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# FROM THE EDITOR

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An understanding of the truth, in any discipline of study, was considered by the great classical Renaissance thinkers to be the highest form of knowledge. Hosea Ballou, Tufts' first president, believed that (ultimately) the unbridled quest for knowledge would reveal facts that speak for themselves. Traditionally, the university has functioned as an arena for the free, unfettered exchange of thoughts and ideas, in an attempt to understand objective truths.

On the strength of its founders wisdom, Tufts has evolved into an institution of superior scholarship. Once a small college on Walnut Hill, Tufts today receives international acclaim as a Liberal Arts university of the highest caliber.

Despite its strong academic record, however, today's Tufts has challenged and rejected the values purported by its founders. While it is still possible to receive an excellent education at Tufts, that possibility is not as strong as it has been. The radical politicization of the academic and social character on the Hill has cast aside the notion of truth as a product of scholarly inquiry and open discourse. Instead, the absurd is treated as serious; politically preferable lies are regarded as true.

Students now learn that capitalism is oppressive, Western Civilization is evil, religion is a tool of hatred, the earth is on the verge of disaster, and animals are people too. In English courses, students learn to deconstruct "non-canonical texts" in terms of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Morals and standards are deemed relative as political correctness dominates the campus.

In order for Tufts to continue the tradition of greatness that its founders established, administrators and professors must commit to an atmosphere of competitive debate between all ideologies and schools of thought. Ultimately, as Hosea Ballou believed, the facts will surface and truth will stand triumphant.

At **THE PRIMARY SOURCE** we subscribe to the ideals of truth, honor, responsibility, individualism, and morality. We believe in the virtues and benefits of free economies, democratic institutions, and Western culture. We believe that the university should be a marketplace of different thoughts, ideas and opinions. As evidence of commitment to our beliefs, as well as our concern for the university, we publish a journal of conservative thought. Our goal is to bring truth and reason to Tufts. Please join us.

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# Commentary

## Embryonic Eugenics

In the 1950's, federal researchers conducted radiation experiments on retarded students at the Fernald School in Massachusetts. The subjects were never made aware of the experiments, nor did their parents or guardians consent. With memories of Nazi human experiments still fresh in the mind of the American public, the scientists recognized that the experiments had to be kept secret, so as to avert popular outrage.

The scientists rationalized their actions by considering their subjects as less than human. Moreover, they argued, society at large would benefit from the discoveries they made.

In the spirit of the 1950's radiation experiments, the Clinton administration will soon re-sanction eugenics and human experiments by lifting the fifteen-year old ban on embryonic research. Next month, the National Institutes of Health is expected to clear the way for scientists to fertilize human eggs and perform tests on the embryos for fourteen days, at the conclusion of which the fetus would be destroyed.

Once again, researchers excuse their actions through promises of societal benefit and by pretending that their victims are less than human. We are told that by dissecting and radiating fetuses, scientists will make significant advances in the areas of miscarriage prevention, contraception, genetic defects, and cancer.

The experts, however, seem ignorant of the contradiction between the two pillars of their logic. If the fetus were, in fact, not at all human, it would not be so germane to research on human conditions. The scientists cannot have it both ways.

It appears that the American medical community is descending on the slippery slope of scientific horror. It is already legal to kill a fetus up to six months after fertilization, there is little reason to doubt that experimentation on developed embryos is to follow.

The most disgusting irony is that while the left champions the expansion of experiments on human beings as "progress," it protests vehemently when animals are treated in a similar manner. It is a twisted society that values its rabbits more than its children. The Clinton administration has blood on its hands.

## Longhorns and Little Minds

A federal judge recently found that the University of Texas at Austin was violating the constitutional rights of applicants in its law school's admissions policy. The court ruled that the university

discriminated against white applicants by evaluating whites' and minorities' applications on markedly different statistical criteria. Internal admissions documents revealed that the minimum LSAT scores required to even consider applicants were a function of race.

The Justices reasoned that a policy which admits underprepared minorities to a school and excludes students with identical (or superior) scores who are of different heritage is racist. Universities must realize that they are doing unqualified students a disservice by admitting them. They should further understand that it is unfair to punish the mind with exclusion based solely on the basis of the skin surrounding it. Those who fail out or perform poorly gain little and leave with a sense of bitterness. Race based admissions policies, such as the ones instituted by Donna Shalala, during her tenure as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, serve only to harm underqualified students. It is indeed ironic (yet very fitting) that the advocates of political correctness, who place an unreasonable emphasis on race in protest of racism, are society's least colorblind. We can only hope that other universities, Tufts included, will follow suit and reject race-based admissions policies.

## The Omnibus Crime... Bill

The passage of Bill Clinton's crime bill into law is both a sad

commentary on the state of affairs of America's government and an exposé of the lengths that some will go to deceive the American public. President Clinton has given us an ineffectual piece of legislation in a cheap ploy to win votes during a crucial election year. Ironically, House liberals accused their Republican brethren who voted against the bill of playing petty political games instead of working to pass legislation that is beneficial to the American people. On the contrary, it is Bill Clinton

who has characteristically stooped to political posturing by presenting his constituency with a bogus bill in order to give them the impression that he is a competent President.

One of the Omnibus Crime Bill's false promises is that it will curtail the crime rate by increasing the applicability of the death penalty. In reality, the crime bill will do very little to increase usage of the death penalty. In fact, the Racial Justice Act contained in early drafts would have effectively ended the death penalty. Furthermore, the provisions of the final bill almost exclusively deal with federal offenses. Sixty additional federal offenses will be eligible for the death penalty, having an impact on a mere two percent of crime nationwide, according to Republican senatorial hopeful John Lakian.



The foolhardiness of President Clinton's agenda is also apparent in his ban on assault weapons. In fact, the gun control provisions in the bill are exemplary of the fallacy of such legislation. Banning the nineteen types of assault weapons cited in the bill will not curb crime rates. Less than one half of one percent of homicides and violent crimes are committed with assault weapons.

Clinton's crime bill is consistent with his presidency: a deceitful, self-centered mechanism that forces its will on the American people. The bill provides partial funding for only 20,000 new police officers, not the 100,000 so often cited by its proponents. Funding for midnight basketball, dance lessons and papier maché courses in Roxbury, Harlem, and Anacostia have little to do with crime prevention. In reality, the bill is an expansion of the welfare state that will put twice as many social workers on the street as new officers on the beat. While some provisions of the bill were badly needed— including the \$8.7 Billion for new prisons— it is so riddled with pork and unnecessary spending that only a tiny part of the package will effectively combat crime.

Bill Clinton is playing the ultimate political game—deceiving the American people for his own political benefit. Defenders of the Clintons often point to all of the meaningful legislation that Bill and Hillary are trying to pass when they respond to Clinton's sex scandals or Whitewatergate. If the crime bill is an example of "meaningful legislation," then the liberals are only trying to change the focus from one scandal to another.

### Force-feeding Socialism

There are a dozen plans and scores of amendments before the Congress and Senate on ways to better manage the world's best health care system. But over the last few weeks, proponents of the more socialist bills are pushing for abbreviated debate and a hurried voting schedule. While the Senate is moving slowly and cautiously to craft what it deems is the bill the American people want, President and Mrs. Clinton are demanding that the Senate vote on and pass their bill before the October recess and mid-term elections. The President is organizing rallies, bus tours and campaign-style presentations to convince the Senate that he has the public's support. He is demanding that the Senate pass the bill that he and Majority Leader George Mitchell drafted without serious amendment or modification.

Bill and Hillary Clinton fail to realize the fact that our government was created with checks and balances to limit this sort of autocratic rule. The President clearly does not speak for the

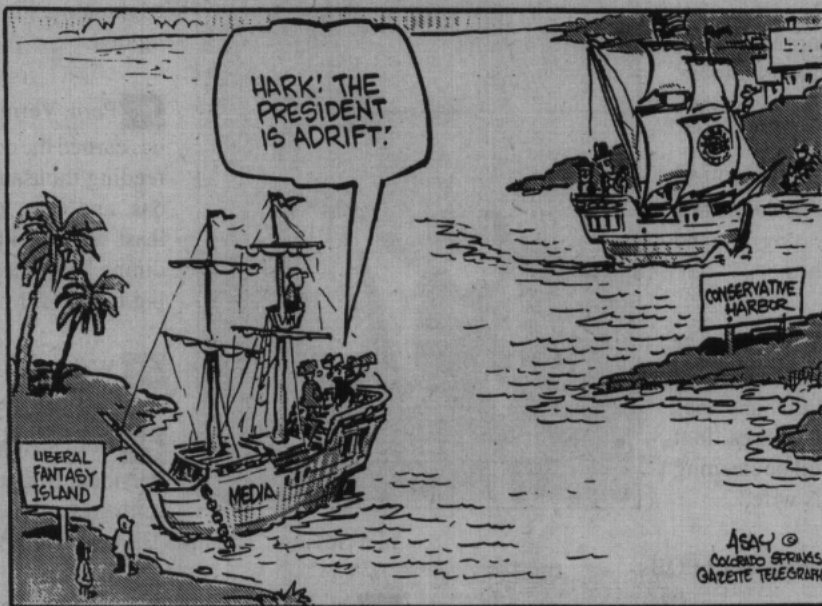
electorate when he demands universal coverage and managed care; he was, after all, elected with only a 43% plurality and his approval ratings continue to plummet. Clinton knows that this is a major piece of social legislation, but thinks that that is a reason for an acceleration of the legislative process. Quite to the contrary, any legislation that will result in government running 1/7th of the economy deserves careful examination of all the fine print.

The real reason that the 1400 page monstrosity known as the Clinton/Clinton/Mitchell bill is being rammed through the Senate is that the Democrats know that the 104th Congress will be markedly more conservative than the present one. They are trying to get the jump on an electorate that is displeased with their intentions and more than ready to vote them out of office. Much like the President, the liberals in Congress care less about how beneficial their legislation is to the American people than they do about protecting their jobs.

