

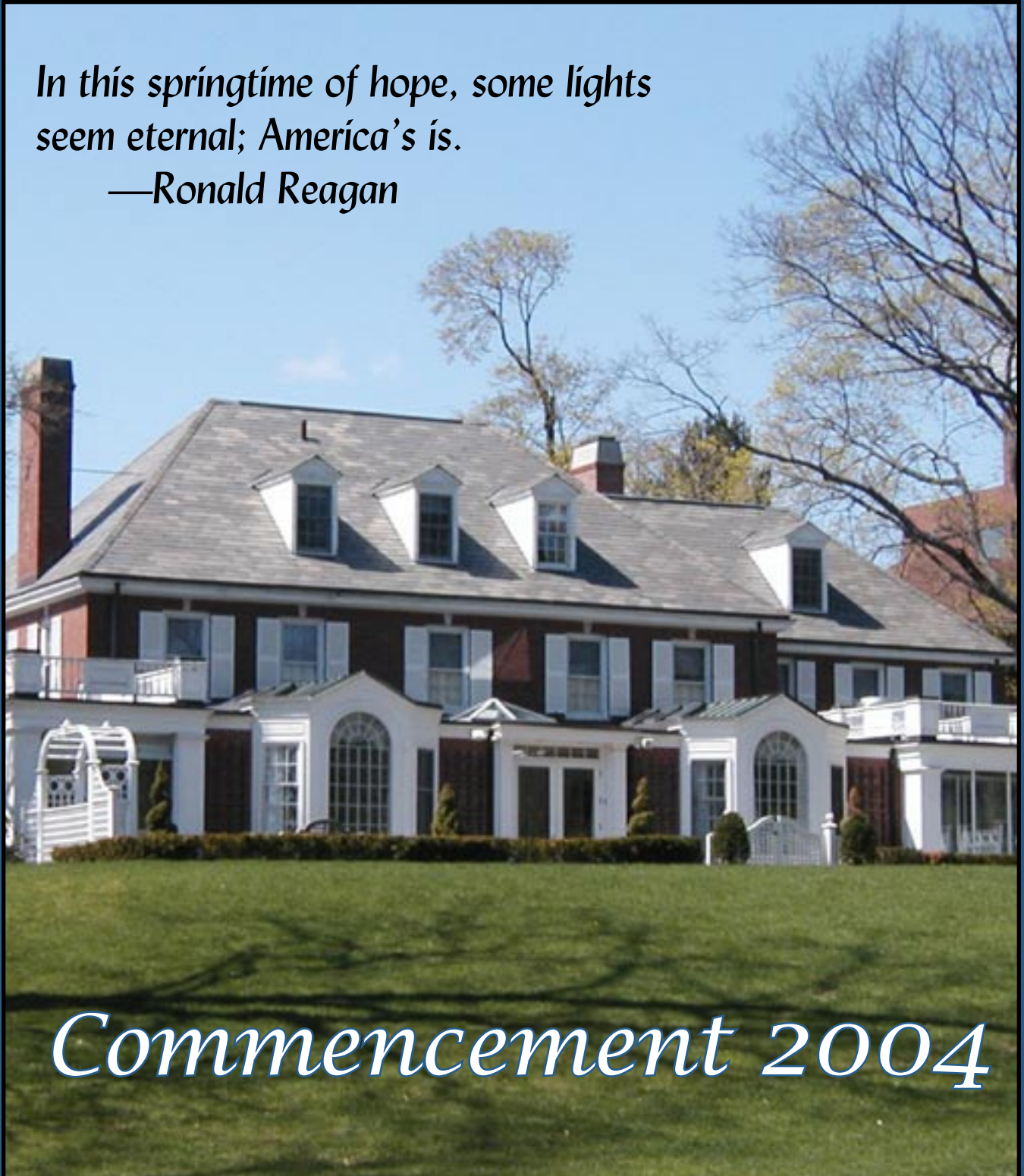


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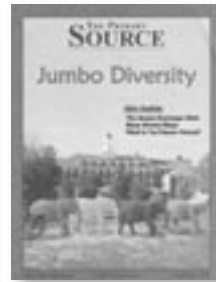
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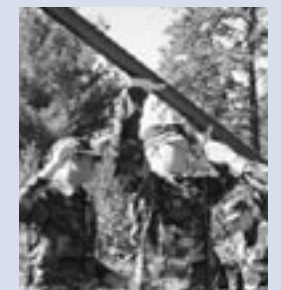
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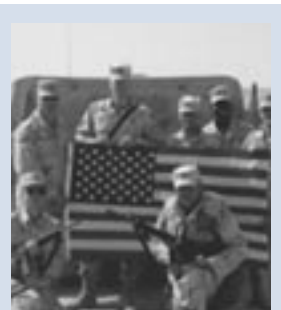
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## From the Hall of Curtis to the Hall of Fame

More than the average college magazine, THE PRIMARY SOURCE has fought for respect on the Tufts campus for 22 years. As a journal of conservative thought, the magazine has often found itself at odds with the liberal leanings of students, faculty, and administrators. Despite this fact, the SOURCE is widely read in the Tufts community and has a reputation for quality unsurpassed among student publications.

Even liberal professors cannot ignore the ideas expressed in this magazine because the SOURCE represents the greatest opposition to their ideology on campus (Tufts has virtually no Left-Right debate at the faculty level). New students pick up their first issue for the notoriously politically incorrect humor, but go on to read the articles as well. By the end of their time at Tufts, few students will miss reading a single issue. The administration reads the SOURCE consistently because it is the best written, most compelling, and well-reasoned magazine on campus—not to mention the fact they are often the topic of discussion.

The staff convenes in a dirty, poorly furnished office all weekend to make a publication that, with the exception of this commencement issue, has little color, no glossy paper, and is often disposed of by janitors before students read it. Students have little incentive to make the SOURCE under these conditions other than their commitment to educational diversity. The University administration would be happy to see the end of this magazine, and they often make their opinion known to the editors. But the SOURCE has persevered nonetheless.

As Editor-in-Chief, it is important to recognize that great things cannot be accomplished alone. Editors Emeriti Rob Lichter and Simon Holroyd contributed immeasurably to the quality of the publication and helped me run the magazine throughout the semester. Both have received diplomas from the School of Engineering, and have behind them an undergraduate record to be proud of. More importantly, they have played an important role in improving undergraduate education

for thousands of Tufts undergrads—spending countless hours and sacrificing their own ambitions to do so.

National Affairs Editor Steve Bleiberg raised the bar of discourse and humor of the magazine. He managed to produce incredibly deep and insightful articles, but still took the time to write hundreds of jokes—a difficult job that often earns too little recognition.

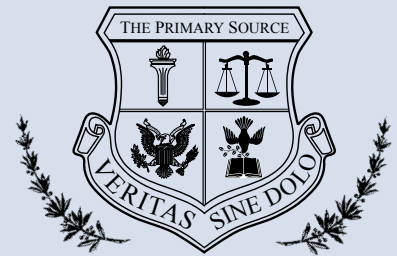
International Affairs Editor Tara Heumann provided a much-needed touch of class and grace. As an amazing student and compassionate person, she will leave a lasting legacy with the publication.

Christian Miller raced through his undergraduate education and will leave the SOURCE after two and a half short, but memorable, years of membership. Christian's strong sense of values and great sense of humor embody what the SOURCE is all about: Truth Without Sorrow.

Alex Levy, the faithful caretaker of TuftsPrimarySource.org, will move on with his career (hopefully not to MoveOn.org). Alex is a top-notch programmer, and the SOURCE sincerely hopes his job will not be outsourced to India.

Talia Alexander found an important niche in this magazine in her struggle to combat political correctness. At a school where racially defined speech codes still exist, Talia was an invaluable ally. Wherever she goes, her peers will benefit from her honesty and advice.

The amazingly talented staff of THE PRIMARY SOURCE knows that its work has an effect on the campus rhetoric. By presenting the oft-ignored opinion in politics and social issues, and by suggesting improvements for the University, THE PRIMARY SOURCE has become more than a second-class magazine at Tufts—it is an institution that will be around for generations to come.

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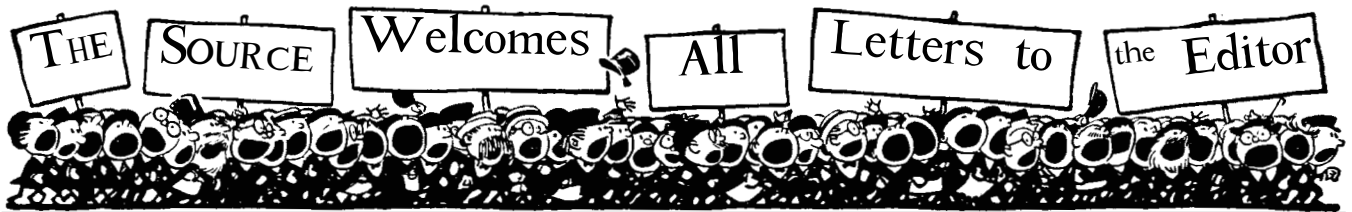
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To the Editor:

I checked out the SOURCE, and I was thrilled to be considered a fair professor. To me, this is one of the most important aspects for someone teaching subject matter that has a tendency to be so emotionally and politically charged. Second, I really enjoyed your article Talia. From my perspective, your basic arguments were right on the money. It is not clear from an economic perspective that the optimal policy is identical requirements for existing firms and substantially modified firms (since costs are indeed lower for updating pollution control equipment on facilities otherwise updating), but clearly the overturned policy had perverse incentives. Good work.

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A growing Palestinian economy would do wonders for the peace process. Thomas Friedman wrote that no two countries with McDonald's have gone to war. If that is the case, then Israel, the United States and the Arab world should help Palestine start its own franchise.

## Convention Craziness

On July 26, the Democratic National Committee will descend on the Fleet Center in Boston in order to officially nominate Senator John Kerry as the Democratic Party's candidate for the 2004 presidential election. The convention, originally budgeted at \$49.5 million dollars with \$10 million being spent on security, has experienced a massive increase in cost with new estimates of \$64.5 million for the convention and \$40 million for security. In addition, security concerns have forced the closing of two major pathways of entering Boston. Both North Station, which lies underneath the Fleet Center, and Interstate 93, which passes near the Fleet Center, will be closed for the length of the Convention. This commuter nightmare, referred to by some as a "secret Republican plan" to make everyone hate the Democrats, will affect hundreds of thousands of people going to work. Under the proposed detour, I-93 travelers will be rerouted through Route 128 in a Woburn interchange that is one of the heaviest traveled and most dangerous in the Boston area. It also seems likely that the completion of the Big Dig, one of Boston's selling points, will not even play a factor in access to the Fleet Center. One possible remedy to the security situation, moving the convention to the soon-to-be completed convention center in South Boston, seems to have been wholly rejected simply because the man who suggested the move was a Republican, Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. In contrast, during the Republican National Convention in New York, Penn Station will remain open despite being located beneath the Madison Square Garden convention site.

In addition to security and traffic concerns, the potential economic benefits of the convention are also important issues. Initial projections estimated a \$150 million benefit to Boston and the state of Massachusetts in increased commerce. Due to the canceling of events including Sail Boston 2004, the US gymnastics trials, and the Reebok Pro Summer League in addition to the loss of business at surrounding bars because of the lack of late summer concerts at Fleet Center and the cost of lost productivity due to extra time spent in gridlock traffic, Boston will be lucky to break even after the convention. Coupled with shortfalls in fundraising goals for the convention, Boston area taxpayers will likely be hit with a very large burden. With the convention only three months away, convention planning officials must evaluate the situation and act appropriately to lessen taxpayer burden and commuter hassles in order to prevent the convention from going from a showcase of what Boston has to offer to an urban experiment gone awry.

## Pohl's Pet Protest

Matt Pohl's recent furious ranting about the Leonard Carmichael Society's blood drive, sponsored by the Red Cross, was a surprise to the Tufts community. Pohl claims the Red Cross is discriminating against him by not allowing men who have sex with men to give blood. The Red Cross stands by its policies, stating that it is only ensuring the health of blood recipients.

This pet-protest of Pohl's is similar to his complaints about Tufts' ROTC policies—in both cases, he claims that he is not allowed to participate in activities which happen to be considered by most Tufts students to be undesirable and uncomfortable. In addition, in the case of the Red Cross, participation is not disallowed because of any factor of one's identity, such as gender or sexual orientation. Participation is not allowed because of specific participation in risky behavior that has been proven to increase rates of disease.

HIV in the gay community is an increasing problem. According to the Center for Disease Control's website, the number of adolescent men who have sex with men who are living with AIDS increased by 66% in only five years: from 94,694 men in 1994 to 143,108 men in 1999.

Last year the recipient of a US blood donation was infected with HIV. This proves that even the current precautions taken with blood donations procedures are not strict enough. One incidence of contraction of HIV through a blood transfusion is one too many. Men who have sex with men are much more likely to contract HIV, therefore it is reasonable to attempt to reduce the chances of infection of blood recipients by removing this group from the pool of donors.

The Red Cross's policy should not come as a surprise to Pohl. According to the CDC, the homosexual community has had a much higher incidence of HIV-infection than the general population. The Red Cross's policy reflects this fact and is not based on a hatred of homosexuals. The restrictions are meant

to screen out high-risk individuals. The Red Cross also does not take blood from people who have gotten a tattoo in the past year and IV drug users, yet these groups are not protesting this discrimination.

The irony of this situation is that on the day before the blood drive a workshop was held at the LGBT Center entitled "HIV Stops With Me!: Second Event in Queer Men's Health Workshop". The very same community that Pohl is fighting to stop discrimination against freely acknowledges that HIV is a problem for men who have sex with men.

Pohl claims he is not trying to stop the LCS blood drive altogether, but wants it to be held off-campus because he does not want his student activity fee to be put toward the "discrimination". An off-campus blood drive would be much more costly in rental of the facility, transportation, and advertising. It will also result in less participation by Tufts students—an outcome contrary to Pohl's stated goal.

In the end, the SOURCE wonders why Pohl, if he truly feels that he is "sick and tired of feeling worthless... whenever I see a blood drive," yet feels it is a worthy cause, does not volunteer his time to work at the LCS blood drive next year. By imagining hatred and irrational discrimination to be everywhere, Pohl hurts his own goal of gay equality.



