large-scale political and social reform will end these abuses. Given that, we must be ready to unsquint our eyes, to see things as

they are, and not to brush off some violations as less unjust than others. Otherwise, we risk condemning the innocent, while leaving the guilty to their own devices.

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# George: The Tyrant Terminator

Derrick Cruz

**P**resident George Bush, wimp? Not anymore, just call him "George the Tyrant Terminator." Each year, so far, Bush has met and prevailed over the challenge from the tyrant. Last year, it was General Manuel Noriega. President Saddam Hussein is this year's menace.

As president, Bush has the legal authority to deal with the crises in Panama and in Kuwait. In *United States v. Curtiss-Wright Export Corp.* 299 US, 304, Mr. Justice Sutherland wrote of "the very, delicate, plenary, and exclusive power of the President as the sole organ of the federal government in the field of international relations... Moreover, he, not Congress has the better opportunity of knowing the conditions which prevail in foreign countries, and especially is this true in time of war." In the *Prize Cases*, 6 US 635, Mr. Justice Grier wrote: "the President is bound to resist force by force...to accept the challenge." These cases are a clear affirmation of the president's duty to deal with international threats to American security. In both crises, Bush met the challenge head on., exhausting all the options of diplomacy before committing himself to force in order to resolve the crises.

"Maximum Leader" Noriega was a thug who bullied his people and Americans in Panama. He was also a social menace, involving himself in drug trafficking. His threat to America was two-fold. First, his ties to drug trafficking makes him guilty of poisoning America. Without remorse, Noriega added to America's destructive drug problem -- a problem whose toll economically has cost billions and whose toll personally is immeasurable.

His second threat was the threat against American lives. On December 15, Noriega declared that "a state of war" existed between Panama and the U.S. Not responding to diplomacy, Noriega continued to endanger Americans. On December 16, Marine Robert Patz was killed in cold blood. On the same day, a Navy officer was beaten while his wife was sexually abused. With these events and with several thousand Americans working in Panama, Bush had no choice but to launch Operation Just Cause in order

to protect American lives in America and in Panama.

Operation Just Cause was a 14-day operation that successfully apprehended Noriega. Twenty-four thousand American soldiers swooped into Panama City from five different directions. The speed and magnitude of the operation enabled the troops to secure Panama City and deal with only small pockets of resistance. Although Noriega escaped the initial onslaught. He had nowhere to escape. A thug and previously noted for his devotion to Christianity, Noriega sought refuge at the Vatican embassy before turning himself in.

Operation Just Cause was not solely an American victory. Bush's actions installed the democratically elected president of Panama, Guillermo Endara. Last May, Noriega declared the presidential election null and void when it was apparent that Endara had won. He subsequently picked Francisco Rodriguez as the "lawful" Panamanian president. When Operation Just Cause completed its objective, Panamanians came out on the streets to express their gratitude for ridding Panama of its tyrant and his Dignity Battalions and for allowing their true choice for president to come to power.

On August 2, Iraq blitzkrieged into Kuwait. Saddam Hussein justified his invasion by invoking Iraq's right to "reclaim" its 19th province, Saddam is no pan-Arabist. Underneath the shameless rhetoric is a cold, calculating dictator who threatened world stability and senselessly killed thousands of Kuwaitis and Iraqis in his quest for power. America's vital national interest are interlinked to the Middle

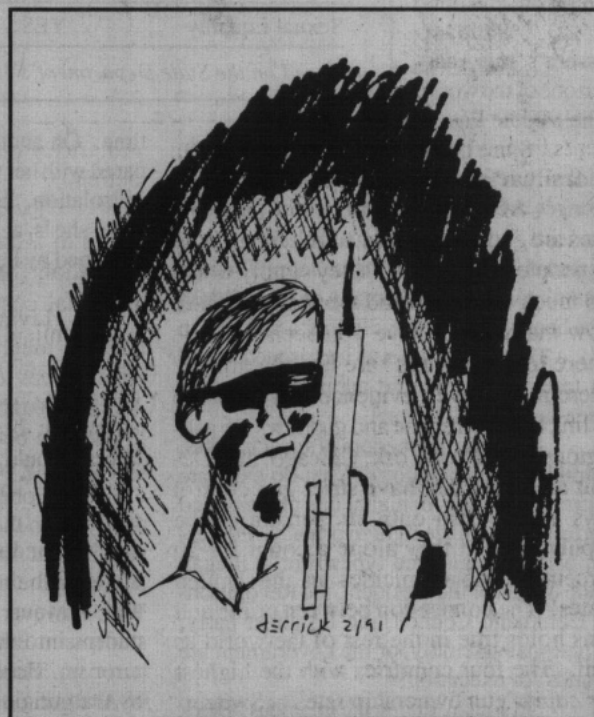
East and with world stability. Iraq's invasion and occupation was a direct attack against America's well-being. Bush responded with diplomacy, embargoes, and finally with force after Iraq did not comply

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with the deadline of UN Resolution 678.

