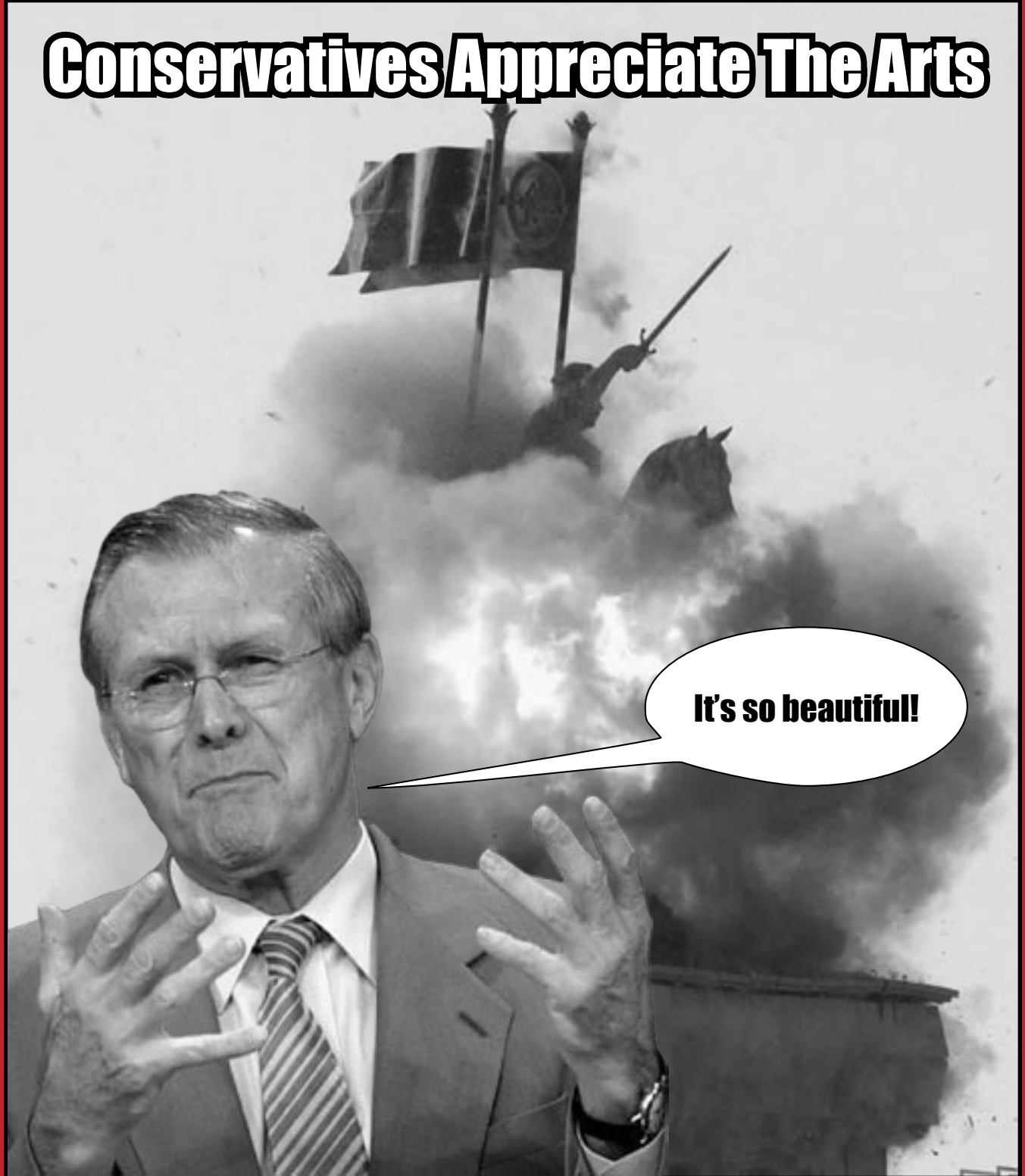


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*Giving credit where credit is due.*

# ROTC Battles Back

by George Fraley

**N**ot only are Reserve Officers Training Corps students forced to train off-campus, but they are also subjected to baseless academic discrimination. Since 1976, ROTC students have been unable to earn credit for courses taken through the rigorous program.