It was a year characterized by unusual tranquility on campus, but the SOURCE is not complaining. Ignoring the seasonal recurrence of the Student Labor Action Movement and the occasional terrorist sympathizing, Tufts was only a marginally Leftist university in 2003-2004. With elections just around the corner, things will definitely be heating up. Until then, the SOURCE recaps the year's most memorable events:

## 2003-2004 Year in Review

The **Office of Residential Life and Learning** (i.e. indoctrination) took fire from Residential Assistants, students, and the campus media across the year as its director, **Yolanda King**, continued to cause trouble. Associate Director **Lorraine Toppi** quit when **Vladimir Ilyich King** outlawed factionalism. The University hit an all-time low when it invited a toy shop to show its wares in Houston Hall. Students were expecting Santa and his elves, but were disgusted when they realized it was their nasty RA and her **vibrators**.

**Tufts Association of South Asians** bought some **cold ones** on the TCU's dime. Breaking the Treasury's bylaws: always a bad decision.

SOURCE staffers Nicholas Boyd and Brandon Balkind founded the **Tufts Right to Arms (TRA)**—a student organization for shooting guns and the protecting the Second Amendment (from John Kerry). At the same time, the pro-choice group **Voices for Choice (VOX)** received Tufts recognition. The campus was genuinely disturbed by the idea of firearms and fetuses on the same campus, so Planned Parenthood help them do something about it: like **Marching for Women's Lives** in Washington DC. According to the event organizers, there were even babies **marching in-utero**. Kids sure are learning to march early. Feminist leader **Judy Neufeld** proclaimed victory when the Department of Justice repealed a request for abortion records made to the University. Not to be outdone, the TRA successfully trained the resistance—with the good old boys at the Woburn Sportsman's Association. The *Daily* came along but tried its hardest not to enjoy **shooting several handguns**—for free. You're welcome...



Joe Ramsey SLAMs pre-frosh.

Nick Boyd installed himself on the TCUJ. Just try and stop him (tough to do without **contested elections**). The existence of conservative students in government sent the *Daily* into a new wave of **Stalinist paranoia**. Unfortunately, you can't form a **Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy** from a handful of SOURCE staffers.

**Issam Fares** decided to postpone his annual lecture until the fall semester, thus robbing students of another massive protest. Maybe he thought they didn't have enough **time to heal** after last year when George H. W. Bush visited the campus. The SOURCE has an excellent proposal for next year's speaker that even liberals can agree with: **Demented Doctor Dean**. Yeeearrrgh!

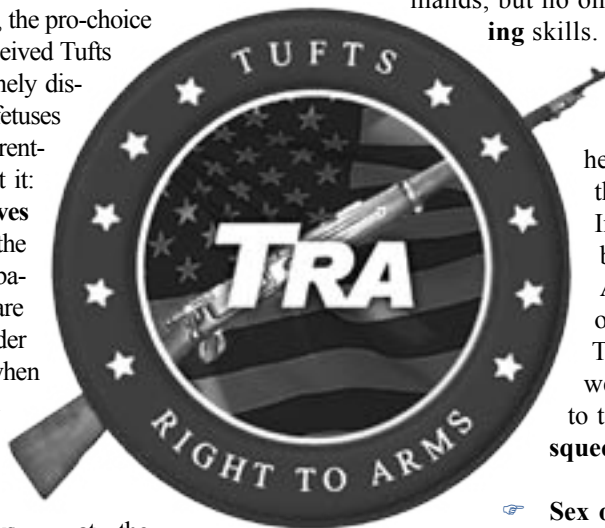
The TCU senate reigned in the **Naked Quad Run**, in favor of the **Nighttime Quad Reception** that still involved drunk streaking (big change). Police details, cleared running courses, and close supervision by University administrators made the event much safer—and way sketchier. **Rafi Goldberg** had the best idea of all: wearing shoes

to prevent stubbed toes. If only students would remember to cover the other nine-tenths of their bodies...

It came from beyond the grave: the **Student Labor Action Movement** was revived this year when **Ariana Flores** and **Joe Ramsey** held multiple rallies to scare President Bacow (who was hospitalized with a heart condition). The SLAM chorus may not be effective with its ridiculous demands, but no one can deny their **cult-like chanting** skills. "Shame on Tufts."

The Tufts Coalition to Oppose the War in Iraq (**TCOWI**) held a mock reality event, where they pretended the invasion of Iraq had never happened. It's too bad the **Society for Creative Anachronism** was derecognized, or they might have joined them... TCOWI's spring semester protests were quite nostalgic, but it was hard to tell if they were irate professors or **squeegee-men**.

**Sex on the Hill**, an event purported to "increase awareness" regarding sexual health issues, drew the attention of regional TV stations when Tufts Republicans President **Philip Tsipman** issued a fateful press release. While on camera, Tsipman had a lot to say.





There were University administrators posing as genitilia, posters asking, “Where you would like to be touched?” and according to Tshipman, “**taste-tested lubricants.**” There’s nothing worse than lubricant backwash.

☞ Gay marriage was approved by Massachusetts... well, sort of approved. Come to think of it, voters never had a choice. Furious **Matt Pohl** resigned from the TCU senate to become a political leader for the LGBT community. His first order of business—protesting **blood drives** and the **ROTC**. **Corpus Christi** was quite a spectacle with its homosexual Jesus. Even conservatives want to learn about gay lifestyles and the “arts.” The theatre group **3P’s** offered the SOURCE free admission, but wouldn’t teach us, because they’d **have to charge.**

☞ The **Secular Students Association** began holding regular services. Led by **Calvin Metcalf**, students went to weekly meetings to talk about what a waste of time Church is. Whatever you do, don’t tell them SSA is just **ASS backwards.** Shortly thereafter, the statue of **Mary** at the Sacred Heart Church began weeping. The miracle attracted the attention of even the **FBI**, who sent special agents to authenticate claims. Their conclusion: the tears were drawn by **Mel Gibson.**



**David Horowitz**

☞ Lecture Series brought **Spike Lee** to speak about how he hated the Red Sox and loved the Yankees. Brilliant decision. Mayors of Medford and Somerville have contacted **Dean of Students Bruce Reitman** to file a “**bias incident.**”



**The Society for Creative Anachronism.**

☞ Tufts was host to the annual **Safe Colleges Conference** for the LGBT community. Their workshop Right-Wing 101 showed the **socialist activists** how to complain about the current administration—an enlightening experience for the SOURCE-staffer who attended. Just remember: **Anyone But Bush!**

☞ Engineering Dean **Linda Abriola** decommissioned the cherished **EPDC woodshop** to set up her “water research lab.” In the process, she stopped the Electrical Engineering department’s speaker project and prevented students from making **Beirut tables**—used in the “beer research lab.” Dean Abriola, it’s time to reinvest in technology...

☞ **David Horowitz** came to campus and brought with him the **Academic Bill of Rights.** The bill to prevent classroom indoctrination went over about as well as Horowitz’s lecture when TCU President **Chike Aguh** avoided a vote on the matter. While Aguh’s decision was ignorant, there was plenty of reason to suspect the sponsors’ motives. After all, it was presented by Philip Tshipman, Tufts’ own “**funny guy.**”

☞ The **Class of 2008** will be the brightest group accepted to Tufts in generations, with an **average SAT score of over 1400.** The University still hasn’t gained much ground on Harvard though, whose average SAT score is now 1700... On a related note, “**diversity**” is also up. There might be a correlation between the two though, after recent reforms when students received 1500 points for **filling in their race.**

☞ The tone of the year was punctuated with the **derecognition** of the **Tufts Coalition for Social Justice and Non-violence**, the leftist nemesis of THE PRIMARY SOURCE. Some would expect the SOURCE to celebrate, but in reality, the TCU Judiciary has deprived the school of **much-needed entertainment** and a steady stream of article topics. Like a phoenix from the ashes, some more outrageous group will certainly apply for recognition next year. THE PRIMARY SOURCE would like to suggest a name: **The Slush Fund for Social Engineering and Pointless Violence.**

☞ THE PRIMARY SOURCE will always provide “truth without sorrow” and THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

**From National Review to THE PRIMARY SOURCE, from  
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# Integrate This!

by Robert Lichter

**B**y the time I was a senior in high school, I was confident I could withstand four years in the heart of the People's Republic of Massachusetts. Without much hesitation, I enrolled at Tufts thinking it was no more liberal than other universities I could have attended.

I was wrong. Shortly after sending in my tuition deposit, I read an article in *National Review* about how Tufts Christian Fellowship (TCF) was improperly derecognized by the student Judiciary after students complained that TCF would not allow an active lesbian to be a club leader.

Maybe Tufts was not the place for me, but rather than ask the University for my money back, I decided it was just a small issue being blown out of proportion.

To some extent, I had made a mistake. But it was not the kind most Tufts students make, such as registering for an 8:00am class in Sci-Tech, eating the last dried up bits of Dewick scrambled eggs, or sledding down the President's lawn in (believe it or not) a shopping cart. Rather, I erred because I was unaware of the consequences of my choice beforehand.

Had I known Tufts was a hotbed for liberal activism, I most likely would have chosen a more "moderate," or perhaps even conservative, university. When 18-year-olds arrive at college, they should find departments and groups catering to their extracurricular interests, so they can put the majority of their energy into academic pursuits. When students face opposition from the administration and have to do more work, they increase entropy, the measure of molecular disorder. (See Figure 6-27 from *Thermodynamics: An Engineering Approach* by Çengel and Boles.) Conservatives arrive at Tufts to find far too many liberal professors and students who would rather be marching on the Mall in

Washington, DC than building students' interest in academics. This not only decreases efficiency within the classroom, it brings us ever nearer towards—gasp!—heat death.

Regardless, I received a valuable undergraduate education at Tufts. While the Economics Department has some politically biased professors, I made it out of Braker Hall at the end of sophomore year with a

completed major in Quantitative Economics, and shifted my focus to Mechanical Engineering, my reason for coming to Tufts (as you

may have already guessed). In Anderson Hall I found a consistent dedication to pure academics. After all, if one of my professors had politicized an adiabatic process or outlined public policy to regulate rotating unbalances, I imagine even the liberal engineering students would have grumbled. This may explain why Tufts has such a high number of students who switch from liberal arts to engineering after they matriculate. In general, the School of Engineering provides separation from the *other* Tufts about which my right-wing liberal arts friends complained so much.

Actually, it did not provide separation when some professors (thankfully not mine) walked out of class to "let President Bush know" they did not support military action in Iraq—as if a letter to the White House

would not suffice. And when members of Tufts Students Against Discrimination regressed 15 years in maturity and banged pots and pans all night long in Bendetson Hall during the TCF debacle until they got their

way. And when activists from the Student Labor Action Movement rudely interrupted an April Open House event to stage a protest. And when one student organized the theft of thousands of issues of this magazine. And too many more events to list in this space.

It is unfair to expect conservative students who are fed up with liberal activism to seek refuge in the School of Engineering. Anderson, however, can become very attractive—clearly not attractive enough, since they have recently resorted to cleaning and repairing the building—when Tufts administrators ignore the struggles of the active conservative on campus. We cannot easily undo the politicization of the academic departments, but for everything outside the classroom, there is THE PRIMARY SOURCE.

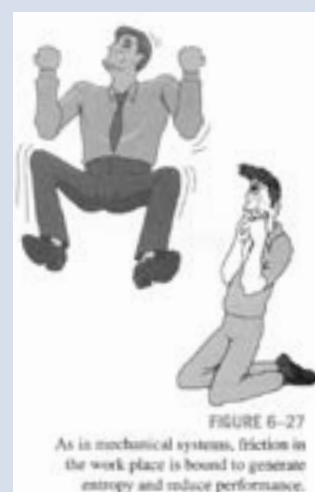
Yet one administrator recently went so far as to claim the SOURCE makes up for the liberal departments on campus. As if a 24 page biweekly publication should be expected to keep administrators and department heads (read: people with *real* power) in check. If the SOURCE truly had comparable resources to liberal administrators, we would at least be able to lure young conservative writers to Tufts with cocktail nights and skeet shooting—our own version of Colorado University football's booze and sex tactics. In that case former President John DiBiaggio would have been called back to scrutinize the SOURCE. Again.

Campus liberals continually make it tough for us to gain freshman members by telling them in early September that this magazine is evil. Making recruitment even more difficult, every time we document the

liberal lunacy on campus and leave copies of our magazine in Bendetson for the pre-frosh to pick up, we run the risk of scaring more young conservatives away from Tufts. Still, our masthead has grown considerably over the years as we prove to be the voice of reason on campus. Students who refuse to accept Peggy Barrett's liberal hijack of the Women's Center, or Norman Daniels' disrespect for opposing opinions on HillaryCare, find support in the pages

of the this magazine. Although we are not on a level playing field with the liberals, the SOURCE will continue to make the best of the situation until Tufts builds us the Reagan House. ■

**It is unfair to expect conservative students who are fed up with liberal activism to seek refuge in the School of Engineering.**



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*On being a conservative Red Sox fan.*

## Who's in First?

by Simon Holroyd

The most telling moment of the most recent Red Sox-Yankees series was not delivered by Manny Ramirez or Alex Rodriguez. Nor was it delivered by the Red Sox bullpen, which contributed immensely to the Sox sweep. No, the moment occurred in the upper tier of Yankee Stadium, where a

section half filled with Yankee fans, half filled with Red Sox Nation, had battled vocally for the first six innings. As the chants of "Let's go Red Sox" and "Boston Sucks"

started to fade—the fans' voices starting to fail them—one solitary voice could be heard above the crowd. The voice was that of a lone Pittsburgh Pirates fan chanting, "salary cap, salary cap."

The pleas of this fan may be all but unheard in Yankee Stadium, but the sentiment rings true across the nation wherever baseball teams struggle to compete with the richer Red Sox and Yankees. Fans point to the Yankees 26 World Series titles and claim that the league is dominated by the rich, and lacks "competitive balance." The majority of owners (the Sox ownership included) support certain restrictions on salary, and last year implemented a luxury tax to try to curb spending.

