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## Tufts University (Democrats-MA)

Thanks to industrious liberal student and administrator activists, the month of February at Tufts is becoming notorious not for Cupid, hearts, and Valentines, but for its pervasive slew of inappropriately executed and endorsed displays.

Just last year, Tufts disgraced itself nationally when resourceful Tufts Republicans took their criticisms of the prominent University sponsorship afforded to a series of obscene sex-related campus events to the media. Television, print, and internet outlets from around the country took note. Considering that the University sent public relations representatives to monitor the media's presence on campus, it seems Tufts was none too pleased by this particular bout of free publicity.

And why would they be? Sex-toy demonstrations in freshmen dorms, performances of *The Vagina Monologues*, a festival called "Vulvapalooza," and a "Sex on the Hill" fair were among the events that graced the campus during a two week period last February. Substantially adding to the injury, a number of these events were sponsored by and received substantial backing from Health Services, the Women's Center, and ResLife.

Explicit sexual displays surrounded all routes of accessing the campus center, but the real insult and outrage was the University endorsing the "festivities." Tufts students expect their exorbitant tuitions to pay for administrators to serve them and act as resources in times of need, not to take activist roles to advance a political agenda.

Administrators' poor understanding of their proper function at Tufts was demonstrated last Spring when the Health

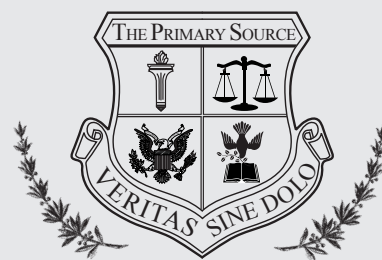
Services Directors submitted a Viewpoint to the Tufts Daily in which they expressed pride in their activism and defiantly promised to continue participating in future Tufts Sex Fairs. They are either entirely blind or remarkably hostile to conservative solutions to the variety of legitimate health problems facing students and society they went on to list.

Abortion is not the pregnancy advice every student is looking for. "Safe sex" is not the right solution to every student's STD concerns. But Health Services insists that it has the authority to apply its political lens to these issues and address them the way it sees fit.

If Tufts values students over ideology, its administrators need to stop pushing political agendas. Tufts should be working to reduce the detrimental effects of well-documented political bias in the classroom, not encouraging its spread beyond.

With Valentine's Day around the corner, Tufts has the opportunity to apply the lessons it should have learned from the mistakes of yesteryear. Let Tufts VOX take care of the pro-abortion activism. Let the feminist groups organize the sex festivals on their own. Let administrators know that posing as genitalia is unacceptable. Simply put, Tufts should not engage itself in the interest of advancing feminism or any other unsettled political cause.

Though it would really prefer not to, come "Sex on the Hill," THE PRIMARY SOURCE will be watching closely to catch University impropriety.

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To the Editor:

Your story on "The 'G' Word" was written out of context and without checking the facts. It is a blatant deception and you fell for it. I challenge you to do some real investigative reporting [Blog URLs omitted], and then print the correct version in your next issue.

—Robert Kirk

#### Editor's Note:

*The article in question is, in fact, well-researched and the SOURCE stands by it. You, however, may want to reconsider using a Left-wing blog that links to articles by Tufts' very own Gary Leupp ("...actually, Saddam was not mad.") to support your arguments.*

To the Editor:

I just had the pleasure of reading your article on the NQR. It is excellent and touches on everything that I disagree with as far as this event is concerned. I work for the university and I am being forced against my wishes to work this event. I totally disagree with this event and find the whole thing to be offensive. It was nice to see that there is someone else who feels the same. Take care.

—Police Officer, TUPD



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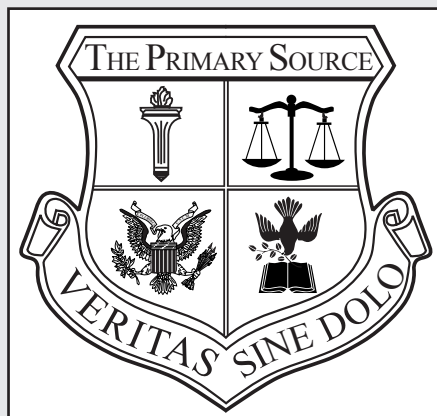
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**PS** Mary Cheney, now famous for being interjected into the presidential campaign by the Kerry-Edward ticket, is currently writing a book about her involvement with her father's campaign. Her touching memoir is tentatively titled *Life With and Without Dick*.

**PS** A Representative from Columbus Air Force Base said they are investigating allegations of academic misconduct by 12 student pilots during an exam. The exam's proctor later admitted that the headscarves should have given them away.

**PS** An Assemblyman in New York introduced a bill that would require schools to give parents information on their children's weight along with grades. Also proposed was adding sexual history, drug use, and estimated value in the slave trade market.

**PS** A student was accused of putting parts of a sheep's brain from a biology lab in the salad dressing at his high school cafeteria. When the Biology Department was consulted about health risks, it determined the boy owed the sheep an apology.

**PS** An autopsy confirmed that the death of a man in October was the first caused by rabies in Los Angeles County in 30 years. The man could have been saved had his condition been diagnosed earlier, but, being a Democrat, his foaming mouth was hardly out of the ordinary.

**PS** A Slovak man trapped in his car under an avalanche freed himself by drinking 60 bottles of beer and urinating on the snow to melt it. Man will never stop finding new uses for beer.

**PS** Recent Facebook petitions have asked users to help stop the sale of Bonsai Cats—kittens grown in bottles. As part of a spring fundraiser, The SOURCE is offering Bonsai Jumbos, *real, live* elephants grown in milk bottles.

**PS** China's endangered pandas, who grab world attention each time they give birth, are now going to have their own blood bank to help to keep their numbers up. According to zookeepers, homosexual pandas need not apply.

**PS** Top Ten Captions for the picture below, showing Vice President Dick Cheney attending an Auschwitz memorial ceremony:

10. Look, we can't have the pacemaker freezing.
9. I thought we were going duck hunting.
8. Nobody tells Dick how to dress.
7. When in this program do we go skiing?
6. You're just jealous that I'm warm.
5. This land looks oil rich.
4. It's as hot as an oven in this parka.
3. I was unaware of the global fashion test.
2. This is why we stick to invading warm countries.
1. The French can dress, but can they stand up to evil?

**PS** The Russian government decided to equip its mail carriers and their bosses with guns. Apparently going "postal" doesn't have a clear translation into the Russian language.



**PS** Chinese jetliners completed the first nonstop flights to Taiwan since a civil war split the countries 56 years ago. The flights symbolize "the hopes of the two sides for peace, stability, dialogue and mutual development." Or perhaps, mock bombing runs.

**PS** A Toronto stripper mauled by a tiger in an Ontario safari park has won \$650,000 in damages because her scars meant she could no longer work. So much for offering her services to the tiger.

**PS** A mid-January terror alert centered around 10 Chinese individuals possibly plotting to explode a dirty bomb in Boston. An FBI spokesman asked that the public keep an eye out for any of these suspects, but added, "good luck, all look the same to me."

**PS** Lip implant tissue has been found to be linked to the development of mad cow disease. When asked for comment, Angelina Jolie remarked, "MOOOOOO!"

**PS** A man on trial is accused of slaying his parents, allegedly for refusing to let him borrow a vehicle. And they say only drunk drivers are dangerous.

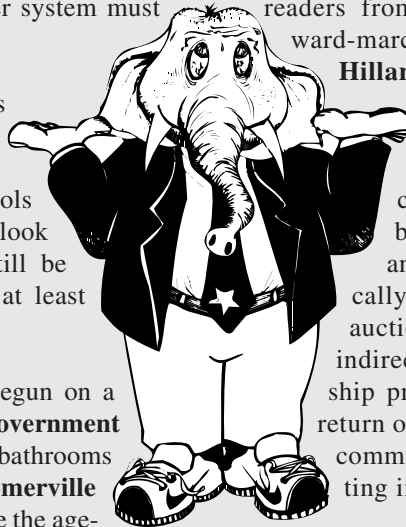
**PS** Supporters of a plan to add the state motto "Live Free or Die" to the state flag said that adding the motto would send a powerful message of encouragement to people around the world wishing to be free of oppression. After all, seekers of freedom everywhere look at US state flags for inspiration.

# From the Elephant's Mouth

☞ *Tsunami victims:* A month after **Tsunamis** devastated a number of Asian countries, Tufts students gathered to remember the unfortunate victims. American relief operations are under way, but many governments in the region have been less than cooperative. Students were encouraged to donate money and food aid to the region. Unfortunately, no **dogs** are allowed on campus... Still, others look to fill the region's need for fresh water. Off-campus students on the **Medford** water system must ask: leaded or unleaded?

