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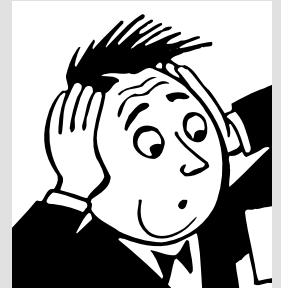
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FROM THE EDITOR

The SOURCE of Diversity

Welcome to Tufts University. For most of you, this week will be a first look at an institute of higher learning. This pretty little campus will do its best to protect your ears from “hate,” shield your eyes from the “offensive,” and steer your brain well clear of concepts like “hard work.” You may have a hard time finding a two-sided debate in your history class, a conservative professor in the Political Science department, an inanimate object that is not compared to sexual anatomy in your Women’s Studies course, or a pair of clean underwear among your peers majoring in Peace and Justice studies. And for many of you, this will do nicely.

For the rest, consider this magazine your respite. THE PRIMARY SOURCE does not apologize for providing the most honest and fair commentary on Walnut Hill. And though our enemies will break the boundaries of the law to stop us, you can count on us to put up a fight.

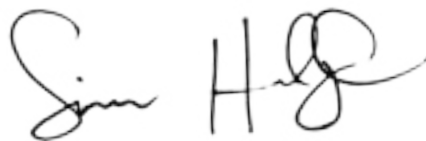
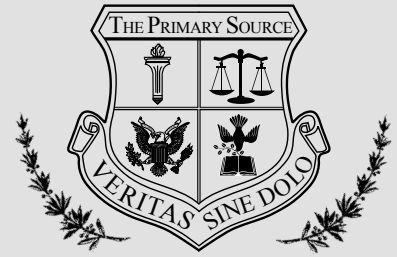
The days of campus bloody revolutions lead by liberals demanding civil rights and freedom are over. The liberal troops were victorious long ago, and the world is a better place for it. Today’s mindless leftist warriors, led by a desire to relive the glory of the Sixties, fight a misguided battle. They lack the devastating weapons of their forefathers: the values of liberty, capitalism, and democracy, which founded this country and fostered the social change of the Sixties. Leftists on this campus go so far as to attack these values with speech codes, affirmative action, and brainwashing propaganda.

You will experience the brunt of this attack during this first week at Tufts. The effects of the Admissions Office affirmative action practices are laid bare. You may wonder if that minority hallmate is really a worthy replacement of that best

friend who Tufts rejected. You may very well be wrong, but the liberal obsession with diversity of hue undermines any attempts at convincing students that they are a big happy family. During Tufts Orientation program, you will be forced to attend events like “In the SAC” (formerly “Why No Means No”) and “Many Stories, One Community.” You may wonder why you are a suspected rapist before your first frat party or why you feel guilty for not being as diverse or disadvantaged as the panel. You may wonder where the liberal revolution went wrong. And you may wonder what you can do to stop it.

To prevent society from falling into a trap of political correctness, a conservative revolution must begin. Consider it all part of the great balance of the universe, or maybe just an undying quest for human freedom. The goals are lofty, but noble: liberty and justice for all. Joining this movement is easier than it may seem. The rallies are held every Tuesday night at 10:00pm in the Zamparelli room of the Campus Center. All races, creeds, religions, and nationalities are welcomed, however, just one mindset is accepted: only the rational need apply.

This magazine has survived de-funding, budget-slashing, de-recognition, and stolen issues. Its editors will continue to fend off attacks because we believe that a campus without debate, a school without diversity of *thought*, Tufts without the SOURCE, can lay no claim to the title of “institute of higher learning.”

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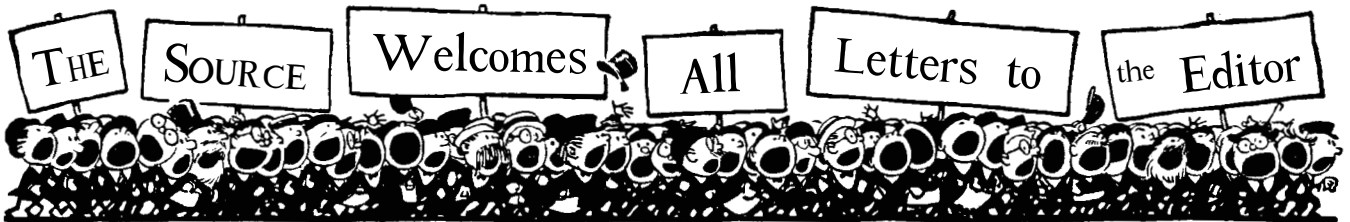


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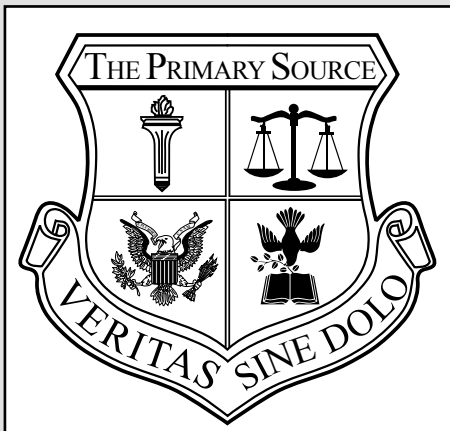
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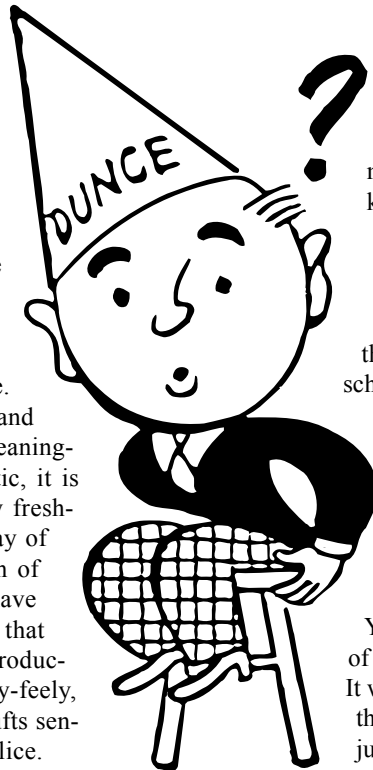
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Why No Means Pass Her Another Cold One

This Fall, many first year students will arrive on the hill in Medford with a variety of expectations and a great deal of anticipation. Many will worry about what classes to take and what majors to explore, while others will ponder what types of parties to attend and how to make friends with someone who is twenty-one. Few, however, will foresee the foolishness they will endure in being forced to attend Tufts' attempt at sensitivity. Both "Many Stories, One Community" and "In the SAC" (formerly "Why No Means No") subject new students to seemingly endless drivel aimed at making them feel as though they have already committed their first hate-crime.

Some students will walk away from this mundane experience believing they have received important training on how not to rape women and hate minorities. The rest will decide not to write for *Radix*, and instead join the growing number of those who feel increasingly alienated by the relentless onslaught of condescending programs that make them feel like they are wearing the dunce hat in first grade. Forcing all incoming freshmen and transfers to sit through such meaningless programs is not only sadistic, it is a complete waste of time. Many freshmen will wake up on the first day of classes not knowing the location of all the buildings in which they have class, but you can rest assured that they spent their orientation in a productive way by listening to touchy-feely, smarmy invective courtesy of Tufts sensitivity crusaders and thought police.

"Many Stories, One Community" focuses on allowing several students a chance to inform the new students of how hard their lives were and how discrimination is rampant where they grew up. Under the oft-abused guise of "raising awareness" this program is only the first in a long list of events that will disenfranchise a large number of these new students throughout their career at Tufts. As if this wasn't enough foolishness to endure in one's first week of college, the "In the SAC" program also headlines Tufts Orientation. In past years, students were obliged to watch a skit depicting a college male luring a female into his room with promises of wine and sparkling conversation, only to force himself upon her and ignore her Vaudevillian pleas. Afterward, students separated into groups of boys and girls (a la middle school sex education) to talk about why rape is bad. Though no group hug follows these programs, Tufts succeeds in talking down to its newest students and annoying them almost to tears.



Lowered Expectations at ResLife

According to *Habitats*, Residential Life's yearly publication to students, the Residential Staff will "make every effort to provide you with an enjoyable, safe, and enriching environment." ResLife Director Yolanda King would really have you believe this. She not only failed miserably in providing an "enjoyable" transition for students moving to and from campus, but the entire summer housing program was a mismanaged nightmare. Ms. King left an incompetent proctor in charge, who did little to direct the RAs. There were other competent candidates that applied for the position, which begs the question; did Ms. King hire friends at the cost of the students?

Yolanda King began calling the shots at ResLife a little over a year ago. Since then, she has turned the otherwise complacent team of RAs into a disgruntled and frustrated work force. King is deaf to their suggestions to improve the system. Given Yolanda's attitude, it is understandable that the RA's would be afraid to speak up about her mistakes.