Hussein's invasion was a threat to the region and hence to the world economic order. America is interdependent with other nations that were also directly affected by the Middle East's instability. There is no such thing as atarky. America had to act. If not, the U.S. would have paid severely in

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# The Second Amendment and You

Chris Journeyay

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." These are the words of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. However, gun-control advocates, it would appear, would prefer to overlook this particular part of the Bill of Rights. They seek to take away the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms while doing what they consider to be the proper means of taking guns from criminals, in an effort to prevent crime. However, their efforts will only succeed in doing the opposite. The gun-control lobbyists have many argu-

land, Israel, Denmark and Finland -- all have lower crime rates than that of the United States. The crime-and-guns link purported by the gun control advocates obviously does not exist, either at home or abroad.

Other gun control advocates want to ban guns entirely. Let's look at the folly behind that idea. The problem is that effective enforcement of such a ban would be impossible. I find it doubtful that all the gun owners in the United States would happily turn their guns in to the government. The

called "Saturday Night Specials", or small-caliber, short-barrelled, cheap handguns. It is often suggested that these are the weapons of choice among criminals. If this is true, then why do these guns account for only twenty five to thirty three percent of

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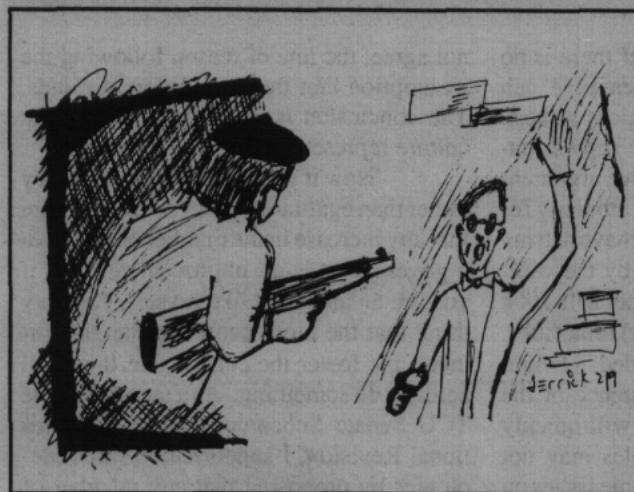
result would be quite the opposite. As I write, I am reminded of a bumper sticker that I once saw that read: "They can have my gun when they pry it from my cold, dead fingers." I think you get the point.

It would be impossible to collect all the guns. Nothing short of a house-to-house search would accomplish that. The ban itself would be unconstitutional and such a search would again violate the Constitution. I doubt if the

the handguns confiscated by the police? Another question raised by the possibility of such a ban is whether criminals will stop buying guns because their "weapon of choice" is no longer available. The lack of "Saturday Night Specials" will only force criminals to use larger and higher-caliber weapons. The ramifications of this fact are that the next time a criminal pulls a trigger, it will come from a stronger and more accurate weapon. This will increase the chance that he will hit his target and kill it. This would result in an increase in crime fatalities caused by guns, not a decrease as claimed by gun-control advocates.

Another proposed form of gun control is gun registration, this is yet another plan that will not work. It won't help trace guns used by criminals because criminals don't register their guns. Nor do they have to. The Supreme Court in 1968 ruled that criminals could not be compelled to register their guns because it would infringe on their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Since criminals don't have to register their guns, how will gun control be effective?

Gun-control advocates ignore the fact that gun control violates the Second Amendment to the Constitution, and also ignore the fact that gun control won't work. Gun control will only succeed in taking away the fundamental right to bear arms from law-abiding citizens while the criminals remained armed.



ments for their position, but each claim can be easily refuted by cold, hard facts.

Many people have the idea that guns are necessarily related to crime. Why do people believe this? They simply watch too much television and too many movies. How many times have you seen a movie where the "bad guys" are heavily armed? There is, however, evidence that points to no link between crime and gun laws. Washington D.C., New York, Chicago, and Detroit are cities that have strict gun control laws and contain only six percent of the population, but they alone account for 20 percent of the homicides in the United States! The connection between crime and guns holds true in the rest of the world as well. The four countries with the highest per capita gun ownership rates -- Switzer-

American public would support such an action.

Even if all the gun owners would agree to a ban, they would demand compensation for all of their weapons. The potential cost of compensation would be astronomical, not only to the government but to the economy as well. The estimates of a compensation plan have been put from anywhere between \$21 and \$43 billion. Where would the government get the money for this? The ban would also effect the economy by completely eliminating the firearms industry. The firearms industry, along with the jobs it provides, would disappear along with the millions of dollars it pumps into the economy every year.

More proposed legislation pushed by the gun control lobbyists is a ban on so-

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# Special Section

## The AntiFederalist Papers, #1

### Chuck Marks

This April, the Tufts community will be invited to vote for a new constitution. At least, that's what the current student government would like us to believe. Unfortunately, the TCU Senate and its TCUJ and ELBO cohorts are once again taking the path of moral cowardice and mental indolence which they have travelled in the past. The "new" TCU Constitution merely formalizes the incompetent government currently taking up useful space in the Mayer Campus Center.