☞ *Snowed in:* Tufts cancelled classes when record snowfall blanketed the campus. Still, the University remained open later in the week while other schools in the area were closed. **Bacow** may look fully recovered, but his heart may still be "three sizes too small." Can **Seniors** at least have a Tufts Friday?

☞ *New building:* Construction has begun on a new dormitory... Members of **student government** can't contain their curiosity: will the bathrooms feature paper towels? If so, will the **Somerville Historic Commission** step in to preserve the age-old freshman candidate paper-towel platform?



☞ *Untraditional Cannon:* **Cannon Magazine** made its appearance on campus last week. The magazine hopes to become a "permanent fixture on campus," a certain necessity if the **Naked Quad Run** and **Christmas-shopping** sections in the current issue are to be of any use to students come next December... Either way, it promises not to bore us with "politics and breaking news." The ELEPHANT is thankful to *Cannon* for distracting its liberal readers from **Vast Right Wing Conspiracy's** forward-march. Will the next issue be done in time for **Hillary vs. Rice '08?**

☞ *Unhappy Returns:* A number of students returned to burglarized off-campus residences following the Winter break. Top items included laptops, stereos, and **Ramen Noodles**. Townies will ironically make use of **Pierre Omidyar's** Ebay auction system to fence the electronics, which indirectly pays for the esteemed Tufts scholarship program. At least Tufts is getting a good return on its \$1 M dollar grant to the surrounding community. Are they just bitter about not getting into the **NQR?**

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

## SOURCE PERSONALS

Conservatives need love too. Help these Sourcers have a Happy V-Day!

Conservative man seeking shapely, traditional woman for friendship and more. Must be WASP-y, good at knitting, sewing, cooking, and scrubbing floors. Join me for a romantic FoxNews marathon tonight. I'll be your George and you can be my Laura.



Ann Coulter look-alike seeking right-wing male for non-sexual courtship, marriage, followed by five children. Must enjoy supporting the troops, being part of the richest one percent, and long walks on their private beach. Must have brains like Karl Rove, a sense of humor like George W. Bush, and looks like Ronald Reagan. Suspenders a plus.



Timid, sensitive male seeking woman built like a linebacker for long-term relationship. Enjoys shopping at trendy boutiques, makeovers, and watching Trading Spaces and Queer Eye reruns. Facial hair okay.

## You Have Rights

The Tufts student judicial process can be a labyrinth of misinformation, fear, and intimidation for students and organizations that have been accused of wrongdoing. Now, after several years of false starts, the successful finalization of details with the University administration means the program will finally begin working toward its goal of protecting the rights of the accused this semester. It will ensure students are informed of their rights, including the right to representation. According to the TCUJ website, “The Student Judicial Process consists of mediation and arbitration, which includes disciplinary hearings, Tufts Community Union Judiciary (TCUJ) hearings, and Committee on Student Life (CSL) hearings.” For each of these processes one is currently entitled to the right of representation, yet the system is flawed because many students are unaware of these rights. Students do not know they can seek representation and often end up signing forms or speaking to a judicial affairs officer like Veronica Carter. Students, however, are not required to act as such and should abstain from talking or signing any forms until they have sought representation.

The new program specifically addresses the issue of ensuring students understand their rights by providing students and organizations with a list of advocates trained in the student judicial process by the Dean of Students, CSL, or TCUJ to best suit the case at hand. The student can then contact these advocates directly to obtain representation for their particular case. The SOURCE believes this new system will not only assist countless students in understanding their rights, but will also protect organizations such as the Leonard Carmichael Society from being coerced into taking imprudent or unnecessary actions, as was the case last semester when a single activist almost put an end to the Tufts’ blood drives.

The program is scheduled to go into effect in the coming weeks, following the completion of judicial advocate training. Until then, students involved in a student judicial process can seek out organizations such as the TCUJ for consultation. Upcoming publications aim to further inform students about the changes that are in the works. The SOURCE is pleased that reforms are finally being enacted in this area.



## Cannon't Print on Time

The semester began with the appearance of a new publication on campus, *Cannon Magazine*. The magazine is the product of an Ex-college course entitled “Making a Magazine, from Conception to Publication” and under the supervision of Senior Boston Magazine writer Michael Blanding was designed to give students the opportunity to learn about magazine production. As *Cannon* senior editor Sarah Samuelson put it, “we all wanted to do something new and fresh, and learn the real nuts and bolts of journalism from a professional.” However, THE PRIMARY SOURCE is skeptical that this was accomplished and believes students wishing to get involved with journalism on campus should do so by joining one of the student publications already available or establish one of their own. The need for a class where students take part in an activity that is already widely available makes no sense fiscally or otherwise.

Unfortunately, looking at the finished *Cannon* product, it seems the class ignored a number of crucial journalistic principles. In order to produce a product that will command readership most people would agree that the timeliness of the publication and relevance of its content is important—yesterday’s news today doesn’t sell. Unfortunately, *Cannon Magazine* missed this mark by reporting on holiday shopping, pre-naked quad run activities, and other events that had already passed at the time of distribution. In fact, upon publication, one student was disappointed to find that she couldn’t purchase the “Wooden Incense Burner” featured in the magazine because the store it was listed for had gone out of business. The magazine claims to “stand alone in our campus’s array of publications as the only one that won’t bore you with politics and breaking news.” This is not only an insult to current student publications, but lends some insight to why John Kerry couldn’t mobilize the youth vote: they were too busy worrying about high fashion and booze.

One of the most important factors in magazine production, as the SOURCE is all too familiar with, is managing and effectively utilizing a limited budget. The cost of producing a magazine with the paper thickness and gloss used by *Cannon* is astronomical and could not be sustained at Tufts. It seems adhering to a fixed budget was not among the considerations *Cannon* editors were forced to contend with. In fact, when questioned, both a senior editor and the production coordinator were entirely unable to specify even a ballpark figure for the printing costs or circulation.

*Cannon*’s executive editors promise, “[*Cannon* will] be as permanent a fixture on this campus as its monument namesake.” However, it is unclear how they plan to do this, considering the magazine is the project of a class that is not scheduled this semester. Senior Editor Sarah Samuelson says, “we would consider opening it up to the rest of campus and making it a real Tufts publication,” but given the staff’s poor familiarity with the financial aspects of journalism and printing, this is likely an unrealizable dream. Other issues, including the difficulty of dealing with libel accusations—of crucial concern in real journalism—arise out of the *Cannon*’s erratic production schedule and format.

Exposure to journalism in practice is healthy, but the field isn’t all glory. Behind-the-scenes work like financial and legal considerations are as crucial to the success of a magazine as what ends up in the reader’s hands. Unfortunately it doesn’t seem like the enthusiastic staff of *Cannon Magazine* were made aware of this.

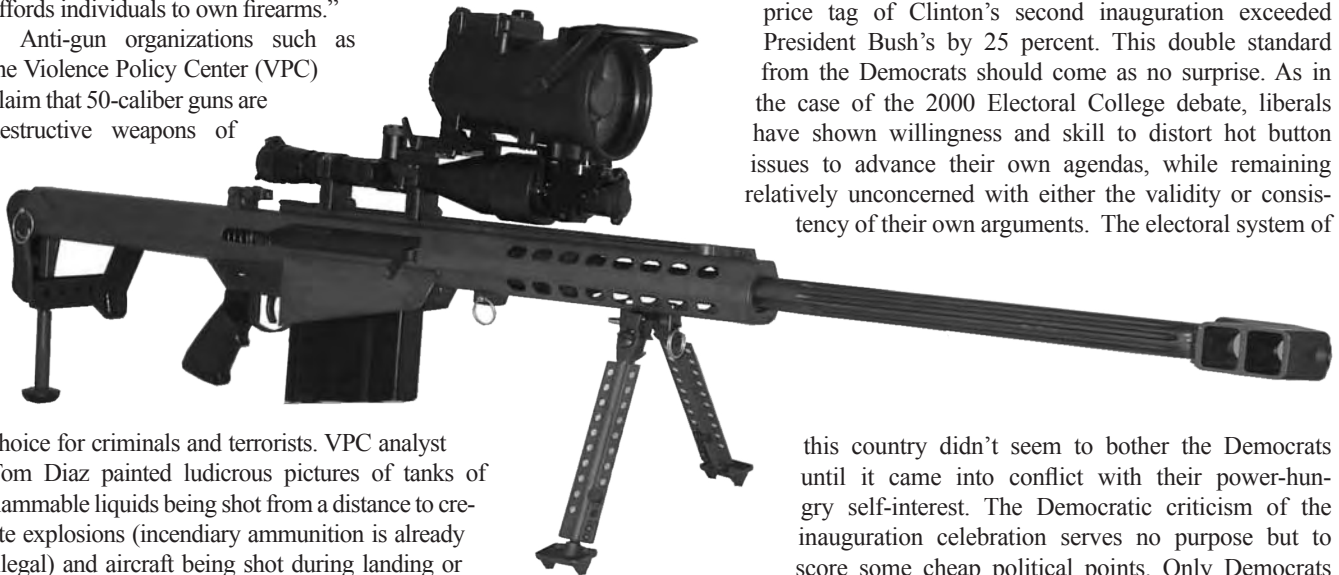


## .50 Caliber Hysteria

**A**lready infamous for stifling and arbitrary gun laws, California recently passed yet another nonsensical restriction on gun ownership. In late 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill outlawing the manufacture, sale and possession of .50 caliber weapons.