### Starr Bright, Starr Gazing, and Starr Struck

With the close of the congressional Whitewater hearings, a

three judge panel has appointed former Bush administration official Kenneth Starr to be Special Counselor for the investigation into the scandal. The panel ruled that the appointment of former counsel Robert Fiske to the recently created position might give the appearance of impropriety, as Fiske was appointed by Janet Reno. The move clears the way for a re-opening of the Washington phase of the investigation and a new look at its incomplete Arkansas stage. Starr has



promised a total review of evidence collected and a thorough search for more information on subjects as varied as the Foster death and document shredding.

The distinction between the two investigators is an important one. In keeping with the spirit of the Constitution, Starr will act as an agent of the Judicial Branch in his inquiry of the Executive Branch. Another Congressional appointee (in the vein of Iran-Contra star Lawrence Walsh) would most certainly not be objective. Allowing the Executive Branch to investigate itself— as Robert Fiske was doing for the Justice Department— presents a clear conflict of interests. Given the experience of previous partisan appointees, having the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals choose an impartial examiner is the best way to ensure that our treasured system of checks and balances is not swayed by personal ambition or political debt.

# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*

--Aristophanes

**PS** Over the summer Tufts' Center for Hunger brought US Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders to speak on campus, apparently because they felt that there were too few small minds on the hill at the time. After all, the sociology professors were all on vacation.

**PS** Speaking of small-minded lecturers, former President George Bush will come to the Hill for a speech later this year. How come *The Daily* hasn't reported this yet?

**PS** Then again, who would notice if it did?

**PS** O.J. Simpson didn't kill his wife; society did it.

**PS** Once again, American cultural exports are on the rise. Budapest will soon be hosting "EuroWoodstock," which will include the likes of Jefferson Starship and Jethro Tull. The show's slogan is rumored to be, "Three Days of Peace, Love, and Borscht."

**PS** Promoters believe that after 50 years of communism, Eastern-Europeans should feel right at home rolling in mud, eating dirt, and walking around with no clothes.

**PS** The bastion of fine journalism, *The New York Post*, reports that a leading astrologer says "starting this fall," she sees "nothing but problems," for President Clinton. Apparently Bubba will be sleeping with no other women than his wife...

**PS** At least the Psychic Friends aren't FOBs.

**PS** To test the limits of a recent New York state Court of Appeals ruling that women can be topless in public places, Rosita Libre de Marulanda recently entered the Transit Police Headquarters bare-chested. What a boob!

**PS** Rumor has it that since Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley tied the knot, Bubbles, his llama, is looking for a date.

**PS** So is Macaulay Culkin.

**PS** The small town of Bowie, Arizona opposes a plan to spread New York City's sewer sludge over its soil. We agree. David Dinkins should stay put.

**PS** Boston rock phenom Aerosmith will be in town soon to hold a fund-raiser for Senator Teddy Kennedy's re-election campaign. After all, reports lead singer Steven Tyler, it's the least they can do for the man who made the Capitol the inspiration for "Love in an Elevator."

**PS** Speaking of Teddy K, his staff reports that they have hired a detective to investigate challenger Mitt Romney, a devout Mormon, for past discretions. For example, where was Mitt when Mary Jo Kopechne was drowning at Chappaquiddick?

**PS** Political writer Jacob Weinstein has offered this horrifying vision of the future: based on the Kennedy rate of reproduction, "There will be 256 Kennedys running for office by the year 2050, 4096 by the end of the next century. By the year 2134 there will be" 65,536 members of the wretched clan vying for power. While the implications for our government are frightening, gin manufacturers must be delighted.

**PS** Peru, Vermont native Roland Williams has earned the contempt of his neighbors for feeding thousands of rats puppy chow, sodas, and other goodies from his home. At least we now know that the food at Tufts' dining halls was well cared for before coming to the Hill.

**PS** Welcome UNICCO!

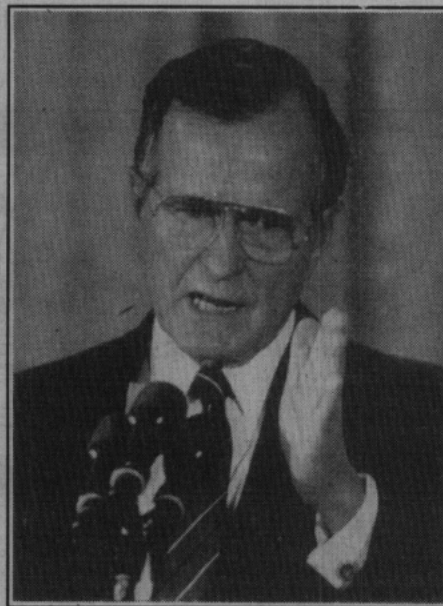
**PS** In Los Angeles, bootleg recordings of President Bill playing sax jazz in Prague are selling fast. The album is titled "Bill Clinton

Jam Session: The Pres Blows." Well put.

**PS** Twenty-two employees at the Roxbury Registry of Motor Vehicles complained of sickness over a two day period. The RMV didn't show too much concern for its affected employees. After all, what are a few complaints when you've already got thousands each day?

**PS** By staying up all hours of the night, proposing, debating, and passing dangerous legislation, members of the US Congress pose a real threat to the safety and security of the American public. Our elected officials need a better way to occupy their time. How about midnight basketball?

**PS** At this summer's Senate Banking Committee Whitewater investigation, Treasury Department Chief of Staff Josh Steiner offered this compelling defense of his apparent dishonesty: "I made





no attempt to be inaccurate, but I want to be clear I was not attempting to be precise." The man should have a great career in politics.

**PS** Top Ten Fund-raising events for the Clinton Legal Defense Fund:

10. White House Tag Sale
9. Selling property in the Arkansas Ozarks
8. Removing Chelsea from private school
7. Golf outing with one resigned White House staffer in each foursome
6. Wet t-shirt contest with, uh, Gennifer Flowers
5. Just let Hillary invest in the commodities market
4. Pot (luck) Dinner
3. Bingo with Bubba
2. Midnight Basketball
1. Whitewater Rafting Trips

**PS** South Carolina feminist Shannon Faulkner's commitment to gender equality seemingly doesn't run skin deep. The would be GI

Jane at the all-male Citadel has refused to shave her head. At least she is consistent; feminists have never been big on shaving.

**PS** Top Ten Freshmen Myths:

10. The dining hall must be having an off day
9. My roommate seems really cool
8. With TUPD around I know that I can feel safe
7. Professors are intellectual dynamos
6. Davis Square offers a plethora of cultural and entertainment options
5. I can fake my student ID and use it to get into bars
4. I'm going to learn a lot about the film industry in Perspectives
3. It's a good thing I have this twenty meals a week dining plan
2. The library expansion will be completed by the time I graduate, and then it will be a great research facility
1. They'll cut this diversity crap after orientation

**PS** The following is required reading for English 191F, Issues in Non-canonical Literature: Marilou Awiakta's *Selu: Seeking the Corn-Mother's Wisdom*. No kidding.

**PS** And now, the fourth annual PRIMARY SOURCE INNOCUOUSLY OFFENSIVE STATEMENTS.

<u>Expression</u>	<u>Whom it Offends</u>	<u>Category of Offense</u>
Light as a feather	Portly birds	Aviachubism
Business as usual	The unemployed	Classism
See the writing on the wall	The blind	Videoism
Generation X	Generations I-IX	Malcolmism
In the nick of time	Santa Claus	Noëlism
Smooth as silk	Polyester	Syntheticphobia
Another one bites the dust	Black and Decker	Suctionism
In a world of his own	Communists	Brucephobia
Slowly but surely	The speedy but uncertain	Indefinitemporalism
Good as gold	Bad alchemists	Gildism
Down and out	Dead prostitutes	Trollopamortism
Read 'em and weep	The woefully illiterate	Observerism
Throw the book at him	The armless and illiterate	ArmlessObserverism
What goes up must come down	Priaprism victims	Reverse Impotentism
No shirt, no shoes, no service	Hippies	Woodstock Othering
Baby on board	Pro-choice radicals	Hillaryism
Silence = Death	The mute	Tommyism
That's what friends are for	The friendless	Freshmanism
Grace under pressure	People named Grace	Slickjoneskellyism
Against all odds	Prime numbers	Triptentaseptetcism
Nowhere to run	The incarcerated	O.J.ism
Easy as pie	Prudish desserts	Servefrigidism
It's our pleasure to serve you	Entrees	Delectism
Boys will be boys	Transvestites	Rupaulism
Once upon a time	Two-timers	Buttafuocoism
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Straight as an arrow	Homosexual archers	Menintightsism
Sleeping like a baby	Insomniac infants	Compulsive Teetism
Forgive and forget	Amnesia victims	Saywhatism

# Tufts 1993-4, a PC Year-in-Review

Doron Stember

The student body of Tufts, despite widespread perception, tends to be generally mainstream. However, liberal professors, administrators, and small groups of radical students annually succeed in misrepresenting the general populace while compromising the integrity of the University. By promoting their own special interests without deference to the best interests of the University, they devalue the worth of a Tufts diploma. By endorsing preferential treatment for certain groups, they tend to foster the very segregation they seek to abolish. Undoubtedly, we can expect more incidents, in the name of political correctness, that will produce both of the aforementioned results. In order to provide a perspective, the following is a summation of the major "politically correct" events that define the 1993-1994 academic year at Tufts.

