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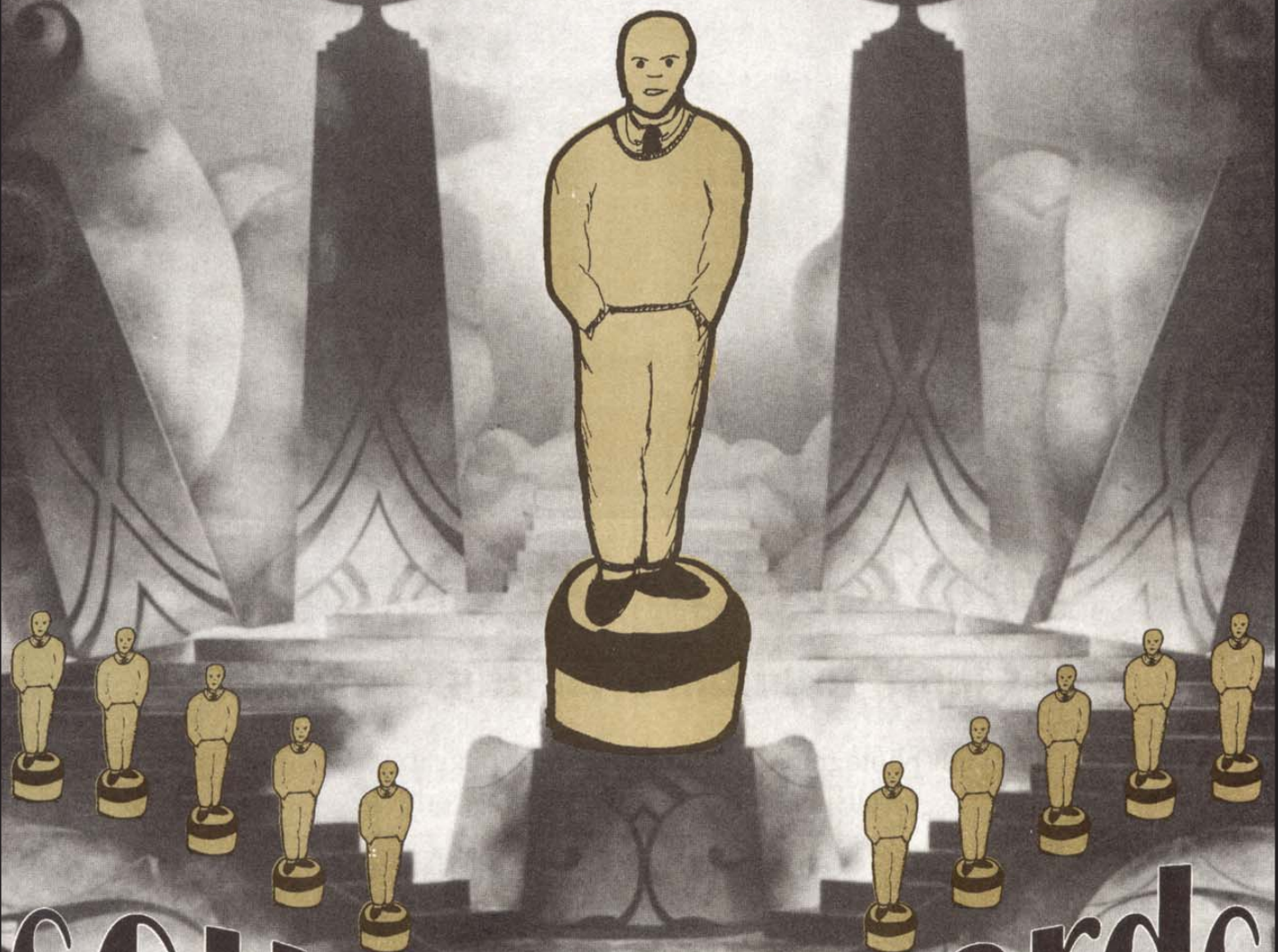
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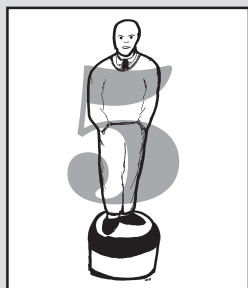
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# FROM THE EDITOR

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Bill Clinton and Al Gore should be in hot water, as the tag-team is under scrutiny for campaign-finance violations. But they have created an indelible shield to cover up their caper. Since the scandals erupted, Clinton and Gore have spent much time bemoaning the need for campaign-finance reform. Republicans, who should be pursuing these misfits full force, have hopped on the bandwagon. Consequently, the media focus not on the wrongdoings of the White House Two, but resultant “valiant” bipartisan efforts for campaign-finance reform.

The pressing problem, Clinton and Gore maintain, is not their unlawful errors but an ailing system. They point to outrageous spending on the part of Republicans, obscuring that the GOP had a multi-candidate primary before the election which, naturally, resulted in greater expenditures. Moreover, due to the intensity of the Republican primary, Bob Dole had to spend so much early on that FEC regulations kept him from advertising until after the San Diego convention. To top it all off, Clinton’s figures do not include soft-money contributions from organizations such as unions and teachers groups, which tend to toe the liberal line. But the greatest irony is the suggestion that reforming campaign laws that Clinton and Gore obviously have no interest in obeying will curb their flagrant corruption.

While it should be expected that mainstream media have no qualms about sweeping Clinton scandals under the rug, it is a grave disappointment that GOP leaders have followed suit. Some Republicans, most notably Arizona Senator John McCain, have teamed up in bipartisan fashion to call for reform—also known as increased government regulation. The GOP should be delivering on its promises to streamline government, not striving for media popularity by protecting Clinton and calling for a more intrusive state. Even liberal icons such as Dick Gephardt admit that such regulation would fail Constitutional scrutiny as

it limits free association and free speech. But rather than calling for simple full disclosure to replace the current system, Gephardt proposes amending the Constitution altogether. That is, he seeks to protect free speech for everyone except politicians. Despite setting a dangerous precedent for sidestepping the Constitution, this strategy hinders the expression of individuals whose ideas have great importance and consequence.

The whole charade lends credence to other liberal myths. While Clinton and company correctly assert that the US conducts the most expensive campaigns, they ignore that such is a function of America’s size and prosperity. Americans should consume themselves less with wallet watching and more with ethics and actions. Perhaps then they could better see through Clinton’s thin veil. After all, cosmetics manufacturers spent twice as much money in 1996 advertising their products than did the DNC and RNC combined. Television and radio commercials for political campaigns comprised less than one percent of total ad time.

The media, the American electorate, and Republicans must uncover the Clinton-Gore subterfuge. The issue is not the need for more regulations to prevent such treachery from happening again. And for the moment, it isn’t even the need for deregulation. It is that when politicians peddle influence for contributions, as the DNC duo have, they compromise American interests at home and abroad. If current laws were honored, or at least enforced, there would be no Lippo/Motel 1600 scandal at all. Administration officials broke the law and should, for once, be held accountable. The GOP should realize, though, that if it furthered government downsizing, there would be less influence to peddle. If nothing else, Americans should have learned one thing from this fiasco: the best way to eliminate graft is to elect officials who practice the ethics they preach. —JS

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Commentary entitled "Pink Shamrocks" featured in the March 13th issue. I take exception to the depiction of the Ancient Order of Hibernians as hypocritical and that of the Pro-Life Association of Gays and Lesbians as standing on "unassailable grounds"—actually, it's the other way around. PLAGAL and THE PRIMARY SOURCE are right to reiterate Pope John Paul II's challenge to Catholic politicians who exempt themselves from their duty to the unborn. That being said, had Ted Kennedy and Pat Moynihan marched as spokesmen of a group promoting the pro-choice position (say, NARAL, for instance), your Commentary would be well taken. But the politicians merely joined in the festivities as Irishmen proud of their heritage. Likewise, if members of PLAGAL marched as individuals and not as lobbyists, there would be no debate.

But it doesn't take a Tufts education to see that PLAGAL's real reason for wanting to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade was to draw more publicity to the gay-rights agenda. Shame on its members for selfishly manipulating the rights of the unborn as leverage for access; THE PRIMARY SOURCE should have called the group on its reprehensible ploy. PLAGAL's decision to advance the cause of those who proudly and flagrantly engage in non-marital sex doesn't belong on a banner to be displayed at the commemoration of a Christian holiday, and certainly shouldn't be rewarded with the wide exposure the event garners.

It's important to remember that the Ancient Order of Hibernians excludes no one—it merely seeks to prevent cadres of gays, radical feminists, and other activists interested in destroying the conventional Christian family from using the parade as a stage for grandstanding. THE PRIMARY SOURCE salutes PLAGAL's "common sense," but it makes no sense for activists to turn the holiday into a Catholic-bashing forum. The Hibernians simply wish to sponsor a party in the grand Irish tradition, where all individuals in the

mood for a good time can celebrate the wearin' of the green together. Next year, let's hope that PLAGAL and its cheerleaders will exercise better judgment before raining on the parade.

Thomas P. Dougherty

To the Editor:

It was interesting to read Keith Levenberg's article in THE PRIMARY SOURCE on the Sour Krauts. Unfortunately it is too skewed to enter into a discussion with him about it. He obviously knows too little about the history of Europe to enter into a serious dialogue, and I recommend him living there for maybe 10 years, studying the everyday impact of history and the way Europeans, especially Germans, but also all the other nations who were involved in killing minorities (and most were) deal with the past.

Just two things: First, a boy who had been in the Hitler Youth did most probably not participate in "Nazi terror." How close do you think 14-year olds got to the concentration camps? (Like I said, please get the history straight yourself, before you start getting righteous with people. Reading one, or two, or three books just doesn't cut it. That's not the good "liberal arts tradition.") Second, if victims decide to forgive criminals that is a good thing and the basis for reconciliation. On the other side that requires repentance and an apology. That's the basis there. And that is all people really need. You cannot awaken the dead, unfortunately.

That's basically it, without even getting into the guilt that all Jews should feel for kinsmen killing Arabs in the Holy Land or Americans for killing 35 (!) million Native Americans. There is none, because there is nothing like collective guilt.

As a young German I have cried many a tear in Concentration Camps and on the battle fields of Europe. Something like that will never happen again. I would rather die fighting against it. But the time of foreign watchdogs of my people's conscience is winding down fast. Better bear it with grace, Keith.

Jan-Philipp Goertz

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# Commentary

## SCIRTING Tyranny

Thanks to her plentiful noisy interruptions of daily campus life, Kathy Polias is well-known to most students as the name behind the whine regarding whatever haute-left cause catches her eye. Without swearing an allegiance to the workers' revolution or the *Little Red Book*, Polias's statements and positions nevertheless display a fear and dislike of wealth and those who create it that is, tragically, entirely typical of her left-wing ilk.