It is worrisome that the campaigns in favor of this type of legislation are rife with inaccuracies and misinformation. In an earlier .50 caliber gun ban in the city of Los Angeles, an LAPD spokesman displayed a Barrett M82 rifle to the LA city council as though it were an example of a typical rifle available to the general public. However, he failed to mention that, due to various features, the gun was already illegal under California law. When the LAPD sent one of their identical rifles to Barrett Firearms for servicing, Ronnie Barrett, the company founder and designer of the gun, held on to it and replied with a letter: "Please excuse my slow response on the repair service of the rifle. I am battling to what service I am repairing the rifle for. I will not sell, nor service, my rifles to those seeking to infringe upon the Constitution and the crystal clear rights it affords individuals to own firearms."

Anti-gun organizations such as the Violence Policy Center (VPC) claim that 50-caliber guns are destructive weapons of



choice for criminals and terrorists. VPC analyst Tom Diaz painted ludicrous pictures of tanks of flammable liquids being shot from a distance to create explosions (incendiary ammunition is already illegal) and aircraft being shot during landing or takeoff (no matter what size bullet it shoots, a rifle is a useless anti-aircraft weapon). Diaz clearly has little familiarity with the guns in question and was composing hypothetical scenarios with no basis in reality to achieve maximum shock value. It is regrettable that people attempt to misinform in such a manner; it is outright deplorable that policy affecting a constitutional right is enacted based on such misinformation.

What was ignored is the fact that the type of bullet used in most .50 caliber rifles has been available for almost a century, and has virtually never been used in crimes due to how cumbersome, conspicuous and expensive the associated rifles are. Such typical rifles cost around \$10,000 and weigh 30 pounds, making them quite unsuitable for most purposes beyond collecting and competitive shooting. In fact, the .50 caliber round has an excellent safety record. However, having achieved victory in California, the VPC and its allies are pushing for similar bans in other states and a law requiring the government to keep the names of .50 caliber rifle owners on file. It is a dangerous precedent for a government to erode the rights of its citizens by punishing gun owners and accusing them of being terrorists, all based on imaginary crimes and the size of a particular bullet.

## Undemocratic Democrats

**L**iberals have been throwing quite the hissy fit over President Bush's inauguration. The less fanatical leftists got upset about the lavish and extravagant ceremony, and the Ted Kennedy branch is insinuating that the President values his victory celebration over both the safety of the men and women in the military and the well being of the Asian tsunami victims. Democratic Representative Weiner, for example, made the astute suggestion of re-directing the inauguration funds to Southeast Asia. Of course, the United States is already providing hundreds of millions of dollars from both government and private sources to the afflicted areas. Weiner also failed to mention the Commander-in-Chief Ball and the Military Gala, both highlights of the inauguration celebration, and both organized to benefit the soldiers and honor their bravery. The former was a new addition to the inauguration festivities and will be free of charge to thousands of members of the armed services who have recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan or will be deployed there in the near future.

Furthering adding to the hypocrisy of the Left, the price tag of Clinton's second inauguration exceeded President Bush's by 25 percent. This double standard from the Democrats should come as no surprise. As in the case of the 2000 Electoral College debate, liberals have shown willingness and skill to distort hot button issues to advance their own agendas, while remaining relatively unconcerned with either the validity or consistency of their own arguments. The electoral system of

this country didn't seem to bother the Democrats until it came into conflict with their power-hungry self-interest. The Democratic criticism of the inauguration celebration serves no purpose but to score some cheap political points. Only Democrats have the audacity to use America's brave service men and women for their party's political gain. The line between political rivalry and reckless political posturing has clearly been crossed.

In light of Iraq's first free election in half a century, this inauguration in particular serves the important purpose of reminding the world of the strength and success of America's political system. In this battle against dictatorship and terrorism, Americans need to show that they are united behind their commander in chief, regardless of who they cast their ballot for back in November. Childish displays of discontent regarding Bush's re-election are detrimental to recent attempts to democratize the Middle East. Knee-jerk leftists have forgotten their obsession for winning the "hearts and minds" of the Muslims in the Middle East. America cannot easily push this part of the world in the direction of freedom when the ultimate manifestation of its power, the inauguration of a democratically elected President, is being lambasted by the sore-losers. Bush's opponents should feel free to criticize the administration's policies but the legitimacy of the criticism crumbles when it turns to attacks on basic democratic principals. As our two-term President adeptly states, "It's important that we celebrate a peaceful transfer of power."

*Tufts responds poorly to local terrorism threats.*

## Ready for Anything

by Nicole Brusco

In light of the mid-January threat of a dirty bomb attack on Boston, the SOURCE decided to find out what would happen to Tufts students in the event of such an incident. Although Tufts is not located in the heart of Manhattan, several possible scenarios threaten it. The main concern is the liquid natural gas, or LNG, terminal in Medford's neighboring town of Everett. In fact, explosion of just one of the five tanks on an LNG ship would devastate an area half a mile wide and the explosion of all five tanks could devastate several miles. The Everett terminal is of great concern because it is one of only four places in the country where LNG can be imported.

Tufts is in the area that would be affected by a disaster at the LNG terminal, yet the Tufts community is completely oblivious to this danger. The terminals are as attractive to terrorists as something like the Empire State building because they are important military and economic infrastructure. Millions of dollars are spent to prepare for attacks on courthouses and other symbolic structures, but the real focus should be on preparing for an attack on a vital and relatively easy target—like the LNG terminal.

Tufts believes it is ready for a disaster, but it is not. In a recent conversation with John King, Director of Public and Environmental Safety, the SOURCE learned about the University's plans for dealing with a large-scale disaster. If an incident occurs, Public Safety will assemble their "Crisis Teams"—consisting of key faculty members and

administrators. These teams have the responsibility of deciding on the best course of action in the given situation and are guided by a manual of emergency procedures. Students would receive vital information via mass email or an automated voicemail.

It's good to know the Department of Public Safety has plans in place, but they are shallow and prone to chaos—merely adapted fire drills. If evacuation were necessary, the fire alarms would be set off, and once outside, students would be directed by TUPD. Yet the effectiveness of this scenario needs to be considered.

**Public Safety needs to have a realistic plan in place to ensure the safety of the campus, and they need to make the students aware of what to do in all types of emergencies.**

Fire alarms work well when evacuating one dorm, but if all dorms are emptied at once, the mob of students would be uncontrollable by even all of TUPD's officers. In fact, in some situations, evacuation might be the worst thing to do. Public Safety needs to have a realistic plan in place to ensure the safety of the campus, and they

need to make the students aware of what to do in all types of emergencies.

The Department of Public Safety chooses not to notify students of their plans through any of the numerous methods available to them—the RAs, the *Pachyderm*, or even their own website. Their justification is that they believe that any such "terror incident" would result in an emergency procedure the students are already versed in: a fire drill. King said that his department prefers to keep the instructions they give to the public "simple." In reality, the safety of students would be best served if emergency procedures were available so that if something did happen, students could help themselves rather than waiting cluelessly for instructions. Tufts seems

to be worried about scaring students, but apathetic students would ignore the information, and those concerned would feel more at ease knowing their law enforcement and emergency responders are well prepared.

Take the case of a biological attack. King told the SOURCE that because most local facilities do not stock vaccines, Tufts Health Services probably does not either. The SOURCE finds it frightening that the Director of Public Safety was unaware of whether specific drugs, even in small quantities, are available at Health Services.

