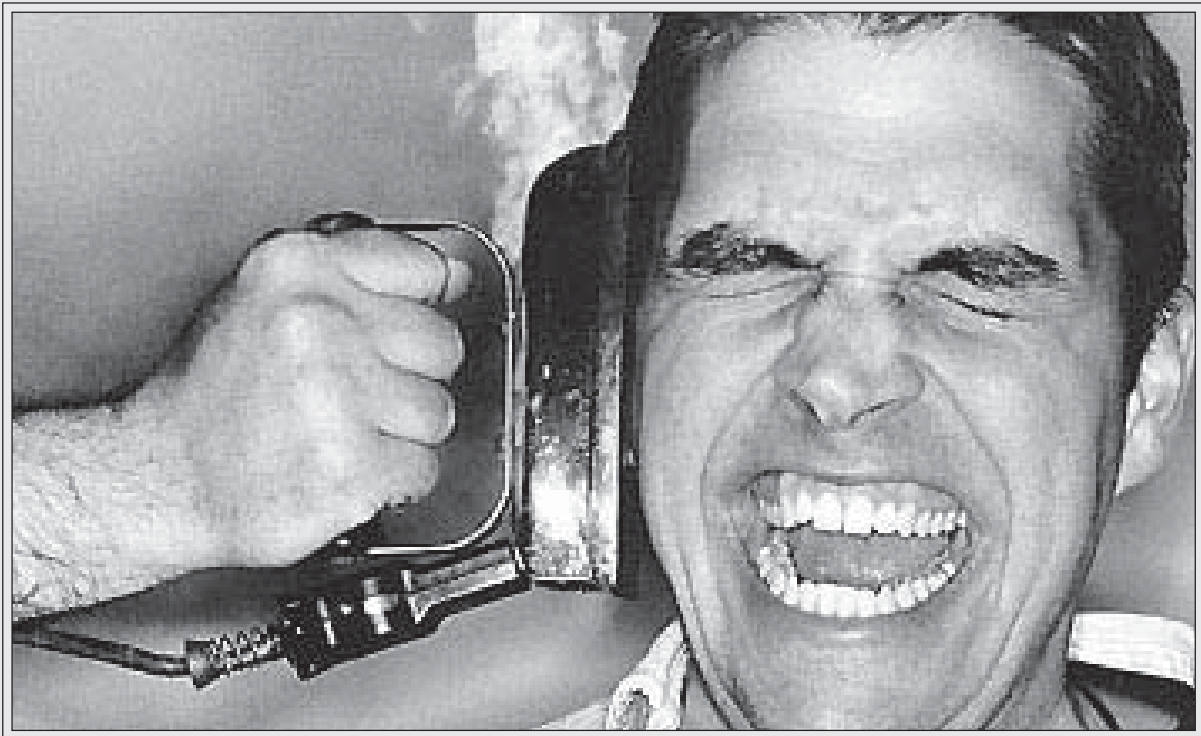


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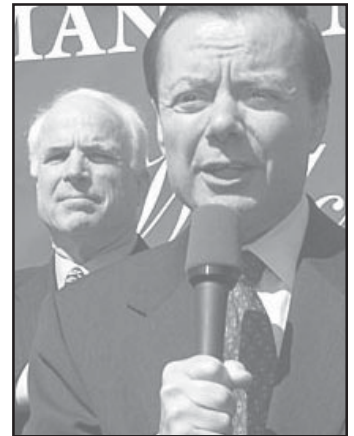
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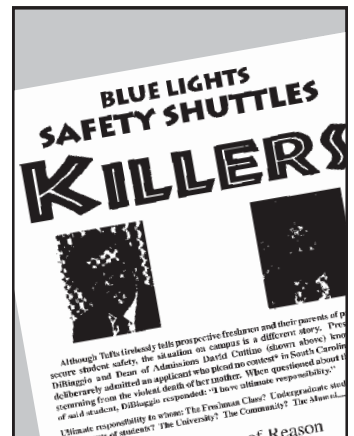
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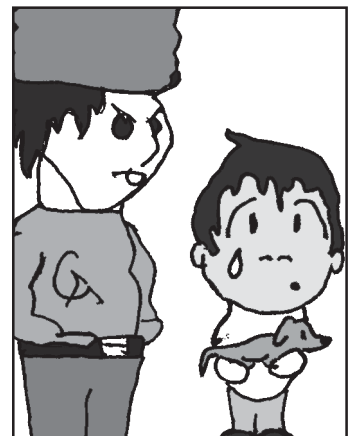
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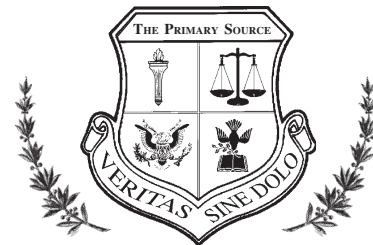
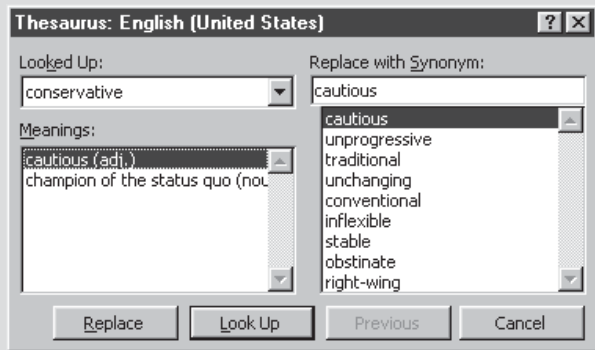
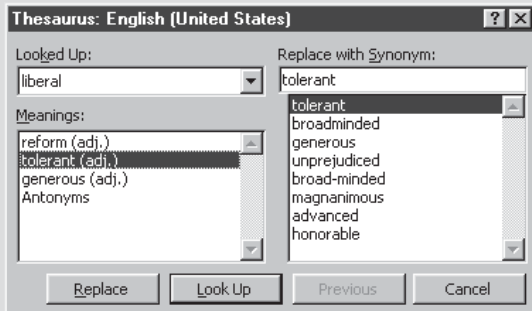
—J.C. Watts

At many points in the PRIMARY SOURCE’s eighteen-year history, the term “racist” has been used to refer to this publication and its members. However, to debate one’s definition of “racist,” discuss the etymology of the word, or have a vote to ascertain whether or not the SOURCE is, indeed, racist would be an utter waste of time. As individuals, we each hold our own standards for that which offends, and it is on that level that our work should be deemed appropriate or inappropriate.

One thing the SOURCE definitely is, though, is conservative, and it is on this point that we take issue with the folks at Microsoft. Fun-loving capitalists though they may be, developers of their product Word 97 should be ashamed of the way it takes advantage of popular liberal notions. When one looks up the word “liberal,” in the thesaurus for example, a plethora of positive words are proffered: tolerant, generous, broadminded (apparently, they have not yet encountered many of the PC movement’s eager censors), advanced, honorable, handsome (Ralph Nader, anyone?), beneficent, charitable, bountiful, and lavish. Maybe we should offer these people a tour of our fair college campus—paying five dollars for Oxfam rice eaten on a cold floor isn’t exactly lavish.

If the fact that “liberal” brings up so many positive connotations is a bit disquieting, observe what pops up, should one dare to search for a synonym for conservative: inflexible, unchanging, obstinate, right-wing, obstructionist, die-hard, opponent of change, reactionary and conventional. Not only does this definition ignore the more common definition of conservative—one who is circumspect in his or her social comportment; but the ultimate irony, however, is that in this present election, it is the conservative candidates who are campaigning for the most change. As the national agenda moves further and further left, it becomes the Republicans who must take up arms for change, as opposed to their more liberal counterparts. Similarly, on the Tufts campus, it is in the pages of the Source that one finds the largest departure from the status quo. The rule of PC is the rule of the campus, which brings us back to the accusations on *Brian’s Rumors Daily*.

What the SOURCE publishes may not always be in the best of taste, but we make no apologies for our content. We give our readers much intellectual credit, and assume that they can tell the difference between that which is intended as humor and our more serious content. And as the existence and continued success of this publication has proven, that which offends often provokes the most thought and change. So to all of our detractors, I offer these words: *veritas sine dolo*.



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# Letters

## Advice from a new J member

While I loved the Arts Issue, I do have a few comments:

- 1) Lego men aren't white; they're yellow.
- 2) Axl Rose is not "still in exile," as Joshua Martino wrote. In the past few months, he's had a cover of Spin Magazine, a short interview in Rolling Stone, and is working on a comeback album that will kick the asses of all wannabe rockers everywhere.