Still, *THE SOURCE* finds cause to praise her decision reported in a recent *Observer* profile to "live in a repressive society for a year," most likely the People's Republic of China. Tufts's premiere rabble-rouser is in for more of an education than she expects. First and foremost, she will come to see her many criticisms of America in their proper perspective. Exposed to the evils plaguing the Eastern Giant, she might well realize not just the futility but the utter meaninglessness of the sundry causes she made her name supporting at Tufts.

In China, Polias may also find a renewed appreciation for the virtues of unadulterated capitalism. Thanks to the ever-expanding free market, the Chinese today enjoy a higher standard of living and dramatically more control over their daily lives than at any time in the nation's history. Yet the communist tyranny that still exists will doubtlessly remind the SCIRT czar that Toys 'R' Us's failure to recycle its cash register tape is hardly the world's most pressing human-rights concern. No matter what, Miss Polias will return from the land of Mao with a hitherto absent appreciation for the much-maligned American Way.

### Something Queer in California

San Francisco prides itself on tolerance and diversity, but recent events indicate that the city abandons such doctrines when it comes to the Catholic Church. Early last year, San Francisco's Board of Supervisors decreed that any entities doing business with the city must provide spousal benefits to the designated "domestic partners" of their employees. Touted as an anti-discrimination ordinance, this absurd measure extends health, pension, and other privileges to live-in lovers, thereby granting state sanction to non-marital sex.

In December, Archbishop William Levada appealed to Mayor Willie Brown that the law would unjustly interfere with the internal organization of the church-run Catholic Charities, which receives \$5.5 million in city contracts. If Catholic Charities does not obey the decree, the Church loses its contracts—even though its Sacrament of Matrimony patently denounces sex outside marriage. Sadly, many individuals interpret Catholicism's stance as hateful to gays, but they severely misconstrue its position. In fact, the Catechism sympathizes, "They do not choose their homosexual condition; for most of them it is a trial. They must be

accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity... [Nonetheless,] homosexuals are called to chastity." The Church's position on sex extends to all live-in lovers regardless of sexual orientation.

Appropriately, Bishop Levada was presented with multiple offers of free legal assistance to battle Brown and the Board of Supervisors in court; both the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act secure constitutional protection from such state interference. But the Bishop spinelessly conceded, abandoning those who have faithfully and generously supported Catholic Charities. As a result, one of the largest and most efficient charitable providers in the United States must now subsidize the immoral conduct of certain Church employees. Moreover, the archdiocese's precedent undercuts the efforts of standard-bearers like Honolulu's Bishop DiLorenzo to stop the legalization of gay marriage in Hawaii.

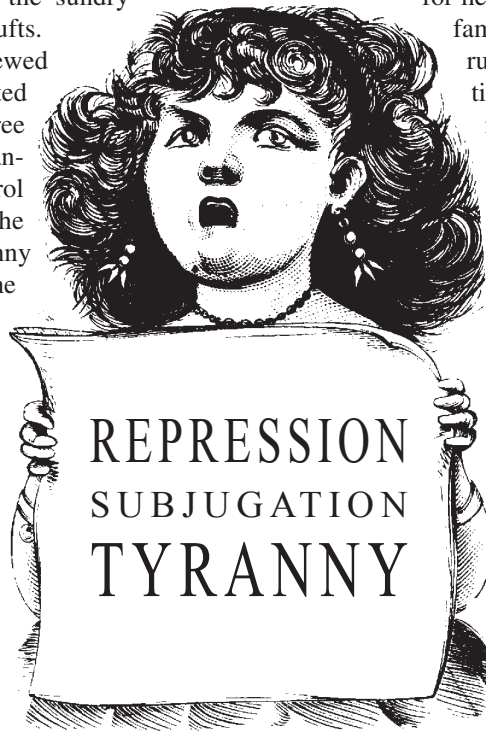
Homosexual activists supported the San Francisco law in order to abolish America's traditional legal and social preference for heterosexual marriage as the foundation of the family. It is unsurprising that Willie Brown, a ruthless politician, would accede to the licentious whims of the gay agenda; after all, the nation's most radical electorate determines his fate. Bishop Levada, on the other hand, must answer to a higher and much less fickle authority.

### Statist Pollution

Environmentalists should applaud Toyota Motor Corporation's recent announcement that it will mass market a vehicle running on both gasoline and electricity. The new car averages about seventy miles per gallon, double the efficiency of similarly sized vehicles using only gasoline—yet the feature will cost consumers only four thousand dollars extra. Moreover, the hybrid emits half the carbon monoxide and ten percent the hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides that gasoline-only cars release.

The hybrid's effectiveness illustrates the superiority of free-market environmental protection as opposed to government regulation. Just as many people voluntarily dedicate their time to recycling because they think (however falsely) that it helps the environment, so too do many consumers crave cars with a lesser reliance on gasoline. Thus, automobile manufacturers must consider the ecological ramifications of their products if they wish to remain in business.

Unfortunately, governmental attempts to regulate emissions actually impede environmental protection. Because California mandates that two percent of the automobiles it registers must produce zero emissions, American manufacturers have been forced to dedicate their R&D dollars to developing expensive electric cars instead of consumer-friendly hybrids. Fully electric cars prove unfeasible for most Americans' lifestyles, traveling only ninety miles on a full charge and costing upwards of \$15,000 more



than their fuel-burning counterparts. Nevertheless, gasoline automobiles maintain dominance over the American market because US regulations discourage manufacturers from innovating new technologies, instead forcing them to waste millions adhering to unfeasible state-approved products. Soon, government bureaucrats will witness the success of hybrids in foreign markets and wonder why American environmental conservation lags so far behind.

### Boot Newt

Republicans deserved every last champagne cork popped in commemoration of their November victories, but the time long ago passed to sit down and continue the work begun by the 104th Congress. Unfortunately, the clear direction and complete dedication Newt Gingrich once inspired seems to have died with his reelection.

While uncertainties regarding House ethics charges still cause the occasional skirmish, Gingrich's problems today stem from the 105th Congress's failure to pass a single piece of meaningful conservative legislation in the three months since session's opening. While blame for this extends well beyond the Speaker's office, one would reasonably expect him to thunder in his old style against the feckless forces of Bill Clinton and David Bonior; instead he practically embraces them. His highly publicized coddling of fire-brand race-baiter Jesse Jackson typifies Gingrich's recent willingness to trump conservative progress with mushy PR.

But the Speaker's support for Majority Whip Tom DeLay's proposal to put tax relief on the back burner in order to secure a balanced-budget deal with the President angered core Republicans much more than his stunt with the Rhyming Reverend. While there are some weak links in the Republican party, the one thing the GOP must never surrender is its unassailable position on taxes. If Gingrich cannot summon the back bone to hold up the one principle the whole party agrees upon, then he is simply unfit to lead.

Even long-time supporter Dick Arme declared he cannot stand by the Speaker if he continues his current line on taxes. Republicans held two meetings with the Speaker to tell him what he must do to shape up. If Newt cannot meet those criteria, he should resign the Speakership. The Republican rank-and-file must

likewise assert themselves and prove their fitness as leaders in their own right. Republicans' lack of competent guidance is no justification for inaction.

### Kill It, Don't Till It

When President Clinton declared his intent to "mend it, not end it," he was speaking of affirmative action. It now seems that his administration's zealous defense of discriminatory hiring and admissions policies requires trouncing on the authority of the judicial branch and "ending" the American federal system. For a US Department of Education letter to Texas officials includes a directive forcing the state to maintain affirmative action at its public institutions, defying its Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling in *Hopwood v. Texas*. That decision (and the Supreme Court's refusal to review it) overturned the 1978 Bakke case and holds that any consideration of race in the admissions process violates the equal protection clause.

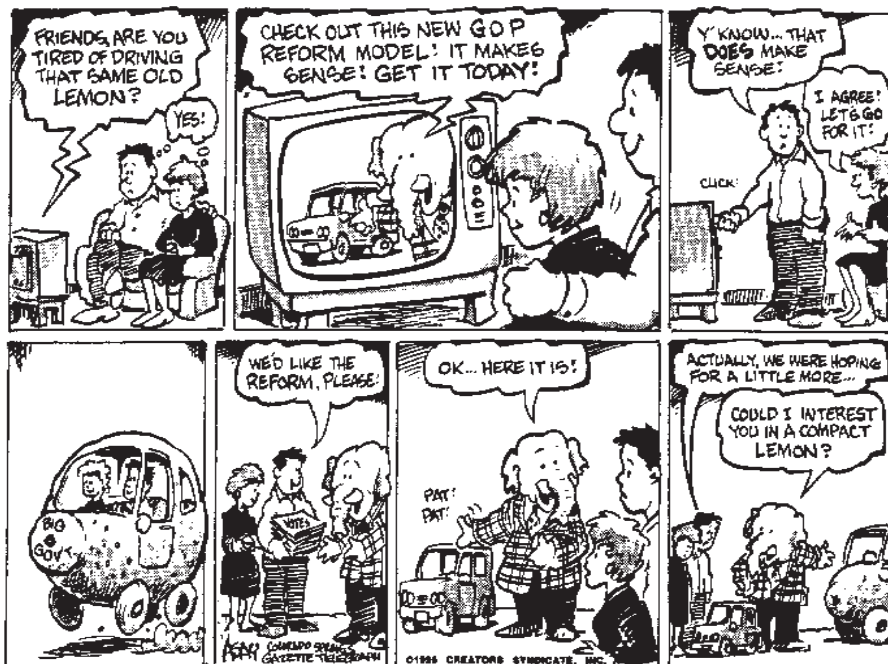
In the letter, the DoE's Civil Rights Office declared that it would see to the revocation of federal scholarships, work-study programs, and research grants if Texas Attorney General Dan Morales continued to dismantle affirmative action initiatives at

state schools other than UT Law, the institution Hopwood sued. In so doing, the DoE has placed itself and its political views above the law by using the threat to deny federal education benefits to a state simply trying to follow the orders of an appeals court, which alone has constitutional power to interpret law.

The obvious illegitimacy of the move aside, the letter reveals a long-standing belief that the national government no longer has to participate in a federal system. As in the promise to deny federal highway funds to

states with a drinking age below 21, this order supersedes states' rights by first taxing the people of all jurisdictions and then denying them their promised benefits if they do not do as they are told. It further demonstrates how the creation of a single innocuous-sounding agency signifies not concern for an issue but the desire to seize power explicitly assured to the states under the Tenth Amendment.

The DoE's action clearly violates a host of constitutional assurances of equal protection and local power. Attorney General Morales will surely file suit in federal court to overturn the directive. Hopefully, the Supreme Court will review that case, roll back power grabs by the national government, and finally affirm the broad applicability of *Hopwood*.