Apparently, Tufts does not care about the inevitability of a terrorist attack on Boston. In response to the recent dirty bomb threat, Tufts did not assemble their crisis team for even a meeting, instead opting only to send team members a memo. King explained that TUPD was in a monitoring phase and did not think action was necessary because local police departments were already engaged. However, this threat, which the FBI deemed serious enough to alert the public about, would have been an opportune time for the University's crisis team to review its level of readiness. The University needs to make preparation and precaution a priority.

Under normal circumstances, the Department of Public Safety keeps students safe on Walnut Hill, but perhaps they too have become absorbed in the "Tufts Bubble" when it comes to preparing for a large-scale disaster. Tufts should get some perspective and avoid the pre-9/11 mindset when the idea of terrorists using aircraft as missiles was unthinkable. The lesson to be learned is that University officials must make the preparations necessary to be ready for anything. ■



**The Everett LNG terminal.**

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# ★ IRAQI INSURGENT NEWS ★

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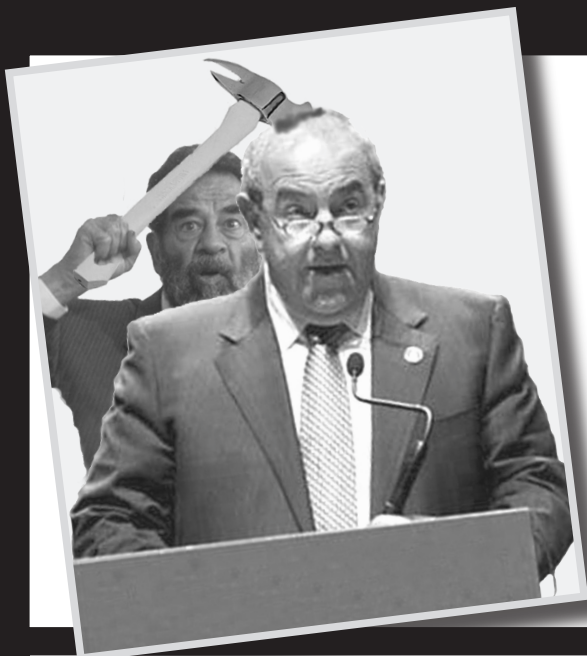
**Iraq relives lessons of American Election**

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—A Saddam Fedayeen Loyalist

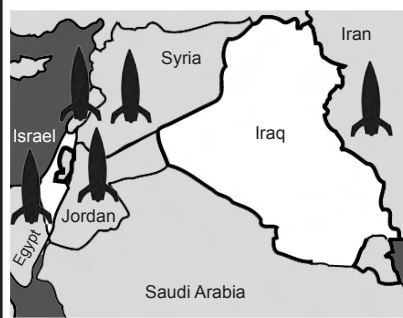
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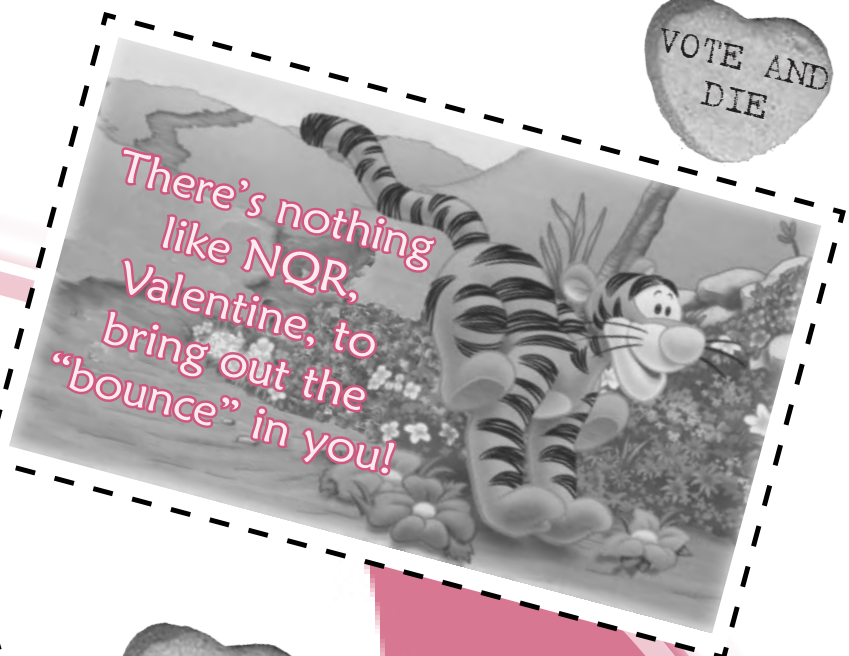
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***Feminism is the radical idea that feminism helps women.***

# Feminism's Identity Crisis

by Jordan Greene

**F**eminists have fallen on hard times. Women have never been better. In education, perhaps the single best predictor of quality of life, women receive higher marks than men at nearly all levels of study and account for fifty-six percent of college matriculations. Women have a longer life expectancy than men by five years and, on average, tend to receive equal, if not better, medical treatment. Women are four times less likely to commit suicide than men. There are five widows for every widower. If men in America are really trying to oppress women, they need to put forth a better effort.

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Feminism suffers from an identity crisis. The political and moral pressure exerted by the feminist movement took full stride during the 1990s, but a recent article in the *New York Times* revealed that the number of stay-at-home mothers has increased thirteen percent in less than a decade, indicating all that may be left of the women's rights movement in the United States is a stabilization process. In absence of a struggle for real equality, feminism is trying its hand at a much more noxious conception: socialism.

In trying to break through the glass ceiling, feminists have created a glass floor, a social safety net that invites mediocrity. More concerned with phrases like "coequal accommodation" and "representational segment" than making sure competent women are not discriminated against, modern feminism busies itself with the suspension of impartial standards and the abolition of objective judgment. The Civil Rights Act of 1991, a particularly effective bludgeon in the feminist arsenal, puts the burden of proof on the defense in instances where an employer's standards have a "disparate impact" on the hiring of any group. Colleges are not immune from this legislation, hence "gender

norming" at West Point, where cadets are no longer required to run with heavy assault weaponry—a task most women are biologically incapable of performing.

The relationship between feminists and biology is, using feminist terminology, a "predator-prey" relationship. Suppressing evidence of any non-anatomical biological differences between the sexes, something feminism—in absence of any real struggle—has become obsessed with, is part of the feminist scheme to widen the scope of manufactured, militant androgyny. Prominent feminist Catharine MacKinnon has even called for total censorship of "academic books purporting to document women's biological inferiority to men..." The call for censorship should be proof enough of feminism's fallibility.

Perhaps this corruption of rationality is the most obvious socialist encroachment into feminism. Professor Sandra Harding of the University of Delaware called Newton's *Principia Mathematica* a "rape manual," because mathematics represents patriarchic, antagonistic reasoning. Marx also rejected objective logic. The wealthy and the middle class reasoned with "bourgeois logic" and the worker opted for "proletariat logic." By reinventing objectivity toward their own ends, feminists trade one form of paternalism for another; instead of being reliant on husbands and fathers, women are becoming dependent on the welfare state—potentially a much more brutal and complete oppressor than any Sunni Muslim could aspire to be.

Post-1990 feminism is nothing more than socialism disguised by fetuses.

Socialism has infiltrated two other aspects of modern feminism. First, modern feminism, in its crusade against marriage and the family, undermines women's free will. Statistically, marriage is associated with greater rates of longevity, education, and income, and lower rates of abuse, crime, addiction, depression, and anxiety. In *The Feminine Mystique*,

Betty Friedan famously referred to the family as a "comfortable concentration camp" for women. Sociologist Jessie Bernard went a step further when she offered an explanation for the apparent happiness of married women: "happiness is interpreted by wives in terms of conformity. Since they are conforming to society's expectations, this must be happiness." Feminism has nothing to do with choice, rather, it is preoccupied with limiting "inappropriate" choices. Whereas Marx saw religion as an opiate of the masses, feminism views the marriage and the family as such. A movement originally predicated on the equal worth of women now portrays them as dim-witted, vacuous automatons whose cognitive integrity can not withstand the onslaught of scheming men. Friedan and Bernard are not radicals inside a mainstream movement—both women, in fact, are portrayed as poster girls of estrogen in gender studies textbooks. Even N.O.W. President Kim Gandy declared that marriage, "as a goal," is "misguided." The problem is not radical adherents of the ideology, the problem is the ideology itself.