Ms. King came to Tufts at a time when off-campus housing presented itself as a major issue. Sophomores especially voiced concern about the system. By kicking most of the juniors off campus into a frenzied housing market, Tufts eliminated the possibility of campus unity. This was amid a long study conducted by the Task Force on the Undergraduate Experience, aimed at improving student life. Either a student had to pay twice as much for housing, or he had to commute from his renovated attic in Quincy. Perhaps the Task Force decided to model campus life after a commuter school, like UMass Boston.

What does this have to do with Yolanda King? The transition to off-campus housing is difficult. The reality is that most leases start on June 1st. If ResLife would simply accommodate sophomores moving to off-campus housing at the end of the spring semester for a few weeks, life would be that much easier. Instead, no clear plan is in place to provide an "enjoyable, safe, and enriching" transition. Yolanda King has done little to integrate ResLife with the Office of Off-Campus Housing. This should have clearly been a priority. It wouldn't have been difficult; the two offices are directly across the hall from one another. What would be difficult is finding a junior who is satisfied with his current residential situation.

Before Yolanda King took total control over the department, several members of the ResLife staff were making decisions in collaboration. While this is not a long-term solution to the need for ResLife leadership, it at least allowed tasks to be divided among the staff effectively. Ms. King lacks organization, most likely stemming from a desire to control everything. She is over-extended and routinely fails to deliver to the students in a timely manner. The collective management system was obviously more capable of dividing work than Ms. King has been. Exemplary of her disorganization, Ms. King often makes promises to students, and then forgets them because they were never recorded.

There have been many complaints regarding Yolanda King. It is now the responsibility of her superior, Dean Reitman, to remove her, and put someone in control of ResLife who has seen and understands the problems a Tufts student faces. There must be a system of accountability when the University fails the student body.

Iraqi Road to Peace

Approximately six months have passed since the onset of conflict in Iraq, and around four months since the administration declared the end of “major hostilities” in the region. With all said and done, there are several points worth mentioning, and several questions that must be raised with regard to the entire operation.

First and foremost: without a doubt the United States military conducted itself in an exemplary fashion. Official military operations only lasted from March 20th to April 15th, a short duration for any military conflict. The precision and efficacy of the first few months clearly demonstrated the ability of the United States armed forces in combat. Such potency confirms the necessity of spending tax dollars in maintaining the battle-readiness of the military—especially when a majority of the initial casualties were equipment related. Consequently, it follows the adage “walk softly but carry a big stick,” reminding unruly nations that the United States can still act decisively and swiftly.

With an end to the major operations, the free world has removed one of the most brutal regimes at the expense of coalition time, money, and lives. Iraqi citizens and neighboring states are no longer subject to the whim of a ruler who to date has demonstrated no moral or ethical compunction. Arguably the Middle East will now realize a lot more stability and security, pending the construction of a workable democratic Iraqi government.

While the administration has done an outstanding job in conducting the most fighting-intensive part of the campaign, several concerns still remain. First and foremost, there is the issue of arms outlawed by the UN. Even though the case for regime change could have been made on the basis of human rights alone, the administration pursued a course that relied on the violation of UN resolutions. As such, it would go a long way for the coalition’s repute—especially with Muslim nations—if they were to provide more concrete proof of alleged arms amassing.

Finally, there also remain several other questions, most of which are logistical in nature. Firstly, how long should the Iraqi people expect to be led by a provisional government? Providing a transition timeline would go a long way in easing tension and giving the region goals to work towards. Also related, how much is this going to cost? Most of the funding is coming from American tax dollars, and while no conscientious person would object to refusing aid to starving and suffering people, public opinion will shortly go sour if the administration starts running a large bill in a still recovering economy. Lastly, and most importantly, how long will the soldiers be asked to remain in Iraq? A plan to return American troops, replacing them with international soldiers would also be a large boon to morale for the rest of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In all, the Bush administration should be commended for their ability to bring swift justice into a region long deficient in honorable leadership. Toppling Saddam’s regime, however, does not resolve the questions surrounding their justifications for war and plans for post-war peacekeeping. The administration’s focus must be on answering such questions, lest their triumphant accomplishments fade into unmitigated chaos.

Fade to Black

On August 14th, 50 million Americans and Canadians lost power in the largest scale North American blackout ever. Power was lost in much of the Northeast as well as in Michigan and Ohio, where the outage is believed to have originated. The widespread blackout certainly demonstrated the vulnerability of the American electricity system.

During the early hours, many remembered September 11 and feared the beginning of a new round of terrorist attacks. Thankfully, further incident did not follow. In New York City, people were trapped on trains and in elevators. Manhattan’s bridges filled with people walking home. Traffic lights throughout much of the country went dead. The only person who seemed to appreciate the blackout was embattled California Governor Gray Davis, who took credit for California’s evasion of the outage.

The blackout was not caused by an overwhelming weather-driven demand for electricity. The problem is that we have a terribly inadequate transmission infrastructure, an issue identified in 2001 by the Bush Administration’s National Energy Policy Report. When the report was released, Vice President Cheney said, “Transmission grids stand in need of repair, upgrading, and expansion. If we put these connections in place, we’ll go a long way toward avoiding blackouts.” For the last few decades, fewer than 50% of transmission lines needed to keep pace with electricity demand have been constructed. In addition, utility companies have separated energy transmission and generation. Michehl Gent, president of the North American Electric Reliability Council, described this problem by saying: “We no longer have transmission lines built to accommodate generation systems...When they separated, generators started building plants at convenient locations...without considering how transmission lines in that area would accommodate them.”

Although a new regulatory system could be put in place to improve the situation, the actual process of increasing transmission capacities is a far more difficult task. The Electric Power Research Institute has estimated that sufficiently upgrading the power grid to meet demand could cost between \$50 and \$100 billion. Fixing our nation’s energy infrastructure will be a difficult but necessary task. Though the power outage had nothing to do with terrorism, we must recognize that maintaining the integrity of our power system is a national security issue requiring focused government attention. When we lose power, the national economy suffers and we are vulnerable to attack. We cannot wait any longer to deal with America’s energy crisis.



Iraq Administrator Paul Bremer consults Commanding Officer Jerry Garcia.

FORTNIGHT IN REVIEW

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS The Army Corps of Engineers and Paralyzed Veterans of America plan to bring 48 wheelchair-bound veterans to Alaska for a moose hunt. The groups are creating wheelchair-accessible areas within the Chena Flood Control Project. The hunters will take to the field for five days, and any surviving vets will be reused as bait next year.

PS Top Ten Worst Ice Breakers

10. Stupid name games.
9. The elephant walk.
8. Peanut Butter Jelly time.
7. The one where they pass around toilet paper and make you take sheets of it, and for each one you have to tell something about yourself. That really sucks.
6. Interracial hopscotch.
5. Unpacking your invisible backpack of white privilege.
4. How long have you gone without bathing?
3. Who's hairiest?
2. Scratch and sniff *Radix*.
1. Blame the SOURCE.

PS A 61-year-old Idaho woman was arrested for accumulating a large amount of trash. Her home was so packed with

refuse that there was no room to move except for a pathway between the stove, bed and bathroom. She was later released when an investigation revealed these three rooms were the only places she belonged. She was sentenced to three pies and a lamb roast.

PS Abita Springs Police Chief James Lala, who was arrested for allegedly selling hundreds of honorary police commissions, has resigned. Recipients of recent commissions include Tinky Winky, Dipsy, and Po.

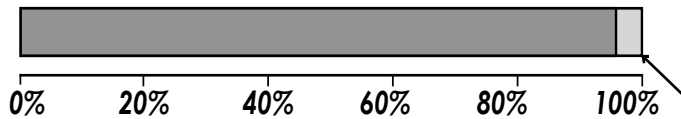
PS The half-mile stretch of Cape May, New Jersey beaches were reopened to swimmers after being closed because of elevated levels of fecal bacteria. The Department of Health decided it was more sanitary to brave the fecal water than remain on the NJ shore.

PS In a gesture of European unity, a German general headed France's Bastille Day military parade Monday for the first time. The celebration was such a success, that Chirac declared Wednesday "Führer Appreciation Day."

PS Testimony has ended in a discrimination case against the Delaware police. Federal officials say the force used a biased literacy exam to discriminate against black candidates. Reportedly, the candidates were forced to read Brandon Balkind's articles.



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PS Random drug testing of Alabama state troopers, which ended in 1998, is being reinstated. The new Public Safety director, Mike Coppage, said it will boost public confidence. To ensure the tests are conducted with utmost scrutiny, incarcerated crack offenders will do the lab work.

PS Animal rights activists say Carson & Barnes Circus has a history of abusing its show animals. The activists say hooks and electrical cattle prods are customarily used in training. Circus officials promise the animals are treated no worse than children with ADHD.

