

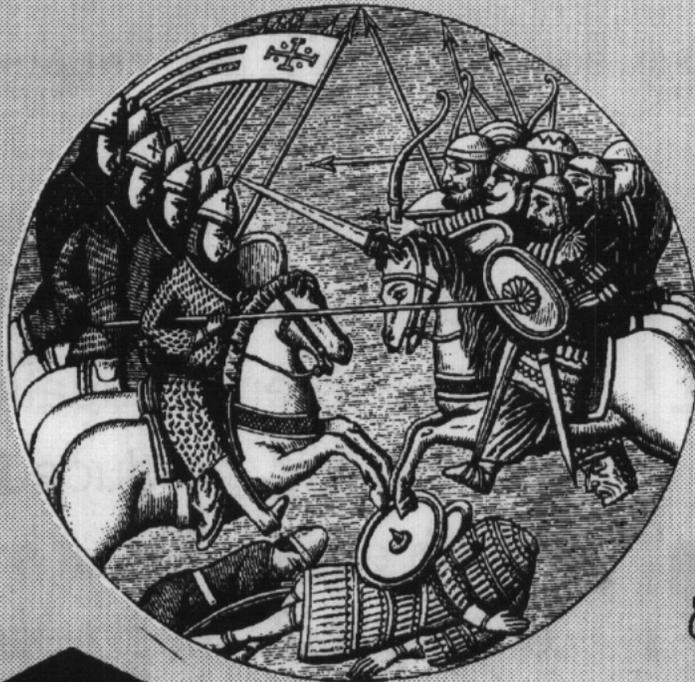
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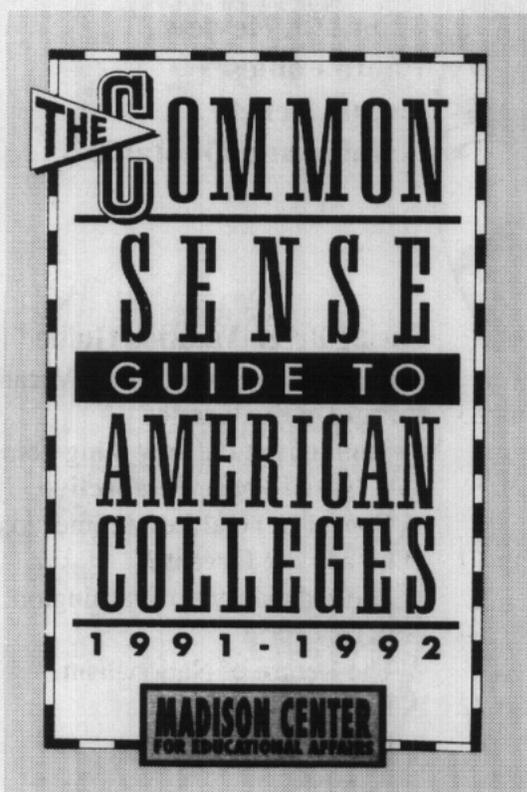
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FROM THE EDITOR

The Tufts administration has recently announced its intention to give the Hispanic community a house. The justification for this decision is the same as that used for Capen House, and Start House, the Black and Asian culture houses, respectively; that minority students need a place where they can go to experience their culture and get away from white oppression. While this may seem valid or at least innocuously insignificant, it is corrupt in its implementation. In actuality the culture houses are not places where students can experience their own culture, but are rather places where they can hide from interaction with other people's cultures.

There are many instances where Tufts makes this voluntary isolation possible and sometimes even impossible to avoid. For example, the location of the engineering buildings on the east side of campus ensures that no engineers will encounter any of their liberal arts friends during the course of an academic day. With the Electrical Engineering building, Halligan Hall, located over the railroad bridge; the Mechanical Engineering building, Bray lab located just before the police station on Boston Ave; the Chemical Engineering building, the new Science and Technology Center at 4 Colby Street (which only about one percent of the student body could find on a map); and plans to renovate a warehouse near the Sci-tech center necessitating even more long-distance treks for engineers, Tufts will have the most athletic geeks on any college campus.

Moving engineering classes off campus will encourage the people in them to live off campus and, in effect, will create an entirely separate campus where students from one do not interact with students from the other. After all, in the middle of February, After Hours seems like a hike from Lewis, imagine "running over" from Wren to visit a friend who lives past Cousens.

This separatism is antithetical to the philosophy of Diversity which Tufts is so fond of preaching. Instead of creating little pigeon-holes into one of which each of us can aspire to fit by graduation, Tufts should create situations which foster interaction between the different "groups" on campus. Providing the timid with places to hide does not get them to come out of their shell, it only gives them more time for that shell to harden and become impenetrable. Instead of driving the engineers from campus, and putting their classes on "the corner of death", Tufts should encourage interaction between the colleges both in and out of class.

Tufts prides itself on having many different people here, but it gives them the opportunity to remain isolated from one another. The diversity which Tufts is so fond of bragging about is not based on having isolated "diverse" groups, but thrives only when those groups interact to teach each other about themselves. To create a true sense of community, Tufts must end segregation.

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Letters

To the Editor:

I was walking around the Tufts Campus and picked up a copy of THE PRIMARY SOURCE which contained your article. While I agree with the perspective of your article I feel that I should take to question the first section, that of God being masculine or male.

I will first state that I have never read Moses ben Maimon, so I am not familiar with his writings. Be that as it may it may be true that God does not have sexuality, *as we human beings know it*. However that is not to say that God could be considered masculine. References to a "Heavenly Father" are found throughout the New Testament. In comparative religions (Greek myths, American Indians) the heavens, upon which we pray to, is the home of the father. The Earth which nurtures us is the mother (hence mother earth, etc. I have yet to hear any complaints on that gender issue, but as I said before I am not up on this). To say that a masculine God is simply a matter of grammar seems a bit superficial.

On the whole I thought the article was a good start; any thoughts on this, if you care to reply, will be taken into consideration. I am always willing to learn something new.

Sincerely yours,
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Special Interest Housing

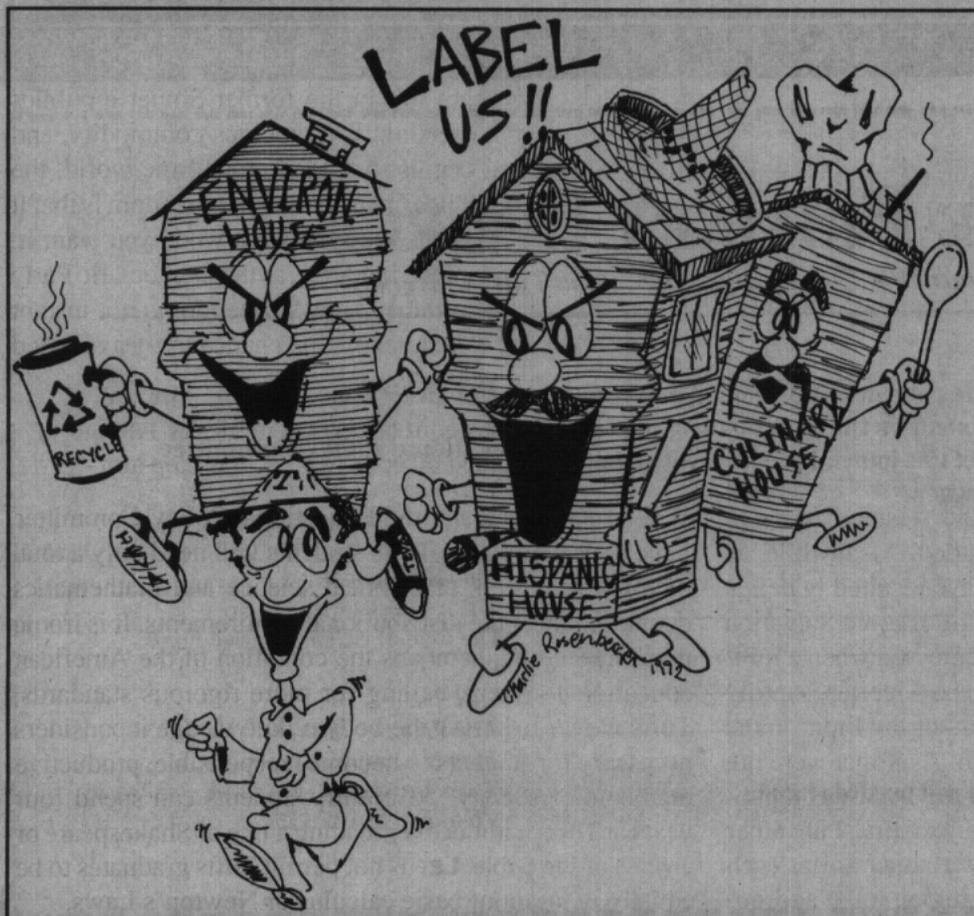
The recent Tufts administration decision to conform to the demands of separate housing for the Hispanic community and the TLGBC presents itself as a mockery of the so-called Tufts "commitment" to diversity and integration. How ironic, that thirty-eight years after *Brown vs. The Board of Education Topeka*, quite a few minorities insist on the doctrine of "separate but equal." The current argument for separate housing of minorities is that minorities' need to experience their "culture." This type of thinking implies that segregation by race or, in the case of the TLGBC, sexual orientation, is necessary in order to provide the "proper atmosphere." So, why not create "white" dormitories or give separate housing to Christians, Jews, and Muslims because of the need for a "proper atmosphere?" Should the workplace be divided by color or sexual orientation because of the need for a "proper atmosphere?" The university's unofficial policy of coddling minorities tends to have, in reality, racist and condescending undertones. Why? Because the interest groups are presumed to have a