Second, feminism transfers Marxian dialectics to gender. Nowhere is this more apparent than college Women's Studies curricula. Since patriarchy supposedly has universal scope, failure to be able to recount instances of personal oppression is tantamount to marginal understanding of the theme. Recounting their tribulations, students vie with each other for the ultimate prize of victimhood. When oppression is presupposed, even harmless actions on the part of men are perceived as a play for additional power; suspicion becomes paranoia, and mental anguish becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Attacks on feminism are not attacks on women; they are attacks on the psychological weapon that feminism has become. They are attacks on androgyny. They are a defense of science, a defense of marriage, and a defense against intellectual "gendercide." More than ever before, they are a defense of capitalism and meritocracy. ■



**How about liberating me?**

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*Thirty-two years later, abortion is still as controversial as ever.*

# Legalized Abortion Turns 32

by Alex McCabe

Last Saturday, January 22, marked the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the infamous *Roe v. Wade* ruling, one of the most controversial Supreme Court decisions in American history. A seven-justice United States Supreme Court majority held that criminalizing abortion violated a woman's Fourteenth Amendment right to privacy, effectively overturning state laws around the United States that outlawed the procedure.

As can be expected on the anniversary of such a controversial event, both the pro-life and pro-choice camps held protests, organized campaigns, and sponsored other events to raise awareness for their cause. In Washington, DC, an estimated 100,000 pro-life demonstrators marched in front of the Supreme Court and listened to speeches by President Bush and a variety of other notable anti-abortion speakers. A Catholic church in Colorado buried the exhumed remains of aborted fetuses under the watchful eyes of hundreds of followers and a small group of protestors. In Tampa, 20,000 teenagers gathered for the "Rally for Life and Youth Mass." On the streets of San Francisco, an estimated 6,000 pro-life activists clashed with 3,000 pro-choice activists. Jeers were shouted, condoms were thrown, and two arrests were made.

The most surprising protest came from Norma McCorvey, the woman who, under the pseudonym "Jane Roe," brought the *Roe v. Wade* case to the Supreme Court. Since that ruling, Ms. McCorvey has turned pro-life. In a press conference held on the steps of the Supreme Court three days before the anniversary of the case, she called for an end to the "holocaust of abortions" that has plagued the United States since 1973 and pleaded courts to overturn the *Roe v. Wade* decision in light of new studies that show the considerable

harm and pain that abortion causes to both fetuses and would-be mothers.

The rate at which abortions are taking place is truly horrifying. Between 1973 and 2001 (the last year for which data has been compiled), the Center of Disease Control estimates that 44.4 million legal abortions have been carried out in the United States.

In different terms, this works out to an average of 1.65 million fetuses aborted every year or 4,510 every day for the last 28 years.

The numbers are dismal, but there is hope. The most recent abortion cases brought to the Supreme Court, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* of 1992 and *Stenberg v. Carhart* of 2000, were both decided by thin 5-4 majorities that, in the face of bitter dissent, ruled in favor of upholding abortion rights. Now, a President whose pro-life stance is not a secret may have the opportunity to replace pro-abortion Justices Sandra Day O'Connor (75 years-old) and John Stevens (84), both widely expected to retire during President Bush's second term.

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A 6-3 vote against abortion is no longer a stretch of the imagination and would be a remarkable achievement considering how recently the Court has upheld abortion rulings by mere 5-4 margins.

In the meantime, the pro-life movement is making steady incremental progress. President Bush and members of Congress have passed and supported legislation to, in their words, "take practical steps to reduce the number of abortions." The ban on partial birth abortion was signed into law in 2003, and the President has already announced his support for the Child Custody Protection Act, which, if passed, would make it illegal for an adult to transport a minor to another state in order to avoid parental abortion consent laws. Another proposal in the works is termed the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act that would require doctors about to perform abortions on fetuses older than 20 weeks to inform mothers that their abortion may be painful to the unborn child. Doctors would also be required to offer the mother the option of anesthesia for the fetus.

There's no telling whether abortion will ever stop being the controversial, emotional issue that it is today. Fortunately, lawmakers are taking important steps right now to lower the number of abortions through legislation that will make an immediate impact, rather than simply waiting years upon years for the Supreme Court to fix its mistake. Americans need to start saving lives today so that the children of tomorrow have the option of being born. If not, the country will contribute to a statistic that is already horrendously high. The time to reduce the number of abortions is now.



The old "my sign is bigger than your sign" challenge

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*Feminist professors could use a strong dose of reality.*

# Is Reality Biased Against Women?

by Jordana Starr

In an address delivered at a recent conference on women and minorities in science and engineering professions, Harvard University President Lawrence Summers shocked feminists when he dared question the only politically correct rationale for the lack of females pursuing these careers—gender bias. He posited numerous explanations for this discrepancy, the first and most likely being the reluctance of women with children to work long hours away from the home. But it was his suggestion that biological gender differences, and not necessarily societal pressures and bias, might be a contributing factor that placed Summers before a feminist firing range. Harvard's president was lambasted for having the audacity to try to provoke intellectual discussion on an issue certainly worthy of further investigation.

Summers cited studies conducted by University of Michigan sociologist Yu Xie and University of California-Davis' Kimberlee Shauman, whose research yielded data that only confirmed what educators and IQ specialists have noted for years: while the median score for men and women in science testing was the same, more men than women scored at both the lower and the upper extremes of the spectrum. This information is consistent with the male and female intelligence curves—in terms of IQ, there are more stupid men in the world than there are stupid women; simultaneously there are also more brilliant men than brilliant women. Feminists have long been trying to deny these charts, substituting unsubstantiated claims of social oppression for actual scientific fact.

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Despite Summers' assertion that the issue required more research, and even though he merely brought up the study as a hypothesis for a better understanding of the topic, a number of women in attendance took offense to his comments. One participant who really got her panties in a bunch over Summers' remarks was MIT professor Nancy Hopkins, who stormed out of the room, later claiming to report-

ers that if she hadn't left, "I would have either blacked out or thrown up."

Free inquiry and discussion cannot be achieved when constrained by political correctness. Yet,

the nation's supposedly finest educators are appallingly unwilling to depart from PC propaganda. Lacking the maturity to discuss a legitimate perspective on gender differences and aptitude, Hopkins and her feminist colleagues instead accused Summers of sexism and would prefer to shut down all intelligent discourse on the matter. They refuse to admit basic truths about men and women in order to promote such catch-phrases as "gender equality," despite the plentitude of concrete evidence that people have different natural aptitudes for varying fields depending on, among other things, their gender.

President Summers' three subsequent apologies for his statements (eg. it was a "misunderstanding") are also ludicrous. This, however, is not the first time he has surrendered to similar unprofessional behavior. Recently, feminist Harvard professors formed a Caucus for Gender Equality to protest what they believe to be Summers' failure to hire more female professors. Not surprisingly, this group has yet to provide a shred of evidence pointing to any form of gender discrimination. Their claims appear to be nothing more than hot air.

In his address, Summers indicated that because schools that do not discriminate

in hiring processes have a better shot at attracting and hiring top teachers than schools that do, discrimination was not an issue for Harvard. In Summers' opinion, the root of the problem has more to do with the size of the female applicant pool. Yet, despite this blatant acknowledgement, President Summers still established a new set of rules that require documentation of the number of women considered for each departmental position in order to quell Harvard's feminist noise.

In his attempt to patch up a public-relations nightmare—feminist blogs all over the web are accusing him of male chauvinism—Summers has effectively condoned feminist harassment and the silencing of meaningful, provocative discourse. Most disturbing are the larger implications illustrated by this matter. Small groups of hyper-sensitive, bitter women are able to easily control white males with their political leashes. While traditional feminists pursued equal treatment between the sexes, today's feminists take offense to anything and everything, screaming "Bias!" as they throw a temper-tantrum.

Although Summers' willingness to comment on innate differences between men and women is to be applauded, the Harvard president should have stood by his words. It is unacceptable to condone the rampant sexual harassment feminists love to impose upon innocent men, or the ensuing censorship that prevails. Had a woman, not a man, offered the very same explanation, odds are the feminist screeches would have been reduced to maybe a raised eyebrow or two. ■



**Harvard president  
Lawrence Summers**

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**News scandals erupt in likely places.**

## CBS at Tufts

by Alison Hoover

Once upon a time, Americans believed they could trust major news networks to provide accurate news stories based solely on fact. America's high degree of specialization has caused people to place their trust in the media to do its job and provide them with reliable information. Times have changed. After numerous mainstream media scandals, including but not limited to the most recent, "Rather-Gate," many Americans have decided to go elsewhere for their news and bypass the perennial six or ten o'clock evening newscasts. Internet bloggers and compilation sites such as the Drudge Report have sprouted up and offer viable competition for news-seeking audiences. These sites don't have to worry about creating snazzy graphics or ornate anchor studios to catch the eyes of the average channel surfer, but instead, cater to the internet-savvy user looking for pure news content. Their existence doesn't depend on sustaining high ratings. Trusted alternative news websites actively work toward sustaining a reputation for speed and thoroughness. Much of their success can be attributed to letting the reader perform his own analysis, rather than letting Dan Rather do it for him. Surfers not only have the power to choose where they go for news, but also can access a seemingly infinite number of websites that will help them verify information and form their own conclusions at the touch of a button.

