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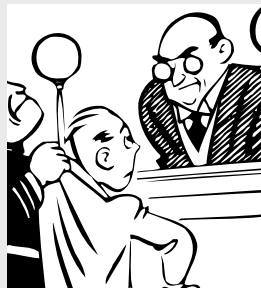
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## Who's at the Wheel?

The University recently “upped the ante” in its persecution of students when Health Services published a viewpoint in the *Daily*. The statement, issued jointly by Michelle Bowdler, Director of Health Services, and Margaret Higham, Medical Director, was strongly supportive of the embarrassing and immature sex fair conducted in the campus center with their sponsorship. Apparently, they see nothing unusual about posing as a vagina or hosting a “Condom Olympics,” and instead, associate these events with serious sex education.

As a professional healthcare provider, Health Services has no business putting itself in a controversial position that must be defended in the campus news. A truly professional healthcare provider shuns public controversy as much as possible—for a good reason. Health Services has an obligation to *all* students at Tufts University, not just those who agree with its politics. By taking a stand on this issue, Bowdler and Higham have taken a stand against scores of students who deserve respect and service without controversy.

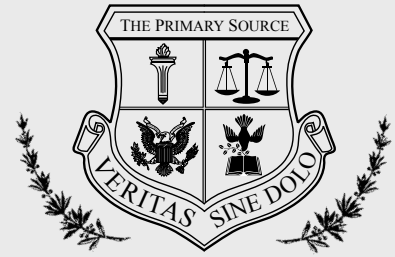
Certainly, Health Services must make information available on proper use of contraceptives and safe sex. Providing “brochures on services for sexual assault, sexually transmitted infections” and other medical issues is definitely within the scope of college healthcare. Still, the University should encourage abstinence, marriage, or at least monogamy whenever possible, as these are much better practices in public health. Even from a public relations perspective, Health Services should not continue to endorse controversial displays that draw negative attention to the University on a national scale. Yet Bowdler indicated she will endorse future, similarly controversial displays.

Bowdler and Higham are worried about having a “marginal role” on campus—being relegated to issuing “Tylenol and ace bandages.” With tuition costs climbing,

one must wonder how much is spent on non-treatment related activities. There is much more to primary care than cuts and headaches, but no one complains when their doctors can't deliver enough propaganda. Students would not readily offer their own money for fulltime health policy lobbyists.

It is important to recognize though, that Health Services is not the only organization involved with policy pushing. ResLife sponsored a sex shop's visit to Houston Hall. The Women's Center offers an admittedly feminist agenda. The University-run TTLGBC sponsors gay lobbyist activities regularly, such as the Freedom to Marry Day. All of these lobbies are paid for by Tufts students through the general tuition. The result is the slow self-funded alteration of students' values and opinions over four years. It is even questionable if mandatory on-campus housing is used to promote academic involvement, or if it is being used to indoctrinate new students.

In this issue, the *SOURCE* exposes the University administration as not only disorganized but also as conflicted in its agenda. Semi-autonomous outreach centers and programs interact with students and the community directly. Without proper guidance from central administration, these groups sometimes can create a confusing mess of public relations blunders. Departments are left to defend their own actions, while Bacow, as the chief administrator, should clearly make his own statement. Until the President pulls in the reins, The *PRIMARY SOURCE* will continue to question the lower-level administrators who control this University with their own agendas.

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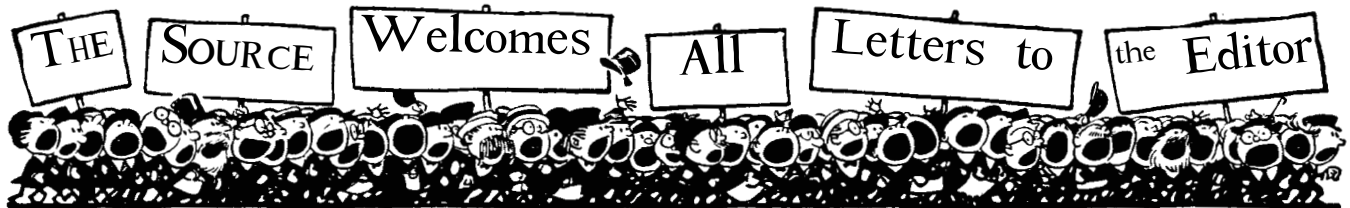
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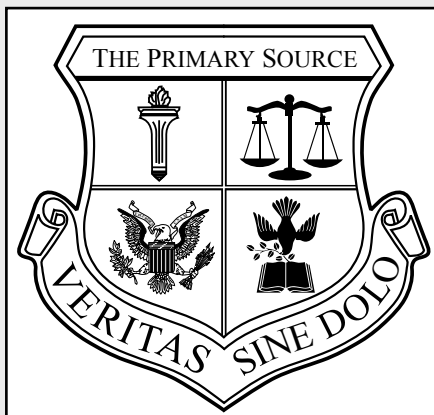
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## Between a Rape and First Place

The University of Colorado (CU) recently began the process of drastically revamping their athletic recruiting process since seven women have accused members of the University's football team of rape over the last seven years. CU suspended its football coach, Gary Barnett, after he questioned the validity of the claims and criticized the athletic ability of one accuser. Who do you call when your university is hit by a rape scandal? That's right, Tufts President Emeritus John DiBiaggio.

Named an Athletic Liaison to the Colorado University administration, DiBiaggio is familiar with rape crises. He presided over our fair campus when at least four girls were raped during the Tufts-in-Ghana program. Ignoring this minor blemish on his record, the University of Colorado (read: Colorado tax payers) will pay a considerable price for DiBiaggio's services—his monthly salary tops \$20,000.

With DiBiaggio at their side, CU rolled out a new recruitment policy last week. The changes include required supervision of recruits during school visits, an earlier curfew, and shorter campus visits. Violation of the policy would result in automatic rejection from the University. The policy, though a step in the right direction for the women of Colorado, will no doubt hinder CU's chances of attracting the highest caliber high school players. Even the most celibate prospects are unlikely to be wowed by an 11pm curfew.

The rape crisis at CU does more than just exhibit a breakdown in discipline of coaches and players; the crisis also points to flaws in the NCAA recruitment process itself. Since Division I universities compete for the best high school players, but are limited in the size and quality of the scholarships they can provide, they must compensate in other areas. What is more important to a pre-frosh than a lively social scene? College coaches should hardly be at fault for recognizing that the best way to lure a candidate is with promises of booze and ladies. Furthermore, some schools are naturally more competitive than others. The schools with the largest endowments can supply the finest brews and the most debauched strippers. This increases dispar-

ity in the league as smaller schools fail to attract star talent.

Dissolving recruitment processes entirely and resorting to entirely academic-based admissions would no doubt alleviate some of these issues. Division I schools are unlikely to adopt this approach, but DiBiaggio has found next best solution: to self regulate the recruitment process through self-imposed strict rules. Unfortunately for CU athletics, until other schools experience widespread rape and react similarly, DiBiaggio's plan may save the university girls at the expense of gridiron success.

## A New Look at an Old Question: Mars

NASA's Mars Exploration Program has enjoyed a lot of press lately, perhaps more than they are used to. Yet they prove that even scientists and geeks understand the art of showmanship and suspense; The Jet Propulsion Laboratory waited until last Friday to announce that it had found conclusive evidence that parts of Mars were once submerged in liquid water—the first step in what will be a long period of examination and discovery. While the equipment on the rovers Spirit and Opportunity has provided immensely useful scientific data, the real question—determining whether life ever existed on Mars—is hardly within reach.

The immediate challenge is to determine more about Mars' past, to simply understand what sort of processes have shaped its dead landscape. Mineral concretions inside rock and the presence of crystals and sulfur provide solid ground for the presence of running liquid water. But moving from the discovery of a watery past to a hypothesis about Mars' capability to sustain life is a far more difficult task, as well as a political sticking point.

There were hints of past at life on Mars before the two rovers' discoveries. The meteorite ALH 84001, which was discovered in 1984 but reexamined several times since, contains chains of magnetite crystals. While sometimes these chains are formed on Earth through inorganic processes, the nature of the crystals in ALH 84001 suggests that they were formed by magnetotactic bacteria. Mars Global Surveyor's data on Mars suggests that, long ago, its magnetic field provided some of the right conditions for magnetotactic bacteria to form. Speculation based solely around meteorites,

however, lends itself to easy attack, and public interest wanes quickly when no ongoing high-profile research is being done.

Enter the Mars rovers. The long-term strategy for NASA's Mars program is "Follow the Water", and the two Mars rovers are just beginning to lay the foundation for decades of new research into Mars' chemical, geological, and, perhaps, biological history. While it can be debated whether water is truly necessary (some scientists say ammonia might also be capable of acting as a catalyst for life), "follow the water" is the fastest path towards understanding more about how life forms and the conditions needed to sustain it.

As more research goes on and our depth of understanding increases, the public will eventually have to come to terms with some very controversial questions. If bacterial life is discovered on Mars, could it be possible elsewhere in the solar system, such as the sub-surface ocean of Europa? How much of Earth's evolution was a product of necessity or inevitability, and how much was the product of chance? If life, especially multicellular life, is not unique to Earth, how



does this change our understanding of ourselves, our humanity, and our spirituality? Can faith easily be reconciled with a universe where life appears (and vanishes) on countless worlds?