## Hydro-Quebec

Bowing to pressure from various campus political groups, most notably ECO and the Watershed Collective, the Trustees voted to divest the University of its \$2 million in Hydro-Quebec bonds. Among the radical measures successfully influencing the Trustees' decision were staged protests by the Watershed Collective at President John DiBiaggio's office and the private residence of Chairman of the Board of Trustees Nelson Gifford. Additionally, a group of activists spuriously calling themselves the "University Water Management Department" distributed pamphlets under students' doors, employing scare tactics, with the intention of swaying opinion against Hydro-Quebec.

The activists, while correctly citing that there are adverse environmental effects of producing hydro-electric energy, ignored (or are ignorant) of the fact that *all* power sources have drawbacks. It is easy to condemn Hydro-Quebec as an unethical investment, as it does not keep with the established core values of the University, specifically those regarding harmful environmental consequences. However, in order to avoid being hypocritical, the activists would have to protest the use of all power, anywhere, anytime.

## Buildings & Grounds

The contract of the Tufts' janitorial service, Buildings & Grounds, expired. Rather than opting to renew with B&G, the University decided it would be more cost-effective to sub-contract custodial services to the UNICCO Corporation. A leftist activist group, "Tufts Coalition for Fair Employment," stated that Tufts was "screwing" the B&G employees. They ignored the fact that the University was not "firing" anyone; a contract had run out, and the two parties no longer had any obligation to one another. The University, facing such issues as low endowment and lack of need-blind admissions, should have been applauded for making a responsible financial decision to conserve funds.

## Reitman and Free Speech

As was exposed by a PRIMARY SOURCE writer, Associate Dean of Students Bruce Reitman lambasted campus journalist Michael J.W. Stickings during a race awareness meeting. When THE PRIMARY SOURCE contacted him, Dean Reitman explained that he "do[es] not apologize." He cited the First Amendment as justification for his public assault, as a faculty member, on an undergraduate student. In excusing his behavior by invoking, in his words, "free speech," Reitman's hypocrisy is indisputable. Several years earlier, he had worked tirelessly to establish a short-lived, unconstitutional speech code at Tufts.

## Knable and Quotas

Dean of Students Bobbie Knable, forming a task force to find a new African-American Center coordinator, requested that the TCU Senate appoint two of its members. Rather than choosing the appointees based on qualifications or merit, she dictated that the Senate elect one "African-American" and one "non-African-American." Senators Jason Hinton and Henry Ofori-Atta, who are both black, were selected. Technically, the selections met Knable's stipulation, as Hinton is an African-American, and Ofori-Atta is an African (but not American). It turns out, however, that Knable had actually wanted one black and one white. She asked the Senate to drop one of the two blacks, and

"give [her] one majority student." It turned out, then, that only a white student could have fit Knable's definition of "non-African-American." A Hispanic-American or Asian-American would have not. It seems ridiculous, and almost laughable, that politically-correct language would obfuscate the meaning of her request and cause such a controversy. The serious issue, however, is that Knable demonstrated her belief that the color of one's skin is more important than relevant factors such as qualifications or competence.

## LGB Task Force

The Task Force on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues was formed "to produce a campus community in which all members enjoy full access to Tufts' resources." The Report of the Task Force, however, went far beyond their stated aim. Instead of seeking a tolerant atmosphere, in which all students are free from persecution, recommendations were made that would promote and privilege homosexual students. The Task Force advocated, among other things, a gay and lesbian studies department, a gay special-interest residence, active recruitment and affirmative action in the hiring of homosexual professors, and inclusion of openly homosexual students in University publicity photographs.

Although the notion of equal accessibility for all students is a noble one, preferential treatment and special rights for certain students is not. Most of the recommended policies indicate that students should receive treatment based on their sexual orientation. Additionally, the recommendation to "explicitly invite lesbians, gay men, and bisexual people to apply for faculty and staff positions," is in stark contrast to the University's mission statement that precludes sexual orientation as a consideration in hiring. The recommendations imply that homosexuals are somehow more deserving than their straight counterparts. In what should have been a constructive effort to minimize opportunity and treatment inequalities between students, the Task Force subscribed to a separatist mentality.

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# THE PRIMARY SOURCE Guide to Who's Who and What's What at Tufts University

**Bobbie Knable** is the Dean of Students and the godmother of political correctness on the Hill. Over the course of her reign, she has instituted a campus speech code, been a primary advocate of special interest housing (having founded Bridge/Metcalf), and has championed racial quotas on campus. Dean Knable is very charming and outgoing, as well as a master of deception. Fortunately she lacks the competence to make her utopian visions a reality.

**TCU Senate**— A spot on the TCU Senate is the social climber's dream. With the exception of doling out student activity money, this organization is mostly meaningless. Unfortunately, the egomaniacs who sit at the round table are ignorant of their unimportance (among other things). Senators waste many hours each week passing impotent resolutions for each and every PC cause that rears its head. Like a benign tumor, the TCU Senate is mostly harmless, but it's smart to keep an eye on it nevertheless.

**David Brinker**— Last year's TCU treasurer and this year's president, David Brinker is far too reasonable and bright to hold his position. On one had this make us optimistic about our new leader. But on the other, it must mean that there is something wrong with him that we have yet to discover.

**Matt Stein** is the TCU Treasurer, which means he is the person most directly responsible for funding student organizations, including this publication. Naturally, we're quite fond of the man. A snazzy dresser, a witty companion, and the greatest mind since Thomas Edison, Mr. Stein has the rugged good looks of Robert Redford. Mr. Stein seems to be the perfect successor for Pope John Paul II. Flu or divine intervention?

**WEST**— Women Exploring Sexuality at Tufts. No men are allowed into their meetings, and few women care to attend. Something like an combination of an all-female 976 line and Mao's little red book. Of course one might wonder how effectively most women can explore their sexuality without men, but that's probably none of our business...

**Jumbo II** is the concrete pachyderm that sits atop the academic quad in front of Barnum Hall. Jumbo II is a glorious landmark and tribute to university tradition, donated by the Class of 1953 last fall. Pet him, even put pennies on his trunk, if you like, but don't even think about spraying him with paint. That will earn you the contempt of his fans— not to mention a hefty university fine.

**ECO**— Short for the Environmental Consciousness Outreach, this green team is composed of animal lovers, vegans, hippies, and sandalista revolutionaries. Whatever you do, DO NOT DRINK from the cups they distribute at the start of the semester; we think it causes brain damage.

**The Experimental College**— One would think that an experiment that has failed for more than a quarter of a century would eventually be canceled, but not at Tufts. The Ex College is a great place to get an easy A to bolster your GPA, or study fascinating topics like Star Trek, crossword puzzles, and gambling. But if you want to learn something... well, Mr. Rogers is on Channel 2.

**THE PRIMARY SOURCE** is Tufts' Voice of Reason, a bastion for lovers of liberty, and a refuge for the victims of political correctness. We also make fun of lefties.



# Ask Boobie...

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*Boobie Noble, BA, Dean of Puppets at Stuffed University, knows the answers to every question. She is a bottomless resource of information for the inquiring student. In this edition, Dean Boobie takes a few moments to respond to the concerns, fears, and curiosities of the Stuffed freshman class.*

Dear Boobie,

For some unfair and inexplicable reason, I got an 'F' on my Organic Chemistry exam. That stinx. Even the seven-year old beat me out. Now I'm too upset to study for my other course, what should I do?

--Academically Oppressed

Dear AO,

I'm livid! L-I-V-U-D! That does stink. If you want an 'A' you should get one. Everyone has something to contribute. That seven-year-old better watch his step...

--Boobie

Dear Boobie,

How did you get your name? Just wondering.

--Curious

Dear Curious,

Usually I support questioning, but I dislike this variety. You should question authority, but leave me alone. Got a problem? Talk to the Corn-Mother.

--Toodaloo, Boobie

Dear Boobie,

Upon arriving on campus I discovered a magazine that really really hurt my feelings. It's called THE PRE-TENTIOUS SCHLOCK, and its writers are very very mean. I'm sad. I disagree with them, so I think I'll call them racistsexisthorthophobic, is that a good idea? Can we pass a law to do something about these very very insensitive people?

--May Jortool

Dear 'tool,

I feel your pain. Sometimes, I, too, feel very very angry. Maybe we can get together for a good cry-- that always helps. I think people should be more considerate of each others' feelings. Anyway, don't worry, I've arranged to have the SCHLOCK's staff assassinated later this week.

--Your friend, Boobie

Dear Boobie,

I applied to live in the Butt/Meathead communal housing project this year, but was rejected-- with no explanation. What's wrong with me Boobie? Is there anything I can do to be worthy of Butt/Meathead? I just want to be accepted!

-- S. Ellout

Dear S.,

Sorry pal, but the Butt-Meathead project quota for losers is one per floor. It's more important that we protect our diversity than accommodate any more losers than we have to. The Loser-American house, I hear, might still be looking for more residents. Try spending some more time with your own kind for goddess' sake!

--Boobie

Dear Boobie,

When I walked into my room I found that my floor was decorated with a pentagram, goat carcasses were nailed to the wall, and my roommate was chanting Satanic hymns. I'm not sure I feel comfortable about this arrangement, what should I do?

--SickSickSick to Death

Dear Sick,

It is your roommate that should be troubled, having been assigned to live with an intolerant bigot such as yourself. Why be so judgmental? Ask your roommate to share his culture with you, perhaps he can bring you to an event at the Demonic House, or a forum at the Lucifer Student Resource Center. Whatever you do, don't cross me again.

--Boobie

# Are you Sensitive?

This quick, easy to take, litmus test will help you decide if you, too, are a member of the faceless proletariat being endlessly exploited, victimized, oppressed, and manhandled by the white majority capitalists of Imperialist Corporate Amerikkka. If you score above 100, you are very sensitive and are unquestionably being oppressed. Try going to one of our victim centers located all over the campus, or better still, go to all of them and feel your comrades' pain. If you score between 0 and 100, you are almost a victim, but not yet. We suggest you join a few activist groups and get your ideological house in order, then maybe you can be an honorary victim. If you scored below 0, you are a member of that oppressive class of bourgeoisie who probably wants to return to feudalism. You have no compassion for your fellow wo/man. You are filth.

