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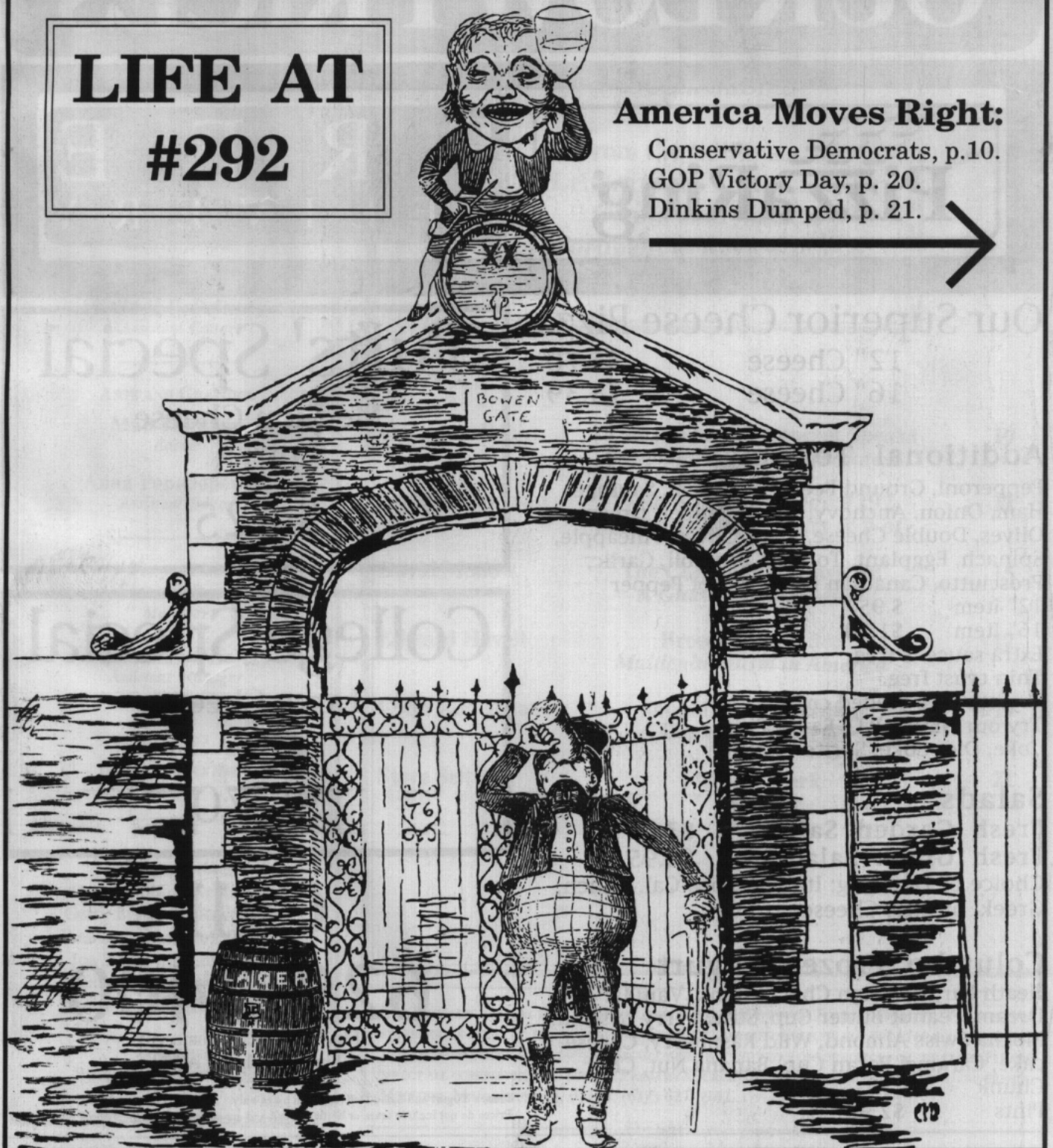
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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For most Americans, Thursday the eleventh of November is a day to honor veterans of foreign wars. Not at Tufts. For the second consecutive year, the faculty has elected not to commemorate Veterans Day on the Hill. Professors will conduct regular office hours, students will take exams, and staff members will put in their usual full day of work.

Tufts' disrespect for the men and women of America's armed forces extends far beyond the graffiti that pollutes the Memorial Steps. To protest the Vietnam War the administration barred ROTC from campus in 1969. Professor Bedau commented that "It is not the business of the university to support the US government." Another professor described ROTC members as "unintelligent, trained killers with a bestial mentality who owe no allegiance to the university."

In 1990, the TCU Senate voted to condemn the Gulf War. Members of the faculty wrote a letter "declaring their opposition to any decision by the government of the United States to begin hostilities against Iraq..." Two years later, a majority of our senators and professors recommended that Tufts stop accepting ROTC scholarships due to the military's ban on homosexuals.

Apparently the history of the US military is too un-PC to merit university celebration. In light of its opposition to US foreign policy, the administration chooses to ignore the millions of Americans who fought, sacrificed, and died for their country. Our servicemen deserve the utmost in our gratitude and appreciation, but Tufts does not even recognize their efforts.

When drawing up next year's academic calendar, the faculty would be wise to step outside the ivory tower, and give credit where it is due.

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# Letters

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Dear PRIMARY SOURCE:

I would like to respond to your irresponsible and inaccurate editorial from the October 27 issue. First of all, you state that for ECO to be "political" betrays its so-called "objective" facade. ECO is an organization that works on environmental issues that the current members collectively decide need addressing and change. If the current ECO membership collectively decides to work on environmental issues as Mr. Weinkopf defines them, then ECO will "promote recycling, conservation, or the use of recycled products at Tufts." However, ECO members have decided that the environmental and cultural destruction caused by Hydro-Quebec and the fact that our university is contributing to this destruction is an important issue that we need to address and change. Secondly, Mr. Weinkopf insinuates that my "socialist designs...are embraced by ECO as an organization," because I am "among its elite." This is simply not true. ECO is a non-sectarian organization that has a politically diverse membership. My comments at the anti-Hydro-Quebec rally were my opinion and do not necessarily represent ECO's opinion as a whole. ECO is also a collective that runs on consensus, and therefore has no "elite." I spoke with President DiBiaggio because of my experience in the Hydro-Quebec campaign, not because I am a "leader."

I would also like to address Mr. Weinkopf's general ignorance of left politics. He portrays all leftists as proponents of big government. While some on the left advocate state control to ensure equitable distribution of goods, I and many other leftists believe in decentralized, libertarian socialism. Mr. Weinkopf also asserts that the environmental destruction is not limited to capitalist economies, and gives the example of the former Soviet Union. First of all, the USSR was never truly socialist and was instead a state capitalist society which operated in much the same way that so-called free market economies, like our own, have. In both the USSR and the US, an elite controlled (and still control) the means of production to preserve their own interests. This is why I, and others, consider decentralization as important as equitable distribution in order to create a just society. Capitalist economies inevitable [sic] destroy the environment (which includes workers) because they operate on never-ending growth in a world of finite resources. In addition, Mr. Weinkopf states that I am a member of the Socialist Worker's Party. This is not true - I have never been a member of this or any other sectarian left parties.

In conclusion, I would urge THE PRIMARY SOURCE to get its facts straight next time it wants to personally attack me or anyone else. I consider The SOURCE's use of hearsay and outright lies not only unprofessional but simply despicable.

Dean Royer  
LA '96

*Editor's Reply:* As a matter of policy, THE PRIMARY SOURCE does not usually respond to letters to the editor. Mr. Royer's note is an exception to this rule, however, because it contains some factual inaccuracies that require correction:

1. Mr. Royer denies that ECO is a political organization. But last year ECO lobbied on behalf of proposed state legislation. By picking sides in a political debate, ECO cannot cling to its undeserved non-partisan status. Its support for the failed Question 3 ballot initiative also demonstrates that it does advocate an expansion of state regulatory powers.

2. My editorial did not identify Mr. Royer as a member of the Socialist Workers' Party. It merely stated that he was the "only undergraduate member" of a "campus Marxist organization" that sponsored a lecture by the SWP's vice presidential candidate in 1992.

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# Commentary

## Jumbo II, Welcome Home

Tufts had been without a mascot since 1975, when the infamous Barnum Hall Fire consumed Jumbo the elephant. Just in time for homecoming, the class of 1958 brought Jumbo back to the Hill. "Jumbo II", a concrete pachyderm that used to reside at Benson's Animal Park, has a new home on the academic quad alongside Barnum Hall. The Class of 1958 gave the statue in an attempt to restore the sense of tradition and spirit which the campus lacks today. The reaction of various students to the gift proves just how great the need for a renewal of Tuftonian pride has become. Last week, the editors of *The Tufts Daily* exemplified the campus-wide dearth of school spirit by criticizing the Class of '58 for its choice of gift. Instead of bolstering Tufts pride, the editors argued, the class should have used its funds to supplement the university's financial aid.

True, financial aid is a high priority. But before the University abandons its symbols, there are many needless expenditures that can be cut. Womyn's Center fora on orgasms, the quasi-educational World Civilizations program, and extraneous employees in the administration all deserve the fiscal ax more than the beloved Jumbo II. Monies spent in this way only divide the school and undermine the quality of its education. Even though Jumbo II can't explore womyn's sexuality, the concrete elephant gives the university a stronger sense of character. Tradition may not be politically correct, but it is nonetheless vital to the well-being of any institution. THE PRIMARY SOURCE thanks the class of 1958 for its generosity, and proudly welcomes Jumbo II home.

## Scorched Earth

Two weeks ago, more than a dozen wildfires scorched hundreds of thousands of acres of the world's most beautiful—and expensive—real estate. Last week, after the first wave of fires had been extinguished, two more disastrous conflagrations swirled up. The homes of the stars in Malibu burned along with the homes of the not-so-famous in the small *artiste's* colony of Laguna Beach, in Orange County. The origin of the fires: confirmed arson.