Our exploration of Mars is the culmination of humanity's desire to reach out, to understand our place in the universe, and Spirit and Opportunity are only the beginning. While they are advanced robotic platforms with capabilities far beyond their predecessors, the real answers to these very real questions are still far away.

## Scott Brown: True Jumbo

Republican state representative Scott Brown, a Tufts alumnus, narrowly defeated Democratic rival Angus McQuikelen in a special election for Massachusetts state senate. The timing of the resignation and election were engineered to guarantee that the Democrats retained control of the seat recently vacated by Cheryl Jaques. The election was "conveniently" scheduled to coincide with Super Tuesday in a year when an incumbent Republican President is seeking reelection unopposed. This was supposed to translate into a low turnout for the GOP base, but the issue of same-sex marriage clearly changed the dynamics of the race.

The people of Massachusetts have been struggling to be allowed to vote on a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as an act between a man and woman. The recent debacle at the state convention did not define the legislature's position on the controversial topic. They were unable to effectively check or balance the judicial activism engaged in by the Massachusetts Supreme Court. The Massachusetts judiciary, unlike state representatives and senators, is immune from being ousted from office by the public.

Brown's victory sent a warning to elected legislatures that the volatile issue of same-sex marriage has redefined the Massachusetts political landscape. Following the carnival-like sideshow at the first constitutional convention, the public had their first opportunity to voice their opinion at the polls. Brown, an unequivocal opponent of same-sex marriage, managed to attract conservatives who otherwise had little incentive to vote on Super Tuesday. This is significant because Massachusetts' junior Democratic senator, John Kerry, was running in the presidential primary and should have provided a huge pull for Massachusetts' Democrats to come to the polls.

The result is important in an era where rogue elected officials have taken it upon themselves to define the law. Members of the Massachusetts state legislatures have a sudden exigency to be more representative of their constituents. A recent poll by the Boston Globe showed that 77 percent of state residents want the opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment defining marriage. The legislature could fulfill their constituent's wishes by voting on the amendment. This would not be able to be ratified until the residents of the state passed it in a vote at a general statewide election.

Brown's victory may be contested because the margin of victory was a mere 343 votes, but do not expect the proceedings to be as expedient as the ones held to contest the result of the 2000 presidential election. There may be a ploy to deny or delay Rep. Brown's opportunity to vote as a senator at the next constitutional convention on March 11. The election also signals a possible turning point for

the Massachusetts state Republican Party that has enjoyed success at the executive level but has had limited success in the Massachusetts house and senate. The Democrats in the legislature face an unfamiliar situation where they finally have the potential to be defeated in the November general elections.

## Rain on the Parade

Every weekend, Alumnae Lounge, Cohen Auditorium, and the Balch Arena serve as venues for academic, dramatic, and musical events of varying quality. If you did not attend last Saturday's Parade of Nations, you saved two dollars and two precious hours of your weekend.

The opening belly dance, which could have benefited from a few more hours of rigorous rehearsal, lacked energy and coordination and was a portent of weak numbers to follow. Though the Caribbean Club offered a lively tribute to festivity, the dance consisted of uncoordinated hops with participants hiding behind brightly colored flags to distract viewers from the lack of substantive choreography. Instead of preparing thoughtful comments or humorous skits, the masters of ceremonies bored audiences and had little sense of when to leave the stage.

What some acts lacked in quality, others lacked in relevance. The headache-aggravating "Rhythm Ruckus" amounted to noise pollution and shared nothing cultural or even remotely pleasant with the audience. Earlier in the show, two students scratched records on an empty stage, mixing favorites like Daft Punk and Madison Avenue and giving students the feeling of a "culturally significant" night at the Roxy.

To improve overall quality, the directors of Parade of Nations included performances by better-known groups with strong campus reputations. Some audience members might have walked out of Saturday's show had it not been for the inclusion of Tufts Tae Kwon Do and the equally energetic Turbo, a hip-hop dance group. Had Parade's other acts been even somewhat impressive, the participation of these groups would have been viewed as diverse and flavorful additions rather than as a consolation prize for weary viewers.

Poorly assembled and devoid of energy, Parade of Nations quickly became tiresome for audience members who were provided with no information to accompany what they saw performed on stage. Unlike TASA's recent show, which wisely provided brief descriptions of Indian dance styles in its program, Parade did little to educate viewers about the cultural components of its show. When performances are weak in preparation, substance, and enthusiasm, the result is a waste of time for attendees, and probably for participants as well.

Thankfully, the well-prepared performances of Tae Kwon Do, Turbo, the Arab Students Association, and the slideshow presentation prepared by Tufts Why Me? made the evening tolerable. The International Club and participating culture groups should hold themselves to a higher standard of preparation, particularly if they plan to get up on stage and charge admission. The SOURCE knows Parade of Nations did not represent the best of what the international community has to offer to Tufts' intercultural dialogue.



**Mitt Romney and Scott Brown**

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** A Polish Benedictine nun who hit a parked car outside her convent while driving drunk on a tractor could lose her driver's license, local police said. Apparently, having run out of sacramental wine, the monk in charge had mixed grain alcohol and Gatorade instead.

**PS** The mayor of Villarino, Argentina has authorized farmers to gun down thieves who trespass on their farmland. Too bad Eva Peron is already dead.

**PS** A Molson ad campaign notes that the Saskatchewan barley used in its brew contains zinc, noted for its aphrodisiac properties. Molson admits that the claims are unsubstantiated, but points out that beer continues to contain alcohol, which can get you laid on its own.

**PS** A leader of Canada's Conservative Party came under fire last week when his office sent a letter celebrating India's independence from Britain to, among other groups, the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centers—a Native American organization. This comes hot on the heels of a similar flap, in which a party official on a junket to New Delhi entered the Taj Mahal and asked where the six-deck blackjack tables were.

**PS** A British Royal Navy ship will be removing its foul-mouthed, expletive-blasting parrot, named Sunny, from the vessel before an upcoming visit by Queen Elizabeth. The parrot told interviewers that he will use his day off to "get bloody proper smashed and snog some birds."

**PS** A bill that just passed in the affluent central Italian town of Reggio Emilia imposes strict fines for failure to pamper animals; for instance, canary owners will have to buy a 'significant other' for their bird lest it suffers from loneliness. Well, we know Sunny needs a friend.

**PS** New York State resident Andre Gainey was arrested after cops spotted him watching a porn movie, *Chocolate Foam*, while driving. The report notes that the suspect was surprisingly cooperative; as soon as the officers asked for his license, Gainey's hand was fishing around in his pocket.

**PS** Maine *barista* Normand St. Michel has submitted an application to open a topless coffee bar named Heavenly Angels. The house specialty: cappuccino topped with *Chocolate Foam*.

**PS** German police said Wednesday they arrested a flasher who stumbled over his dropped trousers during an attempt to flee. "We have quite a few exhibitionists," said a police spokesman. "But not many at this time of year because it's still far too cold for them to come out." Too cold to get naked? We don't understand; we go to Tufts.

**PS** A 73-year-old Canadian man sentenced to 20 months in a smoking-free provincial jail for shooting a man successfully pleaded for his sentence to be extended to a two-year stay in a federal prison, where smoking is permitted. Unfortunately, Foti does not realize how cigarettes are paid for on the inside.

**PS** A new line of television commercials for the Japanese navy aimed to recruit more members for Iraq maritime duty. Enlistment in the Japanese navy fell off sharply since 1964, when an aircraft carrier was eaten by Gamera. To this day, Gamera has swallowed more Japanese seamen than Hideki Matsui's groupies.

**PS** Some 300 racers took the plunge in this year's world icepool swimming championship in the Arctic north of Finland. "This is...the only sport in which I can represent Lebanon at the world championship level," said Ghadi Boustari, 34. When reached for comment, Boustari's sponsor, Lebanese businessman Issam Fares, declared, "This year I have decided to spend my money on something really important. Sorry, Tufts."

**PS** Residents of the popular ski town of Killington, Vermont, voted to resolve their feud with the state by breaking away and joining neighboring New Hampshire which has no income or sales tax. Killington residents are angry over sharply increased state property taxes. It's the biggest embarrassment to Vermont since... YYYYYEEAAAARRGHHH!!!

**PS** A German woman took her neighbor to court for noise pollution after his nightly sexscapades repeatedly kept her awake through half the night, including at least one four-hour sex session. The judge threw out the case and asked the man for his "pollution" secrets.

**PS** The China Consumers' Association reports that most of last summer's consumer injuries were caused by expired bottles of beer that exploded in the summer heat. Remember this the next time someone tells you about a "beer blast at Start House."

**PS** Cambridge police arrested six PETA activists, who staged a mostly-nude pillow fight outside Harvard to promote animal rights. The women, clad in underwear and pasties, were disappointed to find that their protest had little effect on animal abusers, as many onlookers continued to choke their chickens and spank th...sorry, but PETA makes it too easy.





**PS** German children are marching to pet shops to follow a new trend of ant-breeding, insect dealer Martin Sebesta said on Tuesday. "Children love them because they can observe a mini-world," said Sebesta. Lloyd Christmas hopes some of the insect buying momentum helps his store "I Got Worms."

**PS** Almost one in ten people in Britain want or already have had plastic surgery, with women favoring breast enlargement and men opting for nose jobs, a report says. Women are three times as likely to have surgery compared to men although men said they would borrow more to pay for it. Despite this, the British still do not spend as much on plastic surgery as Long Islanders.

