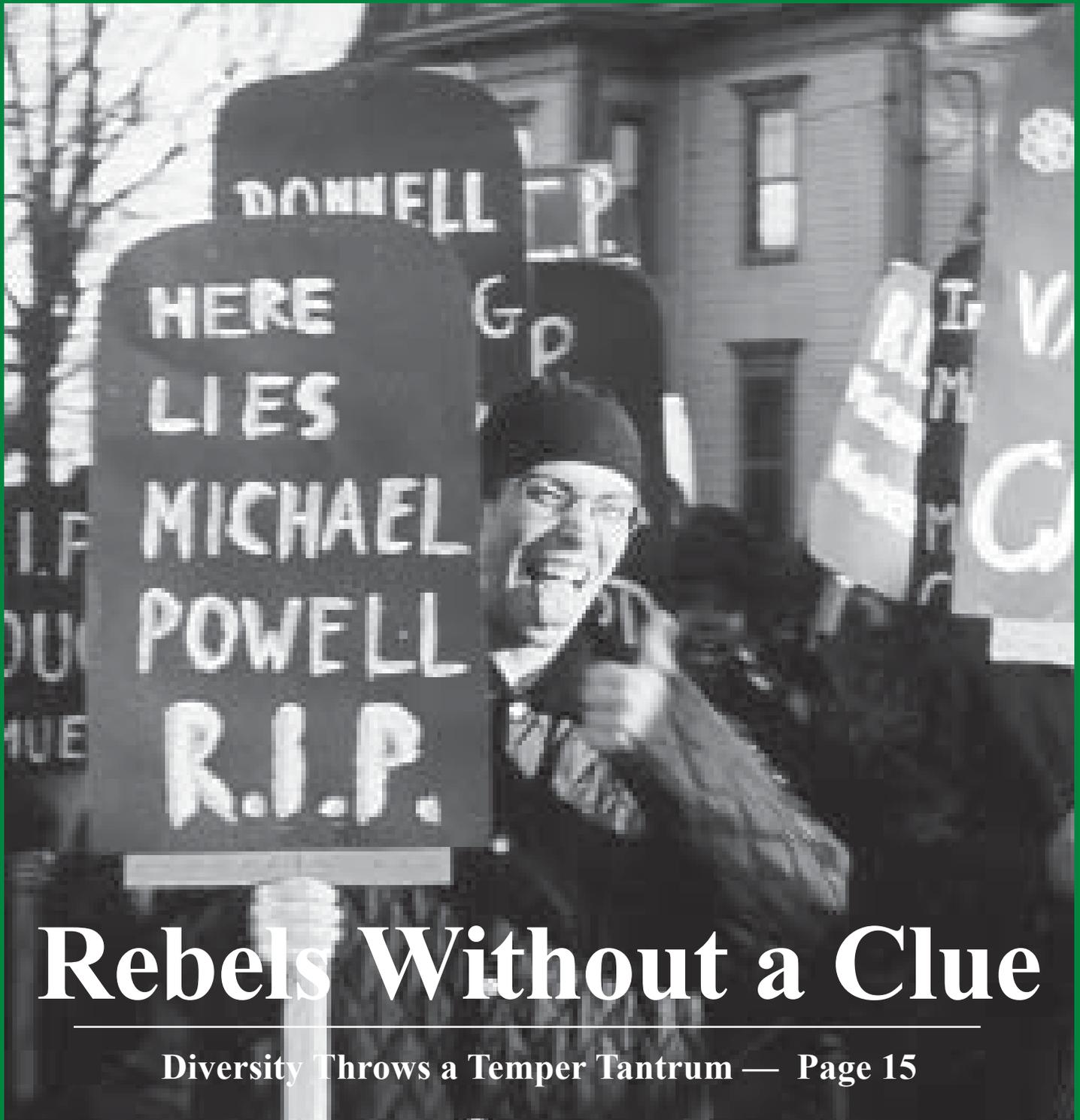


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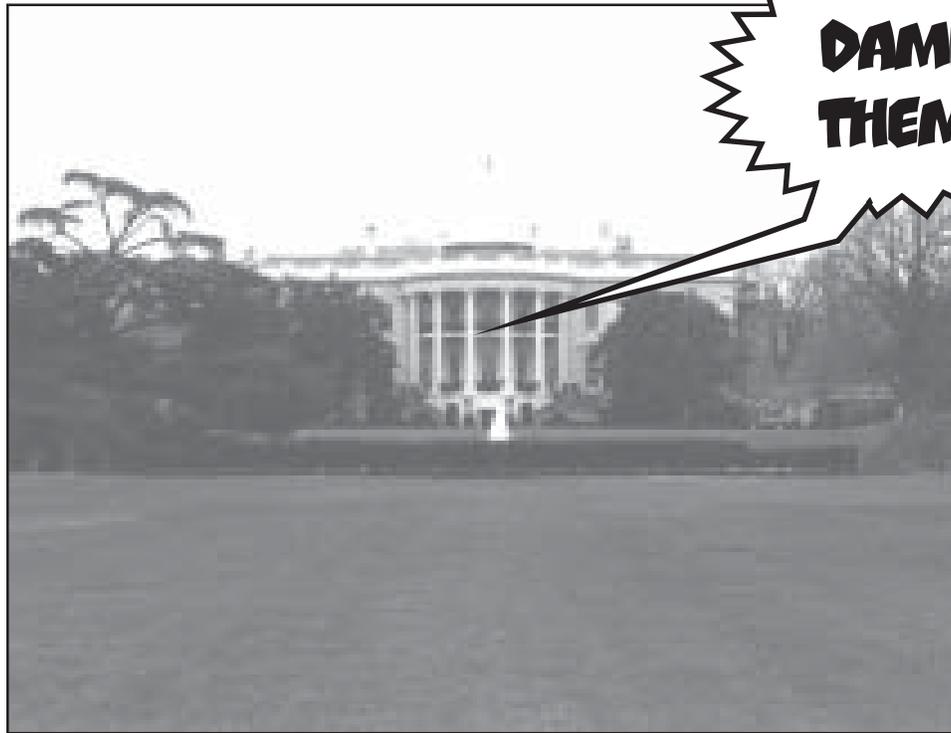
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I knew I'd made the right decision to ask Jeff Bettencourt to think about editing the SOURCE this semester after I told him that one of the protesters in the PAA's "March on Ballou" had awkwardly tried to prevent his photograph from appearing in the publication. "Let's put him on

the cover," Jeff said. It's a fitting image to grace the issue in which our new editor will continue the tradition of PRIMARY SOURCE Attitude. Without further fanfare I bequeath the remainder of this space to Jeff Bettencourt.

From the Editor

Walk This Way

Just as last semester was coming to a close, trouble was brewing in Capen House. Following the resignation of African-American Center director Todd McFadden, members of the PAA took to the streets to protest what they felt was inaction on the part of the administration. Dressed in black, carrying cardboard tombstones with the names of black employees who had left Tufts during the past five years, they marched from Capen House to the steps of Ballou to deliver their "Moral Statement of Purpose" to the administration.

While their actions may sound valiant and dedicated, spectators of the event tell a different story. Students, like the one pictured on the cover carrying a *tombstone*, did not march in a somber procession as one might expect. Instead, students were found laughing gleefully, several even giving the "thumbs-up" sign to a passing SOURCE photographer.

What message does this send to administrators and students? How can the PAA be taken seriously if it doesn't take itself seriously? The student pictured on the cover realized only after posing for the picture that his actions were inappropriate given the situation. He later contacted the SOURCE, explaining, "I'm the guy sticking out his tongue. I think you will probably find this shot too amusing to resist printing. I realize that the combination of having a white student holding the tombstone of the former head of affirmative action while sticking out his tongue is indeed quite humorous." He's right. The picture is humorous, but for the wrong reasons. It is humorous because it shows the hypocrisy of the protesters—they know their demands will be dealt with because of the color of their skin, not the strength of their arguments.

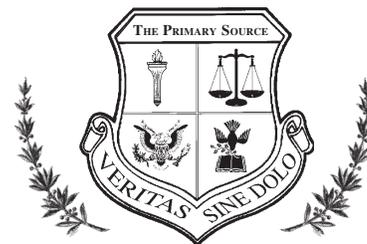
Unfortunately, this also works to their disadvantage. Protest-oriented groups expect their demands to be heard, and, in

most cases, they are. Unfortunately, year after year students find new "pet issues" to complain about, making it difficult for administrators to decide which complaints are founded, and which are simply baseless furor from a small but vocal minority.

The PAA is not the only organization that suffers as a result of its own overzealous actions. The Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence is a blanket organization for almost every leftist "feel-good" group on campus. In the past, such groups have campaigned for causes like the displaced UNICCO employees and "oppressed" PepsiCo employees in Burma. After nagging administrators to act, all they ever receive in return are meaningless task forces and discussion groups. By flooding the campus with their constant protests, students and administrators alike have become desensitized to more important issues.

Instead, students should be concerned with the rising tide of student apathy towards Tufts as an institution. If Tufts does not graduate alumni who are eager to support their alma mater, the diploma they receive at graduation will be worth little more than the paper it is printed on. The PAA and other radical groups must realize that their actions will not produce change. Instead of delivering a "Moral Statement of Purpose" to Ballou, the PAA would better serve itself by changing its attitude. Moreover, by claiming that black students at Tufts are in an ongoing "battle" for equality, the group makes prospective black students less likely to enroll, thus exacerbating the problem it strives so passionately to solve. Worse yet, those who do enroll are doomed to fight from day one. Without a change in attitude from students, the administration cannot be expected to change, either.

Jeff Bettencourt



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My name is Colin O'Higgins, and I would just like to thank all of you at the PRIMARY SOURCE for providing Tufts with a conservative, witty, and enjoyable publication. I often find myself frustrated with how liberal this school is, and alone in my conservative ideas, especially those surrounding affirmative action. However, when I read your magazine, it reassures me that there are others here who feel the same as I, and I am not as evil as everyone tries to convince me. I will be a faithful reader throughout my four years at Tufts, and a defender of conservative thought. Thanks again.