## First, and most importantly, what is your ancestral heritage?

American Indian or Alaskan Native (Specify tribal affiliation)	+100
Black or African-American	+40
Hispanic or Latino	+20
Other (Specify)	+10
Asian-American	+2
White or Caucasian	-10

## Do you believe that money causes greed, which causes hatred, which causes racism, which causes war, which causes ozone depletion, which causes Tufts to raise its tuition every year, and that it should be abolished in all forms?

Yes, and I will do everything within my power to aid in such a noble venture, including giving all of my money to Bobbie, the high-priestess of all that is good.	+15
Yes, but I'm not that committed.	+3
No, I love money, and I love to roll around in it and wash my hands with the blood of the workers whom it exploits.	-20

## What will you put on the door of your palatial dorm room?

A pink triangle.	+17
A poster of a cute kitten.	+9
Anything my RA tells me to.	+6
A Yellow Star of David.	+2
THE SOURCE's 292 Reasons Why Tufts Is 292.	-1
A poster of Anna Nicole Smith.	-3
A poster of Nancy Kerrigan.	-8
A poster of a cute kitten being eaten by a Rottweiler.	-11

## What will you wear on Blue Jeans Day?

Nothing, because I refuse to be trapped by the social prison we call clothing.	+23
Jeans, because I sympathize with the plight of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals, and will do anything to show my support.	+12
Jeans, because I always wear jeans.	+1
Khakis.	-10
Military fatigues.	-25

## What do you refuse to eat in Tufts' dining halls?

All forms of meat (except TUDS hamburgers which contain no meat).	+15
Anything ending in -otti, -atti, -ini, or -toni because it's all baloney.	+3
Meals which President DiBiaggio attends.	-32
The cafeteria workers.	-112

## What type of vehicle do you own?

A bicycle, because it is an alternative, non-polluting form of transportation.	+4
A unicycle, because too many rubber trees die for the second wheel.	+11
A Chevette- but I push it.	+6
A Cadillac- because the Joneses have one.	-8
A dog sled, because my sisters need the workout.	-19

## What is your favorite book in Wessell Library?

N/A

## What is your opinion of the Medford/Somerville area?

I am intrigued by the native culture and intend to immerse myself in it as soon as I learn the language.	+11
I cherish the opportunity to see a Third World country without the Peace Corps commitment.	+4
I am worried that all of the hairspray will destroy the ozone layer.	0
I don't know, but where did my hubcaps go?	-12
The abundance of cheap labor excites me.	-78

## How will you resolve conflicts with your roommate?

I will express my dissatisfaction through an interpretive dance.	+31
I will defer to a multilateral, international organization with sissy blue helmets.	+29
Turn him over to the University Thought Police.	+26
Short sheet his bed, put itching powder in the undies and chicken bouillon in the shower head.	-2
I will introduce the offending party to my close friends Smith & Wesson.	-22

# RE-ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

## 1994

### Sunday, August 28

**Noon:** Euros invade— buses will leave for Axis, Avalon, and The Roxy every hour, on the hour from the International House. Men are required to wear an excessive amount of cheap cologne and be in the possession of a lit Camel at all times.

**3:00 am:** Buses return to campus with intoxicated Euros.

### Wednesday, August 31

**8:00 am:** American freshmen herded and prodded into dorm rooms while amused Euros watch.

**9:30:** Coffee for commuters in Coolidge Room.

**9:35:** Stop the exploitation of Juan Valdez! Send commuters home.

**10:00:** Hillel Open House— very open— no walls— no roof...

**noon:** Lunch on the Lawn: Woodstock III on the President's Lawn.

**1:45:** Matriculation, it won't cause blindness or hairy palms.

**3:00:** Open houses at all of the coolest campus hangouts... TLGBC, Womyn's Center, Alcohol Education Center (no free samples).

**5:00:** Meet with Peer advising group. Your advisors have no clue, and the rest of your group is a bunch of geeks you will never see again after orientation.

**8:30:** "Learning the Ropes"... not nearly as exciting as it sounds.

### Thursday, September 1

**7:15 am:** Breakfast in the dining halls. Note total absence of upperclassmen. Follow their example.

**noon:** Seal clubbing on the Quad, sponsored by THE SOURCE.

**7:00 & 8:00:** "Many Stories, One Community." much boredom, many communists. If the PC police catch you sleeping, just tell them that snoring, in your culture, is considered an expression of approval.

**10:00:** Club Night. Aptly titled, since you will enjoy yourself just as much if you stay in your closet-sized room and beat yourself senseless with one. Consider it a preview of the next four years.

### Friday, September 2

**11:00:** "Let's Talk about Sex" with Tufts Sex Talk. See Wednesday's note on "Learning the Ropes." Note: Any reference to sex, anywhere on campus, at any time, to anyone is now considered date rape, so lose the OJ jokes.

**3:30 pm:** "Seven Strategies for Studying in College." To save you time, we've decided to present the list here.

1. Don't. Join a frat instead.
2. Don't. Join THE SOURCE instead.
3. Don't. Get a smart boy/girlfriend instead.
4. Don't. Claim a learning disability (differently abled).
5. Don't. Claim you're oppressed.
6. Don't. Drop out instead.
7. Don't, and just tell your parents that you feel grades aren't a true measure of how much you're learning.

**5:00:** Food fair for new students: note how many upperclassmen have crashed the event for the free food and cool Dining Services frisbees.

**10:30:** Film Series presents "Like Water for Chocolate." Subtitles? Multicultural, yet more like indoctrination than entertainment. Much like the rest of the week (er, four years).

### Saturday, September 3

**10:30 am:** "Why No Means No: Respecting Choices." This date rape seminar is followed by other tautological talks including "Why Maybe Means Maybe" and "Why Yes Means Yes."

**9:00:** Monte Carlo night.

### Sunday, September 4

**9:30 pm:** Tonight's film is "Much Ado About Nothing," which also could have been the title for most other Orientation Week events.

### Tuesday, September 6

**5:45 pm:** Red Sox Game. Tickets are on sale at THE PRIMARY SOURCE Box Office.

### Wednesday, September 7

**noon** Public execution. Come cheer on your favorite administrator as s/he crucifies various SOURCE staffers.

### Thursday, September 8

**8:00 am:** Classes begin. Don't be late, since at Tufts we always have small classes, and you will want to make a good first impression.

### Friday, September 9

**3:30 pm:** "Meet the Press." Come talk to representatives of all the campus media: *Daily* (losers), *Observer* (massive losers), WMFO (freeform losers), TUTV (broadcast losers), Yearbook (what yearbook?), THE PRIMARY SOURCE (if the administration hasn't muffled us by then), *Politica* (defunct), *Portfolio* (defunct), *Zamboni* ("humor"less newspaper) and *Proteus Continuum* (defunct, until stardate 3098.6).

# The Miseducation of America

Colin R.P. Delaney

Education once meant enlightenment and the search for truth. Today, education has lost its direction. Those on the cutting edge of academia are constantly revising history and throwing out the lessons of the great masters. It is those lessons that have been lost for our generation. These are lessons we must learn if we ever hope to be as prosperous as our parents.

What I am looking for is not an abstract idea, but a tangible reality of a human being who is *educated*. This well-educated person should be versed in the foundations on which Western Civilization was built. An education with any semblance of academic integrity is one which avoids current fads and looks to the past for proven truth. The principles of truth, integrity, responsibility and greater knowledge borne by the individual, although not unique to the West, have helped Western Civilization to expand from its humble beginnings to world domination.

Our ways of government, economics and the arts are not solely American, but Western. The pillars of modern society are democracy, capitalism and individualism; ideas that, while shunned by many liberals, are embraced by all people who seek advancement.

Although two thousand years of democracy and two centuries of capitalism have taken the peoples of the world from agrarian subsistence to a prosperous industry and information based era, current fads in education have tossed these beliefs aside. The trends currently followed by many American colleges include moral relativism, historical revisionism, and, of course, political correctness. The proponents of these fads are working to deconstruct the foundations of society. They seek to excuse individuals from personal responsibility and find imaginary reasons to justify real failures. They are working des-

perately to overturn the successes of the past and deny the hard truths that made them possible.

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## Classics?

In generations past, man was not educated unless he knew all of the great authors and their works. But today, education has slipped. The quality of education, which has been spiraling downhill for decades, was finally pushed over the precipice in the 1960's.

When America was still overshadowed

ford for the best students and professors. America's liberal arts colleges, despite their current decline, remain centers of learning that produce some of the smartest people in the world.

As few as sixty years ago, when my parents' parents were attending Holy Cross and Tufts, the typical college graduate studied Latin and ancient Greek and had knowledge of the modern sciences. Students read

Shakespeare, Keats, and Wordsworth, knew well the teachings of Washington and Jefferson, and understood the workings of a free economy.

Almost any current university course catalog offers reams of proof that academia no longer believes in the classical model of education.