As discussed extensively in the recently-published CBS investigative report, conducted independently, the September 8 segment of *60 Minutes Wednesday* "failed to meet [CBS's] two core principles" of accuracy and fairness in its investigation of President Bush's National Guard service. Though the panel was unwilling to completely dismiss the Killian documents as untrue, they also said it was highly unlikely that they were real.

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**In journalism, a source cannot be considered "innocent until proven guilty."**

In journalism, a source cannot be considered "innocent until proven guilty." Given the potential impact of reputation-damaging news stories, especially during an election season, sources should not be presented as a basis for any story unless they have been "proven innocent," or authentic and reliable.

The most important issue at hand is the cause of this instance of inaccuracy about the President. Explaining how the inaccuracy occurred is simple: poor research. For example, a simple LexisNexis search for the name Lieutenant Colonel Burkett, CBS' source for the documents bringing the President's service into question, reveals his appearance in news stories in February of 2004 with quotes that discredit his later claims. During the course of production, no CBS staff member at any time attempted to contact other individuals who could have corroborated Burkett's story. CBS did attempt to determine the authenticity of the Killian documents. None of the four experts brought in by CBS expressed confidence in either the document's authenticity or their own abilities to ascertain it. Despite this, CBS used the documents as evidence against the President in the *60 Minutes Wednesday* segment.

Understanding why the inaccuracy occurred is a more complicated and important story. The *60 Minutes Wednesday* story aired during a heated presidential campaign. Mary Mapes, a producer working for Dan Rather, had been looking for damning evidence against the current President on and off over the past six years. She was never deterred by the fact that she couldn't find any solid evidence to support any of her theories, and was determined to be the first to present a damaging story about Bush's National Guard service, with or without facts.

This may seem far-removed from the Tufts campus, especially with widespread internet service allowing students easy access to blogs and other news sites. In reality, there are some striking parallels. There is

a diverse and energetic campus-media and media studies department at Tufts. However, a recent example demonstrates they are far from immune to the effects of journalistic irresponsibility. Just before winter break, a UCCPS class called "Producing Films for Social Change" presented the films they had created over the course of their semester. One group documented political activism on campus. In doing so, they did not take the time to contact any sources to verify controversial accusations toward the Tufts Republicans club made by individuals featured in the film. Like CBS, even though there were doubts about testimony and information received, they decided to show the piece anyway. If the producers had adhered to a very basic set of journalistic ethics that surely must have been taught in the class they were participating in, then they would have made efforts to corroborate the statements made in their film. If CBS had acted in an unbiased, responsible manner, they would have taken additional precautions to verify the truthfulness of their explosive story.

Since CBS aired its segment and the UCCPS class aired its film, both have admitted wrongdoing and proposed ways to remedy their mistake. CBS has lost five employees, one through resignation and four who were fired. The Tufts film was edited to remove the information proven false. These two specific situations have been resolved, but the media's potential for incompetence remains. It often relies on the entertainment or shock value of their programs to retain viewers. This can and has led to sensationalism in factual reporting. Unfortunately, many consider this less interesting than hearing offensive slurs about an unpopular person or group of people, even if they are false. ■



**"I still believe..."**

*Liberals cash in on tragedy.*

## Aid to Asia

by Alexandra Barker

**“S**tingy” is not a label that many Americans would give themselves. However, in the wake of the massive Asian tsunami, the United Nations used this very word to criticize the aid the United States has given to South Asia. Actually, the \$350 million the US was giving to the affected nations far exceeded what most other countries were providing. The tsunami struck nations with large Muslim populations, yet the untouched Arab countries have given little compared to what America has provided. A few weeks after the tsunami, Libya’s donations totaled a mere two million dollars and Saudi Arabia had given just \$25 million.

Indonesia, the country hardest-hit, has never been a great enthusiast for America. In the wake of September 11, Indonesians were seen celebrating in the streets and praising Osama Bin Laden. Yet their malevolence never deterred Americans from giving their money and aid. News footage shows an American soldier giving out relief supplies to a man wearing an Osama Bin Laden t-shirt.

Now, Indonesia has given the US a deadline for withdrawing its soldiers. America’s unconditional generosity is being met with a reaction that is both rude and ungrateful. Yet even in the face of this and other hostility, the United States continues to give, because despite the insulting reactions, the realities remain: hundreds of thousands of lives were lost, and millions live without shelter or food. Americans do not let their political disagreements get in the way of their humanity and generosity.

This is the mindset that has made America one of the most generous nations in the world. Americans

comprise only five percent of the world’s population, but account for 35 percent of its aid. Not only has the government pledged \$350 million in support, but it has also committed thousands of troops to the ravaged nations to assist in the distribution of relief supplies—a considerable taxpayer expense, no doubt.

It should be noted that the heart of America is the private sector, not the government. The \$350 million is merely Washington’s contribution. The true generosity of Americans is reflected in the actions of its citizens. A Gallup poll found that nearly 50 percent of Americans had donated money, many more had given supplies, and almost 80 percent of citizens have prayed for the lives of the victims. This poll was taken before NBC’s “Tsunami Aid: A Concert of Hope,” which alone raised nearly \$20 million.

Unfortunately, the “stingy” label has stuck. Though even the UN itself has apologized for its remarks, American liberals continue to use them as evidence of American greed and apathy. The *New York Times*, for example, ran an editorial entitled “Are We Stingy? Yes.” Better than just bashing America, liberals are having a good time using the tsunami to attack President Bush, claiming he did not act fast enough. They neglect to mention that while thousands were dying, Kofi Annan was busy skiing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. For the first 48 hours after the tsunami, the confirmed death toll remained in the hundreds; nobody knew how devastating it would turn out to be. As the death count increased, so did the amount of money that President Bush pledged for tsunami relief. Liberals aren’t too keen on mentioning the fact that their favorite country, France, has only contributed a small portion of what the US has given.

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It has given \$66 million, and has offered little to no military assistance—not that deploying the French military would make much of a difference anyway.

Though Hollywood liberals have done their part, whether in the NBC concert or through private donations, there has been one noticeable absence: Hollywood darling and leftist poster-boy Michael Moore, who has kept a low profile. Neither Google nor his own website provide any indication that he made a single penny’s donation to any relief organization. If Sandra Bullock can donate one million dollars of her own money, Michael Moore can certainly afford to as well.

At Tufts, many students are doing admirable work to help the victims. A remembrance service was organized for those affected, and LCS is planning a tsunami relief event aimed at helping students do their part to help victims. One particularly innovative student effort took shape over the winter vacation in the form of a “Facebook” venture. To date, the group “Tufts Tsunami Relief” has 275 members and has been facilitating fundraising discussion and organization on its message board.

There’s a lot of empty talk about “global perspective” and “global citizenship” at Tufts, but in this instance students should be congratulated for taking principles and beneficially applying them. It is unfortunate that many liberals in this country and around the world are using the deadliest disaster in years for political gain, probably hoping to score some early 2008 votes for Hillary Clinton. ■



**Our alleged stinginess.**

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**The Left idolizes another mass murderer.**

## Che's Rebellion

by Ryan Veiga

**T**he image of Ernesto “Che” Guevara has become a craze. He can be seen everywhere: on T-shirts, bumper stickers, gift items, buttons, hats, wherever his “iconic” photo will fit. Books about and by him are displayed prominently at the Tufts campus bookstore. People willing to spend \$8 in reckless defiance of capitalism can purchase a movie ticket and witness a handsome young actor interpret Che’s formative years with such sensitivity that perhaps only the thug himself could fail to be moved.

