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And the "Polly" Goes to...

Every organization has its own way of honoring superlatives. The film industry has the Oscars, musicians the Grammys, and authors the Pulitzer Prize. Eight years ago, the Source conceived its own award, the Source Awards, to be given to examples of the best-and-worst-that Tufts has to offer. No interminable awards show, no drawn-out acceptance speeches, and no self-important celebrities (unless you count some of the award recipients). The SOURCE Awards have everything to recommend them-plus, we present our lifetime achievement award to someone whose lifetime achievement is something other than having slept with all of his female co-stars, or attempting to run for the presidency based on one sub-par movie.

Though it is important to recognize the events and people of the Tufts campus, it is likewise of note that other campuses across the country are experiencing much the same onslaught of stupidity. It is in this spirit that we recognize the Pollys, the awards given by the Intercollegiate Studies institute to incidents of PC absurdity on campuses around the nation.

The first "Polly" was awarded to San Diego State University, which goes to great lengths to prepare its graduate students for teaching careers. "Introduction to Multicultural Education," a required course, demands that students voluntarily enter "uncomfortable situations" in their community in order to learn tolerance. They then must declare themselves to be gay or lesbian, and explain what it feels like to be a member of such a sexual minority in various discriminatory situations.

At Cornell University, an "orgy" party means just what the name suggests. Resident advisors in a campus dormitory held a party which was advertised as "massages and snacks" but was intended to relieve stress in a host of other ways. Dimmed lights, removal of clothing and bowls of condoms set the mood. Deemed as a "very positive and good event," the orgy was concluded without punishment and covered by tuition money.

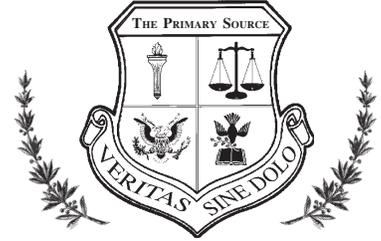
If you think the TCU senate has questionable spending habits, wait 'til you see the expense reports from University of Wis-

consin-Madison's student government. Racking up a whopping \$29,000 in travel expenses alone, the students blew tuition money on junk food, luxury hotels and valet parking. To add insult to injury, the student governors spent over \$50 on tobacco during last fall's campus-wide smoke-out.

University of Texas has a reputation for being unfriendly to campus speakers, but this year, the campus also gained ground as censors. When statesman Henry Kissinger was scheduled to address the school, the administration kow-towed to pressure from the "Radical Action Network" and cancelled the speech. Calling Kissinger a "war criminal" the network covered the campus with posters, held teach-ins to spread their propaganda, and threatened violence should Kissinger be allowed to speak. The administration called off the event, citing possible danger to those in the auditorium.

When Gay Pride Week strikes, allegations of harassment can't be far behind. In events similar to those of the Tufts campus, Yale and Harvard gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered organizations plastered the campus with signs and slogans. When students at Harvard called said materials "obscene and pornographic" the administration protected the free speech of the "HTLGBC." When such displays at Yale provoked retaliation in the form of "Gay Avarice Week," "Gay Sloth Week," and "Gay Lust Week" postering, administrators called said response a "hateful attack" by "sick individuals," and threatened harassment charges for the perpetrators.

Though we at Tufts sometimes feel like captives in the ivory tower of Political Correctness, one need only look to other campuses to be reminded of the adage "it could always be worse." It is hoped that designations like the Pollys and SOURCE Awards will not only draw attention to the sometimes oppressive and idiotic schemes of academia, but will also serve as a "what not to do" list for the Tufts administration. Powers that be, take note!

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Letters

Dear PRIMARY SOURCE,

Your April issue was absolutely hilarious. Brilliant, brilliant, brilliant. Your editor-in-chief, Alyssa Heumann, is an absolute visionary. Incredible.

Jim Melk
Class of 1990

Editor's Note: All compliments should be directed to Production Manager Extraordinaire Chris Kohler for his ingenuity in designing our April Issue.

A Villager Speaks

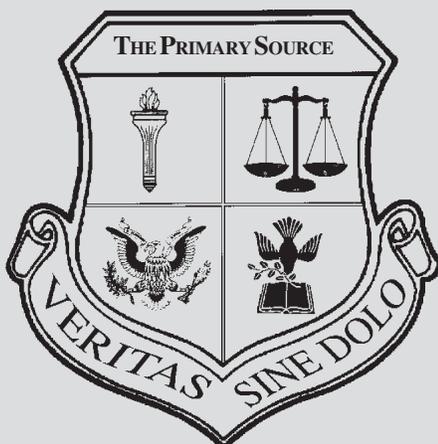
Thank you, thank you, thank you for finally revealing to the Tufts community what an a--hole Ben Azoff is. All year we've been bombarded by articles and TUTV coverage of the benevolent god of the TCU treasury, but the truth is Azoff is scum. He's untrustworthy and evil. It feels good to see someone else making disparaging remarks about him, and not just me and the one other girl here who seem to understand just what a troll he is. Your paper has made me smile.

P.S. God forbid you ever decide to print this, leave my name off it, would you? Thanks.



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Commentary

The Burning Question

First the freedom to bear arms is seriously challenged, and now the freedom of speech...again. How many basic constitutional rights must the Senate attempt to undermine before people start to leave this country *en masse*? This past week the Senate voted down an amendment to the Constitution that would allow Congress the power to prohibit the desecration of the flag. When will Utah's Orrin Hatch, California's Dianne Feinstein, and their menials realize that it is not the flag that is the definition of American democracy, but the Constitution?

The largest controversy surrounding such a proposal has been where to draw the line between free speech and action. Eleven years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that burning the flag is indeed a form of free speech and not a harmful action. However, New Hampshire Senator Bob Smith disagrees and calls it an "aggressive and provocative act." Both, of course, have their respective support and opposition, but for once, something must be held sacred in this country.

Dianne Feinstein disagreed with Smith, declaring, "that's [the burning of the flag] not my definition of free speech." What Feinstein is forgetting is that the First Amendment should not be subject to interpretation by individuals. This country was not founded on the idea that the Constitution is what one makes it to be. On the contrary, the founding fathers intended the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to be strictly adhered to, keeping the federal government from getting too powerful. "I think we owe it to...our people...to pass this amendment," Orrin Hatch stated at a Capitol Hill rally in support of the amendment. What have "people" done to deserve to have their independence restricted?

Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell proposed an alterna-

tive to this insanity, which suggested that flag burning be considered a criminal act if meant to incite violence. This idea is better than a total ban, but will eventually lead to more interpretive problems that will simply end up in the Supreme Court again, thus initiating vicious cycle of time-wasting debate.

When Americans start learning to appreciate what they have, they will stop trying to take it all away to make the country a "better" place. When the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is altered, the entire basis of this democracy will be altered. People keep forgetting the most important thing: the Bill of Rights was intended to provide Americans with freedoms, not restrictions.

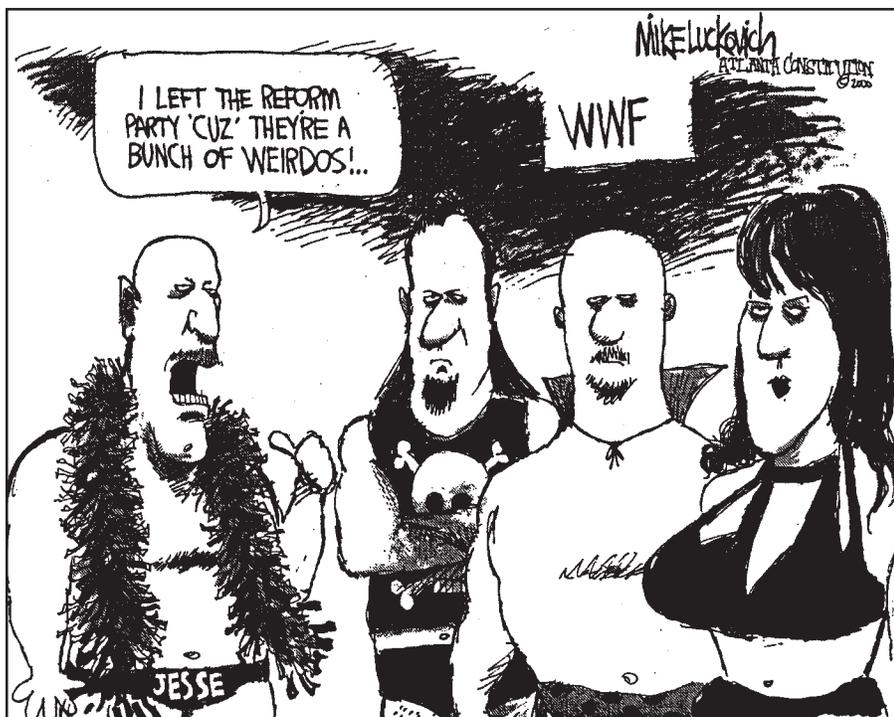
Warning: May Cause Stupidity

In yet another victory for the stupid, Leslie Whiteley, a dying lex-smoker, was awarded \$20 million from R.J. Reynolds and Philip Morris. This judgment was the first awarded to a smoker who started the habit after warnings written by the Surgeon General began appearing on all packages of cigarettes in the 1960s.

These warning labels eliminate any doubts a smoker may have as to whether or not cigarettes are safe. Even without warning labels, the harmful nature of smoking is clearly apparent. Any activity that causes one to cough, wheeze, and lose their breath is obviously not healthy. However, Ms. Whiteley chose to smoke despite these labels, as well as a plethora of government and privately funded anti-smoking ads. She knew that what she was doing was unhealthy, yet she chose to smoke. When she wanted to stop years later, she chose to quit. From the start to the end of her smoking years, her habit was her own decision—a decision she made despite her knowledge of the adverse effects of smoking.

Whiteley's lawyers argued that warning labels do not excuse the tobacco industry's manipulative practices. However, exactly what they are asking of the tobacco companies is unclear. Warning labels clearly tell smokers that cigarettes are harmful—any further measure would be redundant. If warning labels are not enough, then what is?

A corporation should not lie to customers about the safety of their products. If a product is well known to be dangerous, however, the manufacturer should not be held responsible for adverse affects related to its use. If the product is labeled as dangerous, the blame lies not on the manufacturer, but on the consumer who ignores the risks. Many products that are on the market, from alcohol and tobacco to Big Macs, are unhealthy and sometimes even dangerous. If American's want to have the freedom to eat, drink, or smoke what they wish, they must accept responsibility for



their actions. Otherwise, litigation will kill the products Americans love. If tobacco goes now, what's next?