Though a tax or cap to payroll can be music to the ears of desperate fans, to the average conservative the words are taboo. SOURCE readers should always be wary of those who claim the only way to help the poor is to tax the rich. More often, the wealth redistribution ends up hurting everyone. Yet, in this case, proponents of revenue sharing programs claim that there is natural market inefficiency in sports. The fans (read: consumers) are loyal to their brand and pay

to see competition between firms. This competition must be rigorously regulated and the only way to give poor teams a chance to reach the top is through taxing the top.

As with most tax plans, however, there are a variety of flaws that cause this system to be inefficient and unfair. First of

all, it is entirely debatable whether the poorer teams are incapable of competing in an uncapped league. The National Football League, the supposed model for a competitive league, imple-

ments a far more strict revenue sharing model and caps players' salaries. In the last 22 years without revenue sharing, the MLB has sent 21 different teams to the World Series. The NFL has sent only 19 to the Super Bowl. Since 1996, the World Series has seen nine different teams; the Super Bowl has seen ten. Baseball is just as competitive as football, without revenue sharing.

Secondly, revenue sharing does not actually encourage more investment in improving poorer teams. When the Yankees' payroll is taxed, the money is simply distributed to the poorer teams. This is, in effect, just welfare for failing franchises. Teams that cannot support themselves benefit without any incentive for becoming successful.

At this point in the argument, one may start to wonder how a conservative can support anyone but the Yankees. Conservatives argue that free markets allow the most capable to survive. The richest, most popular team must be the best, right? Well, luckily for the

Sox, there is a certain amount of uncertainty in baseball allowing most teams to have a fair shot at the title. In fact, teams like the Oakland A's, have shown that creative management strategies can consistently outperform richer teams.

Moreover, the Yankees may be the richest, but their success takes place in a grossly restricted market. The league fixes the number of teams, bans new entrants, and can shut down franchises at will. Furthermore, the entire operation is exempt from American antitrust law. The Yankees have become the most dominant team over years of competition in a controlled league. They have access to the largest market for baseball and only compete with one other team for fans. This gives them a leg up on the competition and, since failing teams are held up by the taxes the Yankees pay, New York enjoys a fair amount of yearly competition with bankrupt teams. The solution, however, is not to levy taxes, but to force more competition. Since the Yankees garner so much support and bankrupt teams like the Expos search for a home, one solution would be to move a third team to the New York area. In fact, developers have proposed such plans (suggesting moving the Expos to Connecticut or New Jersey) yet the Yankees vigorously oppose any encroachment on their territory.

The most common reaction to inequality (be it racial, financial, or athletic) is an attempt to penalize those in first place. Much like Microsoft, the Yankees are vilified simply for being at the top. True conservatives should not support the winner in a closed market; instead, they should support the creation of free markets. Of course, baseball could never be a completely fluid market; the barriers to entry are too high, but teams that fail to draw fans or turn a profit must be allowed to exit the market. Until the league allows teams more freedom to compete for fans and relocate at will, any attempts at competitive balance will be futile and unfair. Hate the Yankees because of the likes of Roger Clemens, Don Zimmer, and Karim Garcia, or even Babe Ruth, but do not fault them for being successful in an inefficient market. The best way for Sox fans to bring down the Evil Empire is not to tax them, but to allow the creation of worthwhile competition through a free market. ■

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*Education isn't just for the classroom.*

# Learning to Think

by Steve Bleiberg

The most important thing I've learned in four years at Tufts was not on the syllabus of any class: I have learned to think. By this I mean that I have learned to not simply accept what I am told and to be reasonably critical of all ideas, including my own.

In high school, the focus was on getting good grades, participating in extracurriculars, and getting into college. For the most part, classes entailed either learning a skill, such as how to “double integrate by parts,” or memorizing facts like what year Grover Cleveland was first elected to the presidency (1884). What to actually do with this knowledge was rarely discussed. When students asked teachers what the value of a particular subject was they would often get unhelpful responses like “It will make you a good citizen,” or, “You might want to teach it someday.” This, however, was generally not an issue, as most of us did not see any reason to ask about the value of our subjects. Most of our teachers had good intentions; they just never concerned themselves with answering those kinds of questions. After all, there were not any questions like that on the New York State Regents exams. Although our teachers may have thought that they were preparing us to face the world, high school did not succeed in teaching us to think logically, creatively, and independently.

Early in my freshman year at Tufts, it became apparent that my high school was not unique in its lack of attention to concept-based critical thinking. Some very intelligent students had great difficulty coming up with original ideas and supporting

arguments both in their schoolwork and in their politics. This created a situation in which dogmatic radicals could easily take advantage of students on campus. Rational thought eluded campus activists who pro-

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tested a ruling by the TCU Judiciary that found a student group guilty of discriminatory behavior. It seems that someone misread the decision but had no trouble finding eager followers. The angry leftists forced their way into Bendetson Hall and spent the night, refusing to leave until then-President DiBiaggio gave in to their demand that he alter Tufts' non-discrimination policy. Apparently, these activists did not believe in reasoned discussion and debate, and this victory reinforced their approach. After this incident, I asked myself why this behavior was unacceptable and how my views were different. I realized that I needed to justify my own opinions, and that failure to do so would make me not much different from the leftists whose behavior had disgusted me.

From talking to my friends, I learned that it was rare when we could actually explain why we had a certain view on an issue other than, “it just felt right.” Most of us described ourselves as moderates, whatever that might mean. It seemed like we took “moderate” positions because we disliked what we knew of the “Left” (socialism) and the “Right” (blind faith in tradition). I had trouble with this. Splitting the difference is not

a very compelling defense of a position. I wanted to know why an idea made sense. I realized that it was not obvious if an idea was correct, so I had to keep an open mind. I read campus publications and decided that THE PRIMARY SOURCE was the only one that analyzed problems in this way. The SOURCE calls itself a “journal of conservative thought,” yet, as I soon discovered, its members have a wide range of opinions. I realized that it was not necessarily the opinion that was conservative but instead the process that got the person to that view. Conservative thought is the use of reason to answer a question.

Every SOURCE article I have written required me to stop and think about the position that I took. I refined my position by criticizing it. While many people took it personally when the ideas they espoused were questioned, I welcomed the reasoned criticism of others.

It is important to keep in mind that criticism of an idea does not necessarily have anything to do with dislike of a person. If you keep an open mind in a discussion of an idea the worst thing that can happen is that you discover a flaw in your idea. You have just learned something and may go on to discover better ideas. It is through rational criticism that knowledge progresses. If you accept something completely uncritically you will have a hard time dealing with conflicting evidence. At Tufts, this is a common problem. Professors and students in groups like SLAM or TCOWI decide that something is true and then ignore any facts to the contrary. After all, it cannot really be a fact if it conflicts with the “truth.”



Think.

It is important to stop and think. When you read something, ask yourself why you agree or disagree with it. If you have a strong opinion on an issue, try your best to argue from the other side. You may not change your mind, but you may strengthen your own arguments and perhaps gain a better understanding of those you disagree with. You might be surprised with what you come up with when you are thinking for yourself.

You might even consider writing for THE PRIMARY SOURCE. ■

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*Dedicated faculty make happier Jumbos.*

# A Lesson Learned

by Tara Heumann

As the fourth of my four family members to graduate from this University, I can truly say that Tufts runs in my veins. My mom and dad lived in adjacent rooms in Capen House when it was the Latin American Culture Center in 1971. My sister Alyssa, a former editor of THE PRIMARY SOURCE, graduated in 2001. Tufts may well be a Heumann tradition, but my parents, my sister, and I will each remember our time here for different reasons. For me, it is assuredly the classroom experience that has defined and inspired my years here. Saying goodbye to certain members of the Tufts faculty will be just as difficult as bidding farewell to my closest friends.

These talented professors and exceptional people introduced me to film studies, taught me Western philosophy, and cultivated in me a love of Spanish literature. With Tufts' abundance of courses and extracurriculars, making choices about which areas to pursue and where to direct my academic career was daunting and, at times, overwhelming. It helped to know that I had an advocate in the faculty—a professor who was always looking out for me and who kept a watchful eye as I navigated academic opportunities. This was John Jenke, who left the Tufts community at the end of April. Though the details of his departure are unknown as this goes to print, I am saddened by Tufts' loss of such an outstanding scholar and mentor, who will be terribly missed by his students.

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Not only did Mr. Jenke have a large number of official advisees, but his door was always open to students regardless of their connection to the IR program. Whether students sought course recommendations, information on summer internships, or just a chance

to chat about current affairs, Mr. Jenke took his job as a mentor seriously and approached every conversation with thought and purpose. He served as an invaluable link between the Fletcher School and the under-

graduate campus, helping seniors find graduate courses in which they could cross-enroll. When other faculty members were less responsive, friends who studied abroad found they could rely

on Mr. Jenke for assistance in setting up thesis committees. My paragraph-long emails received two-page replies, often within 24 hours. His correspondence was evidence of his tremendous attention to student concerns, to the logistics as well as the substance of their questions. I valued Mr. Jenke as much for his candor as for his intelligence. He treated students like mature scholars but always maintained his professionalism.

Just one month ago, students accepted into the Tufts Class of 2008 were welcomed to campus for April Open House. Speaking on a social sciences and humanities panel in Barnum 8, I recounted to 200 prospective Jumbos and parents that, above all, the professors at Tufts had filled my four years on Walnut Hill with intellectual expansion and rigor. Breaking out the Tufts "hard sell" means telling prospective students about the amazing faculty members they will meet if they come to school here—the people who will dedicate their hours and their brainpower to helping students plot their academic and professional course. I am disheartened to think that future Tufts students will not benefit as I have from Mr. Jenke's invaluable guidance, expertise, and care.

Mr. Jenke's departure is as much as a loss to the University as an institution as it is to the individual students who valued him so highly. Tufts has always been extremely conscious of how it compares to peer schools; it markets itself as a strong liberal arts college embedded in a research university and wants to be a premiere destination for top students and outstanding faculty. Tufts was foolish to let someone as exceptional as John Jenke get away.

When I look back on my four years, I feel fortunate to have had teachers like Jenke who cared so deeply about their coursework and about their students. Though Tufts had its share of disappointing courses and rote assignments, I will

remember professors who called at midnight to help me revise a paper and those who were so well prepared for class that listening to them speak for an hour and fifteen minutes felt like an undeserved privilege. To ensure that future Jumbos will have as fulfilling an academic experience, Tufts needs to redouble its efforts to attract and hold on to professors who are as

committed to their students as they are to their careers. ■



# Notable and Quotable

Tufts has prepared the nation's brightest for their career ambitions, but it remains to be seen if the University has adapted to the uncertain consequences of a war against terror—a struggle that requires the leadership of America's best.

—Brandon Balkind (EN '05)

I start off with a really good point, but somehow I always end up defending the mass slaughter of two-year-olds.

—Simon Holroyd (EN '04)

Sure, the Vatican absolved Jews as a whole of deicide, but Christians believe that Christ was killed by people who happened to be Jewish. Similarly, many of us believe Nicole Brown Simpson was killed by OJ, who happens to be black. It does not logically follow that all Jews, or all black Heisman Trophy winners, are killers.

—Robert Lichter (EN '04)

Pork chop sandwiches!!!

—Andrew Sinatra (LA '06)

If only the prosecutor's arguments were presented in a trial, would you consider it a fair one? As a member of the jury, would you consider yourself suitable to pass judgment in this trial? If the professors of almost all of your classes, almost all the officers of your student clubs, and almost all the people writing the news you read were conservatives.... Would you still be a liberal?

—Nicholas Boyd (LA '06)

African immigrants do not allow the issues of bias that affect African-Americans to hinder their progress.

—Robert Chirwa (Graduate Student)

When a washing machine is called "gay" there is an outcry against this act of "bias," but when vulgar comments are written on campus sidewalks and sexual devices are brought into a freshman dorm, it is considered good for our community.

—Nicole Brusco (LA '06)

Not every American-hating, anti-Jewish, Koran-toting terrorist trying to wage jihad has the ability to coordinate large-scale violence directed at America.

—Adam Hoffman (EN '06)

Give the Palestinians their McDonald's.

—Christian Miller (LA '04)

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 a smile on their faces.

—Steve Bleiberg (LA '04)

Try to get a gun in D.C. It's easy; just hit up the black market in one of the District's poorest neighborhoods and you, too, can own an illegal firearm. Now try to purchase one lawfully in order to protect yourself from the criminals who wield them. There's the challenge.

—Jordana Starr (LA '06)

Unless there is more public demand for open, secure, and accountable computer systems in government, terrible damage may soon be inflicted upon our nation's most fundamental democratic institutions.

—Alex Levy (LA '04)

Unfortunately for EPIIC, which presumably spent precious time and resources bringing Tony Hall to campus, the Ambassador only fed us scraps of information, canned lines, and half-baked ideas.

—Tara Heumann (LA '04)

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.

—Talia Alexander (LA '04)

For as long as I've been a Tufts student, Espresso's has been the most popular restaurant on the points system, mainly by default. Look at their competition over the last few years. Panda Palace? The food there is what they actually serve pandas. Wing Works? No it doesn't. Near East? Near Poison. Kee Kar Lau? Dog Cat Bird.

—Andy Zatz (LA '04)

Do you realize that high school student government doesn't matter?

—Josh Belkin (LA '04), questioning freshman candidates for senate

Alethea Pieters (J '02): Who would you like to party with of this group?

Joe Lieberman: I hope my wife understands this. I'd like to party with the young lady who asked that question.

Al Sharpton: I hope mine understands it. Probably the best person I've met to campaign, to party with—Mrs. Kerry. I'm sorry.

John Kerry: I was going to choose Carol Moseley Braun, but now I'm going to have to choose you so I can keep an eye on my wife.

—MTV's "Rock the Vote"

What continues to astonish me is that more of the American public continues to think there's some connection between Iraq and terrorism, which just isn't true.

—Fletcher Professor Hurst Hannum

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

Abstinence is *probably* the most effective protection.

—Dean of Students Bruce Reitman

A war-time President who didn't go to war versus a candidate who did—other things being equal—neutralizes President Bush's advantage.