Let us take the issue of "culture representatives" as a case in point. The current constitution, in a manner reminiscent of the South African Homeland Policy, designates three ethnic representatives. Apparently, the inclusion of "special" senators implies that for some reason ("institutional racism" for those of you fluent in PC) members of these minorities cannot get themselves elected to that oh-so-exclusive country club we call the TCU Senate. Oddly enough, each of the three ethnicities is currently represented by an elected "real" senator.

Proponents of racial quotas on our glorious Senate are quick to point out that these elected senators represent the class which elected them, not a minority to which they happen to belong. As an egalitarian, I rejoice to hear these people acknowledge that a person's race does not automatically determine his or her thought patterns. However, most times, people do not follow this line of reason to its logical conclusion.

Let us use binary logic, and to keep from inflaming the ever wrathful Tufts community, let us use a fictitious (I think) ethnicity, people with purple skin. The statement *All Purples have the same thought patterns, needs, wants, and concerns* is either true or false. The rational person will declare at once that it is false, but just for the sake of those few ignorant racists out there, let us first examine the results of its verity. If the statement is true

and there is a Purple senator, then Purples are already represented on the Senate. Since they are all the same, there is no need for two; it would be redundant and wasteful. A valid line of reasoning, considering the absurdity of the premise. The conclusion: A Purple culture representatives should not exist. Now let us examine the case in which the above statement is false and Purples are not all the same. Since Purples do not all think alike there is no "Purple agenda" which a Purple representative can promote. If there is no clear stance which a representative can take, his presence is meaningless at best. Conclusion: A Purple culture representative should not exist. The above argument could be used substituting any ethnicity for that of the Purples. However, I have had my fill of being branded a racist by the well-meaning students of Tufts and will stick strictly to non-existent (I think) minorities.

The astute but misguided individuals who still support the existence of the Purple culture representative will quickly point out that while all Purples may not *always* think alike, there are some issues on which they *will* all agree. This is true, of course (if there were Purples). However,

the argument presented stands even if the statement is both true and false (the Heisenberg Indeterminacy Principle of Racial Identity). On those issues upon which all Purples agree, the line of reason stemming from the assumption that they are all alike stands. On issues upon which Purples may

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not agree, the line of reason following the assumption that they are different stands. The conclusion is *always* that the Purple culture representative is not necessary.

Now if your bent is for democracy rather than egalitarianism, you may declare that any increase in the number of voices in a government is an improvement. Or, if you are an anarchist like myself, you may think that the more people in the government, the lower the chance that they will actually do something. As a member of the TCU Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Revision, I supported all three ideologies by proposing that any member of the Tufts community might obtain floor privileges by attending a Senate meeting. This proposal made it all the way to the grand Joint Committee meeting before it was squashed by a vote of eleven to two. Perhaps the most ironic part of that particular vote is that each of the two members who voted against the inclusion of racist representation was a member of an ethnic minority. But, then again, perhaps it isn't that ironic after all.

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# Proposed Constitution of the Tufts University Student Government

**We, the Students of Tufts University**, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One, in order to show our disapproval of the current student government, do hereby abolish all previous governments. We furthermore adopt this single page as our sole constitution, to take effect on the First of September of the current year.

## **Article the First, concerning the Legislature:**

The legislature shall consist of two bodies, the Tufts University(TU) Senate and the Tufts University Parliament.

The TU Senate shall consist of two members of each undergraduate class, shall have sole responsibility for the distribution of the student activity fund, and is forbidden from considering motions that do not directly relate to the funding of Tufts University Student Organizations. All votes by the TU Senate shall be carried by a two thirds vote unless otherwise designated by this constitution. The TU Senate shall elect two Treasurers from within their own number. The Treasurers must be members of different classes. The Treasurers shall have sole access to Student Activities Funds. If both of the positions of Treasurer become vacant, the TU Senate may replace only one Treasurer. The TU Senate shall not fund itself in any way with Student Activity Fund monies.

The TU Parliament shall consist of seven members of each undergraduate class plus any number of *pro tem* members, whose terms shall not exceed one year, approved unanimously by the elected members. The TU Parliament shall have sole responsibility for the recognition of TU Student Organizations, and the representation of the students of Tufts University. All votes of the TU Parliament shall be carried by a simple majority unless otherwise specified by this constitution.

## **Article the Second, concerning the Executive:**

The executive branch of the government shall consist of two people, the Tufts University Student President and the Tufts University Student Vice President.

The President shall bear sole responsibility for the execution of this constitution and the mandates of the TU Parliament, and shall preside over all meetings of the legislative branches.

The Vice President's responsibilities shall be to perform the duties of the President when the latter is unable to fulfill said duties and to preside over a joint meeting of the two legislative bodies.