The response of all assistance and aid groups was remarkably swift. Insurance claims adjusters appeared on the scene before the fire was fully extinguished. President Clinton dispatched FEMA

director Henry Cisneros as soon as the extent of the damage was known, allocating one billion dollars of federal disaster relief funds to the site, making this the second large-scale deployment of disaster-relief officials this year. In the future, Clinton should observe considerable restraint in such deployments. Though FEMA intervention in the time of disaster bears little resemblance to the unconscionable waste that characterizes welfare entitlements, government relief substantially deters citizens in high-risk areas from taking out private insurance policies, imposing an additional cost on insured Americans. FEMA may even lay the groundwork for future disaster: if citizens believe that the government will "costlessly" bail them out, they will continue to build homes and businesses in geologically unsafe regions. Thankfully, 98% of Laguna Beach homeowners were insured against the disaster, substantially alleviating the burden on taxpayers.

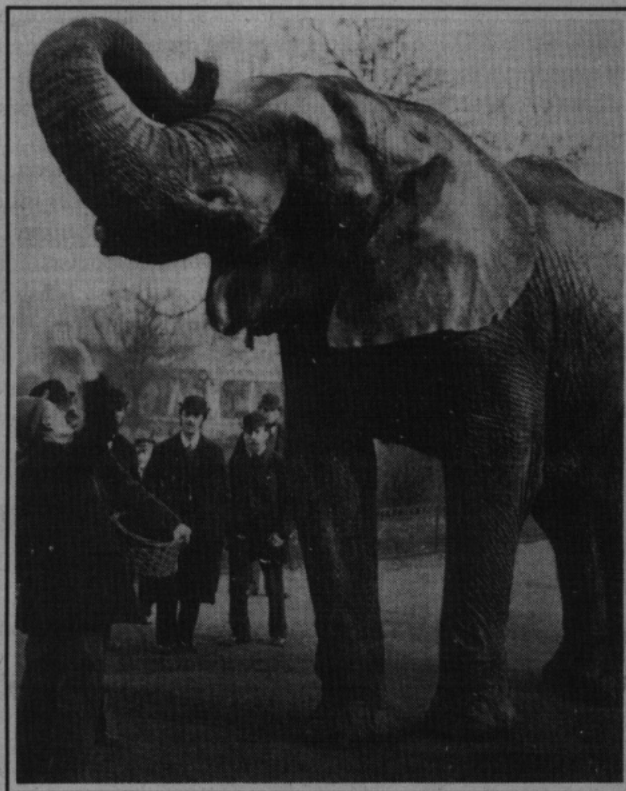
Governor Pete Wilson (R-CA) coupled his helicopter tour of Malibu and Laguna Beach with a stroll on foot through the rubble. When told that a single man had wrought the destruction, Wilson said frankly, "May he burn in hell." Our sentiments exactly.

## Conduct Unbecoming an Ethics Committee

The United States Senate voted 94-6 to subpoena the private diaries of Oregon Senator Bob Packwood, so as to assist an Ethics Committee investigation about his alleged sexual misconduct. Make

no mistake: it is the design of the Constitution that our Senators be of solid moral fiber. However, it is design of the American legal system that a man is innocent until proven guilty. If there is to be an ethics investigation, it should also look into the activities of Ethics Committee Chairman Richard Bryan (D-NV), who, in an open session on the Senate floor, claimed that an examination of Packwood's diaries will give evidence of criminal activities as well. Now that judge and prosecutor are one and the same, Packwood will be the victim of a witch hunt instead of a fair trial in the spirit of American jurisprudence.

This latter-day McCarthyism can be traced to the reciprocal relationship between Congress and the press. The liberal news media, eagerly salivating over the possibility of pinning improprieties on a Republican senator, has backed Congress into a corner. If Bryan *et al.* conduct the investigation with the dignity and reserve of a proper judicial review, the media will make it appear as though the Ethics committee is a corrupt old-boy network



protecting its members. The press has redoubled their efforts in light of Packwood's recent reelection and his determination in the face of previous charges.

Packwood must appeal the subpoena of his diaries, if not to protect himself, then to protect the concept of American liberty. The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution explicitly protects him from self-indemnification. If Packwood is to be tried for his alleged transgressions, then let it be done in accordance with the law of the land. Senator Bryan's irresponsible mudslinging is proof that, if Packwood has behaved in a manner unbecoming of a United States Senator, he is not alone.

### The Good, the Bad and the NAFTA

Last Wednesday, President Clinton submitted legislation for the North American Free Trade Agreement to Congress. Senators and Representatives will surely have their hands full debating its merits and reconciling their interest group loyalties with the good of the nation.

NAFTA, negotiated under the Bush administration with Mexican President Salinas and Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney, will bring Mexico into a free trade area with Canada and the United States. One of the arguments against NAFTA posits that American companies will relocate to Mexico in order to exploit cheap labor. Regardless of any short-term adjustment, free trade will help the economy in the long run. What most NAFTA opponents fail to realize is that a wholesale emigration of American jobs will not happen. Given Mexico's size and its presently underdeveloped means of production, the country is unable to produce goods on a scale comparable to either that of the United States or Canada. Over time, the Mexican economy will expand to the point where it *might* take away the number of jobs NAFTA opponents predict, but by then, the US economy will have traded inefficient workers and pointless jobs for an economy working at its maximum potential. Even with optimum economic growth, Mexico will remain a small player in comparison to its northern neighbors for many years to come.

Rapid modernization in Mexico will create a large market for high-tech machines and information, commodities that Americans produce best. Although Mexico may take low-paying jobs away from American workers, the new market will create demand for high-wage technical and service sector jobs, a trade-off most Americans are willing to make.

But is the President capable of rounding up support for the measure? The strongest opposition to the agreement currently comes from within his own party. As it now stands, Clinton will not

only have to overcome Ross Perot, but he will have to solicit the support of congressional Republicans as well.

### Competition for the Future

The people of Minneapolis have come to terms with a long overdue realization: their public educational system is in dire need of repair. Last week all but one member of the Minneapolis School Board voted to hire Public Strategies Group to take over control of the schools. The future of the metropolis' 75 schools, 44,000 students, and \$220 million annual budget rests in the hands of Peter Hutchinson, an expert at running public organizations and the president of Public Strategies Group. If the state agrees to the terms of the contract, Hutchinson will be named the superintendent of schools.

Babak Armajani, the chief executive officer for Public Strategies Group echoed the sentiments of many when he stated that "there is a feeling here in Minneapolis and all over the country that the current bureaucratic system of running a school is antiquated."

The Minneapolis plan is different from any previous plan in the country because it turns over management of the entire school system to a private entity while the school board retains the power to set policy. Under the terms of the proposal, Minneapolis will pay the company a flat rate, and Public Strategies Group will not receive more money if the schools begin to operate more cheaply. This clause will prevent Public Strategies from resorting to cost-cutting measures to the point of jeopardizing the quality of education. Hutchinson

also agreed to terms whereby his group will not be paid unless performance goals are achieved.

Minneapolis, like so many other cities, has a bankrupt educational system that needs an overhaul. More government regulation that will only tie the hands of teachers is not the answer. More money will only beget more waste. Only when private companies are given an incentive to make schools more productive will they produce the best-educated students. The program in Minneapolis is only one of a growing number of alternatives to the current system, including George Bush's student voucher program, and the Whittle plan to develop a chain of private schools for profit. There is no disputing the facts: private schools consistently produce better educated students than publicly-financed schools. American public education must improve if the US is to remain economically competitive into the next millennium. The Minneapolis school board should be commended for its courage and foresight.



# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
--Aristophanes

**PS** In response to public fears that too much money is being squandered on the new Imperial mansion, a member of the Japanese government recently said "actually, the new palace will have only 62 rooms, and only 17 are for [the royal couple's] use." It must be hard for the poor Emperor, trying to keep up with the DiBiaggios.

**PS** Fans at a Madonna concert in Puerto Rico were recently offended when the material girl rubbed the island's flag against her crotch. Apparently Madonna had a different idea for what constitutes "the shining star" of the Caribbean.

**PS** Elsewhere in the world of rock and roll, Shannon Honn of "Blind Melon" has apologized to the city of Vancouver for stripping and urinating during a concert last week. "I got caught up in the celebration..." By this logic, the Los Angeles rioters should have piddled on Reginald Denny's head.

**PS** Famed plagiarist and Delaware Senator Joe Biden delivered this stirring oration to his congressional colleagues last week: "Having said that, I am, I thought, and maybe— again, I may be the only one with the dilemma— but I thought that originally the purpose of the agreement is, as characterized by Senator Packwood's counsel—at some point, I guess, if this goes to court, he is going to contest the characterization of the agreement they made as unanimously characterized the committee." If Biden plagiarized this particular speech it must have been from Mr. Magoo.

**PS** At the conclusion of his question, Biden said, "I yield the floor— hopefully forever." Finally Mr. Biden says something worthwhile...

**PS** In response to being held on \$20,000 bail, Dr. Jack Kevorkian has vowed to stop eating. We would have expected that Dr. Death could have thought of a quicker and more creative way to kill himself.

**PS** In an advertisement for last week's Gender-Bender Ball, the TLGBC urged patrons to "Come as your favorite gender— Male, Female, or Somewhere in Between!"

**PS** Top ten one-liners at the Perot-Gore NAFTA debate:

10. "There is a great sucking sound, Ross, but it's not what you think..."
9. "Al, your wisdom ain't worth its weight in pesos."
8. "Ross, your knowledge of economics is about as good as your choice of VP candidates."
7. "But not as bad as Clinton's, Al."
6. "The Mexicans could never build a sombrero big enough to cover your ears, Ross."
5. "Mr. Vice President, this plan is selling about as well with the American public as *Earth in the Balance*."
4. "I know Carlos Salinas de Gortari, Carlos Salinas de Gortari is a friend of mine, and let me tell you Ross, you're no Carlos Salinas de Gortari."
3. "NAFTA's like the Taco Bell ten cent special, Al, first you run for the border, then you go runnin' for the outhouse."
2. "Your full of guacamole, Ross, and that's the whole enchilada."
1. "Al if you pull this thing off, the voters will treat you like the piñata you are, come 1996."