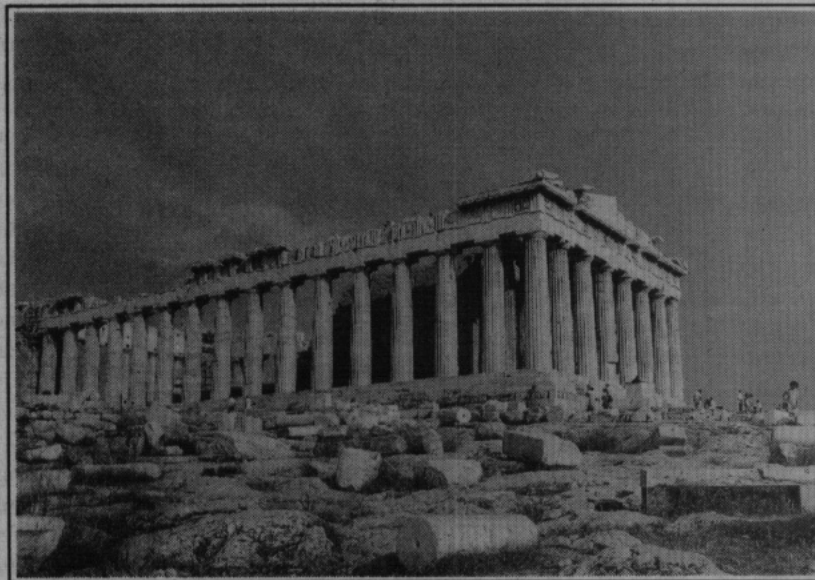
## ...And Two Steps Backward

A little more than twenty years ago, as student activism escalated and academia strove to be on the cutting edge, Brown University eliminated its core curriculum and instituted the Pass/Fail option. Tufts created the Experimental College. Stanford, already inflating its grades, banned the "F."

The *avant-garde* supported the Pass/Fail option because, they argued, it would encourage stu-

dents to take classes they might avoid if they thought it could hurt their grade point average. According to Brown's registrar, a student may take all 30 of his required Bachelor's degree courses under the Pass/Fail option. (At Tufts, the minimum is 34 courses, of which only electives may be taken for Pass/Fail credit.) Furthermore,

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by a dominant England, the great institutions of higher learning were Oxford and Cambridge. Few were able to attend those universities, but those who did left with a fine education that had turned the immature into the great.

As America grew ever stronger and great minds like Thoreau made Boston the intellectual hub, our colleges and universities became the envy of the world. Harvard, Yale, and Stanford now compete with Ox-

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Brown does not have any core or distribution requirements. The result of a Brown education is a degree from a school that refuses to measure a student's achievement against his peers, and is worth little more than the paper on which it is printed.

The academic standards vigorously upheld by 300 years of American educators

have been too quickly forgotten. The generation currently in control of American education seems to prefer to hear everyone's contribution and support any new idea, however misguided. Truth and knowledge are no longer the ultimate goals of a college education.

#### Liberal Arts or Liberal Educators?

Tufts, of course, has distribution and foundation requirements that aim to produce "the properly educated man." These are happy reminders of a time when a Tufts degree meant that one could speak a foreign language, comprehend calculus, and recite Shakespearean soliloquies. Tufts is ruled by a group of administrators who embrace the artificially multicultural community and leap to form ad hoc committees to study the university's perceived problems. The mere fact that this university has a committee on committees is testament to the bureaucratic manner in which it is run.

Students can now escape their foreign language requirement with a *culture* course taught in English. This option has gutted the university's Basic Language Requirement. The bulletin explains that the "imposition of an advanced language requirement upon students... that have neither the inclination nor the aptitude [for] such study... forces both students and faculty into unwelcome and unprofitable situations." The fact of the matter is that a student completely unable to pass a fourth semester language course does not belong at an institution such as Tufts. Furthermore, a decision to lower academic standards in order to avoid "unwelcome" or

unpleasant situations is the hallmark of an administration that favors happy students and parents over educated graduates.

Although the English requirement is basically intact, the courses have become radically liberal and politically correct. Citing Tufts' English-170 course on Sexuality, Literature and Contemporary Criticism, *The*

*Common Sense Guide to American Colleges* notes that "Several disciplines in the Col-

lege of Liberal Arts... are subject to the political agendas of their faculty." The guide has chosen only one of a score of courses that exemplify the political slant of the faculty.

Western Civilization, the core of any solid educational curriculum, is long gone, replaced by the politically correct World Civilizations program. Such courses are explorations of European exploitation of indigenous peoples and "the ways dominated societies managed to maintain or re-

admit to having violated the spirit of the science distribution by taking Prof. Bailey's Anthropology class. Having taken this exploration of liberal "solutions" to human problems, I know that I would be much better off had I signed up for BIO-13.)

Can anyone truthfully say that the man who graduated with Anthro and Hypercard on his transcript is as educated or enlightened as the student who took the more complex and more difficult courses? Although this may be a decision best left to the student, allowing students to fill what few requirements they have left with "gut" courses is damaging to the image, and moreover, the character, of the university.

Worse than all of these hollow courses combined is the Experimental College, a Tufts "innovation" best left to the over-idealistic radicals of the 1960's who created it. Just how educated is the man who filled his distributions with Contemporary Biosocial Problems in America, Hypercard, Rock 'n Roll, and World Civ, went on to take electives such as Star Trek, Casino Gambling, and Crossword Puzzle Construction, and then got his English degree with an overdose of Susan Faludi, Maya Angelou, and Toni Morrison?

Tufts should re-examine its foundation and build a solid core. A classically educated man has taken at least one course in Western Civilization, American History, Capitalist Economics, Democracy, Religion, Classical and Non-Classical Art, British and American Literature, and at least two courses in Calculus, advanced lab sciences, comparative government, and history.

Tufts and all colleges hoping to produce the best educated men in the world should emphasize the foundations on which

Western Civilization—the most enlightened society ever known—was built. A Liberal Arts degree from a college that has produced six generations of prospering students will prepare any man to live and work in our civilization.

An American Liberal Arts education should focus on the arts that have made our country great, not the liberals who so love to tear it apart.

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construct their identities by selective choice of memories."

The Religion Department, once the entire college, has shrunk to a single professor with a skeleton staff. Multi-variable calculus is a concept far over the heads of most students. The choice alternative for such challenging mathematics courses is now Hypercard (COMP-005). Courses that provide students an excellent survey of basic sciences such as BIO-13, CHEM-16, and PHYS-11 are unnecessary to all but those majoring in the field. (Here, I must



# Is God Dead at Tufts?

Jonathan J. Oriole

Perhaps you have seen the e-mail message entitled "Ten Reasons why God was Denied Tenure at Tufts." In the 142 years since Charles Tufts' dream of putting a "light on the hill for all to see" was realized, his lofty goal of enriching young men's lives through faith in a power greater than themselves has been all but lost in a sea of secularism, multiculturalism, and moral relativism. Not surprisingly, the highest ranking members of the Tufts administration believe that they know more about the world than does the Holy Creator. Leading the gaslighting of the Almighty from our hallowed halls is our own Provost, Sol Gittleman. In his August 23 letter to *The Wall Street Journal*, responding to a July 25 editorial titled "God and Prime Ministers," Gittleman, by endorsing a zealous separation of church and state, gives tacit approval to the 70 years of communist suppression of religious thought and practice in the former eastern bloc.

Gittleman leaves no room for misinterpretation when he reprimands the author: "You should not make simplistic judgments about benevolent religion and the state. What we learned from Europe was taught in those countries represented by Prime Ministers [Vaclav] Havel and [Philip] Dimitrov," prior to communism, when religious strife was common. It is Gittleman, however, who makes simplistic judgments. To compare ancient religious repression to the systematic persecution and murder of the Stalinist era is absurd, and it downplays the severity of communism's crimes. Moreover, it is wrongheaded to suggest, as does Gittleman, that because there are historical examples of religious people using the state to oppress members of other faiths, that the world's nations must be ardently secular.

It would serve the Provost well to remember that Joseph Stalin, as well as his successors, slaughtered untold millions of their own countrymen for believing in an Eternal Being greater than a state cult of personality. Countless synagogues, churches, and mosques, some dating back to the early centuries of the Current Era, were either razed or used by Soviet soldiers as stables and latrines— all in the name of

atheism.

Whereas there are examples of religion and the state coexisting peaceably— such as throughout the preponderance of Ameri-

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can history— the world's most vehemently atheist society is among its most tyrannical. God cannot be forcibly removed from people's lives without carnage and oppression. This is the point of the initial *Journal*



**Tufts' Provost Sol Gittleman**

editorial— the left's assault on the "Religious Right," has already resulted in an encroachment on Americans' religious freedom.

The editorial so distraught Mr.

Gittleman because it highlighted the fact that a "Bulgarian statesman [former Prime Minister Dimitrov] is freer to speak of God than are students of American high schools."

Such a comment is unfortunately all too true in our nation, which supposedly prides itself on the First Amendment freedoms of speech, religion, and assembly. Why should schoolchildren who voluntarily assemble to pray be denied these basic rights? What about politicians who "dare" to inform their constituents of their religious convictions? These very freedoms are threatened by liberals who believe that it is necessary to ban any semblance of public religious display in order for everyone to be truly free from religious "persecution." Restricting religious practice to ensure that everyone is "comfortable" ultimately undermines the standards of decency and moral fortitude upon which our country was founded.

In a speech delivered in Washington last March, Mr. Dimitrov denounced the "emotional disability" plaguing those who live in a state in which spiritual life is lacking. Quoting Fyodor Dostoyevsky, he added that "without God, or a higher moral authority, the things most precious to us humans are often denied us." When a country such as the United States achieves a high level of comfort, it becomes easy to forget that we ultimately have to answer to the Almighty One for everything that we have, everything we do, and even who we are. Is it any wonder that we now live in a time when the evening news flashes the current "Gun Death Toll," when one out of

every three babies is born to a single mother, when families drown in a sea of moral

*Please see "God," on page 22.*

# Orientation, Re-education, Indoctrination...

Benn Lieberman

As Tufts University once again opens its doors for orientation, I would like to share my experiences with our new students. For those of us returning to Jumbodom, while we are spared the horror of enduring orientation a second time, we can all remember our own ordeals and thus feel a touch of sympathy for the Class of 1998.

By the time that you, the new students, read this issue of THE PRIMARY SOURCE, you will already have an idea of the depths into which this university is descending. Many of you have arrived here with a mind open to new experiences and ideas. Knowing this, the administration will attempt to take advantage of this objectivity and lead you through a week of indoctrination.