Low-Octane Economics

After weeks of paying up to two dollars a gallon for gas in the United States, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) finally voted to raise petroleum output levels at a conference in Vienna, Austria. Gas prices had been at their highest levels since the Gulf War due to export quotas set up by OPEC and other nations in 1998. At their Vienna conference on March 28, OPEC agreed to raise petroleum output by 1.7 million barrels per day, although our good friends Iran and Iraq refused to go along with the agreement. While Iraq voted against any increase in production at all, Iran eventually decided to increase its production to a smaller extent than the rest of OPEC, proving that they only *mildly* hate the western world.

OPEC's increase in production came after intense pressure from the United States to lower oil prices and avert a possible global economic slowdown. Following a cry from the population to lower gas prices, Secretary of Energy and Tufts alumnus Bill Richardson journeyed throughout the Middle East to push for an increase in production. He also threatened to release crude oil from the United States' national strategic petroleum reserve if production was not increased, a move that would greatly hurt OPEC's business. Following OPEC's decision the threat was withdrawn, however, it does seem strange that such good "friends" of ours such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Venezuela need to be threatened before acting to aid us.

Although OPEC did boost output by 6.3 percent, industry analysts say that this is too little too late for consumers appalled by the skyrocketing prices of gasoline. According to Falah Aljibury, a California-based consultant, the OPEC agreement will knock at most "a few cents" off the price of gas and is

disappointed with the decision because "the market expected more." OPEC is not the only one to blame for the outrageous prices at the pump, however. Mexico, while not an OPEC member, plays a key role in petroleum production policy. It raised its output by 150,000 barrels a day concurrent with OPEC's decision, but that still does not make up for the 325,000 barrels per day cut in 1998 in an effort to increase their petroleum profits. In fact, Mexico played a key role in OPEC's decision to cut production in 1998 that caused the gas price problem in the first place. But we shouldn't be angry with them: after all, what would we do without NAFTA? Wait—never mind.

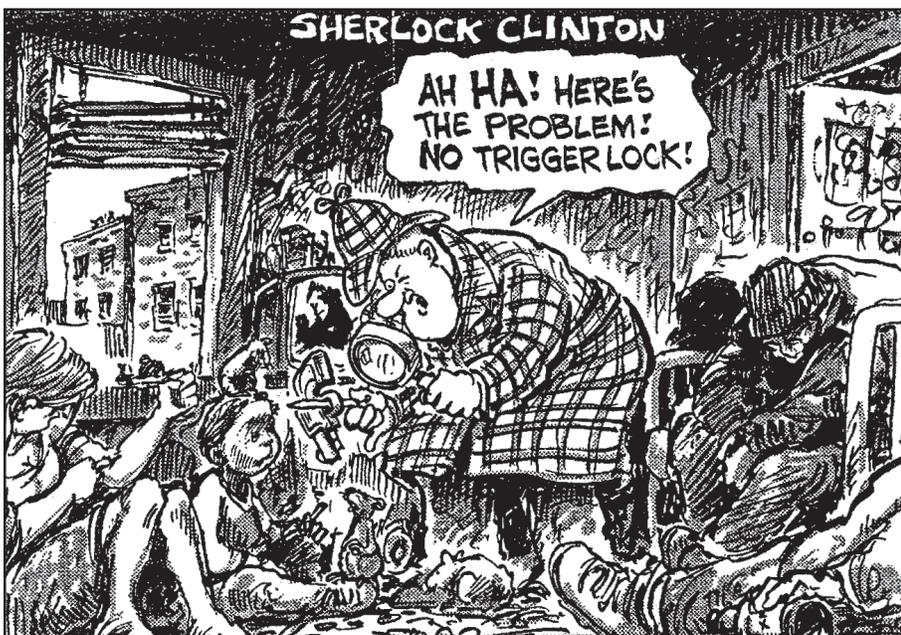
Where Credit Is Due

The PRIMARY SOURCE often dishes out harsh treatment to those individuals on campus who have (deservedly so) earned our wrath by committing idiotic acts or sticking their proverbial feet in their mouths. During his tenure at Tufts, President John DiBiaggio has often received SOURCE ridicule when he has acquiesced to the will of liberal groups who desired funds or attention for their own special projects, regardless of whether such projects were merited. This issue, however, the PRIMARY SOURCE would like to say thank-you to President DiBiaggio for doing, on balance, a good job.

Last week, DiBiaggio held a press conference with the media groups on campus and answered their questions candidly without sidestepping controversial issues. The fact that he took the time to listen to the concerns of students and to go on record publicly on certain issues reflects an attitude held by few administrators on this campus.

There has been a general impression on this campus that Tufts, and by extension DiBiaggio, has not been as successful at fund-raising as have other schools. One person at the press conference brought up this issue and was firmly rebuffed. Citing the fact that Tufts' capital campaign has surpassed expectations (to wit, the large donations from Gantcher, the anonymous arts donor, and eBay founder Pierre Omidyar) DiBiaggio has demonstrated that he is taking care of one of his primary jobs as president of this university.

While we at the SOURCE have often disagreed with President DiBiaggio over the direction the school should take, especially with regards to affirmative action and notions of diversity, we acknowledge that he has contributed greatly to the quality of the school during his tenure at this institution. We hope that we will see repeat performances of last week's press conference and continuing efforts by the President's office to discuss issues of importance with the students. □



Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Since we know the Top Ten Lists are the funniest (relatively) and most-read (ibid.) parts of Fortnight in Review, we figured we'd cut to the chase this issue with...

Top Ten Things D-Bags *Didn't* Say at the Press Conference

10. "Damn, last month's *Zamboni* had me wetting myself."
9. "You call the MAB office a filthy hell hole? You should see my house after *Sopranos* night!"
8. "Crazy Monk is the honorary Wendell Phillips Award winner."
7. "Damn, last year's *Submerge* had me wetting myself."
6. "I love Brian Finkelstein. A lot."
5. "My dogs are gay."
4. "I made those forum posts. That black kid pisses me off."
3. "Orgy at the Gifford House—BYOB!"
2. "Sol, is that your hand?"
1. "I'm sorry, what? I was ogling that Heumann chick."

PS Two contractors have been hired to remove a 30-ton beached humpbacked whale found on Hawaii's Hapuna Beach State last Sunday. Rescue efforts were hampered when Dewick ladies appeared on the scene and attempted to marinate the corpse.

PS District of Columbia police officer Derrick Brown, who was convicted of raping a teenager and sexually assaulting a woman, is also the 16th officer in the Metropolitan Police Department to be found guilty of a crime in the last 15 months. Brown is also the 16th officer to win the Marion Barry Award for Good Citizenship.

PS A Louisiana judge sentenced two men convicted of playing music too loud to a three-hour music-appreciation session, featuring a platter of country hits. In similar news, food appreciation now involves eating fish nuggets at Dewick.

PS An Arizona bill that would have required pregnant girls under age 18 to get permission from a parent, guardian or judge in order to have an abortion was defeated in the state house of representatives. Should the bill have passed, young girls would only have required permission from a greasy back-alley "doctor" and/or a horse tranquilizer.

PS A North Carolina parrot is in need of a home after its previous guardians—drunken frat boys—taught it so much cussin' that nobody wants to adopt it. This is the most controversial pet to seek a home since the state auctioned off Whitey, the Ku Klux Klan Border Collie.

PS A drug-sniffing police dog in Virginia detected a package of cocaine and got a buzz for his trouble when he bit into the bag and got a mouthful of powdery blow. The dog has been offered a 3-year-contract by the New York Yankees to play designated hitter.

PS In addition to dining or gift certificates, Las Vegas hotel/casino customers can now cash in their gambling points for mammograms. Come on, seven... momma needs a breast exam...

PS A Nebraska man who prosecutors said wanted to impress his children and their teenage friends as a "cool Dad" was convicted Friday of supplying drugs to the group. Local police officials are disgusted with the father's disregard for the law, but admitted that he really *was* a cool dad.

PS Bestiality practitioners PETA have threatened to dump a fish sedative into Texas' Lake Palestine prior to a weekend fishing tournament. Fishermen agree with the idea, as the fish will probably float right to the top.

PS Top Ten Tufts April Fools Gags

10. *Observer* prints error-free issue
9. Wren gets rat-free room
8. *Zamboni* makes us laugh, or even blink
7. Dara Resnik shuts up
6. Danielle Olivier shaves
5. Jesse Levey votes for Bradley
4. Larry Harris conducts himself like an adult
3. *Submerge* publishes an issue
2. Oxfam serves live lobsters
1. SOURCE holds "Free Mumia" barbecue

PS One Arizona proposal would allow illegal immigrants to legally drive within the state. Of course, throwing eight adults, two children, and a goat into the trunk of a Hyundai Excel remains illegal.

PS Santa Cruz, California is contemplating a law that would allow medicinal marijuana to legally treat everything from AIDS to migraines. Tufonians are wondering if the bill could include a provision for chronic apathy.

PS A Republican congressman has introduced legislation that would allow organs from death row inmates to be used for transplants. We got dibs on Mumia's liver!

PS Orlando's lady firefighters are up in arms over an edict to cut their hair short, saying it is a blatant example of sexist discrimination. The city's male fire commissioner insists the law is just a reasonable means of keeping the long hair of job applicants out of his crotch.

PS Ohio's Antioch College has selected death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal as its commencement speaker. The 45-year-old Black Panther/cop killer/martyr to the stupid will speak via prerecorded audiotape. College officials warned the students not to be alarmed should Abu-Jamal's speech be interrupted by a loud *zaaaaaaaaap*.

PS Or the delicious scent of barbecue.

PS Alabama Governor Siegelman has declared April “Confederate History and Heritage Month.” Alabama residents will celebrate the month by lynching blacks.

PS An Elvis impersonator who legally changed his name to that of the King is now trying to be mayor of a small Wisconsin town. Most people wonder why anyone would do something so totally insane. Not to mention the whole name-changing thing.

PS Rhode Island has appointed none other than Mr. Potato Head as its travel spokesperson. The anthropomorphic tuber narrowly edged out Teen Talk Barbie, whose slogan would have been “Math is tough. Let’s go to Rhode Island!”

PS According to a University of North Carolina study, deer were blamed for 5.4% of all traffic accidents in that state in 1998. The other 94.6% were caused by women drivers.