special "need". The hidden illogic is that the minorities deserve separate housing because the (fill in the blank) community needs to be "shielded" or, worse, they are assumed to be inferior and thus need help. It is as if belonging to a specific "group" indicates that all individuals in that group think alike. That is the most dangerous assumption that a person can make. For example, one might wrongly think that there is a black "perspective", a Hispanic "perspective," an Asian "perspective," or even a "white perspective." Separate housing for groups, instead of individuals, of any color, religion and, yes, sexual orientation tends to promote prejudice because the policy discriminates and fosters the idea that simply because minorities are minorities, they need "favoritism" to make up for their "inferiority." The housing issue is only the tip of the iceberg for there are many other ways of dishing out "favoritism."

The Fuss Over ROTC Scholarships

Recently there has been talk that TCU senator and TLGBC member, Andy Salzer, will present a senate resolution in order to prevent Tufts from accepting future ROTC scholarships because of the Department of Defense's discriminatory policy against homosexuals.

While The Source acknowledges the policy to be unfounded on the basis "of the security threat that homosexuals present to the country," the solution presented to "right the wrong" is even more insipid. Because Tufts is an expensive school and there are so few university-sponsored scholarships, the only option for many, in order to attend Tufts is to take ROTC scholarships. Sure, some people may even be planning a career in the Armed Forces, but that is not the point. The point is that eliminating the only means available for many people to get a Tufts education is wrong. Besides, these great measures taken to "right the wrong" might initiate a backlash in the end. Future po-



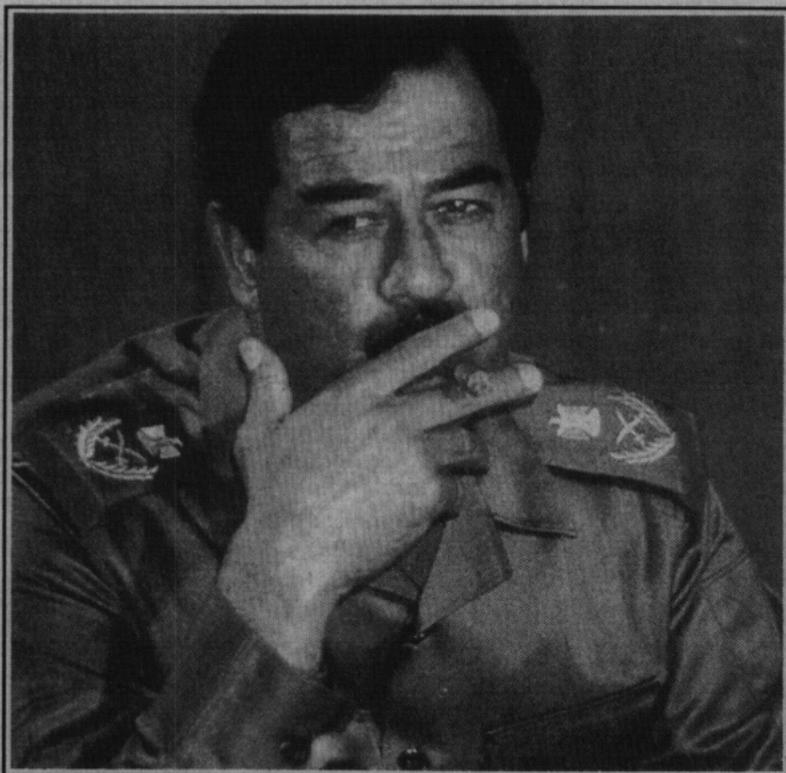
tential students who can not afford the entire Tufts tuition, may not attend because it does not take ROTC scholarships. We will be losing many valuable and intelligent students due solely to lack of funds. The Armed Forces' discriminatory policy was not the students' fault in the first place, should these potential ROTC students have to pay the price for an institution's discrimination?

The Unruly Iraqis

The Iraqis are causing trouble again. This time, thinly-veiled threats have forced UN inspectors to abandon their intentions to destroy equipment that can alter Scud missiles in order to make them nuclear capable. While the UN has given an unspecified ultimatum to Saddam Hussein to "comply or else" to the resolutions, we at THE SOURCE wish that President Bush, mindful of the election year, would see to this serious problem. Showing a little toughness *vis a vis* the Iraqis couldn't hurt his election campaign. Better to be questioned as to why he didn't eliminate the problem in the first place (during the Gulf War), than to be questioned as to why he didn't eliminate the problem at all.

Democracy Around the World

Throughout the world people are voting. They are expressing their will peacefully through the electoral process. However, with all complaints about US democracy taken into account, ours is still the most reasoned and safe election process to be found. In Yugoslavia, a referendum asking the people to vote on whether or not Bosnia-Herzegovina should become the fourth republic to leave the Yugoslav federation was the occasion for three politically motivated murders. The fears of further destabilization of the Balkans appear to be well-founded. Meanwhile, in Algeria, a free election that would have resulted in defeat for the ruling party and success for the Islamic Salvation Front, was brutally and thoroughly repressed when a military dictatorship took over the state. The Algerian security forces are still hunting down members of the Front in the alleyways of the North African nation. As if that were not enough, the long-awaited freedom for the ex-Soviet republics has brought neither peace nor prosperity, but rather increased violence. Armenia and Azerbaijan are at each other's throats over the contested region of Nagorno-



Karabakh. The death toll in the former Soviet republics continues to rise. Freedom is a precious commodity, and now, as that idea begins to spread around the world, the response of many states unaccustomed to freedom is that it is equivalent to getting what you want when you want it. However, the truth of the matter is, as the Democratic Party of the USA most certainly knows, freedom is not instant gratification, but rather having the chance to try again and again and again and again....

Educational Policy Committee

If Ellie Kleinman and the Educational Policy Committee have their way future Tufts students will need only a total of three semesters of physical science and mathematics courses to meet the distributional requirements. It is ironic that as academia bemoans the condition of the American educational system, calling for more rigorous standards, Tufts moves to shrink the body of knowledge it considers necessary for students to become "responsible, productive members of society." Currently students can spend four years at Tufts without ever reading a line of Shakespeare or a verse of the Bible. Let us not permit Tufts graduates to be equally ignorant of basic calculus or Newton's Laws.

Month in Review

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

■ The Top Ten Campaign Slogans You Won't See in '92 (or any other year)

10. David Duke: Put the White back in Red, White, and Blue.
9. Ted Kennedy: Wine, Women, and Song!
8. Long Dong Silver: He'll whip this country back into shape.
7. Lowell Reiter: No one else is running.
6. Dr. Jack Kevorkian: Finally, a real solution to the National Health Care dilemma.
5. Jesse Helms: Duke's a pansy!
4. John Sununu: Not just another fly-by-night candidate.
3. Nancy Reagan: This country hasn't been the same since she left office.
2. Pee Wee Herman: He's his own "right-hand man".
1. Michael Dukakis: If Kitty can have another shot, why can't Mike?

■ Once again the Reserve Officer Training Corps has come under attack by the radical fringe. Criticism focuses on the policy of the Armed Services to exclude homosexuals. While the Defense Department policy is to some extent justifiable, the debate has always proceeded under the assumption that it was not. One has to wonder where all these left wing radicals gained enough experience in military command to make a better judgement than someone like Colin Powell. They couldn't all have been fighting with the Sandinistas.