—Professor Richard Eichenberg

If penguins had weddings, I bet they could even be married... They had no trouble adopting a child and have the comfort of a loving relationship that is probably not shunned by other members of the penguin community at the Central Park Zoo.

—Rachel Golden Luck (LA '04), *The Tufts Daily*, on why gay marriage is okay and natural

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 (LA '07), *Vagina Monologues* cast member

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

—Amber Madison (LA '05)

By renaming Valentine's Day, the V-Day movement claims to be standing for Victory, Valentine, and Vagina. However, it seems more likely that the V stands for Vulgar, Victimization, and Violence.

—Rachel Hoff (LA '04)

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

Despite the rumors, student leaders say there is no vast, right-wing conspiracy at Tufts.

—Mark Philips (LA '06), *The Tufts Daily*

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

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 (LA '06), *The Tufts Daily*

There will never be equality in the world of results because people are born unequal.

—David Horowitz

Excuse me, I'm right here. I'm the Dean of Students.

—Bruce Reitman, to David Horowitz, who accused Tufts administrators of absenteeism from his speech

One hundred percent of donations over \$100 made by Tufts students and faculty to presidential campaigns went to the Democratic Party.

—Jeff Chen (LA '04), *The Tufts Daily*

A woman who embraces the hook-up culture is simply making it easier for guys to treat her as a sex object. Is this women's liberation? ... The real sexual power a woman has is to refuse to give away sex until the man has proved his commitment to her.

—Jack Grimes (LA '04), *The Tufts Daily*

Leaving things out or in a seemingly hidden spot [at the gym] is just as bad, if not worse [than using an unlocked locker]. There is in fact only one safe place: a locked locker. Having never used one at Tufts, I'll be the first to admit that this is a pain in the butt to have to do.

—Spencer Maxwell (LA '06), *The Observer*

Testing blood is not fool proof. Whether a machine can perform a test in 15 minutes or 24 hours it doesn't make a difference. As Dr. Jorge Rios stated in Wednesday's article ("LCS blood drive at risk"), there have been cases of diseases transmitted within the last two years. This is some serious s\*\*t.

—Justin Craigie (LA '06), *The Tufts Daily*

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

—Daphne Wysham, 2004 EPIIC panelist

The TCU constitution says that we must act on the interest of the student body... you [the Tufts Republicans] have expressed concern, but in the spirit of the constitution the senate cannot pass a resolution on the Academic Bill of Rights.

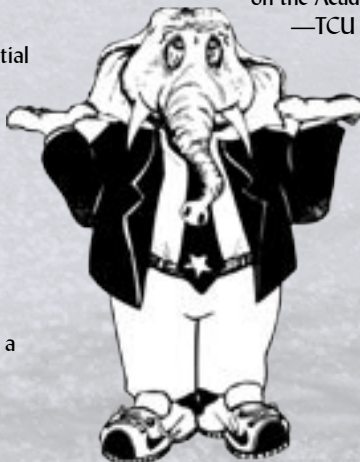
—TCU president Chike Aguh (LA '05)

I do not think you can fight discrimination with discrimination. We're punishing students for things they have no control over.

—TCU vice-president Joe Mead (LA '05), on accepting ROTC credits

Sure, Tufts can boast of an ethnically diverse faculty and student body. If you look more than skin-deep, however, you'll notice that this place resembles more closely a political party or an exclusive social club than a hotbed of free and independent inquiry and thought.

—Philip Tshipman (LA '04), *The Tufts Daily*



*A hero if there ever was one.*

# An American Hero

by Robert Chirwa

When I first heard about the passing of Army Ranger Corporal Pat Tillman, my first reaction was to acknowledge that this serviceman sacrificed his life defending my right to live in freedom. The news reports brought to mind an interview after 9/11 where he detailed his reason for leaving the NFL and giving up his multimillion-dollar contract.

Members of the public have questioned why Tillman's tragic demise deserves more attention than that of other men and women who have lost their lives serving in the armed forces since 9/11. Some have attributed the attention Tillman's death has attracted to the media's fascination with celebrities. This is understandable in a nation where pop culture icons and athletes are worshipped and revered as gods among men. Our insatiable appetite for gossip involving the rich, famous, and powerful has fueled this unhealthy obsession. Tillman often shunned the spotlight. He probably would have wanted us to remember him as a brave soldier who sacrificed his life for his beloved country rather than an ex-NFL football player. Corporal Tillman exemplified a degree of altruism that is an extreme rarity.

Tillman extricated himself from the trend of self-centered materialism prevalent in our society. We have seen the advent of the two-income household where both parents are forced to work to maintain a desired lifestyle. Individuals possessing wealth and powerful status

are often the objects of envy and hostility. Many people feel the need to keep up with the extravagance of others. We have become more self-centered, less courteous, and increasingly more disrespectful

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towards our fellow man. This has reached the point where it is now rare for people to express gratitude when a door is held open for them. Our generation has been branded with the shameful title of the

"me" generation. Taking these factors into account, where are we supposed to find men and women who are willing to forsake the pursuit of materialistic possessions to defend their nation?

Like most of us, Corporal Tillman was horrified as the events of 9/11 unfolded, the Pearl Harbor of our time. The "day that will live in infamy" had the effect of galvanizing a generation and instilling national pride. Males from college campuses across the country left in droves to enlist in the armed forces. They shared the common goal of ensuring that

an attack like this would never again occur on US soil. Roughly sixty years removed from the Pearl Harbor attack, 9/11 had the effect of bringing a nation together. We mourned for loved

ones and strangers who had perished in the terrorist attacks. As a nation, we set aside our differences to experience unity in our time of need. Bipartisan bickering ceased as politicians from both ends of the spectrum realized the need to work together to lead the US forward and show the world our resilient nature. The symbol of the American flag took on a new meaning as the public's desire for patriotism was reinvigorated. Unfortunately, the goodwill was short-lived and people soon reverted back to their old ways. The ubiquitous sightings of the flag began to ebb. However, patriotism did not diminish in individuals like Corporal Tillman.

Corporal Tillman, then a member of the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals, was moved in an entirely different way. Tillman took the wide-spread destructive nature of the attacks to heart. Exchanging a job that guarantees \$3.6 million for one that pays \$18,000 a year is hard for us to imagine. The summa cum laude college graduate had the option of starting at the rank of officer but decided to enlist so he could serve with his younger brother, Kevin.

Every casualty suffered in a war is tragic. Many of us take the passing of a member of the armed forces for granted because we are usually not

directly affected. I am not ashamed to admit that I wouldn't enlist unless I anticipated an imminent attack on US soil, but people join the armed forces for various reasons. I applaud these brave men and women as heroes because they perform a much-needed service most of us would not volunteer for. Writing this article is the least I can do for Corporal Tillman and others

who made the ultimate sacrifice so I could live in freedom. I can only express a deep sense of gratitude to the loved ones our fallen troops have left behind. ■




**An American hero.**


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# The Twelfth Annual SOURCE Awards


Every year, students assess their experiences at Tufts—often coming to the conclusion that they need a vacation. With the arrival of summer break, everyone will have time for just that. The SOURCE has appraised the University on different terms—the best and worst of Tufts in 2003-2004. The SOURCE Awards are an annual tradition where Tuftonians receive both shame and glory. Here are the nominees:


 The **Best New Idea** Award is given very *conservatively*, but sometimes even the SOURCE has to give credit where it is due. The first nominee is the paved path linking Professor's Row and College Ave. It may have been the Human Factors Society, or just an ambitious landscaper, but the corner now looks a lot nicer than a bunch of trampled bushes. The next nominee is the proposal for an online system for adding and dropping courses (it's about time). Finally, the Academic Bill of Rights was a much-needed measure to assure academic freedom. Unfortunately, it met an untimely demise at the hand of TCU president Chike Aguh.


 The **Worst New Idea** Award is also reserved for only the most deserving candidates. There are a lot of bad ideas at Tufts, but some go the extra mile and deserve special recognition. The first nominee is the printing policy that established at 10-cent price per page printed at public computers. It was the fundamental campaign platform in the race for the TCU presidency—"Stopping the Nickel and Diming." Issam Fares threw a real curveball at students when he decided to postpone his annual lecture until next fall. It was just a fancy way of copping out and it earned the trustee the second nomination for Worst New Idea. The last nomination goes to the University's acquisition of environmentally friendly, cash-wasting eco-vehicles. Electric cars are for toy racetracks, not maneuvering on Walnut Hill. Maybe they would be slightly cooler if they weren't used for sticking students with fifty-dollar parking fines.


 The **Biggest Outrage** Award drew many suggestions, but only three events truly sparked enough anger to earn an official nomination. In the spring semester, Tufts VOX and the Women's Center devised their master plan: Sex on the Hill. While they were unable to cover every last inch of the campus with chalkings of vaginas, they did succeed in permanently scarring anyone who passed through the campus center. Their actions led conservatives to strike back with media coverage of their shameful displays. Definitely outrageous. The next nominee was not as bombastic with her actions, but sparked controversy nonetheless. Linda Abriola, Dean of Engineering, dismantled the EPDC woodshop. In response, engineering student Todd Ryan gathered hundreds of nerd-signatures. The final nominee is the SLAM rally during April Open House where students stole the microphone from Tufts' President Larry Bacow. Interrupting others is immature and is not in the spirit of free speech. SLAM should keep to its usual policy—Bring Your Own Megaphone.

 A new category this year, the **Hussein** Award, recognizes the contributions of students to resisting America in its war efforts, also known as aiding the enemy. Saddam would present the award himself, but the leftists have not yet succeeded in restoring him to power. Nominees include Joe Ramsey, an outspoken "hired gun" appearing at any anti-war protest, and Professor Gary Goldstein, for his perennial diligence in anti-American displays.

 Not all events at Tufts are "standing room only." In fact, the SOURCE has several nominees for the **Biggest Yawn** Award that students are guaranteed to not remember. At the top of the list—Tufts Students for Dean, the short-lived organization that supported the presidential candidate through his meltdown. The second nominee is David Horowitz and his lecture on academic freedom. Horowitz is a good speaker and everything, but it would have been nice to take a break during a one and a half hour rant. The final nominee is the TTLGBC's Day of Silence. Let's face it; shutting up is not very exciting.

 Tufts is full of deadweight, but there are only three nominees for the **Biggest Waste of Funds** Award. The first nominee, the Tufts Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence, was not only wasteful in its budgeting, but intended to "make the TCU pay" by giving away their money when they were derecognized. Tsk Tsk. The GPS campus shuttle was a bad idea, but it was also wasteful, earning the second nomination for Biggest Waste of Funds. Finally, the *Tufts Observer* may be a proud magazine for its long heritage, but in its current state, is an irrelevant publication. With its glossy covers, students assume the *Observer* has something interesting to say, but they are quite mistaken. What a waste.

 Sometimes there's no other way to put it—some people need to just **Shut up and Go Away**. The first nominee for this SOURCE Award is, of course, the Coalition. As the loudest and most obnoxious collection of students at Tufts, the Coalition makes a tough neighbor. The second nominee is Judy Neufeld, feminist extraordinaire. Her brilliant ideas are always bringing [negative] attention to Tufts. The last nominee is big-lunged Joe Ramsey. The "shut up" part of this nomination really applied to Joe, whose decibel-pushing antics drove pre-frosh right off the Medford campus.

 The **Victim of the Year** Award was a runoff between marvelous Matt Pohl and the University Greek system. Pohl, a former senator turned gay-rights activist, seemed to find a new source of discrimination every day. Life is hard when everyone is out to get you. The Greek system has been steadily crushed under Bacow's iron fist for the past two years—and the luxurious Zeta Psi has been put out of business.

*And the winners are...* (next page)

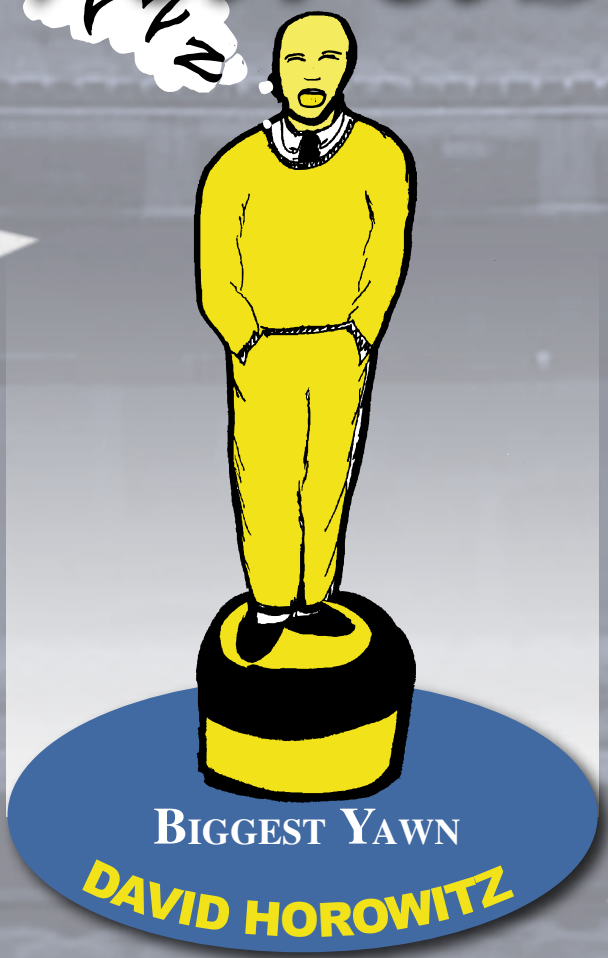


HUSSEIN AWARD  
JOE RAMSEY

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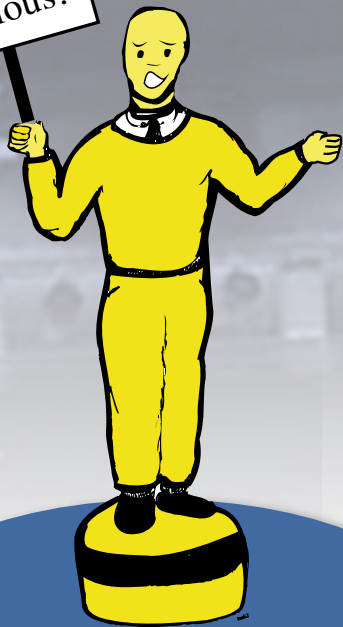


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BIGGEST YAWN  
DAVID HOROWITZ

I'm  
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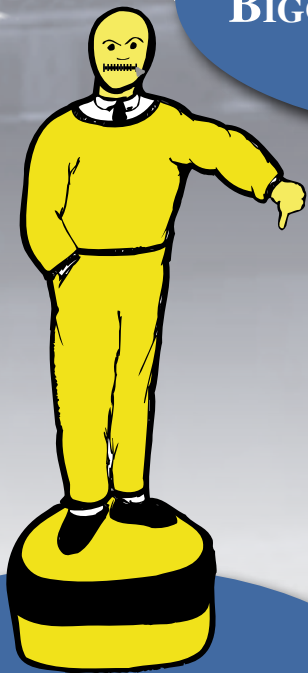
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WORST NEW IDEA  
**RESCHEDULING FARES**



SHUT UP AND GO AWAY  
**THE COALITION**



BEST NEW IDEA  
**ACADEMIC BILL OF RIGHTS**

The SOURCE teaches logical thought and critical thinking.