PS New Jersey congressman Bill Pascrell is losing sleep at night now that he fears America’s 450 billionaires could effectively spread out across the country and buy their way into office. A true man of the people, Pascrell struggles to feed his family with a mere nine hundred, ninety-nine million dollars.

PS The University of Illinois has scheduled a public meeting for students to speak their minds about the school’s use of that perennial scapegoat, Chief Illiniwek, as its official symbol. Should the school remove the offending character, expect other universities to follow suit: at any rate, the Ex College will have to kick out Morwen Two Feathers.

PS A divorced New Jersey couple is arguing in court over what will happen to their frozen embryos. The wife wants the embryos destroyed, the husband wants to donate them to infertile couples, and every other human being doesn’t care about people from New Jersey.

PS Connecticut state officials reported that women and minorities continue to be underrepresented on state boards and commissions. The state was happy to report, however, that the local government’s quota of white men has been fulfilled for the 176th straight year.

PS The American Lung Association is butting its incendiary head into the film industry with its annual criticism of those films that promote smoking. At the top of the list was *Little Oral Annie*—that is, until the filmmakers pointed out that their movie had nothing to do with smoking *cigarettes*.

PS In a desperate attempt to get young people to care about anything, ABC sent none other than actor and bimbo Leonardo DeCaprio to interview President Clinton for an Earth Day special. Clinton seemed visibly disappointed on-air, mostly because he had only been told that a young, sexy, dumb blonde would be interviewing him.

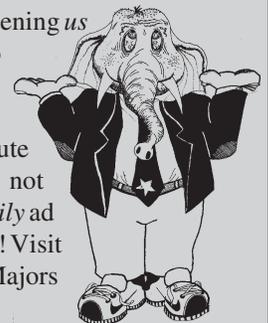
PS Then Leo gave him a blow job.

PS A former Portland police officer serving 18 years in prison for multiple sex crimes continues to receive disability payments from an on-the-job car accident. Apparently, he crashed the car while getting road head from a 12-year-old.

☞ Those Ethiopian women are, like, so thin: Communist chefskys at **Oxfam Café** host the Hunger Banquet, where only fifteen percent of attendees get food. The goal of the event is to put students in the position of the **underprivileged**, a title we’ll also give to any of the 15% “lucky” enough to get an Oxfam soy burger with non-dairy vegan cottage cheese... **eBay** founder and Tufts grad **Pierre Omidyar** donates \$10 million to his alma mater. Now Tufts can finally afford to bid on other colleges’ **used dorms** ... A proposed wrestling club fails to gain recognition. Two words, guys: co-ed; Jell-O... We couldn’t have said it any better: at a MAB meeting with President DiBiaggio, *Daily* head **Jordan Brenner** tells D-Bags that Tufts’ fundraising is “sub-par,” to which Bags responds, “What do you know about fundraising?”

☞ We slummin’: Over-privileged honkey **Daniel Barbarisi** writes, “I’m your average Tufts kid... and yeah, I look down on people who have lived in poverty their whole lives and make no attempt to hide it. I feel bad about it.” Don’t let being a rich white oppressor get you down, Danny—you’re still a member of America’s **intellectually impoverished**... DiBiaggio invites former Somerville mayor **Mike Capuano** back to campus one year after Capuano suggested that Bags be “**taken out and shot**.” Call

us crazy, but if a Congressman was threatening *us* with death, the last thing we’d think to do is ask him to give a speech on **leadership**... Award-winning journalist **Dara Resnik** asks “What’s better than eight cute girls on Spring Break?” Well, certainly not seven cute girls and Dara Resnik... *A Daily* ad reads “Here’s how to become a **XXX star**! Visit www.sexpays.com.” Womyn’s Studies Majors and undersexed columnists take note.



☞ ALBO members pat each other lovingly on the ass for reducing their **deficit spending** and only blowing \$8,000 more than they had to begin with. Good thing they spent that play money on useful, reliable projects like **Submerge**... The SOURCE was going to have a booth at **Kids’ Day**, but LCS wouldn’t let us near the quad after they saw **our Title IX page** from last issue. We did go cruising for chicks, though, and got four numbers.

☞ It was all she could remember.

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

A FLETCHER DEPARTMENT GAVE OUT AN AWARD TO ECONOMISTS— WE THOUGHT FANS OF FREE MARKETS WOULD HAVE A CHANCE. WHEN TWO LEFT-OF-CENTER HONOREES WERE CHOSEN, THE SOURCE DECIDED TO SEE IF THIS WAS ANOTHER AWARD FOR WHICH CONSERVATIVES NEED NOT APPLY. AN EMAIL TO DEPARTMENT CO-CHAIR DR. NEVA GOODWIN WAS SENT OFF, ASKING HER TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS OF CHOOSING THE HONOREES. WE WANTED TO KNOW WHO CHOSE THESE ECONOMISTS. WE WANTED TO KNOW WHO ELSE THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED. WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT CRITERIA WERE USED. AND WE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THESE FANS OF THE WELFARE STATE WERE SELECTED. WHAT WE GOT WAS A FEW AVOIDED QUESTIONS— AND SOME UNINTENTIONAL AND BRUTAL HONESTY

The Source Files

————— Forwarded message —————

Date: Wed, 29 Mar 2000 18:36:19 -0500
From: Dan Lewis
To: Neva Goodwin
Subject: Questions on the Leontief Prize

Dear Dr. Goodwin,

My name is Dan Lewis, and I am a recent graduate of Tufts University. I am also, even since graduation, a contributor to the Primary Source, and try to stay abreast to Tufts happenings.

Today's daily contained an article about the newly created "Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought," created by the Tufts Global Development and Environment Institute (G-DAE). I am doing research for a possible article on the award, and have a few questions about it. As you are named in the article as co-director of G-DAE, I hope you can provide some answers.

First, I would like a list of the committee that selected Galbraith and Sen as the honorees.

Secondly, the article failed to mention what are the criteria for the award. In fact, as an outsider looking in, I have virtually no idea what the selection committee looked for in choosing the recipients of this honor. Could you please inform me as to what the committee looked for, and how they defined "advancing the frontiers of economic thought?"

Next, I would like to know what other economists were considered for this honor, and whether or not those who were considered but rejected are still eligible for the award in the future. Also, in the future, will the committee consider honoring people posthumously?

Finally, I would appreciate your own thoughts on why Galbraith and Sen were the ideal inaugural recipients of this award.

If you wish to forward this email to anyone else on the committee, please feel free to do so. All I ask is that you carbon copy (cc:) me on those emails, so that in the event that they wish to comment, I may include that in my research.

Thank you in advance for a prompt reply.

Respectfully yours,
Dan Lewis

————— Forwarded message —————

Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2000 20:13:22 -0500
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To: Dan Lewis
Subject: The Leontief Prize

Thank you for your interest. Our institute established the Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought to recognize, as the prize states, "outstanding contributions to economic theory that address contemporary realities and support just and sustainable societies." I copy below the statement issued prior to the event announcing the prize, which gives more detail about the reasons for the award and for choosing John Kenneth Galbraith and Amartya Sen as our first recipients.

In relation to your questions about the selection process, the group that selected the awardees was the senior research team that has produced our "Frontier Issues in Economic Thought" book series, of which I am the editor; and also GDAE's co-director William Moomaw. The two senior researchers are Prof. Jonathan Harris and Prof. Frank Ackerman. We initiated the award based on our exhaustive research in the Frontiers series. It is a recognition award only (no prize money, no other benefits to the winners), and it reflects our institute's commitment to the principles highlighted in the inscription. These choices for the inaugural awardees were consensus selections based on our research. We are open to any suggestions/nominations for future Leontief Prizes, though we have not yet decided how frequently to issue awards.

Neva Goodwin, Co-director
Global Development And Environment Institute

PRETTY CUT-AND-DRY, RIGHT? NOW READ ANOTHER EMAIL THAT MS. GOODWIN WROTE THAT DAY... AND ACCIDENTALLY ATTACHED TO THIS ONE.

At 08:48 PM 3/29/00 -0500, you wrote:

I'm not up to answering this tonight — and I think I'll need guidance on how honest to be. Can I say the committee was the senior research staff at G-DAE, and the awardees were chosen as economists we think make more sense than almost anyone else in the field, plus they're friends of ours?

THE TRUTH IS RIGHT HERE

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SOURCE AWARDS

As tradition mandates, we kick off this year's awards spectacular with the **WORST NEW IDEA AWARD**, a category which never fails to deliver able nominees: **blocking Napster** and taking a bold stride towards censorship; the fascist **Leadership Alliance**, the **Presidential Cabinet**, which insures that Larry Harris' bestest buddies can get on the Senate without all that messy "election" stuff getting in the way; and the proposal to **give culture representatives the vote** – after all, if you have dark skin or like to sleep with people of the same sex, you should be able to get on the Senate without all that messy "election" stuff getting in the way.

On a more positive note, the **BEST NEW IDEA AWARD** highlights those rare moments of competence. Last year's winner Brian Finkelstein again gets a nomination for the **Rumors Daily Forum**, haven of anonymity, online hub of the Jesse Levey fan club, and this semester's scapegoat-of-choice; the **derecognition of AEPi**, if only for a semester; the **destruction of Zeta Psi's ancestral home**; and finally, the **parking garage**, if it doesn't collapse.

If they're on the front page of the *Daily* more times than you can count, they're shoe-ins for the **RESUME-PACKER OF THE YEAR AWARD**. This year's nominees are: **Jesse Levey**, the senator who abandoned soap and towels for uniting self-ordained "leaders" of our self-ordained "top-notch university;" *Daily* editor-in-chief *cum* cabinet appointee **Lauren Heist**; **Jason Potts**, who, um, is very good friends with SOURCE Ass. Editor Craig S. Waldman; and finally, SOURCE Ass. Editor **Craig S. Waldman**, who swears he would help with the magazine if he weren't running Paragon, sending quotes and/or pictures of himself to the *Daily*, chairing MAB meetings, being very good friends with Pottsie, or quitting the TCUIJ.

The **SHUT-UP-AND-GO-WAY AWARD** recognizes that special someone who... well, you get the picture. First and foremost is **Dara Resnik**, who wouldn't be half as obnoxious if she stopped reminding us that she is from New York City—and illiterate; **Jesse Levey**, who we think might have voted for John McCain; **Howard Lien**, who scares us; and **Carl Sciortino**, who will not shut up until he can live with a lesbian in Haskell.