Tufts, that bright light on Walnut Hill, does indeed have an agenda. Contrary to what you have been lead to believe, providing a Liberal Arts education or preparing you for a career is not on their "things to do" list. Unfortunately, the administration has something else in mind for you. The diversity panels and forums you are going through are top heavy with politically correct rhetoric. These mandatory "I'm O.K., you're O.K." rallies involve little more than an orator chanting slogans and rhetoric while the audience blindly accepts every word as if it were gospel. They say that Tufts students should be accepting of all people, regardless of color, race, ethnicity, and sexual persuasion. Unfortunately, the university urges students to be accepting of these traits to a point where those characteristics overshadow the individual. The administration, by its own admission, "has a commitment to affirmative action for underrepresented students of color." (page 26, Bulletin of Tufts University, 1994-1996)

A select few freshmen have the intellectual prowess to see through (or sleep

through) these panels. For some freshmen, this article will be too little, too late. They will have already subscribed to the lies, half-truths, and propaganda which are rampantly employed by this institution.

**While Tufts has gone to great lengths to encourage diversity of appearance, the school has failed to generate any semblance of intellectual diversity.**

Some of the freshman reading this are undoubtedly saying to themselves, "but I didn't think those meetings were so bad." Please, do not allow yourself to be misled. Tufts does not urge you to examine your beliefs and make your own decisions. Instead, the administration has and will continue to attempt to instill you with their radical, leftist values through panels and presentations of which Orientation is only the beginning. The University's Mission Statement explains that they "are commit-

contrary to that of the administration. Believing that dissent of this magnitude could be detrimental to their efforts, the administration assembles diversity panels composed of the leftist students of the hour.

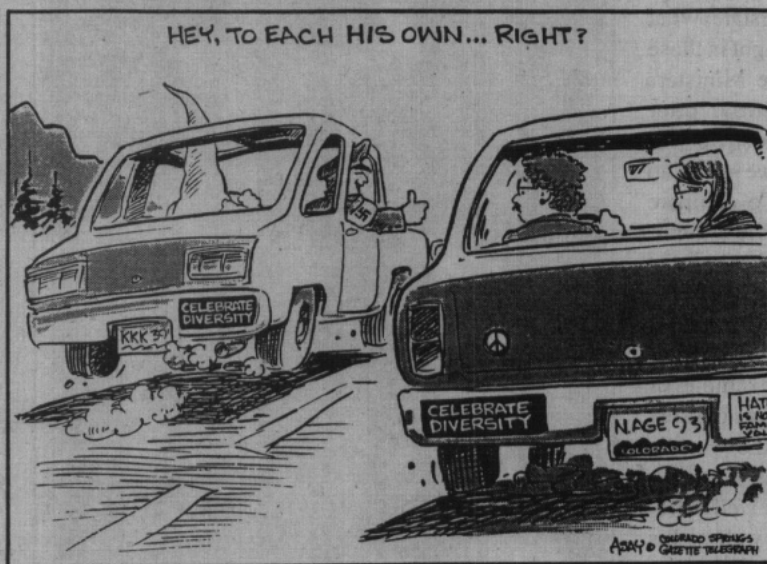
These "Oprahesque" panels are nothing more than a group of people assembled in an attempt to show the maximum amount of diversity in the smallest number of representatives. The Hispanic man, the black woman, the gay/lesbian/bisexual, the Asian man, another

representative of a marginalized group, and of course, the one WASP male who, as a result of the other panelists' diversity and his own guilty conscience, considers them to be his life-long friends. The panelists are portrayed by the Orientation committee as representative of the student body's socio-economic, racial, and sexual diversity and its political homogeneity. Statistics, however, demonstrate otherwise. Only 3.4% of undergraduates are black; 4.3% are Hispanic; and 11.4% are Asian. Furthermore,

*The Common Sense Guide to American Colleges* notes that contrary to the hopes and ambitions of the administration, "The political complexion of the student body tends to be liberal, but remains solidly more mainstream than the faculty."

The faculty and administration do much to enhance their reputation as radicals. As true knee-jerk liberals, they attach themselves to a leftist cause, and befriend the group of the moment. On the 500th anniversary of Columbus' landing in the New World, the administration was sympathetic toward Indians. After the Rodney King

incident and during the release of the movie *Malcolm X*, the group was blacks. The list is



ted to better understand and better influence value-based decisions— personal, professional, and political." (page 10, *ibid.*) This is for one simple reason: the administration has realized that, if left to their own devices, freshmen will tend to choose the position

*Please see "Indoctrination," on page 22.*

# Baseball Diamonds in the Rough

Chris Weinkopf

For most Americans, baseball players' tales of exploitation and drudgery are unconvincing. It is difficult to feel sympathy for hotshots who are paid an average annual salary of \$1.2 million. Their job entails what most people do for recreation—play games—and they get six months of vacation each year. So when the boys of summer strike for the third time in eight years, a rate that would make even Teamsters blush, the fans' adoration quickly turns into contempt.

The ballplayers' proclivity to strike evidences a sort of pigheaded selfishness, a perennial discontentment in which enough is never enough. Like most labor unions, such as the UAW, AFL-CIO, or IBEW, the Major League Players Association (MLPA) ravenously pursues unending gains with a gang mentality—team up on management and milk it for all it's worth.

In the case of the current strike, however, labor is right. Most unions demand the unfair—they seek protection from market forces at management's expense. Closed shop contracts, pre-arranged pay scales, and seniority-based hiring quotas enable workers to receive inflated salaries and benefits that the free market—unfettered by collective bargaining—would never allow. The MLPA seeks just the opposite. It demands neither special treatment nor unreasonable compensation. It asks only that its members be paid at market rates, that salaries be dictated by the individual player's value to his team instead of an arbitrary salary cap.

Unlike most work stoppages, in which labor seeks immunity from market realities, it is management, in the baseball dispute, that tries to avoid its obligations by cowering behind regulation. Labor might be greedy, but management is lazy and cheap. It is refreshing to see the MLPA embrace free enterprise, but it must not do so halfheartedly. If the owners submit to labor's demands, it is incumbent upon the players to follow suit and disband their union.

## Stealing Home

Americans commonly consider baseball players overpaid. Some superstars, such as Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants, receive as much as seven million dollars

annually. Exorbitant earnings, however, do not necessarily indicate unfair pay scales. Super athletes are a rare breed. Bonds attracts thousands of fans to Candlestick Park

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every time he plays. He improves his team's television ratings, hence, its ad revenues. And because he wears a Giant uniform, so do thousands of youngsters in California and throughout the country.

In short, for the owners of the San Francisco Giants, Barry Bonds is well worth seven million dollars. The American public



seemingly agrees, or fans wouldn't be willing to spend upwards of \$60 to watch him play.

A salary cap would limit the amount of money a team could spend on its personnel, thus restricting players' earning potentials. The cap would serve as nothing more than a

control to ensure wider profit margins for owners, who would reap the same high revenues at a lower personal cost. Under a salary cap, players, far from being overpaid, are deprived of earning their market value. It is owners, who artificially bolster profits by deflating costs, that make more than their fair share.

## Management's Balk

The owners have attempted to garner public support for their proposed salary cap by threatening that a freer market would destroy baseball as we know it. Appealing to America's nostalgia for the national pastime, management portrays the future of a capless baseball as cold and ugly, lacking tradition and loyalty.

According to management's draconian predictions, without a salary cap, rich teams in larger markets would monopolize the best players. The League would become a collection of hapless blundering cowtown teams struggling against all-star squads from the big cities. Games would be as competitive as a match between the US Olympic basketball "Dream Team" and Sudan.

Of course public interest in such a league would dissipate quickly, eventually forcing every franchise—rich and poor—into bankruptcy. Thus, conclude the owners, baseball cannot survive without the imposition of controls that, coincidentally, line their pockets.

Although an effective rationalization of management's self-interest, such forecasts have little grounding in reality. True, some teams spend more on salaries than they can afford, in order to remain competitive against better situated and wealthier rivals, and other franchises sacrifice their

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win/loss record in favor of fiscal solvency. Discrepancies in financial viability, however, are not a product of disparate market sizes as much as they are the result of excessive League regulation.

### Swinging at Air

One need only examine the current state of the game to recognize that the correlation between market size and success is, at best, minimal. The Minnesota Twins have won two World Series in the past seven years. By comparison, the Chicago Cubs have been the League laughing stock for the past half century. The New York Mets, in addition to a dismal pre-strike record, are losing money, as are the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The size of a particular market is not as relevant to a team's success as is its residents' general enthusiasm for the game. Some teams operate unprofitably, not because their market is too small, but because its inhabitants are apathetic about baseball. Conversely, citizens of some cities without Major League teams, including Buffalo and Washington, have demonstrated a strong interest in adopting a franchise.

Logic dictates that owners in unprofitable markets would move to more lucrative locations. League regulations, however, often prevent financially insecure teams from relocating. A Major League franchise cannot move without the approval of three-quarters of the other teams' owners.

Likewise, an owner that lacks the funds to invest in his team cannot sell the franchise without League approval. The San Francisco Giants ownership once tried to sell the team to a group of investors from Florida, but failed because it appeared that the other owners disapproved. Consequently, regulation indirectly kept the Giants and similarly situated franchises from raising the necessary capital to remain competitive. Rather than penalize players with a salary cap, the League

could diminish the problem of disparate revenues by relaxing controls on franchise mobility.