Colin O'Higgins

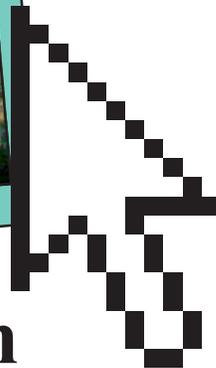
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I write because I found a page that might prove that the Mariah Carey quote that you printed in the last issue may be false. The site is <http://snopes.simplenet.com/music/artists/carey.htm>. If this is true, you should admit the error in the next issue.

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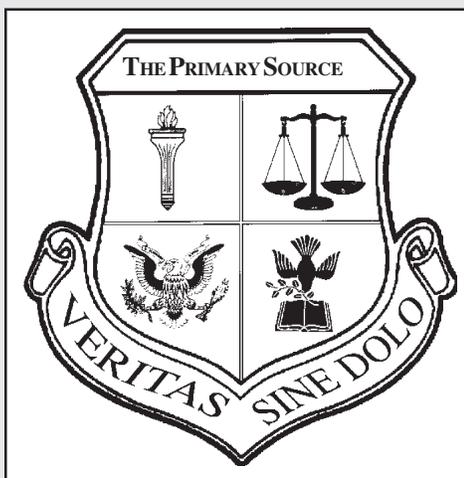


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Commentary

Clinton Laid Bare

It now appears that Bill Clinton's ultimate legacy to the American people will be to make talk of sex intolerably dull. Even so, viewers who tuned in to the impeachment proceedings quickly discovered that the left-wing conventional wisdom—that the trial is 'just about sex'—could not be further from the truth. Despite the popularity of prime-time TV courtroom dramas, the public has a far greater appetite for sex talk than deliberations on perjury and obstruction of justice.

The arguments for the gravity of the charges are familiar: a number of Americans sit in jail presently for lying about sexual behavior under oath, and to excuse Clinton of his crimes will give millions the idea that they can lie on the witness stand with impunity. Clinton's defense is that the lawsuit against him was politically motivated and illegitimate, which therefore gave him the right to subvert the process. Yet the Supreme Court held unanimously that the case could proceed. To accept Clinton's rationale means to permit citizens to act as judges in their own cases: the legitimacy of the Paula Jones suit was not for Clinton to decide.

The crunching irony, however, is that Clinton was brought down by a law he signed. Before he himself became a sexual harassment defendant, he signed into law a bill making prior sexual behavior admissible in court in a harassment suit. Clinton the politician had no trouble invading the private lives of millions of American citizens, but resorted to "It's nobody's business but ours" when the Supreme Court compelled him to subject himself to the same standard. For this reason the impeachment of the President is not about sex but the rule of law, under which all men are equal: Bill Clinton is not above it, and Paula Jones is not below it.

Unfortunately, Clinton's disregard for the law has already spread to the public. In a routine Wisconsin court case, a lawyer asked a witness if she had answered his question truthfully. The

response: "What do you mean by 'truthfully'?" For an awkward moment the legacy of Clinton was laid bare. "Truthfully means truthfully," the judge then snapped. "This is not a Clinton deposition."

Gimme Shelter

Jumbos returning to campus this semester were more than a bit disappointed to discover that they would not be allowed back into their dormitories until Wednesday the 20th, the day before classes started. While dorms were unlocked on the 19th, this was not made known to the Tufts population. As a result, students returning to school from as far away as California were forced to fly in, unpack, and prepare to start a new semester just one day before classes began.

Opening residence halls just a few days sooner would give transfer students more time to become acquainted with the campus as well give continuing students a chance to buy books, review their schedules, and just get settled in before having to attend classes. The issue of transportation back to campus also deserves consideration. Not all students can make their travel plans based on a rigid one-day time frame, especially those who live far away or rely on their parents to drive them back to campus. It is hard to understand why Residential Life does not give students the convenience of returning to Tufts in a more leisurely manner. Surely issues such as overhead and supervision could be easily worked out in order to give students the ease and advantage that other schools provide their on-campus dwellers.

Quotas Reborn

The Clinton Labor Department's latest proposals will have affirmative action opponents and big government foes alike cringing for years. In the largest expansion of federal power in years, the Labor Department hopes to demand the names, ages, sexes, races, and salaries of the employees of thousands of companies with which it does business, the *Wall Street Journal* reports. If the companies are not up to the government's "affirmative action standards," they will lose the government's business.

Interestingly enough, this is not the first time the department has attempted to radically expand its power along these lines. During the Carter Administration it attempted a similar maneuver. That time, however, the Office of Management and Budget interfered to prevent the Gestapo-like inquiry. Will anyone in the Clinton administration step up to the plate to put a stop to this radical breach of privacy? Not likely, considering their recent exhibitions of mind-numbed servitude to the chief executive. But someone in Congress must attempt to thwart this effort. Government should work *with* companies, not against them.



The Bible Goes to Court

So-called “progressives” pride themselves on persuading politicians to ban prayer in schools, even silent, unorganized worship, hoping to realize their deluded vision of separation of church and state. In a recent trial in Nebraska, the incredulous portrayal of religion as mindless superstition dragged liberal skepticism from the classroom to the courtroom. After 25-year-old Aaron Pattno admitted to and was convicted of sodomizing a 13-year-old boy, Judge George Thompson quoted a passage from the Bible, Romans I: 20-27, during his sentencing of the convicted Pattno. The Nebraska Supreme Court was taken aback. Several state legislators insisted that Pattno was not given due process because the judge’s comments during sentencing shed doubt upon Thompson’s impartiality in the case. Although the judge claimed his comments were not directed towards the jury or anyone who might be swayed against the defendant, Pattno’s sentence, which would have been 2-5 years in prison, was shortened to four years’ probation by another judge.

Ironically, the holier-than-thou perspective of the state and federal supreme courts, which refused to hear the prosecution’s appeal, made a martyr of a pedophile. Indeed, Judge Thompson’s recitation contains language that modern society rightfully labels homophobia. “Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion,” says Romans I, 25-27, the final lines of the judge’s quotation. Although the first half of the passage demonstrates the Bible’s intolerance of homosexuality, the second half of the quote deals with punishing an inexcusable act of perversion. Any person, regardless of political or religious views, knows that the vicious sexual abuse to which Pattno admitted merits the most severe punishment our courts can deliver.

Yet, sensibility and morality were shoved aside by anti-religious PC crusaders, as if meddling with the Pattno case could make them modern Clarence Darrows. But by maintaining that Biblical morality plays no part in our legal system and by liberating a sex offender as proof, is as criminal as the perversion itself.

Really How Civil?

The new Disney/Touchstone film, *A Civil Action*, manifests the typical leftist slant in today’s blockbuster hits. Instead of chronicling a great legal thriller, author Jonathan Harr and media execs decided to portray the personal injury attorney as a martyr and the defense attorneys as the problem with the legal system. But in actuality, this is simply untrue. In the case, personal injury attorney Jan Schlichtmann alleges that two major companies contaminate wells that cause fatal leukemia in children. The suit that follows vindicates one company and leads to a settlement with the other.

The lawyers for Fortune 500 firms Beatrice Foods and W. R. Grace are not evil legal personalities that pollute the legal system; they are excellent lawyers who represent their clients well. In fact, it is Schlichtmann whom most legal scholars say used underhanded

tactics and violated the rules of evidence. Moreover, the movie fails to adequately represent the weak case that the families brought into court and the way in which their lawyer tried to cover for that weakness. More importantly, the plaintiffs could not prove that chemicals got into the wells and could provide no link between TCE and leukemia. After seeing this distortion of reality, rational-minded people can only hope that ambulance chasers don’t become the heroes of tomorrow’s legal community.

Bomb Iraq

Congratulations are in order for the Clinton Administration, which successfully managed to bomb almost all the targets in Iraq that it had earmarked for destruction. The day after the attacks the administration was quick to shout Victory. After such a success the Clinton Administration must now be astounded that Saddam Hussein has dared to fire at United Nations war planes with his surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems.

Once again the events of history prove that the Clinton Administration’s foreign policy strategy with respect to Iraq is ineffective. Saddam Hussein is able to defy the United States, not because our operations are failing, but because the current policy of containment is flawed. Containment should be reserved for powers that are equal or greater in strength than the United States: China or the former Soviet Union, for instance. If the United States continues to apply the policy of containment to Saddam Hussein, eventually he will acquire the nuclear weapons he is seeking.

Furthermore, this administration has repeatedly handcuffed weapons inspectors and backed down when challenged by Hussein. If the administration had not yielded to Hussein when the UNSCOM inspectors were denied access to weapons sites, Iraq would have far fewer weapons in its hands and we would not have SAMs firing at our planes. Experts on Iraq and those with knowledge of the true state of affairs in the Persian Gulf know something which is not widely reported and which the common individual does not realize: the “no-fly zone” has not been effectively enforced in years. The United States would send out patrols for two hours, sit on the ground for two hours, and then patrol again for two hours. The schedule was predictable and known to both sides. During the hours that the US planes were on the ground, Iraq would transfer supplies and troops, returning to the ground before the next patrol. The Clinton Administration failed to enforce the no-fly zone because under its containment policy these internal flights rated a low priority. The fact that these flights thwarted UN efforts to disarm Iraq did not even matter to Clinton.

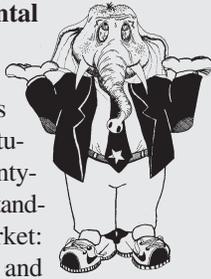
The policy of containment must be changed and a policy of removing Saddam Hussein from power adopted. So far containment has resulted in no appreciable weakening of Saddam Hussein’s capabilities to manufacture weapons of mass destruction. Air strikes are ineffective. If the administration wants to get truly serious about getting rid of Saddam Hussein’s weapons of mass destruction it must support UNSCOM’s efforts completely and give them any aid they demand. If the administration wants to prevent Hussein from reconstituting his weapons of mass destruction it must remove Hussein. Nothing less will work.