If you were to look up the word "useless" in the dictionary, pictures of the **DEAD WEIGHT AWARD** nominees would be there. This year's biggest wastes of skin: **Dara Resnik** – we *know* where you're calling from already; **Paragon**, which has proven to be just as ineffective as the Senate; **The Daily** and **The Observer**, for producing two mediocre newspapers instead of one decent one; **Kerrie McCabe**, who assigns rooms to student groups – or rather, forgets to; and finally, the only person lonelier than the Maytag repairman, **the ALBO accountant**.

The **WORLD'S SMALLEST VIOLIN AWARD** goes to whoever attempts to send the campus running for its collective hanky. This year's whiners extraordinaire include hairy, scary **Danielle Olivier**, who complained that two guys *might* have insulted her untrimmed appendages; **Anoop Swaminath**, who cried over the lack of South Asian undergrads; **Larry Harris**, who whined that forum posts calling him a "black asshole" damaged his otherwise spotless presidency; and **Ben Azoff**, who will definitely pass Math 5 this semester for sure.

The **YAWN OF THE YEAR AWARD** is regaled upon that news item which stirs a slight controversy but in the end simply bores us to tears. Nominees include presidential loser **Bill Bradley**, whose less-than-electrifying speech explained how someone as dry as Al Gore still wiped the court with him; **Ben Folds Five**, who played every nauseating song they knew *except* their one hit; **the stolen Observer issue**, which would have been an outrage if there was anything interesting in it to begin with, the **fireworks display**, which promises to quite literally burn your student activities fee to an unexciting crisp, and **Ben Azoff**, Senate Treasurer and complete tool.

The **FOOT-IN-MOUTH AWARD** never needs an explanation. This year's toe-tasters include **John DiBiaggio**, whose off-handed comments exposed severe dissent in the ranks; **Danielle Olivier**, currently picking out ankle hair from her teeth; **Alethea Pieters**, for rudely interrupting the TCUIJ debates; and, of course, **Larry Harris**, who has yet to make a single public appearance without unleashing a stream of expletives and/or racist jokes.

Why is it that our fair university always seems to be hurting for spare change? Perhaps the nominees for the **BIGGEST WASTE OF FUNDS** are to blame. The **Gantcher Convocation Center** would be the ideal place to hold large events – if adult diapers were passed out at the door; **Submerge**, our lefty counterpart, has yet to produce a single issue; a brand-new **music building** is just the thing for people that don't want to walk the extra ten minutes to Aidekman; and the **eight-hundred-person dinner at Gifford House** would have been a great alternative to Dewick had we been invited.

Last but not least, the **CROOK OF THE YEAR AWARD** goes to that person or institution whose fingers we found in our pockets far too often. The nominees: **Submerge**, who had the audacity to apply for buffer funding after not spending a dime of their \$2000 budget; **ResLife**, for their perennial patronize/purloin policy; **Dining Services**, for sticking freshmen with the same crappy meal plan and having the nerve to call it "new and improved;" and finally **AEPi**, although we have no idea why *they* were nominated.

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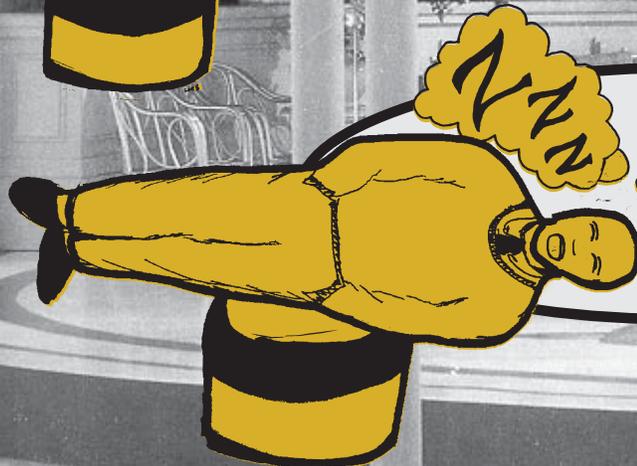


DEAD WEIGHT
PARAGON



WASTE OF FUNDS
GANTCHER CENTER

WORST NEW IDEA
VOTING CULTURE REPS



YAWN OF THE YEAR
BILL BRADLEY

WORST SMALL BUSINESS
LARRY

And the winner is

AL SOURCE AWARDS

BEST NEW IDEA

RUMORS DAILY FORUM

CROOK OF THE YEAR

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THE PRIMARY SOURCE PRESENTS THE SOURCE AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT TO

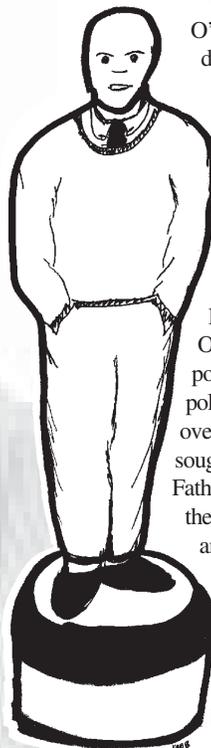
P.J. O'Rourke

"Personally, I believe a rocking hammock, a good cigar, and a tall gin-and-tonic is the way to save the planet."

P.J. O'Rourke has had a long and infamous career in conservative, humor, and literary circles. Mr. O'Rourke was the editor of the *National Lampoon*, which he left in 1981 to become a freelance writer. Since then, he has written for *Car and Driver*, *The American Spectator*, *Playboy*, *Esquire*, *Vanity Fair*, *Automobile*, *House and Garden*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *Parade*, *Smart*, *Harper's* and *Rolling Stone*, where he currently serves as Foreign Affairs Desk Chief.

We at the PRIMARY SOURCE are avid readers and devoted fans of Mr. O'Rourke's works. Living in a world where political correctness dominates the landscape, we turn to Mr. O'Rourke to listen to words of both humor and truth, despite their unpopularity. In his many books, O'Rourke has taken on the scientific doomsayers, the Washington bureaucrats, Al Gore, and the multiculturalists. In each case, O'Rourke has provided information with humor, honesty, and without the pretension that one finds coming from those who he criticizes. The difference between P.J. O'Rourke and the frauds that he exposes is that he describes the world the way it is, not how he would like it to be.

From *Parliament of Whores* to *All The Trouble In The World*, P.J. O'Rourke has provided us with a clear trumpet call of clarity in a world polluted by liberal half-truths and false predictions. In recent years, the political left has called for more regulation and more governmental control over individuals' lives. P.J. O'Rourke has watched as government has sought increasingly to place itself in areas of lives which the Founding Fathers desired to keep private. In response, he has written extensively on the fallacy of liberals' belief that government will answer this country's, and the world's, social problems. In words that could just as easily describe the TCU Senate as the national government, P.J. O'Rourke asks the question: "Our government: what the f-ck do they do all day and why does it cost so goddamned much money?" We at the SOURCE could not agree more. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we give P.J. O'Rourke a lifetime achievement award that is free of cost to all, but communicates our debt of gratitude.



*The anti-flag-burning amendment is the
tool of idiots and fascists.*

Into The Fire

by Lew Titterton

Of all the publications on the diverse and illustrious campus of Tufts, one might suspect that the Primary Source would be the most against flag-burning. After all, who are we if not champions against anti-American terrorist groups and uber-liberal hippies, both of whom have been known to burn their fair share of the Stars & Stripes. Nevertheless, however much the Source may stand against the average flag-burner, and even the flag-burning itself, it would be the worst of hypocrisy to support the ban of the activity.

In order to understand how a person can stand against a certain deed without encouraging it being outlawed, one must consider aspects of the issue besides solely the burning of the Red, White, and Blue. Any number of things may offend our sensibilities: French people, ice hockey, East Coast rap, vegans, et cetera. The notion, however, that these things should be forbidden by legislation—or even constitutional amendment—is, very kindly, ludicrous, and more appropriately, a gross over-stepping of governmental authority and a gigantic raping of American freedoms we all hold dear.

It may seem trivial or sarcastic to compare burning the flag to playing hockey, but in fact the analogy is perfectly appropriate. Both offend their fair share of people—the latter, fierce patriots; the former, people who value real sports like basketball, baseball, or football. Both also do no real harm, yet small-minded individuals intent on forcing their own opinions on others would push for their prohibition. This author may find Mark Messier an extremely poor substitute for Vince Carter, but just as I have no right to force my sporting views

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on America, so too do flag-burning opponents have no right to foist their amendment on those of us who value free speech and expression, no matter how rude it may be.

The query then becomes, “How can something so heinous as defacing our nation’s one true symbol of democracy, revolution, and all things *American* do no ‘real harm?’” Frankly, if someone is so over-sensitive that scorching a piece of fabric—no matter how anti-American the act might be—drives them mad, then it is they, and not the scorcher, who should be institutionalized. With hundreds of millions of flags in existence, how can the torching of one possibly harm anyone, besides the person who spent twenty bucks on the flag in the first place? How can the destruction of any lifeless object by its owner or owners possibly be the business of any but those people themselves? When a terrorist blows up Pan Am 103, he should be hunted down like the mutt he is and thrown into a bottomless pit. When a terrorist holds a Bic to fifty stars and thirteen stripes, he should be laughed at and ignored. To confuse the two actions—or dare suggest they are anywhere near the same—is to trivialize murder and destroy the first amendment.

It is hard to deny that the average flag-burner is little more than a poser out to spit in the eye of conservative Americans. Be it a militant on the streets of Baghdad serving as a mouthpiece for Saddam Hussein, or a gay activist hanging our nation’s emblem upside-down as it is set alight, flag-burning is a rather obvious, cliched statement of anti-American

sentiments. To put it concisely, it’s pretty lame.

Lameness, however, is not a crime. And, judging by the number of Source members who have danced badly at frat parties, nor should it be. The far greater assault on justice comes from those small-minded folks who would bar a rather harmless bit of hackneyed performance art rather than just ignore it and get on with their lives. Not coincidentally, the amendment is sponsored by Utah Senator Orrin Hatch, a man whose own Mormonism is notorious for the degradation of women through polygamy and blatant discrimination against blacks. How fitting that multiple forms of intolerance should exist in tandem.