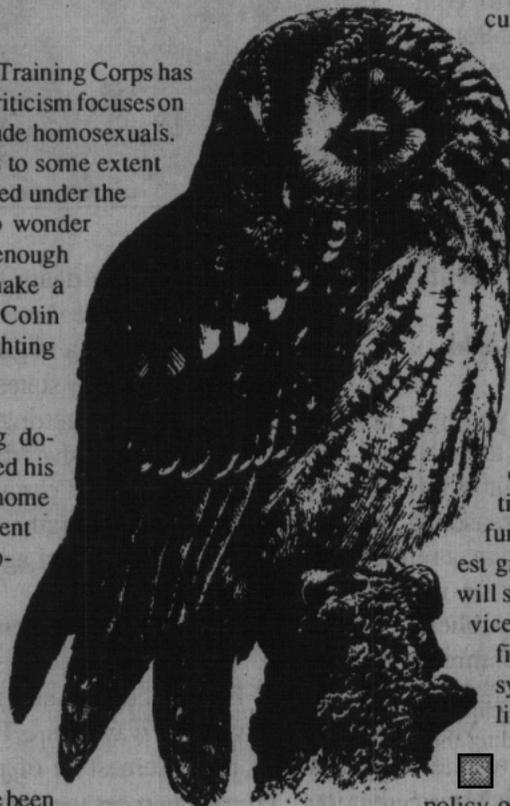
■ Under criticism for neglecting domestic issues, President Bush has declared his decision to shift the War on Drugs to the home front. In a recent press release, the President announced that he is giving up his sleep-inducing drug, Halcion. The entire Bush household is rallying around this effort to create a Drug-free America; Millie held a separate press conference to announce that she is giving up her worm pills.

■ The Black community must have been pleased this year with Black History Month. After all, in a leap year they get one extra day. They should demand a day back from August too, since the relatively short length of February is the fault of one of those dead white European males. The emperor of Rome, Augustus, took a day from February for his month so it would be as long as his uncle Julius' month. One could only assume that Augustus knew that his actions would short change Black History Month sometime in the future. After all, we know he had it in for those Egyptians from the very beginning.

■ Coming up next in the cultural cornucopia is Asian American Week. Why Asian Americans get only a week instead of a month is difficult to tell. Worse still, it's not just Asian American History week, it's Asian American Week, so they have to cover everything in the same week. This seems terribly unfair, especially since their week is immediately after (and thus overshadowed) by Black History Month. Perhaps the Asian Americans should try to get August in the future.

■ Perhaps some have noticed the change from Asian Awareness Week to Asian American Week. Apparently everyone is now sufficiently aware of Asia. We suppose after the Gulf War and the break up of the Soviet Union we all pretty much figured out there was something east of Europe.

■ Speaking of hyphenated Americans, we hear that the Italian club is dissolving. This is too bad, since we have also heard that they just got a new cappucino maker. They obviously don't need it anymore; we think it would best serve the interests of diversity if it was donated some group in need of cultural awareness, like us.



■ We were glad to learn that Tufts' own TLGBC was honored with an award from the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. They were commended for "substantial contributions to the gay and civil rights movement". The group Queer Nation also received an award, presumably for defacing campuses with spray paint and crude, tasteless, homoerotic posters. Congratulations.

■ It appears as if Vice-President Bernstein is fitting in well with the diversity crowd up in Ballou. True to the administrative type Bernstein has set up a pilot program to further segregate the campus into special interest groups. The Metcalf/Bridge program, which will separate students involved in community service from the rest of the community, is just the first step in setting up a residential college system which will parcel off students into neat little boxes. Somehow we expected better.

■ Taking inspiration from Dewick's new policy of putting a sprig of parsley on every plate, starting next semester the Bursar's office will include a fortune cookie with our tuition bills. Unfortunately the only appropriate fortune would be "It is better to give than to receive."

■ As if we cared about the Spotted Owl.

■ To research the possibility of instituting an honor code at Tufts, Deans Broderick and Reitman will attend a conference on cheating in Newark later this month. Guest speakers will include

Martin Luther King Jr. on plagiarism, Bill Clinton addressing "cheating" on your wife, and Imelda Marcos on tax evasion. Reitman was particularly disappointed that Pinochet would not be lecturing on dodging criticism for human rights abuses.

■ In a recent letter to The Daily, Trustee Representative Angela Finney complained that a drawing of P. Alexa Leon-Prado drew undue attention to Alexa's breasts. Do we detect a hint of jealousy?

■ As the date draws nearer when President Mayer will step down and assume the position of Chancellor, debate over the location of his future residence intensifies. Rumor has it that the French House anticipates an opening. However, unbeknownst to many, the French House is really the Vichy French House.

■ In an effort to aid the oppressive South African regime which is even now preparing to give the vote to its black population, Tufts University has switched from politically correct Pepsi to contemptible Coca Cola. Apparently, Art Korandanis, director of Tufts Dining Services, doesn't "gotta have it".

■ As Mike Tyson heads off to prison, civil liberties groups are now whining that his trial was prejudiced by a jury that was predominantly white. Of course, if Tyson had been found innocent on account of race, that ruling would have been racist because it put less value on black women. Apparently a juror just can't win. It seems, however, that both Tyson and his accuser will. Rumor has it the verdict may be thrown out and, after all, a little extra publicity here and there can't hurt a modeling career.

■ AIDS activists were handing out condoms at subway stations during National Condom Week. While in this age of loose morals we understand that there are many situations in which one would wish to have a condom handy. It is hard to imagine a situation in which one would need a condom while riding the subway.

■ Recently the Maoist Internationalist Movement (MIM) posterred the campus with advertisements advocating Maoism. Among other claims was the supposition that the United States was responsible for the deaths of more than two hundred million people in the last sixteen years. More amusing are the conflicting statements of the several flyers posted. One excuses the excesses of Stalin by comparing them to the brutality of the US. Another claims responsibility for those excesses, praising them over the irresponsible Christians and others of like ilk. If these are the things Mao managed to indoctrinate the Chinese into believing, its no wonder

they're decades behind the modern world. Well, at least the MIM had the decency to post a third flyer, begging its readers to "Prove us wrong."

■ Let TCU Presidents beware the Ides of March.

■ The Experimental College has been engaged in a posterred frenzy searching for students to lead Perspectives. They have even extended the deadline to allow those students who weren't organized enough to apply on time to participate. The Ex-College's practice of putting students in positions which generally require a Ph.D. has always been controversial, but dredging up the unqualified to fill a failed program is unconscionable.

■ In an effort to be less offensive, the Study Abroad Office has changed its name to Study AWomyn Office.



■ Not wanting to be outdone by the Hispanic American Society and TLGBC's demands for separate housing, Buildings and Grounds workers have requested that a Dunkin' Donuts store be located in the Haskell Hall lounge. They have assured the University that such a store would not interfere with their work.

■ As the Educational Policy Committee has begun to re-evaluate the requirements for graduation in light of the World Civ folly, TCU Senator Ellie Kleinman has proposed that the second math requirement be done away with. In the past Kleinman has been extremely supportive of extra requirements, even proposing that the Engineering College only grant five-year dual degrees. One wonders why Kleinman wants to eliminate the math requirement. Is two perhaps too high for her to count?

■ As everyone knows, later this month Tufts students will be wending their way into the outside world. There have been some complaints, however, that spring break is oppressive to some international students. After all, for some it's really a fall break, which just isn't fair. This is obviously a conspiracy of the northern hemisphere's white males to sabotage the educational opportunities of southern hemisphere-ites. This is obviously spherism and must be stamped flat immediately.

■ Have you ever wanted to see your name in print, but realized that anything you might write would be so horrendous that it could inflict permanent mental damage on anyone who read it? Well THE PRIMARY SOURCE has a solution for you: submit your work to *The Observer*. That way, you'll have your work published, but no one will have to read it, except maybe the editors, and maybe not for that matter.

Month (cont.)

According to our Caribbean correspondent, Cuban defectors are sneaking into the refugee camps in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Seems like political persecution is a relative thing.

The trend setters at THE PRIMARY SOURCE bring you a list of what's in and what's out.

What's In

Tuition Hikes
Tax Cuts
Buchanan's "Trade Hawk"
Sexual harrassment
Drug-free workplace
Johnnie Walker
Eating Vegetarians
Democratic Hopefuls

What's Out

Nature Hikes
Budget Cuts
Tsongas' Butterfly
Sex
Free drugs in the workplace
Alice Walker
Eating Vegetarian
Hopeful Democrats

The recent *Roll Call* publication (the Capitol Newspaper) of Congress lists the 10 wealthiest members of Congress as a requirement of new financial reporting rules. A reminder: the position for number one is disputed due to several technicalities concerning personal income; such as control of stock for family members.

- 1.) N.Y. Rep. Amory Houghton (R): \$420 million (or \$150 million without family stock)
- 2.) Wis. Senator Herbert Khol (D): \$250 million
- 3.) W. Vir. Senator Jay Rockefeller (D): \$200 million
- 4.) N.J. Senator Frank Lautenberg (D): \$45 million
- 5.) Mass. Senator Edward Kennedy (D): \$35 million
- 6.) Va. Rep. Norm Sisisky (D): \$30 million
- 7.) Mo. Senator John Danforth (R): \$30 million
- 8.) Va. Senator Chuck Robb (D): \$25 million
- 9.) R.I. Senator Claiborne Pell (D): \$15 million
- 10.) (tie) Ohio Senators Howard Metzenbaum (D) and John Glenn (D): \$13 million each

The point of all this is that the Democrats make eight out of ten on this list. That gives a new meaning to the so-called "defenders of the poor and underprivileged." What hypocrisy.