**PS** A samba school in Rio de Janeiro has sacked its artistic director after coming under fire for controversial pro-condom parades and Kama Sutra floats. In other news, Jodie Neally has enrolled in Portuguese classes.

**PS** Roger Baker, dubbed "the cruelest farmer in Britain" by the UK's leading animal charity, was jailed for two years for pushing a veterinarian's face into a mire of manure and cow urine. Surprisingly, a PETA official applauded the action, saying "She [the vet] had it coming to her for breaking those dog's legs in Grafton."

**PS** The Ministry of the Environment in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, announced last Tuesday that it had set up the world's first centralized database to buy and sell liquid manure. Alongside Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, this officially makes Germany home to the world's two largest producers of b.s.

**PS** Thanks to Admissions Director Lee Coffin, students accepted to the Class of 2008 will receive more information about student activities. It's a safe bet these are the...

Top Ten campus highlights omitted from the package sent to the pre-frosh:

10. The printing system in Tisch and Eaton.
9. The mice that will become your third and fourth roommates in Hodgdon Hall.
8. Drinking events with TASA and Suman Rao.
7. Any event where Rafi Goldberg might stub his toes.
6. Anything that doesn't somehow involve Josh Belkin.
5. "Taste-tested lubricants."
4. Phil Tsipman.
3. *The Tufts Observer*.
2. THE PRIMARY SOURCE.
1. Pictures of OSA Director Jodie Nealley posing as a vagina.

## From the Elephant's Mouth

☞ Scarier than herpes: Health Services Director **Michelle Bowdler** and Medical Director **Margaret Higham** co-authored a *Daily Viewpoint*: "The intent of the sex fair was to educate and promote healthy sexuality for those who choose to be sexually active." Of course, the community also benefited from seeing Student Activities Director **Jodie Nealley** posing as a **big vagina**... Higham to the *Daily*: "With less sleep, more people are more susceptible to the effects of alcohol or drugs, and clearly that's not a good combination for accidents and unprotected sex." Unfortunately, she didn't offer a "**good combination**" for accidents... The *Daily* quotes Higham on feeling mentally ill: "It's a very scary feeling." Ah, this explains why she always thinks THE ELEPHANT is **pregnant**... And why she wrote that ridiculous Viewpoint...

☞ Crowds gathered around the statue of **Mary** at the **Sacred Heart Church** when lines of tears mysteriously appeared on the statue's face several days ago. It is rumored that the **FBI** is coming to determine if they are real human tears or just **crocodile tears**... On campus, **3Ps** will be presenting **Corpus Christi**, which retells the New Testament with Jesus as a gay Texan. With diversity like that, THE ELEPHANT wonders—did Jesus go to Tufts?

☞ **President Bacow** appeared on TUTV's **Balance of Power**. Apparently, there's "nothing he hasn't seen." For example, Jodie Nealley posing as a vagina... At least he's "**not a prude**."

☞ A **vagrant** exposed himself in a Tufts **locker room** as he was talking to a younger man in the shower. A student witness reported the incident to the police. Apparently, the younger man had also been trespassing, coming just to use the shower—but decided to stay for the **conversation**...

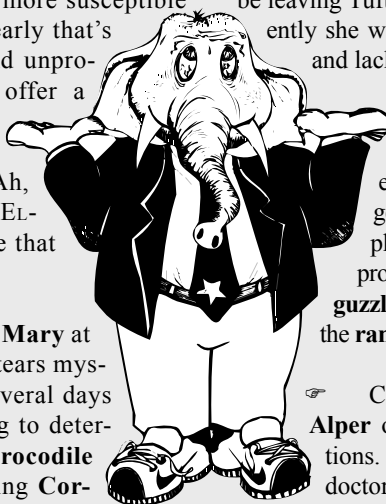
☞ **Cynthia Pollard**, director of Tufts' Public Relations, will be leaving Tufts for the University of Nevada at Reno. Apparently she was attracted by the gambling, warmer weather, and lack of **Phil Tsipman**...

☞ Back to the Stone Age: **Fletcher** hosted Sustainable Development Week—a series of events discouraging industry, home-building, and general human existence. The college is supposedly planning a several million-dollar renovation to protect the Earth from the THE ELEPHANT'S **gas-guzzling** Hummer... Maybe they should worry about the **rampaging SUV** across the quad instead?

☞ **Cabot rocked**: **Ahmed Ahmed** and **Rabbi Bob Alper** offered a dash of humor to Jewish-Arab relations. After the show they met up with a priest and a doctor and walked into a bar...

☞ "Beautiful and Easy to Please" The Mail-Order Bride Phenomenon was explored by the Asian American Center and the Women's Center. Tufts grooms-to-be complain about the long walk from the **Russian House** to **Hill Hall**... And the cost of postage is outrageous!

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



*"I know this is a little bit of propaganda here, but..."*

## An EPIIC Disaster?

by Adam Hoffman

While the EPIIC symposium was an honest attempt to discuss real problems, it failed to truly address the issues that were presented to each panel. Even with some truly insightful panelists, the inclusion of less knowledgeable (or just plain crazy) individuals in almost every group took the discussions into different, less informative tangents. Also, the EPIIC symposium's reputation of being very liberal, while a little more veiled this year, was still definitely noticeable.

The "Economic Hegemony? Trade, Aid and Development" panel encompassed all that is good, as well as all that is wrong with the EPIIC symposium. Dr. Morris Miller, an adjunct professor at the University of Ottawa, ranted about the beginnings of the US government, and revealed himself as an income-redistributing socialist. Next up was a reporter, Toby McIntosh, who tried to make a point about transparency in financial institutions but ended up simply listing situations where it is hard for people to get information about private business affairs. At this point, a tirading socialist and a bumbling reporter had made no headway on the planned subject of the role of the US in the world economy.

The next panelist was a breath of fresh air. Dr. Robert Lawrence, a professor of international trade and investment at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government brought some true insight. He seemed to be deliberately approaching issues solely based on economics and not political spin. In his speech, he talked about economic globalization and tried to debunk the fear of outsourcing jobs to India. Surprisingly, while his talk was informative and interesting, he too failed to directly ad-

dress the main concern of the US's role as an economic power, or even if it is appropriate to refer to the United States as an economic hegemon.

Following Dr. Lawrence was Daphne Wysham, founder of the Sustainable Energy

& Economy Network. In the previous panel "The Environment and Superpower Responsibility," Ms. Wysham blasted the World Bank for investing too much in oil and gas. According

to her, the projects that the World Bank invested in between 1992 and 1997 emitted one year's worth of greenhouse gasses, and therefore, she claimed, the World Bank was responsible for the pollution. She started her speech for "Hegemony" by saying "I hope no one in the audience works for Enron," and started talking about some of the energy trading firm's bad deeds. Later, following her statement "I know this is a little bit of propaganda here but..." she launched into a deeper tirade about the evils of corporations and how she is the defender of all humanity because she helps to sue businesses when they do wrong.

It would be foolish to think that the "The US's Role in the World" symposium would, as a whole, have a conservative tilt. But when a presenter admits to spreading liberal propaganda, it conflicts with the purpose of the EPIIC symposium: to disseminate knowledge and understanding. The very nature of propaganda is to bend facts to fit one's point of view and is something that Sherman Teichman, the director of the symposium, should not tolerate.

While acknowledging that corporate responsibility is a real issue that needs to be dealt with, the next panelist, David Rothkopf, told the audience to "Beware of code words; Enron does not equal evil. While there are bad people who work for the company, that does not mean that everything Enron does is bad. The same thing goes for WTO, IMF, outsourcing, hegemony and globalization." Declaring himself as a "centrist," Mr. Rothkopf definitely seemed more to the Right, especially following the tirade of Ms. Wysham.

At a later panel, "US Empire: Pax or Pox Americana?" four of the six panelists, including Dr. Joseph Nye, Dean of the Kennedy School of Government, extolled the need for a multilateral approach by the US. Not surprisingly, these four all received a Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizenship Award. Out-manned were US Ambassador to the UN Patrick F. Kennedy and self-described "token neo-conservative" Thomas Donnelly. Kennedy and Donnelly both defended the current US approach to Iraq, with Kennedy saying, "Any nation will act unilaterally if its national interests are strong enough to defend their UN right to be safe."

In every panel, both liberal and conservative voices were heard, but in all except "Hegemony," the liberal voiced dominated. During "Nation-Building in Afghanistan and Iraq" the panelists all identified similar requirements for nation building, and all except Ambassador Kennedy attacked Bush for his poor implementation of these requirements. The panel for "The Environment and Superpower Responsibility" was disappointing because of the lack of real discussion on the environment. However, four panelists did find time to criticize Bush about the Kyoto protocol.

After almost 20 years of conducting such an important symposium, one would expect more from the overall discussion. While many guests were informative, others added nothing useful, and some actually detracted from the otherwise intelligent dialogue. Without these raving liberals, the symposium would have been more productive and balanced. The Tufts Institute for Global Leadership, as an inherently liberal program, tried its best to present both sides of the political spectrum—resulting in only a slight decrease in liberal slant. ■



**Why can't we all just get along?**

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## CULTURE WAR:

Being the impartial observer that he is, *THE ELEPHANT* has taken Tufts and America to task to find out which represents common sense and mainstream values.



# AMERICA vs. TUFTS

## ROUND 1

### PATRIOTISM

Bombs over Baghdad, or nukes over Kabul – the average American doesn't lose sleep over dead terrorists.