**PS** Last year, Bruce Rappaport of Ulster, NY gave \$100 to the K-9 unit of his local police department. Last week, dogs from the very same unit sniffed out cocaine in Rappaport's home, leading to his arrest. Next time Mr. Rappaport tries bribing the cops, he should throw some kibble in with the cash.

**PS** The General Mills Corporation, maker of "Hamburger Helper" is suing Gag Foods, Inc. in response to its new joke item, "Roadkill Helper." If

successful, General Mills could claim as much as \$500 million in damages, effectively driving Gag Foods, Inc. into bankruptcy. Not willing to risk a gastronomic loss, TUDS has ordered a year's supply of this Dewick Hall staple.

**PS** *The Boston Globe* recently ran the following oddly-humorous headline, "Ukraine is urged to move atom arms to Russia for safety." If Russia is a safe place to store nuclear weapons, then



Senator Kennedy's office is a good spot to store a case of Tanqueray.

**P5** Adnan Yassen of the PLO was arrested on October 26 for plotting an assassination attempt against Yasser Arafat. According to top secret documents, Yassen contrived an elaborate plan by which he would suffocate the PLO chairman with his towel.

**P5** In Belo-Horizonte, Brazil, a thief sneaked into a shop, but instead of stealing any goods, began sniffing glue. The fumes quickly overwhelmed him, and in his intoxicated stupor, he knocked over the entire vat. The thief was caught in the spill, and stuck to the floor for 36 hours before firemen could cut him free. So much for a quick getaway.

**P5** Researchers in New York have found that people who think they have seen UFOs or space aliens are no less intelligent or psychologically healthy than anyone else. They also seem to exhibit severe cases of the munchies, have dilated pupils, and wear tie-dye, the experts noted.

**P5** An Everett fortune teller has been sued by her clients who claim that despite \$32,000 in payments, she failed to remove "the evil eye" which had been plaguing them. The prosecution reportedly cannot lose this case, as it has a special "eyewitness."

**P5** Top Ten Future Womyn's Center Fora:

10. Being a Broad Abroad: An International Female Perspective
9. Lay or Lei? A Hawaiian female perspective
8. WURST: Womyn United to Restrict Sausage Tricks
7. Ladies with Rabies: A Rabid Women's Forum
6. HO: Housewives' Opponents
5. Oppression Session: Come Gripe and Moan with other Feminists
4. Girlz 'n da Hood: An Urban Female Perspective
3. The Gillette Conspiracy: Just Say No!
2. NAMBKA: North American Man/Boy Killing Association
1. LOVE: Ladies Opposed to Virtually Everything

**P5** For possibly the first time in this publication's history, THE PRIMARY SOURCE agrees with Iranian fundamentalists. Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called Secretary of State Warren Christopher an "ugly-faced foreign minister" and called the Clinton administration "a blood-stained dictatorship." Re-

publicans and Shi'ites, jihad!

**P5** Next time you complain about the bureaucrats of Sweet Hall, consider the incompetence of the Bursar's Office at Bridgewater State College. According to State Auditor Joseph A. DeNucci, the college has misplaced \$110,000 in student tuition funds. At Sweet they're not *that* inept— they don't lose the money, they just waste it.



**P5** Pop-hero Michael Jackson underwent oral surgery last week in a Mexican hospital. You know our health care industry is in trouble when multi-millionaires head to Mexico for treatment...

**P5** Antioch College recently implemented a "Sexual Offense Policy" in which student lovers must obtain permission before raising a relationship to a greater level of intimacy. Not a wise code, as in the heat of the moment, a pen is not the first thing lovers grab for.

**P5** A group of Seventh Day Adventists, canoeing across Lake Victoria in Tanzania, decided to test their faith by walking on water. All nine Adventists—a priest and his students—drowned. The yahoos should limit their ambulatory tricks to firewalking.

**P5** Under pressure to answer telephones faster, the Social Security Commission is considering a proposal to take federal prisoners out of jails and put them to work in the bureaucracy. Actually, the reverse would probably make much more sense.

**P5** According to government researchers, 40 million Americans are often in negative moods. Perhaps they wouldn't be if the government didn't continually waste their money on such studies...

**P5** Phillip Wiethorn of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports recently offered these words of wisdom: "Exercise has to be a habit, not 'maybe I'll do it this week.' We don't say, 'Maybe I'll brush my teeth this week.'" Mr. Wiethorn has apparently never visited Bridge/Metcalf.

**P5** The former Soviet Union appears to be taking advantage of its diplomatic immunity in the Capitol. In a three year period the commies were hit with 73,797 parking tickets, none of which they intend to pay. On the bright side, the Ruskies probably lost as many hub caps tooling around town. Détente is alive and well.

# A Conservative Democrat Speaks...

Gerald A. Brant

In the wake of Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential defeat, the Democratic Leadership Conference was formed to steer the Democratic party towards the American political center. The DLC was founded by moderate and conservative Democrats such as Senator Sam Nunn (GA) and current Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen to reform the image of the national party. Thereafter, the DLC provided a forum to separate the so called "New Democrats" from the traditional Democratic establishment reminiscent of old time liberal favorites such as Michael Dukakis and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Clinton's new senior counselor, Republican David Gergen said that he took the job after being assured that the president "really saw himself as a DLC New Democrat." While the DLC has lent Clinton credibility as a moderate, the group has challenged the President's leanings towards old-style "interest-group liberalism" rather than the centrist "new Democrat" views he promoted during last year's campaign. What is the DLC agenda? It emphasizes robust economic growth over old-style redistribution, individual over group rights, and entrepreneurial over bureaucratic government. Its ideas are grounded in five fundamental issues:

**Economic Policy:** The DLC places an emphasis on the private rather than the public sector as the medium to provide better opportunities for all. It advocates eliminating excessive government interference in the economy, such as subsidies, bureaucracy, and wasteful programs. New Democrats reject both the exclusively supply-side, borrow-and-spend policies of the Republicans and the tax-and-spend policies of old-style Democrats.

Deficit spending and public-jobs programs are not the DLC solution. Increased spending for liberal programs of questionable effectiveness, such as community development block grants, compensatory education and Head Start, should be restrained. Beyond the budget, New Democrats have pushed hard for approval of the North Ameri-

can Free Trade Agreement and the conclusion of the GATT negotiations.

**Health Care:** Unlike most Republi-

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cans, New Democrats believe our health care system's ills cannot be cured by a few tax credits for the poor and a little tinkering. But unlike liberal Democrats, they are not willing to overrun the health care system with government controls. Rather, they support a managed competition system that gives both patients and providers incentives to exercise discipline in their own health care choices.

That's why the president's health care plan should not resort to government price controls or sweeping employer mandates that would stifle job creation and limit economic growth. Instead, it should phase in both universal coverage and a tough form of managed competition to discipline the demand for expanding coverage, by requiring nearly everyone to take more financial responsibility for his or her own medical care.

**Welfare Reform:** As a New Democrat, it is incumbent upon President Clinton to move welfare reform back to the top of his agenda. New Democrats transcend the sterile left-right debate over welfare, by going beyond the liberals' calls for more money for a broken system and the conservatives' unconvincing cries for more workfare. They instead propose to shift the focus of public subsidies for the poor from welfare to work, thereby ending welfare as a "way of life."

**Cultural Values:** For most of the past quarter century the perception held by many Americans was that Democrats were indif-

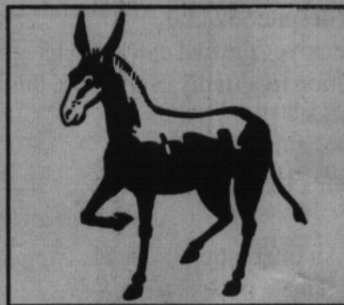
ferent, if not hostile, to mainstream values. By at least campaigning as a New Democrat, the president placed Democrats firmly on the side of work, not welfare; equal opportunity, not equal outcomes; individual responsibility, family, community, and patriotism. While government should eliminate discrimination and insure equal opportunity, it should oppose quotas that create racial, gender, or ethnic preference.

In nominating Lani Guinier to be Assistant Attorney General for civil rights, Clinton chose someone with an agenda that was welcomed by the left wing of the Democratic Party but which appalled the political mainstream. The tension created by the ill-fated and controversial nomination reflects a fundamental difference between new and old Democrats on the issue of equality.

**National Service:** Liberals too often support programs that offer something for nothing, a new emphasis is needed on *earned benefits*, such as repaying college loans through service. Voluntary national service is a cornerstone of the DLC's New Democrat agenda. A civilian version of one of the most successful public initiatives in US history—the GI Bill—national service operates on a simple premise: Citizens who receive government support for education and training ought to give something back to their country in the form of community or national service.

Clinton must still prove himself as a "different kind of democrat." The President must gain support among swing voters, many of whom supported Ross Perot, as he tries to build momentum for NAFTA and health care reform. It is the key to the long term success of his presidency. If he doesn't, it may be a long time before the American people give the Democrats another chance.

*Mr. Brant is a senior majoring in International Relations.*



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**Introduction:** For years, Tufts freshmen have complained that "things are boring here. Nothing cool ever happens." These fellas just don't know where to look. Each day, drama of great pith and moment unfolds all over the Hill. We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE present you these compelling stories in the form of our own...

## CAMPUS SOAP OPERAS

### General Health Services

In this week's episode, tubercular freshman Lotta Flemming arrives for her daily inoculation. Bumbling night-nurse Rita Chart, unable to understand her Welsh accent, mistakes the word "pill" for the word "piles," and the hapless Lotta is shuttled off to the suppository division of Mass General. Meanwhile, Senior heartthrob Randy Bownes gets involved in a tawdry affair with Doctor Killjoy, the liquid nitrogen wielding, wart-blasting Ice Maiden. The good mood turns bad when the couple notices that one of Killjoy's latex gloves has ruptured during the procedure. Health Services Administrator Henry Payne takes on the Trustees in order to defend his true love, voluptuous Dental Consultant Gloria Hack, who has threatened to resign unless more students use mouthwash.