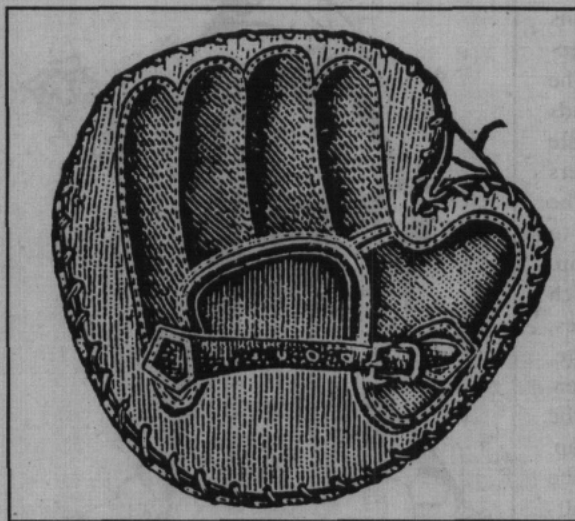
But for the majority of owners—those with teams in profitable locations—relaxing regulations on their peers, instead of increasing their own profits through a salary cap, is an unpalatable alternative. Management tries to veil its dubious motives by feigning concern for “tradition,” a desire to

see teams remain permanently in their current hometowns, but this reasoning is as insincere

as the rest of the owners' rhetoric. Relocation is as old as the game itself. The LA Dodgers were once in Brooklyn, and the Milwaukee Brewers were once the Seattle Pilots. In 1993, the League expanded into Colorado and Florida. In baseball, as in any other business, change is a constant.

Moreover, expanding owners' range of actions enables the preservation of other, equally important, baseball traditions. The New York Yankees of the 1940s and 1950s

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could never have won six consecutive World Series had a salary cap prevented them from keeping Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle on the roster. Salary caps thwart any possibility of long-term dynasties, because as players become superstars, they demand greater compensation. With a low wage ceiling no team can afford to keep more than two or

three great players, so they are forced to release their most powerful weapons. The NFL's salary cap, for example, forced the New York Giants to release Pro-Bowl quarterback Phil Simms.

Imagine baseball without the great Yankees of yesteryear, football without the 1970s Pittsburgh Steelers, or basketball without the Boston Celtics, and the importance of dynasties becomes obvious. Similarly, the practice of great players staying with one team throughout their career is threatened by the imposition of a salary cap, especially in light of free agency. Professional football is proof that players' team loyalties wear thin quickly when owners cannot pay them their dues because of a salary cap.

Management seems only to invoke the traditionalist argument when it is politically convenient. Despite the owners' claims, there is no evidence that Major League Baseball cannot survive without centralized controls. Once the League releases teams of its regulatory strangleholds—blocking sales and barring relocations—financially insecure owners will be able to increase their profits. When the owners are confident of their financial standing, they will have no excuse for denying players market-based salaries.

### Play Ball

The national pastime needs a large dose of the Invisible Hand. At this point, by resisting the salary cap, the MLPA is the old ballgame's lone voice of reason. The free market, however, cuts both ways. If the players expect the owners to embrace deregulation, they must be willing to reciprocate.

In the free market, the individual is judged by his own worth; he negotiates his wage himself— independent of external controls. Like regulations, the union is an extra-market force which skews the natural order of pay scales. If the ballplayers are sincere about wanting the game to be more

responsive to market forces, ideological consistency mandates that they disband the union. Let the free market work its wonders, and let the boys of summer return to the playing field.

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# Thinking in Context

Steve Seltzer

The liberal conscience, narrow in its outlook, can only view issues in the context of race, class, gender, and sexuality. In most political arguments, the liberal usually has no trouble picking sides. He simply has to side with the group that is "oppressed."

The liberal always believes claims of so-called inequalities. When blacks claim discrimination and women say they are being harassed, it is automatically assumed that they are telling the truth. The generic solution is that the government must take drastic measures in order to address these inequalities.

Liberals have difficulty choosing sides when the interests of "oppressed groups" clash. Inevitably, liberals will prefer some victims over others. As a result, liberals quarrel among themselves over silly criteria instead of relying on facts and reason.

## The Old Alliance

Liberals do not have disagreements as long as only one party in an argument is a member of a marginalized group. Thus, they can be united. Take, for instance, the Tawana Brawley scandal of the late 1980's. Brawley, a young black woman, claimed that she was raped by six white men. The radical black leader, Reverend Al Sharpton, stepped to the forefront of the controversy as Brawley's biggest supporter. Sharpton used his political influence to orchestrate widespread support from the radical black activists.

Feminists also jumped to Brawley's defense because she was a female. However, it became apparent that Brawley had fabricated the entire incident. Liberals were too jaded by Tawana's skin color and gender to be able to view the facts objectively. To this day, Reverend Sharpton and his cohorts defend Brawley's story.

In 1991, radical black and feminist groups once again joined forces to support

Anita Hill in her accusations against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Even though Thomas is a black man, he is a conservative, which, in politically correct

## Left vs. Left

The O.J. Simpson case and the charges of sexual harassment against Benjamin Chavis are two prominent examples in which oppressed groups are divided. Liberals have been forced to choose between "victimized" groups. It becomes clear from these two episodes that when liberals face the challenge of thinking for themselves, they are not up to the task. Instead of using thought and reason to arrive at intelligent decisions, liberals argue over which oppressed faction they should support.

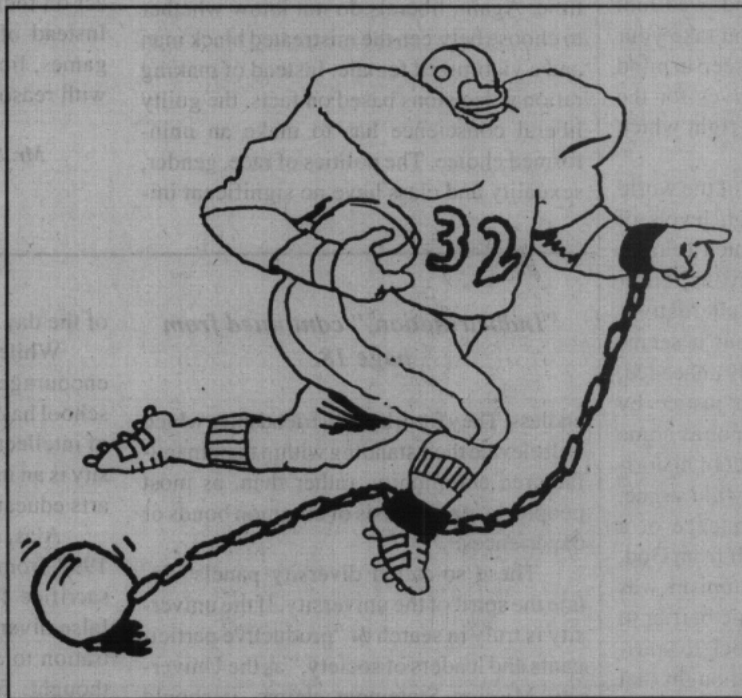
O.J. Simpson was accused of the brutal murder of his former wife, Nicole Brown. The conflict results from the fact that black radicals believe that Simpson is innocent and is falsely accused because of his skin color. A recent poll reveals that 60 percent of blacks believe that Simpson was set up. In the same poll only 23 percent of whites think that Simpson was framed. A large majority of blacks believe that Simpson's conviction was racially motivated, despite the presence of strong evidence against him. To this point, the most incriminating evidence against Simpson is a DNA test that conducted on Simpson's blood, and blood from the murder site. The two samples matched.

At the same time, feminists have used the Simpson case as a launching pad for their campaign against domestic violence. In order for the feminists to have any sort of a platform, they must insist that O.J. is guilty. Liberals now

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circles, is unheard of. Therefore, it was still a simple decision for the radical black and feminist groups to support Hill.

Hill's story was readily accepted by liberals and a mass decision was made, presuming that Clarence Thomas was guilty. Thomas' refusal to side with political fads



and to think for himself worked against him in that he became the object of contempt of many liberals. In the end, however, the truth prevailed as Thomas was confirmed. Anita Hill could not prove her accusations against Clarence Thomas. They were nothing more than unsubstantiated allegations.

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decline? The "Religious (Christian) right" has been blamed for trying to impart its extreme beliefs and values on the general public. Oddly enough, conservative Christian forces have found strong allies in the majority of Orthodox Jews and Muslims, due to their mutual interest in rectifying the moral and spiritual ills of our society. Indeed, no truly righteous believer of any faith could sit by idly and watch the atrocities committed on our streets and not respond with disgust.

Echoing Dimitrov is the President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel. Before becoming Czechoslovakia's first democratically-elected leader, Havel was a writer and artist who experienced communist oppression firsthand. Delivering his Philadelphia Liberty Medal-winning address on the Fourth of July, Mr. Havel noted that the Declaration of Independence "states that the Creator gave man the right to liberty. It seems man can realize that liberty only if he does not forget the one who endowed him with it." Mr. Gittleman, lest you take your freedom of speech for granted, keep in mind that millions sacrificed their lives for the right to express their beliefs, a right which your logic attacks.

At a time when the nations of the world have collectively achieved high levels of secular greatness, why is there such a chasm in the spiritual lives of Americans? Religious leaders are now offering alternatives to crime and societal decay, but it seems their calls to repentance go largely unheeded. We must learn our lessons in justice by examining the Soviet empire, not as some sort of anomaly or as the product of historical forces, as Mr. Gittleman would argue, but as the unavoidable consequence of a society that aims to divorce itself from God. For Eastern Europeans, communism was not only a political and economic barrier to individual liberty, but a roadblock to spiritual fulfillment. Just when we thought that the light of truth and justice and the spirit of the Almighty had tumbled the walls that had held so many Eastern Europeans prisoner in their own homes, liberals like Mr. Gittleman show that there's always someone willing to obscure the truth and subvert the faith of so many souls who desperately need it.

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face the dilemma of choosing between a wrongly accused black man and abused women. Instead of examining the facts of the case, liberals are arguing over who's more oppressed.