### TREASON

Extra credit for aiding and abetting the enemy. Options include skipping class with David Isles to protest the liberator of Kuwait and sewing a quilt for peace days after the deaths of thousands of innocents.

#### VERDICT

With history on the side of America (the part that hasn't yet been revised, anyway), Tufts is the clear-cut loser in this battle royale between the forces of liberation/national security and paranoid belief in an imperialistic war for oil.

#### SCORE

**1**  
AMERICA

**0**  
TUFTS

## ROUND 2

### MODESTY

Chances are your doctor won't instruct you in kama sutra at your annual physical.

### PROMISCUITY

Forget abstinence, and forget monogamy. According to Tufts' politicized Health Services, the safest sex is lesbian group sex.

#### VERDICT

Gut feeling tells *THE ELEPHANT* sexually transmitted diseases would spread with less ease if there was less promotion of sex. He therefore chooses to err on the side of caution, and with no hesitation hands round 2 to America.

#### SCORE

**2**  
AMERICA

**0**  
TUFTS

## ROUND 3

### INDIVIDUALISM

Choose where you live, what you eat, and what you think.

### CONFORMITY

Mandatory dorm housing, mandatory meal plan, mandatory indoctrination at orientation, and mandatory World Civilization requirement—that excludes the civilized world.

#### VERDICT

Confused at first by what appears to be a discrepancy between Tufts and its tradition of "pro-choice" activity, *THE ELEPHANT* sees through the lies and is able to once again declare America the champion for offering true choice.

#### SCORE

**3**  
AMERICA

**0**  
TUFTS

## ROUND 4

### EQUALITY

Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech moved much of the country to abolish race-based treatment.

### DISCRIMINATION

Tufts will not discriminate on the basis of race. Except in the admissions process. Except in doling out financial aid. Except in rewarding scholarships. Except when Yolanda King picks Residential Assistants. Except...

#### VERDICT

It feels like a trip in Wes Clark's time machine. We fought racism in the 1960s only to reinstitute it differently 35 years later? It reeks of backward progress to *THE ELEPHANT* and he won't stand for it. Round 4 is a landslide American victory.

#### SCORE

**4**  
AMERICA

**0**  
TUFTS

UNDISPUTED VALUES CHAMPION: **THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA**

Bias Response PC Violation Database - **CLASSIFIED**

FILE TYPE: PRO-LIFE FEMALE (!?!?)

**BRUSCO,  
NICOLE**

READS BIBLE  
OK WITH BEING HOUSEWIFE  
HATES HILLARY. A LOT.  
NOT VEGETARIAN

**CAUTION! STEALTHY,  
INCONSPICUOUS  
INFILTRATOR**



FIRST LADY OF THE SOURCE  
TALIST

Bias Response PC Violation Database - **CLASSIFIED**

FILE TYPE: RIGHT WING FASCIST

**BALKIND,  
BRANDON T.**

LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION  
HOMOPHOBIA  
RACISM  
"HATE MONGERING"

**CONSIDERED  
OFFENSIVE AND  
EXTREMELY INSENSITIVE**



Alias(es): EVIL EIC, LIBERALDOOM.H ON IRC  
Occupation: HACKER  
Modus Operandi: HATEFUL E-MAIL  
Race: -IST  
Last Seen: MAB OFFICE, PRINTING LIES  
Years on file: 3  
Reward: FREE SUPPLIES FROM HEALTH SERVICES

Bias Response PC Violation Database - **CLASSIFIED**

FILE TYPE: SEXIST PIG

**HOFFMAN,  
ADAM C.**

STUPID WHITE MAN  
WORLD GOV. SABOTEUR  
READS ANN COULTER  
RISING RANKS IN SOURCE

**WARNING: CARRIES  
OFFENSIVE, TALKING ANN  
COULTER DOLL**



Alias(es): REDSHIRT FRESHMAN

Occupation: NON CONFORMIST

Modus Operandi: PHOTOGRAPHY

Race: -ISTANCE

Last Seen: EPIIC, BORED

Years on file: 1

Reward: RETIMAN'S FEATHER BOA

FILE TYPE: SKETCHY OLD GUY

**LICHTER,  
ROBERT L.**

WASN'T ABORTED  
BELIEVES IN LAFFER CURVE  
OWNS GUN, WILL FIRE  
STARTS WARS FOR OIL

**WARNING: BELIEVED  
BY SOME TO HAVE  
MORALS**

Alias(es): TRICKY LICH

Occupation: ENGINEERD

Modus Operandi: PG. 9

Race: EUROPEAN MUTT

Last Seen: AIDING HOMELAND SECURITY

Years on file: 4

Reward: GRUMBLE CAKES

Alias(es): P

Occupation:

Modus Operandi

Race: ARYAN

Last Seen: ON

Years on file: 2

Reward: HIS A

**AT RISK  
SOCIAL  
TR**

Bias

FILE 1

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NIC**

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IDLES  
POSSIB  
ENRON-

# SECRET DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM THE BIAS RESPONSE TEAM

# THE BRT FILES

## CONSERVATISM IS OUT THERE

Alias(es): XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 Occupation: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 Modus Operandi: XXXXXXXXXXXX  
 Race: XXXXX

Bias Response PC Violation Database - **CLASSIFIED**  
 FILE TYPE: GUN-TOTING EXTREMIST

BOYD, NICHOLAS J.  
 BABIES, CLUBS SEALS  
 SUV EXCESSIVELY  
 LY ARMED  
 STYLE TEXAN



K: UN, EUROWIMPS,  
 LISTS, FEMINAZIS,  
 EEE HUGGERS

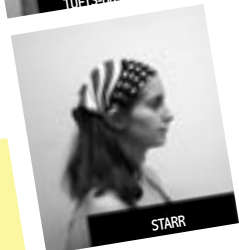
INIE THE SWEDISH FISH  
 GROUP OF SIX SHOOTERS PRESIDENT  
 di: PERSONAL WEBSITE  
 FOX NEWS, DOING THE WEATHER  
 AMMO & SWEDISH CASH MONEY

Bias Response PC Violation Database - **CLASSIFIED**  
 FILE TYPE: LIBERTARIAN REBEL

STARR, JORDANA S.

TCUJ CORRUPTION  
 POLITICAL INCORRECTNESS  
 PATRIOTISM  
 HATRED OF THE FRENCH

**FRENCH STUDENTS:  
 APPROACH WITH  
 EXTREME CAUTION**



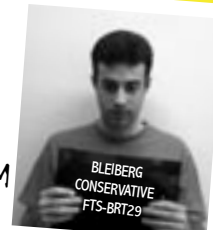
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 Occupation: CANNON PAINTER & OPERATOR  
 Modus Operandi: TCU INFILTRATION  
 Race: -Y  
 Last Seen: DOWLING, HARASSING ADMINISTRATORS  
 Years on file: 2  
 Reward: HER POCKET CONSTITUTION & TCUJ SEAT

Bias R

Bias Response PC Violation Database - **CLASSIFIED**  
 FILE TYPE: EVIL REPUBLICAN

BLEIBERG, STEVEN J.

COMPASSIONATE CONSERVATISM  
 BELIEVES DRUDGE  
 THINKS







# THE SOURCE APPRECIATES DIVERSITY

BERETTA

**.357**

REMINGTON

SPRINGFIELD

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# A Little Bias with your BA

by Talia Alexander

**A** bias incident at Tufts is a special kind of crime. The perpetrator has not only infringed on the fairly typical norms of the Tufts community, but has also dared to express ideas and opinions that the University considers inappropriate. This is not criminal behavior on the part of the student who commits the act of bias; rather it is the University imposing its ethical standards on students.

The Bias Intervention Program is the University organ that responds to any "incidents of bias or discrimination with respect to race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, ethnic or national origin and age" according to the 2003-2004 *Pachyderm*. The Bias Intervention Program consists of peer educators that run mandatory hall meetings in the wake of Tufts-defined bias incidents and the Bias Response Team, which consists of a supporting staff of administrators and TCU senators. The Program is funded from the Diversity Office.

After reading the *Pachyderm*'s definition of a bias incident, one would expect the Bias Intervention Program to have raided Bendetson Hall and cleaned out every member of the admissions staff for the artificial racial breakdown of the class of 2007 and sent Yolanda King packing for the way she selects RAs. Instead, the Bias Intervention Program focuses on scribbles on white boards, washing machines, and the occasional shouted epithet.

The Bias Intervention Program makes several assumptions that are not accurate. First, it assumes that bias is a problem in need of a solution. Second, it assumes that bias is automatically present when a racist or homophobic comment is writ-

ten or spoken. Third, it assumes that the biases expressed by Tufts students are its responsibility, and by extension, the responsibility of the administration, from whom the Bias Intervention Program draws funds and staff.