This spring, in an email sent by Dean Kim Knox, a senior ROTC student was notified that his diploma was in jeopardy—not from poor academic performance, but because the University would not accept his ROTC credits. Even though he had taken a course the previous semester at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, because Tufts does not recognize courses taken to fulfill ROTC requirements, he did not have enough credits to graduate.

Tufts students enrolled in MIT's Leadership and Management class can easily apply this credit to their degree. But, for Tufts students enrolled in ROTC, this course does not transfer because it also happens to fulfill a ROTC requirement. Knox neglected to notify the senior student until a week after the final date to add classes, leaving him 1.5 credits short of graduating. Surprisingly, this sort of academic discrimination is not a new occurrence at Tufts.

In 1969, as Vietnam War tension was building, the faculty of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering voted to completely disband the Tufts ROTC program, claiming that its presence on the campus gave the University a pro-war appearance. In 1976, the faculty voted to reinstate a restricted version of the program. The main restriction imposed by the faculty stopped any ROTC re-

quired classes, even those outside of the Military Science Department, from being counted for credit at Tufts. There were no exceptions to this draconian rule. This continues to be a problem for students enrolled in the program, since they still have to take a full course

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load at Tufts plus at least one class a semester for ROTC which cannot count toward their degree.

On campus, the ROTC program is working to increase its visibility to Tufts students. So far this year, it has been a part of ceremonies surrounding the remembrance of 9/11, Veterans Day, and the UN Flag Day. This semester, the students in ROTC are planning events to involve the student community, a "Meet the Military" night, Saturday training sessions open to the entire Tufts Community, and involvement in a Patriots Day ceremony. Tufts Joint Operations President Sean Colon also mentioned opening dialogue with various campus groups, such as the TTLGBC.

The ROTC remains committed to changing the faculty's decision regarding credit acceptance. Though the group has appealed to the University on several occasions, their pleas have fallen on deaf ears. The AS&E faculty has regularly changed its reason for opposing ROTC. From the Vietnam War to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," professors can always find a reason to penalize the students for government policy. Classes taken by members of the Army ROTC program,

according to the MIT ROTC website, include classes on the relationship between leadership and ethics, problem solving, teamwork, and management. Military professors teach many of these classes, some of whom have been teaching for nearly 20 years and hold the rank of Colonel. One must wonder how classes like this, some of which are part of MIT's Sloan School, can be less valuable to Tufts students than some of Tufts' own ExCollege courses, including "An Introduction to Magic", "The Cult of the D.J. and the Evolution of Electronic Dance Music", or "The Simpsons and Society."

The Tufts faculty is a minority in academia regarding its refusal to accept credit for ROTC. In the Boston area, Boston College is the only other school to not accept credit for ROTC required classes. Northeastern is at the other end of the spectrum, having turned the courses required by ROTC into a Leadership minor. Harvard and MIT lie in the middle, with Harvard accepting those classes outside the Military Science Department for transfer of credit and MIT accepting those classes as well, while allowing the military science classes as physical education credits.

ROTC students deserve credit for the classes they are taking to fulfill the demanding program requirements. They are learning valuable skills through the Sloan School that will not only contribute to their academic careers, but also allow them to aid the armed forces of the United States and protect those values and freedoms that make this country so great. The faculty has shown blunt ignorance in its continued opposition to transfer of ROTC credits. Professors should not damage the academic careers of these students simply because they are part of a government institution long feared by liberal academia. ■



**One of the few times ROTC is seen on campus.**

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# Lifestyles of the Tufts and Famous



*Recently, Adele Bacow gave students a peek into the Gifford House in an attempt to impress us with their “old money.” But with a \$40,000 dollar tuition, it’s the Tufts students who are really learning to appreciate the finer things in life.*



*Tufts students use only lead crystal glassware. This exquisite piece was imported on the Jumbo Express.*