# STOP: In the Name of Brains!

by Talia Alexander

According to the Task Force on the Undergraduate Experience, in order to be a good writer “one must sustain the practice of writing over time as well as receive substantive feedback on one’s writing with some regularity.” The Task Force explains that “writing and critical thinking are inextricably intertwined” and that Tufts should aim to produce students who can write “with power and precision.” They end their erudite exposition by proposing a four-year writing program of amorphous composition somehow related to a student’s major.

The key point, which the Task Force acknowledges in a cursory fashion, is that anyone who can think, can write. If Tufts is producing poor writers, as the Task Force implies, it is only because we are turning out poor thinkers. What excuse does a university in the upper echelon of higher education have for turning out poor thinkers?

It is unavoidable for professors to have trouble teaching students to think. Those people who become professors do so because they love an idea or a small area of intellectual exploration so deeply that they spend a great deal of time and energy learning and writing about it. It is hard, after dedicating a large part of one’s life to an opinion, to separate oneself from that opinion and encourage others to critically analyze it.

The dearth of rational thought on campus is directly connected to the politically correct culture that THE PRIMARY SOURCE spends so much time mocking and rebel-

ling against. Political correctness requires that no statement offend anyone. A fear of offending others more or less limits one’s utterances to grammatical articles, prepositions, and illogical fallacies. If we

aren’t able to use the words that we would require to confront an idea head on, how are we as students going to learn to confront and evaluate ideas at all?

There is not a lot of opportunity for thought at Tufts. If the Task Force wants Tufts’

students’ writing to improve, they first need to inspire the student body to think. A step in the right direction would be for the University to adopt the Academic Bill of Rights. The Bill is a set of ten stipulations that assure classroom exposure to multiple viewpoints where appropriate and prevent professors from spouting their own opinions to the exclusion of all others. Another helpful solution would be to hire many more part-time professors who have practical, real-world experience in their fields. These people would not be so narrowly and academically focused and would naturally provide a broader view of their subjects to students.

I have been fortunate that the narrow array of ideas in the classroom did not inhibit my collegiate education. Freshman year, I managed to locate THE PRIMARY SOURCE in the form of former editor-in-chief Sam Dangremond, who lived on my hall. I nearly ralphed on his shoes the first time he told me, with a straight

face, that global warming wasn’t happening. Sometime during freshman year he managed to argue me to a standstill about abortion. The eye-opener for me was not that anyone was anti-abortion, but that someone could put forth a well-thought, logical argument in support of that position. I had never heard anyone do it before, and it never occurred to me that it could be done.

Since then, THE PRIMARY SOURCE has been my education, both through writing articles and by giving me the chance to hash out my ideas in a truly consequence-free environment. The magazine provides a forum where any idea has the opportunity to turn into an article if its proponent can argue it in a logical fashion. If your article is not well argued, it gets shredded and put back together in a rational order, so that it radiates with “power and precision.” If you are trying to work your way through an idea, the staff is full of people willing to discuss it with you, help you tease your way through it, and reason yourself to a logical end. You just have to be willing to go where your reason takes you.

I did not grow up with this gift of free thought. The political views in my family range from moderate to socialist, and my high school was heavily peppered with the children of professors. I was never presented with traditionally conservative ideas as anything other than laughable lapses in common human compassion or mindless religious zeal. I suppose somewhere very deep down, these people are afraid to examine their own beliefs because they know they will not stand up to logical critique.

The SOURCE, a student-run organization, has taught me to think, and therefore write, in a way that Tufts, or anyone else, could not. If the Task Force truly wants a well educated, criti-

cally thinking student body, every student should have to survive the biweekly editorial process that the SOURCE staff submits itself to. It forces logical thought and, therefore, openness to ideas and solid, powerful writing. If the student body could handle that, there would be no need for the Academic Bill of Rights, even-handed professors, or many Tufts classes. We could educate ourselves. ■

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*The reason you can't see the glass ceiling is because it may not be there at all.*

## The Wage Gap

by Andrew Sinatra

The wage gap between men and women has been a point of contention for a long time. This problem was of particular interest during the anti-discrimination years of the '80s and '90s. Figures as recent as 2002 show that women in the US have a median weekly income that is 78% of males'. This figure is often incorrectly cited by wage activists as proof that women make 78 cents for every dollar that a man earns, which is misleading.

Though there is a gap between the wages of men and women in the US today, the causes of this wage discrepancy are generally unclear. Some liberals and feminists are too quick to blame the entire problem on discrimination. Others take a completely opposite stance and claim the wage gap is a myth. Both of these polarized opinions are dubious. However, somewhere between these two views lies the real source of the gap. When one looks a little closer at the labor statistics, some of the mystery behind the wage gap is dissolved.

One of the most commonly cited reasons for the discrepancy between male and female wages (other than discrimination) is time spent in the labor force. It is often argued that women get paid less because they spend less time working. Because of this, they have a lower amount of what is called "human capital." Human capital is the skill and training an employee receives by spending time in the labor force, and it is an important factor in wage determination.

Reduced human capital among women is often explained by childcare. Frequently, women have the primary responsibility when it comes to taking care of their children. A married woman who plans to have children will face several possible interruptions to her

career. The first interruption comes in the form of maternity leave. The US guarantees every woman twelve weeks of unpaid maternity leave. However, some companies have maternity leave policies that extend this amount of time. After birth, even women who plan on returning to work as soon as possible are recommended to take off at least another month to spend with their newborn. Thus, it

is common for a woman's maternity leave to last at least three months. If a woman has four children during her time in the workforce, maternity leave can result in one year of lost human capital.

In addition to maternity leave, women are traditionally expected to take time off to care for children when the need arises, and this can often result in increased absenteeism. The female absentee rate in the US for 2003 was almost double the male rate. When focusing on the 20-24 age bracket, the female absentee rate is even more than double the male rate. It seems reasonable to assume that the higher absentee rate in women could be due to childcare needs. However, it doesn't really matter what the reason for the increased absentee rate is: the final result is that women are absent from work almost twice as often as men. In the end, maternity leave and absenteeism must result in some significant decline in a woman's human capital.

Marriage also seems to have a big impact on the wage gap.

A woman who never marries has a median weekly earning that is 94.5% that of a man who also never marries. Meanwhile, a

married woman with a spouse present has a median weekly earning that is 75% that of a man who is also married. This gap of 25% is much closer to the oft-cited female-male wage ratio of 78%. Both men and women who are not married earn less than their married counterparts. However, once in a marriage, it seems women increase their wages less than men. This may imply that women in a marriage shoulder less of the financial responsibility than their spouses. Marriage doesn't necessarily imply that these couples have children, but it is a fair guess that childcare responsibilities are the reason for married women's smaller wage increases.

Another factor in the wage gap is a difference in rank and title. Many people believe that the wage gap means that women are getting paid less than males for the same job. In reality, the real problem is that women hold different, lower-tier jobs than males. In general, women aren't achieving the highest paying positions and therefore have lower average salaries. This is especially prevalent in top executive positions such as CEO, president, and chairman of the board. In a study done on Standard & Poor's 1500 top companies, only 0.52% of CEOs and chairs of the board were women. This is probably due in large part to the age of top executives. A position like CEO isn't achieved until later in one's career. Thus, the people holding the top executive positions today probably graduated from college sometime before 1980. It is very reasonable to assume that fewer women graduated from college before 1980 than men. Therefore, there should be fewer women today with the proper educational background and seniority required to hold a top executive position. The number of female top executives should increase with time since more women are receiving higher education. In fact, since more women than men are graduating from college today, it is possible that women will hold the majority of executive positions in the future.

The final possible factor contributing to the female wage gap is discrimination. This factor is difficult to discuss since there is no

**From an economic standpoint, no company would ever consistently discriminate against adequately skilled employees on the basis of gender.**



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*World conflict is here to stay. Is Tufts prepared?*

## Ending Denial

by **Brandon Balkind**

Somewhere near the Afghani-Pakistani border, Osama bin Laden is plotting evil. Hypnotized by Osama's words, hundreds of Al Qaeda terrorist cells have dispatched around the world with a single objective: destroying the West. The civilized world, as in the case of the Roman Empire, has underestimated the strength and determination of the enemy combatants, and stands largely unprepared for the challenges that lie ahead. Society is divided over who will lead the West in the War on Terror, and how the war should be carried out.

Americans in particular are unsure what causes the spread of terror. They do not know whether escalation of combat will strengthen or weaken the enemy. Many students and professors of the Tufts community are strongly committed to the notion that diplomacy and friendship will prevail over forceful measures—that with each military action, America only cuts off one head of the Hydra to have it replaced with a dozen more. They believe that President Bush is leading America in a needlessly violent and agonizing crusade—a path that is hardly of least resistance.

The peace-lovers have good intentions, but are hopelessly misguided. This was most evident after 9/11, when some student groups at Tufts took it upon themselves to construct "Patches for Peace," still on display in the campus center. THE PRIMARY SOURCE did not participate in this project that involved making a quilt with peaceful symbolism, because it was clear that the enemy was not interested in Tufts' call for non-violence. At the time, Al Qaeda was not sitting by the phone, waiting to negotiate a peaceful resolution. Instead, they were celebrating, and planning their

next series of attacks—hardly a time for America to lay down its arms.

For all the work of the Tufts community on World Peace and Global Leadership, Al Qaeda would still seek to kidnap or kill

them. In fact, Al Qaeda would kill President Clinton, President Bush, and even John Kerry if they could reasonably do so

(don't forget, they tried to hit Congress with United Airlines Flight 93). Al Qaeda is an equal opportunity terrorist organization—so when liberals assume world opinion will suddenly change once Kerry is elected, they are gravely mistaken. The only thing standing between America and daily massacre is the proactive response of the US abroad—to which Kerry has shown little commitment. So long as al Qaeda is on the run or engaging American forces in Iraq, they will be virtually unable to coordinate attacks on American civilians. This is the course of action taken by George W. Bush, and as a result, there is no safe place in the world for terrorists. Wherever they hide, they know American forces will soon be coming for them.

Still, Tufts is committed to a sacrificial course of empty diplomacy. The community would rather see the ineffective and corrupt United Nations handle world security than see America act in its own defense. Professors like Gary Leupp and David Isles oppose war so reflexively that they forget defense of the country is a just cause. Though the faculty and students would overwhelmingly place the burden of 9/11 on

President Bush's shoulders, they certainly would not have given Bush the support necessary to temporarily revoke civil liberties, profile Arabs, shut down flight paths, and send troops into Afghanistan in a pre 9/11 America. Tufts, as a liberal university, is in denial. No purely diplomatic solution exists to the problem of terror because negotiating with terrorists only encourages them.

Though Tufts is a leader in academia, it is failing to educate this generation. As a school that emphasizes diplomacy and international law, the University must modernize its curriculum to include courses about the military and how it is used. Tufts hosts a Peace and Justice Studies program without faculty of a military science background in the department. Students cannot be expected to learn about peace if they do not understand the nature of war. The University must also bring the ROTC program back to campus and respect its participants, so that patriotic students are given credit for their sacrifices. In short, the University must recognize conflict as a reality and prepare students for a world where there is such a thing as just war.

Parents watch their children receive their diplomas, and in only a matter of days, will observe the Tufts graduates as they fly even farther from the nest, into an uncertain world. It is a world of opportunity, of promise, and also a world that hangs on the brink of destruction. Tufts has prepared the nation's brightest for their career ambitions, but it remains to be seen if the University has adapted to the uncertain consequences of a war against terror—a struggle that requires the leadership of America's best.

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**A well-rounded education at MIT—but not at Tufts.**

**Roe v. Wade won't be overturned tomorrow—but it should.**

# Killing Abortion

by Nicholas Boyd

Feminists recently gathered in Washington for a massive demonstration in support of baby-killing. According to the website of March for Women's Lives, "The time is right for a public demonstration of historic size in support of reproductive freedom and justice..." More likely, the time is right for closer examination of the "pro-choice" movement.

Abortion rights supporters shroud themselves in empowering, progressive language that obscures their true intent. The deceit is necessary and shouldn't

surprise anyone, given the nature of the procedure they champion.

Abortion proponents would like to have you believe they long ago captured the support of the majority of Americans, an effort in which the media and academic institutions are their staunchest allies. Far from the extremist, backwoods religious nuts they are made out to be, the pro-life movement, according to the most recent Gallup poll, commands as much support as its counterpart—and if any trend is determinable, it is a gradual one in the direction of more restrictions on abortion, not less.

Abortion remains a perennial election issue because for much of the American public, the matter was not by any means settled in 1973. A more-or-less Republican Senate and White House administration have been able to institute minor, but significant, restrictions on abortion that are supported by most Americans. The laws championed by President Bush have

included a ban on partial-birth abortions and a bill criminalizing injury to a fetus.