PS Top Ten Captions for the Picture Below

10. Uday and Qusay were beaten with a stick this thick.
9. General Myers threatens Tim Russert on Meet the Press.
8. The General discusses thumb-wrestling techniques with the troops.
7. I am crushing Saddam's head.
6. General Myers attempts to form "East-Side."
5. In France they call it the Royale.
4. General Myers chokes his enemies using The Force.
3. We have the technology to shrink our soldiers to this size.
2. The General discusses how he keeps his wife happy.
1. C is for cookie, and that's good enough for me.

PS Waterloo, Iowa residents were asked to drop their balls and look skyward for a promotional blimp that was released from Maple Lanes' bowling alley. Police say someone cut the tether that anchored the 22-foot-long helium dirigible. In a later investigation, Pfizer was found to be guilty of subliminal advertisement.

PS A white supremacist group called the National Alliance protested while the Colorado Springs council drafted a resolution condemning racism. Councilman Jerry Heimlicher called the message stupid and disgusting. The National Alliance was so offended, they decided to give up their bed sheets for do-rags.

PS Colorado Police are looking for two men suspected of robbing five city banks in separate heists over the past month, officials said. One of the men, dubbed the potbellied robber by police, hit three banks and the other suspect, who

is rail-thin, robbed two. This puts to rest the stereotype of fat men being lazy.

PS Schools in Birmingham should put healthier snacks in vending machines to help curb childhood obesity, according to Alabama Action for Healthy Kids and Healthy Weight for Youth. Instead of candy, fried chips and sugary drinks, the groups said the machines should be stocked with items such as fruit, granola and oatmeal bars, water, low-fat milk or 100% fruit juices. Alabama Action for Healthy Kids also recommended that the children sue McDonalds.

PS A group of Phoenix Republican legislators endorsed a proposed federal program that would make it easier for foreign workers to enter the USA. The bill would allow foreign workers to temporarily take jobs that can't be filled by workers in the USA. American companies probably won't be anxious to hire the lazy, overpaid union employees back, in place of the hard working Mexicans.

PS Body art inspired by the Christian faith was displayed at the Rock of Ages tattoo festival. David Wells, 46, spent more than \$20,000 covering most of his body with religious artwork. He has about 20 images of Jesus, dozens of angels and scenes of spiritual warfare tattooed over his body. Wells was inspired by the deeply spiritual look of Mike Tyson.

PS Police took three Kansas boys—ages 3, 5 and 7—into custody after they were linked to a burglary. Lt. Roy Mitchell said the boys are officially in protective custody because children younger than 10 can't be charged with a crime in Kansas. Hear that kids? Free candy until you are 11!

PS A Manchester man was accused of cleaning out coin boxes at car wash vacuums with a vacuum machine of his own. Somersworth police arrested John McCauley, 39, after finding him at a car wash with a modified wet-dry vacuum and a jar full of quarters. The original motive for developing such a strong vacuum was not clear.

PS Dylan Chase, 21, was arrested for allegedly biting off part of another man's nose as the two wrestled inside a car earlier this month. In his defense, Mr. Chase only bit off as much as he could chew.



Our Editor Emeritus fields common freshman questions.

What is THE PRIMARY SOURCE?

by Robert Lichter

What is THE PRIMARY SOURCE? Founded by Tufts students Brian Kelley and Dan Marcus in 1982, the SOURCE is Tufts' Journal of Conservative Thought. Or Tufts' Voice of Reason, if you ask the libertarians on staff. Or a hate magazine, if you ask your peer leader. With fourteen issues a year, we wage war against campus leftists.

That sounds pretty serious. Do you actually fight them?

Only in self-defense. Two years ago, three members of the Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence assaulted one SOURCE editor-in-chief.

How are they nonviolent?

They aren't. Their main objective is to ensure our campus is not safe for conservatives.

What is a "safe space?"

To some, a late night truck stop. To others, the downstairs bathroom in Tisch. For Richard Gere, PetsMart.

That was uncalled for. Is that why my advisor called the SOURCE a "hate magazine?"

No, that's because he said something stupid, and we pointed it out. We don't hate, we just refuse to accept ignorance and laziness as excuses for stupidity.

I've heard you're a bunch of bigoted white males, which explains why there aren't many minorities on the staff. Is that true?

Mr. Lichter is a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Quantitative Economics.

We do have "minorities" on the staff. Besides, men make up roughly 48% of the Tufts student body, so, technically, I am a "minority student."

If that's true, then why don't men have a culture representative on the TCU senate?

Good question. Ask Chike.

How did a culture rep get to be TCU president?

Well, he actually won the position as an elected senator, not a culture rep.

So why do we need culture reps?

Some students don't trust the senators to address the concerns of minorities.

Chike doesn't trust himself?

Again, ask him. C'mon, ask me some more questions I can answer.

Well, I've got this rash, and it itches...

Okay, that's enough. The *Daily's* downstairs.



Why are you writing all of this down? Weren't you supposed to be doing an article for this issue?

Yes, but now I'm Editor Emeritus.

What does that mean?

A rough translation is that I "get to do anything I want."

And what does the SOURCE's motto, VERITAS SINE DOLO, mean?

"Truth Without Sorrow." We take it seriously, but as you'll find out, many of your professors favor emotion over intellect. Unless you're an engineer.

Well, I've considered it, but I think I'll stick with Women's Studies for now.

Ah, right. That's a good plan if you want to study a broad.

See, that's the sort of thing my peer leader warned me about. Why am I wasting my time here?

Seriously, what are you going to do instead? Fall asleep at "Many Stories, One State of Mind?"

Okay, I guess this is better.

And really, we're not bigots. It's hard being conservatives on a liberal campus. We're often misunderstood. We live in fear of being penalized by our professors or being attacked at the cannon. Most frequently, we face hatred from other students who would rather not believe that we are agreeable, normal people. Leftists prefer to steal and destroy issues of our magazine than formulate logical arguments refuting our positions.

So there's no reason to be afraid of you?

Well, only if you physically threaten us. We do own guns. Lots of them.

Where are they?

Far away. If you've read your *Pachyderm*, you already know that, just like kegs and illicit drugs, you won't find any on campus.

Don't you live off campus?

Alright, that's enough questions for now. □

Listen up Frosh!
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Scavenger

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Find all of the following crap and bring it to the semester's first PRIMARY SOURCE meeting (Tuesday night at 10pm in the Zamparelli Room of the Campus Center) and you could win exciting SOURCE merchandise!

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2. Tell your peer advisor how much you love THE PRIMARY SOURCE. Show us your scar.
3. Show us your bunker-busting skills, and bring us Saddam, dead or alive.
4. Recover the deleted *Daily Archives* (hint: check Hillsides 410s).
5. Obtain the legal consent of a woman, *after* "In the SAC."
6. Shotgun a Natty Light, and recycle the can... You dirty hippie. Repeat. Bring us a dime.
7. Attend a party at DU. Bring us a shotgunned bottle of soy sauce.
8. Attend a party with Aaron Held. Show us your beer-soaked clothes and your bruise.
9. Find a Tufts ROTC member (hint: try the MIT gym).
10. Go to Tisch Library and write down the title of the book with call number HQ247.T6.A73. Ask the librarian for help finding similar literature.
11. Grab a copy of the sexual harassment policy and get it autographed by someone at the Women's Center.
13. Find one issue of *Radix*, *Submerge*, or *Queen's Head & Artichoke*.
14. Find the MAB Office's air conditioner.
15. Find José's article on a Sunday night.
16. Find a conservative professor at Tufts.
17. Find a campus leftist's sense of humor.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE's Campus Tour

Need a helping hand around campus? Can't find the frats? Just having trouble with the Scavenger Hunt? Let the SOURCE be your guide.

NOT PICTURED:
The Sci-Tech Center.

Curtis Hall: Contribute to an issue of the SOURCE and join the campus elite.

Anderson Hall: Never a dull moment.

The Cannon: Fake artillery, real battleground.

Capen House: Lacking diversity? You'll find it right thurr.

The Campus Center: Take a stroll on our \$100,000 patio. Watch out for loose bricks.

Halligan: nerds++;

TUPD: You can't spell "getting locked out of your room in a towel and flip-flops" without them.

Wren Hall: If you are a cockroach or a brick, you'll be at home here.

University Liquors: Put your senior hallmate to good use.

Computer User Center: Fix your e-mail, or send Morse code at this WWII replica command base.

Tilton Hall: Make your way here for the best view of Lewis Hall on campus.