Next week: the brave staff races to quell campus-wide hysteria about acne.

### Daily of Our Lives

Kuwaiti columnist Naive All-Bologna goes undercover in order to continue his search for the male member. To their mutual surprise, All-Bologna runs into renegade ex-editor PeeWee Ho at a meeting of the sinister Radical newspaper. Meanwhile, in the fashionable Curtis Hall basement, Managing Editor Pantyline Shaver and gab columnist Retch-hole Ravine put up their dukes over the true definition of "Mahopela." Michael J. W. Stockings has no Reaction.

### As Your Stomach Churns

Stunning Head Cook Zuppe Spaghetti hits pay dirt when she discovers that road kill tastes

just like chicken parmigiana. For three days, the hot Zuppe's secret burdens her thoughts until her guilt boils over and she confesses to her dear friend Ada Canoli, the pastry chef. Meanwhile in the depths of Carmichael, Pasta Engineer Federico Linguini discovers a way to dry off Hodgdon noodles. The cunning Linguini tries to seduce Vegetable Resource Coordinator Lima Insalata. He knows how to use his noodle, and the two have a scandalous fling in the meat freezer, where they are overseen by Linguini's ex, the treacherous Rona Formaggio. Formaggio contacts her father, Mafia kingpin Grande Formaggio, and the Don contacts President DiBiaggio to arrange Linguini's termination. Next week: the lovers are out of the frying pan and into the fire when DiBiaggio orders Zuppe, Insalata, Linguini, and Canoli to leave Tufts.

### sTUPiD

Scandal rocks Boston Avenue when Officer Eathen Donuts and Sergeant Coffee Drinkwater are found asleep in their patrol car by Watchman Duncan Crullers. Crullers calls in the Medford blues, sparking off an Internal Affairs investigation of the Tufts Police. Deposed Motorcycle Patrolman Rob O. Cop, the tallest officer to ever open a locked door, returns to the Hill in the middle of the controversy, brandishing master keys and a fifth of bourbon. Bad turns to worse as Buildings and Grounds win the patrol cars from the Boston Avenue Boys in the daily nickel poker game. This week's episode ends as an out-of-control Latin Way party results in thousands of dollars damage to the Mayer Memorial Grassy Knoll. Next week: Tufts' Finest tackle a sinister plot by the Tufts Animal Rights Society (ARSE) to free Jumbo II from his inhumane concrete prison.

# The Good Guys

## **KING:** Dean Knable

So progressive are the good guys, that gender roles are non-existent on this side of the staple. Women can be kings and men are lauded for being queens. Just as in real life, the King is beyond reproach.

## **QUEEN:** Dean Reitman

The King's workhorse, the Queen's versatility permits him to meddle in affairs on every corner of the board. Fidelity to the King takes precedence over reason or fairness in this monarch's mind.

## **BISHOPS (2):**

Chief Coon-Come

The sermons of this charismatic shaman inspire the masses to blindly follow a catechism of irrationality and eco-devotion. When he waves his talisman and preaches, blood boils in the veins of the pious ECongregation.

Dean Royer

Believing this clergyman's dogma requires a leap of faith of which only a select few are capable. Acting upon it would necessitate divine intervention to save one from ruin.

## **KNIGHTS (2):**

Stephen Bailey

This crusader is on a mission to destroy the Greek system, in the name of egalitarianism. Stabled in the anthropology department, this noble steed produces copious whinies and manure from his orifices.

Joel, the Homeless Dude:

Lefty kiddies understand the importance of being kind to underprivileged people, but have for some reason have shown a curious aversion to Joel's pleasant conversation.

## **ROOKS (2):**

Women's Center

Only true victims of the *ancien régime* are permitted in this castle. Fortress Female protects and isolates its residents from the patriarchy rampant outside its walls. Avon Lady: don't knock on this castle door.

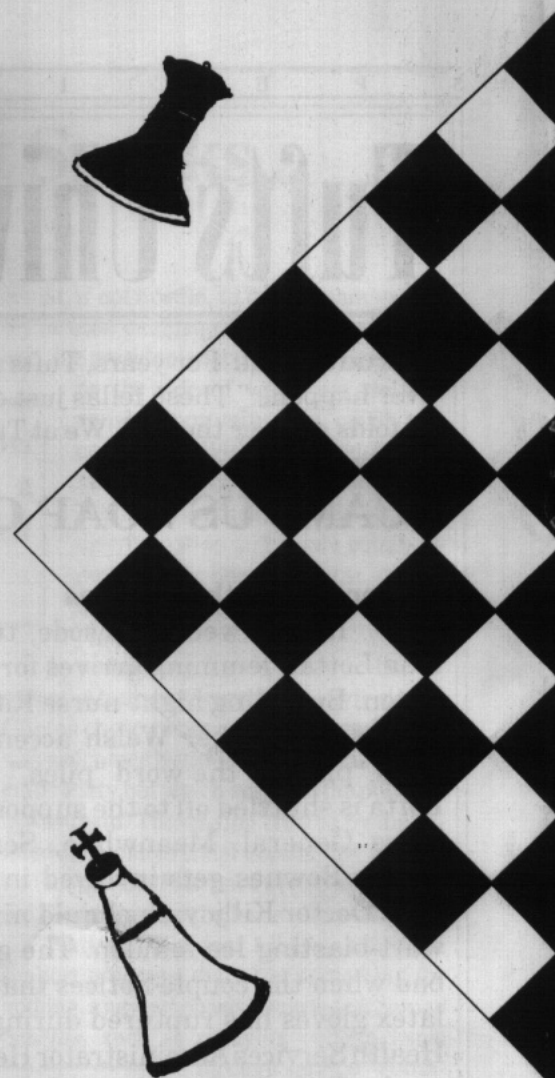
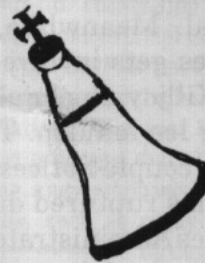
The E-House

Cleaner than clean, members of the E-House are such paragons of good citizenship that few—even among White's evil, imperialist forces—dare to criticize them.

## **PAWNS (8):**

TCU Senators

With the blind idolatry of good communists, TCU senators embrace the edicts of King Knable. They seek to one day reach the enemy's back rank and enter the hierarchy of the progressive forces.



# Tufts

Directions: For centuries the game of chess, "the grand masters with names that sound like bran" was fair because everyone started out on a level, the outcome is equal. THE PRIMARY SOURCE bring revolution in the game. The new Tufts version game we have been hoodwinked into embracing Chess for the masses distinguishes itself at the black will play first.

Although the good guys embrace the hierarchic hypocrisy. They must operate within the framev checkmate can they eliminate elitism and adopt

# The Bad Guys

## **KING:**

**THE PRIMARY SOURCE**

The quintessential "Bad Guy," this journal's destruction is the goal of Black. Seeks to promote dangerous rationality and common sense. Its most frightening weapon: truth.

## **QUEEN:**

**Morality**

A construct imposed by the racist/sexist/homophobic forces of White to oppress the many. Since the good guys make no mistakes, Black must be correct when it denies the existence of this piece.

## **KNIGHTS (2):**

**Dinesh D'Souza**

This hot headed knight dared to visit Tufts, well behind the enemy lines. Fortunately his rational debate was defeated with loud heckling and puerile antics.

## **Academic Requirements:**

This pesky piece hampers the opponent's gambits into the esoteric, the bizarre, and the downright silly. Ignoring this piece lets Black control the game. Capturing this piece allows Black to institute relativistic pseudo-classes, such as World Civilizations.

## **BISHOPS (2):**

**Christianity**

Coupled with his colleague Judaism, this piece paves the way for the Queen to rule the board with her absolute standards of right and wrong.

**Judaism**

(see above)

## **ROOKS (2):**

**Campus Center ATM**

The lifeblood of the capitalist system, this depository wreaks havoc on the environment, exploits workers, and promotes classism. This piece prevents Black's coveted stalemate (the egalitarian conclusion to any game).

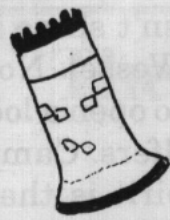
**Delta Tau Delta**

An environment so wretchedly masculine, inhabitants are chastised for leaving the toilet seat down. Behind this piece the pawns' power increases exponentially.

## **PAWNS (8):**

**Straight White Males**

Inherently evil, these troops are responsible for White's diabolical strategy: the Western Civilization opening. In order for Black to triumph, these pieces must all be eliminated.



# Chess

The royal game," has been controlled by elitist white  
ids of vodka. The old guard claimed that the game  
playing field. We know better, it's not fair unless  
ggs you the long overdue Chess for the Masses; a  
(©1993) boasts several improvements over the  
g from time immemorial.

The first moment of play. To rectify past injustices,

cal structure they seek to destroy, this implies no  
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t a more user-friendly, collectivist egalitarianism.