Fortnight in Review SM

☞ The Experimental College receives a

little lesson in supply and demand, as three-hundred-plus students sign up for twenty-five spots in "Understanding the Stock Market: History, Structure, and Impact," taught by **Timothy Stratford**. This plus other finance and management offerings present a welcome change from such tired re-runs as **Morwen Two Feathers's** "Universal Heartbeat: World Culture and Community Drumming." ... Meanwhile, the remainder of the Spring Ex-College offerings continue to delight, if not educate. EXP 52S, "Radio Art: Theory and Practice," asks, "Think of yourself as a radio. What would you sound like?" and promises to give students college credit for work at **WMFO**. Other indoctrina—er, courses, include "Black Power," "Poetry as Political Discourse," "Whose History Is It Anyway? The Politics of Social Studies Curricula in the United States," and "Indigenous Encounters with Modernity and Change." Thankfully, EXP 60S, "The World of Soccer: From Imperial Sport to the People's Game" confirms the theory that soccer is a globalist left-wing conspiracy. Once a sport, now a 'text.'

☞ You mean Beantown actually survived the loss of Tufts' thriving social scene? *Daily* headline reads: "Life goes on in **Boston** even as **Tufts** shuts down over break." ... Awkwardly written recruitment ad for Poli-Sci department commands "Think About Majoring in **Political Science!**" and invites students with interests ranging from "issues of race or gender" to "interdisciplinary work" with "environmental studies, community health, or international relations." Don't forget **carrying the overhead projector**.... Former Somerville mayor **Mike Capuano**, famed for comment calling for the shooting death of Tufts execs and a documentary wherein parents held up infant Capuano to the light and declared Baby Mike a future Somerville mayor, takes his seat in **Congress** (see page 23)....



Comedy is allied to Justice. —Aristophanes

PS Georgia football fans are delighted that their Falcons are finally going to the Super Bowl. So are Colorado football fans.

PS American Airlines refused airplane tickets to a pair of ventriloquists who traveled with their "talking" Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, citing a company decision made last summer barring pet pigs from the passenger sections of the airplanes. Guess Mike Capuano will have to fly as steerage.

PS Bald blowhard James Carville was falsely accused via the Internet of threatening his wife with a gun and hunting knife. In a prepared statement, Carville explained, "That's ridiculous. I haven't done anything like that since I helped kill Vince Foster."

PS Top Ten Things You Did Over Winter Vacation:

10. Applied to Ivy League schools— again
9. Made more money to blow at kickin' ZBT parties
8. Drank
7. Got to know your family again
6. Got to hate your family again
5. Appreciated a month of apathy and no diversity
4. Read up on Kwanzaa so you could weasel more presents out of your parents next year

3. Read I. Melvin Bernstein's letter backwards to find secret message to worshippers of Kwame Ture

2. Got laughed at while sneaking into high school parties

1. Didn't have sexual relations with that woman

PS An investigation revealed that a number of freaky New York City substitute teachers gave drugs and liquor to the city's innocent and impressionable youth. They were subsequently fired for not being union members.

PS Two Pentagon lawyers were busted for spying and sent away for twenty years each. The lawyers claimed their crimes should go unpunished due to high public approval ratings.

PS Thousands of trailer-park yokels in Arkansas and Tennessee were recently visited by—you guessed it—tornadoes. President Clinton said he'd declare a state of emergency if enough female twister victims gave him oral sex.

PS HMO Aetna US Health Care got hit up for 120 million by the widow of a man killed by cancer, when the HMO refused him treatment. Sharing the burden of the settlement is the tobacco industry, because... well, they pay for everything.

PS In an effort to be even more annoying, environmentalists want to ban snowmobiles



from national parks because of the noise and pollution of the vehicles. One angry snowmobiler complained, "Banned? But I just mounted the gun rack!"

PS In other upbeat news, police have captured the man who allegedly killed an eight-year-old and his mother in Connecticut to prevent the child from testifying. He was promptly sentenced to Death by Noisy Snowmobile.

PS Webmasters are complaining that proposed cyber-decency laws could throw the Internet into utter chaos. And we all need our porn in a nice, orderly fashion.

PS Top Ten Off-Camera State of the Union Moments:

10. Hillary taunts Bubba mid-speech by slipping Sammy Sosa the tongue
9. Republican senators summon Strom Thurmond's nurse to change his diaper
8. Barney Frank "discusses policy" with George Michael in the men's room
7. Copy of *Barely Legal* magazine sits alongside Clinton's address on podium
6. Larry Flynt given a ceremonial seat of honor among House Democrats
5. Mark McGwire violently assaulted by Secret Service while racing towards the First Lady with Louisville Slugger in hand
4. Bored Republicans Trent Lott and Phil Graham entertain themselves with Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots

3. Dan Quayle booing and throwing stuff—at his TV back home

2. Hillary and guest Desert Fox Air Force pilot compare tattoos

1. No one home at the Lewinskys—Monica still busy under the podium

PS Leftist hero and cop-killer Mumia Abu-Jamal will soon have a concert in his honor at the Meadowlands despite pleas from New Jersey cops. Great combination: gangsta rap and inadequate security detail.

PS Leaders of both BC and Notre Dame are mad at the Pope's plans to force American Catholics to abide by Vatican doctrine. US priests are also upset at the Pontiff's "No Molestation" policy.

PS In other papal news, JPII stated he wants North America to be free of abortion, drugs, and the capitalist excesses. The Pope was quick to note that the Vatican is not in North America, so he bought an eight ball and had an orgy.

PS Evidence reveals the pilots aboard ill-fated Swissair Flight 111 reportedly argued with each other over what to do before the plane crashed. They should have listened to the guy who said, "Turn the engines back on."

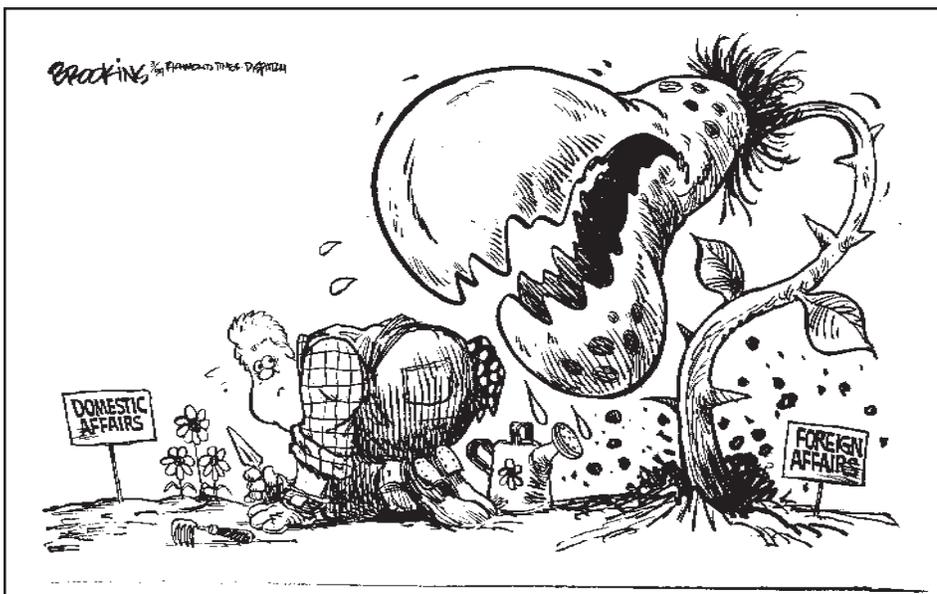
PS New York State leaders proclaimed eight days in January to be tax-free shopping week. Big Apple dwellers know what that means: eight percent more drugs and hookers!

Larry Harris's e-mail call to arms/TCU presidential election campaign runs into trouble after students don't have an exciting enough time at a Friday-afternoon December forum.... Nominations for the Wendell Phillips Award begin, while the narrowly defined **community service requirement** keeps the thought police on the nomination committee. Last three winners include **Tufts Feminist Alliance** big-whig **Andi Friedman**, TTLGBCring-leader **Eric Pliner**, and community-service groupie **Sarah McGinley**. Let the "race" (yawn) begin.

Tufts appoints former **Black Panther George Davis** to act as interim director of the **African-American Center**. At least he's not interrupting a long-festering shift to the moderate center.... After **Mel Bernstein** caves in to radical black activists during their assault on his plush **Ballou** office, Tufts' spineless Veep mails out a letter apologizing for not being more spineless sooner. Conclusion: "Commitment, communication, cooperation, and accountability are required by all of us to achieve and maintain our goals and growth in areas of diversity." Too bad the old demands were to make Tufts look like **America**, whereas the new demands are to make Tufts look like **Howard University**.... Attached to the official whimper comes a calendar of diversity events (no need to camp out for tickets). Panels include information sessions on admissions, enrollment, financial aid, budgets, student life, faculty hiring, retention, and curriculum issues as they relate to diversity. Bye bye, *US News*.

Predictions: New special interest march on **Ballou** occurs every week until **Mel Bernstein** has to stock up on **Depends**.... **Wendell Phillips** nominations promise another disgracefully boring graduation ceremony.... **Morwen Two Feathers** accidentally wanders into the stock market class and changes her name back to Linda Goldberg.

THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



In pursuing quantity over quality, Tufts' new buildings leave much to be desired.

Crumbling Foundations

by Aimee Peschel

In the past decade Tufts' Medford campus has experienced a building boom, including the construction of the Olin Language Center, South Hall, the Tisch Library, and the renovation of the dining halls. In addition, several new projects are in the works for Walnut Hill, such as the new field house adjacent to Cousens Gymnasium and the parking garage in the former location of Sweet Hall. While these improvements and new buildings are desperately needed and signify a great improvement to campus, it is important that a haste to construct does not interfere with the integrity and usefulness of the buildings.

Examples of the desire to construct quickly and inexpensively overriding the quality and purposefulness of a building can be found all over the Medford campus. Tisch Library, albeit a handsome addition to campus and a great improvement over the cramped quarters of Wessel Library, has its fair share of problems for a building so new and so integral to the University. A ceiling that leaks on the library's collection, unexplained power outages, and restrooms with unflushable toilets are among the buildings' structural problems. Students also complain of a lack of group study space and faculty study space is also quite limited, both issues which should not have been problems had the needs of the Tufts community been more thoroughly evaluated before plans for the library were drawn.

The Olin Language Center also filled a great need on campus, providing space for foreign language classes, a language lab, and faculty offices. Yet either a desire to foster comradeship among students or to save on building costs has left Olin with classrooms so small that students literally sit on top of each other while trying to master a foreign language. Some students

have even mentioned that they avoid taking any class meeting in Olin because they feel uncomfortable with its classrooms' small dimensions. It is hard to understand why the University goes to the expense of constructing new buildings on campus when there is clearly not enough money to insure a high caliber of quality work at the time. Surely a new residence hall like South Hall may be impressive to prospective students and their parents, but how impressed would these pre-frosh be with Tufts' building spree had they been on the tennis court at the time a large portion of the roof detached itself from this new building?