And, of course, if you guys don't do a big story on Alan Keyes and his role in the Republican debates, I will be sooo disappointed.

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## Fighting the good fight

Dear PRIMARY SOURCE,  
I am the son of a 1940 (approx.) graduate of Tufts. My dad, although a loyal Tufts Alumni and financial supporter, has been doing some serious head shaking and chin scratching these last 25 years or so as student life and curriculum at Tufts and at so many of America's other great Liberal Arts schools have sunk into the abyss of left-wing totalitarianism (political correctness). I was out browsing, decided to go to the Tufts web site and see what kind of publications are being generated these days around campus. It was a real breath of fresh air to find "PRIMARY SOURCE"! I copied some articles and am passing them along to my dad along with the subscription info. My only concern is that I could find nothing more recent than April 1999. Is your web site just lagging or is something more sinister at work here? You're not shut down are you?! Don't want to subscribe if you are out of business! Let us know that you are still up and running and continuing the good fight!

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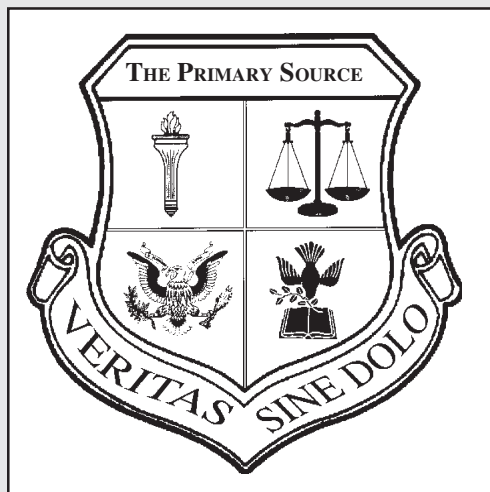
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# Commentary

## NYC Mayhem

Four New York City police officers were accused of the shooting death of an unarmed West African immigrant in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment last February. The four officers, Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon, and Richard Murphy, who fired a total of 41 bullets and hit Diallo with 19, were acquitted on all 24 counts last Thursday. These counts ranged from the more serious charge of murder to public endangerment. Immediately after the not-guilty verdict was given, Reverend Al Sharpton set up his soapbox in Harlem. Sharpton preached his belief that this verdict was obviously racially motivated due to a change-in-venue decision, which moved the trial from New York to Albany. The jury, as Sharpton opined, was obviously racist, composed of four black and eight white jurors. They deliberated for more than 20 hours over three days before returning a verdict. The trial was moved to Albany—150 miles away from New York City—because of the intense pretrial publicity. There is little argument that the tremendous pre-trial publicity made it almost impossible for an unbiased jury to be selected. Every provision, furthermore, was made to ensure that a fair jury was selected in Albany.

With a look back to how riots in Crown Heights were handled by then Mayor David Dinkins in 1993, Mayor Giuliani placed 40 police officers in riot gear outside the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to avoid chaos. There were reportedly only 15 arrests for disorderly conduct. As the four acquitted police officers left the Albany courthouse, over 100 protesters screamed “Murderers!” and a few shouted, “You better watch your backs!”

Apparently, our system of justice is unidirectional, and should only work in favor of minorities. The protestors have no faith in those decisions that they don’t like, and no faith in our system of justice. Twelve jurors made a decision based on the evidence that

was presented to them. Hardly anyone would argue that all twelve jurors were racists and condone the killing of minorities. The assertion is foolish and the protestors must have more faith that the legal system, while not perfect, is the best system that the U.S. can implement.

In a few weeks, the U.S. Justice Department will review the evidence in Diallo’s death to determine whether there were any violations of the federal criminal civil rights laws. Federal prosecutors took similar steps when Los Angeles police officers were initially acquitted in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King. The truth is, however, that these officers were put on trial once already; they were acquitted. Forty-one bullets is admittedly an excessive amount. They should face departmental charges for their actions. But to put four officers, who risk their lives every day, back on trial for being scared one night back in February is unnecessary, and should be unconstitutional.

## The Real Economy Guru

Just last week, the U.S. passed an important milestone with significant implications for the American economic future. The United States officially broke the record for the longest business cycle expansion in U.S. history, a record previously set in the 1960s at 106 months. The Clinton administration is, as it always attempts to do, taking credit for this latest announcement. The Administration does deserve some credit for this achievement. After all, Robert Rubin and Alan Greenspan have implemented a fantastic hands-off policy. This policy has kept the economy moving at a fast pace. Luckily, however, the economy has also managed to dodge some of the obstacles that Clinton would have placed in the way of growth. Clinton’s 1993 mistake of raising taxes was off-set by free trade measures and extended de-inflation. The country laughed at Mrs. Clinton’s healthcare package, which would have federalized a significant part of the American economy. It was the Republican

Congress, furthermore, who forced Clinton to sign some very important measures that have kept the economy healthy, including welfare reform and a capital gains tax cut.

The real credit for this milestone does not, however, belong to Mr. Clinton or his administration. It belongs to Ronald Reagan and his superior team of economic advisors. The foundation for all that we now celebrate was the brainchild of Reagan and his economic team. All of his supply-side ideas, including marginal tax cut rates, a rebuilt military, trade globalization, a strong dollar, and deregulation of key industries led to an unleashing of innovation unprecedented in American society. These policies set off the entrepreneurial spirit in the technological sector that keeps the American economy moving ahead even today.

It was Reagan’s vision of economic freedom that led to the prosperity that we now enjoy. Countries around the world are trying to emulate the free market system that Reagan put into place. For the



last 18 years, starting in the middle of the first Reagan administration, the economy has grown almost unimpeded. For anyone to argue that this is not simply a continuation of the Reagan growth period would be to ignore this vital fact. Most importantly, the one lesson learned from the last two decades is that a free American economy will lead to the unleashing of the enormous potential and genius of the American people.

## The Sound of Music

What would you do if you were a cash-strapped University whose ranking is regularly damaged by its mediocre endowment and dismal financial aid packages? Now add to the mix a housing shortage that forces students to pay incredible rates to live off campus, skyrocketing tuition, overpriced meal plans, and a multitude of other financial predicaments. Well, the answer is obvious: build a gigantic music complex right in the middle of campus.

At least, that's the best idea that the Tufts administration could muster. They are faced with the dilemma of a generous yet domineering donor whose \$4 million contribution came with the stipulation that it must be put toward the construction of a centrally located music building. That music building will cost \$8 million, however, forcing the school to dish out a matching \$4 million from the development budget. And why not—the current gigantic music building, Aidekman, has poor soundproofing in the practice rooms and music library, as well as a main auditorium with poor acoustics. We could renovate Aidekman, of course, at a fraction of the cost of constructing a new building, thereby reserving funds for vitally needed campus improvements. But that probably would not please the music majors (all 12 of them) as much.

Granted, the school must allow donors to have some say as to where their money goes, otherwise, wealthy alumni would be less inclined to be so generous. However, when someone's request includes not only the destination of his own funds, but the allocation of university resources as well, Tufts must not compromise its own goals in order to appease such unreasonable requisitions. Tufts' property and financial resources must be spent on what the university needs as a whole, not the appeasement of a single donor.

## Temper, Temper

"I hate the gooks, I will hate them as long as I live," opined one political candidate not long ago. Such blatantly hateful and racially derogatory speech is clearly shocking and offensive, to people of Asian decent most of all. It was hoped that ignorance of these proportions had been at least relegated to the backwoods, yet this statement was uttered by one of the most prominent current public figures in American politics. For such an important and



influential politician to express such hate through the use of a racial slur is simply inexcusable, and should force many of his supporters to reconsider their political loyalty.

Who is this politician who would dare say, "I hate the gooks...?" It is none other than Republican presidential candidate Senator John McCain, the man who is in a tight race for the Republican presidential nomination and the man who many consider to be our next President. In the Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, an article covering a press conference in which McCain was questioned about his use of the word *gook* was published. McCain was criticized for his continual use of the word, to which he defended his previous statements by saying "I hate the gooks, I will hate them as long as I live."

McCain then went on to explain his remarks, and his explanation is understandable if not exculpatory. McCain clarified that his use of the word was only in reference to the North Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam War. In this light, McCain's hatred is somewhat understandable, for those soldiers brutally tortured him and his fellow prisoners of war for more than four years. Yet the term used by McCain is offensive to all Asians. As Guy Aoki, president of the Media Action Network for Asian Americans put it "If Sen. McCain had been captured by Nigerians, could he call those people 'niggers' and think he wasn't going to offend everyone who is black?"