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

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** During her tour of Africa, Chelsea Clinton moaned to the local youths that “there’s a lot of hopelessness” among American teens. Surely the young Africans, intimately familiar with the horrors of famine, genital mutilation, and genocide could relate to the First Daughter’s angst.

**PS** To help cover his \$33.5 million debt to the Brown and Goldman families, OJ Simpson has surrendered many of his most valuable possessions, including his Heisman Trophy, some Tiffany lamps, and a pair of Bruno Magli shoes.

**PS** Washington State’s Department of Fish and Wildlife has drafted a proposal requiring the state to adopt policies that place the needs of salmon above those of fishermen, loggers, and others. Another Washington bureau now mandates covering the critters’ domestic partners’ health benefits.

**PS** Says OJ, “You can take my shoes, but you’ll never take my freedom!”

**PS** At least one part of California’s legal system still functions: a state board denied Charles Manson parole for the ninth time since his 1971 conviction. Fortunately, the Ex College has plenty of time before September to find another professor for “ogniR, egroeG, luaP, and nhoJ: the Meaning of Life.”

**PS** One portly New Yorker is suing her state lottery over an ad suggesting that winners could be spared the grief of marrying fat women. Although she is demanding \$8 million or an apology, she’ll settle for spending her lotto money on the 50¢ Big Macs.

**PS** Top Ten Signs Newt Gingrich Has Gone Lefty:

10. Lets his sister write speeches for him
9. Now uses a camera when “hunting” giraffes
8. His next book is called *To Recycle America*
7. Sports a lycra bikini when playing beach volleyball
6. Bill Clinton lets him use the front exit on Air Force One
5. Supports giving out laptops with web browser set to <http://www.dnc.org>
4. Spends \$10,000 to drink coffee with President Clinton
3. Authors a “Contract on AmeriKKKa”
2. Ex College offers “Renewing American Civilization” next fall
1. His mother tells Connie Chung that Hillary Clinton’s a “catch”

**PS** One ingenious Florida woman sprung her criminal beau from prison by faxing officials a bogus report that he had been pardoned. In unrelated news, Jaime Roth is trying to teach her pet goat how to use a fax machine.

**PS** Tennessee State Attorney General Knox Walkup has ruled rubber-duck racing a form of gambling, an illegal method of charitable fundraising. Until they figure out how to tax it.

**PS** Elsewhere in Tennessee, the state legislature has voted to prohibit bestiality following reports of an Eagleville man seen having sex with a miniature pony in his barn. If only he had stuck to family members.

**PS** Bleeding heart Ted Turner offered the following sympathetic words about the tragic cult suicides in California: “There are too many nuts running around anyway, right? It’s a good way to get rid of a few nuts. You know, you gotta look at it that way.” Have some Kool Aid, Ted.



**PS** Regular ABC advertisers Chrysler, General Motors, and Johnson & Johnson have withdrawn from the April 30 “coming out” episode of *Ellen*. *Ellen*’s boyfriends have also withdrawn.

**PS** The National Park Service has suspended all hiring for summer 1997 due to concerns that employees are insufficiently diverse. Yeah—they’re all woodcutters.

**PS** In 1994 Massachusetts’s senior drunkard, Senator Teddy Kennedy, created the Committee for a Democratic Majority, a PAC dedicated to re-capturing Congress from the Republicans. The Committee raised \$707,000, but spent only \$72,000 on campaigning—the remaining funds covered Kennedy & Co.’s travel and entertainment expenses. Normally, *THE SOURCE* would question Teddy spending \$635,000 of PAC money on traveling—but if it can save just ONE life....

**PS** Bubba the Lame reports that his knee injury has been a “very humbling experience” and that he will “never again see a person who has to deal with a disability in the same light again.” We thought he learned about that from his VD’s.

**PS** Former Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun will appear in the upcoming Steven Spielberg film, *Amistad*, playing the role of a responsible jurist. If he pulls this one off, he’ll sweep next year’s Academy Awards.



**PS** The Louisville Coalition to Carry Concealed Weapons is calling for a boycott of Sears, General Motors, Levi Strauss, and Toyota because the corporations prohibit workers from keeping hidden guns&ammo in their cars on company property. Gun-toting employees will have to settle for the Post Office.

**PS** Compaq Computer Corporation is mulling changing the instruction in its manuals, “press any key,” to read “press the Return key” due to the large number of help-line callers asking where to find the “any” key. It’s right next to the CTRL-ALT-DEL keys you hit to save your document.

**PS** A book written by Joe Kennedy’s ex-wife claims the Catholic Congressman intimidated her to secure consent for an annulment of their marriage, necessary for him to remarry under Church rules. Uncle Teddy’s advice: “Why didn’t you just liquor her up and take her for a drive?”

**PS** A federal judge has ordered the Clinton Administration to categorize the lynx an endangered species. The striped pusses are few and far between, but they still outnumber sane federal judges.

**PS** Despite appearing in PETA’s “I’d rather go naked than wear fur” ad campaign and signing a pledge not to wear any cute dead animals, supermodel Naomi Campbell was spotted in a mink at a Fendi fashion show in Milan. Jaime Roth tried to set her on fire.

**PS** Elsewhere in the Animal Kingdom: Ari Hoffman of Mill Valley, California, was stripped of his prize in the Bay Area Science Fair after officials declared his project— testing the effects of radiation on fruitfly fertility— cruel to animals. They suggested he use fetuses.

**PS** We applaud George Bush’s heroic jump from an airplane last week. We just wish he had found his nerve *before* leaving office.

**PS** The nation’s top bureaucrats, reports *The Washington Times*, receive the monthly *Managing Diversity*, which helps our rulers “manage a diverse workforce.” One helpful article, “What are the Values of White People?” includes such constructive tidbits as “In our post-modern vocabulary, ‘whites’ or ‘the white man’ is all we need to say to invoke... [the] experience of injustice and cruelty.” And they can’t even JUMP!

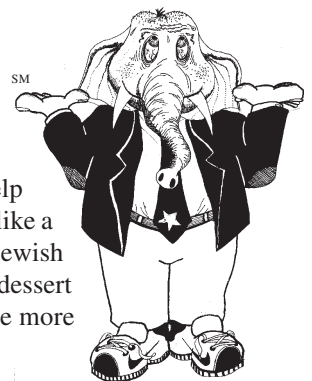
# From the Elephant’s Mouth

☞ English prof **Elizabeth Ammons** coos, “President DiBiaggio’s verbal commitment to diversity is inspiring.” Granted, to see **Johnny Two-Times** verbally commit to *anything* is inspiring— but hopefully this dedication is about as strong as his resolve to keep Lefty Liz as Dean.... Victim-of-the-Year **Aliguma Kabadaki** slides in as a finalist for the Wendell Phillips scholarship, along with homosexual agitator **Eric Pliner** and long-time student government hack **Emily Adler**. Other winning leftists, for Senior Awards, include *Womyn Centered* apparatchik **Michelle Conceison**, and Tom “Lose the SCIRT” **Magnani**. The big loser this year: ideological diversity.... Brian Korb writes a letter to the *The Daily* noting a \$44.00 difference between on- and off-campus **Barnes & Noble** prices. Just like **Brown & Brew**.

☞ *Enfant terrible* **Greg Geiman** waxes moronic about THE SOURCE for four paragraphs in a recent column, sounding much like the drunk at the end of the bar who just won’t shut up. Then Greg accuses this column of serving as a forum for us to launch personal attacks. THE ELEPHANT responds, “OK, kettle.” ... Politics aside, Greg likes the ego boost he gets from a mention in THE SOURCE. Geiman, Geiman, Geiman, Geiman, Geiman. There’s five more, Greg. Happy?

☞ Sophomore investment wonk **Ethan Steward** begins a letter to *The Daily* with Polias-authored form letter opener, “As a socially conscious student....” For greater accuracy, try “As a self-important left-wing twit.” ... Speaking of left-wing twits, **Maya Angelou**, who once declared that Shakespeare was a black woman (we kid thee not), is scheduled to come to Tufts and “rise.” ... **Tufts**

**Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Center** sends letters to student groups (including THE SOURCE!) asking for help with **Gaypril**, citing past pow-wows like a Hillel forum “on the intersection of Jewish and gay identity.” Apparently the dessert cart goes around the Chaplain’s Table more often than **Leviticus**.



☞ In an *Observer* profile, Jumbo tool **Kathy Polias** wistfully says, “I want to live in a repressive society for a year.” Four years wasn’t enough? ... **Leonard Carmichael Society** sponsors an event with grassroots lefty rebels **MASSPIRG** to “increase student volunteerism.” The PIRG, booted off campus five years ago for partaking in the TCU trough, doesn’t really understand voluntary contributions very well. Neither does LCS, which receives over \$100,000 from the Senate each year to “volunteer.” ... **Tufts Mountain Club** hopes to rebuild its Loj after a long history of “bad luck.” Notes *The Daily*, “The state of New Hampshire took [its original cabin] by eminent domain to make way for Route 3.” Think the mountaineers still love socialism?

☞ Predictions: **Kathy Polias** spends a year in New Hampshire.... Rabbi **Jeffrey Summit** calls religion “the opiate of the masses.” ... Enema-winner **Greg Geiman** continues to whine about THE ELEPHANT every Tuesday until somebody finally screams, “If you don’t like THE SOURCE, then don’t read it.”

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

# Vague and Overbroad

Ananda Gupta

It seems that whenever the private sector produces a new innovation, an opportunity for individual freedom to flourish and thrive, politicians lose little time in whining about the need to regulate it. The Internet is no exception; although it has existed for several years, the advent of the World Wide Web had censors following close behind. In 1995, Senator James Exon (D-NB) sponsored the Communications Decency Act, a sweeping censorship statute whose ostensible purpose is the “protection of minors from indecent speech.” But the language of the law, as well as the arguments supporting it, display both an astounding ignorance of the Internet’s nature as well as a flagrant, paternalistic disregard for individual liberty.

## Overbroad and Overblown

The Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that a statute may not, in the course of making obscene material unavailable to minors, make the material unavailable to adults as well. The CDA does just that through what it calls the “display provision”: any indecent material displayed in a manner theoretically available to minors can lead to prosecution. Since the web does not have any inherent age-checking procedure (only individual providers, services, and programs do that), all material, especially that offered by non-commercial sites, can be banned. Furthermore, since age-checking programs do exist at low cost, the CDA fails the “least

restrictive alternative” provision on its face. Speech suppression falls under the strict-scrutiny category of constitutional law, meaning, among other things, that the government must opt for the least restrictive avenue of achieving its goals when restriction is in all other respects justified. Given NetWatch, SurfWatch, and other programs available to individual parents, as well as blanket protection offered by commercial services such as America Online and CompuServe, it seems clear that outright censorship is hardly the “least restrictive” option.