Ultimately, forbidding the burning of the flag is far, far worse than the burning itself. Ironically enough, one of the rare times when lighting up America’s most eminent symbol would be appropriate is when and if the act is forbidden. Only when our country is so mired in censorship and totalitarianism that we disallow free expression—just because it offends some so-called “patriots”—should those crusaders who value liberty set the flag afire, for then the American flag will no longer stand for freedom; then it will stand only for hatred, stupidity, intolerance, and utter fascism. Thankfully, it is doubtful that Hatch and his amendment of idiotic evil will ever achieve the three-quarters majority of states required to be ratified. In this instance, we can for once be very thankful that states like New York and California are as predominantly liberal as they are, for without them, this madness just might become the law of the land, and flag-burning just might become a valid exercise against an insanely nationalistic regime. □



There's nothing more frightening than a conservative in PC clothing.

Don't Get Mad, Get Even

by Joshua Martino

In a unanimous decision, last month the Supreme Court ruled against three conservative law students at the University of Wisconsin, forcing them to pay student activities fees that supported campus groups whose views they found objectionable. The decision disgusted conservative students and right-wing pundits across the nation—but from PRIMARY SOURCE headquarters, there came a little cheer.

Lest we forget our classmates' capacity for imbecility, recall the SOURCE's recent clash over funding with the TCU Senate. Only two years ago the SOURCE's budget was cut by a third. Senators claimed the decrease was due to the magazine's failure to submit a budget. Yet earlier in the semester the SOURCE had published an issue that lambasted student government—no surprise to new readers; as of late senate bashing is as popular at Tufts as the Quad Run. To this day, it has been the position of this magazine that the defunding was motivated by political—not procedural—considerations. And in *cosa nostra* style, the SOURCE got even. By exposing several underhanded members of student government, the Source has made "senate credibility" a term as archaic as "Bolshevik" and "Prohibition."

Amidst cheering the Supreme Court's decision, a few upperclassmen on staff sighed regretfully. For if the ruling had been made two years earlier, the senate would have been forced to prove that the reduction of SOURCE funds was not a conflict of ideologies. No doubt the now-graduated senators would be hard-pressed to confirm that they put aside prejudice in squashing free speech.

Ultimately senators at Tufts are only compelled to observe the High Court's

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ruling by common sense and respect for the law, as the decision affects only public colleges and universities. Still, it is certain that the justices have prevented similar incidents of ego-driven censorship at state schools around the nation.

The defeated Wisconsin plaintiffs argue that paying mandatory student activities fees to fund groups with which they disagreed violates their First Amendment rights. In this case, the conservative students cite several of that university's student groups, including the LGBT center, a socialist club, and a feminist organization, as objectionable to their political views.

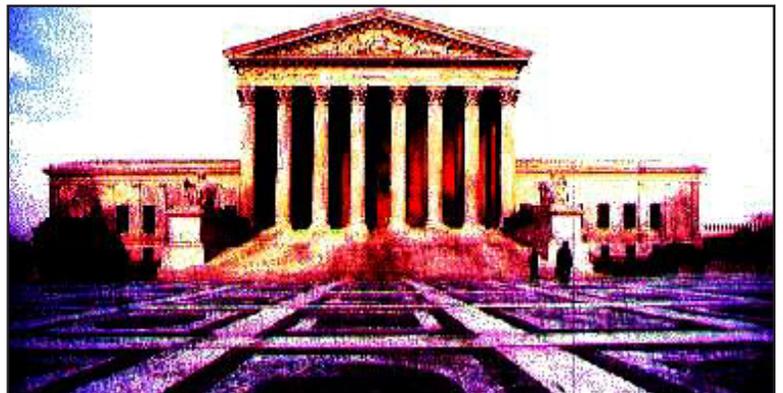
The Supreme Court ruled that the students' rights were not being violated. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said, "when a university requires its students to pay fees to support the extracurricular speech of other students, all in the interest of open discussion, it may not prefer some viewpoints to others." Thus, the High Court decided that the appropriation of student activity fees must be content neutral. This Wisconsin case is the most prominent of several suits brought before federal judges by conservative students that disapproved of funding liberal clubs. When the Supreme Court ruled against the UW students, these attempts to de-fund the Left and make campuses safe for conservatism were simultaneously defeated.

Y e t some conservatives (and libertarians, no doubt) are c r y i n g "B r a v o !" This case is a

perfect example of the Right using the P.C. methodology of the campus Left: 'it offends us, therefore it should not exist.' Imagine the hassle created if the "conservatives" had won the case. Students would have to fill out forms and select which groups they would sponsor with their fees. And surely some less popular groups would cease to exist simply because the student body is ambivalent, but a few voices from the peanut gallery bemoan their existence.

The Wisconsin right-wingers seem to have not considered campuses where conservatives are footrests to those who fill the PC throne. At Tufts, the PRIMARY SOURCE is one of few conservative ingredients in a very left-wing *pot au feu*. As 1998's budget fiasco demonstrates, if its critics had their druthers, the magazine would be de-funded.

The Supreme Court made very clear the government's belief that the university is a place for open dialogue and unhindered debate. In four years at college, no doubt one will meet students of different races, religions and social classes—and also people whose politics are radically different. To say that one shouldn't pay to support established student groups because of offended sensibilities is pompous and preposterous. The best manner in which to combat politically radical groups is not to participate in these clubs, or—better yet—to start a new political organization. This is part of the mission of the PRIMARY SOURCE. At Tufts, campus organizations spout Marxism, shamelessly misuse the word "racism," and arm student against student with divisive politics. The SOURCE cannot insist that these clubs should not exist, but it can tell the campus why they are wrong. □



Recent protests call attention to the fear-mongering of anti-genetic testing groups.

Ripe Melons, Spoiled Minds

by Michael Ferenczy

The uninformed showed up *en masse* in Boston last week at the Bio 2000 conference. They were there to protest the largest biotechnology conference ever held in the United States, claiming that the biotech industry was deliberately misinforming the public about itself. Most of the 2500 protesters came to the "Biodevastation Protest" to speak out against genetically modified (GM) foods. Unfortunately they have been influenced by the fear mongering of anti-GM groups such as Greenpeace and the Alliance for Bio-Integrity.

These groups intentionally misinform the public in order to create controversy, while claiming objectivity. For instance, the mission statement of the Alliance for Bio-Integrity states that it is a "nonpolitical organization dedicated to the advancement of human and environmental health through sustainable and safe technologies. To this end, it aims (a) to inform the public about technologies and practices that negatively impact on health and the environment and (b) to inspire broad-based, responsible action that helps correct the problems and uphold the integrity of the natural order." However, it also states "bioengineers isolate a gene from one type of organism and splice it haphazardly into the DNA of a dissimilar species, disrupting it's natural sequence."

This may seem like a decent description on the surface, however, the use of the word "haphazardly" implies that bioengineers either do not use caution in creating genetically modified foods, or they do not know what they are doing. That statement is completely untrue. In fact, bioengineers must know the exact gene sequence of both the gene they are trying to splice into the organism, and the exact gene sequence of the organism into which it is spliced. This is propaganda at its apex. Under the guise of informing the public, the Alliance

for Bio-Integrity "educates" with its political objective.

Demonstrators, some dressed as mutant "killer" tomatoes and other vegetables, said that GM foods and medicines have not been proven safe and should be removed from supermarkets. This, however is a blatant lie. According to the conference panel of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, "there is no medical evidence to date that genetically modified foods are not safe to eat." In fact, foods that have been genetically modified have been subjected to more testing than any food in history. Some of this testing extends back to 1973.

Anti-biotech groups decry the "inadequate testing" of GM foods, but the current FDA standards for testing are safe and scientifically justified. If a food produced by a genetically modified organism (GMO) is identical to the food produced by a non-GMO, then why should it undergo more testing than its sister food, which is exactly the same?

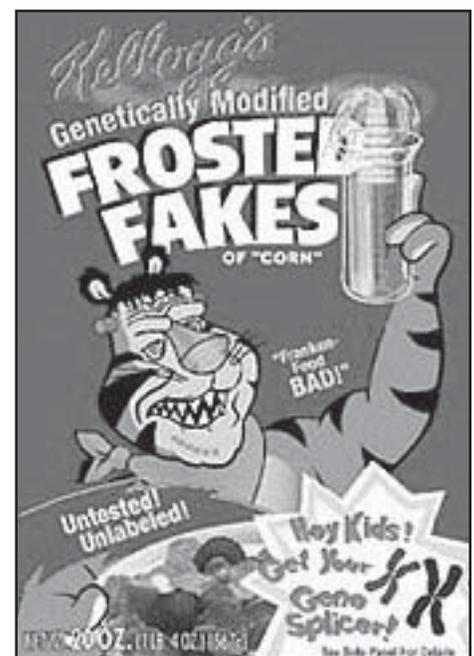
These campaigns have led to the vilification of bovine growth hormone, as well as some GM foods, although no harmful effects for humans have ever been found. The sole reason for the disuse of bovine growth hormone was the negative propaganda campaign waged against it.

So, in order to stay in business, activist groups with an anti-GM objective have been forced to move to blatant fear mongering. C.S. Prakash, a professor of plant biotechnology at Tuskegee University said, "They need to promote new evils, new fears because that's what brings in their money. They peddle fear. Today it's biotechnology. Three years ago it was global warming. Five years before that it was nuclear power." Greenpeace has launched an add decrying "Frankenfoods," using Kellogg's Tony the Tiger, dressed up as Frankenstein's Monster, holding a test tube. "Hey Kids, get your gene splicer!" is the free prize advertised on the box. So instead of trying to actually inform the public as to what

genetic engineering entails, Organizations like Greenpeace have embarked on a campaign of deliberate scare tactics, and it has worked, especially in Europe.

The type of misinformation campaign and scare tactics used by Greenpeace can yield devastating results. In Switzerland in 1998, there was an unsuccessful campaign, based on ignorance and pandering to the fears of the uninformed, to ban all "gene technology." A picture of one farmer's sign was printed in a local newspaper. The sign stated "My plants don't have any genes." It is this kind of ignorance that the anti-biotech organizations pander to. This ban on gene technology would have included medical research, as well as GM foods. If this ban were instituted in the United States, it would have a huge and detrimental impact on the medical industry. According to Carl Feldbaum, head of Bio 2000, 22 new biotech drugs were approved last year to fight diseases such as ovarian cancer, influenza, and arthritis.

Today, it is estimated that seventy percent of vegetables produced in the United States are genetically modified. If these were banned, not only would there be a major world food shortage, but we would also risk famine in the United States. The projected population of the world in the year 2025 is 8.25 billion. In order to feed all these people, genetically engineered crops will become absolutely indispensable. This is not a concern of the anti-biotech groups however. Their primary concern is to dispense misinformation in order to advance their own political agenda, no matter the cost to society. □



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Although a few scraps of cloth leave little to the imagination, they hardly prevent "secondary effects."