The Che symbol has become leftists’ universal badge of outrage, nonconformity, freedom, and defiance. Activists carry his famous portrait with them to political protests (the closest they can come to a real battle) and throughout their everyday lives; they borrow a sense of adventure and power from the forward-looking eyes, the bold, wind-blown hair, and the determined expression of grim, unwavering purpose. They try to recolor the drabness of contemporary political discussion with the fervent tension of the Cuban Revolution. Restless young adults, trying to squeeze some drama out of shallow causes, see others with the Che symbol and nod as if to say, “we understand each other.”

At the forefront of the Che phenomenon one now finds Robert Redford’s execrable new silver screen adaptation of Che’s book, *The Motorcycle Diaries*. In two excruciatingly slow-moving hours, audiences are indoctrinated with a kind, sensitive image of Che as his journey around Latin America burdens him with the pain of the suffering poor. His honesty and love buy him friends wherever he goes, and by the end of the film he gives passionate speeches about the world’s injustice. The final message of the film trumpets Che as one of “the most prominent and inspiring

leaders of the Cuban Revolution.” It’s worth noting that *The Motorcycle Diaries* received the most enthusiastic standing ovation of the year at the Sundance Film Festival.

There is some comfort in the fact that many Che glorifiers don’t have a clue as to what he did or the principles he really upheld. Still, it is hard to excuse ignorance that leads to the prominent display of a notoriously confused mass murderer on the front of a t-shirt. The real story of Che Guevara needs to be told, so that ignorance can no longer be an excuse.

Che Guevara is often called an “ideal-ist,” but his writings reveal nothing but confused gibberish and bloody rhetoric—impenetrable droning peppered with calls for human blood. His military ventures were fraught with incompetence.

Cuba’s bloody revolutionary leader, Fidel Castro, however, found other uses for Che; noting his lust for blood, mastery of terror techniques, and cold-blooded joy in human torture, Che became the ideal leading executioner for the Cuban Revolution.

“Crazy with fury I will stain my rifle red while slaughtering any enemy that falls in my hands! My nostrils dilate while savoring the acrid odor of gunpowder and blood,” Che writes in his *Motorcycle Diaries* (a line understandably omitted from Robert Redford’s movie). Che lived up to his promise; his terror tactics became legendary as he slaughtered hundreds at his infamous fortress of *La Cabaña*, proclaiming loudly that trials were a bourgeois invention, not necessary in a revolution. He took delight in personally killing his victims, and would later parade their friends and family by *El Paredon*, the wall covered with human remains scattered by the force of rifles shot at close range. Che also holds the

distinction of having founded Cuba’s first forced labor camp.

Of course, not all people are completely ignorant about Guevara. A few of these people try to justify Che glorification by claiming to separate the man from the symbol. So what if Che was just another stupid thug? Its not what’s true that’s important—it’s what Che symbolizes!

This is an affront to history. People should never allow the reality of the past to become obscured by romantic fantasies, no matter how appealing they might be. Making Che into an idealized symbol is an insult to the hundreds of innocent people he tortured and murdered. Furthermore, why choose Che? His only favorable quality is that famous pretty picture. Was Che chosen for his good looks? Couldn’t the Left find another handsome person who wouldn’t insult the painful memories of Cuban-Americans? Why not choose someone who could be worshipped both as a symbol *and* as a man? Is history so bereft of actual heroes that the past must be fictionalized to satisfy some desperate human drive for symbolism?

There is, however, only so much comfort one can take in assuming that ignorance is the foundation of the Che Guevara craze. Even if many Che-lovers are ignorant, it can only be wishful thinking that they all are. What about college professors who assign Che Guevara writings to their classes? What about the people who actually take time to read the books? In the ranks of the Che lovers, one question begs to be answered: How many people know the truth about Che Guevara?



**Not as cool as he looks.**

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*Let there be a voice for the political center at Tufts.*

## Power to the Moderates

by David Rawson

**P**olitics on campus is small potatoes. Apathy, and the fear of being labeled as a Republican or a Democrat deter most students from participating in an activity widely perceived as irrelevant to college students' age group. Perhaps it is not that simple. Tufts has Republicans, Democrats, a Senate, *The Daily*, and *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*, but there is no moderate political forum. Moderates do not want to identify with the established groups on the Left and the Right. They fear being quoted, misrepresented, and hated for what they believe; they are too busy with academics; or they shy away from controversy. What these students should have is a forum to reconcile the differences between conservative and liberal thought on campus without the burdens of political correctness.

Last November's election ignited conservative and liberal passions alike at Tufts, but the voice of moderates was remarkably and sadly absent. The Bush-Kerry fora had too little debate and too much party line toting. The lack of expression from moderate students originates from three characteristics of the political landscape of Tufts: the inevitable Leftism of academia, strongly opinionated campus organizations, and, the most troubling flaw, apathy: an unfortunate trait for a campus dominated by International Relations, Political Science, and Economics majors. Conservatives in particular are apathetic or silenced, because every aspect of the University is overwhelmingly liberal. *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* and the Tufts Republicans

are the only counterbalances to a handful of radical and liberal minority groups that monopolize Tufts politics.

This tyranny of the minorities is a disincentive for conservatives and liberals who would otherwise speak up and share their ideas. Adam Buckley, a junior majoring in International Relations, observes, "There are a lot of people who feel they lack a voice and representation due to the extremity of the groups on campus." Buckley, a typical Tufts moderate with a passion for politics, acknowledges that campuses everywhere lean to the Left, but argues that conservative

groups are reactionary and swing to the Right because "that's what gets people's attention." Of course the Right appears radical when it penetrates the liberal disillusionment that the university environment fosters. His critique hints at the source of apathy: controversy and political incorrectness provide good entertainment, but most students do not want to be politically branded by association with the political establishment. Conservatives who are not necessarily Republicans may disapprove of Bush and his control over the party, and choose not to join the Tufts Republicans. They do not have a political forum. Liberals who acknowledge that the leadership of socialists Ted Kennedy, Barbara Boxer, and Hillary Clinton is dragging the Democratic Party into the proverbial mud will not join the Tufts Democrats. These campus organizations may be inclusive in terms of their membership, but that sidesteps the problem. The problem is that apathy and predominantly Leftist minority groups have poisoned the political "center," making it difficult for students to make their

moderately conservative or liberal views known to their peers.

A Tufts student who is not an active member of a political organization on campus and who is interested in sharing opinions without being labeled as a Right-wing nut-job or a liberal sissy should have a forum. Political correctness is alive and well, which is bad news for political diversity and discussion. Debate should foster in the middle, where pure opinion, not ideology or party affiliation, distinguishes students as political thinkers. The Tufts community can and should come together on this issue. With nearly half of the student body majoring in politically related fields, it is unlikely that all of them sign on to the radically liberal agenda of most campus organizations. To give representation and a voice to the silent majority of political moderates at Tufts, independents, conservatives, straight-up moderates, and liberals ought to initiate a conversation that should have been in full swing last November.

A discussion group with minimal government and maximum candor of opinions and ideas would be refreshing. There would be heated debate between students who have conflicting visions and an intelligent discourse of conservative, moderate, and liberal thought, with the ultimate goal of educating each and every student through the diversity of political opinion that exists at Tufts. Distinguished from the organizations on the Left and the Right and energized by students who want a truly intellectual experience, this group would challenge the notion that campus politics is irrelevant or limited to activists. It might finally champion a free discourse by challenging the PC rhetoric of college liberals. ■

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**It's time for the middleman to speak up.**

***An attack on Israel is an attack on freedom and self-defense.***

## The Crucial Difference

by Gena Gorlin and Sharon Silverman

**H**istory has cautioned against the dangers of arming one's enemy; but more grievous still are the dangers of disarming one's friends. Dangerous indeed is the "divestiture" campaign that has brewed over the past two years on campuses and in local governments—as it aims to disarm one of America's closest allies.

On December 9 of last year, the Somerville Board of Alderman voted on a resolution to divest from companies such as United Technologies, General Electric, and Boeing, all of whom conduct business with Israel. The advocates of the resolution claim that Israel is engaging in human rights violations and military abuse against the Palestinian Arabs and should thus be punished economically—a more subtle punishment than outright aggression. Initially, eight out of the eleven aldermen sponsored the resolution. After a month of hearings, they voted unanimously against divestiture. Yet the fact that such a hostile anti-Israel proposal was even considered bodes ill for America's relationship with the only democratic republic in the Middle East.

To launch an economic crusade against Israel on the grounds of its "aggression" and its "human rights violations," one must ignore a plethora of facts distinguishing Israel from its neighbors. One must ignore that in its 56-year existence, Israel has granted full citizenship to all Palestinians who resided within its borders at its inception, allowing the Palestinian population to grow fivefold. One must ignore that these Palestinians have been among the *only* Arabs in the Middle East to enjoy full democratic rights.