Another major problem with the Communications Decency Act is its use of the terms “indecent” and “patently offensive” to characterize actionable speech. The latter has no concrete definition in the common law, although whenever speech has been thereby described, the courts have always held “offensiveness” to be an interest insufficient for censorship.

The famous *Skokie* case, in which the American Nazi Party wanted to march in a Jewish village outside Chicago, involved the term “offensiveness.” The Appeals Court of Illinois held that the village could not enjoin the march despite the offensive nature of the uniforms, symbols, and language that the Nazis intended to use.

The term “indecent” does, however, have a history. Interestingly, Congress opted not to use the term “obscene,” which invokes a judgment re-

garding artistic, scientific, or other value as balanced against prurient interest. Indecency makes no such distinctions, which means that information on breast or prostate cancer, paintings of the Sistine Chapel, photographs of Donatello’s *David*, or even the Bible might be censored under the

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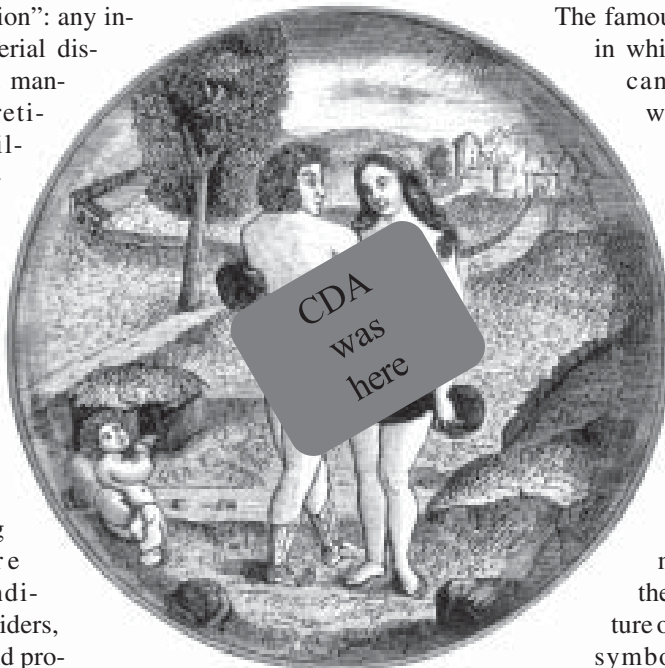
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CDA. Doubtless the bill’s sponsors did not intend such a result... or did they? One cannot presume their unfamiliarity with the language of speech suppression—surely they chose the indecency rather than the obscenity standard for a reason.

Still, it seems absurd that a group of politicians, however power-hungry and out-of-touch, would want to pass a law under which the Bible could be struck from the Net. More likely, they planned to rely on selective enforcement of the law to keep mainstream material available. But passing a law foreshadowing inconsistent application does nothing to preserve respect for law in general. Moreover, it reveals a tremendous hypocrisy on the part of lawmakers, who betray their intention to abuse the power they secure for themselves by way of the CDA through selective enforcement. Such bankrupt legislative practice sets a dangerous precedent: even if the purpose of the Act is legitimate, going about it in an illegitimate fashion only erodes legal stability. The ends-justify-means mentality to the law has been the source of countless exercises of tyranny. Once we grant government the ability to wantonly violate its own Constitution, no matter how desirable the initial consequences, no civil liberty is safe from its all-powerful activist hands.

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Parenting made easy, courtesy of the Communications Decency Act

# SOURCE AWARDS

## NOMINEES

As usual, nominees for the BEST NEW IDEA AWARD were hard to come by. But careful scrounging by the SOURCE investigative team yielded these good, if overdue, ideas: The **Tufts Administration's Defense of First Amendment Protections**; Ward Connerly's hard-fought **Proposition 209**, the California ballot initiative eliminating discriminatory public-sector hiring policies; **Merchants on Points**; and a court of law **Holding O.J. Accountable** for the brutal murders of Ron and Nicole.

Bad ideas are about as common as Tuftonian forms and fees, but the nominees for the WORST NEW IDEA AWARD go above and beyond the call of idiocy: The **Ego-stroking Pics of Daily Columnists**; the decision to take the last ounce of pleasure, **Alcohol, Out of the Sigma Nu House**; the nauseating **Mock Jewish Wedding** of ubiquitous Andi Friedman and hairy hubby Dan Tobin; and **Four More Years** of you-know-who and her husband.

A blind man could see that Tufts wastes money, but these nominees for the BIGGEST WASTE OF UNIVERSITY FUNDS AWARD really take the cake: **Renovating Hillside and Latin Way**, the best dorms on campus, when Bush, among others, resembles Cabrini Green; **Listening to SCIRT**; **South Hall**, with its unplanned panoramic skylights; and **TUDS' Operation of Brown & Brew**.

In a category that needs no explanation, THE SOURCE puts forward these nominees for the PERSON MOST IN NEED OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION: Mink-farm pyromaniac **Jaime Roth**; the **American Electorate**, for obvious reasons; Daily filler **Greg Geiman**; and the **TCU Treasury Trio** (David Brinker, Matt Stein, and Scott Lezberg) for hoarding our money.

The proctologist should have been busy this year but seemed to have missed these candidates for the PERSON MOST IN NEED OF AN ENEMA AWARD: The **Medford ABCC** for trying to prevent out-of-staters from buying booze; food-concession commissar **Patti Lee**, who couldn't handle MOPS; PAA loudmouth **Aliguma Kabadaki**, the womyn who invents institutional racism at every turn; and **Greg "If you don't like enemas, don't get one" Geiman**.

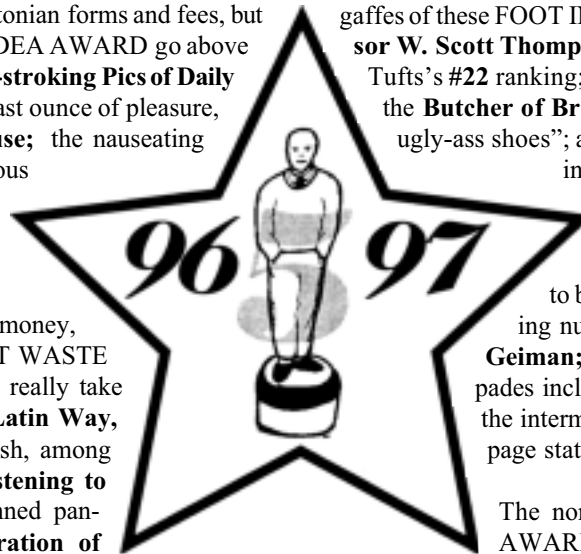
Despite five years of victim studies at Tufts, the SOURCE Academy still had difficulty narrowing down the nominees for the VICTIM OF THE YEAR AWARD, but these characters emerged triumphant: the Daily-snubbed **Tufts Crew Team**; **Lauren "All I've ever wanted is an award" Bacall**; second-choice Bohemian haunt **Oxfam Cafe**; and **Aliguma Kabadaki** for having to work six times as hard.

We recommend serving some fava beans and a nice chianti with the gaffes of these FOOT IN MOUTH AWARD candidates: **Professor W. Scott Thompson**, who dared challenge the validity of Tufts's #22 ranking; **Kenneth "Pepperdine or bust" Starr**; the **Butcher of Brentwood**, who would "never wear those ugly-ass shoes"; and the man capable of making two foot-in-mouths simultaneously, **Dick Morris**.

Vying for the SHUT UP AND GO AWAY AWARD, these nuisances need to be zipped up and exiled: The over-achieving nudnik going for all the brass rings, **Greg Geiman**; the champion of innumerable leftist escapades including TBAG and SCIRT, **Kathy Polias**; the interminable **English Patient**; and Daily backpage stats-twister **Just the Facts**.

The nominees for the NOBODY LOVES ME AWARD are Kleenex's best customers: **Associate Professor Dennis Trout**, who pulled out all the stops to stay on the Hill; Daily Narcissist-in-Chief **dan Tobin**; superfluous singing set **sq**; and the only halfwit to garner four nominations in a single year, **Greg Geiman**.

The 1996-97 season sported a crop of sell-outs so bountiful that THE SOURCE created a new prize, the SELL OUT AWARD. The nominees are: Massachusetts **Governor Bill Weld** for trying to out-liberal John Kerry one-time **Dartmouth** Review editor **Laura Ingraham**, who now supports gay marriage and publicly funded AIDS research; Tufts-honored **Republican Rep. John Porter**, who practices fiscal responsibility by protecting Social Security and Medicare— not to mention his staunch advocacy of federally funded research grants; and everyone's favorite bad guy, **Newt Gingrich**, for aspiring to be the Left's new pin-up boy, most recently by opposing the promised GOP tax cut.





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Best New Idea Proposition  
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And the winner is...

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Sell Out  
Newt Gingrich

**UNANIMOUS**




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In Need of Institutionalization  
Jaime Roth




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Foot in the Mouth  
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Worst New Idea  
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THE PRIMARY SOURCE Presents the SOURCE Award for Lifetime Achievement to



# Dr. Milton Friedman

Nobel Laureate in Economics



After a Nobel Prize in economics, a Presidential Medal of Freedom, and innumerable honorary degrees, Milton Friedman hardly needs a SOURCE Award to round out his *curriculum vitae*. But we would be remiss if we failed to give due credit to today's most authoritative and influential proponent of the free market. The leader of the Chicago School of monetary economics, Dr. Friedman has been an eloquent and adamant defender of capitalism for the last half-century, outliving his Marxist contemporaries who insisted that history was on their side. Fittingly, he witnessed the fall of Communism abroad and the incontrovertible rebuke of socialism at home. He has been instrumental in advancing the cause of liberty, authoring such classics as *Capitalism and Freedom*, *Bright Promises*, *Dismal Performance*, and *Free to Choose*. From 1966 to 1983 he wrote a weekly column for *Newsweek* magazine, and he has served as an economics adviser to various Republicans, most notably Ronald Reagan. As a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, the octogenarian is a tireless champion of school choice. Should he succeed in his quest to free the nation's education system of government's debilitating interventions, Americans will be immeasurably in his debt, yet again.

## *In His Own Words...*

“Nothing is so permanent as a temporary government program.

“Our present school system, far from equalizing opportunity, very likely does the opposite. It makes it all the harder for the exceptional few— and it is they who are the hope of the future— to rise above the poverty of their initial state.

“Underlying most arguments against a free market is a lack of belief in freedom itself.

“Governments never learn. Only people learn.

“The nineteenth-century liberal regarded an extension of freedom as the most effective way to promote welfare and equality; the twentieth-century liberal regards welfare and equality as either prerequisites of or alternatives to freedom.