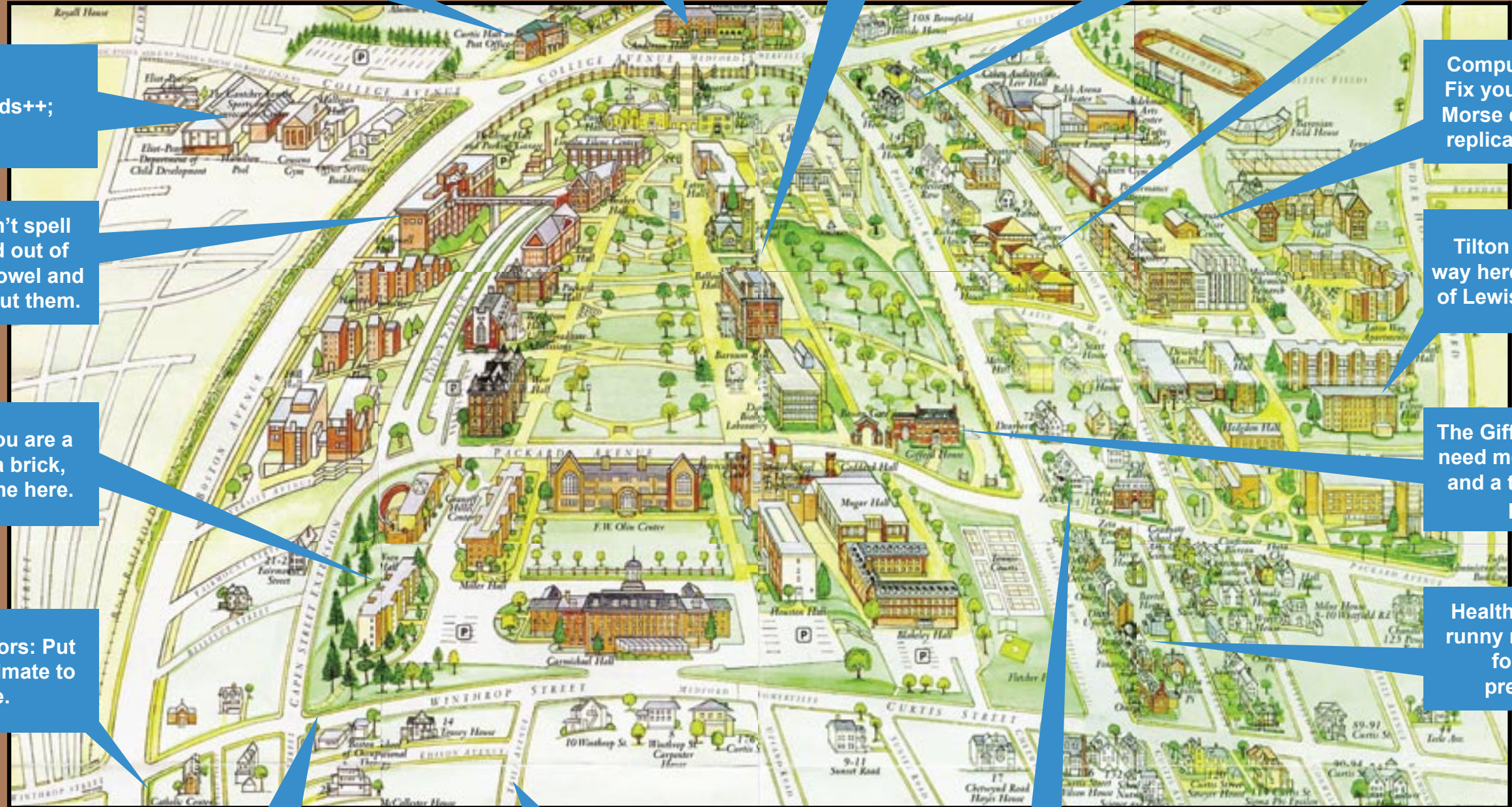
The Gifford House: You'll need more than a fake ID and a toga to get into a party here.

Health Services: Got a runny nose? Head here for your quick pregnancy test.

The Rape Steps

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Many Stories, One Community

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Panelist blames President Bush for her problems	Speaker, on purpose or spontaneously, introducing a new PC term for an ethnic group	Speaker's frank use of an ethnic slur meant to horrify the audience	Row of administrators looking as if they would like to adopt the panel as their grandchildren	Token Asian speaker who for some reason endorses affirmative action despite its dire consequences for his people
Bi-racial speaker claiming she has experienced twice the racism	Trustee's son doing his best to act marginalized	Black panelist claiming a connection to Africa even though he's from Queens	Any speaker breaks into song	Someone distributing dorm-room door stickers advertising a hate-free zone
Token gay speaker warming up the audience with yuks and giggles for three minutes before finally announcing his sexual preference	Audience member playing this game	Free Spot! Speaker trying to make it look as if anyone who disagrees with him is a racist	Audience member not buying it	Stereotypically effeminate audience member cheering on the panel with a "You go, girl!" worthy of the <i>Showtime at the Apollo</i>
Female speaker with blue hair and eleven piercings complaining that people look at her funny	Triple entitlement speaker (wheelchair-bound lesbian Inuit)	Any speaker cries	Any speaker who completes his speech without using the word "threatened"	Muslim speaker who blames Jews for the Mid-East crisis (mark any adjacent square if she is also a Holocaust denier)
Empowered womyn suggesting that females are actually a minority group	Panelist dropping a blatant plug for his culture house	Any speaker majoring in Peace and Justice or Women's Studies	Sycophant audience member trying to befriend the panelists by asking stomach-wrenching questions	Panelist makes snide comment about THE PRIMARY SOURCE, audience chuckles

Growing tired of your mandatory sensitivity training? Make your Orientation that much more bearable with our handy-dandy game of BINGO! As you find the items (trust us, this is not the difficult part), cross them off your card. Get five in a row, and you've won! Now yell out BINGO! THE PRIMARY SOURCE takes no responsibility for injuries inflicted by enraged panelists.

A government of its own choosing.

The Tufts Community Politburo

by Brandon Balkind

The power to govern often rests in the hands of the few. This principle extends to our campus, where the Tufts Community Union (TCU) is steered to the left by an exclusive committee of like-minded “leaders.” They often seek to shape Tufts in their own image by dumping the student activities funds into the hands of liberal special interest groups.

Under the articles of the old and new TCU constitution (ratified at the end of last year), the TCU senate was charged with the responsibility of voicing the concerns of the student body to the faculty and administration of the University. Additionally, the elected members of the senate were charged with the responsibility to “oversee the allocation of the student activities fee.”

The mission of the TCU senate became distorted, however, when senators misinterpreted “oversee” to mean “control.” Over the past several years, the flow of money was far more than overseen. It was channeled into activities that supported liberal ideology.

From the Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence (who use violent techniques to spread their message) to the Pan African Alliance (PAA), the liberal cause has many faces at Tufts. These groups, like the Tufts Feminist Alliance, or *Radix*, try to differentiate themselves with varying mission statements. Some seek to end “marginalization” and others claim to be “radical.” These groups claim to be outnumbered; yet when the SOURCE exposes the stupidity of a single group, the ensuing flock of defenders is quickly revealed as a broad liberal alliance.

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The PAA, TTLGBC, and other “culture” based organizations routinely rally for one another, claiming they are all marginalized minorities. Yet when these groups square off against the SOURCE, the numbers are clearly on their side, and so is the senate. It’s not just attitude; it’s about money, too.

The Allocations Board, a committee formed by senators charged with disbursing the student activity fee, al-

lows for co-sponsorship between campus clubs in order to fund activities that further the objectives of both groups. In practice, the only “objectives” sup-

ported are liberal. Through co-sponsorship, left-leaning groups are able to set aside huge amounts of capital for special projects, like bringing speakers to campus. Good luck asking groups for co-sponsorship to bring Colin Powell to the Hill. Not surprisingly, the senate has no problem endorsing the self-indulgent co-sponsorship system.

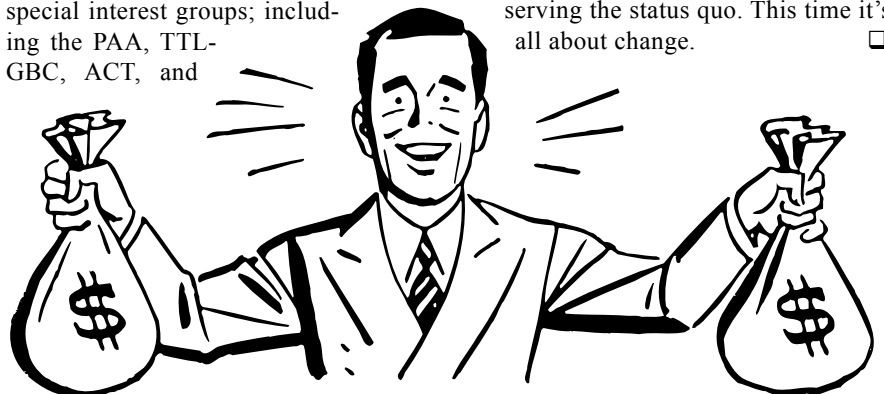
Beyond money, the senate has made overt attempts to secure ideological homogeneity at Tufts. In years past, the TCU senators somehow took it upon themselves to ratify a constitution which guaranteed senatorial seats for special interest groups; including the PAA, TTLGBC, ACT, and

others. These fixed positions, free hand outs to “culture reps,” were an abomination to the democratic system. Though the culture reps recently lost some of their power, the motive behind their unearned representation was clear. The senate sought to maintain a core loyal to the liberal cause, and the culture reps facilitated this.