John McCain has the reputation for a fiery temper and boldly speaking his mind, but this time he *has* gone too far. A national politician must be able to restrain himself and weigh the consequences of his words. McCain has alienated Asian American votes, and should he become President, his remarks could have detrimental effects on international relations with Asian countries. McCain's uncontrollable disposition has become a liability to his campaign, and it could be a far worse liability to allow such an impulsive and fiery temper into the White House. □

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

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** It's official: after nine years of getting arrested, being offensive, and sitting on piles of money, Axl Rose and Guns n' Roses are back with a forthcoming album, *Chinese Democracy*. When asked about the title, Rose explained that it occurred to him there were still some races and ethnic groups he hadn't yet offended.

**PS** In other vintage rock news, geriatric Brits The Who will also be releasing a new studio album, this one after some eighteen years of mediocre solo projects and bad acting by Roger Daltrey. The band noted that they had planned to record an album much earlier, but Keith Moon's last hangover just wouldn't wear off.

**PS** Stanford University trustees have approved a 6% tuition increase, pushing the bill up about \$1,500 over last year to \$32,471. Bill Clinton called the price hike a "small price to pay to ogle Chelsea's friends."

**PS** Top Ten Things Censored on Brian's Rumors Daily

10. "I Hate All Races" by Anonymous
9. Yet another link to the Naked Quad Run video
8. "Give us a Damn Projector" by Film Series
7. "Hunting Larry Harris for Sport" by Film Series
6. The latest awful Titterton column
5. "Stopp Insulteng My Intelligents" by Larry Harris, senate president
4. "I am Not Gay" by Greg Kaldman
3. Anything by Joe Schmoe after the Observer copyright-infringement suit
2. The alter-egos of Marco Carbone
1. Dara Resnik

**PS** A British woman says she has cured her chronic fatigue by do-it-yourself brain surgery—cutting away a section of her scalp and drilling a hole in her own head, known as trepanation. THE SOURCE would like to remind TCU senators that trepanation is also effective against common colds, allergies, headaches and frequent hiccuping.

**PS** In other Limey news, an overzealous British police dog sank its teeth into two officers as they tried to arrest a machete-wielding man. A similar incident almost happened on this side of the pond, but quick-thinking NYPD cops shot the dog and several suspicious-looking bystanders forty-one times, narrowly averting a true crisis.

**PS** More than 200 protestors, many of them holding cats and leashed dogs, rallied at the Iowa Statehouse to call for a tougher law on animal abuse. Under a proposed bill, misdemeanor animal abuse would include beating or torturing a household pet or leaving an animal in the care of Richard Gere.

**PS** St. Louis police have finally outlawed "profiling," a procedure by which blacks or other racial minorities are targeted for traffic stops and similar offenses. Now all races will be subject to random arrest and police brutality.

**PS** A bill advancing through the Colorado senate will allow parents who want to abandon a baby less than 45 days old to drop the child off unharmed at a fire station or hospital without facing charges. Said Adam Carlis' parents, "If only they'd only instituted this policy earlier, we wouldn't have this \$132,000 problem!"

**PS** Pakistani police stopped an ambulance for a random search and found 100 lbs. of quality hashish concealed in a red blanket posing as a patient. When he heard the ambulance wasn't going to make it that night, Snoo Dogg cancelled his concert in Islamabad.

**PS** In more smokin' news, an Illinois Agriculture Committee sent a bill to the state Senate that would allow University of Illinois researchers to determine the feasibility of hemp production. Economists fear that the plan is destined to fail given that hemp has never exactly been a cash crop.

**PS** Because we just can't handle the ganja, here's yet another drug joke. The Texas General Assembly is taking up a measure that would allow the use of medicinal marijuana. Texans are horrified that their wholesome state of guns, racist dragging deaths, and executions of old ladies would even consider legalizing the evil weed.

**PS** Continuing our Texan theme, Austin lawmakers are sponsoring a bill that would make "Juneteenth," the date when the last slaves learned of the Emancipation Proclamation, a paid holiday. Employees are encouraged to celebrate by smokin' a fat bowl.

**PS** In what we should be, but isn't, our very last Texas gag of this Fortnight, state colleges have had to return nearly \$3 million in state scholarship money after being unable to locate qualified applicants. College officials later admitted that they didn't look very hard since they were so stoned.

**PS** In what really is our last Texas gag, the state executed Grandma last week—in this case, fivefold married, husband-murdering grandmother Bettie Lou Beets. That got us thinking, "Just who *won't* Texas execute?" And that got us writing this top ten list:

Top Ten People Even Texas Probably Won't Execute

10. Women who wait to murder their *sixth* husband
9. PRIMARY SOURCE writers
8. George W. Bush's "friend" who gets him his "stuff"
7. George W. Bush
6. NYPD cops who shoot innocent people forty-one times
5. Innocent people who get shot forty-one times by the NYPD
4. Chronic medicinal marijuana users
3. Chronic not-so-medicinal marijuana users
2. Illegal immigrants, minorities, and gun-control proponents
1. Dara Resnik

**PS** In Gretna, Louisiana, bold city councilmen have declared that it is legal to throw panties from Carnival floats, but that throwing anything that "depicts genitalia" is illegal. Owners of downtown Gretna's Penis-Shaped Object Store are outraged and plan to protest the decision.



**PS** In more Mardi Gras business, New Orleans police will be on the lookout for flashers at this year's celebration, intent on arresting this indecent perverts. The cops said they'll make the bust as soon as they're absolutely, positively sure they are in fact looking at a sweet, sweet pair of hooters.

**PS** Pious lefties in Montgomery, Alabama have offered a bill to rename Columbus Day to American Indian Heritage Day. Civil Rights Activist Gary Bauer has offered a compromise with his self-titled "Them Wops and Redskins" Day.

**PS** In more news from Montgomery, a city junior high teacher was arrested for forcing a 13-year-old student to urinate in a trashcan after the boy repeatedly asked the teacher for permission to use the restroom. The teacher explained that in Alabama, the trashcan IS the restroom.

**PS** A Lexington, Kentucky elementary school teacher was arrested on prostitution charges after offering to have sex with an undercover police officer for \$360. Local law enforcement became suspicious of the teacher when students were assigned a book report on a children's story entitled "Make Way for Velvet Joe and his Hos!"

**PS** One hundred and fifty Florida migrant tomato pickers are migrating 230 miles to Orlando in hopes of convincing growers to pay better wages. They will then be deported back to Mexico.

**PS** Arkansas' oldest and longest-serving judge, 83-year-old Thomas Butt, will be stepping down after 50 years on the bench. Said one younger judge, "It's about time his ass got canned."

**PS** Massachusetts police traded \$40 vouchers for working guns this past week. The vouchers are redeemable at any number of fine gun shops.

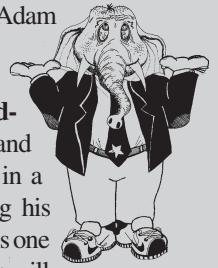
**PS** A Pennsylvania state trooper was arrested on charges of sexually assaulting three teenage girls. He faces 19 charges, including aggravated indecent assault, solicitation of prostitution, indecent exposure, corruption of minors, open lewdness, and impersonating Harvey Keitel.

**PS** North Dakota state officials are proud to announce that no cases of syphilis were reported statewide for the fifth year in a row. The mood was one of tempered optimism, however, after census-takers discovered no one actually lives in North Dakota.

**PS** The number of sex offenders in South Dakota has more than doubled in the past five years, from 439 in 1995 to 1,027 today. They've all moved down from North Dakota.

**PS** The principal Roman Catholic archdiocese in Mexico has attacked the Pokémon cartoon series, charging that the cartoons cause sexual perversity among children. Chief among the complaints was that children were caught humping their "Electric Shock Pikachu" plushies.

**PS** Pro-reform, **anti-Larry Harris** crusaders Adam Biacchi, Nicole Apostola, and Howard Lien came out victorious in the recent TCUJ elections. Just *try* passing any more **stupid amendments** now... Senate Co-Parliamentarian and McCain mouthpiece **Jesse Levey** complains in a *Viewpoint* of numerous **phone calls** attacking his senatorial actions. How did this happen? Perhaps one of Larry's messages on the *Rumors Daily* forum will shed some light on the rash of phone calls: "[W]hy don't you tell [Jesse] them [*sic*] things you put on the page to his face?" Looks like Jesse has nobody to blame for the **full in-box** than his best buddy... Junior Choo Ping Ang urges Tuftonians to "Impeach Larry Harris" at a senate debate and in a *Viewpoint*. Don't worry, Larry. In order to impeach you, they'd have to prove that you're **grossly incompetent**.