“Most of the energy of political work is devoted to correcting the effects of mismanagement of government.

“Inflation is taxation without legislation.

“It has always been a mystery... why a young person is better off unemployed at a job that would pay \$2.90 an hour than employed at a job that does pay \$2.00 an hour.

# SOURCE Guide to Professors

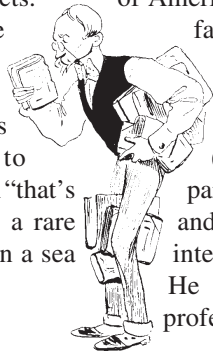
With pre-registration coming soon, *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* offers the following recommendations and warnings to provide more useful information than the unhelpful TCU-produced evaluations. The criteria used to compile this feature were: objectivity, fairness, concern for students' learning, and effective teaching methods.

## Recommendations:

### Hugo Bedau, Philosophy

One of Tufts's most renowned professors and one of the nation's foremost experts on the death penalty, Professor Bedau's most valuable contribution to the Tufts community is his reverence for objective facts.

Though residing comfortably on the left ever since he came to Tufts in the '60s, Bedau refuses to let students proffer baseless intuitions as valid argument. Never afraid to frankly condemn poor thinking with "that's just *wrong*," Bedau stands out as a rare beacon of objectivity and reason in a sea of relativism and grade inflation.



### Marcelo Bianconi, Economics

Professor Bianconi displays a tremendous concern for his students and is extremely accessible. Though he is a very generous grader, he understands the most important aspect of the job, concerns himself with making sure his pupils learn, and delivers his lectures with great clarity. He presents many economic perspectives, though he ensures that the truth prevails.

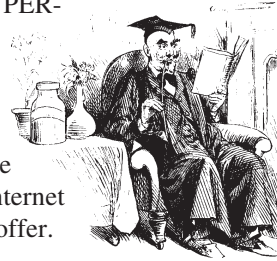
### Alva Couch, Computer Science

Known for his abundant energy, Professor Couch is truly a great professor. Not for the weak-of-heart, Comp 15 uniquely challenges students—not only must Couch's pupils compete against their peers, but also against the professor himself. Despite the difficult course material and limited time, Professor Couch shows exceptional concern for student progress. He has a distinctive, if unusual, teaching style which sets the programming guru a tier above the rest.

### Gregory Crane, Classics

The Classics department is among Tufts's best, in no small part because of professors like Greg Crane. Students looking for a gut course need not apply; Crane's exams are

trying and demanding, but no one can pass his classes without learning—a lot. Professor Crane oversees the PERSEUS program, an online compilation of ancient documents and resources, which, save its reliance on federal funding, is a fine example of what the Internet and the classics have to offer.



### Gerald Gill, History

Professor Gill is unquestionably a liberal, but one who appreciates that his job is to instruct, not to indoctrinate. His treatment of American history is uncompromisingly fair; he presents both sides of all major debates, and he does not penalize students for holding opinions that contradict his own (unlike too many others in his department). He is a first-class orator, and his assigned readings are usually interesting and always informative. He is one of Tufts's most popular professors, and for good reason.

### Robert Gonsalves, Electrical Engineering

Although sometimes preoccupied with his responsibilities as Chair of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science departments, Professor Gonsalves demonstrates a great concern for his students' progress. Gonsalves goes well beyond his assigned responsibilities as a professor; for example, he conducts review sessions in courses which generally do not offer such opportunities. Dedication and quality teaching earn Professor Gonsalves a strong recommendation from *THE SOURCE*.

### Linda Loury, Economics

With material covered in "Topics in Income Distribution" including the impact of the minimum wage, the economics of discrimination, *The Bell Curve*, and income inequality in America, Professor Loury could easily teach class as leftist social commentary. Instead, she offers students a relatively opinion-free and ideologically balanced presentation of the extant scholarship on the topic. While her teaching style sometimes fails to engage, her clear

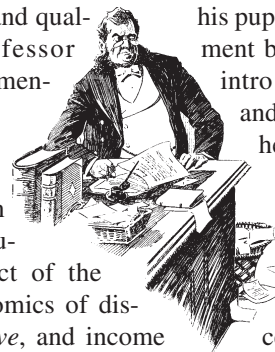
and objective presentation of contentious topics earns her our recommendation.

### George J. Marcopoulos, History

George Marcopoulos exemplifies what it means to be a professor. Possessing an unfathomable amount of knowledge, Professor Marcopoulos eloquently teaches history. He presents the past with remarkable objectivity and displays a genuine concern for his students. Marcopoulos makes a concerted effort to know his upper-level students well and his intro-level students at least by name. And while certainly not an easy grader, he executes his evaluations with remarkable fairness. Similarly, the history giant assigns a reasonable amount of material, most of which is well worth reading.

### Jeffrey Milyo, Economics

Professor Milyo lives up to his reputation for being a difficult professor. Milyo's deftness at intimidation should not frighten the intellectually curious away from his courses, though. Milyo employs excellent teaching methods which often include humor and even placing friendly bets with students. Some accuse Milyo of being unfair, but they ignore that he grades on a curve—a generous one—and considers student improvement. While he may seem unapproachable, he is very interested in discussing issues with students and does, in fact, care about their performance. To improve communication between himself and his pupils, Milyo places an "invisible comment box" at the back of the room in his intro class for "questions, comments, and concerns." *THE SOURCE* hopes that he returns from his leave soon.



### Eric Todd Quinto, Mathematics

In addition to possessing tremendous knowledge in his field, Professor Quinto shows great concern for his students' understanding of the material. He is very accessible and makes a great effort to get to know every one of his students. He has an infectious enthusiasm for mathematics and presents the material in a clear, concise manner. He

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strongly encourages class participation, and makes students feel comfortable discussing difficult concepts.

### **Dennis Trout, Classics**

Though Professor Trout has a frustrating habit of exceeding his allotted time, his lectures are interesting and engaging. He encourages class participation and answers questions thoroughly, displaying his extensive knowledge of Classics. Professor Trout has a profound enthusiasm for his subject and is concerned with his students' learning, a sentiment that will hopefully prevail despite his achieving tenure. Where Trout fails is in evaluation. In "History of Rome" he leaves little room for disagreement but is a somewhat less biased in his literature and upper-level courses.

### **Mingquan Wang, Chinese**

Professor Wang stands out for his ability to teach novices a uniquely difficult language. Always willing to help his pupils, Wang's warmth and sense of humor benefit students, no matter their ability or inclination. And, commensurate with the demands of beginning-level students, he rewards talent and diligence equally.

### **Warnings:**

#### **Steven Bailey, Anthropology**

Teacher to 250 students each semester, Professor Bailey concerns himself more with fostering personal popularity among undergraduates and useless TAs than actual instruction. He commands a well known someone-here-has-AIDS-and-doesn't-know-it lecture—but never starts on time and often ends class well beyond the official limit. His exams include questions not covered in lectures, and "Introduction to Physical Anthropology" has neither focus nor an organizing principle. Avoid his classes like the plague; they are not even worth suffering to satisfy a science requirement.

#### **Norman Daniels, Philosophy**

Hired as a Professor of Radical Philosophy in the '60s, Norman Daniels is a Moscow

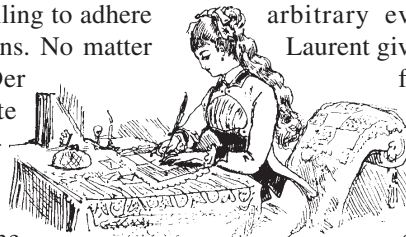
Komissar trapped in an educator's body. When he isn't trotting around Eastern Europe lecturing state bureaucrats on how to create a socialist utopia, he's in Tufts's classrooms, lecturing on pretty much the same thing. His annual course "Philosophy and Public Policy" is a primer for aspiring young communist dictators, each week focusing on a different social "problem" and discussing minute details of government programs aimed at solutions.



Though a fairly judicious grader, never does Daniels entertain any kind of dissent on fundamentals: the necessity of state controls is a premise that all his students must grant.

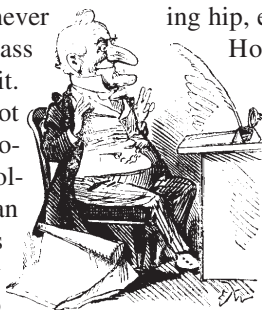
#### **Lucy Der Manuelian, Art History**

Der Manuelian is well-known for the courses she teaches on Armenian art, history, and culture. But she merits equivalent notoriety for the courses she teaches which are not ostensibly about her motherland; these set new records for failing to adhere to course catalog descriptions. No matter the class's given topic, Der Manuelian will concentrate only on Armenia's contributions be they big or small—and they are usually small. In "Art and Politics of the Middle Ages," a class supposedly covering Rome, Byzantium, and Armenia, material about Der Manuelian's favorite culture expands to fill all available classes and reading. Unless you love Armenian studies as much as Dr. Der Manuelian does, do not allow yourself to be misled.



#### **Robert Devigne, Political Science**

Professor Devigne has a reputation for giving hip, energetic lectures. The reality is a Howard Stern-esque pastiche of meaningless platitudes and four-letter words, full of spurious arguments and half-baked comparisons between aging rock icons and the great philosophers. One cannot know whether 'tis better to be graded by the sycophantic groupies Devigne calls teaching assistants, wherein any deviation from the dogma outlined in class results in massive grading penalties, or by the man himself, for whom 'compare and contrast' constitutes the pinnacle of expository analysis.



### **Richard Eichenberg, Political Science**

It is difficult for a professor simultaneously to bore and frustrate students. Yet in his infamous "Introduction to International Relations," Professor Eichenberg destroys an interesting-sounding topic by mixing academic drivel with slumber-inducing lectures on tedious and uninspiring topics. Students can expect highly arbitrary treatment, based on factors including but not limited to skill in parroting his style on exams, your willingness and ability to talk him up, and whether or not you call Pittsburgh home. If you must take PS 51, sign up when Professor Mufti is teaching.

### **Pierre-Henri Laurent, History**

Although Pierre Gump has been everywhere and seen everything, perhaps a more appropriate moniker for Professor Laurent would be Pierre *Ennuui*. Even if one manages to stay awake through Laurent's tedious lectures which never fail to go over time, he will not learn much. But his teaching style shines in comparison to his arbitrary evaluation. Professor Laurent gives sparse and unhelpful comments on exams and papers and skirts discussion of his grading decisions. We not only suggest avoiding his office hours for this reason, but also because he is sure to keep you for an outrageous amount of time talking about something utterly uninteresting—and you won't get a word in edgewise.