Last week Senator Adams of Washington State announced that he would not run for re-election. It seems that more than eight women have accused him of sexual

harrassment. One has even claimed that he used alcohol and drugs to incapacitate a victim during a rape. Of course the senator has not offered his resignation, as senators are not subject to the laws regarding sexual harassment. A bit convenient isn't it?

.... In the land of Tufts there was a blameless and upright journal called THE PRIMARY SOURCE, who feared the Lord God Jumbo and avoided liberalism. The Source was blessed with great blessings and prospered in the land.

The host of the Lord God Jumbo assembled before Him, and Bruce Knable came among them. And the Lord Jumbo said unto Knable, "Have you noticed my servant, THE PRIMARY SOURCE? That there is none on campus like the journal that is blameless and upright and pretty funny, too?" Knable said unto the Jumbo, "Is it anything at all that THE SOURCE is Jumbo-fearing? As they have all that they could ask for: computers, free speech, and no PIRGers? Now, put forth your trunk and touch anything that it has and surely it will fail to follow your ways any longer." So the Jumbo said, "Behold, all that the journal has is yours to touch - only do not defund my servant." So Bruce Knable went forth from the presence of the Jumbo.

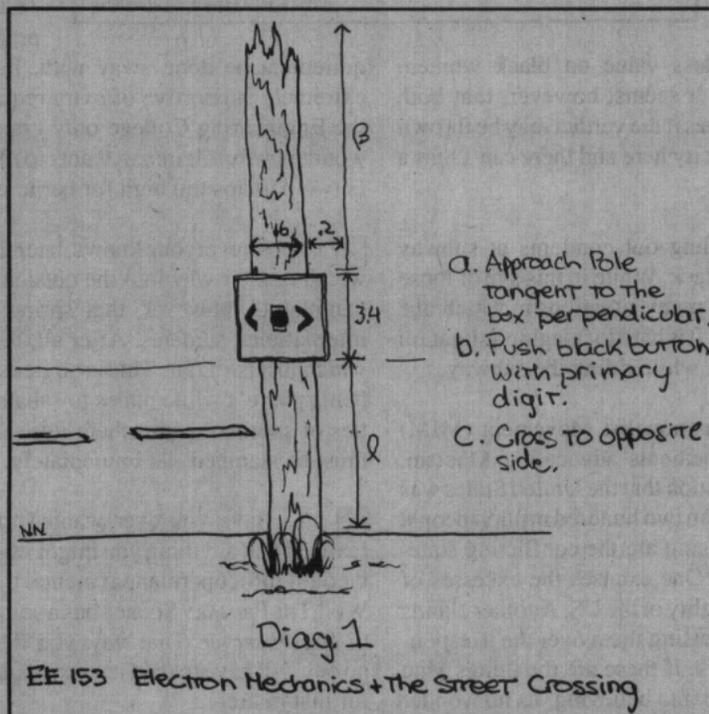
And so the MassPIRGers descended upon the land of Tufts and plagued THE SOURCE with insipid pleas for money. And then Knable sent the Free Speech policy to vex the Lord God Jumbo's servant, yea verily. And to The Source was sent *The Observer* to destroy the computers which were given as a right unto the journal of conservative thought.

Then THE SOURCE began to smirk and chortle, and said, "The Jumbo giveth, Bruce Knable taketh away. Blessed be the Name of the Jumbo."

And despite all the afflictions visited upon The Source, the servant of the Lord God Jumbo lost not his faith nor his conservatism.

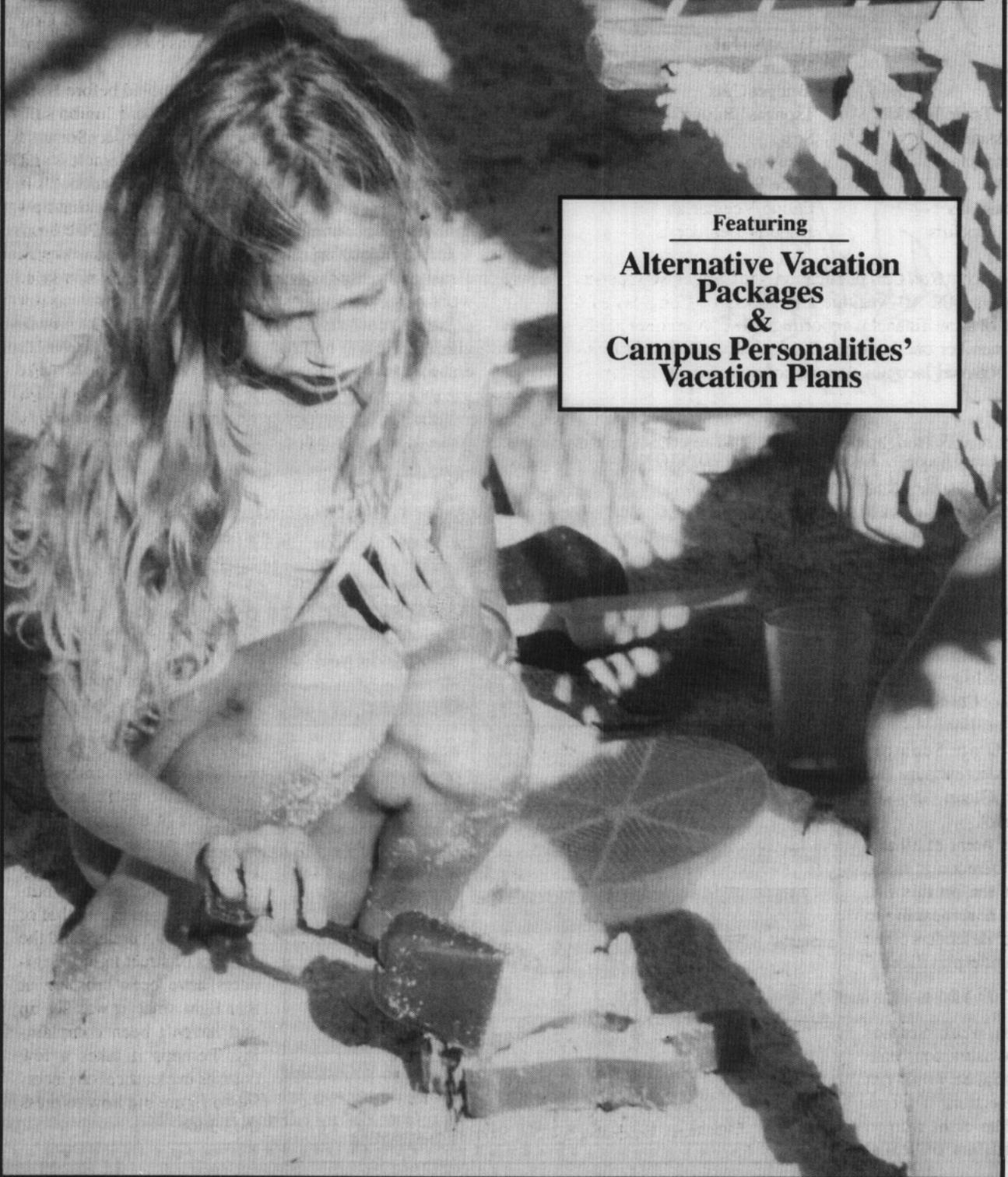
—from the Book of Diversity, Job 1:1-22

A petition is currently circulating demanding a change in the traffic lights at the corner of Boston and College Avenues. Apparently people have been having trouble finding the little button on the post. Either that or they just don't understand the concept of street lights. Engineers have been crossing at that light since it was set up and haven't been complaining. Perhaps it takes a few courses in electrical engineering to figure out how to press the button.



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Northern California

A fun filled week of chopping down trees. Work out a semester of anxiety attacking nature. These aren't just any trees, folks, this is guaranteed one hundred percent virgin forest, and there aren't many of those left. Power saws are included in the package price. Optional side trips to hunt spotted owls are extra.

Package 2

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Johannesburg, South Africa

Forget Florida; this is a vacation that combines white, sandy beaches and a clear blue ocean with world travel. And what a world it is! David Duke has been quoted as saying "This is my kind of resort!" He's not kidding—who can resist a vacation spot known as "Sun City"? But bring your SPF 90, because if you get too much of a tan you'll get kicked off of the beach.

Package 3a

ADVENTURES IN BEACH COMBING

(POLITICALLY CORRECT OPTION)

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Help protect the environment from the thoughtless actions of mankind. You'd rather get rid of people altogether, but at least you can pick up their empty beer cans. Rubber gloves

are included in the package, but must be returned for recycling at the end of the week. There will be a mandatory dress code to eliminate sexual exploitation.

Package 3b

ADVENTURES IN BEACH COMBING

(PRIMARY SOURCE OPTION)

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Spend the week combing the beach and picking up beer cans. That's combing for attractive members of the opposite sex, and picking up full beer cans. No need to worry about cleaning up, the PC type will do that for you. Enjoy a full week of sun and sand. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of the previous generation there'll be plenty of UV-rays and sea glass. There will be a mandatory dress code to prevent cross dressing.