**PS** The senate approved the Tufts University Spirit Coalition's request for \$3,631.35 in **play money** to hold a fifteen-minute **fireworks** show. The extra thirty-five cents is for vomit bags... TUSC reminds students that the show will not actually last fifteen minutes, since the Beelzebubs will be singing their greatest hits before the pyrotechnics. So the show will last **fifteen and a half** minutes.

**PS** Tonight we're gonna party like it's 1917: Bolshevik-loving Hill-sides residents throw "**the People's Party**," a fiesta featuring Stalin and Lenin posters, red lights and banners, and a rousing chorus of "the International" played every few hours. One problem—they ran out of **beer** before the end of the party. Now if this was a Capitalism party, there'd be enough beer for everyone—but only four people would get to drink it... The Boston collegiate circle welcomed a new separate-but-equal fraternity, **Delta Lambda Phi**, a fraternity meant to "enhance the quality of life among gay, bisexual, and progressive men." Membership is open to "all men irrespective of race, color, creed or sexual orientation," unlike other frats, which are all really gay.

**PS** Tufts' **Daily Newspaper of Nothing** turned a ripe old 20 last week. One more year and they won't have to use **their fake IDs** to get into press conferences... *Daily* dingle Dave Nurenberg writes, "I sure am glad that I don't have to wait until "**Writer's Month**" to have people read my columns." That's right, Dave! People don't read your columns no matter *what* month it is... Nominal humor mag *The Zamboni* breaks its one-issue streak of not **stealing our jokes** with a Valentine's Day issue and a Q&A column that bears more than a little resemblance to "The Tufts Ladies' Man." If imitation is truly the sincerest form of flattery, the *Zamboni* must really have a thing for us, and, well, **that's just disgusting**.

**PS** Diversity good, dormitory bad: A proposal for an Office of Off-Campus Housing and other weenie administrative efforts were not enough to satisfy *Viewpoint* authors who wrote to the *Daily* last week about the scarcity of **on-campus housing** for upperclassmen. Too bad Tufts doesn't realize dormitories equal diversity... after all, without a place to live, the only students who will apply here are **rich white kids** who can afford to pay \$600 a month for **rent**.

**PS** THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

*A big-time race for delegates, is the Republican primary really up for grabs?*

# Welcome to The Big Show

by *Craig S. Waldman*

Since the last edition of this magazine, the race for the Republican nomination has become even more complex. Conservatives across the country are looking at the race with conflicting views. On the one hand, the Bush policies are most in line with a true conservative agenda. He stands for the ideals that Reagan set up for the party and has a vision to return American politics to the states and to the people. The McCain campaign, however, may stand a better chance of beating Al Gore come November. National polls show him leading by a large margin over Gore, while national polls show that Bush leads Gore only by a small margin. With this in mind, conservatives across the country are attempting to choose a nominee with solid ideas and the best chance to win; this task has proved more difficult than anyone envisioned.

For starters, McCain won a victory in Michigan that no true conservative should proudly tout. Less than 50% of the people who voted were Republicans; most voters were Democrats and Independents. But of those Republicans who voted in the primary, they voted overwhelmingly for Bush, 3 to 1 in fact. Few doubt, furthermore, that it is very important to pull Democrats and Independents into the party for a win in November, but to win hardly any core Republican support is unacceptable. A Republican nominee should be just that: a Republican. People often point to Reagan as an example of a politician much like McCain. There is, however, a big differ-

ence: Reagan won huge numbers of Republicans in the primary, Reagan, moreover, had wide appeal across all party lines with conservative Republicans as his base. McCain must realize that in the remaining states, it will be impossible for him to win

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without Republican support. McCain, who does have solid conservative credentials and one of the most conservative voting records in congress, must show his true colors. He must not be afraid to show that he can carry conservative ideals into the Oval Office; this would put him on a plane with Reagan.

There are also serious problems with Bush, on the other hand. It seems that the more people hear Bush speak, the more they are inclined to vote for McCain. Why? The media has painted Bush in the same way that they painted Dan Quayle. A sure mistake, but this reputation has stuck. Also, the Bush campaign may be on par with the crumbling campaigns of Bush Sr. in 1992 and Dole in 1996. Those campaigns never really lifted off against the Democrats. Bush has run very far to the right and has not been able to hold onto the middle ground. The Bush campaign, furthermore, seems to be confused about where it should stand—the same confusion that plagued the Dole campaign four years ago. If Bush wants to do well in the polls and try to recover from recent drubbing, he must return the messages of education reform and compassionate conservatism. These mes-

sages are what made him a frontrunner in the first place.

The most disconcerting thing about this Republican campaign by far, as of late, is its terribly negative tone. Bush has run negative ads against McCain, who has responded by showing his often-problematic temper. McCain gave a true sore loser speech after relinquishing South Carolina and was quite curt with Governor Bush in his concession call. These two presidential hopefuls are certainly better men than they are showing. The goal of this campaign must focus on beating Al Gore and re-taking the White House. McCain and Bush should think about working together after the nomination is decided; they would be a sure-win ticket.

Many commentators now believe that this race is up for grabs. This may not be the case. The media would like to keep McCain in the game for as long as possible for the media value of an insurgent. In most of the remaining states, especially the south, primaries are closed. McCain has showed no signs of winning over Republicans in any of those states, a sign that spells real trouble for his campaign. Bush, moreover, has the backing of most of the party, which will be a difficult thing for McCain to overcome in the primaries ahead. These upcoming primaries will be a battle of ups and downs, too close to call at many points, but eventually won by George W. Bush.

The choice of a candidate in this race is not easy. Nothing would be better, however, then seeing the two of them stop all of the negativism and work together to regain the White House. The appointment of Supreme Court justices, passing of a tax break, and the defense of the country should be at the front of both candidates' minds and agendas. □



**The candidates conference in happier times.**

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THE PRIMARY SOURCE presents

# COMMIELAND

BOARD GAME OF THE PEOPLE

## OFFICIAL RULES

## Special Areas

### Object of the game

Be the first player to reach “Capitalism” and win!

### Equipment

Included are four game pieces, a spinner, and the game board.

### Preparation

After assembling spinner and pieces, place game board on table. Each player empties their pockets, and money is redistributed evenly among all players.

Place all pieces on “COMMUNISM” (lower left hand corner of board).

### The Play

Each player spins once; highest spin goes first. Spin the wheel and move the number of spaces shown. Play progresses to the left until one player reaches STRIP MALL!, in which case play progresses to the right.

### The Board

Board is divided into 23 spaces: 17 normal spaces and six special areas: COMMUNISM, BREAD LINE, SIBERIAN PRISON, KGB HQ, STRIP MALL!, and CAPITALISM!

Some normal spaces are free parking, some may send you forward or ahead – just like in real life! When you land on a space, immediately follow the instructions on that space. If you are sent forward or backward, immediately follow the instructions on that space.

**COMMUNISM:** Start here with five rubles and a dream: to get the hell out of your little shack and into the promised land! But before you can go anywhere, you’ll need to get some sustenance for you and your thirteen children, so head to...

**THE BREAD LINE:** Objective: cut through as fast as you possibly can! If you land on this space, you’ll lose a turn. Once you get through, though, you’ve got your choice of paths. If you’re trying to get from COMMUNISM to CAPITALISM!, you’re bound to run afoul of the government at some point...

**SIBERIAN PRISON:** Whoops! Now you’re stuck making license plates for the fatherland... don’t worry, though, ‘cause you’ll be bailed out after two turns...

**KGB HQ:** Is that a Bible you’re reading? Time for a little reprogramming. But you can’t get out of here until somebody spins the number that put you here in the first place. So if you land here on the count of 2, you’re not getting out until somebody else spins a 2. But that’s what you get for crossing the secret police, comrade...