Roofs that leak or have a preference for levitation and restrooms that make one long for the luxury of the Port Authority bus terminal are simply unacceptable in buildings so new. Cutting corners on construction costs by hiring a less expensive but incompetent contractor may give the appearance of a commitment to capital improvement in order to attract new students, but in the end the lack of quality outweighs the benefits of hasty construction. Building rashly will end up costing Tufts more in the long run due to necessary renovations on and additions to poorly planned or poorly built facilities. Conversely, solid and well thought out capital improvements would benefit the University by assuring happier and more generous alumni, as well as bolstering the aesthetics of campus.

Sadly enough, the Administration has

not taken the examples of previous expansion disasters into mind when finalizing plans for the University's new field house, which will also be used for commencement exercises. Instead of providing its students with a roomy and state of the art facility similar to those at other NESCAC schools, a lack of funds, patience, and persistence in getting students what they need has led to the construction of a scaled back field house with limited restroom facilities for events as large as graduation. Even more upsetting is the omission of a swimming pool from the new field house. Currently, Hamilton Pool is a disgrace and insult to the Jumbos who have to compete against swimmers from schools like Williams with roomier and cleaner facilities that encourage the attendance of spectators at meets. The scaled back field house is one of many examples of Tufts giving too little too late to its students. Although Tufts' endowment is notoriously small, it will fail to grow larger if Tufts continues to sacrifice quality for quantity in its projects.

When surveying the work completed on campus in past years, a few common adages come to mind, such as "a stitch in time saves nine" and "haste makes waste". It is time for administrators to address the problems already present on campus and stop cutting corners in order to boast that there is always something under construction at Tufts. A complete evaluation of the motivation for and method behind the construction of recent and future building projects is necessary in order to guarantee that quality and utility are the foremost factors in any campus addition. □



Tufts should spend more money on capital improvements that students can actually use.

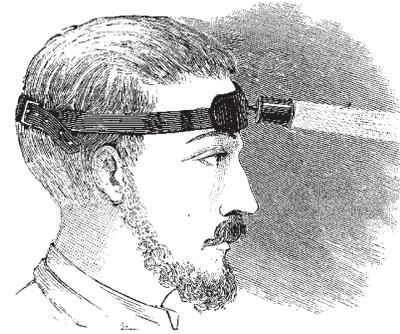
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“The Thing Speaks for Itself”



LINDA TRIPP

“I’m just your average American. Doesn’t everybody tape record their conversations with their best friends? I wish everybody would just leave me alone. Why does everybody blame me? I just want my private life back. By the way, be sure to check out my autobiographical TV movie on Fox starring Wynona Ryder and Eric Roberts this weekend!”



THE FORENSICS EXPERT

“While conducting a routine gynecological examination of Miss Lewinsky, I discovered that the tobacco fragments proved a conclusive match with the tobacco fragments I recovered from the bullet hole in Ron Brown’s skull. It’s a damn sick M.O., I’ve gotta admit, but it explains why the President is so eager to ease economic sanctions on Cuba.”



THE FIRST LADY

“Of course I’m speaking for the prosecution! I tell him to lay off junk food— he jogs to McDonald’s, I tell him I can’t stand dogs— now I’m cleaning Buddy’s urine off the Van Buren tapestries! I tell him to stop violating interns with inanimate objects and... well, you know the rest. I changed my hair 14 times last year and I don’t even make People magazine’s Top 50 Best Dressed— He pulls a Woody Allen with Monica and his approval ratings hit 70%! When I am Führer, Bill will pay. Rodham in 2000!”



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

“I’m so sorry. I’m really really sorry. I don’t know what to say. Thank the Good Lord there are forgiving people like you in the world. What I did was wrong. But please leave me alone to sulk in the Oval Office and reflect on how damned sorry I am.... Wait a minute! My approval rating is 70%? At the recess, everyone to lunch at Hooters, first round on me!”

We Swear to Tell the Truth, and Nothing *Depending on What



THE FIRST LADY

"I come as a character witness. These proceedings are accomplishing nothing but distracting my husband from nationalizing the economy like you elected him to do. Stop this vast right-wing conspiracy and let us run the country. We are the President."



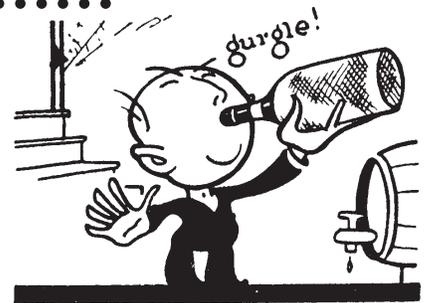
UNIDENTIFIED FOBS

"We're Friends of Bill. We don't know nothing about no cover-up."



TED KENNEDY

"The, uh, President is of, uh, fine, upstanding moral charactuh. I, uh, remember everything that he did in his Administration."



VERNON JORDAN

"Ho! Ho! Ho! I'm Santa Vernon! I brought Christmas cheer to a little Jewish girl in Beverly Hills. I delivered some swell gifts to the Lewinsky chimney, including a phat job! Santa Vernon did it all for his country, of course!"



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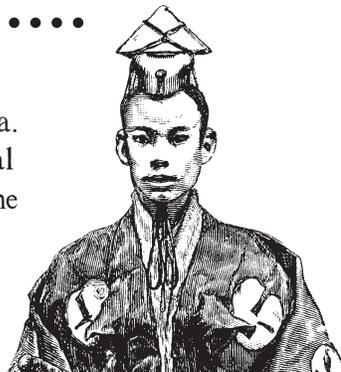


JESSE JACKSON

No matter what Bill gave her for Channukah / We must subpoena the loose little Monica. / To prove my main man Bill never lied / That'll show that old bag, Henry Hyde. / If the cigar don't fit, you must acquit!"

DOLLAR BILL CHANG

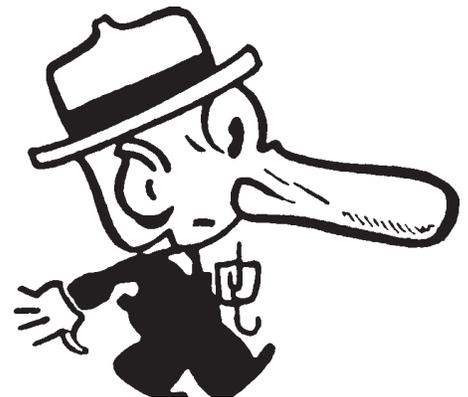
the Chief Komissar of the People's Republic of China. When you impeached President Clinton for receiving oral sex in the Oval Office, I can personally testify that at the time you claim he was receiving oral sex, I was in the Oval Office with him buying nuclear missile technology which I later gave to PaKistan. Therefore, the President should not have been impeached."



"AMBER"

"I was President Clinton's first choice for National Security Advisor. He said my duties would be to serve him, and I would be in charge of his oral dictations. Hillary didn't want me to assume that position, so Big Willy said I could be his Chief Executive Humidor instead. It's because he cares!"

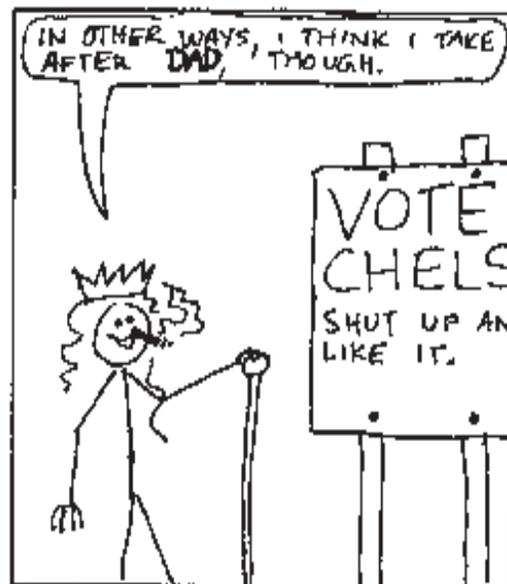
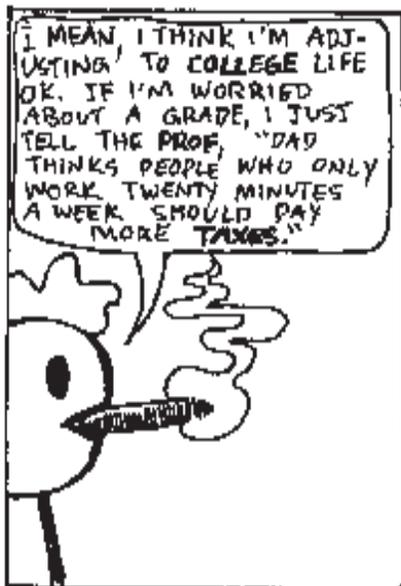
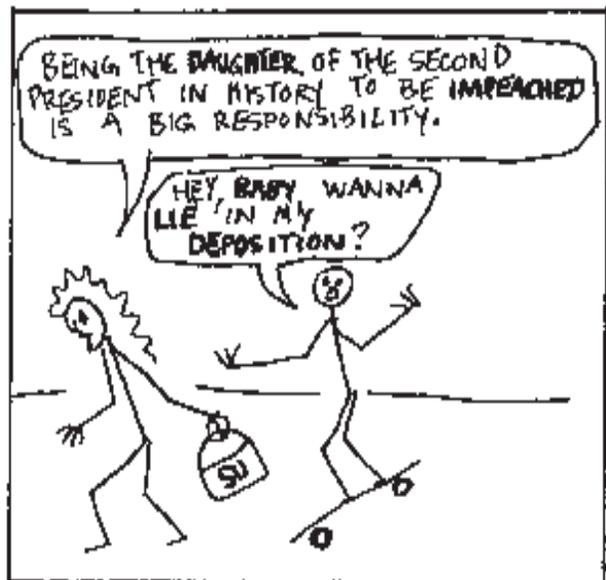
BILL CLINTON



"As always, my previous testimony can stand on its own merits."