Pasties And A G-String

by Shane Mason

On March 29, the United States Supreme Court, by a vote of six to three denied a free-speech-based challenge of an Erie, PA public indecency ordinance requiring barroom dancers to perform in at least “pasties and a G-string.” (For the curious, pasties are a pair of adhesive patches used to conceal a woman’s nipples.) In the splintered decision—four separate opinions were written—the Court limited nude dancing’s freedom of expression protections and used the secondary effects argument to limit freedom of expression. The implications of this decision may be far-reaching; over 3,000 adult clubs are currently operating in the United States, generating more income than the rest of the theaters in the country combined.

The primary issue of the case was the intent of the law: was the ordinance content-neutral or a targeted attack? Though a supposedly content-neutral law to regulate social order and morality, several careless Erie council members indicated (surprise, surprise) the real intent of the law was to target nude dancing at adult clubs. It has been ruled that conduct combining elements of speech and non-speech can be regulated if the regulation is within the constitutional power of government, the regulation furthers a substantial governmental interest, the governmental interest is unrelated to the suppression of free expression, and the incidental restriction on the speech element of the conduct is not greater than necessary to further the substantial governmental interest. Issues of substantial governmental concern, such as laws banning the burning of draft registration cards, have been upheld under these conditions. Under the guise of a content-neutral ordinance, however, the Erie council wished to suppress freedom of expression.

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In the Supreme Court’s main opinion, authored by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, the Court ruled that nude dancing is expressive conduct, but not conduct protected under the First Amendment. The opinion states that the Erie ordinance is not a suppression of expressive conduct, but instead a measure to combat the secondary effects associated with nude dancing, such as sexual assault and prostitution, in a fashion similar to the law banning the burning of draft registration cards promoting anti-war sentiment. And, according to O’Connor, the effect of the ordinance upon expressive message of nude dancing is minimal. The bare minimum of G-strings and pasties “leaves ample capacity to convey the dancer’s erotic message.”

A different opinion upholding the law, backed by Justice Clarence Thomas, cited “the traditional power of government to foster good morals ... and the acceptability of the traditional judgment ... that nude public dancing itself is immoral.”

Dissenting Justice David H. Souter wrote that although he agreed with O’Connor’s analysis, he felt it inadequate that Erie did not receive an opportunity to illustrate these secondary effects. In most courts, but not the Supreme Court, evidence is desirable. Other dissenting Justices included Ruth Bader Ginsburg and John Paul Stevens, who noted that *Erie v. Pap’s A.M.* is the first time that secondary effects “may justify the total suppression of protected speech.” Stevens argued that since the law was directly aimed at the dancers, it should be held “patently invalid.” He continues, “Indeed, the [O’Connor] opinion concludes that admittedly trivial advancements of a state’s interests may provide the basis for censorship.”

Erie v. Pap’s A.M. is not the high Court’s first foray into the world of lap dances. In fact, this ruling was the result of

the lack of clarity of the Court’s 1991 ruling in *Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc.* In the decision, which the Pennsylvania Supreme Court deemed a “hodgepodge of opinions” that offered “no clear precedent,” the Court ruled that nude dancing is a form of expression protected within the First Amendment’s “outer perimeters,” but still subject to narrowly tailored restrictions, such as zoning laws. The Court, however, ruled to uphold an Indiana law banning all barroom-style nude dancing under a state law outlawing public nudity. The *Barnes* decision has been interpreted to both uphold and strike down public nudity laws throughout the country due to the Supreme Court’s failure to provide guidance and clarity in its ruling.

A Supreme Court ruling causing confusion in courtrooms across America should be subject to reexamination by the high Court itself, but several Justices were hoping for an easy out. Nick Panos, owner of the Erie adult club in question, sold his club to a new owner, who moved the club to a new location. Several Justices, apparently hesitant to revisit the issue of nude dancing, argued (or perhaps hoped) that the case was a moot point. Much to their dismay, however, the Court accepted the case.

With *Erie v. Pap’s A.M.*, irresponsible and deceitful legislation on behalf of the Erie council concluded with the Supreme Court allowing government censorship on the grounds of secondary effects. A viable option (one that is frequently used/abused by New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani) is the use of zoning laws to relocate adult clubs. Instead, the Supreme Court has granted cities the right to thoroughly suppress this freedom of expression at will. Other Justices upheld the law on the grounds of the government’s right to “foster good morals.”

Though a traditional governmental right, some beacons of morality (Clarence Thomas!) are rather dim. Fortunately, not all has gone wrong. By Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s assessment, the widespread use of pasties and G-strings will do little to interfere with a dancer’s erotic message. Too bad nipple coverings and g-strings may not have a much larger effect in combating prostitution, sexual abuse, alcohol abuse, and the other undesirable secondary effects that are supposedly grounds for censorship. □

*Another chapter in the little-Cuban-boy saga unfolds
and Al Gore's political waffling continues.*

Elián Gonzalez' Three-Hour Tour

by Stephen Tempesta

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me."
Unless you're Cuban, in which case we
don't want you.*

A federal court in Miami has ruled that six-year-old Elián Gonzalez must be returned to his father in Cuba. Absent from the opinion of the court, the attorney general, the INS commissioner, and the President, is any understanding that the wishes of Elián's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, cannot be known to us while he is in Cuba. One has to wonder about the true wishes of Mr.

Gonzalez when he's not sitting next to an armed Castro. One also has to wonder if Mr. Gonzalez looks at his son now and knows that Elián is in a better place and that his wife's life was not wasted. Also overlooked by the government is the lifestyle of a young boy in a totalitarian state, where the wishes of the individual count for nothing.

More frightening is that young Elián faces a fate worse than that of a typical Cuban boy. Elián is the son of an "enemy of the people." In risking her life to secure a better future for her son, Elián's mother committed an act of treason by attempting to flee Castro's paradise. It seems likely that the child's mother would be in tears if she were told that the Cuban government was trying to bring Elián back to Communist Cuba. Elián's mother risked all and paid dearly for her attempt to bring the light of freedom, liberty and justice to the eyes of

her son. Yet some in the American government believe that he should be with his father back in the country from which his mother tried so desperately to escape.

In similar custody cases, parents travel halfway around the world at their own expense to speak out for their sons and daughters.

Where is Mr. Gonzalez? Fox News already agreed to pay for his entire trip. Does Castro feel that that Mr. Gonzalez will defect once he joins his son and family in our "capitalist hell?" Does this have anything to do with the fact that the Cuban-Americans in Miami have offered Mr. Gonzalez \$2 million, a house, and a car if he moved to America? No one in the Clinton administration is going to insist on



his appearance. These are the people who, 30 years ago, probably decorated their college dorm rooms with posters of Che Guevara.

Castro is no fool, for he is very familiar with the predictable Clinton administration foreign policy. After all, in 1996 the President managed to break the Republican electoral hold on Florida by ignoring the advice of his own foreign policy team and signing into law the Helms-Burton Act. This anti-Cuba legislative package was sponsored by two of the most conservative legislators on Capitol Hill, but Clinton signed because at the time it was "good-politics."

There was a considerable shock in the White House and throughout the Democratic Party when the vice president broke with his administration over the issue of Elián. Al Gore openly supported legislation to make Elián a permanent resident of the United States and insisted that his future be decided as a custody case by a family court. Gore is most likely using this defenseless

six-year old as a platform of sorts for his own political gain. Too bad that Gore doesn't realize that the American people want a President who will hold his views as a concrete stance against opposition, instead of bending every time it seems as though one can gain a little by changing his political view. Gore's announcement will stiffen the resolve of Elián's Miami relatives to defy the INS demand that they sign a pledge to send young Elián back to Cuba.

By insisting that Elián belongs in the United States, Gore has sided with Bush in his ideology. Gov. Bush couldn't be happier. When it comes time for the election and the presidential debates, what will be Gore's answer to the Elián question? What will he say in his own defense? Who will support him in his turncoat politics? Gore certainly knows that his stance in this case could severely backfire in the coming presidential election. He also knows that the 780,000 Cuban-American exiles are staunchly Republican, and the opinion polls show that most Americans believe that the boy should be with his father. So why does he hold this position?

The answer may be to attract some middle ground and independent voters come November. Regardless of the outcome, the Elián case has exposed one important fact to the American people: much like Clinton, Gore is for the taking. One can see this clearly when at the Apollo theater debates Gore shamelessly pandered the Apollo's traditionally black audience, telling them that he supports "extra affirmative action" and that "this country is better off for having the Tom Joyner Show and April Ryan and the WLIB. None of those would be available except for the extra affirmative action for black-owned radio stations."

Those with the political power or money will be able to buy the presidency if Gore is in the White House. The American people ought to recognize that Gore is not a supporter of strong views—he is a supporter of views that have strong friends. If he can sacrifice his principles for political gains, he will be more than happy to do so. Even people in his own party cannot find a reason to endorse him. New York Democrat Jose Serrano put it best: "I don't know if I should go to the convention as a Gore delegate if he is going to play this kind of politics. It is the cheapest kind of politics you can practice." □

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*Question authority. Don't trust the government.
Own a gun.*

Taking Aim at Gun Control

by Sam Dangremond

Though the recurrent theme of The PRIMARY SOURCE is the First Amendment freedom of speech, we also happen to be fans of the second Amendment to the Constitution. While those of us in the media rightly appreciate the freedom given us by the First Amendment, the Second Amendment is equally essential to freedom. The right to bear arms has come under increased fire (pun intended) as school-yard shootings have shocked the nation, prompting efforts at gun control by the Clinton Administration to which the National Rifle Association continues to assert



its opposition. A recent highlight of the NRA's campaign to protect the second amendment came when the NRA's President, actor Charlton Heston, gave a speech at nearby Brandeis University.

This controversial speech was, after some minor roadblocks, allowed to be presented to Brandeis and the surrounding community. Freedom of speech was respected by the Brandeis administration and those who disagree with the positions of the NRA. However, once free speech is secured it must be used to debate the more fundamental issue: gun control. Charlton Heston's speech was vehemently protested by Brandeis students. By protesting, these students sought to draw media attention to their support of gun control laws. Approximately 100 protestors rallied outside Heston's speech. Many of these protestors wore makeup and costumes that gave them the appearance of gun shot victims, blood and all, while others carried signs and plac-

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ards while leading pro-gun control chants.