## **Article the Third, concerning Constitutional Disputes:**

Interpretation of this constitution shall be the responsibility of a joint session of the two legislative bodies, presided over by the Vice President. A joint session may be called by mandate of the President, a three fourths vote of the TU Parliament, or a majority vote of the TU Senate.

## **Article the Fourth, concerning Elections and Terms of Office:**

Elections shall be presided over by a five-member board appointed by the out-going government.

The election of the senior, junior, and sophomore Members of the Senate (MSs) shall take place in March and the MSs shall take office on the last day of classes of the spring semester in which they are elected. They shall hold office until the new Senate takes office.

The election of the freshman MSs and the Members of Parliament (MPs) shall take place within one week of the start of classes of the fall semester. They shall take office upon verification of the electoral results. They shall hold office until the new parliament takes office.

The election of the President and Vice President shall be held simultaneously with those of the senior, junior, and sophomore MSs. There shall be only one vote, the highest vote recipient shall be the President and the second highest vote recipient shall be the Vice President. The President and Vice President shall take office on the first day of classes of the fall semester following their election. They shall hold office until the new President and Vice President take office.

Appearance on the ballot shall be secured by petition. The candidates for President must secure the support of five hundred Tufts students by obtaining their signatures on a petition. Candidates for the TU Senate must secure the backing of two hundred Tufts students from their class. Candidates for the TU Parliament must secure the support of one hundred Tufts students from their class.

Only enrolled Tufts students who have paid the Student Activities Fee may vote. Students may only vote for MS and MP candidates in their class.

Vacated offices may not be filled unless specifically authorized by this Constitution.

## **Article the Fifth, concerning Limitations on Terms of Office:**

The President may serve only one term.

The Vice President may serve only three terms.

Members of the Senate may serve only two terms.

Members of the Parliament may serve only four terms.

The Treasurers may serve only one term.

## **Article the Sixth, concerning the Qualifications of Candidates:**

No candidate may be within one term of exceeding the limits for the office for which he is running. All candidates must be enrolled students, except in the Presidential election when a student admitted under the Early Admissions Policy may be a candidate. All candidates for the TU Senate and the TU Parliament must be members of the class they seek to represent.

## **Article the Seventh, concerning Amendments to this Constitution:**

This constitution may be amended by a vote of the Tufts students in which no less than one quarter of the student population votes in favor of the amendment and no more than one quarter votes against the amendment. An amendment must secure the support, demonstrated by petition, of five hundred Tufts students. The amendment processes shall be overseen by a board of five students not otherwise involved in the student government, appointed by a three quarters approval of the TU Parliament.

## **Article the Eighth, concerning the Adoption of this Government:**

The election of members of this government for the semesters of Fall '91 and Spring '92 shall take place within one week of the start of classes of the Fall '91 semester. These elections shall be administered by a board of five students appointed by the TCU Senate elected under the constitution in effect prior to the adoption of this document. Members of the aforementioned board and members of the previous government are forbidden to run in the Fall '91 elections.

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the long run with a domino effect of economic contraction. It's not solely America and the leading industrial nations that are dependent on oil, it's the entire world. If Hussein were not contained at the Saudi Arabian border and hence proceeded east and south, he would definitely have been able to dictate, or at least influence, the price of oil set by the region and by implication by OPEC.

Sure, the leading industrial nations could have paid the higher cost for oil, but not developing countries that were already burdened with international debt. The worst case scenario is a world depression resulting from escalating oil costs causing all nations to increase prices, lay off workers, decrease manufacturing, and legislate protectionist measures. Because of the world's interdependence, America would be in an economic mess that would exacerbate already nagging domestic problems such as unemployment, housing, and welfare.

A more fundamental threat was Saddam's threat against American lives. Without regard to human rights, Saddam shamelessly used innocent Americans as human shields. For several weeks, even American women and children were held captive by Saddam. During Operation Desert Storm, Saddam audaciously used allied POWs, several of whom are Americans, as human shields. This action was a clear violation of the 1949 Geneva Convention on prisoners of war. American lives at home and abroad were just as threatened by

Saddam's terror. The horror of terrorism surely would have reared its ugly head, were it not for tightened and vigilant security, along with a little luck. For example, in the Phillipines, two Iraqis died when their bomb exploded on their way to the American embassy in Manila. Such actions verify that Saddam is a cold-blooded human being

has lost credibility he had as a leader of the pan-Arab cause.

Aside from safeguarding vital American interests, Bush succeeded in affirming America's commitment to freedom and liberty. Saddam's invasion and violence were antithetical to the ideals America holds proud. For seven months, Kuwaitis lived in their own homeland without rights, freedom, or liberty. On February 27, Kuwaitis at last enjoyed the sweet taste of freedom as Allied troops rolled into Kuwait City. America's leading role in Operation Desert Storm is a clear signal that America has not abandoned its claim to be the defender of the Free world, a role that reaps dividends in the form of gratitude and recognition from other countries in the Middle East that America helped to protect

their sovereignty and their citizens' freedom and liberty, all of which could make negotiations on Middle Eastern issues more favorable to U.S. interests. "The Mother of All Battles" could turn out to be the Mother of Everlasting Peace in the Middle East. Such a peace would benefit world and American interests considerably. With two dictators gone, we can thank President George Bush, a.k.a. "George, the Tyrant Terminator," who is forging a kinder and gentler planet Earth.