**A student has the right to hate black people, homosexuals, Jews, or women with red hair for no good reason.**

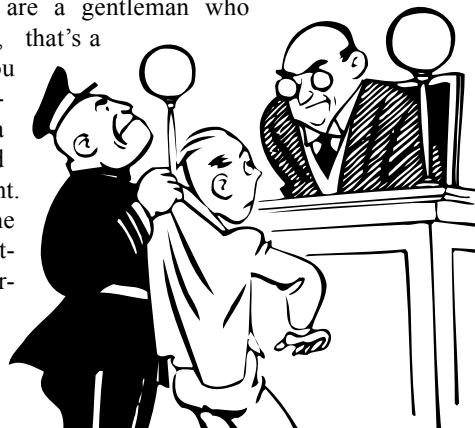
others. In the co-opted sense of the word that the Bias Intervention Program uses, bias is an indicated or apparent prejudice against anyone for pretty much any reason other than University-endorsed ideas. Although such prejudice is often morally reprehensible, such ideas are everywhere. You only have to turn on BET or MTV in order to be regaled with misogynist images. Why doesn't the University ban the viewing of "inappropriate" television programs or films on campus? Every decision we make reflects some sort of bias. If you choose pizza over the chicken at Dewick because you don't like chicken, you've just committed an act of bias. If the University decides this is unacceptable prejudice and starts "responding" to meal-related acts of bias, you've got trouble. If you are a gentleman who prefers blondes, that's a bias, and if you turn down a brunette in favor of a blonde, that could be a bias incident. By declaring some biases unacceptable, the University reserves the power to take away from your freedom of thought.

The second false assumption the Bias Intervention Program makes is that a racist or misogynist comment necessarily comes from a racist or misogynist. Comments can be uttered in anger, jest, for shock value, or as endearments, among many others. To yell "f\*\*\*ing f\*g\*t" at your malfunctioning computer is not very different from calling it a "f\*\*\*ing a\*\*hole." Yet for the Bias Intervention Team the first is a bias incident and the second is not. They are both invectives aimed at an inanimate object in anger. Even if we don't like what a person says, he is entitled to verbally express his anger in his own way.

Finally, the administration, through the tool of the Bias Intervention Program, assumes that the biases expressed by Tufts students somehow come under its purview and should be prevented. A student has the right to hate black people, homosexuals, Jews, or women with red hair for no good reason. That same student also has the right to express those thoughts publicly in any way that is not harassment or incitement to violence. For the administration to get in the way of the free exchange of ideas, even those ideas it finds reprehensible, inhibits Tufts' goal of fostering intellectual growth among its students.

Verbal and written commentary can be upsetting and painful. For a closeted homosexual to come home and find an authorless scrawling on his whiteboard stating that he is gay could be frightening and emotionally unsettling. The perpetrator could be culpable of harassment, if he could reasonably know that the resident was a closeted homosexual and such an inscription would cause emotional angst. The punishment should be for harassment, not the ideas the University finds reprehensible.

The Bias Intervention Program makes a reasonable attempt at making the University a more polite and friendly place. Unfortunately, in the process the Bias Intervention Program ends up crippling the free exchange of ideas and replacing them with its own value system. Tufts should focus on education rather than indoctrination. ■



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*Tufts administrators respond to controversies.*

# Demanding Accountability

conducted by Jordana Starr

**W**as Sex on the Hill intended to shock more than it was to inform? Is the Bias Intervention Program inherently biased? And where does the role of the administrator fit in to all of this? THE PRIMARY SOURCE interviewed President Bacow, Dean Reitman, and OSA director Jodie Nealley who posed answers to these, and other compelling questions in the light of recent campus controversies.

Note: Interviews conducted separately:

**THE PRIMARY SOURCE: Where do you believe the line should be drawn between that which constitutes free speech, and that which constitutes obscenity?**

Nealley: Discretion is hard to describe. My judgment is based wide range of tolerance but I draw the line at extremes on either end.

Reitman: "Pornography" is probably a better word to use than obscenity, which falls under free speech. We don't try to regulate that.

Bacow: We would have little need for the First Amendment if not to protect speech that some find offensive. Context is important.

Nealley: Gay specific chalkings on Coming Out Day are up to interpretation. It depends on the context. Words like "fag" and "dyke" are not appropriate.

Reitman: The learning community benefits from controversy from expression of many different points of view, even if some are disdained. The real test is the inevitable white supremacist group who will want to form to talk about issues—this is part of the spectrum of philosophical/political thought.

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Some new conservative groups, like TRA, caused consternation among liberal groups. This is a good thing and prepares students for the world. The University is not a shelter—there are a complexity of issues and clash-

es of values.

Bacow: I think the proper response is not for the university to attempt to ban such speech or

to discipline, but rather to encourage discussion about what constitutes acceptable standards of behavior in a community where people harbor diverse views and sensitivities.

Reitman: The number of times liberal groups and conservative groups have lodged complaints against each other is about equal. I find this good for education—one hopes that it does not create unwelcoming conversation and that it emphasizes civility.

**PS: Is it appropriate that graphic pictures be displayed openly on campus walkways and in high-traffic zones like the campus center?**

Bacow: At times I think some members of our community have used poor judgment in posterage, chalking, as well as in comments in student publications.

Reitman: Most of the time, images used in advertisements aren't meant to be pornographic. I took down posters with the c-word, which falls into the category of pornography because it was used for shock value—I don't think that

should be there. I think it is in poor taste. Good judgment should be used.

Nealley: I don't mind the chalkings being visible for tours. They can shock people into dialogue, so the issues don't remain invisible.

Reitman: There is a place on this campus for just about everything, but not necessarily in the face of people who find them offensive. Art shows in the arena and gallery should never be censored, but some plays on the lawns or courtyard or displays in the campus center lobby should not be there because everyone has to pass through that space and are forced to see something they don't want to. This is parallel to sexual harassment in a workplace because it creates a hostile environment where people have to sit and stare at something offensive.

**PS: Should the University have sponsored partisan events (such as ResLife bringing sex toys to a freshman dorm and the Women's Center co-sponsoring Vulvapalooza)?**

Reitman: Yes, it's appropriate because these are educational programs. For things like health, sexuality, and STD prevention, it is appropriate for Health Services and the Women's Center to be involved.

Bacow: Our responsibility to educate extends to a variety of topics including health, and yes, safe sex practices.

Nealley: The OSA may sponsor things that are college-wide, like the Naked Quad Run. Having a sex fair in the lobby is not co-sponsoring. Any recognized organization can use the lobby. My policy is to be fair and consistent, and everything with the sex fair followed that policy.

Reitman: I prefer to keep controversial things in rooms, like a program against affirmative action or quotas, but I do believe in people being exposed to things not normally part of their experience. They're not forced to stay in that space, and groups may not use a bullhorn to create a hostile environment.

Bacow: I think the University should use a light touch in trying to regulate or restrict



President Lawrence Bacow



student driven activities except where they violate the law or put people at risk.

Reitman: I did have questions about the advertising for these events. Some people don't wish to see it because their choice is abstinence—especially for religious purposes. It is always fair to include abstinence and not make people who choose it to feel old-fashioned. We have an obligation to pay more attention to it. Centers and health groups should be resources for everyone on campus.

Bacow: I would have absolutely no problem with an Abstinence on the Hill program and I doubt that any other administrator would either.

Reitman: If [the sex toy display] was in a closed lounge and the program was announced ahead of time then that's okay, but if it was in an open space that people must walk through to get to their rooms then it showed poor judgment. No one should be forced to walk through a display.

**PS: How do you feel the Bias Intervention Program impacts campus life?**

Nealley: Publishing a list of bias incidents and mandatory dorm meetings are ways to try to accomplish its mission. A lot of people don't know that these take place and have never experienced bias—we need to expose them to things that have happened.

Bacow: I think publishing a report on incidents of bias is important. One can only understand such trends (and hope to educate others) by publishing data.

Reitman: I'm not sure that it's a realistic goal to eliminate bias, and I don't think we have. Programs like this can be effective because they raise awareness for people who have not thought about these things before. I'm not sure that publishing a list of hate crimes is beneficial to this goal.

Nealley: Words are powerful. Underrepresented groups will "take back" a word, turning something derogatory into a source for empowerment. Groups can talk derogatorily to each other about each other and its not

hurtful. It has to do with context and intent, and is a matter of interpretation.

Bacow: While I clearly self-identify as a Jew, I have a very different reaction if someone comes up to me and calls out, "Hey Jew." Similarly, while we have a mezuzah on our door, I would take great offense if someone else would write "Jew" on our door. "Labeling" someone or calling them out because of their identity, especially if they are part of a minority group, is almost always offensive and usually intended as such.

Reitman: Certain words have been reclaimed, for example, queer, but can also be used as bias. Words are funny things, which is why I was troubled by the reclamation of that word for V-day—is that a bias incident? It's hard to tell. It depends on knowing intent, and we don't always know.

Nealley: "Fighting words" like "I love all Nazis" is offensive, unlike, "I love all Germans." I think of terms like "right-wing fascist" as a joke, and I wouldn't be offended since they're such generalizations. "White trash" can be considered hurtful because it's classist.

Reitman: Words and phrases that wound people may not be a bias incident because they are not attacking by group identification. They are still hateful, and may be called defamation, assault, or graffiti. The government defines certain groups as protected because of their status in society. "White trash" is bias because it refers to race or ethnic origin. Venomous political speech is accepted but conservatives

can be defamed, be victims of slander and assault, and although not a bias incident such words can be a crime. Protections do not go away.

**PS: What are your views concerning promoting ideological diversity as inclusive within Tufts' overall mission?**

Reitman: Our anti-discriminatory policy is based on what the business world and educational world have historically discriminated around. There's an equal representation of conservatives and liberals in government—is this educational environment inclusive of all ideologies? Academia is generally seen as a bastion of liberal thought but the pendulum swings back and forth.