Package 4

COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN CUBA

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

All the other dictators are dead. This is probably the last chance you'll have to help overthrow a communist tyrant. Don't miss out on the action. Patriotic Americans will be expected to bring their own fire arms, but if you have been denied your Second Ammendment rights, you will be provided with a complimentary assault rifle. Free cigars will be available after the invasion has been completed.

Package 5a

LIBERATING LOUISIANA

New Orleans, Louisiana

After nearly two hundred years of Anglo-American oppression the day for freedom in Louisiana has finally come.

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If you've ever wanted to help overthrow the United States this is your chance. Guns will be provided but only a limited amount of ammunition is available, so make every shot count. Special rates are available for groups which bring their own officers.

Package 5b
DEFENDING LOUISIANA

New Orleans, Louisiana

Louisiana has suffered under Anglo-American oppression for nearly two hundred years, and, gosh darn-it, we like it that way. Not only is this a great way to show your patriotism, it's an excellent excuse to blow away a few of those bleeding-heart liberals. Unlimited guns and ammo, but minimal heavy artillery available. Special rates for those who bring their own Molotov Cocktails.

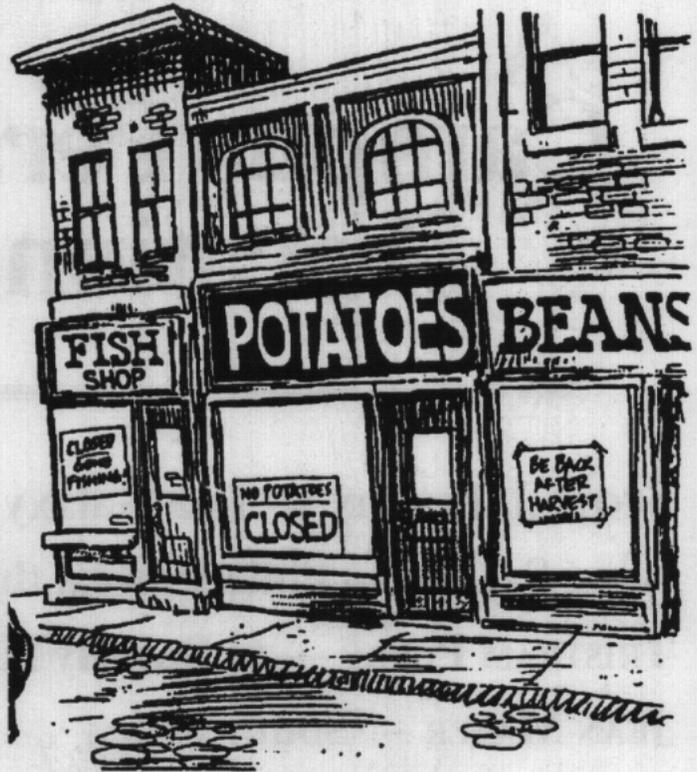
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HATCHERY HEAVEN

San Diego, California

Years of heavy metal and insecticide poisoning have left the condor population of Southern California devastated. Here's a chance to help undo the damage of mankind. For an entire week you will have custody of a condor egg. Experience the joy of sitting on a nest all day. A lucky few will have their egg hatch. These people will be able to enjoy disgorging carion into the waiting beaks of their fledglings. There's nothing else like it.



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Pump Up the Grade

Chuck R. Marks

Recently the faculty of the colleges of Liberal Arts and Jackson voted to raise the requisite GPA for inclusion on the Dean's List. Purportedly this change was made to equilibrate the level of acumen described by the Dean's List and the degree distinctions (*cum laude*, etc.). However, the change focuses attention on a greater problem with grades at Tufts, which in turn points to a more fundamental problem with the educational philosophy practiced, if not professed, by the Tufts faculty. Unfortunately, my education here at Tufts has been limited primarily to the English and Chemical Engineering departments. However, in speaking with my fellow students, the problems I will address specifically in relation to these two departments is a general one affecting most of the university.

First let us look at the grades Tufts students are given. The summary, General Information for Grade Reports, on the back of the program notice which every student receives at the beginning of each semester lists five categories of achievement: superior work, meritorious work, work without merit or defect, unsatisfactory work, and unacceptable work. Based on the everyday meanings of the words in these descriptions one would expect that the third category, work without merit or defect, would be the range for mediocre work, the average. This range is assigned the grades C+, C, and C-, with numerical values 2.333, 2.000, and 1.667, respectively. So a natural assumption would be that the average grade received in any given Tufts course should be a C. Indeed, we find in most institutions using letter grades that a C is defined by average, or an equivalent phrasing like Tufts'.

Natural assumptions, and indeed, all logic, however, are completely absent from the Tufts grading system. The average grade received in a Tufts course is just under a 3.2. In the terminology of General Information this could be stated roughly as highly meritori-

ous work. Most would agree that mediocre is not the equivalent of meritorious. Yet, Tufts grades remain highly inflated. The problem is not the relativism which has crept into almost every other aspect of human judgment in this century, under relativistic grading we would expect grades to

possibilities are limited. One cannot consider the plots of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* particularly innovative. One cannot praise Milton for his originality in developing the Satanic revolt in *Paradise Lost*. Yet, it is difficult to find an undergraduate who has read both Boccaccio and the Qu'ran.

Under relativistic grading we would expect grades to be determined by a bell curve using standards of deviation. But at Tufts, the grades are absolute. No matter what the performance, all do work deserving honor.

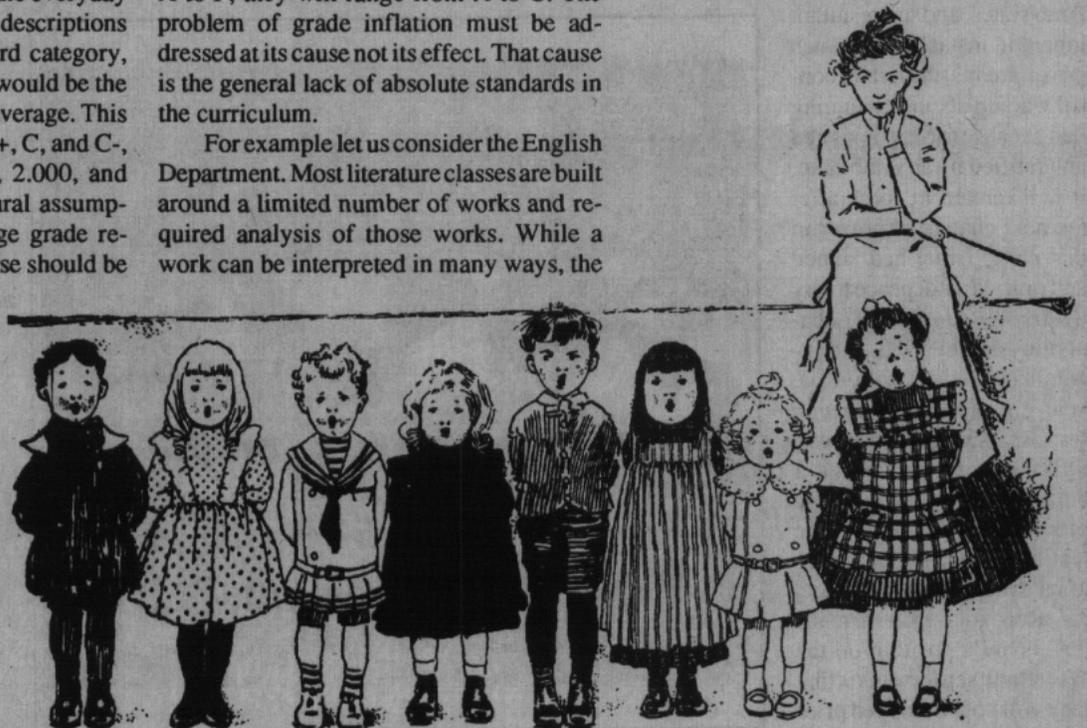
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The solution to grade inflation arrived at by the faculty is essentially to discard the current meaning of grades and impose a new schedule which devalues high grades. But this, coupled with the tendency to inflate grades leads only to a narrowing of the grade range. Instead of grades ranging from A to F, they will range from A to C. The problem of grade inflation must be addressed at its cause not its effect. That cause is the general lack of absolute standards in the curriculum.