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who is a threat to all Americans and citizens of the world who had to be stopped before he threatened more lives.

Operation Desert Storm was a success, 'nuff said. After six weeks of aerial bombing and a four-day ground campaign, America suffered the loss of 79 brave soldiers, 213 wounded, and 44 missing in action. These light American casualties are negligible compared to the costs Saddam could have inflicted on America if he were not stopped. Bush humiliated and neutralized him as a threat to regional and world stability. It remains to be seen whether or not the Iraqi population or the military has had enough of his dictatorship and his foreign policy follies. What is certain is that he

# "P.C." as Counter Revolution

Norman Moon

It is difficult to believe and it seems dead wrong - - a social movement that touches upon and criticizes the basic, even absolute, American values of equality, civil rights and humanism. But indeed, this counter-revolution is becoming influential, has been devised to correct a national ex-

Placing minorities and women at the top of the status ladder with white males at the bottom, as well as preference for groups, has resulted in separation and fragmentation of the student populations. In addition, student grades as well as advancement and professional recognition can be dependent

Research" in the '70s incorrectly (according to new research) "liberated" women from the principle that there is no substitute for the mother in early child care. This is only one example of social scientists and others who twist the scientific method into propaganda contrived to foster social change.

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upon inculcation of these ideologies. This form of mind control has been described as historically typical of fas-

A situation whereby groups represented as victims have established an atmosphere of intimidation and an overriding preference in politics and power of ideology over the majority group requires a counter-revolution. The consciousness-raising makes it possible to raise questions and publicly make statements previously considered socially unacceptable but nevertheless in this new sense true:

1. Women's liberation has resulted in modern women's escape from parental responsibilities and the disgraceful national situation of maternal child neglect. Important and extensive maladjustments in modern women can be attributed directly to feminism.

2. Psychological concepts of individual self-realization have displaced moral-religious values dealing with self-sacrifice, duty, and a priority commitment to the family and children.

3. PC rationalizations combined with race patriotism are pervasive among blacks in inner-cities. This condition, this separatist alien culture, has created a hostile environment where people are tried and convicted of "injustices" based on the color of their skin.

4. Women in the line with men in hot combat destroys the linkage and comradeship of these men with the soldiers of the past who, by virtue of their sex, heroically carved out and protected a developing nation by placing themselves in deathly danger. Male protection of the nation in war is strongly related to male protection of the family in peace.

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cess and has been given the critical label, "Political Correctness." It has been discussed at length by the *Wall Street Journal* and many columnists, mostly conservative and (undoubtedly) by others. Some sources are: Thomas Sowell, John Leo, Mona Charen, and Cal Thomas.

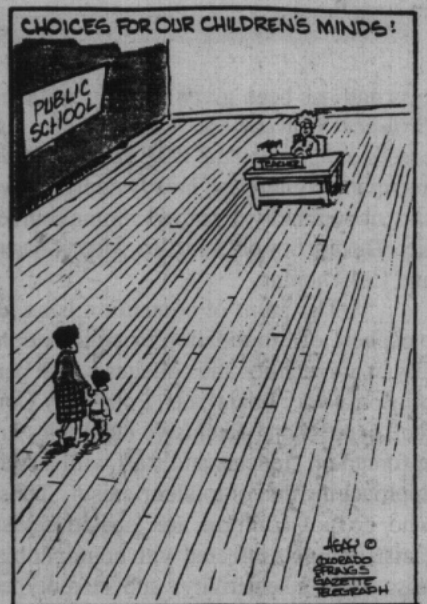
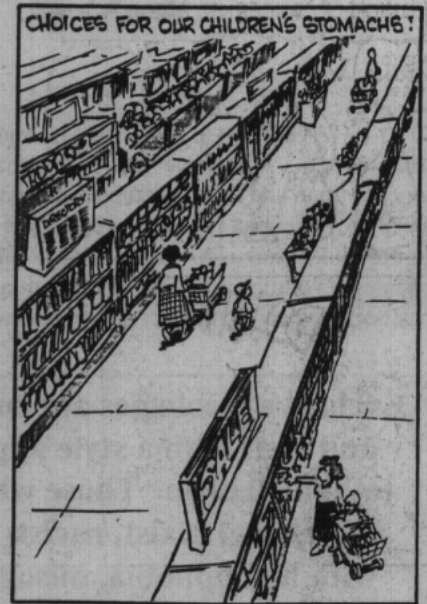
The point of contention is an atmosphere of intimidation existing nationally in universities and colleges which permits only very liberal, i.e., Politically Correct, expression. Exclusive ideologies are enforced on students and staff with a style approaching that of totalitarianism. Those who do not conform are labeled sexist, racist, or bigots infected with homophobia, misogyny, insensitivity, and stereotyped thinking. Affirmative Action, environmentalism, pluralism, and Third World countries are sacred and "gender and ethnicity might be the most overwhelmingly important issues of the modern era." (Leo) New power words are coined: "ageism", "speciesism", even "lookism". Any culture is better than Western culture, minority groups are encouraged to feel oppressed and "women as feminists are encourage to feel that the whole world is one large conspiracy to offend women." (Charen) Deviation from this dictatorial ideology can be grounds for harassment, mistreatment, or dismissal by students and staff who do not conform.