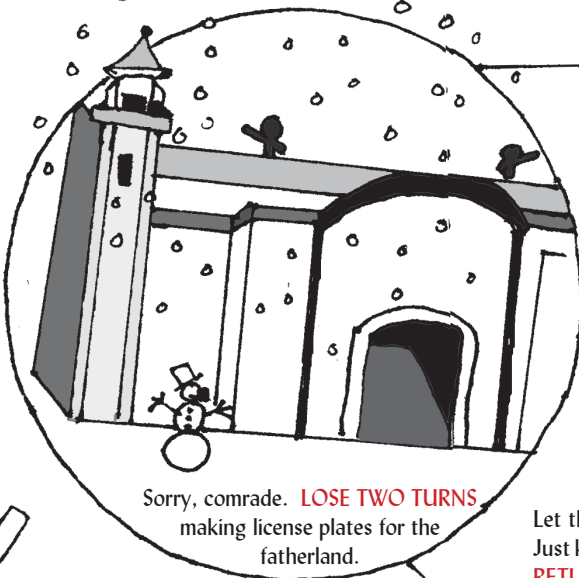
**STRIP MALL!:** You’re almost there! You’ve made it to upper-lower-middle-class, and your dream life is just a few steps away! But don’t let yourself get sucked in by the flashy signs and the name-brand merchandise in the Family Dollar! If you do, you’ll lose a turn shopping ‘til you drop! But you’re only a few spaces away from...

**CAPITALISM!:** The ultimate goal! Retire in style with a trophy wife, your own ranch home, and an SUV. And don’t let your kids grow up to be hippie liberals!

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## SIBERIAN PRISON

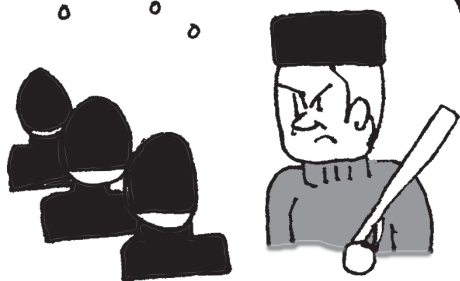


Watching Anna Kournikova bend over. **LOSE A TURN.**

Sackcloth and rags won't cut it around here! **ADVANCE TWO SPACES.**

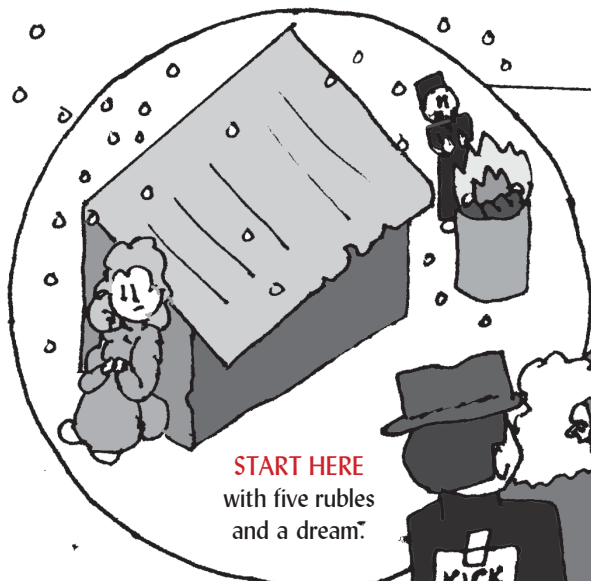
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Let them eat cake! Just kidding. **RETURN TO THE BREADLINE.**

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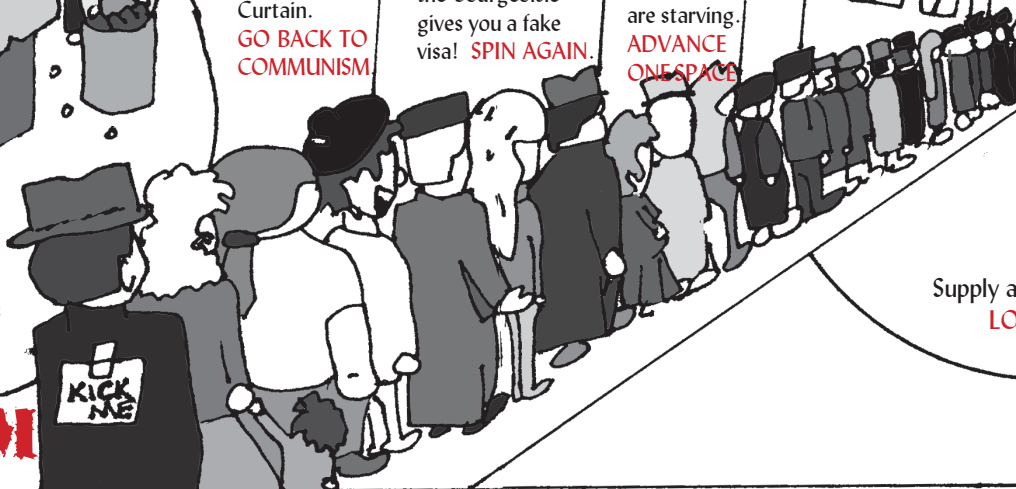


Run face-first into the Iron Curtain. **GO BACK TO COMMUNISM.**

A kind member of the bourgeoisie gives you a fake visa! **SPIN AGAIN.**

Your 13 children are starving. **ADVANCE ONE SPACE.**

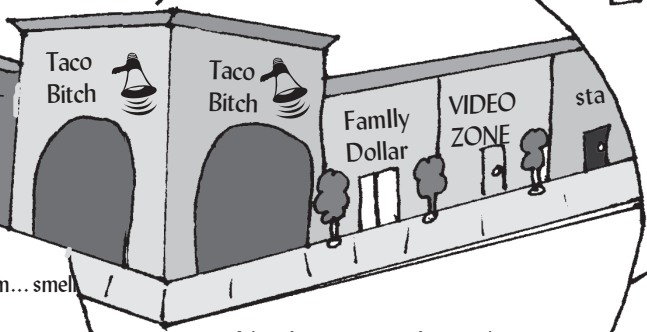
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## COMMUNISM

KICK ME

**STRIP MALL!**



It's a low-income shopper's wonderland! **LOSE ONE TURN** while you meander through the buffet of chain stores.



Move your domestic factories to a Third World country. **SPIN AGAIN.**

You've been audited! **LOSE A TURN** while you call your accountant.

**Capitalism!**



Congratulations! Now take all the other players' money.

Scalp tickets to the Super Bowl. **LOSE A TURN.**

Getting close to capitalism! Here's your baseball cap and Nikes.

You get a credit card! You're on your way to spending other people's money!

Secret Police catch you leaving the country! **GO TO SIBERIAN PRISON CAMP.**

BORIS' GOVERNMENT'S HOUSE O' BREAD

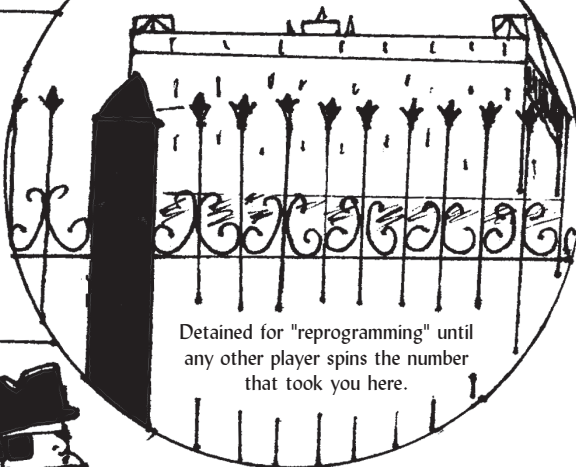
**KGB HQ**

**bread line**

Hey! Your tapeworm needs food too! **GO BACK ONE SPACE.**

Passed the breadline. Have some Smirnoff!

Reading the Bible, eh? Big Brother says **ADVANCE ONE SPACE.**



Detained for "reprogramming" until any other player spins the number that took you here.

and demand sucks! **LOSE A TURN.**



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Do you suffer from sudden, violent outbursts?  
Do you "hate the gooks"?

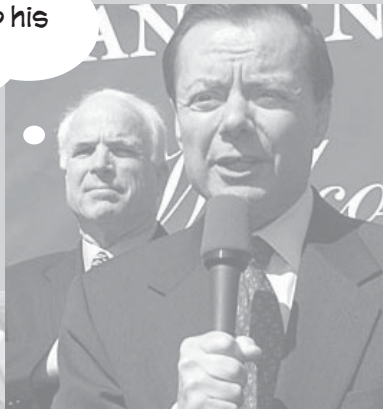
*Suffer no longer! You can now be a proud graduate of the*

# John McCain Anger Management Clinic

Before...

...and After!

I wonder How that  
Fascist up there would  
Feel with my combat  
boot wedged up his  
ass?