Tufts parties suck. Bridge-Metcalf. ECO. BYOB. Sun doesn't shine for six months. Walking up the Hill. No books in Wessel. No smoking in Wessel. No sex in Wessel. Wessel sucks. Buildings and Grounds never responds. \$10 to open a locked door. \$600 for a \$550 dining plan. No hunting on the quad. Frisbee golfers. Campus pub is only open on Tuesday. No sense of humor. The only school spirit is the ghost of John Holmes. Not enough parking for Pathfinders. *Proteus Continuum*. What sports teams? Hillside parties suck. Latin Way parties suck. Language houses suck. International House parties suck. No drinking in the dorms. No smoking in the dorms. No toilet paper in the dorms. Can't make fun of minorities. The *Observer*. No partying in Ballou. Gus. Dogs not allowed in dorm rooms. Pigs not allowed behind fraternities (only inside). Sorority houses don't let men upstairs. Fraternity houses can't serve alcohol to minors. TCU Senators. Massachusetts Blue laws. No napkins on dining hall tables. No bikini event at orientation. No bin in Hodgdon's *Coq Au Vin*. Frankly Scarlet. Naked Quad Run only happens once per year. Cousen's sauna naked, but not coed. No cable (and hence, no Playboy channel) in dorm rooms. No Twister parties. Red Licorice. Red politics. Safety Shuttle doesn't drive to Boston. Red Line too far away. Points not accepted off campus. The *Tufts Daily*. TEMS interrupts you when you're having the most fun. Thumper. Hotung. ZBTahiti. The Rez. TUTV. MoFO. No coed showers. LCS. TLGBC. Knable. Reitman. Gittleman. No DU on campus. No PSI U. Tufts Democrats. 8:05's. No open containers at block party. No labs in Human Sexuality class. No alcohol for those under 21 at Spring Fling. Not enough special interest houses. Not enough Marxist professors. Not enough people who understand sarcasm. Too many Birkenstocks. Too many Texas. Too many tie-dyes. Too many hippies. Too much granola. Too many losers. Too many pinko social climbers. Mofu mu babba buntu bang bang. Too many guys who won't cut their hair. Too many guys with multiple earrings. Too many girls with hairy legs. Gus. The *Observer*. The Afro-centric drummers who are white as snow and wake you up every morning at 6:15. No common source containers. No urinals in men's bathrooms. No picture windows in women's bathrooms. No pornos at Film Series. Lousy music in Safety Shuttle. No gang showers. Not enough conservatives. THE PRIMARY SOURCE only comes out biweekly — actually we don't *come out*, we publish. Tufts talk isn't a free 976 number. Ears for Peers isn't Beers for Peers. Professor Elmore smokes all of his botanical experiments and won't share any with his classes. The Civil War cannon doesn't fire. Jumbo Express doesn't stock brewski. Jumbo Express doesn't stock doobies. Art gallery doesn't have any nudies. Jambone canceled access to *Penthouse* file manager. Brown and Blue just aren't fashionable. Affirmative action doesn't apply to conservatives. University Liquors doesn't deliver (anymore). Can't buy cigarettes on campus. Nude models in drawing class are ugly. No video games in Somerville dorms. The video games in Medford suck. Dr. Dimento Sunday at 12:00. Patriots' games shown instead of Giants' games. No more paddling freshmen. Virtual Sex programs not *loaded* at Eaton. Not allowed to copy butt on Xerox machines in Wessel. Cannonballs prohibited in Hamilton Pool. Jackson swim team doesn't wear thong bikinis. Tufts' swim team does. We're all Ivy Rejects. Tufts Sucks, 'Nuff said.

# The Clinton Plan Unveiled

David Mollow

Like the Wicked Witch of the West, Hillary is melting. As the Clinton health care plan whirls relentlessly toward its own destruction, the First Lady is having a nervous breakdown. She periodically explodes into fits of hysteria.

Michael Putzel of *The Boston Globe* reports on the First Lady's most recent tirade. On November 1, in response to growing public disillusionment, Hillary denounced insurance companies as "great liars," who "like being able to exclude people from coverage because the more they can exclude, the more money they can make." She lashed out at insurance companies a second time, declaring them "the very industry that has brought us to the brink of bankruptcy."

A neutral observer might have told Hillary that insurance companies are no more likely to make money by excluding people from coverage than restaurant owners are likely to make money by slamming doors in their customers' faces. Apparently, the First Lady does not even understand that selling a product or service is precisely how business people make their money.

More alarming than Hillary's inability to understand elementary facts about buying and selling, is her husband's inability to understand that changing his story every ten minutes hurts his credibility. Clinton's tall tales have been less than compelling.

In September, Bill's wife had said that 10 percent of Americans would pay more for coverage under the new plan. Bill revised this claim on November 1, declaring that "only 15 percent of Americans will pay more for the same benefits." Later in the same speech, the president admitted that 25 percent of Americans "will pay a little more for coverage." Bill made these claims the same day officials in his own administration confessed that under the Clinton plan "pre-

miums would rise for 40 percent of Americans." And to cap things off, in response to a decline in approval ratings from 57 percent to 43 percent, on November 5 the Clinton administration announced that "30 percent of Americans would pay higher

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premiums."

A look at the true implications of the Clinton proposal reveals why Bill has found it necessary to speak with forked tongue, and why Hillary has found herself unable to respond to criticism with anything other than hysterical outbursts.

The plan has serious problems.

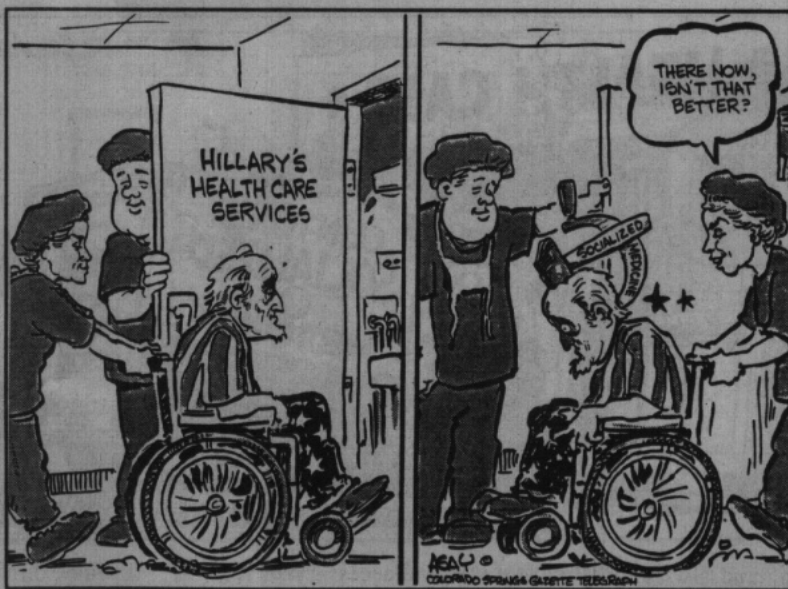
HMOs, and would impose cost controls in areas of the country where health care remained "too expensive."

From the state alliances, employers would purchase health plans for their employees. The employer would pay for 80 percent of the package, and the employee would pay for 20 percent. Unemployed and self-employed individuals would buy their policies directly from the state health alliance. If unable to purchase the cheapest plan offered, unemployed and self-employed people would receive subsidies from the government.

## Price Ceilings

In its effort to control the cost of health care, Clinton's National Health Board would impose price ceilings. These controls would trigger reductions in the availability and quality of health care.

When the government artificially decreases the cost of a service (medical or other), demand swells. Millions of people notice that the service has suddenly become cheaper. As a result, these people enter the pool of potential consumers. In this way, the demand for a service begins to exceed the available supply. If cost controls were imposed on health care, then there would be more people seeking service than doctors and hospitals willing to provide.



## The Proposal

Congressional approval of the Clinton health care plan would establish a network of state health alliances. These alliances would offer insurance policies, and replace current private carriers.

The new legislation would divide the country into regions, each of which would have a Health Maintenance Organization. A National Health Board would oversee the

Doctors and hospitals would respond to this excess demand in two ways. First, they would try to see as many people as possible. This means that doctors would shuffle patients in and out of the office as quickly as they could. With price ceilings in place, the only way doctors and hospitals could increase revenues would be to increase the number of patients they

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treated daily. Hence, assembly-line style health care could emerge as one consequence of the Clinton health plan.

The other problem with cost controls is that the excess demand they usher in would, almost by definition, imply long waiting lines for health care. This may seem like dry and mechanical analysis, but the effects of economic policy are very real. Waiting lines and overflowing hospitals plague every country in which health care has been socialized.

London physician Max Gammon, writing for *The Wall Street Journal*, recently revealed that in Great Britain more than one million people currently await admission to hospitals. Hospitals are simply too full. Demand has raced too far ahead of supply. So serious has the situation in Britain become, that patients in need of medical treatment are routinely turned away from hospital doors. The shortages of space in hospitals, wrought by price controls, affect even emergency room treatment. "Conditions in accident and emergency departments are often chaotic due to a shortage of beds in the wards," Gammon argues.

The Canadian, German, and Swiss health care systems suffer from similar problems brought about by price ceilings. If Congress approves the Clinton proposal, Americans should expect longer waiting lines and hurried visits to the doctor.

#### **Freedom**

Clinton's health plan would severely compromise choice. It would require the overwhelming majority of Americans to select a health policy offered by the state

alliance where they lived. The government would permit citizens to receive treatment only from doctors under the jurisdiction of a specific HMO (Health Maintenance Organization).

Since the new legislation would require Americans to select a health plan offered by the state alliance, citizens and employers would often find themselves buying plans that were not sound purchases.

With a limited number of policies to choose from, people would have no choice but to buy health plans that provided for certain services they neither wanted nor desired.

Under the current system, some elements of the same problem exist. People can choose from only the policies offered by private insurance companies. In order to receive health care services they desire, buyers sometimes have to purchase a policy

sumers will shop around. They will buy a more sound policy from a different company, and the company that does not offer a wide range of policies will soon go bankrupt.

The state alliances, by contrast, would be immune to market forces. They would therefore feel no pressure to protect the consumer from wasteful spending. The Clinton plan would thus deny buyers the freedom to select a health insurance policy appropriate for them. The state would offer a few choices and that would be the end of the matter. With the subversion of the free market, then, would come the curtailment of choice itself. Clinton's proposal would discard freedom and extend the government's paternalism into the realm of health care.

#### **Two Tiers**

In our system, under which Americans purchase health care from private insurance companies, the majority of people receive good health care, but not the best. Most people are middle class. The amount of money citizens pay into the insurance company is a small fraction of the cost of the health care services the policy covers. Of their own volition, individuals pay the insurance company. Voluntarily pooling their resources allows people to cover themselves for services they could never afford otherwise.

If the government eliminated private insurance companies, the only way people could receive health care independent of the policies offered by the state alliances would be to buy

services directly from doctors and hospitals. Few can afford to do so.

Implementation of the Clinton proposal would divide society into two classes. The overwhelming majority of Americans would select from a few state health alliance policies, complete with waiting lines, rationed health care, and doctors chosen by the government. An elite class of multi-million-

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that covers other, unnecessary services as well. Thus, in either the current system or the proposed system, consumers would waste money paying for services they did not want.