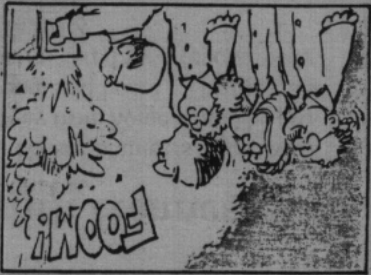
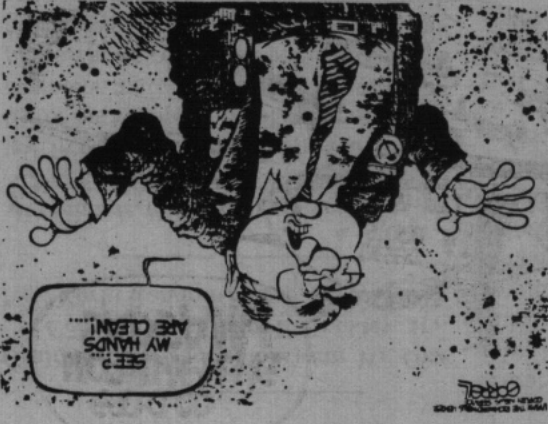
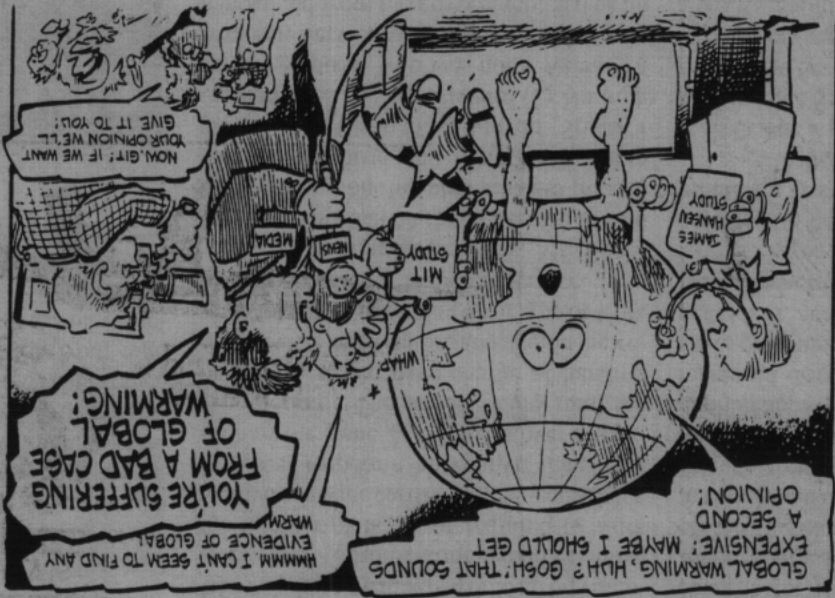
cist nations and, at the very least, opposed to the free thought ideally available in higher education.

However, Political Correctness is presently described as peculiar to colleges while in fact it is nationally institutionalized and is an elaboration of social messages existing for at least 30 years, once positive as in the civil rights movement, now in excess, fulminating destructively. Observe the devastating consequences of PC in action when Jimmy the Greek attempted to explain, albeit amateurishly, the astounding number of blacks in professional sports; likewise, when Andy Rooney of CBS expressed, very apologetically, his distaste for homosexuality. Other examples can readily be found in politics, history, (revisionist) social science, art, law, medicine, commerce and business, and most important of all, in journalism and media entertainment.

Archie Bunker, J.R. Ewing, and "The Coach" are only a few of the innumerable examples of the institutionalized male chauvinist bigot. Leonard Jeffries, chairman of the black studies department at the City University of New York, "dismisses whites as 'the ice people' whose endless savagery is due to a lack of melanin, the all-important skin chemical that turns blacks into benign 'sun people'" (Leo) "Political

# Comic Relief





# An Obligation to Volunteer

Meredith Hennessey

*Gratitude, Reflections on what We Owe our Country* by William F. Buckley, Jr., New York: Random House, 1990, \$16.95.