For example let us consider the English Department. Most literature classes are built around a limited number of works and required analysis of those works. While a work can be interpreted in many ways, the

This is hardly surprising. Scholars spend their whole lives researching literary development and do not learn everything. One cannot expect a twenty-year-old to have had the time to do a thorough job. What is surprising is that very few professors ever seek to correct this problem, or even point it out. A professor will blithely allow discussion of sexism in *A Midsummer Night's*

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The Israeli Peace Perspective

Nissan Raclaw

The Consul General of the State of Israel for New England, the Honorable Ya'akov Levy, came to address Tufts students last week. In a press conference prior to the consul's speech, he made the important point that there is often a great distinction between realities on the ground in the Middle East and textbook theories about international relations. The reality of the Middle East is such that any deals or alliances struck one day, may be nullified by events the next day. This is a result, in Mr. Levy's opinion, of the undemocratic character of the Arab states presently at war with Israel. It would seem that, while aware of the fact that it is not negotiating with democratically chosen governments at the Middle East Peace Conference, Israel is generally optimistic and willing to take the negotiations seriously. There is, however, one major imbalance in what is being asked of each side of the Arab-Israeli divide. Mr. Levy pointed out that while Israel is being asked to make concrete, irreversible concessions for the sake of peace, the Arab states are being asked to make concessions only on paper. Keeping in mind the undemocratic, lawless methods of gaining power in most Arab states, and the resultant inherent instability of such governments, the Israeli consul warned against assuming that because a treaty is signed and ratified by an Arab state, it will remain in force after the next change of power in that state. Israel had signed and ratified a full peace treaty with the government of Lebanon in May of 1983, for example; however, within the year, the leader of Lebanon was assassinated and a new, Syria-backed government nullified the Israeli-Lebanese peace treaty. These are the realities of international relations which Israel must face.

Recognizing these realities, Israel's position on the West Bank settlements is that they will not be stopped prior

to negotiations on the status of the territories. The Israeli consul argued that it was just such facts on the ground as the settlements that brought the Arabs to the table in the first place. The Arabs came to realize that the longer they delayed talking peace, the more Israel would build in the disputed

guarantees are a purely humanitarian concern and have no bearing on the settlement question whatsoever. In principle, there should be no linkage between the two issues. It is the right of the Russian Jews to have a safe haven in the world (Israel's *raison d'etre*), but it is also the right of Israel

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territories, minimizing the chances of ever getting those territories out from under Israeli administration. The settlements may turn out to be a very important bargaining chip for Israel, and no party to any negotiations would concede, *a priori*, their strongest bargaining points. It is for just these reasons that Israel will not bow to the US Administration's pressure on Israel to halt settlements in exchange for 10 billion dollars in US loan guarantees.

Furthermore, Mr. Levy said, the loan

to build homes anywhere in the lands Israel administers. The settlements are concrete security guarantees for Israel, insofar as they cover many commanding heights in the West Bank, heights from which Israel was attacked in two wars when they did not control those heights. More importantly, were Israel to give up its right to build new neighborhoods in the areas under dispute in exchange for the loan guarantees, then that would send a practical message to the Arab states that they need not try to negotiate with

Israel on the tough issues. Those states would understand that, should they not get what they want out of negotiations, they could always appeal to the US Administration and ask the US to put pressure on Israel in order to force the hand of the Jewish State. This is hardly productive, and Israel will not let itself get pulled into such a trap.

If, indeed, Israel does not get the loan guarantees from the US, then Israelis will simply have to weather the storm as they try to cope with the wave of immigrants from the lands that once comprised the Soviet Union. Unlike other nations, Israel does not limit the number of immigrants that



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Who Are the Greens?

Ted Levinson

They are represented in the governments of nearly every Western European country. They are on the ballot in three states including California, and they frequently predict an impending apocalypse to increase "ecological awareness". *The Economist* describes their politics as "a mish-mash of eco-feminism, anti-nuclearism, and massive redistribution." They are the Green Party, and their eclectic agenda is gaining popularity even though it is based on hyperbolic and fallacious views of man's role on earth.

much as seventy percent of their salary." The most industrialized countries such as the United States are the favorite targets of the Greens, many of whom believe that "economic growth is ultimately the enemy of the environment".

The Green Party has a history of drumming up support for their drastic plans by painting grim pictures of mankind's future. The Reverend Malthus, a Victorian economist who predicted that the world population would soon overtake food production and cause widespread famine, was a precursor

to a string of doom prophets that have lent credibility to the Green Party. In 1968 Stanford biologist Peter Ehrlich published *The Population Boom*. This book which is required reading for all Greens predicted 65 million deaths by starvation in the United States during the 1980's. Senator Gaylord Nelson anticipated that breathing masks would be necessary by the 80's. He also predicted that "between 75 and 80 percent of all the species of living animals will be extinct by 1995." Other Green Party supporters warned Americans of 1974, the year we could expect water rationing and a ban on flush toilets.

These apocalyptic predictions were the basis for many past Green platforms such as ending medical research, temporarily sterilizing the population, and requiring expensive licenses for having children. The Greens have recommended that a family's second car be taxed at ten times the sticker price, that family pets be heavily taxed because they "consume protein needed by malnourished humans", and forced migration to underpopulated areas.

Lately the Green Party has voiced its opposition to a gamut of issues including nuclear energy, the deployment of NATO missiles in Europe, biotechnology, and polluting industries. While the Greens' rally cry used to be overpopulation and dwindling fuel resources, it is now pollution and the dwindling rain forest. Biodiversity has replaced vasectomies (Professor Ehrlich's was covered in *Life* magazine), but otherwise the party is unchanged. John

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The Green Party came to the fore in 1983 when 27 members won seats in the West German Bunderstadt. Since then their message of ecological radicalism has spread through Europe, Scandanavia, Australia, Japan, and the United States. The Party is based on ten tenets: Ecological Wisdom, Grassroots Democracy, Personal and Social Responsibility, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-based Economics, Post-Patriarchal Values, Respect for Diversity, Global Responsibility, and Future Focus. The Party claims most of its membership from young people, particularly in countries where the Communist Party has recently lost support.

Although the Green's motto is "Neither Left nor Right, but Ahead", the Party is essentially Socialistic. All decisions are by consensus, and there is no internal hierarchy. Central to the Party's platform is solidarity with Third World countries. In a meeting in Managua in 1989 the Greens demanded "a new, more equitable international economic system, an end to the Third World debt, and curbs on the free action of multinational corporations." In Germany all Green Parliament members are required to donate a percentage of their salary to the party. According to Petra Kelly this means "some of our parliamentary deputies give as

much as seventy percent of their salary." The most industrialized countries such as the United States are the favorite targets of the Greens, many of whom believe that "economic growth is ultimately the enemy of the environment".

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America First

Meredith Hennessey

Over the course of his campaign, Patrick Buchanan has been criticized for his America First plan. Many have said that if he is elected, this isolationist and "trade hawk" attitude will do more to hurt the economy than Bush's policy of ignoring it has done. However, many recent and not-so-recent events indicate that perhaps what America needs most is to concentrate on her own problems and get out of the international baby-sitting business.

Since the Kennedy administration, America has been the champion of democracy and the foe of communism. For the past thirty years she has fought the "Soviet monster" on every battlefield, in Central America, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and Africa, and that has cost a lot, financially and socially. The "Soviet monster" has now been tamed, or broken rather, and struggling democracies find that struggle becoming easier. It has always been difficult for government to give up control, especially when that control was hard won, but now the time has come for the United States government to get out of the way. She should give new democracies the opportunity to control their own futures just as the United States did over two hundred years ago.

But what will hap-

pen to small countries with more powerful neighbors? Will they be swallowed up as Iraq tried to do to Kuwait, while the world, including the U.S., looks on in quiet isolationism? Of course not. As the most powerful nation in the world, the United States has an obligation to protect the weak from those

who would subjugate them. The U.S. should be the world's policeman, but lately has been its big brother. This must end.

As the recession hits more and more Americans every day, and as American dollars are sent abroad in increasing numbers to foreign markets, the government's

first priority should be American producers and workers. General Motors recently announced that it would close twenty-one plants over the next few years. That means the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. This is happening while Japan has almost fifty percent of the private U.S. auto market. At a time when

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Americans are being laid off at such a high rate (almost one million jobs have been lost since the recession began), the trade war with Japan is a problem that the White House must finally confront after skillfully dodging it for so long. Many experts have called for increased taxes on imports and,

while tariffs are antithetical to free trade, the present system (fostered by the Japanese) is hardly free and demands a response. The implementation of tariffs will force the Japanese to open their markets, creating an opportunity for true free trade.

The Olympic Games held earlier this month, combined with the recession and President Bush's visit to Japan have caused a tremendous rise in nationalism. One only needed to enter Hotung Cafe, which was standing room

only, when the United States' hockey team played the Unified team to see proof of the new national spirit. President Bush's trip to Japan spurred a rise in protectionist sentiment that is evidenced by the fact that more Americans are buying American, as many foreign car salesmen will sadly tell you. This new national spirit should be turned towards rebuilding the industrial base of the United States. Actions such as buying Ameri-



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Rensenbrink, a Bowdoin professor of ecology and politics, and comparative Communist systems, as well as a founding member of Maine's Green Party summed up his party as, "a free-standing, independent political movement...seeking common ground with a broad range of kindred organizations and groups in the peace movement and in movements for racial and gender and class justice."