The piously PC once again were at odds with each other in the Benjamin Chavis sexual harassment case. Chavis was fired as the head of the NAACP by the group's board of directors. The firing resulted from allegations that Chavis had sexually harassed a former employee, Mary Stansel. She filed a lawsuit against Chavis and he paid her an out of court settlement of \$300,000. Chavis took the money from NAACP funds.

The radical black leader, Jesse Jackson spoke in support of Chavis during his trying time. Again, liberals do not know whether to choose between the mistreated black man and a victimized female. Instead of making rational decisions based on facts, the guilty liberal conscience has to make an uninformed choice. The politics of race, gender, sexuality and class have no significant im-

fact on serious thinking and decision making. Thus, liberals have hit an impasse; they all subscribe to the same conformist school of thought and are not capable of handling the challenges to such a school.

**Second Thoughts**

The cases of Simpson and Chavis expose the absurdity and stupidity of self-righteous liberals and their politically correct concerns. It is a simple task for liberals to

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rally around the causes of "victimized groups" when they have no choices. However, when victims clash, liberals are forced to make choices based on their options. It becomes quite clear that liberals have difficulty using thought and reason to reach their conclusions. Their silly bickering over which group is the most oppressed makes a strong case for the principles of individualism and colorblindness. Ultimately, people have to act on their own and think for themselves. Instead of playing petty race and gender games, liberals should be more concerned with reason, thought, and knowledge.

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endless. They form hollow friendships which will elevate their standing within their manufactured community, rather than, as most people do, on the basis of common bonds or experiences.

These so-called diversity panels violate the spirit of the university. If the university is truly in search of "productive participants and leaders of society," as the University Mission Statement claims, it should foster a true diversity, a diversity of the mind. A free exchange of new ideas will benefit all of us more than any enforced diversity of the skin. If there is a panel or forum for Orientation that would help entering students better understand the workings of a liberal arts college, it would be an open and free discussion of some relevant issue

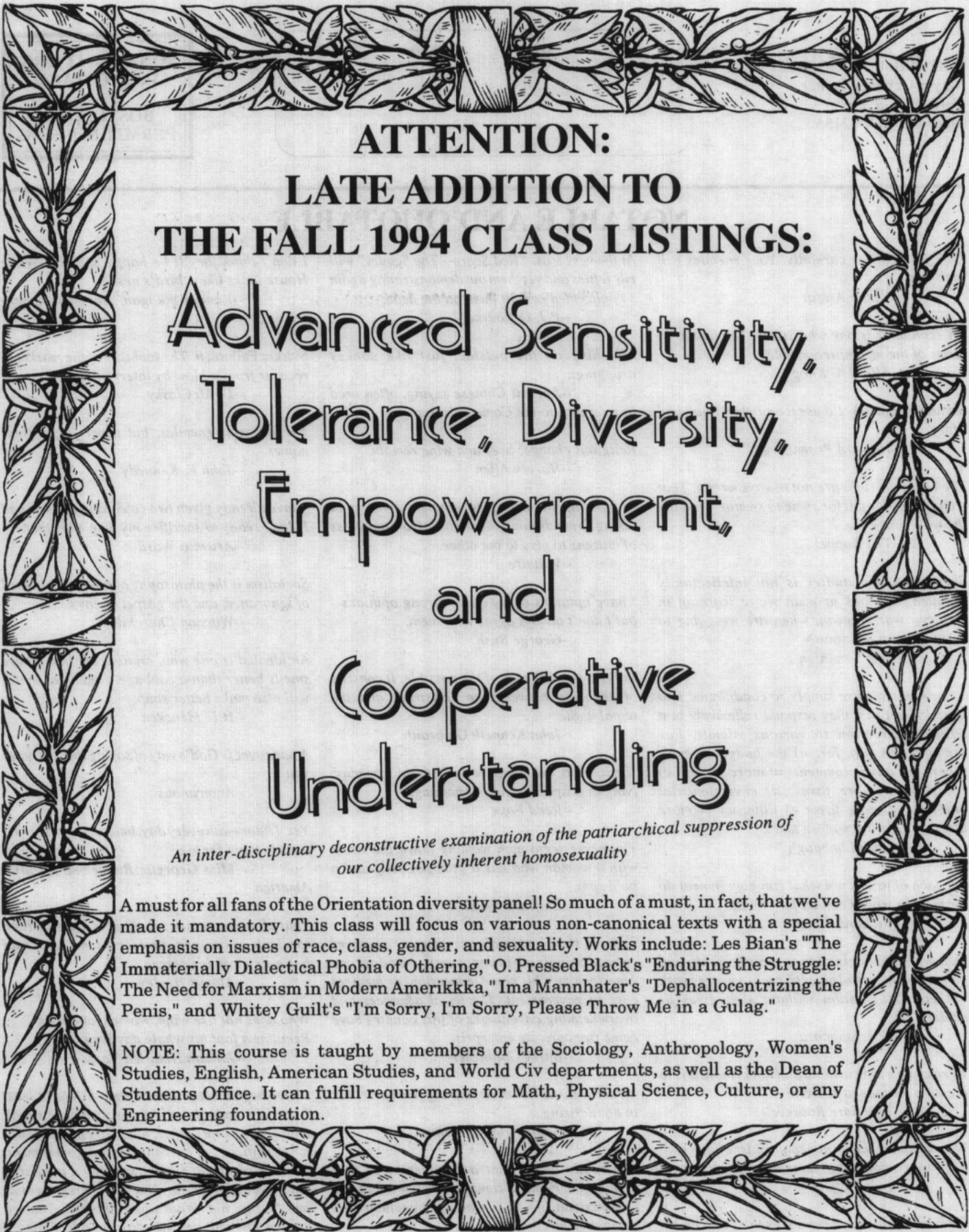
of the day.

While Tufts has gone to great lengths to encourage diversity of appearance, the school has failed to generate any semblance of intellectual diversity. This type of diversity is an integral part of any genuine liberal arts education.

Alas, it is too late to spare the Class of 1998 from all of this rhetoric. Let us not sacrifice future classes upon the altar of false diversity. We must urge the administration to encourage a kind of diversity of thought: from admissions, to orientation, right up through graduation.

For those among you who are still able to think for yourselves, and judge right from wrong, let me warn you that the end of freshman orientation does not mark the end of your re-education here on Walnut Hill.

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*Pick your friends carefully. Your enemies will pick you!*

--Yassir Arafat

*An economist is one who states the obvious in terms of the incomprehensible.*

--Alfred A. Knopf

*If I had a hammer, I'd use it on Peter, Paul, and Mary.*

--Howard Rosenberg

*The religious right are not always wrong. That may be a bitter pill for some to swallow, but it's the way things are.*

--Ted Koppel

*Sure, women's studies is not intellectually oriented, but look at what we're learning in history-- war! I mean, when are we going to learn about meditation?*

--Ann Simonton

*...some liberals are simply so conditioned into the mind-set that they respond reflexively in a leftward direction to various stimuli. For example, the cure for: a) the budget = more taxes; b) unemployment = more taxes, c) recession = more taxes; d) environmental problems = more taxes e) illiteracy = more taxes; f) LA riots = more taxes.*

--Rush Limbaugh

*Let each of us ask not what can government do for me, but what I can do for myself.*

--Richard Nixon

*Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects, such as wickerwork baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art.*

--Tom Stoppard

*To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to create a menace to society.*

--Theodore Roosevelt

*Woe to him inside a nonconformist clique who does not conform with nonconformity.*

--Eric Hoffer

*Doctors are lucky, the sun sees their successes; the earth covers their mistakes.*

--Greek saying

*At the very least "Red Scare-- The Sequel" will rile lefties and get them out demonstrating again so policemen can hit them on the head.*

--P.J. O'Rourke

*All shiny on the outside, just like donkey droppings.*

*--Ancient Chinese saying, often used in reference to the Communist party*

*Religions change; beer and wine remain.*

--Harvey Allen

*In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens to give to the other.*

--Voltaire

*I have opinions of my own-- strong opinions-- but I don't always agree with them.*

--George Bush

*Politics is not the art of the possible. It consists of choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable.*

--John Kenneth Galbraith

*Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.*

--Redd Foxx

*You never see a man walking down the street with a woman who has a little pot belly and a bald spot.*

--Elayne Boosler

*Federal, state, and local governments have never created a single job in this country. Nor does one American owe his home, education, or medical care to government. The fiscal advances and overwhelming advantages of this country have come from private enterprise.*

--Barry Goldwater

*Virtue consists not in abstaining from vice, but in not desiring it.*

--George Bernard Shaw

*You really don't want a president who is a football fan. Football combines the worst features of American life. It is violence punctuated by committee meetings.*

--George F. Will

*I don't think they'll be happy until the White House looks like a bird's nest.*

*--Ronald Reagan, on environmentalists*

*Market Failure, n. The inability of the market to recover from a blow by intervention.*

--D. McClosky

*Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.*

--John F. Kennedy

*I have already given two cousins to the war and I stand ready to sacrifice my wife's brother.*

--Artemus Ward

*Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy.*

--Winston Churchill

*An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup.*

--H.L. Mencken

*A hangover is God's way of saying that He hates you.*

--Anonymous

*Yes, I tutor math every day, because, you see, it's a daily thing for me.*

*--Miss Georgia, Runner-up for Miss America*

*That all men are created equal is a proposition to which, at ordinary times, no sane individual has ever given his assent.*

--Aldous Huxley

*Who does not like wine, women, and song Remains a fool his whole day long.*

--Johann Heinrich Voss

*I have been a better liberal than a Jew, at least from the standpoint of the observance of ritual. I have never kept kosher, but I have often argued for the efficacy of a strong central government. At no time did I ever attend a synagogue regularly, but I never doubted the value of welfare programs and foreign aid. What would this make me-- a reform Jew and an orthodox liberal? Funny, I hear someone saying, "he doesn't look liberal."*

--Joseph Epstein