CHELSEA SHMO

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without apologies to The Observer



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*You can't say
No to PC.*

Diversity Throws a Temper Tantrum

by Keith Levenberg

A few of the names on the faux-tombstone picket signs were familiar; most were not. Purporting to bear the names of black faculty and staff whom the university's allegedly cavalier attitude towards blacks pressured out of employment, the picket signs in the Pan-African Alliance's "March on Ballou" last month could have easily glamorized those whose resignations or terminations were decidedly apolitical. Former custodians or Tisch library workers come to mind as a possibility; one has difficulty imagining any of these employees resigning because of a disagreement over the importance of diversity in a liberal-arts education.

Ignorance of the names' Tuftonian job history is likely not confined to this commentator. This issue's cover star, Benedict Clouette, approached the PRIMARY SOURCE during the rally and inquired if the photograph taken of him was intended for publication. The response: the SOURCE was particularly eager to print a photograph bearing the words, "Here Lies Michael Powell, R.I.P." Mr. Clouette didn't remember which picket sign he had been holding, but did ask: "I'm just a freshman; who's Michael Powell? I remember painting his sign last night but didn't ask who he was."

Powell, the former Special Assistant to the President for Affirmative Action at Tufts, exemplified the demands of the Pan-African Alliance. His three-year career at the university put him in charge of the Office of Equal Opportunity, the bureaucratic subset of the Admissions Office (with its own separate [but equal?] entrance) whose job is to increase the number of black and Hispanic students at the university and lie, cheat, or steal to cover up the fact that this goal can only be accomplished by lowering entrance standards for these students. At various

points in his tenure he threatened to sue the SOURCE for accusing his office of an affirmative-action cover-up, defended racial discrimination on the grounds that an individual's skin color can be an asset to the university, provided it's dark, and attempted to wiggle out of a public debate with an affirmative-action opponent which the SOURCE was attempting to organize. Powell was a highly paid official installed primarily to satisfy the demands of PC groups like the Pan-African Alliance; it's no wonder they would be upset that he left to "pursue other opportunities." If only they knew who he was!

Ignorance notwithstanding, a large group of PAA members and a handful of outside supporters dressed in black to march to Ballou and Bendetson and present a poorly written "Moral Statement of Purpose" to select administrators who were apparently prepared for the worst. Several TUPD officers were waiting in Ballou just in

case the protest turned nasty, a reasonable assumption considering that not long before several protestors were bemoaning the fact that students today don't care enough to occupy buildings, as their ideological kindred spirits of the 1960s did. Yet the only reason the PAA's protest did not qualify as an occupation was that it was executed with the apparent cooperation of the administrators it meant to confront. Disrupting a meeting in the Coolidge Room, the mob stormed in to deliver its letter to Tufts' Vice President, Mel Bernstein. Delivery of the message via a *Daily Viewpoint* or the US Post Office might have been a more orderly way to get a point across.

The "Moral Statement of Purpose," written by Emery Wright, contends, "There have been numerous studies which indicate that recruitment of perspective [sic] Black Students has been centered within the economic elite of the black community, which we believe to be morally wrong," presumably suggesting that the university open its gates to students with zero regard for their ability to pay the bills and fundamentally ignoring the basic economic principle that *There Is No Such Thing As A Free Lunch*. *Somebody always has to pay for it*: if some students go to college for "free," others must pay more. Moreover, the concern in the Pan-African Alliance's letter ignores the obvious truth that high school students in "the economic elite of the black community" are far more likely to be capable of succeeding



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at elite universities than their fellows in poverty-stricken inner cities. It is not yet politically correct to ask why. But statistics confirm the common-sense theory that smart people regardless of race make money, and smart parents raise smart children.

Wright's letter continues to bemoan diminishing funding for the "African-American" Center which "all but forced" the resignation of center director Todd McFadden as well as an alleged decline in the number of black students on campus (which the administration disputes). Particularly audacious, however, is not the laundry list of demands but Wright's insistence on categorizing them as "Moral Rights." The Pan-African Alliance's protest selfishly called for more money for themselves and more affirmative action. These are not moral rights. They are highly controversial political issues, the contentious nature of which the PAA would have students ignore.

During the shouting match that followed on the academic quad, one woman bellowed with the eloquence of a Ricki Lake audience member, "If you don't satisfy us now, you won't get a dollar from me," referring to the university's trouble raising funds from its alumni. Of course, the university would be safe to assume that those who squander their collegiate years petitioning for special privileges rather than acquiring an education cannot expect to earn many dollars to give. Soon thereafter, a middle-aged black woman who identified herself as a local politician in the West Medford community pledged the support of the West Medford black community to the protesting Tufts students, then proposed that every black student entering Tufts be introduced to the West Medford black community as a potential resource, presumably so a community which hated Tufts for years can indoctrinate an incoming special-interest segment with its belief. Why must every group that has a gripe with the university capitalize on the poor relations Tufts has with its Medford/Somerville neighbors?

The PAA protestors believe that by virtue of their "diversity," i.e., their skin color, they can ask for anything they want and expect to receive it. Indeed, they are correct. Tufts' spineless VP, Mel Bernstein, all but capitulated to the PAA's demands and then posted a letter to the Tufts community on January 15 apologizing for not capitulating sooner. This above all reveals the true inanity behind the PAA's protest: its

members shouted down with violent acridity a cadre of administrators who agree with them all the way down the party line. The only point of contention between the Pan African Alliance and the Bernstein-Knable-Reitman axis is in *which* useless programs the university ought to waste its money on in order to satisfy the gluttonous demands of diversity. Bernstein stood by the Task Force on Race, the Office of Diversity Edu-

cation and Development, and myriad other task forces and committees. One would imagine the PAA happy. But too much is never enough for PC. Bernstein's predictable behavior and the PAA's ersatz-1960s response confirmed an obnoxious truth about politically correct culture: one can never say No to a special privilege, provided its petitioners are sufficiently diverse. □

Despite litigation to the contrary, guns don't kill people, people kill people.

Shooting to Kill

by Jonathan Block

Almost five years ago, Gail Fox received news that any mother would dread. She learned that her son, Steven, who was 14 years old at the time, had been shot on a street in New York City. Miraculously, despite being severely wounded, Steven survived. Today Ms. Fox does not blame the teenager who nearly killed her now 19-year-old son, nor does she fault the person who illegally sold the gun to the teen. Instead, Fox points the blame at firearm manufacturers, holding them responsible for her son's near-death experience.

Earlier this month, Fox, along with the relatives of six other shooting victims who died, have sued more than 30 gun manufacturers in a Brooklyn lawsuit, arguing that the firearms industry has not done enough to prevent guns from getting into the hands of young people. They further claim that the industry knowingly and deliberately flooded the market with guns, negligently allowing the weapons to fall into an underground market, and ultimately, the street.

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Fresh from their triumph over the tobacco industry, cities and states have turned their attention to suing the firearms industry, trying to hold them responsible for gun-related deaths and to recoup police and medical costs related to handgun violence. Last October, New Orleans was the first city in the country to file such a suit, claiming

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that gun makers neglected to provide sufficient safety measures in their weapons, making them "unreasonably dangerous." A month later, the city of Chicago filed a \$433 million lawsuit against the industry, arguing that manufacturers flooded the Chicago suburbs with guns, where gun control laws

are more lax than in the city, that eventually ended up in the city, creating a "public nuisance." Boston, Miami, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and several other cities have either filed suit or are planning to file suit against the firearm industry.

For the first time ever, Colt, Smith & Wesson, Ruger, Beretta, and a myriad of other gun manufacturers are sweating bullets, and for good reason. If these lawsuits are successful, the gun industry stands to

lose hundreds of millions of dollars manufacturing a product that is not only perfectly legal, but is already under strict government regulation, through serial numbers on all handguns and stringent FBI checks on purchasers before a sale is complete.

As was seen in litigation against tobacco companies, the current round of suits against the firearms industry represents an effort to shift the blame for one's actions away from the individual and toward a third party. This is a disturbing trend in American society, as it seems to bolster the idea that one is not necessarily responsible for his actions, no matter how intentional or harmful they are. If these lawsuits are ruled in favor of the plaintiffs they open the door to a wide variety of new lawsuits. It is not unreasonable to think that one day, the family of a murder victim who was stabbed might sue the manufacturer of the knife used in the slaying, claiming that the knife did not have enough safety features. Along similar lines, a person who kills someone while driving intoxicated might sue Anheuser-Busch, claiming that his impaired driving ability was not his own fault, but the fault of the alcohol in the beer he drank.

Even the *Boston Globe*, long an advocate of gun control, has come out against the lawsuits. In a January 19th editorial, the *Globe* rightly claims that holding gun manufacturers responsible for gun deaths and achieving gun control through litigation instead of legislation is a mistake: "This newspaper is firmly in favor of strict gun control and keeping guns off the street. Yet using the courts in this way abuses the legal system and derogates the legislative process." Because the gun industry is not as wealthy as the tobacco industry (\$1.4 billion dollars in sales in 1997, compared to \$48 billion for tobacco), gun manufacturers may not be as financially well prepared to weather the torrent of lawsuits as were tobacco companies. In many cases, it may be cheaper for the industry to settle out of court than fight it out in the courtroom. Even worse, there are indications that the people who are bringing the suits to court are more concerned with compensation than with legislation to improve gun control.

As for the accusations that the firearms industry dumped guns on the market, hard facts prove otherwise. Statistics from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms show that firearm sales have declined from 4.3 million guns in 1989 to 3.8

million in 1996. Sales of all types of firearms have been sluggish for the past 10 years. In California in 1997, handgun sales were at their lowest level since 1973. Yet, Los Angeles and San Francisco are planning to file suits against the industry. Furthermore, the National Rifle Association has repeatedly stated that less than 1% of gun owners ever use their weapons in an unlawful fashion. The cost of defending gun manufacturers at trial will most likely be passed on to these law-abiding gun owners in the form of higher firearm prices.

Warren D. Johnson, who spent 31 years in the Chicago Police Department, wrote in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* recently that the recent spate of lawsuits is strictly a political ploy. As Johnson writes, in investigating thousands of crimes involving firearms in Chicago, he never came across a case where a firearm was discharged by itself; someone had always pulled the trigger. Johnson correctly points out, "the trigger-puller, not the firearm, is responsible for the crime." He also reminds us that in the majority of cases, the offender had a large criminal record and should have been locked up to begin with.