**G***ratITUDE, Reflections on What We Owe to Our Country* by William F. Buckley, Jr. is an interesting addition to the long list of his writings. While his past works champion the cause of conservatism, *Gratitude* eschews a particular political direction and concerns itself with something all Americans should be able to understand, patriotism. He maintains that Americans owe more to their country than taxes and although he admits that it is difficult to say exactly how much we owe, he suggests that National Service may be the answer.

The idea of National Service is not new; it has been practiced in many of the nations of Europe for many years, although in these cases, it has been almost exclusively military service performed by men. Mr. Buckley proposes a new form of service. He suggests that young men and women at age 18 or upon graduation from high school should perform one year of voluntary national service. For their efforts, the volunteer would receive a stipend of about \$100 per week and would be expected to

live at home. Those volunteers whose work takes them away from home would be provided with room and board. The program would be administered by a federal body, which Mr. Buckley calls the National Service Franchise Administration (NSFA), whose job it would be to gather information to be used by individuals and the states to find out where available skills are most needed. The program would not use any federal money except that needed to cover the administrative costs of the NSFA, whose members would all be volunteers. The Administration would establish the number of hours of required to work receive a service certificate and would have to power to permit alternative schedules, such as the same 2,000 hours over a four-year period. The states would fund the programs, would have charge of handing out service certificates, and would be responsible for determining what type of work was acceptable for National Service.

Throughout his book, Mr. Buckley maintains that National Service should be voluntary, but his plan seeks to impose penalties on those who do not serve and to provide benefits to those who do. Some of the penalties he suggests are: (1) No high school graduate who was not a veteran of National Service would be eligible for financial aid from the government just as an 18-year-old male is ineligible if he does not register with the Selective Service; (2) Those who are not veterans of National Service would not be protected by the FDIC; (3) Farm subsidies would not be granted to non-veterans; (4) The minimum-wage laws would not apply to non-veterans; (5) Non-veterans would not be allowed to hold a driver's license. The major benefits received by a veteran of national service would be: (1) Not suffering the above penalties, and (2) A \$10,000 tax rebate or the same amount in a tax-free grant to the university of the student's choosing.

Mr. Buckley defends his defection from conservatism to the idea of larger government, more regulation, and less freedom for the citizen, by maintaining that

**[T]he satisfaction of knowing that you are helping someone, the understanding and maturity that comes from devoting a year of one's life to National Service, is worth the time and effort.**

National Service will benefit the country's citizens more than it will harm them. The benefits for the nation are obvious; Mr. Buckley gives the examples of increased care for the elderly and handicapped, more tutoring available for school-aged children, day care for children, increased voter registration, volunteer citizen patrols, increased maintenance of parks, clean-up patrols, increased drug education, big brother/big sister programs, outreach problems, emergency aid, and community beautification. But the benefits received by a young person who is encouraged, through the use of incentives, to donate one year of his life to others are less tangible.

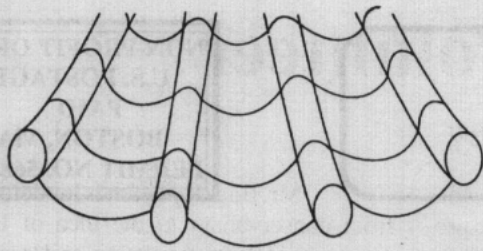
If the National Service volunteer feels that he is paying his debt to society, he will receive greater satisfaction from his time in the Service than will someone who is only serving to avoid the penalties. Mr. Buckley maintains that the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping someone, the understanding and maturity that comes from devoting a year of one's life to National Service, is worth the time and effort. He writes about the sense of fulfilling one's obligation to the patrimony through this service and of the sense of relief we will all have once we are allowed to express our gratitude to the nation that has presented us with so much. The example that he uses throughout the book is that of a boy whose National Service is spent in a nursing home

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where his aunt is a patient. The enjoyment which his aunt receives from seeing her nephew on a daily basis before her death and the satisfaction that the boy receives from knowing that he has brought a little more happiness into his aunt's and into the other patients' lives is indicative, Mr. Buckley says, of the rewards National Service will bring to those served and to those who serve. Another benefit of National Service is the sense of community which evolves when neighbors begin to help one another. The author describes how a cleaner city not only affects the person who cleaned it, but also affects commuters and residents of the city who notice that suddenly things are a little brighter and begin to look forward to going outside.

Although National Service is definitely an idea to consider, I think that by making it obligatory, Mr. Buckley not only undermines what he is seeking to accomplish, he underestimates the youth of America. Just as no one predicted the stu-

dent uprising in the Sixties, I think that the response to a call for national service would be overwhelming if there was a national (not federal) program that could place volunteers in positions. For those who disagree, it is only necessary to look back upon the Reagan years when patriotism became vogue, after years of leftist sabotage. The way that Americans have rallied around the war effort is enough to show that there is a strong feeling of nationalism among our citizens. Of course, there will always be people like the peace protesters who put their asinine causes ahead of their country, but the true Americans will respond to the call of National Service.