Let it first be noted that in the debate between those who favor gun control and the NRA, statistics are quoted left and right (pun intended). The NRA is fond of statistics like "There are already 22,000 gun laws on the book" while gun control advocates are fond of ones like "A person is killed by a handgun every 2 minutes." But rather than go on quoting statistics, might we encourage you to examine for yourselves accurate statistics from the primary sources. One of the best internet sites for this purpose is www.fedstats.gov, a

site maintained by the Federal Interagency Council on Statistical Policy. The SOURCE invites you to examine the raw data and think for yourselves.

The aim of this article, then, is to present one interpretation of the Second Amendment, which shows why gun control is fundamentally adverse to liberty and personal freedom. This interpretation is based on the judicial concept of "original intent", by which the legality of a law is determined by its conformity to the Constitution as the Founding Fathers intended it.

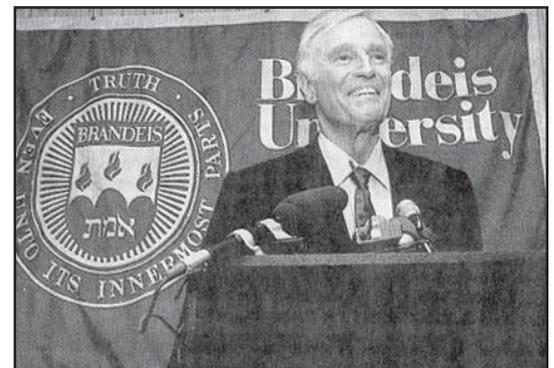
The Founding Fathers fought the Revolutionary War against a tyrannical government. They won that war because the American people, its average citizens, were armed. As Patrick Henry put it, "The millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us." The Founding Fathers knew this was the reason why they were able to claim their freedom.

Thus the Second Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights, not for any reason relating to "sporting purposes" or vague definitions of a militia, but for the sole purpose that future generations of American citizens would be able to overthrow a tyrannical government.

In our society, the luxuries of modern life have caused us to forget the harsh realities of true oppression and despotism. The general view of the government, among those who favor gun control, is fundamentally one of trust. They trust that the government will never be able to take away their freedoms, because they believe that democracy is absolute. But it is not. The government should never be trusted so far that the people are unable to resist its mandates. The ability to resist the government ultimately lies not in votes, for dictatorial governments have often nullified elections, but in the ability of the citizenry to forcibly resist the government and its agents. So long as the government has guns, the people must have equal means of resistance. This means that the people must have the right to bear arms.

Trust in the government is an unsound faith. The fundamental difference between the NRA and gun control advocates is that the NRA trusts people more than it trusts the government. The NRA trusts people to be responsible citizens and protect their own freedoms more than it trusts the government to protect the freedoms of others. The protestors outside of Charlton Heston's speech would rather the government regulate away freedom in the name of safety. But "[I]s life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?" I know not what course others may take; but as for the NRA, give them a gun or you'll give us all slavery.

Question authority. Don't trust the government. Own a gun. □



One would-be Tufts wrestler comes up against his toughest opponent—Title IX.

Good Sportsmanship?

by Jerome Shapiro

“No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal aid.”

Since 1972, athletic departments in schools across the country have been plagued with “Title IX compliance.” In the name of ensuring equality, funds have been largely redirected from male athletic programs to ensure that financial assistance is allocated in proportion to the ratio of male and female athletes. Put bluntly, this is an unreasonable policy. On the whole, women’s sports don’t draw enough revenue for university compliance to be economically sound. It is unjust for an NCAA Division-IA school not to be able to give a scholarship to a male basketball player, especially one who would take them to another Final Four, pack their sports stadium 30 times over, and bring hundreds of hours of national air time. Such players may be denied funding because under Title IX, universities are required to give the same money to a mediocre women’s tennis player with no net game, a weak serve, and a pair of flabby thighs who won’t draw fifty dollars for the university during her tenure. It hardly seems fair that a school might not fund new equipment for a football team simply because women’s sports don’t need as much funding—even with the same number of participants.

A university can be in compliance with Title IX by providing equal opportunity for male and female participation, or by providing equal services and benefits for the respective programs. Let’s assume that a school believes that female athletes deserve equal benefits and services. One

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can provide them with all that their little hearts desire and may still fall short what is required. Male sports, in particular contact sports, generally require larger staffing and more expansive facilities. It seems ridiculous to require as many trainers, coaches, or as large of a locker room for some 80 women on track and swimming teams as you would for the same number of men on ice hockey and lacrosse teams.

Women also need to have a proportionate number of participants in athletics as they have enrolled at the particular institution. For many institutions, however, such high rates of participation may be impossible to attain. It is unfair to expect proportionally equal participation from women when the reality is that women are simply not as interested in participation in organized athletics as men are. Title IX proponents argue (and rightfully so) that there have been significant strides made in encouraging our female youth to participate in sports—and some of this is as a result of the expanding opportunities created by Title IX. Society has made great progress in the last thirty years, but Title IX legislation has worn out its welcome—though Tufts doesn’t seem to think so.

During the EPIIC Symposium last semester, Patsy Mink, the co-author of the actual Title IX legislation, came to campus to speak about her work and the accompanying strides for equality in women’s sports. Tufts University honored her for all that she has done to further women’s rights and opportunities. Interestingly enough, this was the first time ever she was honored for her work with Title IX. She had been honored many times for other things, but nobody else in the entire country over the last 28 years thought it fit to honor her for Title IX. It seems funny that our university is so happy with Title IX, especially in light of some recent campus events.

The Tufts University Athletic department, strapped for cash after recent difficulty in the building of the Gantcher Family Convocation Center, made the decision to sanction a women’s varsity fencing team at considerable cost. In no time, the campus was posterized with flyers which read, “Women’s fencing team—No Experience Needed.” According to athletic director Bill Gehling, the addition of women’s fencing was another step for Tufts University in its move toward Title IX compliance. To be sure, the under-funded men’s club water polo team appreciates all the money the university shelled out from its tight budget to pay for a bunch of girls to take up a new hobby, fencing, which just so happened to be at the varsity level.

A recently proposed wrestling club (of which the author is a large proponent) would be coed and funded without University assistance—hence Title IX is not an issue. Were the university to decide to make the club a varsity team several years down the line, however, Title IX compliance may cause a potential problem. Realistically, that doesn’t hit too close to home for most students at this point in time. Unfortunately, Title IX may be knocking on all of our front doors soon.

Should Tufts University decide to take the advice of Andrew Zimbalist, another speaker at the EPIIC symposium, nearly 40 slots on our football team would be eliminated. As it stands now, our football lists 82 men on its roster as opposed to the approximately 45 carried by most NFL teams. As a renowned sports economist and representative for the players unions of both the NFL and NBA, Zimbalist says the answer is simple. The average NCAA Division-IA school “will save over 500,000 dollars” after cutting down the size of their football squads by 40 men. “The money can be used to foster gender equity in participation rates, scholarships, or facilities, or it can be used to keep that men’s water polo team.” While Tufts is far from Division-IA, we struggle just the same with funding and participation ratios, and Zimbalist’s solution seems almost plausible.

But how does Tufts’ Homecoming look next year with only 45 guys on our football team, wearing old jerseys and pads? Under Title IX, their funds can be spent to start a women’s varsity ice hockey team—no experience necessary. □

*The destruction of Big Tobacco
is just the beginning.*

The Legal Death of All Things

by Jonathan Perle

It is starting, and liberals couldn't be happier. Last week, a jury ordered Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds to pay \$20 million in punitive damages to a woman who is dying of cancer because she started smoking cigarettes *after* warning labels were placed on the containers. Gun manufacturers are now being sued by states because firearms have been used in crimes to shoot innocent people. The judicial system in America has begun to punish companies because their products have had negative affects on peoples' health. Both products are legal in the United States, and in both cases the people using the products did so knowing the consequences.

I'm no fan of the tobacco manufacturers, but the suit brought against the tobacco companies is a farce. For over fifty years Americans have known that smoking is both addictive and deadly. Warnings on the cigarette packages say that smoking is hazardous to one's health and causes cancer. Finally, any reasonably intelligent person should be able to figure out that inhaling smoke is not conducive to a long life. Despite this fact, a jury awarded the plaintiff, Mrs. Whitely, 20 million dollars. Perhaps this verdict is an attempt to strike back at what is perceived to be an evil industry, or perhaps because the jury was merely uniformed. At any rate, it is a travesty of justice.

The gun industry is also under a barrage of frivolous lawsuits. Just as they did to tobacco companies, states across the country are suing gun manufacturers for selling a legal product that worked exactly as it was supposed to. Cities are suing the manufacturers for the cost of healthcare for individuals who have been hurt by guns. In each case in which the cities seek reimbursement, the gun in question was, by definition, used illegally by an individual committing a

crime. Despite the fact that the gun manufacturers are no longer responsible for the weapon after a legal sale was made, some juries insist that they are blameworthy in the case of illegal shootings. This would be laughable if it were not the top of a very slippery, precipitous slope.

Liberals may think that tobacco and gun companies ought to be put out of business, or that they deserve harsh punishment before the law. Beware of that sentiment. Where will the litigation stop? If it remains at guns and tobacco, people may be willing to allow miscarriages of justice to happen without a fuss, but one must be assured that this is not the end. States that received large sums of money from tobacco companies and gun manufacturers will not be satiated with merely those funds. Like cartoon characters whose eyes turn into dollar bill signs, attorneys general and governors will look to other industries and only see green.

After the states have milked the gun and tobacco industries, they will turn to other lucrative markets to see what funds they can acquire. The natural targets for the states will become products that we will be miss far more than guns and tobacco. Alcohol, for instance, in an industry that easily dwarfs gun manufacturers in terms of revenue, promises to be a ripe target for lawyers. Think about it this way; guns were used in 10,369 homicides in 1997, according to handguncontrol.com. In the same year, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), there were 16,189 alcohol-related deaths. With more deaths attributable to alcohol than guns, it won't be long before states are suing alcohol manufacturers for facilitating drunk driving deaths, and they won't stop there. Organizations like MADD will pressure states to sue restaurants and

bars for serving the alcohol in the first place, even if there is not much money to be gained by doing so. Keep in mind, that these are all legal products being sold legally. Once the lawyers have gotten through with everything alcohol-related, they will start to hit other potentially lucrative industries—like the automobile manufacturers. After all, if Glock is responsible when some idiot gets a hold of a gun and shoots a bunch of people, shouldn't Ford be held accountable when some drunk idiot mows down three people?