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against armed perpetrators. It is also important to note that it has been shown that handguns prevent approximately one million assaults, robberies, and other crimes each year just as a deterrent.

We have come to the point in this country where it is time for people to step up to the plate and take direct responsibility for their actions. It's been said a thousand times that "Guns don't kill people. People kill people." Perhaps more people should pay attention to this statement and try to understand its important implications. Lawsuits against gun manufacturers threaten not only the handgun industry, but also every single American's Second Amendment right to bear arms.

As juries across the country begin to be selected for the trials, they ought to take heed of Johnson's concerns. These men and women who will be making crucial decisions that may affect the future of the gun industry should keep one very important point in mind about what these lawsuits really are: "an attempt by headline-grabbing politicians to offer us their smoke-and-mirror version of a war on crime." □



The government has taken upon itself to decide what is best for you. How much further will it go?

Fight for Your Right

by *Jacob Halbrooks*

Liberty and freedom are words that often inspire patriotic sentiments among Americans. These are principles that American colonists defended, some to their deaths, and on which the union was based. These ideals are deeply embedded in our nation's history and culture. Unfortunately, looking at the contemporary trend of government thinking, we find that liberty and freedom have been compromised. Instead of a man judging what is best for himself, the government has unilaterally assumed the role of decision-maker. Any product or practice deemed negative by the government, such as drugs, tobacco, and gambling, becomes the target of bans and outlandish taxes. The most horrific results are seen when the government decides it must protect people from themselves.

In order for the people of a nation to be free, the citizens of the country must be allowed a certain degree of liberty. This concept originates from the notion of faith in the individual and his ability to govern himself so long as he does not infringe upon the rights of others.

However, government by nature places its primary emphasis on control over the masses rather than on protection of individual liberties. It is easy to see where liberty has been compromised, ostensibly for security reasons. Seat belt laws, anti-drug statutes, and many other pieces of legislation are designed to protect you from yourself. Often embraced for their apparent intent to save lives, these laws often needlessly interfere in people's private lives.

The most terrifying aspect of laws that protect people from themselves is the underlying philosophy. A basic assumption regarding laws of this nature is that people are unable to think for themselves, and must instead turn to the government to learn how

they should behave. According to this theory, without government dictation, chaos would ensue, and people would seek alternate leaders. A case in point is the establishment of speed limits. Proponents argue that without them, people would speed recklessly and accidents would occur frequently.

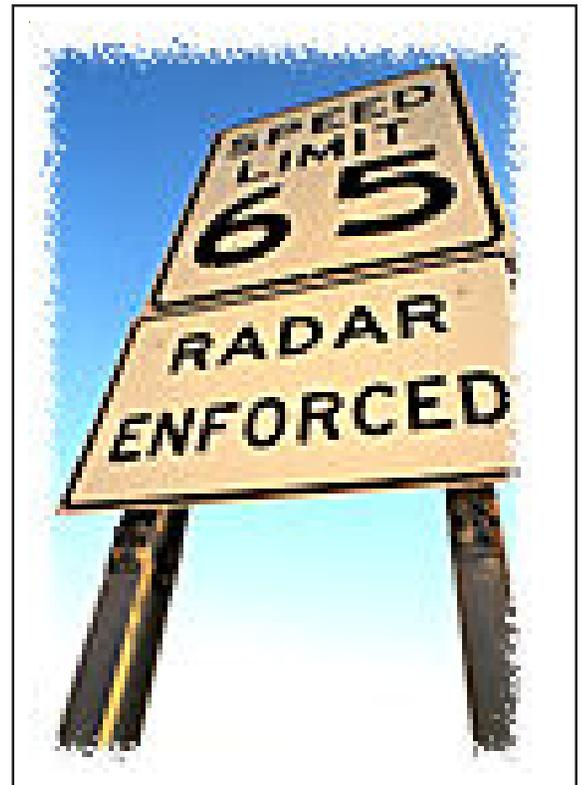
Central to this argument is the belief that people cannot see the potential risks of their actions and must be kept from inflicting harm on themselves and others through government intervention. Through the social security system, the government has assumed that people are not intelligent enough to manage their own post-retirement finances, and so the state must step in to impose socialism on everyone, regardless of whether they agree with the system or not.

Another aspect is preventing acts from taking place before they happen to "minimize" harm. As a result, regulations are created that dictate what companies must do, even if they are not efficient or even needed. In a capitalist society, the market will naturally weed out inferior products that jeopardize the safety of its users. Instead of trying to prevent accidents, companies must be held liable for what they produce. If a company has to pay large amounts in damages, it will naturally improve its product. Instead of regulating a plant to ensure its emission of clean smoke, plants should be brought to trial only if their output harms others or their property. Regulations are just another tool for government control over the market and over people.

Perhaps the largest arena for damaging government tyranny involves firearms. The second amendment guarantees the right for people to own all types of

firearms for all uses. The intent of this amendment was to assure that the people could protect themselves and fight if the government becomes too intrusive upon their liberties. This sacred right is the safety valve that protects all other rights. A current liberal interpretation is that firearms are needed only for hunting, and obviously an MP-5 is not needed to kill Bambi. Firearms are demonized as a result, and the notion that banning or restricting them will be better for the collective safety of the people prevails. Slowly but surely, the government is progressing towards outlawing them altogether. Federal databases of gun owners, bans on "assault weapons," and background checks do little but give liberals a warm fuzzy feeling and further infringe upon the intrinsic rights of the people.

"They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Perhaps Ben Franklin's words have never rung truer than today. In an era when preventing crime before it happens and legislature designed to protect people from themselves in the name of collective safety regularly occur, it becomes imperative for individuals to stand up for their rights. The belief that men are the best arbiters for their own actions, along with faith in the individual, must be restored. □



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*A full impeachment trial is best
for the country and the Constitution.*

Clinton Under Fire

by Craig Waldman

Impeachment is far from many Americans' minds these days. Some call it unimportant; others claim it's boring. But in truth, this is American democracy at work. The process envisioned by the Founding Fathers is advancing correctly and in time will come to a just and reasonable conclusion. In order for that to happen, the trial must progress unhindered to its conclusion. The Managers must be allowed to present their entire case and the Senate must then consider all of the evidence to reach a verdict. In the meantime, Americans have no choice but to patiently await the outcome.

Many Americans claim that the case is about a sexual indiscretion. To the contrary, the President was impeached not for sexual indiscretion but rather for undermining the rule of law of the land. No President can effectively govern a country in which he himself violates legislation; and since it is clear that Clinton violated numerous laws, he should be forced to leave office. Moreover, when Clinton took his oath of office he swore to protect and enforce our statutes. Honesty under oath is a cornerstone of the American legal system; if Clinton is allowed to survive this subversion of the law, it will render the equal protection clause functionally powerless. The lesson will be clear: the more powerful a person is, the less the laws of the land will apply to that person. Furthermore, if the President of the United States cannot be counted upon to abide by legis-

lation, who among us should be expected to do so? The chief executive is not only responsible to enforce the laws; he should lead by example.

The Republican Managers laid out a strong case in the Senate. Each Manager presented a concise and clear presentation of the facts. Individual managers were charged with presenting a certain aspect of the case; some took up the perjury charges while others looked into obstruction of justice. They showed that Clinton knew his lawyers' assertions to the judge in the Paula Jones case were untrue. However, Clinton did nothing to stop his legal council from committing perjury on his behalf. The Presi-

dent lied about the nature of his relationship with Miss Lewinsky. Managers proved that Clinton tried to influence the testimony of numerous witnesses. He encouraged Vernon Jordan to find Miss Lewinsky a job after he learned she was going to be called as a witness in the Paula Jones trial. Clinton even attempted to influence his personal secretary's story, should she ever have been questioned about the matter. These actions prove that Clinton was taking every step to obstruct and impede the course of justice.

The House Managers also took up the issue of Senate precedent. Managers pointed out that senators voted for the removal of Judge Walter Nixon. The House charged him with perjury and the Senate agreed that a judge who swears to uphold the laws should be impeached if he himself does not abide by them. If the Senate allows the President to remain in office, they would be setting a lower standard for the President than for judges. However, given the power and honor of the office of the President, it is important that the standard is kept the same if not higher than that for the judiciary.

Currently, the debate is moving from what precedents are being set to whether or not to allow live witnesses. Witnesses are a necessary part of any trial, and Senators must hear from witnesses in order to decide who is telling the truth. While a factual record can be helpful, nothing can substi-

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tute for listening to a witness in person. The intangible aspects; how a witness shifts in the chair, or his hesitance to answer a question can be helpful in deciding a case. Furthermore, the House Managers and the Clinton defense team must be given every chance to make their case to the Senate. The omission of witnesses would prevent both sides from laying out complete arguments, and would hurt the judicial process. In order to conduct a fair trial, all of the facts must be presented. Only then should the Senate vote on the removal of the President.

In the midst of this process, in an attempt to divert the attention of the nation from the impeachment trial, the President went to Capitol Hill to remark on the State of the Union. Truthfully, the country is a stand still of sorts. The President's repeated lies and cover-ups make moving forward almost impossible. He should have admitted wrong doing and accepted the consequences of his actions months ago. Instead, his continued lies only serve to make matters worse. While there is some time for legislation, most of Washington is looking to resolve the impeachment trial first. Clinton, in the mean time, should stop his attempts to hinder the process. He must allow the trial to go forward and stop attempting to subvert the Constitution. Events such as the post-impeachment pep-rally staged by leading Democrats do nothing except aggravate those involved. Only after the diversions stop can the impeachment be resolved in good faith.

The facts of the case and the fate of the President are now in the hands of the Senate. They must hear from witnesses to decide who is telling the truth. If the President is found to have lied under oath and obstructed justice, he must be removed from office. Failure to hear the entire case would set a dangerous precedent; the President of the United States is not above the law. And due to his position as the most powerful man in the country, Bill Clinton must be held to the highest standard. Equal protection under the law protects and judges everyone exactly the same. Subversion of this principle is dangerous to our legal system, and our country as a whole. If the allegations of lying under oath and obstruction of justice are found to be true, President Clinton must pay the ultimate political price for his crimes. □

The impeachment trial overshadows far more serious acts of foul play. But don't ask Mary Caity Mahoney.