Most Americans understand fetuses need certain protections. Perpetrators of violent crime on fetuses need to be held accountable for their actions, and sucking out a fetus'

brains and crushing its skull during an induced birth rightfully strikes the average citizen as abominable. Laws addressing situations like these necessitate some recognition of a fetus' rights. This makes abortion proponents jittery, as it underscores the fallacy of their logic: how can an

unborn baby be a human child in the making, deserving of protection, and at the same time be nothing but a "fetus," terminable at will? Any legislation that recognizes a fetus' humanity is to some extent eroding the moral foundation abortion supporters try to build with their slogans of "marching for women's lives" and "reproductive rights."

The laws relating to abortion that were enacted in the last few years have convinced abortion rights activists that

an outright ban on abortion would be the direct and inevitable outgrowth of another term for President Bush. This no doubt serves as an incredibly effective rallying cry for easily duped liberal college girls. Unfortunately for millions of future

aborted babies, it's not that easy. Given the grilling the Senate Democratic minority has succeeded in subjecting lower court nominees to, the hurdles the President and Republicans on the Hill would face in packing Supreme Court vacancies with pro-life justices seem almost insurmountable. It is thus unlikely that America will see any such reversal of *Roe v. Wade* in the near future.

Even so, the result of such a ruling would presumably not be a total, federal ban on abortions—it would merely relinquish the issue back to the states. Isolated pregnant Heartland feminists would have to take road trips to progressive burrows like Massachusetts, California, or Washington, where a defederalization of abortion would doubtlessly be met with rapid state legislation to guarantee access to the killing procedure. All the while, religious, traditional states in the South and Midwest would be spared from legalizing and instituting a practice they largely consider to be gravely wrong and immoral.

As is the case at most colleges, Tufts expects and enforces a rigidly pro-abortion stance. Students need only turn to Tufts "Voices for Choice" (VOX), the Tufts Feminist Alliance, the Women's Union, or University departments like Health Services and the Women's Center to find rampant abortion rights activism. Even the University Chaplaincy refuses to condemn abortion. As always, the conservative point of view is shut out because it is deemed reprehensible and uncivilized beyond worthiness of

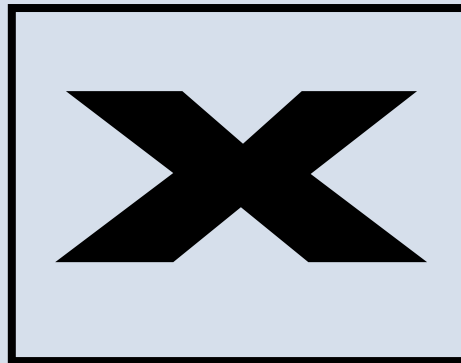
intellectual discussion.

The astounding resilience of the pro-life movement, given the media's virtually universal blacklisting of its effective spokespeople and the rabidly pro-feminist curriculums prevalent in academia,

is impressive. However, if it wants to make tangible gains, the pro-life movement will need to step up its campaigns. Abortion is a brutally violent procedure, so it should come as no surprise that

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**ABORTION: A procedure too graphic for this page.**

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*Nah nah nah nah, nah nah nah nah,  
hey hey heeey, goodbye!*

## Coalition Bites the Dust

by Jordana Starr

**O**n Monday, April 19, Tufts Coalition for Social Justice and Non-violence finally met its end when it was de-recognized by the TCU Judiciary. Although members of the Coalition, a TCU-recognized group, had promised to become a “slush fund” for other groups (a clear violation of Treasury bylaws), trained students in resisting arrest and other illegal tactics, and even assaulted a member of THE PRIMARY SOURCE at the cannon two years ago, the Coalition was not de-recognized because of its highly questionable and even unlawful behavior. In fact, the Coalition made the decision relatively easy for the TCUJ—the group’s lack of organization is what ultimately led to its own demise.

Although the TCUJ repeatedly extended the Coalition’s re-recognition deadline, resending the group re-recognition packets, the Coalition neglected to turn in any of the necessary materials required by all TCU organizations undergoing re-recognition. Despite this, members of the TCUJ reportedly agonized over this decision during a 40-minute “guilt session.” After all, they noted, the Coalition has been an active campus group. That is, an active waste of our Student Activity Fee.

In a letter sent to the Coalition’s mailing list shortly after its de-recognition, yet prior to receiving official notification thereof, a student identifying herself as “Laaura” announced her belief that the Coalition had been de-recognized—a reasonable assumption considering the group’s failure to complete re-recognition. She then sug-

gested donating the rest of their funds to “organizations in our community with common goals” to “ensure that coalition funds go to a good cause... instead of going back to Tufts.” This state-

ment alone should outrage the Tufts community—in essence, the Coalition intends to spend TCU money—a portion of the \$215 every student has paid this year—on non-TCU organizations. This would be a blatant abuse of the Student Activity Fee, which is designed to enrich the Tufts experience by sponsoring student activities. The Coalition evidently believes that the Student Activity Fee should be put toward its own political agenda rather than toward the students who pay it.

Before the Coalition was able to make a check out to *The Angry Tennant*, an off-campus publication which “Laaura” said she had “assisted before,” or to Boston’s Student Labor Action Project, the TCUJ notified the Treasury of the Coalition’s intentions which, in turn, froze its funds. Still, one is left to wonder why the Treasury had not already been closely monitoring student budget spending, if the Coalition was able to donate to off-campus groups in the past. Regardless, a further investigation into these kinds of occurrences needs to take place. It is the duty of the Treasury to hold Coalition members responsible for spending TCU money outside the TCU and demand that they pay back what are essentially stolen funds.

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The Coalition’s shady dealings do not end with simple mismanagement of funds. In April, the Student Labor Action Movement (SLAM), a subgroup of the Coalition, held a workshop on “civil disobedience.” Under the Tufts name, using Tufts resources, SLAM trained students in various methods of intentional law-breaking, while at the same time offered advice for students wishing to engage in illegal activities. This same group is also responsible for twice disrupting the opening sessions at April Open House, in which SLAM members nearly gave President Bacow a heart attack when they stood up in the middle of a welcome speech and proceeded to carry on about custodians’ rights during the time allotted for Bacow’s remarks. Not only did AOH have nothing to do with SLAM or their demands, but the group appeared just as childish and immature as the students who interrupted former President George H.W. Bush’s Fares Lecture last year. The group praises itself for its “peaceful protests,” because the Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence is a nonviolent group and would never do anything violent—or would it?

In an article he wrote in Volume II, Issue 3 of *Radix*, Coalition member Adam Carlis chronicled how he and a group of other activists tried to break up a neo-Nazi meeting at a public library in York, Pennsylvania. Titled his article “By Any Means Necessary,” Carlis praised the violent and destructive acts committed against the neo-Nazis by his fellow protestors: “An inventive anti-racist rushed the Nazis



War protests? Not in Tufts’ name—any more!

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with a can of pepper spray and put them out of commission as a second group of protestors took the opportunity to trash the Nazi's car. It must have been a cold ride back to Illinois with no windows!" He then boasted about his own violent behavior that day: "We then proceeded to accomplish our third goal. Activists totalled the Nazi's truck...we stole the second Nazi's flagpole, burned his flag, and knocked him to the ground with the pole." Although neo-Nazis are well-known for their hate-driven violence, there is something hugely disturbing about a member of a coalition for non-violence violently assaulting another human being.

Carlis concluded in his article, "There are unquestionable links between the Republican Party and far Right hate groups." This assertion may explain the rationale behind three Coalition members' assault on former SOURCE Editor-in-Chief Sam Dangremond on October 1, 2001. While six members of THE PRIMARY SOURCE painted the cannon, Carlis approached them with Coalition member Lou Esparza in tow, announcing, "We're going to get you guys, and its going to be good." They then left. Later that evening, as Dangremond sat guard at the cannon, Carlis, Esparza, and Liz Monnin, dressed in hooded sweatshirts and bannanas covering their faces, proceeded to pounce on and attack Dangremond. The three members of the Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence violently bound him with what they later referred to as "non-violent blocking techniques" as they defaced the cannon he was guarding. Eventually, Dangremond escaped to a blue light phone and moments later, TUPD arrived on the scene. Dangremond filed a complaint, and the University placed three members of the Tufts Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence on Probation 1 for harassment.

Members of the Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence have broken state laws, violated the *Pachyderm*, attempted to breach Treasury policy, and even disregarded the organization's mission to promote nonviolence. Thanks to the coalition's own incompetence, the group will no longer be able to use the Tufts name and spend students' money to accomplish their hypocritical goals. ■

*A realistic proposal.*

## Shame on Tufts? Shame on SLAM!

by Mike Schilling

**T**he Student Labor Action Movement (SLAM) has been less than successful in all of its attempts at getting higher wages and more benefits for our OneSource janitors. Year after year, SLAM organizes "gigantic" rallies (on the order of 45 people) and collects signatures asking the administration to pay janitors more. Meanwhile, SLAM members believe they are promoting "social justice" and are doing their part to bring about change. In reality, however, they are not bringing about any change at all. All SLAMmers are really doing is wasting paper for their fliers, which janitors have to clean up. SLAM just creates more work for the very people it is trying in vain to help.

The \$11.45 per hour OneSource janitors make is certainly below SLAM's concept of a "living wage" for Boston. The *Daily* reported that OneSource activist and employee, Irlanda Castillo, who spoke through a translator at the recent SLAM protest, said, "Some of the janitors' children here have to start working at age 14 just to help support their families because Tufts doesn't provide enough money for our services." SLAM and its sympathizers are content to waste time in futile protests while mere children are being forced to go to work just to support their families. How much does SLAM believe in its own cause? If SLAMmers are really convinced the custodians' situation is so bad, they should not be content with their futile protests. Given the bleeding-heart liberal mindset, these people should take *real* action, rather than uselessly run-

ning around campus with megaphones yelling "Shame on Tufts!"

I therefore suggest the creation of a SLAM fund, based on SLAM's goals, not the group's actions. Concerned members of the Tufts community could donate money to the fund. The money in the fund could then be doled out to custodians in the form of bonuses. Thus, the people of Tufts would be able to solve the ills of the current janitorial wage crisis. With the support for SLAM's goals among students and professors alike, the fund could bring in large amounts of money to help our custodians. Perhaps the administration would even add an option onto tuition bills for people to donate extra money to the SLAM fund.

If custodians should be paid more money, and if enough people are convinced of this, all this protesting is a waste of everyone's time. The SLAM fund could be solving all of the leftists' woes *right now*. Meanwhile, the people who really lose out are the custodians and their

families who are being "exploited."

Realistically, my proposed fund is not likely to satisfy SLAM. SLAMmers do not want to give just *their* money to raise custodian's wages. They claim it is *Tufts'* responsibility to take care of its employees by giving them an artificially high wage. If there really were a SLAM fund, it would not make any significant change in custodians' wages because nobody would donate money to it. At the same time, I offer a challenge to people who believe in SLAM's "social justice" message: Start a SLAM fund and prove me wrong. In the process you would help out lower-income janitors and achieve your goals, for once. ■

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*Kerry's plan may be hazardous to your health.*

## Not My Man

by J. Slavich

I do not claim to be part of the Right-wing, and I am not even a Republican, but if I were to choose between George W. Bush and John Kerry, I would choose Bush. Kerry is not the leader this country needs. Kerry has criticized Bush's actions during his presidency, but Kerry offers few alternative solutions. If one looks closely at Kerry's actions and not his rhetoric, questions arise about his ability to lead this country.

Polls over the last few months show that Americans see the economy as the most important issue in the upcoming election. Kerry's proposal for gaining new jobs involves a large restructuring of corporate tax rules. US corporations that make money outside US borders are not currently taxed on that income as long as that money is not brought back into the US. Under Kerry's plan, international income will be taxed at the same rate as the corporate tax for US corporations.

Kerry believes that taxing international income will save enough money to slightly reduce the domestic corporate tax rate. By discouraging international investment, Kerry hopes to increase domestic investment and boost the job market. This premise is fundamentally flawed. Kerry's plan is, at best, a short-term fix for job losses that will create long-term economic problems in the future. Many companies work overseas due to the efficiency of the international market. Either it costs too much to produce a product in the United States, or American workers have become ineff-

icient in their production. By trying to force companies to spend money only in the US, Kerry is asking companies to reduce their efficiency. In the long run, the US economy will suffer as inefficient American companies try

to compete with their efficient international competitors.

Kerry not only has a flawed economic plan, but he also continues to criticize Bush for perceived

economic problems. Voters should not be fooled by Kerry's rhetoric. The economy is improving, thanks in part to Bush's cut in personal income taxes. If one looks at economic indicators, it is obvious that the economy is headed in a positive direction. Since the fourth quarter of 2001, the GDP has posted positive gains, and with the largest growth in decades occurring in the third quarter of 2003, the GDP grew over 8% and for the last two quarters has grown by just over 4%. Also, Kerry should be careful in continuing to criticize a poor job market. Since September 2003, non-farm payroll jobs have grown by 759,000, and the unemployment rate has dropped from 6.4% in June 2003 to 5.7% in March of this year. As the numbers continue to improve, Kerry's case becomes weaker and weaker.

The economy is not the only place where voters have to worry about John Kerry. In matters of national security,

he seems to flip-flop in his opinions, and his voting record has not always been in support of the troops or the intelligence community. In the early '90s, John Kerry voted against the Persian Gulf War and called the coalition against Iraq "shadowy battlefield allies who can barely carry a burden." But recently, Kerry has called the coalition in the Persian Gulf War a "strong coalition."

Kerry uses his Vietnam service to project a strong record on national security, but his Senate voting record tells a different story. In the mid-80's, Kerry called for canceling important military weapons systems in use today, such as the B-1 bomber, Patriot missiles, Apache helicopters, F-15's, and F-14's. He also wanted to limit spending on Bradley fighting vehicles and Tomahawk cruise missiles. In the mid-90s Kerry also proposed a billion dollar cuts to the intelligence community. And most recently in 2003, Kerry was in the minority of an 87-12 vote when he voted against \$87 million in supplemental funding for troops in Iraq. Before he voted against the funding, Kerry pledged to vote for the measure to support the troops.