Yet the proposed system would exacerbate the problem of wasteful spending. The reason has to do with market forces. In simple terms, private insurance companies cannot afford to load the policies they offer with superfluous services, because consumers won't waste their money. Instead, con-

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# Breeding Injustice

Edward Havell

TCU Vice-President Matt Stein and Senator Michelle Farquhar introduced their proposal to give full voting power to all TCU Senate culture representatives a few weeks ago. This was only the latest development in a series of "multicultural" attempts to benefit our community. Multiculturalism is designed to sensitize us to the concerns of others, raise the esteem of all minorities, and prepare us all for equal opportunity in a better world. At Tufts, through multiculturalism, we are supposed to become "many stories, one community." In practice, multiculturalism neither corrects past injustices nor benefits those whom it is intended to help. If anything, multiculturalism divides America and weakens the already fragile bonds that hold us together.

Multiculturalism begins with quotas.

America is supposed to be a land of equal opportunity, yet quotas give some Americans more opportunity than others; the preferential treatment associated with quotas is innately unfair. For example, it is more difficult for a white or Asian person to gain admission to a New England college than for most minorities. Some California colleges have gone as far as setting quotas to limit the number of Asian students. Quotas encourage the judgment of people by criteria other than character and ability. Instead of viewing people as Americans with varying skills and talents, employers are encouraged to bring issues of race and gender to the forefront. This ignores the efforts of such great men as Justice Clarence Thomas and General Colin Powell who have proven that, through dedication and hard work, anyone can make it in this great country. Quotas deliver the wrong message. They say to minorities, "You cannot make it in this country on your own. You need outside help to compete as a minority in today's world." This feeling of inferiority and helplessness among inner city youth

helps explain why they are turning increasingly to drug dealing and crime; they are constantly told that they cannot make it by virtue of their own effort.

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The deleterious effects of multiculturalism extend far beyond the establishment of quotas. A diversified curriculum that overlooks American and Western mainstream culture in favor of minority views is not simple historical revisionism, it is a distortion of history. Just as Greek history is most important in Greece and Chinese history is most important in China,

ground. America has always had freedom of religion and expression, and no one intends to challenge these. However, the family, the Church, and the neighborhood are all optimal forums for today's youth to maintain their cultural traditions. It is not the duty of the school to pander to every special interest.

America is rapidly becoming a blame society. Pointing fingers and passing the buck have much more popularity than accepting personal responsibility for "unfair" or "dissatisfying" situations. These attitudes result in labeling the United States as exploitative, racist, and suppressive. This is ironic in light of the fact that, for years, people all over the world have fled from oppression to America. Even more ironic is the fact that many of these immigrants build successful lives without receiving a word of education concerning their homeland. The Japanese and Vietnamese immigrants

are excellent examples of those who have triumphed within the system. Culture is maintained in the home, while success is bred through proper education and hard work. Those who espouse multiculturalism should look at these success cases before hurling accusations against Western culture. Collegiate multicultural studies have little practical use in the real world; they are merely the playthings of the academic left.



Western history is most important in the United States. The principles upon which this country was founded all stem from European history. Not one word of our Constitution comes from Brazilian tribal rituals or Indian religious passages. Diversification should not be the focus of our curriculum. The purpose of today's curriculum is to teach the values of hard work and self-reliance, values that will generate productive citizens. Few opponents of curriculum diversification wish to stifle diverse cultures, but school is neither the only nor the best place to explore one's cultural back-

Multiculturalism is not the tool for providing equality and fighting racism. In fact, the opposite is true. This country needs color-blindness. We need to look upon one another as human beings, not as members of different races and religions. An emphasis on our differences drives wedges between Americans of different backgrounds. We may all have our separate cultures, but we all have our common culture as Americans.

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aires would have the means to purchase quality health care directly from doctors of their own choice. By destroying the private insurance mechanism through which ordinary people receive quality medical care, Clinton's plan would hurt the middle class.

Ironically enough then, under the welfarist agenda "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer," as the old cliché goes. If the Clinton plan passes, we will have a two-tier structure when it comes to health care, and no one will be able to blame trickle down economics.

### Costs of Health Care and Alternatives to Socialism

In the United States, approximately one out of seven dollars is spent on health care. The strong consensus that Americans spend too much money on health care has motivated the demands for reform. That consensus certainly has a degree of legitimacy. However, the Clinton Administration has refused to recognize some of the reasons the cost is so high.

Consider the fact that Americans are far more concerned with health than are citizens of other Western countries. In the United States, fewer people smoke, more people exercise, people drink less alcohol, etc. One reason why we spend more money on health care than do other First World countries is very simple: We are more concerned with health. Our concern with health is not a problem with the "health care system." If it is a problem at all, it is a problem with the American people.

There are other reasons why the cost of health care continues to escalate in the United States. Part of the problem is that existing legislation mandates that employers pay a substantial portion of the cost of insuring their employees. This kind of legislation breeds fiscal irresponsibility. Because they pay only a small percentage of their health care costs, the people in need of doctors' services have little incentive to see which doctors offer the needed treatment most cheaply. As a result, doctors raise the costs of services.

Increasing the percentage of insurance premiums that employees pay on their own

would introduce a strong element of personal responsibility. The cost of health care would decline, because patients would have a strong incentive to seek out doctors who offered the best prices.

In the name of wealth redistribution, critics of establishing a modicum of fiscal

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responsibility continue to support requiring employers to buy insurance for their employees. One's personal opinions concerning the praiseworthiness of wealth redistribution are irrelevant here, because such requirements do not redistribute wealth. Employers respond to such legislation by cutting employee salaries so that, to the employer, the total cost of an employee remains the same. The rational conclusion is then obvious: Since wages would rise in response, shifting the responsibility for buying health insurance back to employees would not affect the employer to employee ratio of wealth distribution. It would, however, help decrease the cost of health care by introducing personal responsibility.

### Call It What You Will

That "in the long run we are all dead anyway," as John Maynard Keynes said, may be our consolation if Congress approves the Clinton proposal. Nevertheless, if public opinion polls are any indication, people need not resign themselves to socialism yet. The wave of publicity enveloping the health care debate has led the American people to reconsider the Clinton plan. The public is weighing the pros and cons.

We have already seen a sampling of the cons of the Clinton proposal. They include the following: long waiting lines for treatment; assembly-line style health care; forfeiture of most people's rights to choose their own doctors and insurance policies; and ossification of a two-tier health care system under which only millionaires enjoy high quality care, while everyone else selects from a few government packages.

Clinton points to universal coverage as

one of the benefits of his plan. But, increasingly, the public finds this unpersuasive, since 86 percent of Americans have health insurance and the remaining 14 percent receive treatment in spite of their uninsured status.

And the other "benefit" of the Clinton plan, that it would reduce the cost of health care, has become less attractive for two reasons: First, it would reduce costs only by providing lower quality care. Secondly, introducing personal responsibility could substantially reduce costs, and could do so without destroying the world's best health care system.

As a result of these revelations, public approval of the Clinton proposal has fallen from 57 percent to 43 percent over the last several days.

Which brings us back to Hillary, and her hysterical response to exposure of her flawed socialist ideology. Months ago, Hillary admitted that the health care issue was complex. There were no easy solutions. Difficult choices had to be made. People had to sacrifice.

But now the American people are learning that socialized medicine (call it what you will) means inferior health care, and that they don't want to sacrifice. Hillary's response is, of course, that the people are ignorant and foolish, too stupid to know what's in their own interest, brainwashed by rich insurance companies. All of a sudden, difficult choices do not face us at all. The choice is obvious. Bill's plan is just plain better, and anyone who criticizes it is "a great liar."

"One of the great lies that is currently afoot in the country," Hillary announced at a meeting of pediatricians on November 1, "is that the president's plan will limit choice. To the contrary, the president's plan will enhance choice." The First Lady offered not a speck of evidence in support of this assertion. And although she has never been elected to any public position, Hillary felt qualified to speak for the people, declaring that "We want our health care system back."

In spite of Hillary's rhetoric, groups opposed to the health plan are mobilizing and revealing that socialism, by any name, is a medicine more damaging than the disease.

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# Republican Revolution

Colin R.P. Delaney

The elections of 1993 are behind us and the shift is on. Four weeks ago I wrote an article reporting the successes of the Republican Party and its hopes for the future. Now that the future is here, Republicans are too, fresh out of victories in three major off-year elections.

I chose to write about Whitman, Allen, and Giuliani three weeks before the election in order to make light of conservatives running for office while reporting on recent successes. In the three biggest races of the November 1993, Republicans were all underdogs who needed to get their stories out to the public. As one of the few journalists inclined to vote for any of them, I took up the party mantle and spoke my mind.

The *New York Times* had a two-page spread on the New York mayoral race which pitted incumbent David Dinkins (D) against former US Prosecuting Attorney Rudolph Giuliani (R). It reported on the campaign styles of both candidates and on their strategies for last-minute victory. The editors' note showed that Dinkins was ahead in the polls 46-41%. Only the fine print informed the reader that those figures were within the margin of error; there was a statistical dead-heat.

The front page of the paper's Metro section was a story about New Jersey Governor Jim Florio's (D) re-election campaign. The article explained Republican candidate Christine Todd Whitman's strategy faults and early blunders as well as casting Whitman as a rich Republican and portraying Florio as the starving New Jersey boxer turned politician for the working man. The article neglected the fact that Florio was well ensconced in the state house, running for a third term. He was the emperor of Trenton. Christy Whitman's reminders about the devastating \$3 billion tax hike pushed through by Florio in 1990 were conveniently disregarded. Yet the editors reported on Florio's nine-point and growing lead in all the polls.