**To equate Israel with nations that practice military abuse and terror is to obliterate the difference between self-preservation and murder.**

One must neglect to contrast this policy with the official position of the PLO (the "Palestinian Liberation Organization"), which openly calls for the removal of all Jews from Israel. One must neglect to notice the difference in character between the military strategies and motives of Israel and the

Palestinian Authority. The Israeli Defense Force, bound by a legal, constitutional code and dedicated to a defensive strategy, must combat the tactics of those who strap explosives to their children and send them into the midst of

Israeli civilian territories; onto busses, into bustling cafes, into densely populated streets. Confronted with a mass terrorist organization that willingly sacrifices its own civilian population to further the cause of Israel's destruction, the Israeli army stands accused of inflicting "civilian casualties." Meir Shlomo, the Consul General of Israel to New England, who made a brief presentation at the hearing, explained to the SOURCE: "Divestment is an unjust vilification of the only democracy in the Middle East, a democracy that should be commended for its human rights record instead of attacked."

Indeed, Meir Shlomo is not alone; any honest observer should take umbrage at such a grave inversion of justice.

However, there is little that is honest about the "divestiture" advocates' agenda. Indeed, at base, it is an underhanded smear campaign. To equate Israel with nations that practice military abuse and terror is to obliterate the difference between self-preservation and murder. Yet the creators of the resolution noticeably fail to make any such distinction. Indeed, the proposal included such rhetoric as, "The City of Somerville abhors and unequivocally opposes all attacks... whether the attacks are aggressive or retaliatory." In other words, Israel's only

path to redemption would be to lie down, surrender its weapons, and passively watch its own demise.

Israel's enemies, of course, crave just such a fate for this oasis of liberal government and flourishing modern technology that has sprouted amidst their desert sands. As far back as 1921, before the state of Israel had come into existence, the Arab world launched a boycott of "Jewish interests" for the purpose of crippling Jews' economic livelihood. Overseen by the Arab League, the boycott is still in force today, as a measure aimed at undercutting Israel's economy. The boycott applies to Israeli products, companies that conduct business with Israel, and even ships that have docked in Israeli ports. Not surprisingly, the originator of the divest-from-Israel campaign, Professor Francis Boyle of the University of Illinois, was in fact a consultant to Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, which is part of the Arab League, and a self-avowed signatory to the Arab boycott of Israel. The campaign, which has gathered the support of allegedly "peace-loving" Americans, is at root a function of anti-Israel factions around the world that live to see the struggling nation annihilated.

In 1977, the US Congress passed a law creating the Office of Antiboycott Compliance to safeguard against just such a phenomenon. The law prohibits US persons from joining the foreign boycott against our ally. Clearly in violation of the antiboycott law, the divestment project has masqueraded as a "human rights" cause to win the hearts of naïve supporters.

The key to its befuddlement strategy is to obfuscate the difference between aggression and self-defense. In an era such as this, forgetting the distinction will almost certainly be deadly. The extent to which the doctrine of divestiture succeeds is the extent to which Americans betray one of their dearest and most desperate allies; more frightening still, it is the extent to which America, too, forgets the crucial difference. ■



**Victims-in-training.**

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1. Total his car
2. Join the *Zamboni*
3. Get a case of HPV (rampant at Tufts)
4. Pose on the cover of *Cannon* magazine
5. Protest a blood drive
6. Say how much you love Bush
7. Say you are from a Red State
8. Honeymoon in Thailand
9. Dress like Dick Cheney
10. Become President before she does
11. Consider going to Redbones a "romantic date"
12. Flirt with your barber
13. Karaoke night, no beer
14. Wear "organic," "ozone-friendly" perfume
15. Pose in the giant vagina at the Sex Fair

29. Pick up condoms from Health Services
30. Tell her she has "good child-bearing hips"
31. Fake an orgasm... on stage
32. Designate yourself as a war hero
33. Converse only through AIM, insisting it's more intimate
34. Write a *Daily* article bragging about your cocaine addiction
35. Make a libelous film
36. Stay up past your bedtime
37. Make her pay for dinner... After all, the pleasure of your company pays for itself
38. Make her play "pin the clit on the vulva"
39. Explain that you didn't get her a Valentine's Day gifts because "you can't put a price tag on our love"



16. Bake him vagina cookies
17. Refuse to eat them
18. Pose on the cover of THE PRIMARY SOURCE
19. Spend too much time in the MAB office
20. Taste test her lubricant
21. Wear her boa
22. Wear Bruce Reitman's boa
23. Find her Nemo
24. Gain the freshman 50
25. Tell her she doesn't pass the global test
26. Insist that Ron Jeremy has real artistic vision
27. Tell him "abstinence makes the heart grow fonder"
28. Tell her that cooking and cleaning is "performance art"

40. Count down the days to "Vulvapalooza"
41. Pledge DTD or 123
42. Make him go with you on your shopping marathon... how else would you carry all those bags?
43. Carefully plant *Modern Bride* in his room
44. Get turned on when poked on Facebook
45. Start off your telephone call with, "Honey, they are only giving me two minutes..."
46. Start off your conversation with, "I promise it didn't mean anything but..."
47. Men: Start shaving your legs
48. Women: Stop shaving your legs
49. Have her read *Pimps, Whores, and Welfare Brats*
50. Join THE PRIMARY SOURCE





## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Well, actually, Saddam was not mad.

—Professor Gary Leupp

We can trust our doctors to be professional, to minister equally to their patients without regard to their political or religious beliefs. But we can no longer trust our professors to do the same.

—David Horowitz

The last thing the Left in this country wants is a successful election in Iraq, because that will rebound to George W. Bush and his program and his vision.

—Rush Limbaugh

Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well.

—Teddy Roosevelt

Dan Rather has interviewed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. When asked what it was like to talk to a crazy man, Saddam said, "It's not so bad."

—Conan O'Brien

I think I am the first black President.

—Bill Clinton

A student from the University of Washington has sold his soul on eBay for \$400. He's a law student, so he probably doesn't need it, but still, that's not very much. Today, Hillary Clinton said, "Hey, at least I got some furniture and a Senate seat for mine."

—Jay Leno

I think I would like to be a better dancer.

—Al Gore

Left-wing zealots have often been prepared to ride roughshod over due process and basic considerations of fairness when they think they can get away with it. For them the ends always seems to justify the means. That is precisely how their predecessors came to create the gulag.

—Margaret Thatcher

When I die, I desire no better winding sheet than the Stars and Stripes, and no softer pillow than the Constitution of my country.

—Andrew Johnson

Motown. Motown: That's my era. Those are my people.

—Hillary Clinton

Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born.

—Ronald Reagan

Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong!

—Steven Decatur

I have a simple answer to any American patriot who claims that there is no conflict between his love of country and his desire to hitch our fate to the United Nations: "You're mistaken." And, therefore, I'm thinking of adding this corollary to my General Rule of patriotism: The more intellectually consistent and pro-UN you are, the less patriotic you are likely to be.

—Jonah Goldberg

Human beings, as a species, have no more value than slugs.

—John Davis, editor of *Earth First!*

Che Guevara was a cruel fanatic... In perfect repetition of the Soviet model, he carried out death sentences on many men, including former comrades who refused to shed their belief in democracy. Guevara also holds the distinction of establishing Cuba's first forced labor camp.

—Mona Charen, *Useful Idiots*

I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy.

—John Adams

I'm a registered Republican and consider socialism a violation of the American principle that you shouldn't stick your nose in other people's business except to make a buck.

—P.J. O'Rourke

One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half. Never run away from anything. Never!

—Winston Churchill

We can't all be Washingtons, but we can all be patriots.

—Charles F. Browne

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.

—John F. Kennedy

I say to our enemies: We are coming. God may have mercy on you, but we won't.

—John McCain

The next time anybody wants to know about Tawana Brawley, I'm going to ask them, "Do you ask Teddy Kennedy about Chappaquiddick? Do you ask Hillary Clinton about her husband?"

—Al Sharpton

To insist on strength is not war-mongering. It is peace-mongering.

—Barry Goldwater

Some folks look at me and see a certain swagger, which in Texas is called "walking."

—George W. Bush

If there must be trouble let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.

—Thomas Paine

Despite the fact that feminists cry and try to make people feel guilty about opposing a "woman's right" to abortion, men always support abortion more than women—no matter who takes the poll or how the questions are asked. Curiously, single men aged 18-34 are the cohorts most dearly devoted to a woman's "right to choose."

—Ann Coulter