A close comparison of Kerry's rhetoric to his actions shows that he is not a man of conviction. Kerry says what he thinks people want to hear. Examining Kerry's record gives one the chance to see what kind of leader Kerry



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would be. So far, everything points to his planning to bring about hurtful economic policies and a confused view on national security. Given the dangerous times we live in, America cannot afford to take a chance on a Kerry presidency. ■

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solid data on incidents of discrimination. However, discrimination must play some role in the wage gap. The people holding the top positions in companies are predominantly males. Not only are they males, but they are old males. There is a good chance that they were raised before the politically correct era of the '80s and '90s with some amount of gender bias. Also, since so few women have achieved high-ranking positions, there is some uncertainty about their performance. This is probably the very same reason there has yet to be a female president in the US, or even a viable candidate. However, there have been steady improvements over the past few decades: women are slowly achieving higher-ranking positions and the overall wage gap is narrowing.

The wage gap may never completely disappear. However, it is important to understand that this is okay. Women and men do embrace different lifestyles and this includes employment decisions. Also, while discrimination probably is present to some degree, it is not the primary reason for the wage gap. From an economic standpoint, no company would ever consistently discriminate against adequately skilled employees on the basis of gender. Doing so would give an edge to competitors who choose not to discriminate and therefore are able to hire a qualified employee. Activists who cry out for labor reform in order to compensate for the wage gap need to understand that a large portion of the gap is due simply to the choices women themselves make concerning their careers. ■

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images of its result (aborted fetuses) speak thousands of words in swaying people. Learning how one doctor alone performs 15 abortions each morning, for a grand total of 30,000 (and counting), as this writer discovered just days ago, is enough to make any reasonable individual reconsider exactly what it is government mandates when it guarantees access to abortion. One can only hope, for that doctor's sake, that he never starts having second thoughts about "reproductive rights."

Certainly situations may exist wherein the life of the fetus needs to be weighed against the safety of the mother. What is unconscionable is giving people free reign to abort any fetus, for any reason, at any time when we all know there is an inherent humanity to it that most of us are willing to pass laws to protect, given the right situation. Feminists know their movement depends on distancing the now "empowered" woman from the traditional byproduct of its oppressed past, the child. The "right" to abortion is the cornerstone to this strategy. The longer feminists are allowed to discuss killing babies as if it was akin to getting your tonsils removed, the more established the practice will get, and the more difficult and heavy on our collective consciences it will be when we finally do come to our senses. ■

University leaders recently published a response to a SOURCE parody featuring items linked through a student group's website.

These items included merchandise like the pin shown below, and other "Intifada Gear"



The "Fedayeen Pin"

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# THE VAST RIGHT-WING CONSPIRACY DEFEATS THE COALITION



The Tufts Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence was recently de-recognized by the TCU Judiciary.

**Q:** Who would have thought greed, deceit, lawlessness, and disorganization would bring down the Tufts Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence?

**A:** Anyone with a clue.

*Oh, how we'll miss...*

**...SLAM Rallies to raise our tuition.**



**...workshops that teach how to break the law.**



**...rallying to oppose war after it's already over.**



**...protests against liberating millions**



**...the SOURCE Editor-in-Chief getting assaulted at the cannon.**



*The “Anyone but Bush” crowd perverts democracy.*

# The Bush Haters

by Adam Hoffman

No president in recent memory has polarized the population of the United States quite like George W. Bush. Notwithstanding his record-breaking approval ratings directly after 9/11, there are many people who despise everything this man has done since he squeaked into the White House in the 2000 election. These people are the founders and leaders of the Anyone but Bush crowd. Organizations

such as MoveOn.org have been raising money and running television ads directed specifically against President Bush. It even seemed that, in the beginning of the Democratic primaries, the candidates themselves were simply opposed to Bush, rather than actually being *for* anything else.

The Anyone but Bush (AbB) movement has many famous and wealthy supporters. It seems that every week, more and more Hollywood celebrities are expressing their wish to remove Bush from office. These include well-known lefties such as Janeane Garofalo, Alec Baldwin, Barbra Streisand, and Al Franken, as well as some less infamous liberals like Julia Roberts and Gwyneth Paltrow. Billionaire George Soros has said that defeating President Bush “is the central focus of my life...it is a matter of life or death.” Recently he pledged \$5 million to MoveOn.org, bringing his total contributions against George Bush to \$15 million.

College campuses across the country, including Tufts, are home to the same kind of rhetoric. On the Tufts campus, stop signs have been painted to read, “Stop Bush,” a kind of graffiti that is only acceptable when it is targeted against someone liberals hate. Recent polls on

college campuses show that about 48% of college students would vote for the probable Democratic nominee John Kerry, while only 38% would vote for Bush. These numbers are very similar to polls taken before the outcome of the race for the Democratic nomination was over.

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Except, in these earlier polls the candidates were Bush, and the other was a “Democratic nominee”—essentially Bush v. Not Bush.

In the months leading up to the Democratic primaries, the AbB machine was at full tilt. The Democratic Party got so caught up in hating Dubya that Howard Dean, the crunchy Vermont wonder and Bush-hater extraordinaire, was the front-runner for several months. This lasted until Democrats became obsessed with “electability,” and realized that Dean did not have it. Democrats realized that not everyone in the US hates the incumbent president as much as they do and they would never be able to rally much popular support behind an angry anti-war candidate like Howard Dean.

The problem with the AbB crowd is that they are torn between supporting candidates who stand for what they believe in, and supporting the candidate who is most likely to get Bush voted out of office. The problem is that the candidate they really want, and the one that they think the American public would want,

are different people. By claiming they are looking for “electability” they are masking what is really going on: these liberal “defenders of freedom” are effectively going against their own personal beliefs.

Why are these people afraid to vote for what they actually believe in? In the 2000 Presidential election, the Democratic Party tried to make people think that a vote for Ralph Nader was a vote for Bush (the Republicans were guilty of exactly the same thing in regards to Pat Buchanan). The problem with the throw-away vote argument is that it rests on a false assumption. Saying that you throw your vote away if you vote for Nader or Buchanan because they have “no chance of winning” implies that you do *not* throw your vote away if you vote for the major-party candidates, which could not be farther than the truth.

First, a vote must be thought of as a choice by a single person to cast it for candidate A, B, C, or not at all. When thought about this way, there is virtually no chance that a single vote will determine the outcome of the election. Unless your vote is the one that brings the votes to a tie, or is the one vote that makes a candidate win, then in reality, your vote did not matter. A vote is not meant to determine outcome. If it were,

why would Democrats bother voting in Texas, or Republicans in Vermont? A vote is simply, and beautifully, a way to express one’s beliefs and values.

By preaching the AbB policy—at best a distorted version of democracy—the Left has virtually forced itself into a corner. Now that it is nearly certain that John Kerry is the other half in the “Bush vs.

Not Bush” equation, Democrats will have to reinvent themselves. Kerry already has the support of Bush haters. If Kerry is to stand a chance in this election, he will have to convince people that he has a stand on the issues and convince the American people that he should be trusted with the presidency. ■



**The Anyone but Bush crowd.**

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**A soldier serving in Iraq sets the media straight.**

# The Truth from Iraq

by Nicole Brusco

It has been over a year since the war in Iraq officially began. Saddam Hussein has been captured, his regime dismantled, and millions no longer live in fear for their lives because of their ethnicity or religion. The war to liberate Iraq from a brutal dictatorship was one of the swiftest, least bloody wars in the history of the world. This cannot be the same conflict we hear about on the nightly news. In that war, the US

is bogged down in a quagmire of violence with countless US casualties and surrounded by a population that is fighting back stronger each day. The truth, however, is that

we are winning, the Iraqis are happy for us to be there, and the media sensationalizes their coverage to promote a negative view of the Coalition.

To hear the real story, THE PRIMARY SOURCE interviewed Sergeant Patrick Giles, an officer in the Army Reserves who has been stationed in Southern Iraq at Camp Bucca since late February. His insight and first-hand experiences are at odds with the deceptive reporting of the mainstream media. Giles asserts that despite what might be reported here at home, the United States military is the best fighting force in the world and is defeating the enemy. Their days are not easy, but they are confident that the Iraqis appreciate what they are doing.

*Sgt. Giles: Media coverage is present at all times—they are trying to sell*

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*a product like every business. It's like NASCAR racing—everyone tells you that they want to see some good old racing, but they are really there to see a crash. Nothing makes news like controversy.*

On his opinion of the American media and embedded reporters, Giles told a frightening story of the shameful exaggeration and sensationalizing that the American media is engaged in. He

believes that in this instance, the reporter harbored no malicious intent and was only trying to make his reports more interesting.

*Sgt. Giles: There is a doctor who is reporting for Channel 4 out*

*of Denver. As [with] all reports, he's trying to sell a story. On one occasion, we blew a radiator hose and he reported it as an IED [Improvised Explosive Device], and on the same trip he said we encountered an angry mob of Iraqis, but it was just a bunch of kids begging for food. He sometimes has an active imagination—whatever. Reporters add stuff to sell the story, like recent events [that] make it seem like the Tet Offensive [of the Vietnam War] just happened, which is not the case. These were isolated events near Baghdad and Fallujah.*

The media has made the situation in Iraq seem as though the Coalition is losing control. This, according to Giles, is not possible because of the strength and preparedness of the United States military.

*Sgt. Giles: As for what we are lacking: that falls under mission-sensitive*

*information, but I will tell you that the United States Military is the most well-supplied military in the world. On the question of training, the role we are playing changes every day. Each day new lessons are learned and will be passed back to TRADOC (Army Training Command). Plus, the enemy changes his or her tactics everyday.*

Even though they are well trained and excellently equipped, the men and women serving in Iraq are in harm's way each day, working and living among Iraqis who may or may not be friendly to US soldiers. They get very little rest and have few of the comforts of home. Nevertheless, Giles only had positive remarks on the progress of the Coalition and confidence of the troops.

*Sgt. Giles: Concerns about kidnappings are very low, recent events are in the news but are infrequent. Recent news may have you believe that Iraq is going through something like the Tet Offensive, which is not true.*

*As for bombings; these are also infrequent, isolated mainly in Baghdad, but IEDs are common on all roads in the north, around cities. This is a major concern to personnel and equipment, and results in the majority of deaths to Coalition troops. However these are weapons that are becoming less and less effective, due to increased awareness by Coalition Forces. This is another sign of a desperate force trying to fight a war with limited resources.*

*On the subject of June 30, turning over control only helps the Iraqi people if they want to move forward. The US presence here will be felt for many years to come. Also, on the number of US troops if the UN decides to get involved: it will not change for a number of months—that will take time.*

Giles is stationed in the south, which is generally a less violent area of Iraq. His main job there is to transport and guard prisoners. As a result, he has seen most of the country and has interacted with Iraqis of different ethnicities, religions and socioeconomic classes. Giles notes that these groups have vastly different attitudes on the war and the end of Saddam's regime.

*Sgt. Giles: I am stationed in the south near a town called Umm Qasr, in the British Zone. I travel quite a lot around the country and most places you are greeted by waving children. It is mainly around Baghdad or where Saddam had power [that] you will run into people who dislike the US. That is because they lost everything; these [Iraqis] are mostly Sunnis. As for the Kurds and the Shiites—they have everything to gain. Actually in a town down here called Al Basra, a mass grave was found with thousands of bodies of Shiites.*

Giles, who works with Iraqis and contractors at his camp every day, noted the increase in the number of jobs and the large number of

highly paid foreign contractors—signs of economic recovery in Iraq.

*Sgt. Giles: As for Iraqi civilians, many now have jobs, working in and around our camp. The major contractor is KBR [Kellogg, Brown & Root, a division of Halliburton], which is one of the largest contractors of the many security companies that protect certain other contractors, and hires many Iraqis and Americans. The contractors who are American make good money; it's funny that soldiers are paid less to do the same jobs. A KBR employee (American) will be paid upwards of \$100,000. For the same job a soldier will be paid \$40,000 to \$60,000 (this depends on rank).*

*As for foreigners, there are quite a few here. They are from all over, because there is a lack of skilled labor in Iraq. Many work for KBR. Iraqis work within our compound and are with us everyday. They are very grateful for all the new jobs that are being created.*

A typical day for reservists, who are generally stationed at a base and are able to sleep in the same place each night, is still dangerous and exhausting. Giles' day starts at 3 am with a drive to a prison to pick up detainees. Some trips are to Baghdad and take eight to ten and a half hours one way. He described one such trip to Baghdad.

*Sgt. Giles: All the way you saw how poor the real people lived. Along the road you could see markers for IEDs and UXOs (Unexploded Ordinances). There were burned out trucks and old military equipment along the road, and places where [the insurgents] placed IEDs on guardrails and had detonated them.*

*When we got to Baghdad, we turned the prisoner over to the personnel there. This place was one of Saddam's torture places—if those walls could talk. When we were there you could hear mortar*

*and gunfire and crew-served machine gun fire during the night. The*

*next day I went to Baghdad International Airport, [and there] you could see where*

*the mortars had hit the buildings.*

*After the airport we went to our Brigade Headquarters—what a place! Basically it is on an island in the Tigris River. The area was near one of Saddam's palaces. The buildings were very lavish, so I guess that is why all the officers picked it. We started back a little late [that night] so we knew we would be getting back after dark, [which is] not advised.*

Despite the arduous work in difficult conditions, servicemen and servicewomen are the most able to see positive changes happening in the newly liberated Iraq. Giles' view is

that life in Iraq is improving as a result of Coalition action, and those who are resisting are simply former supporters of Saddam.

*Sgt. Giles: The general situation changes every day, depending on where I travel, but on the whole, every day gains are being made to improve life here for the majority of the Iraqis. Most of the action is around the cities where it is easier to hide and where news reports can gain easier access, which is a major difference between here and Afghanistan. And these are the cities where Saddam's loyalists are still found.*

Iraqis' lives are truly improving as a result of US involvement. Over 45 million people have clean drinking water for the first time, 100% of the hospitals are open and fully staffed—compared to 35% before the war, and school attendance is up 80% from pre-war levels. Despite these astounding improvements in Iraqis' quality of life, the mainstream media continues to report exaggerated and untrue stories for political gain and to boost ratings. They are in no way representing the efforts or successes of our troops.