Even current TCU President Chike Aguh argued on behalf of the old culture rep system. Of course, he did not need the system to glide to the top of the senate. A black man himself, Chike spoke of the difficulties an African-American faces in having his voice heard. This was all but convincing when he was elected to the highest office of the TCU. In fact, Chike is the second black TCU president in four years. Meanwhile, the members of the senate ensured that motions for a conservative culture rep were smashed. Apparently, ending marginalization was not the primary issue; preserving liberal dominance was.

Under the new constitution, the senate is a functional democracy, but its problems arise mainly from voter apathy and the narrow candidate pool. Too often, elections proceed uncontested, or worse, the voters have no idea for what they are voting. The only way to stir up the “inner circle” of the senate is to elect driven candidates who are willing to commit themselves to providing fresh democratic leadership.

Freshman year presents the best chance for an outsider to get into the senate. Unseating an incumbent is nearly impossible. This expectation of four years of uncontested power is something the TCU must seek to abolish. This attitude, supported by complacency, allows the incumbent senators to act as a social caste, rather than as student representatives. Conservatism does not mean preserving the status quo. This time it’s all about change. □



Tufts students who share copyrighted material are now at serious risk.

The Real Cost of Free Music

by Alex Levy

Kazaa. Morpheus. Gnutella, iMesh, WinMX, Soulseek, Earthstation Five, and the list keeps going. Peer-to-peer file sharing networks have not been intimidated by the death of Napster; on the contrary, they have blossomed, providing hundreds of millions worldwide with easy access to music, movies, and software.

One survey has estimated 60 million Americans trade files, and that 82% of full-time students ages 18 to 29 are not concerned about copyright violation. Universities and ISPs have reported enormous amounts of data flowing through P2P networks, sometimes even prompting network administrators to ban access to the services. It is the music industry's most dramatic consumer rebellion.

One might wonder how so many networks can willingly risk the ire of one of the most powerful corporate entities in the world. Not only does the RIAA command a fearsome cadre of lawyers and analysts, it also holds the attention of some influential members of Congress. (One anti-piracy bill floated last year by an RIAA-backed Senator proposed outlawing any electronic equipment that did not incorporate copy-protection features; it was shelved after broad public outcry.) Napster was a smoldering wreck by the time Metallica's lawyers were through; what makes newer P2P networks any different?

A key distinction is how they work. Napster stored lists of every shared file on its own servers, thus making itself party to copyright infringement. Newer networks like FastTrack (Kazaa) and Gnutella

(Limewire, Morpheus) lack central organization, making it hard to show that the network's operators are legally responsible for users' actions.

Another sticking point is that file-sharing networks do have legitimate uses,

such as distributing academic papers; though the majority of users may be breaking the law, courts have long held that a device is legal if it has a "substantial non-infringing use." (This hasn't stopped record labels from suing companies like

Sharman Networks, the owners of Kazaa.)

Many innocent individuals have been swept up by the RIAA's zealous efforts to prosecute anybody remotely involved with file-sharing. Jesse Jordan, an information technology student at RPI, was sued by the RIAA for writing a web page that could search his university's Windows network. This is something which every copy of Windows can do; Mr. Jordan simply wrote a web-based equivalent. Facing a potentially devastating lawsuit, he paid a settlement of \$12,000—his life savings.

Another software developer wrote a file-sharing program called xMule. Like other networks of its generation, xMule was decentralized—meaning the programmer is not legally responsible for how people use it. Regardless, the developer has been subpoenaed,

his Internet connection shut down, and if he is sued, there is little doubt he will simply pay the RIAA to leave him alone.

Yet the RIAA has learned from its past problems. Unsatisfied with the arduous and costly process of suing P2P networks and their creators, record labels are taking aim at those who are most defenseless: users. The RIAA has issued hundreds of subpoenas to ISPs and universities, demanding information about specific individuals who have been seen sharing copyrighted material.

While two universities have resisted on the grounds that subpoenas were not issued from the proper court, there has been no substantive resistance to the RIAA's efforts to unmask traders. A report released on August 12th by the Joint Committee of the Higher Education and Entertainment Communities spells it out: "Students...should not assume that their college or university will accept liability for them or provide them with legal representation." Sorry, kid. You're on your own.

Millions of students at universities around the country share their music and video collections, unaware or unconcerned that some who download files are actually investigators for the record industry. But sharing your music collection last year just meant your computer ran slower; this year it could mean getting sued by a multinational conglomerate. If the RIAA does press charges, your chances of winning in court are virtually nil. Like Jesse Jordan, you will be at their mercy—and you will pay them whatever they ask.

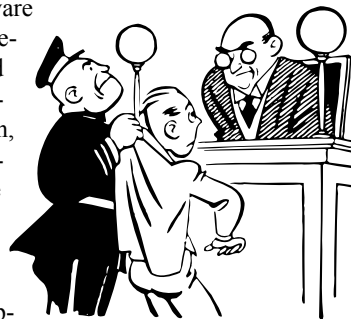
Students at Tufts must realize that the legal atmosphere surrounding peer-to-peer networks is shifting underneath their feet. Many have argued that swapping files is not immoral, or that it should be legal, or that the record labels are simply looking for scapegoats while their business model decays. Some arguments have serious merit, and a Senate panel is investigat-

ing the RIAA's anti-piracy tactics. But when the lawsuits start rolling, issues of morality, legality, and righteousness are barely relevant; it is a simple matter of personal risk. Sharing your music collection is no longer safe.

For students who do not know whether they are sharing their files, or how to disable sharing, the Univer-

sity of Chicago has an instructional website available at: security.uchicago.edu/peer-to-peer/no_fileshare.shtml. □

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I may have graduated from Tufts, but I completed my education at Georgetown.

Exploring Liberty

by Gerard Balan

September is upon us, which means it is time for Tufts to expose yet another set of freshmen to the obligatory leftist drivel. Men will view skits that remind them that rape is wrong while women are empowered with the knowledge that they are hapless victims who are doomed to feel forever “unsafe.” Indeed, freshmen orientation is here and sadly, all those fresh faces will discover that they will have to relive those ideas repeatedly in some of their classes, guest lectures, and much of the media on campus. Yet fear not, for there are organizations in existence that work to offer college students alternatives to the usual doom-and-gloom, apocalyptic liberal ranting. One such organization is the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS).

The IHS is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships and programs for students interested in libertarian ideas, which entail maximizing personal liberty while minimizing the role of government. Dr. F. A. Harper founded the Institute in 1961 after living through the two world wars and the rise of countless totalitarian dictatorships. His goal was create an organization driven by the philosophy that “greater understanding of human affairs and freedom would foster peace, prosperity, and social harmony.” In an early proposal for the Institute, Harper himself wrote, “Not in government or force, not in slavery or war, but in the creative, and thereby spiritual, power of freedom, shall our inspiration be found.” Since then, the focus has shifted to the students, who

attend seminars where professors encourage understanding, open inquiry, rigorous scholarship, and creative problem solving to complex problems and issues that continue to impress even the most intelligent policymaker.

This summer, the Institute hosted *Liberty and Current Issues*, a weeklong seminar at Georgetown University designed for students interested in a career in journalism or public policy. Although the participants discussed several issues, the theme of the program was improving their knowledge of how free markets and governments actually work. The program covered the government’s historical role in solving persistent problems in our society and how the private market offers more efficient and effective solutions. In addition, participants received career tips from *Wall Street Journal* editors and policy analysts and visited the Cato Institute, one of Washington’s most influential think tanks.

A common debate that resurfaced throughout the week involved how libertarianism differs from liberalism and conservatism. For instance, libertarians often agree with liberals on social issues, such as abortion or the separation of church and state, yet disagree vehemently on government’s role in constructing equality. On the other hand, libertarians and conservatives tend to agree more on fiscal matters and consequently, many people quickly dismiss libertarianism as just another offshoot of conservatism. However, people who make this assertion fundamentally misunderstand what libertarianism actually entails.

Granted, libertarians and conservatives agree in their assessment of main-

stream liberalism betraying traditional ideas of liberty. One need not look any further than this campus. Only a couple of years ago, the then-Dean of Students divided the campus into “free-speech” and “restricted-speech” zones in order to protect students from offensive ideas. In classrooms, students were able to speak their minds, yet in their own dorm rooms, they could not use “offensive” speech.