Bacow: As I said when I invited former President Bush to speak on our campus last year, a great university embraces diversity in every possible dimension.

Nealley: Tufts' mission is educational, including ideological.

We are preparing students for living in the 21st century—a century of diversity in every kind of way. You learn at college how to have dialogue with people you disagree with.

Reitman: There is more conservative thought today than ten years ago. It was not until the sixties that schools became active centers for liberal thought. Today, THE PRIMARY SOURCE is not the only place for conservative expression; I have seen it in both campus dialogue and in the *Daily*. The campus has a need to welcome all points of view to promote better dialogue and discussion.

**PS: Finally, what do you consider to be your personal ideological standpoint?**

Bacow: I would describe myself as politically moderate. Having said this, I am often struck by the fact that while on college campuses I sometimes feel conservative relative to others and in the body politic I am clearly liberal relative to most.

Nealley: Professionally, I'm neutral and exercise authority fairly and consistently. Personally, I classify myself as a moderate with libertarian tendencies.

Reitman: I'm registered as an Independent. I consider myself a moderate in the way I think about things. I do not support candidates by their party, but by their merits. I don't believe in labels—these days, the distinctions are more gray and blurred than when your parents were in college. Is this synonymous with being open-minded? I would like to believe so!



**OSA Director Jodie Nealley**



**Dean Bruce Reitman**

*You ain't seen marginalized until you've seen Tufts conservatives.*

# Hypocrisy on the Hill

by Nicholas Boyd

**T**olerance, diversity, dissent: These are the closely-held principles liberals, by self-proclamation, value. One would think, then, they would have seized upon the opportunity created by the recent sex fair controversy to demonstrate that their inborn high regard for diversity does indeed extend to conservatives. Not so.

Instead of prompting these alleged hallmarks of liberalism, conservative discomfort with the content and sponsorship of the sex fair produced nothing but

a slew of knee-jerk assaults delivered in the form of poorly supported *Daily Viewpoints*, a defiant University media statement, and a misguided student backlash.

A seemingly condescending Bruce Reitman acknowledged, in the *Daily*, campus conservatives' cunning strategizing in sending out a press release, thereby making it abundantly clear that he, and by extension the administration, wished a different course of action had been pursued. Conservatives wish a different course of action *could have* been pursued. If they had the slightest confidence the administration truly cared about their concerns, there would have been no need for the press release.

This was not merely a case of prudish paranoia. Tufts conservatives are tired of being mistreated by the administration. In the Dean of Student's own words, this was merely "liberal versus conservative" campus politics. Okay, except the University took sides by sponsoring the event in question. Except in any other instance it would have

been a bias incident. Except a lot of things that don't matter because the only people complaining about them are conservatives. Imagine blacks at Tufts

having to resort to the outside media to voice their concerns, and then essentially being scolded by the University for daring to speak out. This kind of University response would have generated rallies, petitions, and sit-ins—eventually, a University apology as well.

This hypocrisy was not unique to the sex fair—it pervades Tufts. When gays object to offensive sexual references, they are a "targeted minority." When conservatives object to offensive sexual references, they are prudes. When feminists complain about women being excluded, they are closing the "gender gap." When conservative women complain about being excluded, they are told it is precisely because they are conservative. When liberals want to stop the spread of diseases by emphasizing "safe sex," it is commendable. When conservatives want to stop the spread of diseases and promote healthy relationships by emphasizing marriage, it is deplorable. When the University discriminates on the basis of race, it is "helping society." When conservatives voice

opposition to discriminating on the basis of race, they are racists. The list could honestly fill this magazine.

While conservatism has probably always been a tough sell at Tufts, it is disconcerting to now see irrational fear and loathing affect personal, individual relationships between students. In the Tufts conservative community, stories of childish, unwarranted treatment by liberal friends and acquaintances abound like never before. In the aftermath of the sex fair controversy alone, they have ranged from derisive shouts and assumptions of universal ill will among Republicans, to more substantial manifestations of treachery that include officially terminated friendships and individuals forced out of housing arrangements.

It is thus unfortunately evident that liberals are now embracing diversity in their personal relationships the same way they have in their politics for all too long: looking different is okay (if not even preferred), but thinking differently is not.

It's hard to tell whether liberals' obsession with outward appearances speaks to their shallow minds or a true abhorrence for differences of opinion. History would suggest both, as would the contempt with which liberals continue to treat non-conformist minorities.

Imagine for a moment what this University would be like if liberals were all they profess to be. The *Daily* would ask conservatives to write viewpoints because they valued their opinions, not just the white space these would fill. The University would address the concerns of conservative students with more than just snide remarks and lopsided forums. Tufts students would appreciate the diversity of thought conservatives provide this otherwise ideologically homogenous campus.

Instead, the administration has once again disappointed the only truly marginalized Tufts minority, and a number

of students have disgraced themselves with immature, intolerant behavior that has no place at this institution. The message to conservatives is "we don't like you and we don't respect you," leaving us with little to do

but soldier on with our efforts to improve Tufts in any way that we can, all the while staring in awe at its blatant hypocrisy. ■

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**Why don't we see more of this at Tufts?!**

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*Diversifying Tufts one policy at a time.*

# Diversity Squadron

by Andrew Sinatra

**O**n Wednesday, March 3, an open forum was held in the Lincoln-Filene center by the oversight panel of the Task Force on Race. The Task Force on Race was created in 1996 to deal with problems at Tufts concerning race and diversity. Since then, the Task Force has made notable changes on campus. These accomplishments include the creation of the many culture houses, new cultural majors such as the Latino studies program, and also the construction of guidelines for the admissions office on how

to diversify the student body. The purpose of Wednesday's forum was for the committee to get feedback from students. While the Task Force's aim of "promoting diversity" seems innocent enough, achieving this goal could result in unappealing policies that further constrain the lives of students on campus.

Culture houses were one of the main issues brought up at this forum. Many people said that the culture houses are an important safe haven for minority students on campus who need a place to be around others like themselves. However, others also voiced concerns that culture houses inadvertently segregate sections of the student body and discourage residents from mingling with students of other backgrounds. A big issue regarding the culture houses that arose was the problem of encouraging all members of the student body to visit the houses. Suggestions made at the forum included a mandatory tour of each culture house during orientation. This type of mandatory indoctrination is both dan-

gerous and ineffectual. Orientation week is already too crowded by assemblies and meetings. The last thing students want are more mandatory obligations during a time when they are trying to get comfortable with their new environment. The University should never impose its ideology on students during what is normally their free time. Doing so only results in the Tufts administration dictating how everyone on campus should think and behave.

Another issue discussed at the forum was that of racial sensitivity on campus. Some felt that both students and teachers on campus lack the skills needed to deal with issues of race.

Some people also felt that professors on campus were unconsciously biased towards students of minority groups. All these concerns are valid. Plenty of students on campus simply lack experience with people different from themselves. However, there is nothing that the Task Force on Race can do about this. Aside from educating professors on how to fairly treat students (which should not even be necessary), Tufts should not implement any policies requiring students to behave a certain way on issues concerning

race. While it is true that many students are uneducated about racial issues, the whole point of having a diverse community is for students to learn to work with different people. Promoting a diverse community and then being surprised when people don't automatically know how to relate to one another is silly.

The curriculum was another subject mentioned during the forum. Students pointed out the improvements that have been made to cultural majors, such as the Latino studies program, but also voiced that more needs to be done. Some students also felt that there are not enough advisors who match their particular background and have trouble relating to the staff on hand. While there is nothing wrong with a diverse faculty, the racial background of a professor should not matter in academic advising.

The oversight panel for the Task Force on Race will have more open forums as the semester continues. The committee will only be able to make improvements if they consider views more representative of the entire campus. Most people in attendance at the forum are those who hold strong, yet polarized, views on race. Thus, these forums may give more weight to the opinions of a minority of students, which will provide administrators a skewed view of student opinion. It is also worrying that these forums will lead to more useless requirements for students to live with.

If the Task Force on Race decides to spread diversity by imposing it on people, they are defeating themselves. If diversity is the main goal, then why is diversity of ideas and opinions so blatantly ignored in the equation? While these open forums are a good start and the only practical way to collect student input, they should by no means be taken as the final word on the feelings of the student body or be

used to infringe upon the personal lives of students.

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**Be sensitive, or else!**

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*Instability in Haiti—didn't Clinton solve that problem?*

# Haiti-ng On Political Instability

by Christian Miller

**T**rudging through US news to find meaningful coverage on issues other than John Kerry's press campaign or criticism of US foreign policy is a Herculean task. Consider the recent insurrections that led to a reduced term and hasty departure by Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Aside from acknowledging that there has been political unrest in Haiti, discussion has mostly been limited to how John Kerry could have handled US involvement better, or conspiracies about the US whisking Aristide off to political impotency in order to secure US sugar, coffee, and spiny lobster concessions. Unfortunately, the lack of serious deliberation has shortchanged many Americans with respect to understanding the complexities of Haiti's current situation.

Haiti had been a hotspot of turmoil for the past 60 years, but finally broke a string of military dictatorships in the mid-1980s when military leader Jean-Claude Duvalier was ousted and a popularly voted constitution was established. It was not until Jean-Bertrand Aristide won the presidency in 1990, however, that Haiti was able to enter the world stage as a fledgling democratic state. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former priest from an impoverished background, was expected to introduce reform in a country that still ailed from the classic symptom of Third World countries, lopsided distribution of wealth and resources. However, the momentum of reform was insufficient to maintain political order, because shortly thereafter another mili-

tary coup forced Aristide to abstain from his five-year term. In 1994, under international protection, he returned to Haiti to rule for his remaining year, and then peacefully stepped down from the presidency in 1995, allowing Rene Reval to take his place.