### **Saul Slapikoff, Biology**

"Biology" is perhaps the only subject *not* covered in BIO 97, Saul Slapikoff's "Contemporary Biosocial Problems in America." That's because the professor is too busy assigning readings on eco-feminism and environmental misanthropy, or showing videos in support of the gay-rights movement and one-world government, to teach about his nominal discipline. Although classes are taught in the Socratic method, Slapikoff is hostile to students who challenge his left-wing reasoning. But the arguments never last long—as soon as debates shift from factual to philosophical Slapikoff withdraws, as questions of values, the good relativist insists, are irreconcilable. True, absolute good is hard to define, but absolute bad is not—this is it.



# Meet The Man

Colin Kingsbury

For years, liberal activists have known the true source of all the evil in the world. But until now, no one really knew just who The Man was. Until, that is, a special SOURCE investigative team tracked him down to his headquarters high atop a rocky crag in Idaho...

**CK:** It's a real pleasure to meet you, The Man.

**TM:** Please, we're all friends here. Call me Manny.

**CK:** Well, Manny, our readers would like to know, what's in a typical day for The Man?

**TM:** Actually, I used to do a lot myself, you know, holding The Black Man down, keeping women locked in the kitchen, Jim Crow laws, that kind of thing.

**CK:** You say "used to." Do you mean you don't anymore?

**TM:** Oh, of course not, Colin. After all of those civil-liberties laws got passed, I had to really revamp the whole operation. So I diversified. Since I couldn't do it all myself anymore, I had to start bringing in other people. Richard Nixon was the first, then CEOs of major companies, Pat Buchanan, and so on. I mean, it can take a couple of weeks to have a glass ceiling put in, and that's when you don't have to hire union labor!

**CK:** So are you a Republican or a Democrat?

**TM:** There's a no brainer. Back in the 1960's, guess which party voted against the Civil Liberties Act?

**CK:** Uh— Republicans?

**TM:** Wrong. Southern Democrats hated it. These days, who's still pushing racism? The Democrats. All the affirmative action, wel-

fare, it's the same soup in a different can.

**CK:** That's really interesting. So if the past has been fairly good to you, how are things today?

**TM:** Damn Clinton recession. First appointing all those women, then shutting down my Nanny-from-Mexico program,

not to mention Midnight Basketball, it just hit me too hard.

**CK:** But you're still alive and kicking. How'd you adapt?

**The Man: "It really doesn't matter how it gets done so long as people get oppressed."**

**TM:** It hurt real bad; I had to lay off most of my staff. You know, it's the nineties, so I downsized. The real key, though, was outsourcing.

**CK:** Interesting. Could you give us some examples?

**TM:** The old methods are gone. For a long time after they outlawed segregation, I didn't know what to do. I took a lot of long walks and cried in the rain. But then came the idea of affirmative action and all this multicultural stuff. It really doesn't matter how it gets done so long as people get oppressed.



**CK:** That's brilliant. But don't programs like quotas actually help people you used to oppress?

**TM:** See, Colin, there's the brilliance. What happens with affirmative action is some black gets a job, or into some school, and at first he's happy, but the first dirty look he

gets from a white and bang— he realizes it might just've been because he's black. So he starts resenting the school or his employer, next he stops caring or can't keep up because he really was never qualified, finally he just bags out. But the best part is he blames white America for being racist and— get this— asks for more programs. He asks for more oppression! And because whites are such a bunch of guilty sops, they'll give it to him.

**CK:** So what you're saying is the only real racism left in this country is manufactured, not natural.

**TM:** Off the record? Yes. That's a trade secret I'd rather not reveal.

**CK:** What about multiculturalism?

**TM:** Evidence tells us that the Western mode of doing things usually works the best. Multiculturalism not only gets people to voluntarily denounce Western society, it targets minorities double-extra hard.

**CK:** Beautiful, just beautiful, The Man.

**TM:** Well, I like you, so I'm gonna give you a little scoop on my latest project. It's called "institutional racism." You go out to

all these minorities and tell them the "institutions" are at fault, and it takes the pressure off me and makes them even more resentful for no real reason. They attack and tear apart the very places and people that most want to help. Leaves me a lot more time for cock-tails.

**CK:** But Manny, doesn't this actually hurt you by alerting people to the presence of racism in any form?

**TM:** Silly boy. If the racism is real, yes. But the cause of The Man is helped not only by oppression but

by division. Institutional racism divides people, and as they say in Ebonics, "thas phat, yo."

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**CK:** What do you think about Ebonics?

**TM:** What do I think about Ebonics? One of my better scams, but I don’t know if it’s going to fly. Even as I get all these great programs up and running, people are catching on. Seriously, Proposition 209? That could really foul up. And to think it was started by Conservatives. I thought they were *my peeps*.

**CK:** We really haven’t touched on feminists much.

**TM:** They’re another conversion story. Used to be they just wanted equality, you know, a real problem for The Man. Now

they’re lining up at the trough too. Honestly, they’re a bunch of nasty unattractive butch dykes out to castrate all men—

**CK:** I don’t think we can print that.

**TM:** Why not? I’m The Man. I can say whatever I want. And as much as I hate those feminists, what they do to drive a wedge between men and women is really beneficial to my cause. The more factions society splits into, the better.

**CK:** Well, on that note, our readers would like to know what’s in the plan for The Man in the future?

**TM:** It’s tough, Colin. I’m shifting political alliances to the left; for one, since that’s where I can promote racism best. I’ve got court challenges against 209 and a couple of other things in the courts that I have to

oversee, too. But the big one— my only true hope— is the sheep project.

**CK:** The sheep project?

**TM:** You know that sheep they cloned in Scotland recently? I’ve already got six ex-Nazi scientists working on cloning The Man. We’re going to put little The Mans all over the place, and take over the world.

**CK:** Incredible.

**TM:** But that’s not all. I’m also setting up a web site at <http://www.theman.com>. It’ll offer advice, analysis, and a fine selection of imported cigars. Perhaps you should stop in sometime.

*Mr. Kingsbury is a junior majoring in Economics.*

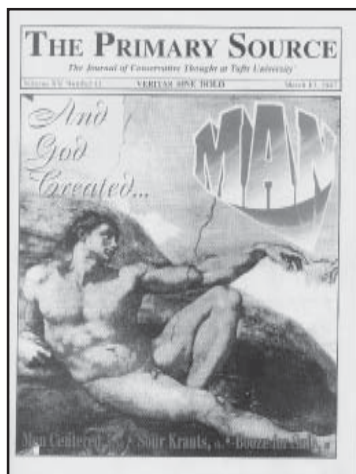
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**Technical Difficulties**

Though the CDA’s sponsors seem to think the law will only censor the World Wide Web, its terminology extends to myriad forms of communication including “interactive computer services,” “telecommunications devices,” and “access programs.” The sponsors of the bill ignore the fact that age-screening is impossible in Usenet and IRC (Internet Relay Chat), where there appears a great deal of what the Act would ban under the heading “indecent.” Thousands of newsgroups would have to shut down because minors might see their contents— never mind that doing so would limit adult access as well. Also, the line between the web and other parts of the net can blur. For example, one can send web pages in electronic mail, or use a browser like Netscape to post or publish links to “indecent” pages in e-mail or in a newsgroup. If the Web can be so easily censored, what about electronic mail?

Or for that matter, what about telephone conversations? A telephone certainly qualifies as a “telecommunications device” covered by the CDA. The Supreme Court once unanimously struck down a Wyoming ordinance that banned commercial

phone sex because of its potential availability to minors; the law’s consequence was total censorship though that was not (ostensibly) its intent. The CDA’s language forbids *any* use of a telecommunications device— which by definition includes a telephone— that might make any indecent material available to minors. In effect, this allows the government to monitor all telephone calls to ensure that the virgin ears of Our Children do not become polluted. No one with any respect for civil liberties could call such a law the “least restrictive alternative” to parental discretion over their children’s Internet use.



The CDA would censor an online version of *THE SOURCE*.

**Parental Prerogatives**

During the opening arguments on March 19 of this year, Justice Stephen Breyer wondered aloud to the government’s attorney whether or not a parent could legally sit at a terminal and view material deemed criminal under the CDA (the Sistine Chapel ceiling, say), with a child at his side. After all, such a situation involves the parent using an interac-

tive computer service to make indecent material available to a minor— expressly forbidden by the Act. Furthermore, it makes no exception for the minor’s relationship to the provider of the material. Justice Department attorney Seth Waxman lamely

responded that one might “construe” the Act as excepting parents or librarians from prosecution. He did not respond to the obvious concern that the Act, for those reasons, certainly qualifies as “vague and overbroad”— a sufficient condition for unconstitutionality under the First Amendment all by itself.

Of course, the Justice Department does not want to appear to seize *too* much parental authority. Senator Exon’s tactics in sponsoring the Act and Bill Clinton’s in signing it deserve reproach for their guileful attempt to persuade parents of the state’s commitment to assist in the parenting task while discreetly usurping that inalienable responsibility. The Communications Decency Act, by any free society’s standards, is itself indecent. It deserves a quick and merciless death at the hands of the courts. Another issue, though, involves the relative pace of technology and bureaucrats. Software technology, a dynamic and interesting product of individual creativity and initiative, expands its frontiers each day. Lawmakers’ efforts to regulate it, though, suffer from the inertia and plodding nature inherent to any government-sponsored endeavor. However, given Congress’s love of regulation and paternalism, one can always expect our friends in the Capitol to try again soon. One can only hope that some time in the future, bureaucrats will see their petty attempts to stifle individual freedom as obsolete as the Apple II.

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# Bad Medicine

Micaela Dawson

By all accounts, America's universal health-care debate is as dead and buried as Henry Foster's Surgeon General nomination. Nevertheless, many nostalgic Jumbos still found cause to welcome this pair of rejects last week at Cabot Auditorium. But while the welcome extended to Foster's remedy-for-disaster health-care solutions surprised no one acquainted with Tufts's avant-garde liberalism, the unquestioning acceptance granted the doctor's ethical foibles raises more serious questions.

Henry Foster fails not only in his policy recommendations but as an arbiter of so-called "public health" standards. His ham-handed approach to America's health-care concerns subordinates the individual's concerns in a morass of needless regulatory meddling. For those familiar with Dr. Foster's record, however, this comes as no surprise.

## Consider the Source

While the contemporary left-wing establishment places Foster in its pantheon, the rest of society discarded his nomination with deserving disapproval. During his nomination hearings, Foster repeatedly changed the number of abortions he performed, from "fewer than a dozen" to "no more than thirty-nine," and then to "probably near seven-hundred." Apparently the man who believes that health care requires "a public health ethos" does not include honesty in that code. That Foster felt it necessary to prevaricate before the nation belies his comprehension of most Americans' reluctant acceptance of the abortion "right."