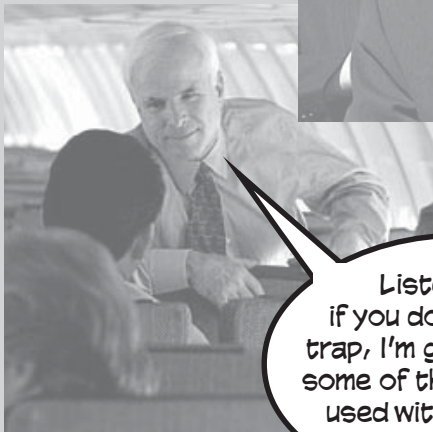


Hey, Maybe you  
Coke-snorting  
Retards and  
racists aren't so  
bad after all!



John's become so  
calm and docile--he even  
lets me pet him! Thank you,  
Anger Management Clinic!

Listen Buddy,  
if you don't shut your  
trap, I'm gonna break out  
some of the ninja moves I  
used with Charlie back  
in 'nam!



I'm Senator John McCain.  
After only a few short  
sessions, I'm as cool as a  
cucumber! Thank you,  
Anger management clinic!

This will teach you to  
put coal in my stocking  
all those years, you  
tubby red bitch!  
Ho ho ho my ass!



*Our revolutionary program works wonders on even the toughest cases! So don't wait any longer, get the help you need at the*  
**John McCain Anger Management Clinic!**

*One SOURCE writer hits the pavement in support of John McCain.*

## A Candidate for Victory

*by Michael Ferenczy*

"I voted for John McCain, but you do know that Alan Keyes is the smartest man in the race. But I consider myself a little bit of a bigot, and I just couldn't bring myself to vote for a colored boy." It was a bit shocking to hear these words come out of the mouth of a respectable-looking man on the street in Charleston, SC, but it certainly wasn't the worst thing we heard while working for the McCain campaign in South Carolina.

On Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, a group of three Tufts students, myself included, departed for South Carolina to volunteer for John McCain. Our enthusiasm made up for our lack of numbers. We joined what has been called the McCain Crusade because his is not a campaign of politics as usual. He has run a solely positive campaign; he believes he should be elected on the basis of his record and character, rather than because he is the lesser of two evils.

Over the course of the week, I was led to two revelations. As aloof and distant as the presidential candidates seem when giving interviews and participating in debates on TV, the campaign really comes down to a grass roots effort. Without volunteers to spread the word, the campaign could very well have died in the backwoods of South Carolina.

The other realization is much less idealistic, and extremely disheartening. It is amazing how many people are misinformed, or worse yet, completely uninformed about politics. An example springs readily to mind. In Charleston, we approached a man and asked him to vote for John McCain. He responded by asking who that was. When we replied that he was running for President, he asked, "president of what?" Considering all the hoopla that surrounds the primary in South Carolina, and the fact that you can't turn on the TV for five minutes without

seeing a news clip or a campaign ad, it was amazing that he was able to remain ignorant.

It was these people that the grass roots campaign was supposed to reach. Our job for the next three days would be to make signs, pass out flyers, help set up the stage for rallies and, most importantly, to get people to go out and vote.

The first rally we attended was in Greenville. It was here that McCain reaffirmed my positive opinion of him. He promised to run a positive campaign, he promised to shore up social security and he promised to make sure the twelve thousand military personnel on food stamps would no longer need them. Most importantly, however—at least for me—was his promise never to lie to the American people. He swore that he would stick to his ideals, regardless of what the polls were saying.

It was at the Greenville rally that we found out that Gary Bauer had endorsed McCain. This was seen as a benefit to our cause, because Gary Bauer is much more conservative than either McCain or Bush, and would give McCain credibility with the Christian Conservatives, the demographic in which he most trails Bush.

On Friday, after a rally at Charleston College, we began "flyering," which is handing out flyers to people and putting them on cars in parking lots. The first town we stopped in was Bamberg, where the population is somewhere in the vicinity of sixteen. We quickly moved on. We finally found a

town with a parking lot of some size on the way back to Charleston, and we spent the rest of the evening flyering there.

This is one of the more important aspects of a political campaign "out in the country." People there don't generally watch the debates and don't follow the candidates; they don't really care about the election at all. If they do vote, they vote for whichever candidate has most effectively reached them. This can be accomplished through TV ads, but one of the more important jobs of volunteers in a campaign is to give information directly to the people. This is what we spent most of our time doing in the rural parts of South Carolina. We tried to reach the people, and get them to vote. We met with some resistance, of course. There was the bigot, and there was the man who didn't know what was going on and the man who told us he "wouldn't vote for McCain if he was running against Mickey Mouse." There were also misinformed people who thought McCain was pro-choice, which hurt him among Republicans.

In the end, McCain lost South Carolina. It was personally, as well as politically, disappointing, considering the amount of work we had done to help his campaign. This doesn't mean, however that our work was for naught. We certainly did not hurt his chances, and I believe that we helped him. Perhaps we also helped to educate a few people. Most importantly, we found out that a small group of people can make a real political difference. It is in the commitment of the workers that the McCain campaign finds its strength, but it is in the candidate that one finds its inspiration. □



**Senator McCain wades through a sea of loyal supporters.**

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*What do you get when you mix a short-tempered SOURCE  
writer with an ineffectual student government?*

# Diary of A Mad Freshman

*by Steven Tempesta*

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As the class of 2003 strutted off to their first class back in September, they would begin their involvement with one of the most poorly-run student governments in this country. I stood on the campus center patio and talked to my friend, an upperclassman. He said to me, "You know, those bricks your standing on cost \$250,000 of the students' money." What? Was I in some magical fairyland where bricks cost \$5 a piece, or had I begun a journey into the wonderful world of the Tufts Community Union?

I picked up the *Daily* and read of how Tufts' student-run Senate had a large surplus. First it was \$250,000, then it was \$90,000. What administration on the face of the earth lets a bunch of egotistical good-for-nothings play around with a quarter of a million dollars and then not know where it went? I read of former president Jack Schnirman, who (according to the current president) was basically unpopular and useless. "Wow," I thought, "this new president must have seen what went wrong last year, and now the Senate will run like a well-oiled machine." I couldn't have been further from the truth.

"What's a freshman's recipe for a failed student government?" you may ask. First, take a bunch of teenagers who think they were put on this earth to control it. Second, add a million dollars of someone else's money, as to lessen any chance of someone taking responsibility. Third, give them free rein regarding its expenditure. Fourth, concentrate all the power into the executive board, thus preventing any real change or submission of ideas, by anyone else than the "cool kids." Finally (and this is most important) DO NOT hold them accountable for any of their actions, just let them blame all the problems on the TCUJ or former president.

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*Mr. Tempesta is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.*

I found myself happy to hear of the freshman elections. Maybe now we can have some real political change, I tell myself. Wrong again! After a first semester mired in bickering and government infighting, I hear that a mass exodus is plaguing our student government. Why? Turns out that most ex-student senators say there is no room for change. Unless you are one of the president's right hand men (or women, for that matter), your ideas are shoved aside in favor of something more "popular" with the president.

Through this debacle, the senate maintains that they are serving the students. How, may I ask, do you serve the students by closing meetings, distancing yourself ever farther from the student body, or keeping the power within a "chosen few?" I have seen countless attacks on the senate calling them ineffectual, power-crazy, useless, un-helpful, and egotistical. I see no evidence to the contrary. When the president addresses these issues, it's usually something to the effect of: "Well no one reports on all the good things the senate does—it's their fault," "Last year the student government was in turmoil—it's their fault," "All the experiences senators are leaving—it's their fault." Does the senate EVER take responsibility for their actions? In short, no. When the President proposed his well-thought-out "ice-rink on the quad" idea, it engendered such negative response that instead of taking responsibility for a bad idea, he blames it on the *Daily*. Perhaps the *Daily* proposed the idea and asked the senate whether or not it would be viable. I know, Harris—it's their fault.

Does the senate take responsibility for anything? Why should they? They don't have to answer to anyone. What happens in this democratic form of government when the leaders have to answer to the citizens who elect them? When the Judiciary tells them they're doing something wrong, the

senate disregards checks and balances, and ignores them. When a student becomes outraged and asks for the president's resignation, he receives neither respect nor recognition. In fact, those who suggest alternatives to the current order are laughed at and ridiculed to their faces by the senators themselves. In business as usual, it is *en vogue* to criticize, but unheard of to suggest action.

Does the administration ever step in to curb this abuse of power and small-scale megalomania? No, some administrators would rather see a disorganized and fractured student body with an ineffectual student government. There is power in numbers, and with the last TCU election posting dismal voter turnout, the senators can't exactly say they have a mandate from the student body. Add to the mix constant *Daily* coverage/griping, and it's no wonder the administration thinks it best to leave us to our own governmental devices. When our favorite club fails to be recognized, there's no angry e-mail to Ballou. We have no one to blame but students like ourselves.