The roots of the recent movement to depose Aristide can be traced to Haiti's 2000

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elections, in which the opposition party cried foul and abstained from the elections allowing Aristide to win his second term by an overwhelmingly majority. After reassuming the presidency, the opposition and Aristide failed to reconcile their differences and organize a single, legitimate governing body. Consequently, in the span of four years, Aristide had little to show for his promise to revamp the country's economy and improve conditions for the large population living in entrenched poverty. Additionally, Beaudoin Ketant, a former Aristide confidante who is now in the custody of the DEA for drug trafficking, has alleged that Aristide—now a multi-millionaire—controls the narcotics trafficking through Haitian borders. If the accusations are true, the one-time champion of the Haiti's poor is no longer the respectable, capable leader that won Haiti's first democratic election in 1990.

A major concern amongst not only Haitians, but the international community as well, is what Aristide's exile portends for the future of democracy in the country. Allowing Haitians to become accustomed to the power of force over the power of the vote in removing unpopular leaders sets a poor precedent with which

to guide the population. On the flip side, a president who has proven himself incompetent at governing the nation, condones the use of violence in maintaining control and order, and has been implicated in trafficking narcotics creates valid grounds for seeking his immediate removal, albeit preferably by a legal route. Along that line of reasoning, justification for the methods used by members of the uprising can only be derived from the following: how widespread the support for Aristide's removal was, how committed to democracy the opposition leaders are, and whether Aristide is guilty of racketeering. For current Haitian leaders to reconvene a legitimate government, all three of these questions must be satisfactorily answered under the scrutiny of the rest of the democratic world.

In predictable fashion, Democrats across the US have established what should have been the "appropriate" method to handling Haiti by observing White House policy towards the country and declaring the exact opposite to be the "correct" approach. Whereas invading Iraq was wrong because the Bush administration sent in troops, by playing a version of reverse Simon Says with the administration, Democratic nominee John Kerry "reasoned" that troops should have been sent to Haiti, unilaterally if necessary. In fact, Bush made a commendable decision in not ordering troops to place their lives on the line for a presidency that has been tainted with accusations of corruption. Defending Aristide would be analogous to ordering US troops to protect Saddam Hussein from rebelling Iraqis. Preserving Aristide's regime is not worth the life of one American soldier.

Now that events in Haiti have unraveled, hopefully America and the international community will remain committed to developing democracy, stability and a strong economy in Haiti for the obvious reason that a stable neighboring state translates into strong and prosperous international relations. ■



**Haitians protest President Aristide.**

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*Anti-smoking activists target the little guy.*

# Call for Philip Morris

by Alex Allen

**D**epending on where you live, you can expect for the increasingly popular anti-smoking trend to be coming soon to a town near you. Of course, most Jumbos have noticed the smoking ban now effective in all bars and restaurants in Boston and many of its suburbs. This type of ban, already implemented in other large American cities such as Los Angeles and New York, is spreading across the country.

The anti-smoking ban provides another line of attack for those clamoring for the death of big tobacco. Often under the guise of providing food service workers with a clean workplace free from tobacco smoke, supporters of such bans have normally sought sponsorship from city officials. These officials have, in turn, badgered the city council as well as the public to support the ban and implement it as soon as possible. The smoking ban, an excellent example of an utterly absurd liberal cause hell-bent on controlling the lives and choices of American consumers and businesses, is sweeping the nation's cities. Anyone with a nose for zealous liberal invective can see the foolishness inherent in its existence.

To understand the ridiculous nature of the smoking ban, one must first understand what it entails. A smoking ordinance prohibits smoking by customers or employees in any part of a restaurant, bar or any other such business. The business owner has no choice as to whether he or she can maintain a smoking section or allow the customers access to a special smoking lounge. In-

stead, the city is forcing the owner to adopt the no-smoking policy with no regard to consumer demand. Although secondhand cigarette smoke is bothersome to a significant portion of the population, a widespread

smoking ban is tyrannical.

Viewing this issue as a "health vs. freedom" debate seems a bit silly, but both sides of the debate make their perspectives clear. Those that favor the smoking ban claim

that workplace smoke exposure is unfair to employees. They compare secondhand smoke inhalation to throwing a toaster in a bathtub. Secondhand smoke can certainly have negative effects on one's health. What doesn't add up, however, is the rationale behind an absolute smoking ban. Those who fight such bans believe that they are fighting for the freedom of business owners to decide whether smoking should be allowed in their establishment and for the protection of consumer rights. Thus, just like so many other hare-brained schemes cooked up by liberals with too much time on their hands, the smoking ban is another attempt to impose their ideology on the entire society.

Granted, being around smoke for an extended period of time can be annoying and unhealthy. This, however, has always come with the territory for food-service workers. Many

people have avoided working in bars and restaurants with smoking sections because they are sensitive to cigarette smoke. In addition, the vast majority of bars and restaurants that allowed smoking were equipped with excellent ventilation systems and fans. If someone wanted to work in a bar without constantly inhaling cigarette smoke, he or she had the option of working in either a non-smoking restaurant or a bar that maintained a low level of ambient smoke.

Managing a business is not an easy task, especially with the onslaught of rules and regulations in effect today. Owners should be able to design their businesses to their choosing. Having the option to permit their patrons to smoke allows bar and restaurant entrepreneurs to maximize their probability of succeeding. For the city government to interfere with this business decision is economically unsound. Anyone has the option of opening a smoke-free bar or restaurant. If business owners feel that a sufficient niche for such an establishment does not exist, then they should not be forced to run that kind of business. Smoking bans only weaken the control entrepreneurs have over their investments, thus reducing the incentive to invest in local businesses like bars and restaurants.

The thought of providing a clean, smoke-free working environment for one's employees is a legitimate goal. The problem lies in the means to attain such ends. Whenever a disgruntled liberal drums up a cause such as the smoking ban, the public should be quite skeptical of what his or her goals are. One should keep in mind the deep-seated hatred liberals harbor towards big business. Tobacco companies are easy targets for liberals to vilify. By banning smoking in the most popular smoking areas—namely, bars—anti-tobacco crusaders win a victory in their fight against corporations. When considering the validity of a smoking ban, keep in mind that those who propose such bans have their own agendas independent of the issue at hand. ■

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***"Prosperity is not enough. Conservatism must be the creed of hope."***

***—George W. Bush***

# Compassionate Conservatism

by Steve Bleiberg

In the 2000 election, President Bush campaigned as a proponent of compassionate conservatism. At the time, many political commentators considered the expression to be either words devoid of meaning or a way for Bush to signal that he was a moderate. Even today, the phrase compassionate conservatism is still referred to as an

empty slogan by people from across the political spectrum. They are mistaken. Compassionate conservatism is a political philosophy concerned with fighting poverty and espouses freedom and personal responsibility.

Compassionate conservatives are believers in the power of the free enterprise system. They do not support big government programs that simply throw money at a problem. Government spending often feeds bureaucracies that are incapable of effectively tackling complicated issues. Increasing the budget of a failed school will not magically make students learn. Similarly, by giving money to poor families without emphasizing the importance of work and the ability of an individual to succeed, governments create a culture of dependency. This dependency holds back the intended beneficiaries of aid programs.

According to compassionate conservatism, government's role in aiding the underprivileged is to help them to obtain skills and opportunities to create their own wealth. Liberals argue for the redistribution of wealth and claim that it is fair for money to be taken from the rich and given to the poor. This static view of rich and poor ignores the fact that wealth can be (and is) made. The redistribution approach keeps the poor in poverty. Compassionate conservatives reject this gloomy perspective and believe that poor people are capable of taking control of their own lives. If

poor people are taught that they can succeed and are given the opportunity to build up an equity stake in some assets, then they will be able to pull themselves out of poverty. Many liberals, on the other hand, seem to be quite content to subsidize a helpless "underclass" and go to bed in their expensive homes at night with smiles on their faces.

Compassionate conservatives recognize that competition in the marketplace is the most dependable way to produce value. When governments obtain monopolies in providing services, incentives to perform are often eliminated, leading to a wasteful and inefficient bureaucracy. One clear example of this problem is the public education system where many students are not learning basic reading and math skills. Often, students are trapped in failing schools and have no other alternatives. The lack of competition and the inadequate performance evaluation of teachers make the challenge of reforming public education especially difficult.

Compassionate conservatism is not just some theory in a Washington think tank. Compassionate conservative programs have been enacted across the country. One of the most successful compassionate conservative politicians is Stephen Goldsmith, Mayor of Indianapolis from 1992 through 1999. Mayor Goldsmith opened many government-run services, such as street repair, to competition. Goldsmith's major initiative as mayor was the creation of the Front Porch Alliance, which worked with faith-based and other civic organizations to develop partnerships for neighborhood action. Goldsmith used the FPA to help neutralize the government bureaucracies that have often

kept community leaders from improving their neighborhoods. Although Stephen Goldsmith is Jewish, he embraced local Christian organizations and came to the conclusion that "in many of our most troubled neighborhoods, the most important asset is the church." Goldsmith worked with religious leaders of all backgrounds to improve their communities. Under Goldsmith, the Front Porch Alliance introduced many congregations to a world of funding, social services, and potential partners that most knew nothing about. This idea of a "front porch alliance" has spread to other parts of the country. Florida Governor Jeb Bush has followed Goldsmith's lead by creating Front Porch Florida.