Of course, examples persist in greater society as well. Libertarians and conservatives generally agree on issues like the continual infringement of gun rights and free speech and the continual government intrusion in private business. However, the two camps differ fundamentally on the part government should play in creating a greater society. For conservatives, a society that functions best is one that promotes virtue. Consequently, few of them see any contradiction between calling for the government to intrude in people’s sexual lives or medical decisions and calling for smaller government. In their minds, the former creates the common good, which is what all human beings should strive to serve.

Libertarians are not as naïve. They understand that *freedom is the precursor to virtue*. For instance, if a woman was seen clothed from head-to-toe in pre-September 11th Afghanistan, one can hardly call her chaste and modest. After all, she would face violence including certain death if she did not comply. Yet, if a similar situation occurred within US borders, one can make that claim because she is doing it out of her own free will. Here, the fundamental difference lies. Conservatives see nothing wrong with using government to influence behavior while libertarians want to give people the freedom to map their own destiny.

Naturally, these ideas will elicit continued debate, a debate today’s media rarely addresses and is too often ignored in a Tufts classroom. Yet, sparking debate is the ultimate achievement of the IHS seminar. Its classes forced the participants to think originally, rather than just absorbing others’ beliefs and ideas, and professors pushed them to examine their own. The lectures were often so compelling and heated, students had difficulty ending the discussion when the classes were over. This enriching experience is a fitting conclusion to a college education. So, visit www.theihs.org, apply to their contests, seminars, or scholarships, and explore the ideas of liberty. □

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Hardly a mockery of the process.

Lights, Cameras, Election

by José Vazquez

After a semester of Public Opinion and Foreign Policy with Professor Richard Eichenberg, I learned a very valuable bit of knowledge: the public is very rational. If the public were very rational, then why would it be preposterous for citizens of California to vote on the recall of Governor Gray Davis? They are making an informed and sound decision, right?

Critics argue that the recall is the action of a tyrant mob. However, California citizens have the right under Article Two, Section 14 of the California Constitution to recall an elected official. Recalls in the United States are rarities, the first and only one being held in 1921. If recalls are that rare, then the public must be acting reasonably, right?

Let's take a look at the track record of the man in the thick of it all: Gray Davis. Davis was first elected as Lieutenant Governor in 1995 and then as Governor in 1998 and 2002. However, Davis had the luxury of facing unqualified multi-millionaires as opponents. Such was the case in 1998, when he was the lesser of three evils. In that election, he garnered over 4.3 million votes and defeated Dan Lungren by twenty percentage points. In 2002, he only managed to attain 3.1 million votes, as he won by seven percentage points over Bill Simon, another multi-millionaire. Since then, his popularity has decreased tremendously as California continues to experience grave budget deficits. Currently, California's budget deficit is more than those of the other 49 states combined. Davis is definitely giving voters a good reason

to issue a recall. There are signatures from 1.6 million California residents that prove it.

Davis will most likely have the honor to face another multi-millionaire in the recall election. Of course, this time around he might not fair as lucky. Davis will indubitably need more than just luck in order to defeat Arnold Schwarzenegger.

At this rate, Davis would not even stand a chance against the BLOCK OF WOOD.

Although Gray Davis may be the worst governor in California's history,

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what is there to say that Schwarzenegger would not just be the lesser of two evils? Much is still unknown about Schwarzenegger's actual platform. With a little over a month and a half left until the election, Schwarzenegger must decide on a true platform. Name recognition will not carry this election, even against Gray Davis.

Aside from Schwarzenegger and Davis, there are other gubernatorial candidates. Some of them are very credible, such as Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, Senator Tom McClintock, and former Major League Baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth. Among the not-so-credible candidates are former child star Gary Coleman, porn king Larry Flint, and porn star Mary Carey. According to the *LA Times*, Bustamante leads current polls. The figures have been constantly changing, which is a reflection of the great uncertainty among voters.

This election already has the backdrop of a Hollywood movie, not counting the fact that it takes place in its own backyard. Schwarzenegger would naturally get the lead role, with Gary Coleman as a supporting actor. Mary Carey can be a supporting actress, whose platform surrounds imposing a tax on plastic surgery. Woody Harrelson can even play Larry Flint. This election may seem like a joke to other states, but this "joke" will impact the lives of over 35 million Californians.

So are the residents of California making an informed and correct decision regarding the recall? Yes, they are. Their state's budget is in disarray, and Davis is a large factor in that problem. Will Californians make an informed choice when the October election comes? If the decision to recall Davis is any indicator, then Californians are on the right track. Schwarzenegger or Bustamante certainly has a shot at being better than Davis. With luck, this election will not be another case of picking the lesser evil. There is hope for California. In the end, the public will make a rational decision. □



Whatchou talkin' 'bout, José?

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Texas Democrat State Senators take a rest from governing.

Playing Hooky

by J. Slavich

Anative Texan, I was disheartened to witness the recent turn in my home state's politics while the rest of the nation sat idly by. Today in Texas, partisanship reigns supreme and constructive decision-making is a practice abandoned.

The Texas of the 1990s was exemplarily of party cooperation. Then-Governor George W. Bush and Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, a Democrat, worked together with a Democratic majority in the state legislature to pass a series of ambitious statutes. During Bush's tenure as governor, Texans were proud of their bipartisan leadership. A

popular Bush used his constituents' support to catapult himself into the White House, proclaiming himself a Washington outsider and "a uniter not a divider."

Skeptics nationwide, however, may rightly question whether or not George Bush has maintained his bipartisan politics as president. Regardless of his stronger record of cross-party teamwork in Texas, it seems that Washington has shaped Bush more than the other way around. Unfortunately, the disease of partisanship has worked its way back to the president's home state.

Meanwhile, the loss of Bush's bipartisanship in Texas festered into a debacle. The Republicans have busily tried to alter Congressional district lines to reflect the state's shift to a Republican majority. Today, all Texan elected

state level officials are Republicans. Not surprisingly, the GOP is dissatisfied with district lines that currently award Democrats 17 congressional representatives and Republicans only 15. Twice, democratic state legislators have fled Texas in an effort to boycott the Republicans' congressional redistricting attempts. Democratic candidates for state senatorial positions have also left Texas to challenge the redistricting process, first heading to Oklahoma, and more recently, to New Mexico. Though the Democratic scheme successfully delayed the redistricting process and left Texan Republicans twiddling their thumbs in

Austin, the Democrats played political chess with taxpayer money and their repeated truancy kept the state legislature in session through August.

Though Democrats argue that Republicans are trying to disenfranchise their opponents, the new districting would actually increase the number of

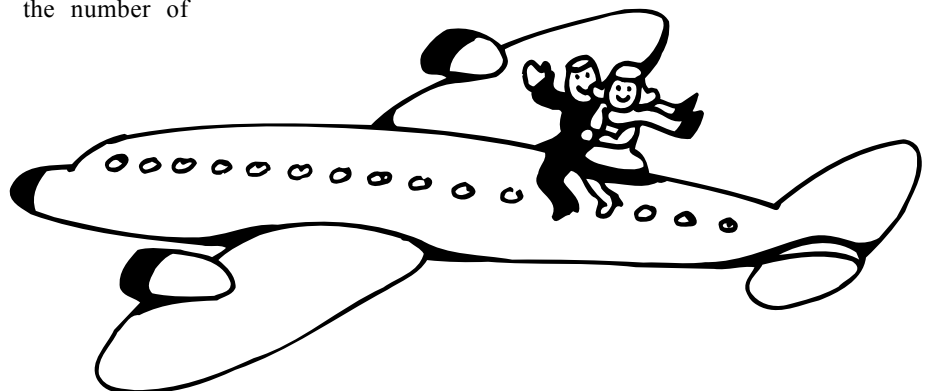
minority party positions in the Texas delegation to DC. At the same time, however, the new map would erase the safe districts created in the era of Democratic majority rule and catapult a number of senior congressmen into an early retirement.

The Democrats seem to think that the only way to defeat the Republicans in 2004 is to absent themselves from their offices and constituencies. After all, if they can stall until the date when the courts must approve the new congressional districting, the GOP will be left powerless in Austin to await their return. Governor Perry will be forced to call extras sessions of the legislature until the issue is resolved.

The redistricting fiasco began as a partisan issue and has divided once-cooperative Texan politicians even further. The state is politically adrift and both parties are to blame. Governor Perry has failed to design a constructive process for resolving the redistricting dispute and Republican state legislators are growing more and more divisive. Democrat state legislators, for their part, evade the democratic process every time politics do not go their way. Texas is at a loss for good leadership.