First year students here have real concerns about the senate and the allocations board (ALBO). Why shouldn't they?—A bunch of school children are playing with our student activities fee money and we're not getting much bang for our collective buck. What about Napster, paper towels, unused money back from dining services, a chance to choose a meal plan, and reasonable campus mail service? Neither you nor I are likely to see any of these. There is just too much bickering and too little action by our student government—a group of student here to pad each others' resumes, and help their friends get a larger piece of the budgetary pie.

I think it's about time that the senate take responsibility for their actions. Admit incompetence, ask for help, and stop jerking the student body around with vague promises. I know I don't go to any senate meetings, I don't know if I can. I don't read the senate meeting minutes, nor do I want to. What student has to be that active just to find out what is really happening to his money? This is not the United States budget, after all, just a school with 4,500 undergraduates. I hope that the student government will change, but I have little faith in their ability. I know, Larry—it's my fault. □



*Apparently, some events from Tufts' history are best left in the shadows—not in the Daily.*

# Tales from The Dark Side

by Dan Lewis

Whenever a crib notes version of history is printed, readers are bound to be misled. The “Tufts Timeline” in the *Daily*'s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition is no exception. Some of the more comical and downright ludicrous moments in Tufts' history were either omitted or misrepresented. Instances of hypersensitivity gave Tufts headlines in the newspapers and magazines across the country. Administrative follies lead to television appearances by Tufts students and bureaucrats, as well as making campus events the conversation of choice at the office water cooler. What news blurbs did the *Daily* glance over? When was the truth not the *whole* truth? Let's take a look.

The “Timeline” takes us back to a dark spot in Tufts' history from thirteen years ago. “Hate is alive and well at Tufts” wrote Ian Kremer, who, according to the *Daily*, was “assaulted outside Goddard Chapel.” Kremer would accuse his assailants of calling him “Pinko,” “Jew boy,” and “nigger lover.” These events prompted a small demonstration supporting Kremer as well as a campus-wide dialogue. Then-President Jean Mayer called for a “Day of Reflection” and requested that courses on intolerance be added to the curriculum. What the *Daily* leaves it out is the police investigation of the event (thankfully, the *Boston Globe* did cover the police work). Custodians cleaning Eaton at the time of the alleged assault stated that they heard nothing during the time period Kremer was allegedly assaulted. The officers investigating the scene strangely found the snow in the area to be smooth and undisturbed. A university police official even stated that Kremer's bruises did not reconcile with his account of the attack. In all likelihood, Kremer's “attack” was nothing more than a publicity stunt. Perhaps Mayer should have also demanded

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classes on journalistic integrity.

That is, if Mayer would allow students to speak at all. Two years later, a student printed “Why Beer is Better than Women at Tufts” T-shirts. The easily-offended kommissars of campus conduct deduced that free speech had run amok, and declared some areas of campus “free speech zones” and others “non-free speech zones.” Students were free to say what they wanted in their rooms and on campus lawns, but classrooms and “common areas” were under the ubiquitous eyes of Big Brother. Thankfully, another small protest ensued, and much like in the Kremer debacle, outside media was invited in. Mayer rescinded the speech code within one calendar year.

In the summer of 1995, Harvard, Barnard, Columbia, and Tufts all admitted a freshman student who, five years earlier, bludgeoned her mother to death with a candlestick. Gina Grant's father had passed away three years prior to the incident, and her mother (as Gina's defense attorney would state) was an abusive alcoholic. Grant struck her mother thirteen times, then attempted to make it look like a suicide by inserting a knife in her mother's neck. Upon hearing about the murder, Harvard, Barnard, and Columbia revoked her acceptance, while Tufts allowed her to matriculate. Matriculation Day 1995 was a media circus, as news organizations from all around wanted to know if six months in juvenile detention and five years of probation could prepare a student for four years at Tufts.


But at least Grant was a rehabilitated criminal during her years on the Hill. The same cannot be said for Jaime Roth, founder of SETA, campus rabble-rouser, and occasional terrorist. Proclaiming herself as a member of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), an organization that condones, in their words, “the damage and destruction of prop-

erty” in order to free furry friends, Roth did the unthinkable. After trekking to a mink farm across the state, Roth and several students of another school attempted to set the establishment ablaze, but failed when police caught wind of the plan. Some mink were freed, allowed to roam free. This begs the question: can domesticated mink survive in the wild?

That question will have to go unanswered, but here's one we *can* deal with: can a Chinese American survive at Tufts without \$600 of Chinese food? No. Just ask Carol Wan, former treasurer of the Chinese Culture Club (CCC). The TCU Senate practiced responsible budgeting, cutting the aforementioned amount from the organization's budget. The money was earmarked to go toward food for a Chinese New Year celebration. According to Wan, the budget cut “questioned the authenticity of takeout food as part of our culture.” Nationally syndicated columnist George Will and *Playboy* magazine both saw through Wan's temper tantrum (an appropriate name for her tirade, as she cried numerous times during the proceedings), but the Senate didn't—they gave in.

While Tufts has certainly had its share of notable events in the last two decades, those that make national press headlines are certainly worth remembering. People outside of Walnut Hill may be familiar with these stories, and more importantly, may equate a Tufts education with one of these events. Those who are ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it, or look like a fool on the hill when it comes up later in life. □

**BLUE LIGHTS  
SAFETY SHUTTLES  
KILLERS**



Although Tufts (riddle!) tells prospective freshmen and their parents of programs to secure student safety, the situation on campus is a different story. President John DiBiaggio and Dean of Admissions David Cuttino (shown above) knowingly and deliberately admitted an applicant who plead no contest\* in South Carolina to charges stemming from the violent death of her mother. When questioned about the admission of said student, DiBiaggio responded: “I owe ultimate responsibility.”

Ultimate responsibility to whom: The Freshman Class? Undergraduate students? The parents of students? The University? The Community? The Alumni?...

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\*As a result of a plea entered on behalf of a juvenile accused of a crime in the state of South Carolina  
\*Reference to an admission of sufficient facts for a finding of guilt

*Recent forum posts raise campus concern,  
but is censorship a solution?*

# A First Offense

by Jonathan Perle

Recently, Brian Finkelstein's *Rumors Daily* page, which has been a source of much amusement and information over the last year and a half, experienced a recent spate of hostile postings on its news forum. These postings differ from past messages in that they have been fiercer and more prolific than previous messages. The chief targets of these postings have been two members of the TCU Senate: Larry Harris and Jesse Levey. In the past week, the question has arisen as to whether the *Rumors Daily* page should continue to allow people to post messages to the page anonymously.

Any argument over anonymous posting is moot, because ultimately Mr. Finkelstein makes the decision to allow or not allow anonymous posting. The fact that people are suggesting that Mr. Finkelstein ban anonymous posting is disturbing. Universities are supposed to be places where ideas and information can be exchanged freely without regard to content. Unfortunately, in the politically correct world of Tufts and other universities, such an exchange of information can no longer take place. For instance, when Dinesh D'Souza came to speak about affirmative action at Tufts, many members of the Tufts community were quick to shout him down and dismiss his views without even considering their accuracy. At one point, a member of the audience shouted, "That's not true!" about a comment Mr. D'Souza made. Mr. D'Souza promptly gave the student the facts behind his comments; thereby proving that what he said was in fact true. In other cases, the PRIMARY SOURCE has been accused of racism and has received hate mail for articles that have been published. The members of the PRIMARY SOURCE are willing to be castigated for their writings, and publish with the knowledge that they may incur the wrath of

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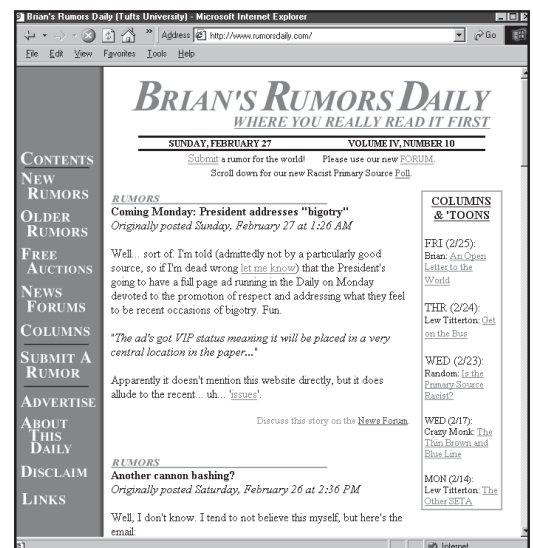
groups that feel slighted. Many members of the Tufts community, however, do not wish to be harassed and harangued for their views, and feel unable to express their viewpoints publicly. For these students, Mr. Finkelstein's page has created an environment where they may speak unpopular views, yet are still able to go about campus business without being accosted or having their integrity questioned.