President Bush has worked to promote compassionate conservatism on a federal level. The President has pushed for school choice. The No Child Left Behind Act authorized some federal aid for state-run school voucher programs. In January, President Bush and D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams obtained Congressional approval for a school voucher program in the District of Columbia. The program will start on a small scale. At least 1,700 low-income District children will be able to participate, each receiving grants of up to \$7,500 to attend private schools. Upon approval of the program, Education Secretary Rod Paige said, "I want to see every school system freed of these monopolistic requirements... It prevents innovation, dulls performance. Monopoly is simply the wrong policy for education, just as it is with every other business or endeavor. History has proven time and time again that

monopolies don't work. In education, year after year of isolation from any alternative thinking creates an educational funk that frustrates needed change." Paige described vouchers as an issue of "social justice."

Compassionate conservatism is about respecting individuals and harnessing the power of the marketplace to improve people's lives. Creating a culture of depen-

dependency is not a way to help others. As Steve Goldsmith says, "If we give individuals the education and other tools they need for success, allow them to control their own dollars, and help them enter the mainstream of American life through facilitating the ownership of stocks and homes, then we will succeed in producing a country that is even more prosperous, more civilized, and more prepared for the future." ■

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**That's my Bush!**

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# CONSERVATIVE RESOURCES

Your professors work hard to provide you with all the latest teachings in communism (socialism on their more objective days). When it comes to understanding conservatism, however, they draw blanks, and would prefer that you did as well. Below are some resources for the information-starved, intellectually-challenged student seeking an education, not indoctrination.

## SCHOLARLY BOOKS



*The Conscience of a Conservative* by Barry Goldwater ★ *Free to Choose* by Milton Friedman ★ *The Road to Serfdom* by Friedrich Hayek ★ *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand ★ *God and Man at Yale* by William Buckley ★ *The Vision of the Anointed* by Thomas Sowell ★ *Compassionate Conservatism* by Marvin Olasky ★ *Reagan, In His Own Hand* by Ronald Reagan ★ *Neoconservatism* by Irving Kristol ★ *The War Against The Terror Masters* by Michael Ledeen ★ *A Dangerous Place* by Daniel Patrick Moynihan ★ *A National Party No More* by Zell Miller ★ *I Led Three Lives* by Herbert Philbrick ★ *Is Tomorrow Hitler's?* by H.R. Knickerbocker

## THINK TANKS

American Enterprise Institute  
Cato Institute  
Heritage Foundation  
Manhattan Institute

<http://www.aei.org>  
<http://www.cato.org>  
<http://www.heritage.org>  
<http://www.manhattaninstitute.org>

## COMMENTARY

The American Enterprise  
Andrew Sullivan  
City Journal  
Human Events Online  
Instapundit  
Jewish World Review  
National Review Online  
TechCentralStation  
Townhall  
The Weekly Standard

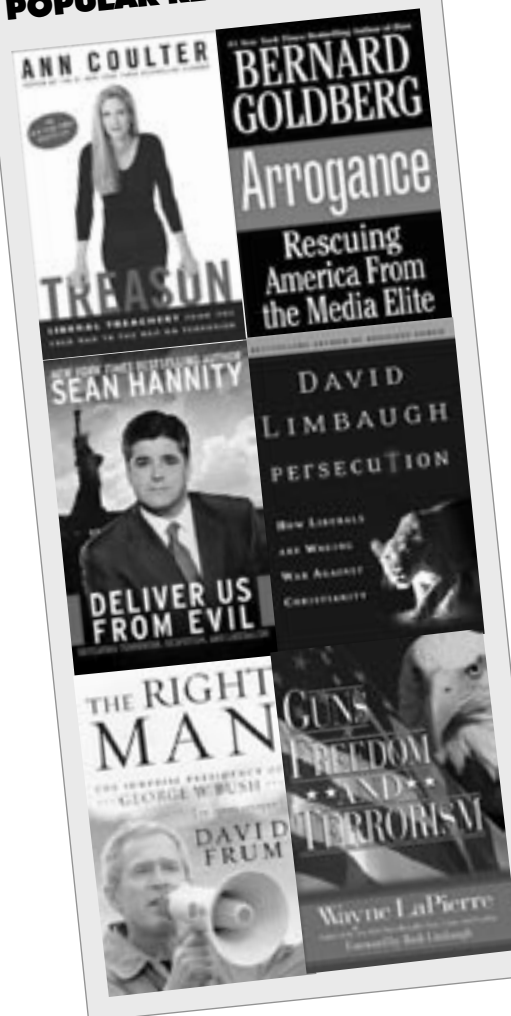
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<http://www.cityjournal.org>  
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<http://www.jewishworldreview.com>  
<http://www.nationalreview.com>  
<http://www.techcentralstation.com>  
<http://www.townhall.com>  
<http://www.weeklystandard.com>

## ADVOCACY GROUPS

American Civil Rights Institute  
American Conservative Union  
Americans for Tax Reform  
The Club for Growth  
The Federalist Society  
F.I.R.E.  
Friedman Foundation  
Institute for Justice  
Media Research Center  
National Rifle Association

<http://www.acri.org>  
<http://www.conservative.org>  
<http://www.atr.org>  
<http://www.clubforgrowth.org>  
<http://www.fed-soc.org>  
<http://www.thefire.org>  
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<http://www.nra.org>

## POPULAR READING





## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

This event, held by Tufts VOX, was also supported by Health Services and the Women's Center.

—Amy Spindel, LA '04, on Sex on the Hill

Claiming that the University itself sponsored the events and was "promoting such a degraded view of sexuality" was the Tufts Republicans' second grand faux pas in their press release.

—Amy Spindel, LA '04, on Sex on the Hill

There really isn't a happy ending in the *Vagina Monologues* for women who aren't that sexual.

—Caitlin Johnson, '07 *Vagina Monologues* cast member

Abstinence is *probably* the most effective protection.

—Dean of Students Bruce Reitman

The realization that men are people does not come easily...it's a process.

—Amber Madison

Some people are worried about the difference between right and wrong. I'm worried about the difference between wrong and fun.

—P.J. O'Rourke

This [constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman] was a rather extreme and radical proposition... Bush has aligned himself with the majority of Americans...

—Rodrigo de Haro, LA '04

There's nothing I haven't seen, I'm not a prude.

—Larry Bacow, on his experiences with public nudity

I would intervene with the international community, and absent an international force, I'd do it unilaterally.

—John Kerry, on Hati

In the 20th century, no Democratic Presidential administrations have made significant gains with respect to the environment. The vast majority of beneficial environmental legislation has come under Republican Presidents.

—William Moomaw, Fletcher Professor and EPIIC speaker

The US power is in its economy, strength of ideas and education coming out of fine universities like this one. Power does not come from the barrel of a gun... though the barrel of a gun does help a lot.

—Atiq Rahman, Fletcher Professor and EPIIC speaker

He serves his party best who serves his country best.

—Rutherford B. Hayes

A major part of the play's message is that, as a woman, you are your vagina. Call me naive, but I thought one of feminism's basic ideas was that women are not defined by their anatomy.

—Cathy Young

I'm not that worried about if Kerry gets into office. If we can survive eight years of the Clinton administration, we can deal with Kerry.

—Thomas Donnelly, a 2004 EPIIC panelist

I know this is a little bit of propaganda here...

—Daphne Wysham, a 2004 EPIIC panelist

Recession is when your neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours. And recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his.

—Ronald Reagan

A strange and stupid race, the Anglo-Saxon.

—Former Democratic Boston Mayor James Michael Curley

We must face the problems we are facing as we have always faced the problems we have faced.

—Ted Kennedy

If you can put two rounds into the same hole from twenty-five meters, that's gun control!

—Jesse Ventura

There is always a certain meanness in the argument of conservatism, joined with a certain superiority in its fact.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The true conservative is the man who has a real concern for injustices and takes thought against the day of reckoning.

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliance with any portion of the foreign world.

—George Washington

Martyred many times must be  
Who would keep his country free.

—Edna St. Vincent Millay

I recognize the Republican party as the sheet anchor of the colored man's political hopes and the ark of his safety.

—Frederick Douglass

The school is supportive of you. You're brave, and you've done a wonderful thing.

—Dean of Students Bruce Reitman to the cast of the *Vagina Monologues*

It's impossible for white folks to perceive reality.

—Rev. Jesse Jackson

If nothing else comes out of this movie, at least we finally have liberals on record opposing anti-Semitic violence. Perhaps they should broach that topic with their Muslim friends.

—Ann Coulter, on liberals' criticisms of *The Passion of the Christ*

They're for tax cuts and against them. They're for NAFTA and against NAFTA. They're for the Patriot Act and against the Patriot Act. They're in favor of liberating Iraq, and opposed to it. And that's just one senator from Massachusetts.

—President George W. Bush

Those who promise us paradise on Earth never produced anything but a hell.

—Karl Popper

Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.

—Albert Einstein

I would say that I am a dark, insidious force pushing Bush toward war and confrontation...

—Dick Cheney, at the annual Gridiron dinner, on his role in the Bush administration

A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.

—Winston Churchill