Once the states have opened the floodgates, everyday people will also seek to extract whatever they can from businesses, just as has happened in gun and tobacco cases. After lawyers get through with guns, tobacco, cars, and alcohol, where will they turn their attention next? There are many products manufactured today that, when used incorrectly, can lead to disastrous results. Will the families of people who purposely overdose or misread labels sue doctors and pharmaceutical companies? Perhaps, as we witnessed with parents of the Columbine shooting, the television industry will be targeted (although, fortunately for them, the First Amendment still offers some protection).

Many Americans may be happy to see cigarettes ousted and gun manufacturers put out of business, but with these institutions goes some measure of legal protection. If states and private individuals can sue one or two industries when their products are misused despite warnings, then states may be able to do so to other manufacturers. It is easy to condemn those well-known and little-respected products, but the ease with which people condemn cigarettes and guns will be the precedent used to destroy less hated products. □



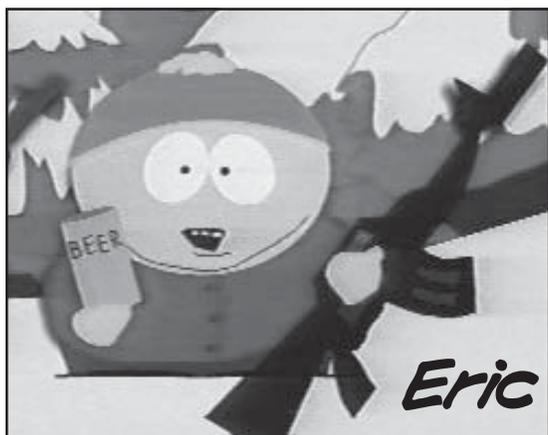
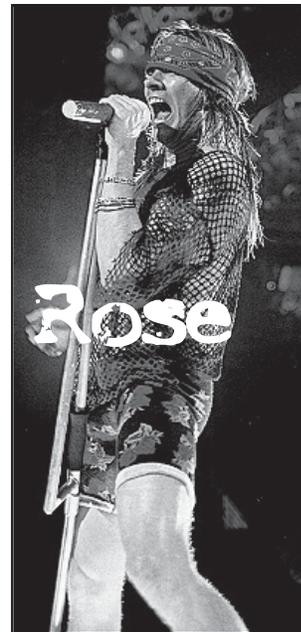
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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT RUNNERS UP AWARD

'Radicals and racists, don't point your finger at me. I'm a small-town white boy just trying to make ends meet.'

Move over McCain—Axl's the epitome of straight talk. He's been accused of everything from domestic violence to racism, but throughout a career that included being rock's greatest icon and greatest self-imposed exile, Axl has never lost the respect of his fans. With the gritty hard rock music of Guns N' Roses as his soundtrack, Axl spat in the face of political correctness at its height. He recorded a song written by Charles Manson. He penned a chorus of "Back off, bitch!" He kicked ass. We at the SOURCE join his legions of rabid fans in awaiting Guns' next album, which, no matter how different it may sound, will surely contain more than enough material to piss off the PC establishment. We'll drink to that. YOWZA!

W. Axl Rose



Eric Cartman

"Democrats piss me off."

This animated anti-PC warrior hasn't even left grade school, yet Cartman has legions of young Americans exclaiming "It's all just a bunch of tree-hugging hippie crap." In his adventures in and out of South Park, the little, fat... errr... big-boned beefcake has done more to piss off multi-culti show-biz lefties than Beavis and Butthead put together. He's lusted after a lesbian substitute teacher. He's asked starving Ethiopians for a bite to eat. And he once told destitute Costa Ricans to "stop slacking off! Get a job... go to college!" For these

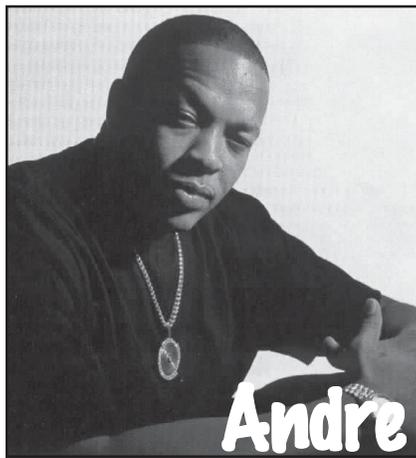
reasons, and for all the other things that make Cartman wonderful, we salute him, and look forward to further words of wisdom emanating from the top of his tower of chins.

"Lil' ghetto boy playing in the ghetto streets,

What'cha gonna do when you grow up and have to face responsibility?"

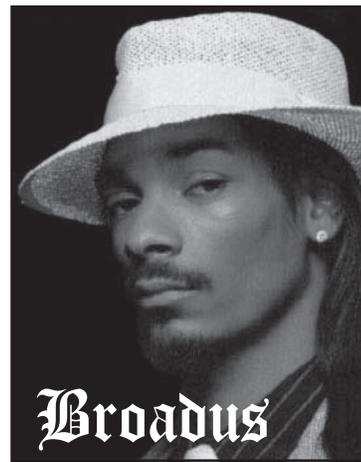
Better known by their professional names, Young and Broadus may look like unlikely choices for a bunch of lily-white suburbanites like us. Looks, however, can be quite deceiving. Always champions of free speech and expression, Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg have climbed to wealth, power and fame in the finest of Capitalist fashions. No one would have predicted that a portly little guy from Compton and

a tall, scrawny youngun' from Long Beach could possibly have risen to two of rap's biggest stars—and for that matter, two of the biggest names in all of entertainment. But they did, and not thanks to largely ineffective, money-wasting liberal band-aids like welfare. Now, their heavy beats and brilliant rhymes send floors shakin' in the inner city and the 'burbs alike. A total celebration of a money-loving, hedonistic lifestyle, that, as proven on *Chronic 2001*, is not without depth, meaning, and social commentary as well. Dre and Snoop are two SOURCE favorites who should continue spinnin' platinum hits well into the foreseeable future.



Andre

Young



Calvin Broadus

THE QUOTABLE P.J. O'ROURKE

There are twenty-seven specific complaints against the British Crown set forth in the Declaration of Independence. To modern ears they still sound reasonable. They still sound reasonable, in large part, because many of them can be leveled against the present federal government of the United States.

An hour's perusal of our national charter makes it hard to understand what the argle-bargle is about. The First Amendment forbids any law "abridging the freedom of speech." It doesn't say, "except for commercials on children's television" or "unless somebody says 'cunt' in a rap song or 'chick' on a college campus." The Second Amendment states that "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed," period. There is no mention of magazine size, rate of fire, or to what extent those arms may resemble assault rifles. The mystery of government is not how Washington works but how to make it stop.

To the public, George Bush was known only as a wealthy playboy. Little did the world suspect that when night cast its inky cloak across the sky, he donned the fearsome costume of Republicanman and ventured forth to do battle with...with labor unions or something, accompanied by his ward, Dan, better known as Chicken, the Goy Wonder.

When Republicans ruin the environment, destroy the supply of affordable housing, and wreck the industrial infrastructure, at least they make a buck off it. The Democrats just do these things for fun.

Personally, I don't think all drugs-of-pleasure should be illegal. I'm not even sure if it's much use making any of them against the law. But it is one more measure of our lack of seriousness that we won't dispassionately investigate or rationally debate which drugs do what damage and whether or how much of that damage is the result of criminalization. We'd rather work ourselves into a screaming fit of puritanism and then go home and take a pill.

Charles Murray added together Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Unemployment Insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Food Stamps and the principal low-income housing programs and said that total expenditures have amounted to (in 1980 dollars) over \$100 billion a year from the late sixties until the middle seventies and more than \$200 billion a year since. That's \$3,800,000,000,000—enough to give every poor person in America \$117,000 to start his own war on poverty. And the spending of this truly vast amount of money—an amount equal to the nation's gross national product in 1987—has left everybody just sitting around slack jawed and dumbstruck, staring into the maw of that most extraordinary paradox: You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money.

The collegiate 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.

Every government is a parliament of whores. The trouble is, in a democracy the whores are us.

The interesting thing about staring down a gun barrel is how small the hole is where the bullet comes out, yet what a big difference it would make in your social schedule.

A conservative may tell you that you shouldn't make fun of something. "You shouldn't make fun of cripples," he may say. And he may be right. But a liberal will tell you, "You can't make fun of cripples." And he's wrong—as anybody who's heard the one about Helen Keller falling into a well and breaking three fingers calling for help can tell you.

And the Clinton administration launched an attack on people in Texas because those people were religious nuts with guns. Hell, this country was founded by religious nuts with guns. Who does Bill Clinton think stepped ashore on Plymouth Rock? Peace Corps volunteers?

Freedom is not empowerment. Empowerment is what the Serbs have in Bosnia. Anybody can grab a gun and be empowered. It's not entitlement. An entitlement is what people on welfare get, and how free are they? It's not an endlessly expanding list of rights—the "right" to education, the "right" to health care, the "right" to food and housing. That's not freedom, that's dependency. Those aren't rights, those are the rations of slavery—hay and a barn for human cattle.

There is only one basic human right, the right to do as you damn well please. And with it comes the only basic human duty, the duty to take the consequences.

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

We are the Republican Party Reptiles. We look like Republicans and think like conservatives, but we drive a lot faster and keep vibrators and baby oil and a video camera behind the stack of sweaters on the bedroom closet shelf. I think our agenda is clear. We are opposed to: government spending, Kennedy kids, seat-belt laws, being a pussy about nuclear power, busing our children anywhere but Yale, trailer courts near our vacation homes, Gary Hart, all tiny Third World countries that don't have banking secrecy laws, aerobics, the U.N., taxation without tax loopholes, and jewelry on men. We are in favor of: guns, drugs, fast cars, free love (if our wives don't find out), a sound dollar, cleaner environment (poor people should cut it out with the graffiti), a strong military with spiffy uniforms, Nastassia Kinski, Star Wars (and anything else that scares the Russkies), and a firm stand on the Middle East (raze buildings, burn crops, plow the earth with salt, and sell the population into bondage).

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free.

You say we [reporters] are distracting from the business of government. Well, I hope so. Distracting a politician from governing is like distracting a bear from eating your baby.