Certainly the ultimate goal of the Greens: a healthy environment, is a noble one. One would be hard pressed to find an opponent to the environment. It is the Green Party's exaggerated account of the impending ecological disaster and their blind persuance of environmental reform, regardless of the social, military, or economic cost involved, that poses a threat to us all.

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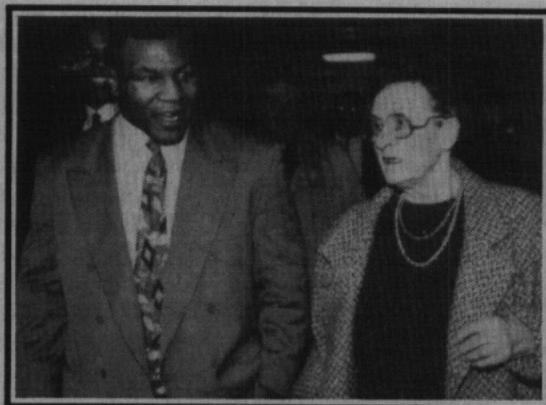
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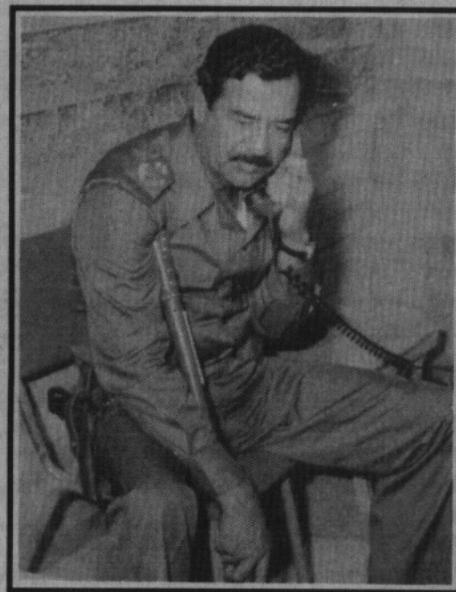
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A Peculiar People

Barbara E. Walton

It has become fashionable of late to claim that America is a nation without morals, a land of opportunists instead of a land of opportunity. Idealism, it is said, no longer exists here—if it ever did. America is cold-blooded, motivated by self-interest, and governed by an unfeeling bureaucracy. Our interventions in world affairs (i.e.: Desert Storm) are thinly veiled attempts at world domination; our lack of intervention (i.e.: Tiananmen Square) proves our ultimate lack of concern for other people's misery.

Nonsense.

The lack of response to the events of 1989 in Tiananmen Square was a betrayal of American ideals, but it was a betrayal precisely because of the idealism born into the American soul.

We Americans are a peculiar people. We are a nation with the mind of an Enlightenment rationalist and the soul of an apocalyptic preacher. The identity-myth, or self-story, of America is an apocalypse, and this has been true not only of the religious fringe groups, but of the secular mainstream. The first settlers of New England saw themselves as a new Israel, and their responsibility was to be a nation of priests, and a light unto the nations of the world. This idea has always been pervasive in American thought, even to the present day—one has only to listen to the President speaking of the New World Order, a phrase which would have no meaning at all to a people who do not have a sense of mission, to see this.

But it does have a meaning, even to those who disagree with the specifics of the President's politics. This is evident in the outrage of Americans at those things they perceive as injustices—take, for example, last year's protests against and supporting rallies for the war in the Middle

East. Each side felt, not that it was acting in its own interest, but that it was acting in the interest of all mankind; each side accused the other of self-interest—the pro-interventionists accused the anti-war movement of cowardice, the anti-war movement accused the pro-interventionists of “merely protecting their own oil interests.”

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Popular culture is one of the most accurate barometers of a society's concerns (after all, the public buys those things in which it has the most interest), and it bears this out. Nineteen Thirty-Nine's classic and top-grossing film, *Gone With the Wind*, for example, is an apocalyptic masterpiece—the fall of a civilization, and its re-building. While the politics professed by the “good guys” are open to debate, the commitment to an ideal is not. *GWTW* is considered the

the bestselling novels of Stephen King (*The Stand* and *Dark Tower*.)

American history is a long line of idealism, despite the efforts of modern revisionists to prove otherwise by imposing a current world view on it. The determination of the Founding Fathers was to create a land unlike any other in history—a brave experi-

ment in democracy. The pioneers travelled westward to build their own versions of the millennial kingdom: a plot of land, and the freedom to enjoy it. The revisionist claims that Americans conquered the land out of cruelty. This is not true. Americans conquered the land out of hope—some of it was misguided by our present-day standards, but we cannot impose standards on the actions of the past. The Civil War was fought with an ideal on each side, and the

World Wars were fought by the people of America, the soldiers to protect freedom worldwide. Even the events of the Cold War and the fights against world Communism, so despised of late, were born of a genuine conviction that it was the right thing to do.

Most modern political movements in America come from those same innately American roots of hope and idealism. They may have differing hopes and divergent ideals, but the commitment and

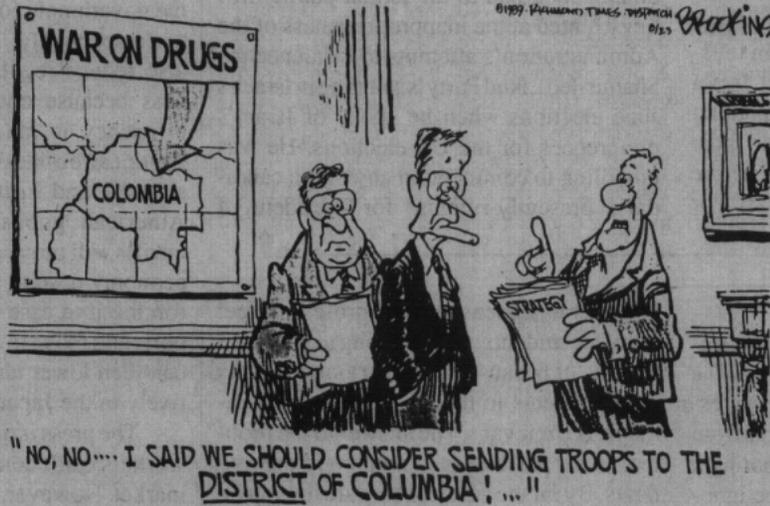
conviction are the same—they are the trademarks of the American soul.

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“Great American Novel”, for that reason. Other popular works of American apocalyptic idealism would include the *Star Wars* films, the westerns (and anti-Westerns, like *Taxi Driver* and *High Plains Drifter*), and

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it will accept. Israel has accomplished similar absorptions in the past, without large financial outlays, although they were slower-paced immigrations at different times in the past. The Jews who had survived Adolf Hitler's genocidal plans for them in Europe flooded Israel's shores in the years following the end of the Second World War, but they were people seeking safety among their brethren and nothing more. The same can be said of the 800,000 Jews who were expelled or fled Arab countries after the creation of the State of Israel. These Jews, too, sought only safe haven. In addition, they were, for the most part, uneducated and poor. In contrast, the present Russian Jewish immigrants are generally highly skilled and educated. While they are also in search of safer shores, the new immigrants may leave Israel if the government cannot provide basic social services for them. Israel has also changed in the years since the large Sephardic *aliya* (Jewish immigration to Israel) and today, Mr. Levy pointed out. Israel is a sophisticated country, which could not have been said of it 40 years ago, and must face this new wave of immigration in a more intelligent manner than it has in the past. For

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Dream without even mentioning the tremendous shift Shakespeare makes from *The Knight's Tale* or the *Thesiad*. Often professors will explicitly discourage students from reading outside material when preparing a critical analysis. It is one thing to be ignorant, but quite another to encourage acceptance of that state.

Why do professors allow students to remain ignorant even of their ignorance? One answer is that they are lazy. This is an answer which I reject. Tufts professors teach with enthusiasm and are generally more than willing to discuss matters further outside of class. Another answer is that they assume students are less ignorant than they are. While one can bemoan the decline in educational standards in recent times, even at their best, high school educations could not have provided the background necessary for scholarly study of any material.

The true answer must lie in that unfathomable cause behind grade inflation.

the Israeli consul, this means providing the (projected) one million immigrants with a myriad of social services, language instruction, employment, and housing in their newly-adopted state. All of these things require funds. Funds that, unfortunately, Israel does not have at the present time. It is for that reason that Israel needs the US government to co-sign a request for a loan of 2 billion dollars every year for five years. This is hardly a risk for the American people, for Israel's credit record is "very good", according to the Israeli consul. In fact, he understated the case, for Israel has not defaulted on any loans and is completely on schedule with all of its repayments.