But Dr. Foster's practice has long resided in the ethical twilight zone. *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* editorial pages, notorious for their unabashed leftism, both questioned the extent of his involvement in the hushed-up Tuskegee ex-

periments in which researchers prescribed placebos to sharecroppers with syphilis. While he and his supporters perennially skirt that issue, Foster admits to having sterilized retarded women without consent even after a 1973 Supreme Court ruling against the practice. Still, nothing illus-

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trates Foster's overall incompetence better than his record as overseer of Meharry Medical College's OB-GYN residency program: under his tenure, the Tennessee facility lost its accreditation.

With due respect to his record, Dr. Foster deserves no place in the health-care debate, let alone President Clinton's appointment to the position of advisor for a campaign to reduce teen pregnancy. Predictably, his "I Have a Future" program is not merely a failure of flawed ideology, but

of outright incompetence. While at Tufts, he briefly described what the program's one hundred teens have been up to lately: "[They are] planning to fly out to LA together for spring vacation, to show them they can get beyond the housing projects."

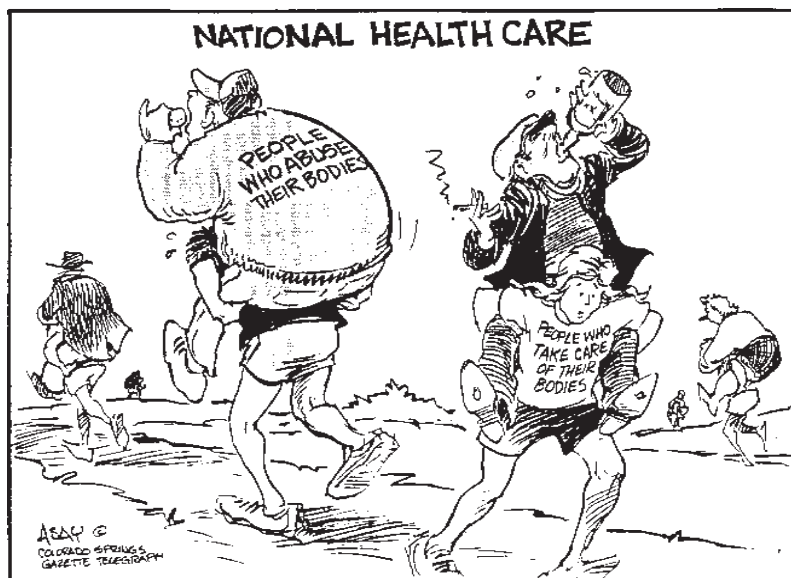
Of course, such measures became not perks but necessities as the drop-out rate of the project reached 47.6 percent. And as Senator Nancy Kassebaum succinctly observed, "There were no significant differences in sexual activity statistics between teens in the program and those outside it."

## Snake Oil

For all his faults, Foster made one accurate observation: we cannot maintain the current level of quality and pace of technological progress and simultaneously contain cost increases. Choosing between cost-efficient care and care at

any cost means many Americans will surrender their freedom to choose doctors and health plans. But establishing a centralized National Health Board to deliver a comprehensive benefits package and oversee health-care regulation would only rub salt in the wound. Mirroring the common liberal complaint that America has too many specialists, Foster inexplicably wants to regulate the ratio of general practitioners to specialists even as he admits that market forces are already inducing the necessary changes. While one might argue for government intervention where the market fails, asserting the necessity of oppressive regulation where capitalism produces the most formidable results could only harm the Americans it ostensibly seeks to protect.

Foster does not consider what history reveals to us: growing federal support adds to the demand for health care through Medicare and Medicaid programs and tax policies that encourage purchases of third-party private health insurance by employers. Henry Foster refers to managed competition as an "easy solution," but too quickly dismisses the role played by the



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system's inefficiency in increasing health-care costs. Cumbersome paperwork and administrative bureaucracy, the performance of unnecessary procedures, and excess profits for doctors and hospitals all drive up the price of administering health insurance and burden everyone involved with red tape.

At the other end of the spectrum, Medicaid's skyrocketing costs and second-rate care reveal the inherent flaws of a system run by the state. Today, each steep increase in federal Medicaid spending brings about a consequent reduction in state payments to doctors and hospitals. As a result, nearly all states reimburse at a rate well below the actual cost of procedures, reducing severely the number of providers willing to treat Medicaid patients. Those who do offset the cost by overcharging privately insured patients, creating an invisible tax we erroneously view as a rise in the cost of our own treatment.

But even the traditional and private "third-party payer" system, in which most patients pay only a small fraction of their medical bills, bears much blame for rising health-care expenses. Economist Stan Liebowitz estimates that excessive third-party insurance adds \$33 billion per year in administrative costs. The rapid increase in federal health expenditures in recent years has occurred in tandem with rapidly rising third-party payments. From 1965 to 1990 the percentage of health expenses paid by third parties rose from 48% to 79%. Over the same period health-care spending as a percentage of Gross National Product doubled from six percent to twelve percent.

In this system, the patient lacks any incentive to seek the most cost-effective treatment because the insurance company covers the bill. Insurance contributes significantly to the impact of other factors on health-care costs because it effectively removes the incentives for patients at the point of service to seek out low-cost providers, or physicians to be cost-conscious on their patients' behalf. Further, consumers value long-term relationships with their physicians, preventing them from search-

ing for lower cost providers when prices go up. Fortunately, an effective answer exists to our health-care dilemma that neither sacrifices patient freedom nor risks excessive expenses.

### **The Golden Rule**

Though a bill designed to encourage them failed due to the Democrat-led smear

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campaign in Congress last year, Medical Savings Accounts (MSA's) are an idea whose time has arrived. Modeled on the overwhelmingly successful practices of the Indiana-based Golden Rule Insurance Company, Medical Savings Accounts address the third-party payment problem by allowing individuals to save money in tax-exempt accounts like IRAs. The money can finance routine medical expenses, permitting the individual to purchase relatively inexpensive insurance policies with high deductibles to protect against major medical expenses instead of footing the bill for policies that cover routine visits.

For example, an employer now pays more than \$4,800 to provide health insurance for a typical American worker, a

controls costs by the best method yet discovered— putting the choice in the consumer's own wallet, but it still maintains our first-in-the-world standard of care when serious illness strikes.

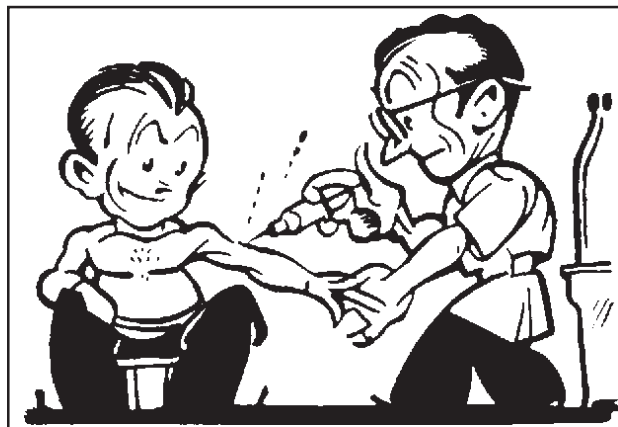
MSA's promise to alleviate if not solve nearly every major concern about health insurance today. Since the policies are held and paid for on an entirely individual basis, workers could maintain coverage irrespective of their employer. In the event of job loss, MSA funds pay for the catastrophic insurance, something no system short of federalized health care can promise. Widely-uninsured groups such as young and low-income Americans could choose to purchase cost-effective high-deductible policies that alleviate the cost consequences of the unspeakable while leaving enough money in the bank to live when healthy.

Of course, this comes with one string attached: patients' coverage for services costing less than the deductible will extend only as far as their savings. That is, endless low- and mid-cost procedures will not be feasible. Medical Savings Accounts use real-world economics to promote good social policy, a combination certain to yield benefits to all. The American people must demand Congress eliminate barriers to more widespread adoption of this beneficial system.

Tufts must promote intellectual diversity at all costs. But at the same time, the University stands in a unique position to influence many minds. By inviting Foster, an indisputable promoter of bad medicine, it granted undue legitimacy to his unethical practices— a sentiment seemingly absorbed by the ultra-supportive audience. It would have been more responsible for Tufts to sponsor a debate between Foster and one of his opponents, especially whereas his greatest champion, Joycelyn Elders, already brought the undiluted liberal health-care message to the Hill just two years ago. But

Tufts's mismanagement should not obscure the greater issue: that Foster's prescription for the future should be stamped with a Surgeon General's warning.

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Dr. Foster's Rx: An injection of socialism

spouse, and two children. With this plan, the employer could buy a catastrophic policy (with a \$3,000 deductible) for approximately \$1,800 and pay the wage-earner the \$3,000 difference with which he could then invest in an MSA. Anything unspent would roll over to the next year. This system

# The Evil Empire

Keith Levenberg

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far, away, good and evil were, well, good and evil. Right now, in our own galaxy, the concepts have been on something of a hiatus ever since the left executed its hostile takeover of American culture. Relativists would have us believe that good and evil are just two competing interpretations, both transcending objective definition and neither one inherently more desirable than the other. Common as these views may be, they contravene the innate human instinct to grasp fundamental truths larger than our own fleeting experiences. Only after submerging themselves in academic gobbledygook for years do most individuals manage to convince themselves that truth, good, and evil are ephemeral social constructions.

Nevertheless, the rudimentary commitment to absolute truth that is the hallmark of sincere youthful idealism seldom escapes anyone's consciousness completely. The consequences of a world without moral hierarchy are frightening, and a particularly poignant tale of the conflict between good and evil manifests itself often enough to re-awaken even the most ardent relativist and convince him to join the good fight. Such explains the universal ubiquitous appeal of George Lucas's Star Wars movies.

The players in the Star Wars universe represent a relativist's nightmare. Nothing in the universe resembles the popular modern "anti-hero" genre where there exists no blacks or whites—only grays. Here rules an evil empire that actually *concedes its own evil*. Never does Darth Vader have the audacity to claim that the "dark side of the force" is really only a gray area, just an interpretation competing with the alternative proffered by Yoda or Luke Skywalker. The dark side is pure evil, and everybody knows it. Even the primitive Ewoks, who live closer to the level of civilization attained by chimpanzees than humans, understand who is right and who is wrong.

Oddly, the only remnant of relativism in the Star Wars trilogy is expressed by Kenobi, one of the good guys. In *Return of the Jedi*, his ghost tells Luke, "You'll find that many of the truths we cling to depend

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on our point of view." Surely a man who dedicated his life to fighting against the dark side cannot believe such a sentiment—or can he? It grimly reflects the situation in our own galaxy, where the reality of evil is consistently questioned by our deep thinkers but never by its actual practitioners. Perhaps Kenobi really does believe that truth depends on one's perspective. His folly sheds light on his failure to rise to the heroic plateaus attained by Luke or Yoda.