As the country begins to gear up for a new election season, one can only expect increased partisanship in the months to come. The current situations in Texas and California are only a taste of the mud slinging that lies ahead. Should the Republicans succeed in passing the new redistricting bill, Texan Democrats will find it even more difficult to regain a stronghold in the House. Until the self-exiled Democrats return to the state, the stalemate between the Texan Republicans and Democrats will continue. □

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FILM

L'Auberge Espagnole

directed by Cedric Klapisch

FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES

L'Auberge Espagnole is the story of Xavier (Romain Duris), a 25-year-old Parisian graduate student in Erasmus, a program designed by the European Union to facilitate intracontinental study abroad opportunities. Encouraged by a Parisian businessman who promises Xavier upward career mobility at home if he studies trans-Pyrenees economic relations, the young student struggles through mountainous paperwork and bureaucratic red tape to secure a year of study in Barcelona. In this truly European city, Xavier lives in bohemian squalor with seven other students as unique as their nations of origin. The French box office hit, directed by rising cinematic star Cédric Klapisch, is a film not only about youthful desire, but about finding oneself in the chaos of the modernity and experimenting in a diverse environment to discover personal freedom.

The sloppy yet memorable Barcelona walk-up apartment is a well-crafted representation of its inhabitants. Unidentifiable food products are messily jammed into the refrigerator, marijuana smoke wafts through the air, and a hand-made poster listing greetings in each of four languages hangs haphazardly next to the telephone. The habitat of these seven students is aptly described by *New Yorker's* David Denby as a "Euro pajama party," where the youngsters live an often nocturnal existence, partying or chatting into the wee hours of the morning. Though they quarrel about standards of cleanliness and endure the ignorant cultural commentary

of Wendy's brother, Mike, the housemates unite toward the end of the film to warn her of the arrival of her British boyfriend. Klapisch presents a comical scene in which the apartment mates pass on the message over their cell phones and each dashes home, hoping to beat the boyfriend to the apartment in time to chase Wendy's new Americano from her bed.



In addition to being a cultural eye-opener, the year in Barcelona is also a time of romantic exploration, intrigue, and ultimately growth, for Xavier. In a well-acted scene at Charles de Gaulle, the shy and conventional protagonist leaves behind his Parisian girlfriend Martine, (Audrey Tautou). Abrasive and controlling, she seems distant even during her brief visit to Barcelona, and scolds Xavier for not traveling to Paris during the school year. Emerging from the short flight to Spain, Xavier falls in with a young French expatriate couple, who provide the young student with comfortable French-speaking company and a couch on which to sleep until he finds an apartment. The husband, and overworked physician with little time for home life, asks Xavier to explore the beauty of Barcelona with his stunning but dim wife, Anne Sophie (Judith Godrèche). Isabelle (Cécile De France), Xavier's lesbian housemate from Belgium, instructs the shy Frenchman in the fine points of female seduction, lessons which Xavier uses to win the affection of Anne Sophie, as their time together quickly turns from awkward site seeing expeditions into a full-blown affair.

The credible charm of the film was inspired by the director's visit to his sister, an Erasmus student in Barcelona, in the early 1990s. She, like the characters in *L'Auberge Espagnole*, shared an apartment with international students. Klapisch traveled to Copenhagen, Rome, London, Berlin, and Barcelona, and selected one actor from each city to represent his or her country in the film. Perhaps because he wrote some of the movie scenes to fit the actors he had selected, the director avoids pigeonholing individual characters into cultural stereotypes, an aspect of the composition which definitely strengthens the film. The melting pot of ethnicity is a societal dynamic that some Americans now take for granted, but the concept is unfortunately newer to most Europeans. *L'Auberge Espagnole* features characters proud of their own cultural heritage, but whose lifestyle decisions and attraction to diverse people foster more similarities rather than differences between them.

Growing up for Xavier means casting off his childish imaginations of a simple world and learning to love life on a continent that is complex and constantly transforming itself. *L'Auberge Espagnole* is a place that takes academic enrichment for granted and offers Xavier life learning he never found in France: a chance to challenge his beliefs, customs, and traditional points of view. Back in Paris, Xavier finally decides to become a writer because he wants to express the diverse realities that he encountered during his year abroad.

Though critics have condemned *L'Auberge Espagnole* as a feel-good orgy of unrealistic fun, the film ultimately reminds viewers that the wild party and exploration of study abroad has a time and a place: in college. The university is a microcosm of the world, a place to meet people of varied ethnicities, and an opportunity to challenge one's values and point of view. Leaving Barcelona proves more difficult than Xavier ever would have imagined, but he boards the plane less French and more European, with a stronger sense of his own identity. When he returns to Paris, Xavier's year in Barcelona serves not merely fodder for his writing, but as the experience he needed to begin a new career and a new life with motivation and passion.

—Tara Heumann

The FIRE Guides

by David A. French, Josh Gewolb, Jordan Lorence,
& Harvey A. Silvergate

Students should be aware of their rights and liberties on a college campus, and the *FIRE Guides* offer a clear and concise path to legal enlightenment.

Published by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), whose mission is to promote and protect free speech, individual liberty, religious freedom, the rights of conscience, legal equality, due process, and

academic freedom on college campuses, the *FIRE Guides* are an essential addition to any dorm room bookshelf. As of this article's printing, FIRE has published three of the five guides in the series.

The first guide, *FIRE's Guide to Religious Liberty on Campus*, opens its introduction with "Consider Tufts University," and later goes in-depth about a recent incident at our school when religious liberty and political correctness came in to sharp conflict. This particular guide can serve as a lesson in Tufts legal history as well as a resource for students and campus groups. Divided into four parts, it covers the history of religious liberty, public and private universities, identifying threats this freedom, and how to combat those threats.

Although the US Constitution, which guarantees the freedom of assembly (and through Supreme Court interpretation, the freedom of association) is only applicable to *public* schools, this guide explains that under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, any *private* school receiving federal financial assistance is subjected to certain federal restrictions regarding discrimination. Virtually every private university accepts these funds, Tufts included, and are therefore bound to these rules. Additionally, state common-law and statutes apply to private

universities and provide considerable protection to students at those schools.

The guide explains that if an institution asserts a policy in writing, then most courts

will require that university to uphold that policy *evenly* with *all* students. According to our student handbook, *The Pachyderm*, it is Tufts' policy to not discriminate based on religion and to respect freedom of association. It is also

written, however, that student organizations may not discriminate on basis of religious beliefs or sexual orientation. This second policy conflicts with the first, especially for student religious groups who wish to use

religious principles to make religious decisions, such as who is eligible for membership. On this subject, the guide refers to the Tufts case where the Tufts Christian Fellowship denied an openly lesbian student a leadership role in that organization, and in a secret, late-night tribunal, the Tufts Judiciary chose to de-recognize that group. After FIRE publicly exposed this case, Tufts reversed the J's decision for two reasons: the University policy guarantees freedom of association, which applies to *all* students, and the TCF was denied due process as laid out in *The Pachyderm*.

FIRE's Guide to Student Fees, Funding, and Legal Equality on Campus is the second book in the series, which gives an in-depth explanation of how student activity fees relate to free expression and campus equality. This guide examines the concept of viewpoint neutrality, which is

the use of a non-partisan set of standards (being non-political and non-religious) employed in the allocation of funds to student groups in public schools and private schools with an expressed ideology toward the freedoms of opinion and association. Private schools like Tufts are obliged to act in accordance with the way they market themselves. If the school, for example, advertises itself as an educational environment which promotes the ideals of the First Amendment, then the school is bound by contract to guarantee those First Amendment rights to its students. Thus, the principle of viewpoint neutrality in the distribution of students' funds is imperative for private schools making that claim. This guide also includes a chapter of frequently asked questions (one of which references Tufts) and concludes with all the applicable case law pertaining to student fees.

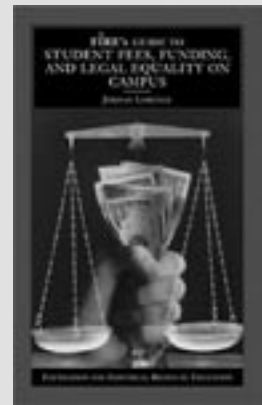
The third guide, *FIRE's Guide to Due Process and Fair Procedure on Campus*, focuses on how to ensure that, when faced with a disciplinary charge, public universities uphold the tenants of due process and procedural fairness. This manual is extremely pertinent for Tufts students who may face disciplinary charges. Arming students with a lexicon of legal terms, contract law, and advice on dealing with a university's claims, this guide is an arsenal of information for individual students and student groups, some of whom could use a little extra help, or some who may have no idea where to begin their defense.

In a time where political correctness has more than a slight tendency to trample upon students' liberties, the *FIRE Guides* are a key manual, as important as any textbook, for those students seeking to retain their fundamental rights on both public and private school campuses. That our University features prominently in FIRE's discussions further emphasizes the sheer importance of Tufts students owning these guides.

Each book is published by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education. The books are available for free in PDF and print online at www.thefireguides.org. The last two books in the series will be available in September 2003.

—Jordana Starr

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New grad students, hear what's what at this wacky school.

Rock 'n Roll Grad School

by Jason Walker

There's almost nothing that can prepare one for grad school, particularly at Tufts. But you have probably pieced that together by now. You have also probably been inundated with advice from other grad students and professors in your department, most of it no doubt sound. But there are a few other things that most departments at Tufts may not have told you.