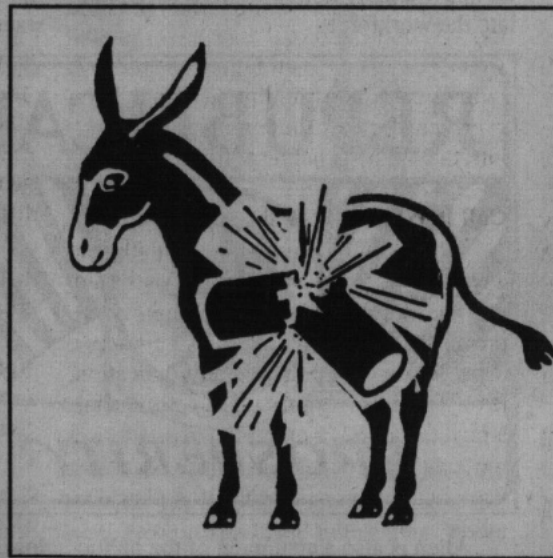
Left out of the world's second most informative newspaper, was the real story on Virginia's gubernatorial race. In the absence of any coverage, I thought that not

much had changed. When I left Virginia last, Democrat Lieutenant Governor (Gov. L. Douglas Wilder's 1989 running mate) Mary Sue Terry was leading in the polls

**The people have spoken. They have selected candidates who ran campaigns on fiscal conservatism and hard-lined positions on crime.**

against former congressman George Allen. Republicans were privately pessimistic about his chances of overcoming Terry's advantage.

But wait. Pulitzer's newspaper's informative value was usurped by an everyday citizen from Virginia. She reported that Allen had it as good as won. For weeks he



had been well ahead of Terry's floundering campaign, and with a scant five days to go before the election, Allen was leading by 17 points in every poll.

## Voters' Changing Attitudes.

Things change drastically on election day. One never knows which way the voters will turn when they are all alone in the voting booth. In "Change for the Better," I forecasted that moderates would flock to

certain candidates when the press had finally left them to their decisions. Yet I knew that to a certain extent, it was rhetoric to back up my candidates and causes.

With the poles closed for four full hours, I trekked to the Campus Center to get the news from CNN. With 70% of precincts reporting, Giuliani had a lead of just over 1000 votes. Still too close to call. Save the Allen victory which had been declared only an hour after polls

closed, nothing had been decided.

Finally, news came in at 12:45 Wednesday morning. "Rudy won!" said the voice on the phone, "51-48 per cent." "And Whitman won too." Republicans had won each of the three big elections.

## New York & New Jersey.

The people have spoken. They have selected candidates who ran campaigns on fiscal conservatism and hard-lined positions on crime. The voters chose candidates who supported their interests. New York was fed up with crime and racial tensions, and wanted change. The voters got exactly what they wanted. Surprisingly, Giuliani was elected by people whom he will fire. He plans to slash the number of city employees by 30,000 in an effort to erase the city's frightening budget deficit of \$1 billion. Giuliani will be the first Republican to live in Gracie Mansion in 30 years.

There have been other battles too. Though Whitman trailed in the late days of the campaign, New Jersey's fickle voters flocked back to the GOP instead of pulling the lever for a candidate who raised taxes after promising not to do so. Whitman brings little executive experience to the post, but pledges to work hard to return that money to the people that earned it. Voters overlooked her early mistakes and in-fighting with Republican strategist Roger

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Ailes. Whitman won over swing voters in the final moments of the campaign with a massive TV advertising blitz, and a strong showing in a debate. Florio, apparently resting on his nine-point laurels, came off as abrasive and frigid. Whitman was able to plant the seed of doubt in the undecided minds that eventually elected her Governor of New Jersey. Florio is the state's first governor to be defeated in a re-election bid.

#### **The Solid South.**

Virginia holds the most telling results from Tuesday's voting. In the spring of 1993, Republican George Allen won the nomination for governor at the world's largest political convention ever. There was a major rift in the party and the ensuing debate was bloody. At issue was the ideology of the nomination for Lieutenant Governor, the convention eventually chose a religious conservative. Early on, Democrat Mary Sue Terry built the impressive lead she sat on for most of the summer, a strategy reminiscent of Michael Dukakis. This enabled Allen to get his message out unopposed. He began with a decidedly positive advertising campaign, explaining his background in the Virginia House of Delegates. The voice-over phrase "He held Mr. Jefferson's seat," coming out of a July TV ad still rings in the minds of voters. But it was neither slick nor gentlemanly advertising that pulled Allen up from his 29-point June deficit in the polls.

Allen ran a very conservative campaign. He repeatedly portrayed himself as a candidate of the people from central Virginia, an attorney with a number of degrees from the University of Virginia, not a carpetbagger from D.C. He was elected to the US Congress with 62% of the vote in November of 1991, beating out two other candidates. There he served as a political conservative, supporting the Balanced Budget Amendment and the line item veto. However, in 1991, he was legislated out of office

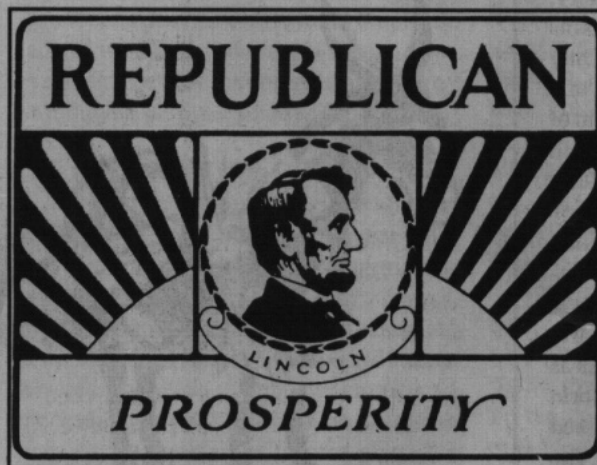
by Governor L. Douglas Wilder when that year's redistricting sliced his district apart. The new map took effect in 1992, and Allen was forced to leave Washington.

His gubernatorial campaign allowed him the chance to shine as his own star. He enunciated support for a host of conservative issues. At the top of the list is fiscal restraint that includes an automatic veto of any income or sales tax hike. Furthermore,

he proposed a "workfare" plan to reform welfare. The Allen Workfare Plan requires

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able-bodied recipients of welfare to perform community service while they are collecting their checks. The plan is not hard-line retribution of recipients. Compassionate exemptions and special programs are built in, including a way to provide childcare for employed workfare mothers. Most important of all, is that the plan provides on-the-job training to get welfare recipients into the workforce.



Allen is also a champion of the public school system. He demands state standards for education and regular testing of students. Allen will also de-emphasize the role of administrators in education, while returning control of the schools to parents and teachers.

When Mary Sue Terry attempted to take a tough stance on crime, Allen immediately responded with the truth of her record and a proposal that far outstripped anything she advocated. Terry supported a five-day

waiting period for the purchase of handguns. While pointing out that the Democrat, in seven years as Attorney General, never introduced legislation to curb Virginia's growing problem with violent crime, Allen immediately released his proposal to punish convicted criminals more harshly, with an unprecedented total ban on parole.

The conservative also took on the dangerous topic of family values, supporting both the concept and the term. He constantly campaigned with his wife and often made references to his work as a father of two. Though well aware of the pitfalls of taking on such a politically incorrect cause, Allen stood behind his convictions and proved that conservatives could still win elections.

Allen's come-from-behind victory is one worthy of only a truly great politician. He managed to overcome incredible odds and hand Gov. Wilder's heir-apparent the most devastating gubernatorial loss in Virginia this century. But it is also indicative of the state's move to the right. In 1989 it elected the nation's first black governor, L. Douglas Wilder, and was considered a left-leaning state, for it had bucked the Reagan/Bush trend and elected democrats to the state house throughout the eighties.

All current trends indicate that North will be a member of the 104th Senate. Virginia's current US Senators are John Warner (R) and Charles Robb (D). In 1994, Robb is facing an extremely tough re-election bid. He has already declared his candidacy, and lame duck Governor Wilder has announced his intention to battle Robb for the nomination in what is sure to be a brutal primary fight. Wilder has also said that if he should

lose, he will run as an independent in the general election. Meanwhile, Oliver North of Iran-Contra fame is on the speaking circuit around the nation, gearing up for his likely run for the Republican nomination. Wilder's megalomaniacal intentions will hurt either primary victor and an independent run is sure to divide the few democrats left in Virginia.

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# I ♥ New York

Steve Seltzer

Too crowded. Too noisy. Too dangerous. Too dirty. These are just a few adjectives used to describe New York City. Stroll down a mid-town Manhattan street on a Friday afternoon around 5:00 PM and that claim will be substantiated. Amid the three card monte tables, ticket scalpers, solicitors, religious extremists, drug pushers, and pick-pockets, masses of white collar workers struggle to find their way home. These individuals, who funnel money into the city's coffers, have no desire to spend any more time there than necessary due to the noise, pollution, and so forth. These factors plague not only Manhattan, but the majority of New York City.

New York residents have traditionally elected Democratic administrations hoping that they would combat and solve these problems. Liberal policies for urban improvement have been manifested in the constructs of government spending and entitlement programs as well as poorly organized and unevenly administered civil rights agendas. After what seemed like an endless string of leftist leadership, New York voters have finally decided to subscribe to a more effective itinerary for handling their city's ills. The election of former US Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani as the new mayor of New York City indicates that a majority of New Yorkers have shifted to a conservative philosophy. Giuliani will institute his conservative ideology through tough crime prevention tactics and by cutting wasteful spending programs.

New York needs the type of leadership that Giuliani will provide if it hopes to recover from its economic doldrums. The city's faltering economy has resulted from a huge discrepancy existing between the plethora of dependents and the dearth of contributors coexisting there. Quite simply, this negative cash flow prevents any positive economic growth. As a result of this stagnation, crime levels, unemployment, and other societal deteriorations have skyrocketed. Recognizing that these conditions are not going to disappear, businesses are moving out of the area. As businesses continue to evacuate, the city declines even further, creating a vicious cycle. In order to break

this cycle, the condition of New York City must improve to the point where enterprises will return and invest in the economy.

That cycle remains intact, however, to this day. New York's lame duck mayor,

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David N. Dinkins, did not manage the city's pressing economic quandary. Mayor Dinkins chose to focus on healing racial tensions in the city during his term. While it was a noble goal, a substantial economic growth plan did not accompany it. Had Dinkins provided more than tired and wasteful spending programs, perhaps he would have made some headway into relieving racial tensions and resolving economic malaise. Unfortunately, he made little progress in either regard. New York City's budget deficit of \$1 billion serves as a painful testimony to that.