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*We own this piece of desert.*

-- 1st Lt. Phil Johnson

*Whether in chains or in laurels, Liberty knows nothing but victories.*

-- Wendell Phillips

*In wartime, one always hears the peace squeakers' disingenuous question as to how many kidney machines could have been bought for the price of one Tornado multi-purpose combat aircraft, though they know full well that a typical dialysis unit has minimal runway-destroying potential.*

-- Nigel Burke

*The enemy attack has failed utterly, and the scoundrels of aggressors are crying for help and swimming in their own blood...Victory is sweet.*

-- Iraqi military communique, February 25

*They are surrendering so fast they are slowing down the movement of the divisions and the corps.*

-- Sgt. Ivis Byles

*After the coming surrender...we will discover a vast pool of anti-Saddam feeling among Iraqis not in his secret police; indeed, it may be hard to find a Saddam supporter among the myriad "good" Iraqis who will swear they did not know anything about the atrocities against the Kurds.*

-- William Safire

*The law has been violated. They questioned me for a whole month before I had a lawyer. What a dirty trial. They are going to try me like a common criminal. I'm no greengrocer. I'm Todor Zhivkov!*

-- Todor Zhivkov

*Gorbachev, resign!*

-- cry at a march in Moscow

*In the literary academy, Jacques Derrida has the authority that Duns Scotus had for the medieval scholastics -- and it is authority, not literature, that mainly engages faculties. In the guise of maverick or rebel, professors kowtow to dogma. English departments have set off after theory, and use culture as an instrument to illustrate doctrinal principals, whether Marxist or "French Freud". The play of the mind gives way to lining up and signing up.*

-- Cynthia Ozick

*I've got a Ph.D in Caucasianism.*

-- Don King

*Everything cultural, from family to state, from nursery rhyme to epic, rests upon ideas.*

-- Robert Nisbet

*Thrust ivrybody, but cut th' ca-ards.*

-- Finley Peter Dunne

*The skillful commander takes up a position in which he cannot be defeated and misses no opportunity to master his enemy. Thus a victorious army wins its victories before seeking battle; an army destined to defeat fights in the hope of winning.*

-- Sun Tzu

*It is not only Gorbachev who deceived us. We deceived ourselves by being fool enough ever to believe him that he would change our lives. It's time for someone else to have a chance.*

-- Fatima Prudnikova

*Progressive and democratic forces...must create real alternatives to those who would turn our society on the path which left so many victims in the past.*

-- Eduard Shevardnadze

*The international system is very simple: The great powers do what they want.*

-- Noam Chomsky

*Don't follow leaders and watch your parking meters.*

-- Bob Dylan

*Have you ever thought what would become of the country if the bosses were put out of business, and their places were taken by cart-tail orators and college graduates? It would mean chaos.*

-- George Washington Plunkitt

*Gorbachev's policy has brought us hunger and now he is afraid of losing power. Why doesn't the West understand this?*

-- Tatyana Aleksandronova

*Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.*

-- Reinhold Niebuhr

*Though liberals do a great deal of talking about hearing other points of view, it sometimes shocks them to learn that there are other points of view.*

-- William F. Buckley, Jr.

*Eat no onions nor garlic, for we are to utter sweet breath.*

-- William Shakespeare

*The cleverly expressed opposite of any generally accepted idea is worth a fortune to somebody.*

-- F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Sinead O'Connor boycotted the Grammys this year apparently because of a bad experience last year. It would appear that Mick Jagger picked her up and tried to use her as a chapstick.*

-- Johnny Carson

*Happy hour is slightly different in the Soviet Union. There are no ice cubes or orange-peel twists in the vodka. Also, it lasts all day.*

-- P.J. O'Rourke

*No wonder inheritance taxes are so high. Dead rich people aren't much of a constituency.*

-- Arthur Laffer

*Prison enabled me to study far more intensely than I would have if my life had gone differently and I had attended some college. I imagine that one of the biggest troubles with colleges is there are too many distractions, too much party raiding, fraternities, and boola-boola and all of that.*

-- Malcom X

*The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, or to steal bread.*

-- Anatole France

*When inequality of conditions is the common law of society, the most marked inequalities do not strike the eye; when everything is nearly on the same level, the slightest are marked enough to hurt it. Hence the desire for equality always becomes more insatiable in proportion as equality is more complete.*

-- Alexis de Tocqueville

*If you want to see flying saucers, pinch a waitress.*

-- Mack Stanley

*Like it or not, the U.S. is the only nation that can assemble and project enough power to meet any aggressor. While Americans may not want to be the world's policeman, they must consider what it would be like to live in a world with no policeman at all.*

-- Anthony H. Cordesman

*The soldier doesn't fight very hard for a leader who is going to shoot him...That's not what military leadership is all about. And so, I attribute a great deal of the failure of the Iraqi army to fight to their own leadership. They committed them to a cause that they did not believe in.*

-- Norman Schwarzkopf

*We're in operation now, ladies and gentlemen.*

-- Ambassador Edward W. Gnehm, after raising the raising the flag at the re-opened American embassy in Kuwait