One crucial piece of advice is something you have already done: you've picked up a copy of THE PRIMARY SOURCE. The SOURCE is, on balance, the best of any campus media. It is mostly written from a conservative/libertarian perspective, but even if you don't share that political view, you'll find the SOURCE far and away the most consistently well-researched, well-thought-out, and well-written news, commentary, and humor about happenings at Tufts.

Some might be skeptical about the value of reading any (mostly) undergraduate magazine. But consider that if you plan to work as a TA, or have any interaction with the undergrads, it will be an enormous advantage to you to be aware of what issues they're debating, particularly if you are in a liberal arts discipline. Even if you are a die-hard liberal, the SOURCE will provide excellent fodder for devil's advocate arguments you can use in class. And given that undergraduate and graduate issues are tightly woven together, the well-informed grad student simply must read campus media.

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A key example of such a campus-wide issue is the graduate student union controversy. By now, you probably know that a group of mostly English grads attempted, during the 2001-02 year, to create a graduate student union under

the umbrella of the United Auto Workers. Take the initiative to become informed about it. Read the websites of the major players and speak with their members.

The Association of Student Educators at Tufts (ASET) is the proto-union, which, if successful, will form the basis of the new UAW grad student local. Their website is www.tuftsgrads.org.

Why Have a Union at Tufts? (WHUT) was the grad student organization formed to oppose ASET. You'll find their arguments against unionization at whut_01.tripod.com. The administration lobbied against unionization as well, and their site is www.tufts.edu/source/gradunion.

When you arrived at Tufts, you no doubt ran into some disappointments. Your stipend is probably lower than you would like, health insurance offered through Tufts could be less costly, and Tufts offers grads nothing resembling the campus or subsidized housing other schools provide. When you accepted the offer to come here, you knew that this would be what you faced.

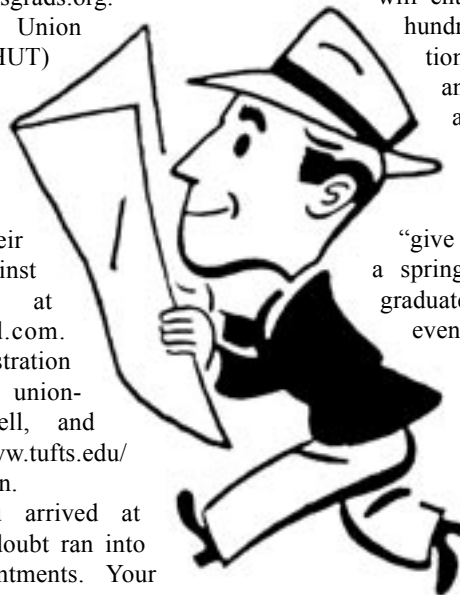
The Graduate Student Council is the vehicle to make sure that things improve. Union or no union, no organization is more important for grads than the GSC. The GSC has come a long way toward becoming a strong voice of advocacy for grads that the administration takes seriously. Stipends are going up, health insurance has improved exponentially with the new provider, and the health service fee is waved for grad students, all in large part to GSC efforts.

True, the GSC is hardly perfect, but the GSC can only be what grads make it. Investing even just a little time and energy into the GSC is worthwhile if the rest of your time at Tufts can be made more comfortable. First, make sure your department has an active representative in the GSC. If only half of the departments on campus bother to show up to GSC meetings, the GSC will naturally act more in the interests of those departments. Second, keep abreast of GSC issues by reading GSC emailings, the *Grad Grind*, and by making sure your rep keeps you and your fellow students up to date. (Even better, consider writing about current events in your department for the *Grad Grind*.) Also, consider forming a Graduate Student Organization, or GSO, if your department doesn't already have one. It

will entitle your department to hundreds of dollars of additional funding for speakers and social events, as well as additional representation in GSC decision-making. Finally, the GSC organizes drives to "give back" to the community, a spring seminar to showcase graduate research, and social events to bring together grad students from diverse departments who otherwise may never socialize with each other.

Despite all the problems this school has, Tufts is really a great place to get a graduate education.

The campus is gorgeous and the school is decently large, yet small enough to keep you from becoming a number. You chose your grad school well, but it will be up to you to make it a truly educational experience in more ways than one. □



In the beginning, there was Randy Newsom. And it was *awesom*. The favorite to win the TCU presidential election, Newsom clearly led in both name recognition and star power. At a university where athletics play a key role in campus life, who better for president than the baseball team's star pitcher?

But then he threw us a curve. Because if there is one lesson you should learn at Tufts, it's "get used to disappointment." After Randy dropped out of the race, everyone expected Joe Mead to win by default. Except Chike Aguh. Chike was determined to "keep the senate real" and win the seat. Chike pled his case and was allowed to run in Randy's spot. While TCU leaders were allowed to install their own replacement for Newsom, the rest of the students were not allowed to vote for write-in candidates. Between the confusion and the apathy, Chike won the presidency. In the interest of a fair Californian-style election, we demand a recall and offer a list of suggested candidates, and their slogans, for the upcoming election:

TCU SENATE PRESIDENT RECALL CANDIDATES:



Arnold Schwarzenegger:
"I'll be back."



Dumbo the Elephant:
"I'll get rid of the Naked Quad Run when elephants fly...err...oh crap."



Larry Bacow:
"I'll be Bacow!"



Bruce Rietman:
"Not voting for me is definitely a bias incident."



Don King:
"I am one of the masses, not the classes. I'm with the peasants, that my whole bailiwick."



Tupac:
"I see no changes, all I see is racist faces."



Melissa Carson:
"Vote for me because I'm hot."



John Stamos:
"My wife spends the money on the shoes. I save the money on the phone calls."



Anna Kournikova:
"No, I'm hotter."



THE BLOCK OF WOOD:
"You should have voted for me the first time, you morons."

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

That information will be on our website.

—NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, when asked about the location of emergency shelters during the NYC blackout

If [we Democrats are] for middle-class tax increases, if we send a message of weakness and ambivalence on defense, if we go back to big government spending, if we're against trade [and] for protectionism—which never created a job—we don't deserve to run the country.

—Joseph Lieberman

Anger is more useful than despair

—*The Terminator*

It is possible to store the mind with a million facts and still be entirely uneducated.

—Alec Bourne

Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.

—Confucius

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

—Aristotle

If knowledge can create problems, it is not through ignorance that we can solve them.

—Isaac Asimov

I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.

—Sir Winston Churchill

Education... has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.

—G. M. Trevelyan

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.

—Benjamin Disraeli

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly.

—Thomas H. Huxley

Passive acceptance of the teacher's wisdom is easy to most boys and girls. It involves no effort of independent thought, and seems rational because the teacher knows more than his pupils; it is moreover the way to win the favor of the teacher unless he is a very exceptional man. Yet the habit of passive acceptance is a disastrous one in later life. It causes man to seek and to accept a leader, and to accept as a leader whoever is established in that position.

—Bertrand Russell

A fool's brain digests philosophy into folly, science into superstition, and art into pedantry. Hence university education.

—George Bernard Shaw

The wisest mind has something yet to learn.

—George Santayana

College isn't the place to go for ideas.

—Helen Keller

It is only the ignorant who despise education.

—Publilius Syrus

If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is not a barking dog, to be tethered on a ten-foot chain.

—Adlai E. Stevenson Jr.

Education is a method whereby one acquires a higher grade of prejudices.

—Laurence J. Peter

Learning is not compulsory... neither is survival.

—W. Edwards Deming

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

—Malcolm Forbes

To repeat what others have said, requires education; to challenge it, requires brains.

—Mary Pettibone Poole

When I disagree with a rational man, I let reality be our final arbiter; if I am right, he will learn; if I am wrong, I will; one of us will win, but both will profit.

—Ayn Rand

There is more than one way to burn a book. And the world is full of people running about with lit matches. Every minority, be it Baptist, Unitarian, Irish, Italian, Octogenarian, Zen Buddhist, Zionist, Seventh-day Adventist, Women's Lib, Republican, Mattachine, or FourSquareGospel feels it has the will, the right, the duty to douse the kerosene, light the fuse.

—Ray Bradbury

The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.

—Plato

The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence.

—Amos Bronson Alcott

The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.

—Plutarch

A college degree is not a sign that one is a finished product but an indication a person is prepared for life.

—Reverend Edward A. Malloy

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.

—James A. Garfield

Let's reintroduce corporal punishment in the schools—and use it on the teachers.

—P. J. O'Rourke

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

—Robert Frost

Going to college offered me the chance to play football for four more years.

—Ronald Reagan

I, on the other hand, am a fully-rounded human being, with a degree from the University of Life, a diploma from the School of Hard Knocks, & three gold stars from the Kindergarten of Getting the Shit Kicked Out of Me.

—Edmund Blackadder