Kenobi, one remembers, tutored the young Anakin Skywalker before his betrayal of the force and his turn to the dark side. Clearly, Kenobi integrated his hokey new-age 'wisdom' into Anakin's teachings. The absence of a moral foundation for the young Skywalker made him particularly susceptible to temptation from the

believer in the distinct natures of good and evil. But having sold his soul, it was too late to recant his betrayal. Sadly, Kenobi remains the real architect of Vader's moral descent.

Yet Vader cannot escape his nature or his past, and, near the end of the trilogy, it becomes clear that he will not sacrifice his son or allow evil to emerge victorious. Nevertheless, Vader's and the Emperor's initial attempts to

turn Luke reveal fundamental characteristics of evil true to any galaxy. The Emperor realizes that he cannot bring Luke to the dark side with moral appeals; the Jedi would instinctively reject any claim that good and evil are cosmically meaningless. Thus, the Emperor attempts to appeal to Luke amorally. He dangles promises of power, and Luke realizes that the dark side of the force can do one thing Jedi cannot: rule other men.

But the Emperor's appeal to these barbarous tactics fail for one simple reason: Luke is guided not by a primitive drive for self-gratification but by the universe's moral order. The man who stays true to his moral compass can resist succumbing to hatred and the will to power. Luke knows that virtue, not subjugation, will lead to a fulfilling life. He has no trouble refusing the dark side.

Fade to black. Two children appear in the darkness, fumbling through a pile of old Star Wars action figures and trying to recall the films' corresponding characters. Occasionally, they encounter the more obscure figures and just can't seem to identify their role in the saga.

"Well, is he a good guy or a bad guy?" one asks.

"Probably neither."

"That's impossible. He must be one or the other."

Indeed.

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dark side of the force. Taking Kenobi's teaching to heart and seeing no reason to resist the dark side if good and evil were just different tastes, he sealed his future and became Darth Vader. Once he witnessed evil's true ramifications, he realized Kenobi's folly and became an ardent

# Four Years at an End

Colin Delaney

People who know me tend to agree that my four years at Tufts, mercifully approaching their end, have been defined by my work for *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*. This journal and its staff have entertained me, tested me, educated me, and quite simply made the Walnut Hill experience worthwhile. Of course, *THE SOURCE* does not exist simply for the sake of its own members. Accordingly, I will relegate my thoughts on what it gave me to the next issue and reflect on the many ways that this much-maligned magazine has enriched our *alma mater*.

My first encounter with *THE SOURCE* dates to Orientation 1993. Fellow freshmen and I sat through abominable sensitivity training seminars, including “Many Stories, One Community,” which focused on all the immutable superficial ways Tufts students differ but never addressed our similarities. *THE SOURCE*, however, pointed out that Tuftonians all share America’s culture, that we revere the same principles and enjoy the blessings of a land of unprecedented natural, cultural, and intellectual wealth. My honeymoon with Tufts thus over and my association with *THE SOURCE* just beginning, I found myself in an unpleasant spat with Dean of Students Bobbie Knable; she refused to speak to me simply because I represented this publication. So, with the help of the editorial staff, I published an open letter chronicling her long record of anti-intellectual curbs on free speech and her indefensible refusal to meet a student merely because he disagreed with her.

The following year, the journal found itself embroiled in another series of controversies. Yet our “Twelve Days of Kwanzaa” carol, which caused a cadre of offended students to disrupt a staff meeting, and our exposure of Professor Slapikoff’s plan to re-engineer pre-med grading policies so that fewer “under-rep-

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resented minorities” would fail classes, paled in comparison to then-Editor Emeritus Chris Weinkopf’s encounter with Joycelyn Elders. The former Surgeon General repeatedly interrupted my colleague’s question and finally dismissed him out of hand, thereby winning cheers from the audience. Nevertheless, *THE SOURCE* had the last laugh, as Mr. Weinkopf exposed the politically correct trinity that both engineered Elders’ lecture and permitted Tufts students to believe that drowning out a dissenting voice is better than hearing it answered forthright.

My junior year started with a bang, as a protest the magazine staged concerning Gina Grant’s admission snowballed into a bush-league media frenzy. Some of our best work that year, however, involved the staff’s savagely pointed, biting satires. Dressing down the impudent molasses-paced Registrar, poking fun at the free-rides-for-drunks LifeLine, and roasting Carol Wan’s TCU-funded take-out scheme just lead the way for the mother of all parodies. The “Tufts Loves Honkeys” issue’s WASP Culture Club pilloried ridiculous concessions to self-anointed victims of society while highlighting Tufts’s unhealthy consumption with issues of race and sexual orientation.

der-reported subjects, too, with articles on illegitimate parking regulations and a forthcoming investigation of faculty hiring practices. Still, one of the best exemplars of *PRIMARY SOURCE* style remains our “Where’s the Can(n)on?” special section, which mixed humor with conservative points con-

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cerning Tufts’s abandonment of the great books, an argument available nowhere else on campus.

Over the last four years, the journal has introduced several new features which quickly became Tuftonian favorites. “Fool on the Hill,” page 23’s fake advertisements, and this semester’s entry, “From the Elephant’s Mouth,” all add spice to our issues—and the campus—by providing a healthy mix of comedy and criticism which help Jumbos see ourselves and the University in a new light. And since the extent to which individuals, students especially, seek to expand and alter mankind’s thinking determines the pace of society’s evolution, the presence of such intellectual diversity naturally improves the well-being of an

institution which cannot function properly without it.

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plished our mission. If it is for this achievement that our political opponents lambaste us, I not only happily suffer the hassle, I take comfort in it as a sure sign of success.

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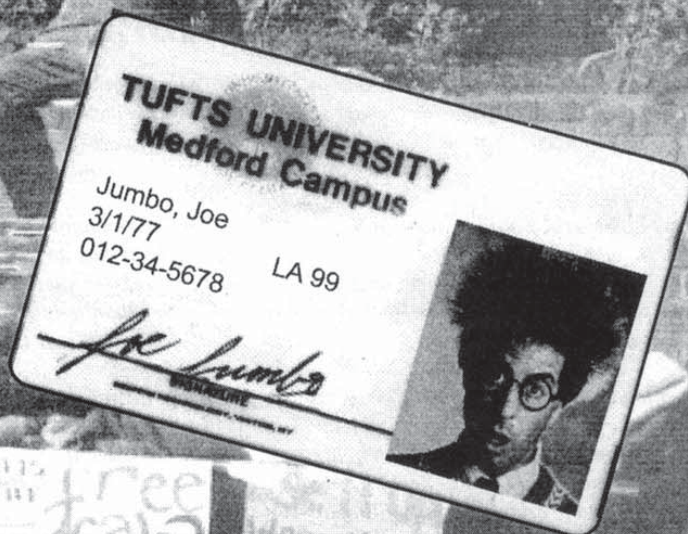


Four years of Orientation Issues

Miss Schupak’s tenure as editor has seen *THE SOURCE* reach greater heights on all fronts. We pointed out the injustice of allowing Jaime Roth, an animal-rights terrorist caught in the act, to remain in school when individuals under investigation for less-PC crimes find themselves out on the street. The journal has covered other un-

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*These monks that just took their heads in San Diego— they're way behind the times.*

—Charles Manson

*After my family I'd invite William F. Buckley, Jr. Any big liberal would be the last person I'd invite.*

—Dixie Carter, when asked whom would she invite first and last to a birthday party in her honor

*Republicans are prone to leadership failure, because they confuse government with country and worship the presidency, which to them symbolizes the nation. To the Republican mind, pulling down a president is like pulling down a country.*

—Paul Craig Roberts

*I believe affirmative action is problematic in our society because it tries to function like a social program. Rather than ask to insure equal opportunity, we have demanded that it create parity between the races.*

—Shelby Steele

*The idea of virtue is assimilated and grows into character through exercise, which means freedom of action in a world in which not all things are good.*

—Richard Weaver

*It is not the free market but government patronage that corrupts.*

—Ayn Rand

*I believe that inequalities of wealth and position are inevitable and that it is therefore meaningless to discuss the advantages of their elimination.*

—Evelyn Waugh

*Many complain of their memory, few of their judgment.*

—Benjamin Franklin

*Politics is the art of preventing people from busying themselves with what is their own business.*

—Paul Valery

*The less people know about how sausages and laws are made, the better they'll sleep at night.*

—Otto von Bismarck

*Nothing appeals to intellectuals more than the feeling that they represent 'the people.' Nothing, as a rule, is further from the truth.*

—Paul Johnson

*Liberalism cannot sustain our civilization on the little it has to offer. It is sustaining the majority of our intellectuals, but that proves to be easier than holding together the world.*

—William F. Buckley, Jr.

*Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it.*

—Learned Hand

*Twenty-five signatures make the most frightful stupidity into an opinion.*

—Soren Kierkegaard

*Three groups spend other people's money: children, thieves, and politicians. All three need parental supervision.*

—Dick Army

*A nation that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.*

—Dwight Eisenhower

*Those who secretly demand 'salvation in six easy lessons' reveal their fear of self-criticism, their incapacity to face reality, and their desire for a glib mechanical substitute for painful but rewarding processes of life.*

—Lewis Mumford

*Truth withers when freedom dies, however righteous the authority that kills it.*

—Frank S. Meyer

*Children need love and discipline. They need mothers and fathers. A welfare check is not a husband. The state is not a father.*

—Rush Limbaugh

*In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman.*

—Margaret Thatcher

*At the core of liberalism is the spoiled child—miserable, as all spoiled children are, unsatisfied, demanding, ill-disciplined, despotic, and useless.*

—P.J. O'Rourke

*History teaches that wars begin when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap.*

—Ronald Reagan

*The great aim of the struggle for liberty is equality before the law.*

—Frederich Hayek

*A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.*

—Winston Churchill

*Not by force of arms are civilizations held together, but by subtle threads of moral and intellectual principle.*

—Russell Kirk

*Pessimism is as American as Apple pie—frozen apple pie with a slice of processed cheese.*

—George Will

*A Christian is one who believes the New Testament is a divinely inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbor.*

—Ambrose Bierce

*Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.*

—Plato

*The Pentagon— (n.) A place where costs are always rounded to the nearest tenth of a billion dollars.*

—C. Merton Tyrrell

*You can't find true affection in Hollywood because everyone does the fake affection so well.*

—Carrie Fisher

*I'm never disappointed in literary men. I think they're perfectly charming. It's their works I find so disappointing.*

—Oscar Wilde

*Princess Di wears more clothes in one day than Gandhi wore his whole life.*

—Joan Rivers

*When fortune is fickle, the faithful friend is found.*

—Cicero