By Order of the President

by Andrew Silverman

The segment of American society that spends more time watching Howard Stern and Jerry Springer may find the name Mary Caity Mahoney as unfamiliar and irrelevant as Liz Taylor's newest husband. However, to the few remaining citizens who actually care about the state of the American union, Miss Mahoney is quite important.

The story of Mary Mahoney begins in 1992, at which time she was avidly campaigning for then-governor Bill Clinton in the effort to put him in the Oval Office. A grateful Democratic Party later rewarded her loyalty and tireless effort by giving her the opportunity to intern for Doris Matsui, the Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison. To Mary, this was an opportunity of a lifetime. Unfortunately, this stroke of good fortune proved to be the crescendo of her short life. From what we know today, it appears that the events which transpired during her internship in the White House later led to her tragic murder in a Georgetown Starbucks in the summer of 1997.

While the Washington D.C. police have not identified a motive or a killer, the rea-

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soning behind Mary's death may seem apparent when one considers that a first term president's greatest desire is a second term. Running for the presidency is a costly affair that requires constant concern with the status of one's political war chest. In fact, the issue of campaign finance has been brought up lately as countless bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives in addition to lengthy Senate hearings on the subject.

These bills have done little to regulate the exponential costs of running for federal office, nonetheless, the hearings have had a slight impact. It was revealed during the hearings that both Republicans, Democrats, and the FBI believed that John Huang, a high ranking official at the US Department of Commerce as well as a representative of the Lippo Group, an East Asian Conglomerate, helped make illegal contributions to American political campaigns.

It is alleged that the illegal activity began in 1992, the same time that Mary Mahoney was interning with Doris Matsui. This, in itself, is not noteworthy. What is, however, is the uncontested fact that while Mary was an intern Ms. Matsui met with John Huang no less than 26 times. Only Matsui, Huang and God know the content of



those meetings, however, it is unlikely that anything other than contributions to Clinton and the Democratic National Committee were discussed, especially considering that Huang is notorious for wiring \$50,000 of Lippo Group money to the DNC, and urging other Asians and Asian-Americans to donate vast sums of cash.

If nothing of significance transpired in the meetings and if Mahoney never overheard anything vital or read or saw anything incriminating of the president or his agents, then how does one explain that she, along with two of her co-workers, were killed execution style in a Georgetown Starbucks?

The police assert that a pair of amateur robbers stormed into the coffee shop and executed Mary and her two co-workers with .38 caliber handguns. Afterwards, they panicked, picked the pockets of the victims and left through the front door. What is strikingly abnormal about this sequence of events was that the murderer(s) decided not to remove the money from the cash register or the safe but instead took money from coffee-house employee's pockets. Furthermore, Mary was shot only once in the throat and face, and five times in the back of the head. Co-worker Emory Evans was shot once in the shoulder and once in the head and Aaron Goodrich sustained only one bullet wound to the head.

Amateur or not, panicked or not, you cannot shoot someone (Mary Mahoney) seven times with a .38 handgun without consciously reloading, hence indicating that murder was the primary motive for this assault. Secondly, after shooting three people in the head with the supposed intent of robbery, who would leave both the safe and register untouched and instead opt to pick the pockets of three corpses?

No one, not even the dumbest and basest of street thugs is that inept. The only viable explanation for why no money was taken is that this murder was not about robbery, but instead about tying up a loose end. Looking the American people in the eye and lying to them is much different from having individual citizens murdered, yet if assassination is so unbelievable then why did Monica Lewinsky say to Vernon Jordan during one of their meetings that she did "not want to end up like Caity Mahoney"?

What makes the motive of this murder even more suspect is that it occurred at roughly the same time Senator Fred Thompson, a Republican from Tennessee, was lead-

ing an investigation into reported Chinese attempts of fixing American elections. If Mahoney did hear something reportable to either the newspapers or the Senate committee, this would have been far more devastating to the President than revelations about his sexual peccadilloes.

Perhaps it is conspiratorial to make the connection between Mahoney's former internship, John Huang, Senate hearings, the

President and murder. But how does one explain Monica's comment? Is it really beyond the realm of possibility that the Clinton administration would not be willing to break the law and accept illegal campaign financing from foreign sources? Actually, the best person to answer these questions is Mary Mahoney. Unfortunately, dialogue with her is now a one-sided affair. □

Seeking protection from "hostile environments," students hand over their rights to the administration.

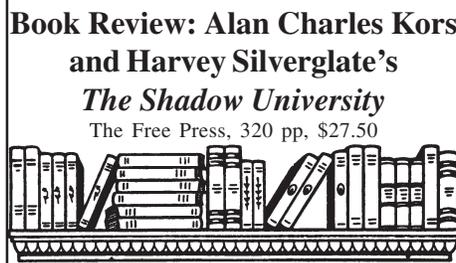
Sweet Surrender?

by Alyssa Heumann

In view of the recent events at Tufts University, the semester break gave many Jumbos a much-needed pause for reflection. With the flared tensions of last semester carrying over into reading period and exam week, there was nary a moment for many

at Penn, was charged with racial harassment after using the term "water buffalo" to refer to a loud group of students, who happened to be African-American females. After being threatened by the administration, and facing probation and the addition of the term "racial harasser" on his transcript, Eden sought council from Kors, a professor of history at Penn. Though a single incident, the "Water Buffalo Case" has become a bulwark for the argument against political correctness and restrictive campus speech codes.

Incidents like the one at Penn have been mirrored at many other colleges and universities. Tufts has its own version, known as the "Aunt Jemima Incident," which took place on the Medford campus in 1989. At the time, Associate Dean of Students Bruce Reitman commented "Although the panel didn't find evidence to support the accusation that the student intended to offend the woman...he still had no right to make his remark a public one by shouting out the window and not knowing who might hear it and be offended or hurt." Reitman's quote reflects a drastic change in the concept of free speech; it is no longer the content of the speech itself which may or may not be considered offensive, but the effect the speech has on its intended (or unintended) audience. Even in cases where utterances are as seemingly benign as "Hey, Aunt Jemima!" it takes but one hypersensitive student to change the situation to a



students to contemplate the issues. Indeed, this college campus provides few, if any forums where students are free to consider their thoughts in an objective environment. It is in this area, objective presentation of thought and fact, in which *The Shadow University* excels.

Replete with case law, Alan Charles Kors and Harvey A. Silverglate's thorough examination of campus life showcases the many ways in which universities seek to remove basic liberties from their students. The book covers a wide range of confiscated freedoms, but the impetus for its existence came from a single event at the University of Pennsylvania. Eden Jacobowitz, a stu-

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patently "hostile environment."

Tufts makes its sole appearance in the book when the authors discuss speech codes, and there is a brief paragraph discussing the effects of past president Jean Mayer's policy dividing the campus into "free-speech" and "non-free-speech" zones. Tufts' student body is lauded by the authors for its widespread outcry against the speech policy, while students at other schools sat idly by as their own speech was curbed. Kors, however, misses the irony that the current leaders of Tufts campus activism see no need for the current "free-speech" zone to be any

larger than a two-foot by two-foot soapbox. The book also includes a reference to an incident involving the production of T-shirts by students on the Tufts campus. The shirts were printed with the motto "Why Beer is Better Than Women at Tufts," and were subsequently banned for creating an "offensive" and "sexist" environment. Never mind that Tufts females are strong, articulate and educated women; according to the administration, the mere presence of a T-shirt would be enough to stop students' personal and academic development in its tracks.

Kors and Silverglate also extend the coverage of injustices to include due process—many schools deny their students the fundamental rights to legal counsel and an unbiased judge. The authors compare university disciplinary bodies to the famed Courts of Star Chamber, where justice was handed down in secret without even a semblance of impartiality. This practice of private hearings and high-pressure negotiations often leads students to readily admit to wrongdoing, rather than face the possibility of a drawn-out trial and harsher penalties. In addition, Kors and Silverglate explore the efforts of universities not only to change student actions, but to engage their student bodies in thought reform. Students are forced to endure "sensitivity training" and "anti-racism workshops," which serve both as punishments for creating a "hostile environment" and are incorporated into orientations and other mandatory campus programs.

The authors continue their exposé by sub-dividing the book into sections, which

each examine a particular facet of university policy. Liberty, free speech, individuality and due process have each in turn come under the watchful and intrusive eye of university administrations. The administrators, professors, and heads of student services are, for the most part, children of the tumultuous and freedom-oriented 1960's. However, their present actions *in loco parentis* deny their students the very same liberties which made the cultural revolution of their elders a reality.

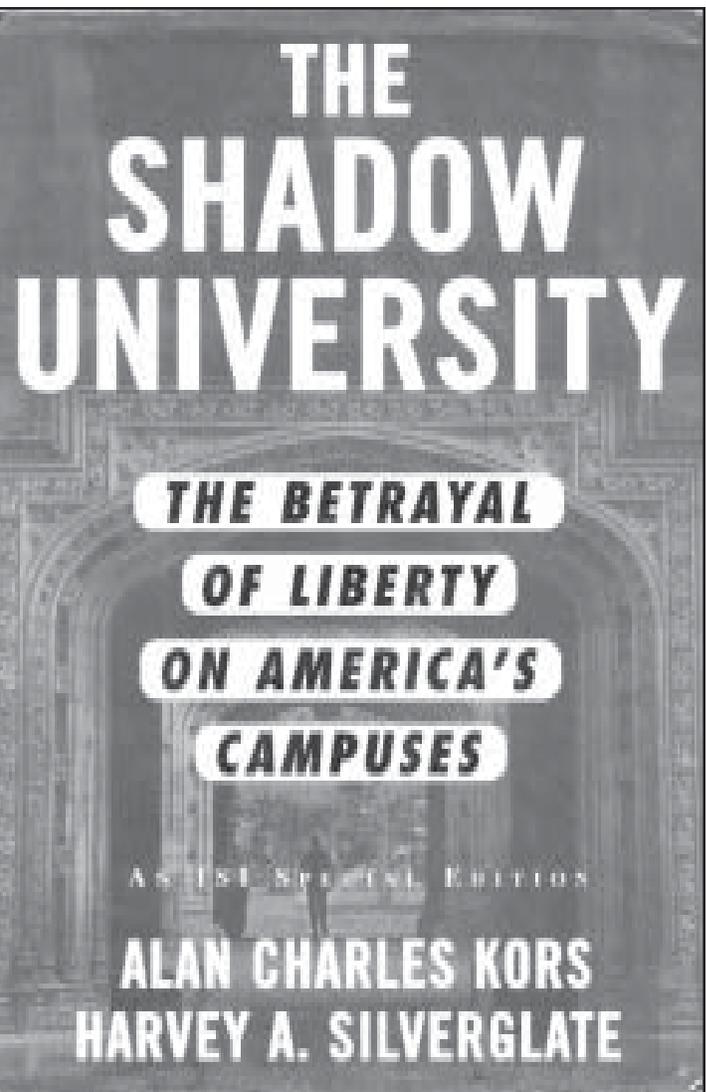
Where free speech once made possible the protests and picketing of the Vietnam era, students are now encouraged to engage in active self-censorship, lest they unknowingly create a "hostile environ-

ment" for their peers. Where a student was previously able to determine his identity as an individual, there now exist separate housing, orientation programs, academic resources and "counseling centers," designed to dictate to each student who he is and whether or not he is a victim of the racism, sexism, homophobia, and able-ism with which our society is allegedly fraught. Speech policies at public and private universities alike seek to specify which students are strong enough to handle insults, epithets, slurs and protests and which should be protected under the guise of "societal disenfranchisement" or "histori-

cal oppression." Personal pride and self-esteem, according to many schools' policies, are determined by skin color, ethnic and religious origins, and not by strength of the individual.