There is some speculation that it is the Administration's wish to see the Likud-led Israeli government replaced by a more left wing one which motivated the Administration to threaten to withhold the loan guarantees, in order to make Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir look bad to the Israeli public. Mr. Levy hinted at the inappropriateness of the Administration's attempts to influence the Shamir-led Likud Party's standing in Israel's June elections when he spoke of Israel's preferences for the US elections. He was unwilling to comment on any of the candidates presently-running for President of

Whether it happens because professors feel sorry for students and are trying to build self esteem, or because they are trying to attract more students to their classes and departments is irrelevant. The answer to the problem is for professors to stop coddling students. By far the best teachers are those who can impress upon their students their utter ignorance. No matter how many courses one takes at Tufts, one will never completely eliminate one's ignorance. The task of the professor, more than teaching a limited amount of material, must be to show the student where his ignorance is most profound and to give a scope to the task of eliminating that ignorance. Tufts professors must adopt an attitude toward ignorance akin to that of Pericles toward poverty: with us, to avow ignorance is no disgrace. The true shame is in doing nothing to avoid it.

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the United States, saying that democracies should not mix in the politics of friendly states.

It was the theme that Israel is on the verge of elections that the Israeli consul returned to again and again. The point being that such a statement could never be made about Israel's enemies. In response to a question from the Tufts audience about why Israel is negotiating at all with dictators and kings, Mr. Levy answered that Israel might have waited until democracy flourished in the rest of the Middle East, but Israel was unwilling to wait that long for peace.

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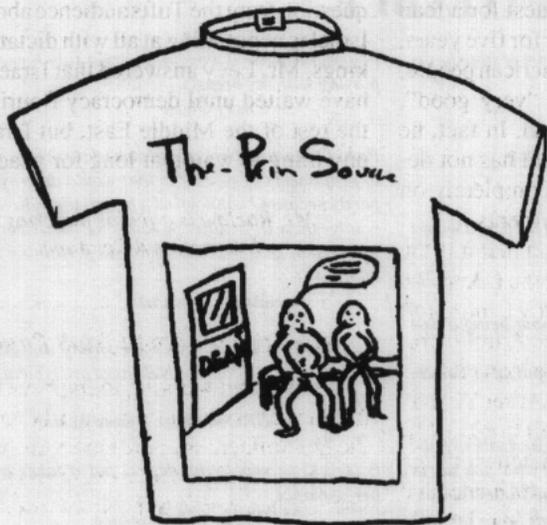
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can goods and working to improve present production techniques should be urged by the government for consumers and producers respectively. The government should also reduce regulation of American business because competition forces greater efficiency in industry. This would make American businesses more competitive both at home and in the world market. Better American goods and increased import tariffs will prove damaging to the Japanese economy despite its unfair trade practices, forcing it to ease its ban on American imports and move towards free trade. America can then lower tariffs and compete effectively in the Japanese market.

The press is quick to say that American workers can't compete in the international market. However, American workers could compete if the game were fair. It is hard to win when you're opponent makes the rules. America is on her way to economic recovery but she needs all the help she can get. She needs the support of her citizens, and the guidance of her president. The Bush administration has failed miserably at solving America's problems because it has been too busy trying to solve everyone else's. Pat Buchanan knows what America needs. He doesn't stand a very good chance of winning but hopefully his ideas will rub off on someone, namely President Bush. America First isn't just a good idea, it is a necessity.

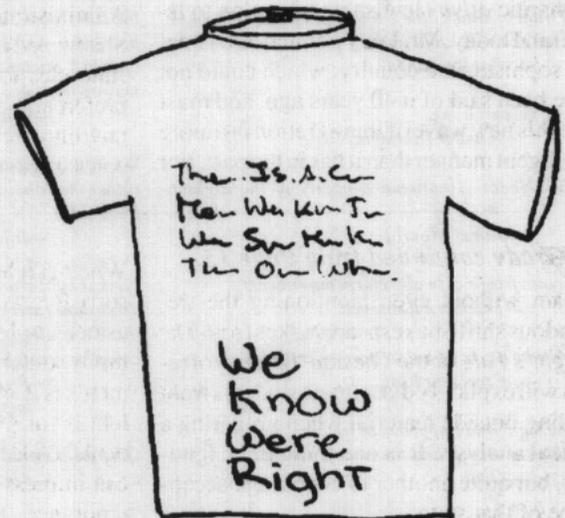
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Excuse me. A lot of this is going over my head.
—Candace Greenberg

What's Drinking?
A mere pause from Thinking.
—Lord Byron

There is America, which at this day serves for little more than to amuse you with stories of savage men and uncouth manners, yet shall, before you taste of death, show itself equal to the whole of that commerce which now attracts the envy of the world.
—Edmund Burke, 1775

'Tis strange what a man may do and a woman yet think him an angel.
—William Thackeray

I don't want to attack little Danny Quayle. I don't want to be charged with child abuse.
—Pat Buchanan

I want to research sex.
—Jennifer Bluestein

National Honor is national property of the highest virtue.
—James Monroe

The lunatic fringe is in all reform movements.
—Theodore Roosevelt

Welfare was never meant to become a lifestyle.
—President Bush

*I see the right and I approve of it, too,
Condemn the wrong and the wrong pursue.*
—Ovid

Thank God! I-I also-am an American!
—Daniel Webster

A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read.
—Mark Twain

Socialism can succeed only on the basis of a high productivity of labor, higher than under capitalism, on the basis of an abundance of products and of articles of consumption of all kinds, on the basis of a prosperous and cultured life for all members of society.
—Joseph Stalin (1936)

One of the benefits of a college education is to show the boy its to little avail.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Israelis are tough... They can do anything, except form a government.
—Jackie Mason

Part of statistics is telling the truth... Part of statistics is telling lies.
—Rajaram Krishnan

Apocalyptic is as American as the hot dog.
—John Wiley Nelson

I never dared to be radical when young for fear it would make me conservative when old.
—Robert Frost

We'll all just get together and yell about being a bad person with a penis.
—Joe Swimmer on the topic of a Senate lunch to discuss sexism

When I go to colleges and universities and talk to kids, they tell me, "Yeah, you have to watch what you say in the classroom, in the street, and in the student union, but when you go back to your room you can talk openly." Students talk about university campuses the way people used to talk about East Germany.
—William Bennett

We in this country, in this generation, are by destiny rather than choice—the watchmen on the walls of world freedom.
—John Kennedy

Tanks could crunch grass and other vegetation, knock down dunes and kick up sandstorms. Plants and animals there are already living on the edge, and this insult could be enough to push them over the edge.
—Professor Ken Nagy of UCLA on the impact of the Persian Gulf War

Give me a mental masturbation break.
—Joel, the homeless guy

My perspective used to be much more leftist, but as you learn more you realize that some of the idealistic and simple solutions just aren't workable. You learn that throwing money at problems is a bankrupt way to go about solving them.
—Geraldo Rivera

The probability of two low numbers is a lower number as most of you know.
—Professor Feldberg to his colleagues

We had to get these people out of our hair.
—Sol Gittleman on the IRS

Ice Cube spreads a thin veneer of political correctness over his writing, but his ringing endorsement of gun ownership, male superiority, and Asian-bashing makes him sound much more like a right-wing Republican than he'd ever admit.
—Washington Post music critic Geoffrey Himes

I'm glad I'm not a woman. I would stay home all day playing with my breasts.
—Chevy Chase

Partly because of my reluctance to surrender the term to proponents of measures that would destroy liberty, partly because I cannot find a better alternative, I shall resolve these difficulties by using the word liberalism in its original sense—as the doctrines pertaining to a free man.
—Milton Friedman

We Nebraska Republicans are pretty dull. Come to think of it, most people in Nebraska are typically pretty dull.
—NRC Member Duane Acklie

It (drink) promotes the desire, but it takes away the performance.
—William Shakespeare

I would hear a buzz saw running in the early evening. I thought he was building something.
—Pamela Bass, Jeffrey Dahmer's neighbor

All this hugging isn't the most positive thing I have experienced. Sometimes it's nicer when people just smile, wave, shout hurrah, and things like that.
—Haakon, Prince of Norway

The learned are seldom pretty fellows, and in many cases their appearance tends to discourage a love of study in the young.
—Henry I. Mencken

Not everyone you don't like is a fascist.
—Chaim Potok

The people of Iraq are grateful to all the noble souls among the United States people who are coming into the streets demonstrating against the war."
—Saddam Hussein

We are not interested in the market socialism dreams of the leftist liberal economists on the East Coast of the United States. Right now, the main obstacle to our development is ideological infiltration from the West.
—Vaclav Klaus, Czechoslovakian Finance Minister

Every now and then the voters throw a tantrum and toss out good guy and bad guy indiscriminately. "Look at me!" they shout. "Pay some attention to the things I'm interested in, or get out of my life."
—William Raspberry

War involves in its progress such a train of unforeseen and unsuspected circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the end. It has but one thing certain, and that is to increase taxes.
—Thomas Paine