*For only a few hundred dollars, students are able to park their finely crafted Bentley in the Cousens motor field—safe from weather and theft.*





*Forget the dining halls! Tufts students can afford their own cooking appliances! Entrées include les Mac Facile.*

*This floral painting dates back to the lithographical boom of the 1990's. The vibrant floral depiction matches the dress of the lovely hostess in Stratton Hall (a fine garment from the Adele Bacow collection).*



*This hand-carved porcelain provides cool support for the chin after several glasses of scotch. The University even hires foreign cleaning professionals to sanitize the restrooms on a regular basis.*























## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

The decay of society is praised by artists as the decay of a corpse is praised by worms.

—G. K. Chesterton

I am a communist and my painting is a communist painting. But if I were a shoemaker, Royalist or Communist or anything else, I would not necessarily hammer my shoes in any special way to show my politics.

—Pablo Picasso

Picasso is a communist. Neither am I.

—Salvador Dali

Always give your best, never get discouraged, never be petty; always remember, others may hate you. Those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself."

—Richard Nixon

A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but a foolish man's heart directs him toward the left.

—Ecclesiastes

I'm very dubious of all sorts of government solutions. I do not think they work over the long run.

—Alan Greenspan

The central organizing principle of this republic is freedom. And from the ancient forests of Oregon, to the Inland Empire of California, America's great middle class has got to start standing up to the environmental extremists who put insects, rats and birds - ahead of families, workers and jobs.

—Pat Buchanan

Now, I doubt any of you would prefer a rolled up newspaper as a weapon against a dictator or a criminal intruder. Yet in essence, that is what you have asked our loved ones to do, through an ill-conceived and totally naive campaign against the Second Amendment.

—Charlton Heston

Americans have a right and advantage of being armed -- unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms.

—James Madison

At the core of liberalism is the spoiled child—miserable, as all spoiled children are, unsatisfied, demanding, ill-disciplined, despotic and useless. Liberalism is a philosophy of sniveling brats.

—P.J. O'Rourke

I'm not a member of an organized party. I'm a Democrat.

—Will Rogers

A false argument should be refuted, not named. That's the basic idea behind freedom of speech. Arguments by name-calling, rather than truth and light, can generally be presumed fraudulent.

—Ann Coulter

Hey, here's an idea. A potential use for Cuba. A living history theme park. "Come see real live socialists as they drive their bicycles to work." We could take groups of school-aged kids there on field trips. We could do the same for North Korea, but you would have to bring your own food.

—Luther Martin, Cold War Veteran

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.

—Daniel Webster

So who's the big red menace nowadays? Cuba. That's it? I'm sorry, but it's hard to whip up any "us against them" nationalist fervor about a country whose principal export is citizens who can swim.

—Dennis Miller

Contrary to the ecologists, nature does not stand still and does not maintain the kind of "equilibrium" that guarantees the survival of any particular species - least of all the survival of her greatest and most fragile product: man.

—Ayn Rand

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.

—George Washington

Sure I wave the American flag. Do you know a better flag to wave? Sure I love my country with all her faults. I'm not ashamed of that, never have been, never will be.

—John Wayne

Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

—John Adams

There is no moral standard so high that the people cannot be raised up to it.

—Calvin Coolidge

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be... The People cannot be safe without information. When the press is free, and every man is able to read, all is safe.

—Thomas Jefferson

Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

—John Quincy Adams

Those who make peaceful change impossible make violent change inevitable.

—John F. Kennedy

Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return.

—Colin Powell

We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much.

—Ronald Reagan

The blood of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese, and tens of thousands of Americans, is on the hands of the anti-war activists who prolonged the struggle and gave victory to the Communists.

—David Horowitz

A liberal is a person whose interests aren't at stake, at the moment.

—Willis Player

In my many interactions with Tufts' students involved in the Kerry campaign, I have been thoroughly impressed with the aplomb and polish with which they represent their candidate. Then I vomit.

—Adam Pulver, from his *Daily* column "Disliking Kerry Politics."