Though encumbered by legal jargon and somewhat excessive case law, *The Shadow University* should serve as a wake-up call, especially to the student who so readily surrenders his valuable rights to university administration. Short-term protection from potentially offensive expression is a short-sighted value, advocated by one who fails to see the forest among the trees. It is often easier to protect oneself from the tumultuous agents of change than to avail oneself of such protection and allow progress to run its course. Universities must relinquish some of their *in loco parentis* powers to restore campuses to their former glory as bastions of academic and individual growth. □

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Mr. Capuano Goes to Washington

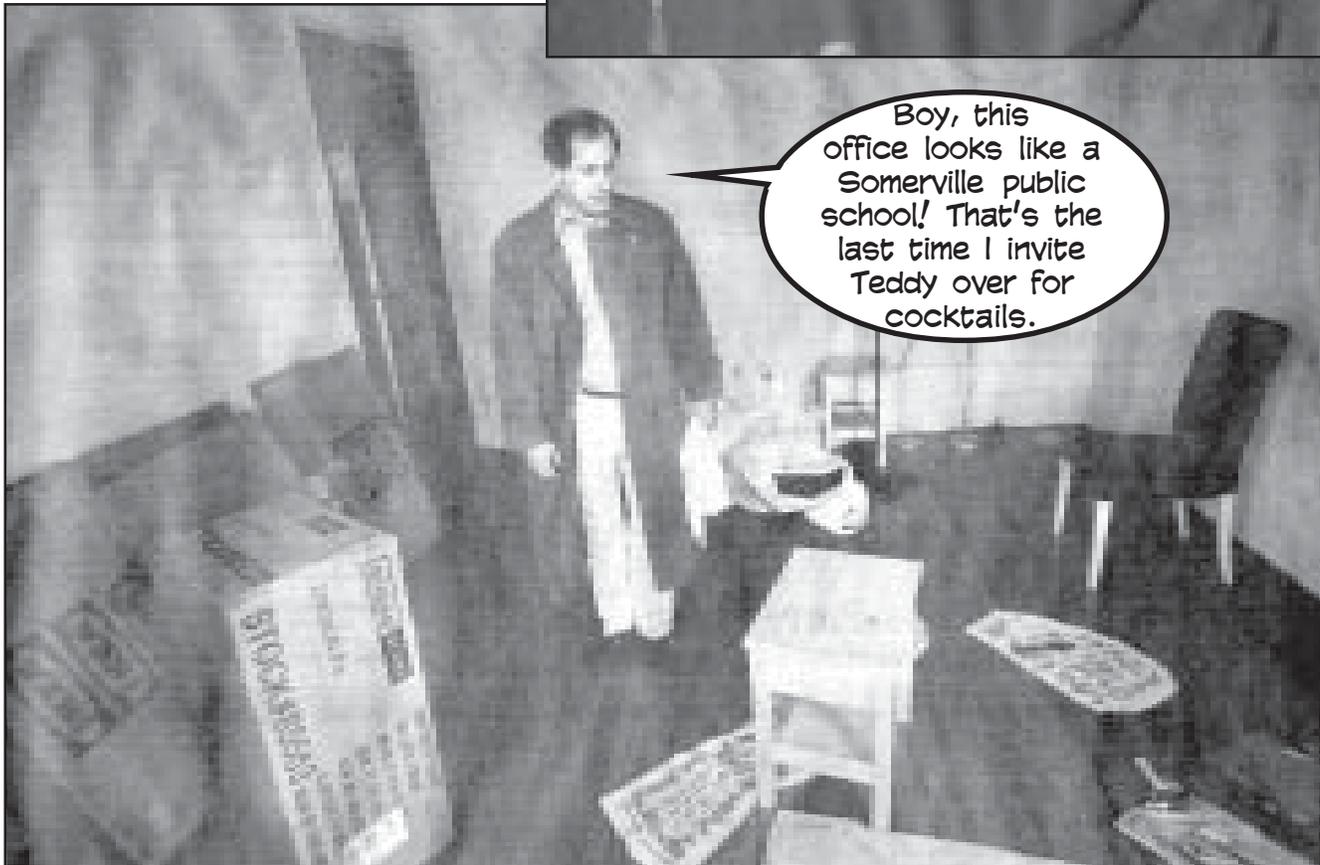


Let me introduce you to my bodyguard and car-starter. Don't be scared. He won't hurt you, unless I tell him to. Ha! Just kidding. Anyway, do you know where I can find a copy of "influence-peddling for dummies" in this town?

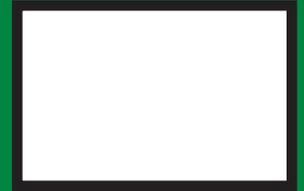
I, Mike "The Bull" Capuano, do solemnly swear to execute the office of Congress, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health... Hey, when do I get to vote to yank those fat federal grants FROM Tufts?



Now there's a man who knows his trousers.



Boy, this office looks like a Somerville public school! That's the last time I invite Teddy over for cocktails.



NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

I'm the guy sticking out his tongue. I think you and the new editor will probably find this shot too amusing to resist printing. I realize that the combination of having a white student holding the tombstone of the former head of affirmative action while sticking out his tongue is indeed quite humorous.

—Benedict Clouette

George Davis, a youth counselor and former Black Panther who teaches “Black Power” each Spring for the Ex College, is the interim director [of the African-American Center at Tufts].

—e-mail to the TCU senate

The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour.

—Japanese proverb

I feel I'm the person responsible for putting Bill Clinton in the White House.

—Gennifer Flowers

History teaches us that wars begin when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap.

—Ronald Reagan

We shall show mercy, but we shall not ask for it.

—Winston Churchill

The single most exciting thing you encounter in government is competence, because it's so rare.

—Daniel P. Moynihan

We are much harder on people who betray us in small ways than on people who betray others in great ones.

—Francois La Rochefoucauld

You have to remember the position that all Republicans have been in for twelve years where we were investigated, sometimes frivolously. If we get a chance to point a finger, why, it requires a patience that is superhuman, supernatural to act with restraint.

—Henry Hyde

They don't call me Tyrannosaurus Sex for nothing!

—Ted Kennedy

I'm Chris Dodd, and I'm a Democrat.

—Christopher Dodd

President Clinton had a bill, E-I-E-I-O. And in that bill was lots of pork, E-I-E-I-O.

—Alonse D'Amato

Conservative: A statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from the Liberal, who wishes to replace them with others.

—Ambrose Bierce

Ultraliberalism today translates into a whimpering isolationism in foreign policy, a mulish obstructionism in domestic policy, and pusillanimous pussyfooting on the critical issue of law and order.

—Spiro Agnew

In Mexico we have a word for sushi: bait.

—Jose Simon

There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is hell.

—William Tecumseh Sherman

A government is not legitimate merely because it exists.

—Jeane J. Kirkpatrick

There's a difference between philosophy and a bumper sticker

—Charles Schultz

I don't like money actually, but it quiets my nerves.

—Joe Louis

The Communist lives in permanent revolt and anger against the injustice of the world around him. But he will suffer almost any degree of injustice, stupidity, and personal outrage from the party that he serves.

—Whittaker Chambers

Democracy finds it difficult ever to say that man is wrong if he does things in large majorities. A constitution is a government's better self, able to rebuke and restrain the baser self when it starts off on a vagary.

—Richard Weaver

I tell people don't kill all the liberals. Leave enough around so we can have two on every campus, living fossils, so we never forget what these people stood for.

—Rush Limbaugh

It costs more to maintain ten vices than one virtue.

—H. L. Mencken

Most men who are not married by the age of thirty-five are either homosexual or really smart.

—Becky Rodenbeck

In America, sex is an obsession; in other parts of the world it's a fact.

—Marlene Dietrich

Its name is Public Opinion. It is held in reverence. It settles everything. Some think it is the voice of God.

—Mark Twain

When neither their property nor their honor is touched, the majority of men live quite content.

—Niccolò Machiavelli

A liberal is one who says it's all right for an 18-year-old girl to perform in a pornographic movie as long as she gets paid minimum wage.

—Irving Kristol

Where self-interest is suppressed, it is replaced by a burdensome system of bureaucratic control that dries up the wellsprings of initiative and creativity.

—Pope John Paul II

There is good news from Washington today. The Congress is deadlocked and can't act.

—Will Rogers

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

—Nikita S. Krushchev

Power makes you attractive; it even makes women love old men.

—Joseph Joubert

I think the American public wants a solemn ass as a President and I think I'll go along with them.

—Calvin Coolidge

I am against vice in every form, including the Vice Presidency.

—Morris K. Udall

If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong.

—Abraham Lincoln

Justice is the end of government. It is the end of society.

—James Madison

Any jackass can draw up a balanced budget on paper.

—Lane Kirland

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