A few of the socially inept at Tufts, or from outside the Tufts community, may take the opportunity to post racist comments or personally attack members of the Tufts community. This should not mean, however, that Mr. Finkelstein's page should eliminate anonymous posting, or should, as some members of the Tufts community have suggested, be removed from public view. Americans pay a high price for the freedoms we have. The Supreme Court allowed Ku Klux Klan members to march in Skokie, Illinois, despite their personal distaste for the Klan, in order to protect the freedoms that all Americans enjoy. The citizens of Skokie paid a high price for their right to free speech, and it would seem that the Tufts community must also pay a price. Some students have claimed that the price is not worth it—that people should be forced to put their names to what they write. I would urge these students to look to history and examine whether such a policy would truly be beneficial. During the period prior to the American Revolution, many documents, written anonymously, decrying King George III and his policies were circulated. Had the names of the authors been on these documents, they would have been immediately thrown into prison. In the Soviet Union, people were thrown into prison, tortured, and executed for writings against the government. It is for reasons such as this that the United States has committed

itself to protecting peoples' rights to say things with anonymity.

Lest we be accused of ignoring reality, and the fact that no one will be arrested or harmed for putting their names on documents at Tufts, consider the following example where anonymity may be an absolute necessity at our University. Currently, the "don't ask, don't tell" policy with regard to homosexuality is in effect in this nation's military. Also, currently, there may be gay members of the Tufts community who are enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and who are receiving a scholarship in return for their military service. Under current policy, if a student were to be in ROTC and announce he was gay, their scholarship would be revoked, and they would be forced to pay the full tuition for Tufts out of their own pocket. If a policy where students had to put their names on their writings were enforced, no gay member of the ROTC program could publish an article against the policy, while stating how the policy has personally affected his life as a gay person.

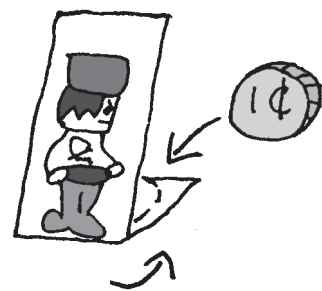
The price of freedom has never been cheap. In the Revolutionary War men fought as much for the right to say what they wished as to be free of unfair taxes. At Tufts, we may have to read or listen to bigots attack people based upon their race in exchange for the freedom to talk about issues which demand a dialogue, but which we cannot openly discuss for fear of some sort of retribution. There may be some people who say that this price is still not worth paying. I would hazard a guess, however, that most of these people have never had to live in a place where their words could invite serious retribution. □



# COMMIELAND

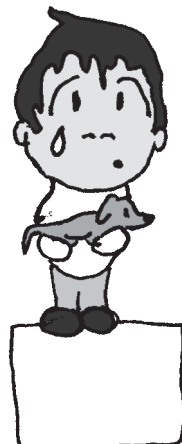
## GAME PIECES

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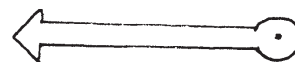
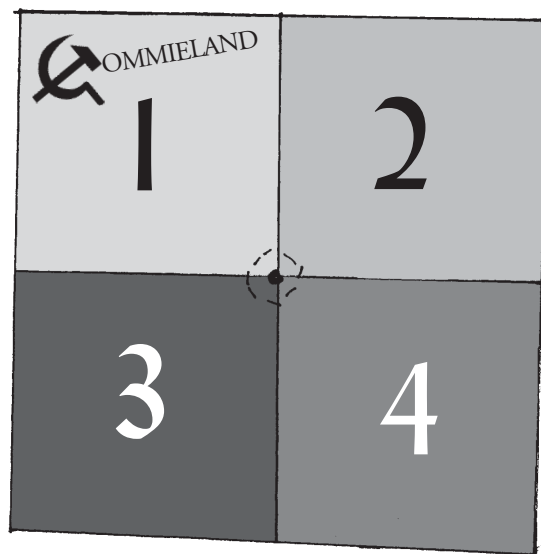
### Piece Assembly

- 1) Cut out humorous characters.
- 2) Fold back bottom squares as shown above.
- 3) If desired, tape a penny to the folded square to secure the piece.
- 4) If a penny is not available, use any piece of worthless Eastern European currency.



### Spinner Assembly

- 1) Cut out special Commieland Spinner board (right).
- 2) Cut out special Commieland Spinner arrow (lower right).
- 3) Attach spinner to board with straight pin.
- 4) Attempt to get it to spin for five hours.
- 5) Give up on the whole thing and get some dice.



## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

President Clinton actually once competed in the Olympics. It was a long time ago. He won a gold medal in back-peddling, issue-straddling and free-style waffling.

—David Letterman

Democracy means government by discussion, but it is only effective if you can stop people from talking.

—Clement Attlee

...When we renounce the self and become part of a compact whole, we not only renounce personal advantage but are also rid of personal responsibility. There is no telling to what extremes of cruelty and ruthlessness a man will go when he is freed from the fears, hesitations, doubts and the vague stirrings of decency that go with individual judgement.

—Eric Hoffer

While rationalism at the individual level is a plea for more personal autonomy from cultural norms, at the social level it is often a claim- or arrogation- of power to stifle the autonomy of others.

—Thomas Sowell

"Beware of the man who works hard to learn something, learns it, and finds himself no wiser than before," Bokonon tells us. "He is full of murderous resentment of people who are ignorant without having come by their ignorance the hard way."

—Kurt Vonnegut

When I heated my home with oil, I used an average of 800 gallons a year. I have found that I can keep comfortably warm for an entire winter with slightly over half that quantity of beer.

—Dave Barry

The college idealists who fill the ranks of the environmental movement seem willing to do absolutely anything to save the biosphere, except take science courses and learn something about it.

—P.J. O'Rourke

There is no worse heresy than that the office sanctifies the holder of it.

—Lord Acton

Did you ever hear anyone say "That work had better be banned because I might read it and it might be very dangerous to me?"

—Joseph Henry Jackson

The "private sector" of the economy is, in fact, the voluntary sector; and the "public sector" is, in fact, the coercive sector.

—Henry Hazlitt

A crime is the violation of the right(s) of other men by force (or fraud). It is only the initiation of physical force against others- i.e., the recourse to violence- that can be classified as a crime in a free society (as distinguished from a civil wrong). Ideas, in a free society, are not a crime- and neither can they serve as the justification of a crime.

—Ayn Rand

When someone behaves like a beast, he says: "After all, one is only human." But when he is treated like a beast, he says, "After all, one is human."

—Karl Kraus

Humor distorts nothing, and only false gods are laughed off their pedestals.

—Agnes Repplier

Canadians are cold so much of the time that many of them leave instructions to be cremated.

—Cynthia Nelms

One cannot be always laughing at a man without now and then stumbling on something witty.

—Jane Austen

In republican governments, men are all equal; equal they are also in despotic governments: in the former, because they are everything; in the latter, because they are nothing.

—de Montesquieu

A fellow can't keep people from having a bad opinion of him, but he can keep them from being right about it.

—Anonymous

There are two methods, or means, and only two, whereby man's needs and desires can be satisfied. One is the production and exchange of wealth; this is the economic means. The other is the uncompensated appropriation of wealth produced by others; this is the political means.

—Albert Jay Nock

The fact that battle is a horrifying spectacle must make us take war more seriously, but it does not provide an excuse for gradually blunting our swords in the name of humanity. Sooner or later someone will come along with a sharp sword and hack off our arms.

—Carl von Clausewitz

If you talk to God, you are praying. If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia.

—Thomas Szasz

I'm furious about the Women's Liberationists. They keep getting up on soapboxes and proclaiming that women are brighter than men. That's true, but it should be kept quiet or it ruins the whole racket.

—Anita Loos

I still believe in liberalism today as much as I ever did, but, oh, there was a happy time when I believed in liberals...

—G. K. Chesterton

Few men desire liberty; most men wish only for a just master.

—Sallust

The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

—Mark Twain

1970 Pontiac Firebird. The car I've always wanted and now I have it. I rule!

—Lester Burnham