Not only did Dinkins present the city with an inadequate agenda, but he could not satisfactorily carry it out. Dinkins needed to create policies that promoted work at the local government level, rather than invent bureaucratic jobs, entitlements, and other forms of preferential treatment. However, Dinkins could not articulate a plan for re-vamping the bureaucracy, and he certainly would not attempt to present such a plan to organized racial opposition. Dinkins' preservation of bureaucratic entitlements allowed racial and special interest groups to squabble over receiving kickbacks, fostering racial dissension.

In the months before the election, Dinkins' ineptitude in handling major racial

conflicts was revealed. A report charged him with mishandling the Crown Heights riots of 1991. The riots transpired due to racial tensions between blacks and Hassidic Jews in Brooklyn. A young black boy, Gavin Cato, was accidentally run over by a hearse in a Hassidic funeral procession. As a means of retaliation, a group of blacks murdered an uninvolved Hassidic man named Yankl Rosenbaum. A highly controversial court decision acquitted the suspects.

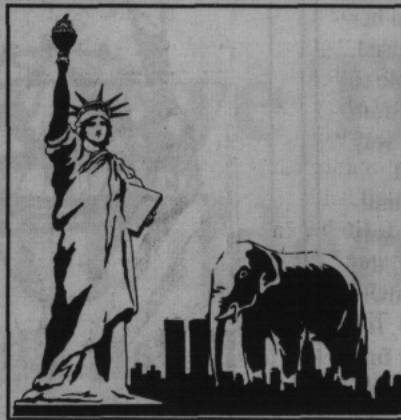
That acquittal incited a large uproar throughout the Hassidic community, and riots ensued. The report regarding those riots stated that Dinkins ordered the police to refrain from getting involved. While Dinkins professed racial harmony, he allowed racial division and violence to last longer than it should have.

By electing Rudy Giuliani mayor, New Yorkers have expressed their dissatisfaction with a failed racial agenda and an economic plan that could not help a faltering urban economy. Giuliani's first order of business is to improve criminal prosecution and keep crime at a minimum. By lowering the crime rate, businesses will be attracted back to the city,

stimulating the economy. Unlike his predecessor, Giuliani will enact a plan that responds to the immediate needs of the city.

The Big Apple has had a Democratic mayor for the past thirty years. The policies of the left have had more than enough time to prove their worth to the city of New York. Apparently, the voters have decided that they do not want to wait around for the "change" that the liberals have promised without delivering for decades. They have chosen Republican leadership to guide them through the 1990's.

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**Political Maneuvering.**

The reaction on Wednesday was what would have been expected. Party hacks such as myself were elated. And as for the candidates: Allen held a press conference with his wife, Giuliani met with Dinkins to establish what the former termed, "a smooth transition," and Whitman was triumphantly declaring, "Watch me, we're going to do it," when asked how she was going to clean up her state.

Interestingly, Bill Clinton tried to claim the day as his own, saying that the United States has a fever for change and that these results were just more indicators of that desire. Apparently Mr. Clinton needs to be reminded that he campaigned for Mayor Dinkins a number of times. President Bill mustn't forget that he was in New York City with the now defeated mayor on the weekend immediately before election day. It should also be noted that Clinton made repeated offers to Mary Sue Terry to appear in Virginia on her behalf. Each time, Terry refused, fearing that Allen would be able to turn the election into a referendum on Clinton in the much same way that Kay Bailey Hutchison did.

Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour was ready with his responses for the Wednesday Morning talk shows. "Clearly there was a mood for change last year that was not fulfilled," Barbour said. The results of the 1992 Presidential election are now seen as a rejection of a candidate, not a party. People at the RNC are quick to tell opponents that the reports of the death of the Republican Party have been greatly exaggerated. Barbour is always ready to remind DNC Chair David Wilhelm of the results of elections around the country since November 3, 1992: A net gain of two US Senate seats for the GOP (in Georgia and Texas), partisan and non-partisan mayoral victories in the nation's two largest cities, tossing out three decades of Democrat rule in each, and of course

Tuesday's gubernatorial wins in New Jersey and Virginia. In the nation's six biggest races of 1993, Republicans have succeeded in removing Democrats from office.

**The New Majority.**

The look ahead to 1994 is now very bright. Republicans forecast gains in the US House of Representatives and expect to win back still more state houses as thirty governors will retire or face re-election next year. Finally, the GOP is already fielding strong candidates for the Senate in 1994. Gains are

expected in a decidedly conservative South. Tennessee and Virginia look like possible victories, and Alabama Democrat Richard Shelby is considering making it official next year: Washington's best known fence-sitter is considering joining the GOP.

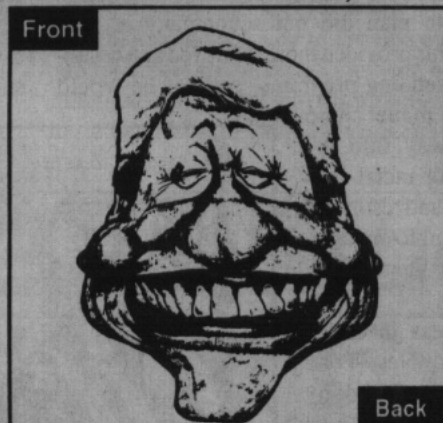
Nineteen ninety-three is proving to be a banner year for the Republican Party. Nineteen ninety-four now looks to be just as promising.

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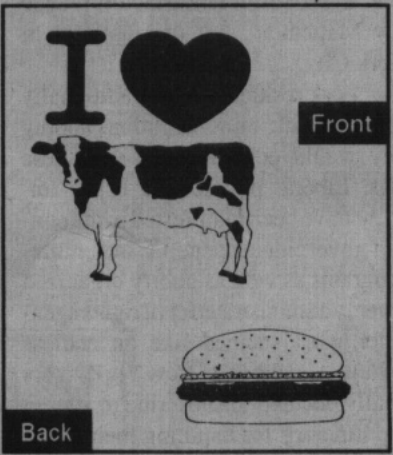
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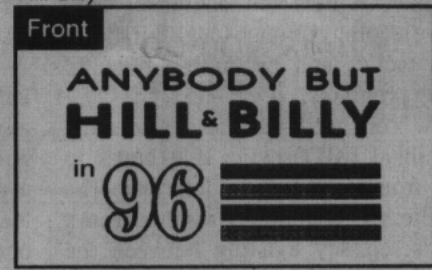
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*God is not a cosmic bell-boy for whom we can press a button to get things.*  
—Harry Fosdick

*When you're out of Bud, you're out of beer.*  
—Senator Tom Harkin

*Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a loser.*  
—Richard Nixon

*It has been observed that one's nose is never so happy as when it is thrust into the affairs of another, from which some physiologists have drawn the inference that the nose is devoid of the sense of smell.*  
—Ambrose Pierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

*Excess on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the deadening effect of a habit.*  
—W. Somerset Maugham

*Whether you can hear it or not, the Universe is laughing behind your back.*  
—National Lampoon, "Deteriorada"

*Do not fool yourself by thinking that altruists are motivated by compassion for the suffering; they are motivated by hatred for the successful.*  
—Ayn Rand

*I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house.*  
—Zsa Zsa Gabor

*I should have been a country-western singer. After all, I'm older than most western countries.*  
—George Burns

*To err is human  
And stupid.*  
—Robert Byrne

*As an anti-American, I thank you for your rotten article devoted to my person.*  
—Letter to Time magazine from Prince Sihanouk

*I have bursts of being a lady, but it doesn't last long.*  
—Shelley Winters

*If God had meant us to have group sex, he'd have given us more organs.*  
—Malcolm Bradbury

*After all is said and done, more is said than done.*  
—Anonymous

*If you like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel.*  
—Willkommen

*She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on with a pitchfork.*  
—Jonathan Swift

*Nobody roots for Goliath.*  
—Wilt Chamberlain

*I do not take a single newspaper, nor read one a month, and I feel myself infinitely the happier for it.*  
—Thomas Jefferson

*Boy, the things I do for England.*  
—Prince Charles on sampling snake meat.

*I have never liked working. To me a job is an invasion of privacy.*  
—Danny McGoorty

*Love teaches even asses to dance.*  
—French proverb

*The best cure for hypochondria is to forget about your body and get interested in somebody else's.*  
—Goodman Ace

*You sofa-crevice fondler!*  
—Peter De Vries

*Cats are like Baptists. They raise hell but you can't catch them at it.*  
—Anonymous

*The best way to lose weight is to get the flu and take a trip to Egypt.*  
—Roz Lawrence

*We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything.*  
—Thomas Edison

*Reality is a crutch for people who can't cope with drugs.*  
—Lily Tomlin

*The only people with a right to complain about what I do for a living are vegetarian nudists.*  
—Ken Bates, one of California's 700 licensed fur trappers

*It was a blonde, a blonde to make a bishop kick a hole in a stained glass window.*  
—Raymond Chandler

*It is easier to stay out than get out.*  
—Mark Twain

*Fall is my favorite season in Los Angeles, watching the birds change color and fall from the trees.*  
—David Letterman

*Go, and never darken my towels again.*  
—Groucho Marx

*Cogito ergo spud. I think, therefore I yam.*  
—Graffito

*The curtain rises on a vast primitive wasteland, not unlike certain parts of New Jersey.*  
—Woody Allen

*A man is as young as the woman he feels.*  
—Anonymous

*A good deed never goes unpunished.*  
—Gore Vidal

*My father never lived to see his dream come true of an all-Yiddish-speaking Canada.*  
—David Steinberg

*We just went for the music, man.*  
—TCU Senator Seth Low, on failing his History of Jazz exam

*Never eat more than you can lift.*  
—Miss Piggy

*Figures won't lie, but liars will figure.*  
—C.H. Grosvenor

*Communism is the opiate of the intellectuals.*  
—Clare Boothe Luce