The men and women sacrificing to serve their country deserve more respect than the American media is giving them. These brave Americans are giving up time with their families and are putting careers on hold to fight day and night for the freedom of others. They deserve nothing less than accurate reporting and our utmost respect. ■

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**Fighting for freedom in Umm Qasr.**

**American copyright law has become grossly unbalanced.**

# Unfair Use

by Alex Levy

The foundations of intellectual property law are built upon the belief that, for creativity and innovation to flourish, a balance must be struck between the needs of authors and the needs of society. America's founders argued at length over this issue, concluding that while limited-time monopolies were needed to encourage "literary works and ingenious discoveries" (to quote James Madison), these monopolies would inevitably become detrimental to future development. We've come a long way since 1790. In fact, it's starting to look more like 1984.

US courts have long upheld the legal doctrine of Fair Use: copy-

right cannot restrict consumers' freedoms in how they use purchased materials. When the Motion Picture Association of America sued to prevent VCRs from going to market, claiming they would destroy the movie industry, the courts ruled against it on the grounds that they had a valid legal use: making copies for personal use. Just as a hammer cannot be outlawed for being able to inflict deadly injury, a VCR—although capable of enabling piracy—has a valid legal use.

Fair Use appears nowhere in US law, yet the courts have repeatedly backed it. When the Recording Industry Association of America sought to ban MP3 players, the court ruled that because they had a legitimate use—playing legally purchased music—they could not be outlawed or taxed.

In 1998, MPAA and RIAA lobbyists pushed for a law that they claimed would protect musicians from the vicious claws of global piracy: the Digital Millennium

Copyright Act. Under the DMCA, any system that circumvents electronic copyright protection is illegal, regardless of purpose, with only slim exceptions made for archives and librarians. While this may sound benign (or even beneficial), the real-world effects of this law are devastating.

Under the DMCA, those accused are considered guilty until proven innocent. If the RIAA tells an Internet Service Provider that they are hosting a website which contains copyrighted material, the ISP is required to immediately disable the site until a court rules otherwise. This erodes due process and gives music companies effective veto power over Internet publications.

When an anonymous programmer released software that could remove encryption from music purchased from the iTunes store (so that consumers could use their music on non-iPod MP3 players), Apple unleashed its lawyers upon any web site that distributed it. To this day, Apple sends "cease and desist" letters to anyone who dares publish the code (called PlayFair). This not only stifles consumer freedom, it is vehemently anti-competitive.

The DMCA may have been introduced as a benign copyright law, but it has become a devastating legal weapon which businesses use against competitors. Lexmark has used the DMCA to shut down third-party ink refillers. Google has been forced to remove web pages from its search results. Auto mechanics are legally forbidden from diagnosing problems with on-board computers. DirecTV has raided hardware shops and extorted legal settlements from any customer who purchased smart-card readers, regardless of whether they actually used them to pirate DirecTV broadcasts.

In 1998, it was argued that the DMCA would save movie studios from rampant piracy and enable them to serve video-on-demand over the Internet. Six years later, the DMCA has done nothing to prevent Internet piracy, but has inflicted massive harm on the computer industry. Yet this law presents an even greater threat: Digital Rights Management, or DRM, which enables corporations to literally take control of your computer.

The "Trusted Computing Group", a consortium that counts Microsoft, IBM, Intel, AMD, Dell, and HP among its members, is developing computer systems where encrypted data cannot be decrypted without outside permission. "Trusted Computing" is a misnomer; these companies would have you believe DRM means an end to virii and spam, but it won't. DRM is really about media and software companies trusting your computer to keep things away from you.

Within a few years you may find that after downloading a song, you cannot play it more than once. The computer will lock the music file away and refuse to grant access until the "owner" of this file—apple.com, perhaps—says otherwise. Want to play this song on your computer *and* your MP3 player? Please insert a major credit card.

The social implications of DRM are frightening. Corporate memos will refuse to be printed, copied, or forwarded: no more whistleblowers. Emails can be remotely deleted after being sent. Under the DMCA, doing anything to stop this becomes legally impossible: to get around DRM, you must get around encryption. This is not some hypothetical scenario; this technology is being developed now, while you read this article. Congressmen allied with Hollywood are pushing to outlaw any technology that does not incorporate DRM, while simultaneously refusing to add Fair Use to modern law.

We are inundated with media—text, music, and video—and the possibilities for creative expression in such a world are endless. But laws like the DMCA, and technologies like DRM, threaten the richness and accessibility of our own content and culture. The American public must become aware of the dangerous threat which laws like the DMCA pose to our society. If this misguided legislation becomes a permanent fixture of our legal system, the monopolies of the MPAA and RIAA will cause our dynamic and vibrant culture to stagnate into one of "pay-per-play" passivity. The time for change is now. ■

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*One student acknowledges the role his family has played.*

## A Public Letter of Thanks [to My Parents]

**A**t two o'clock on Thursday, April 29, I finally sat down at my computer, hoping to pen an article just hours before the deadline—see Mom, old habits *do* die hard. While attempting to glean ideas for my graduation article from the SOURCE's archives, I realized that simply recounting worries and woes, nostalgic memories, or what I have (not) gained at Tufts would land me with an unoriginal piece. Then it dawned on me to write about why rather than what. That is, why I had a chance to experience what SOURCE alumni have already written about, indeed, why I have a chance to write this very article: my parents.

Nowadays, pop culture preaches a golden rule to college students: no person or institution but yourself can correctly perceive which decisions are the best for you. Simply put, we should be the sole arbiters of where to go to college, whom to date, which party to vote for, what beliefs to follow, and on and on. Sadly, this oftentimes translates into refusing wisdom that our parents might bestow. People who, having lived with and reared us for nearly twenty years, know our every strength and weakness, and who have only the sincerest of intentions for us. I find pop culture to be foolhardy.

With that said, I offer myself as a brief case study. I am not a native Tufonian. I matriculated at UC Berkeley in 2001. During my first semester, my parents called my siblings and me to discuss moving from our home—only ten minutes from Malibu—to the suburbs of Philadelphia. In addition, my older sister and I were asked if we'd be willing to give east coast colleges a shot. Let's pause a moment to recap. I was a freshman at a prominent university in a pleasantly warm state (with a public school's cheap tuition to boot), and my parents were asking if I would transfer. Under the influence of what controlled substances, you ask, would anyone consider such a displacement? Well, you wouldn't be the first to ask that ques-

tion, but the answer is simple. I listened to my parents' advice.

And how did this epic saga conclude? Did my transfer bear out the validity of my parents' counsel? The evidence speaks for itself. The tech bubble burst and the recession in 2001 hit California hard, leaving the state in enormous debt. Consequently, the state turned to the educational system to cut costs, resulting in higher tuition. Moreover, off-campus housing for over \$900 a month per person is not unheard of. Coupled with higher tuition fees for out of state students, the cost of attending UC Berkeley is actually comparable to Tufts. But, because Tufts more fully integrates AP credits, I can graduate here as a junior, something that was not possible at UC Berkeley. Tufts turned out to be cheaper.

Importantly, economic factors are not the only consideration. On a trip back west this year, I made a stopover at UC Berkeley to see friends and visit old haunts. Though the school was the same, my friends were not. The only universal opinion they now held was that they couldn't wait to get out. Apparently, UC Berkeley had not treated them well over three years, and I can't help but picture myself similarly tired and weary-eyed.

So, to my mother, who I am sure at this moment is wondering whether to ask me for the eleventy-bajillionth time if I am still happy with the way things have turned out. My reply is, not only am I happy, but eternally grateful for the advice and support you have given me over the past three years, and two decades. Foresight could not have elucidated a better choice than the one to relocate across the country. I should also publicly acknowledge that I would have flunked out of elementary school had you not made sure I left the door with my books (and head) every day. Yes, even the subtle suggestions that I could still be a doctor, much as I chafe at them, remind me that I always have options. You've given me enough hope and confidence in myself to never settle for second best. Rest assured,

with your 4-0 record in raising us, I would bet on you over any female CEO with 10 to 1 odds. Nay, 100 to 1.

To my father, a model Catholic whose hard work and dedication got him through college and law school when his parents sent him off with not much more than a pat on the back and their hopes. While the rest of us tease you about your frugality and "eye for a bargain," your perseverance has given our family more than we could ever need, or want. Above all, the example you set has given me a conviction in the Church and taught me the power of prayer in my own life. College has only reinforced my resolve to use your recipe for life: faith.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, I would like to dedicate my graduation and commencement to my parents and family, without whom, nothing in my life would have been possible.

Love, your son,  
Christian L. Miller



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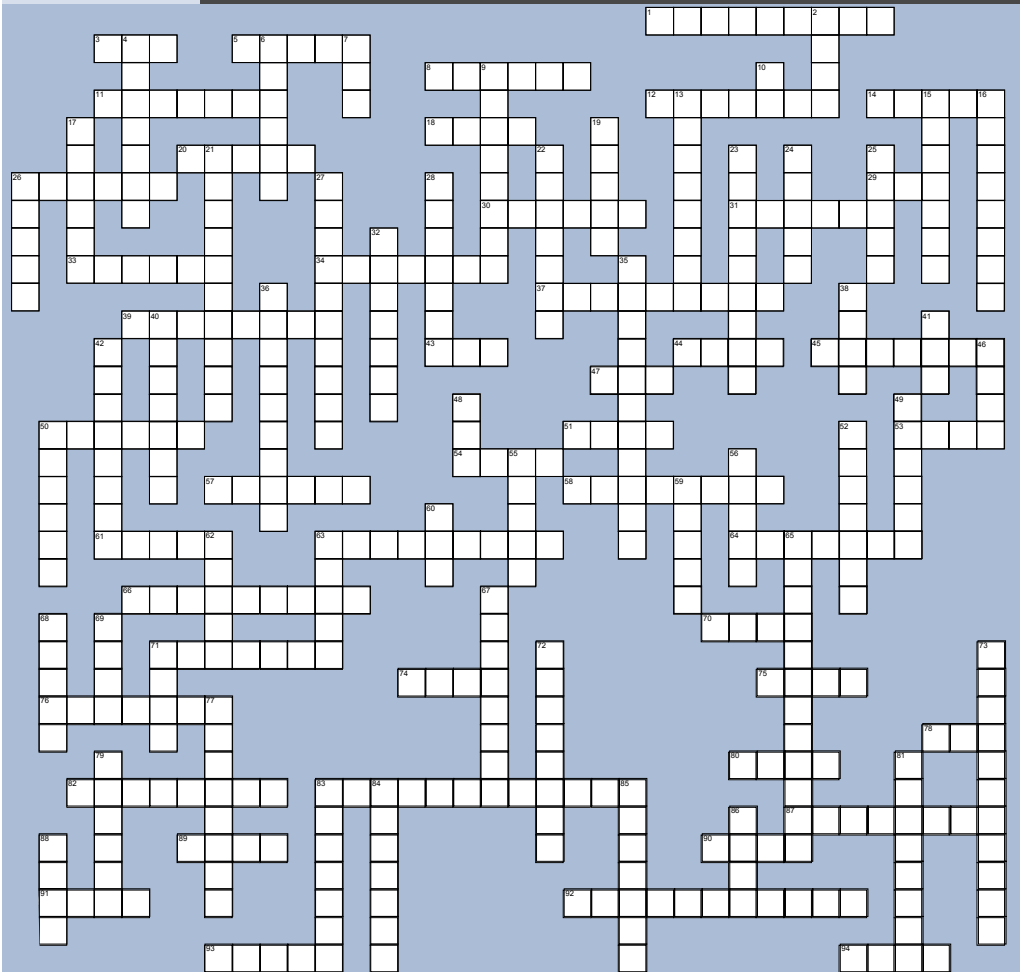


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- 1 Coalition wanted to become this
- 3 Expensive Joey accessory
- 5 Annual lecture series that didn't happen this year
- 8 Middle-class \_\_\_\_ Index
- 11 The Tufts campus knows all about her sex life
- 12 Overused TV series idea
- 14 Health Services wasn't good enough for him
- 18 Song by ONYX and misguided student movement
- 20 At least it has comics and a crossword
- 26 Cursed since 1918
- 29 Your SUV thirsts for it
- 30 Longest acronym, ever. Think rainbow.
- 31 Thing you are buried in, or Director of Admissions
- 33 Troops found him in a hole
- 34 A Lying Liar who tells Lies
- 37 Not Naked Quad Run, but...
- 39 Super Bowl Champs
- 43 Number of beers allowed at Spring Fling
- 44 Military organization rarely seen on campus
- 45 Unfunny humor magazine
- 47 Student group promotes sites that promote terrorism
- 50 Jet setting café in Davis Square
- 51 Winner of "Victim of the Year Award"
- 53 Sports channel Tufts students don't need anyways
- 54 Inspirational Iraqi cleric
- 57 Progressive leader of countless stupid campus groups
- 58 Bacow didn't run it
- 61 Tufts' endowment as a percent of Harvard's
- 63 Korean troll
- 64 Less gore but more controversial then Kill Bill
- 66 Newest US legislative body

- 70 Coming soon to Tisch Library
- 71 National Review founder
- 74 "If it was a rape, it was a \_\_\_\_ rape."
- 75 Shuttle that's slower than walking
- 76 Ex-Radix writer who called mag "literary masturbation"
- 78 SLAM crashed this prefrash event
- 80 Brown and \_\_\_\_
- 82 Capitulation or shoes
- 83 Intersection feature that saved Observer from extinction
- 87 Violated MOPS by 15%
- 89 Iraq and \_\_\_\_
- 90 Wear sneakers so you don't stub these
- 91 Anyone But \_\_\_\_
- 92 Tufts' online message board
- 93 Keep getting shut down
- 94 ResLife director who should be fired

**Down**

- 2 Saddam son who tortured Iraqi athletes
- 4 Building designed to implode
- 6 The Governor
- 7 \_\_\_\_ Fair
- 9 Most reasonable Democratic candidate
- 10 Semper \_\_\_\_
- 13 The \_\_\_\_ never forgets.
- 15 This doll is loved by conservatives, hated by Radix
- 16 Replaced by water lab

**Answers on page 6.**

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Real initiatives at Tufts in 2003-2004.



“There just weren’t enough opportunities to learn about safe sex. When Tufts ResLife brought the sex toy store to Houston Hall, I finally understood the art of making a saran-wrap bikini.”

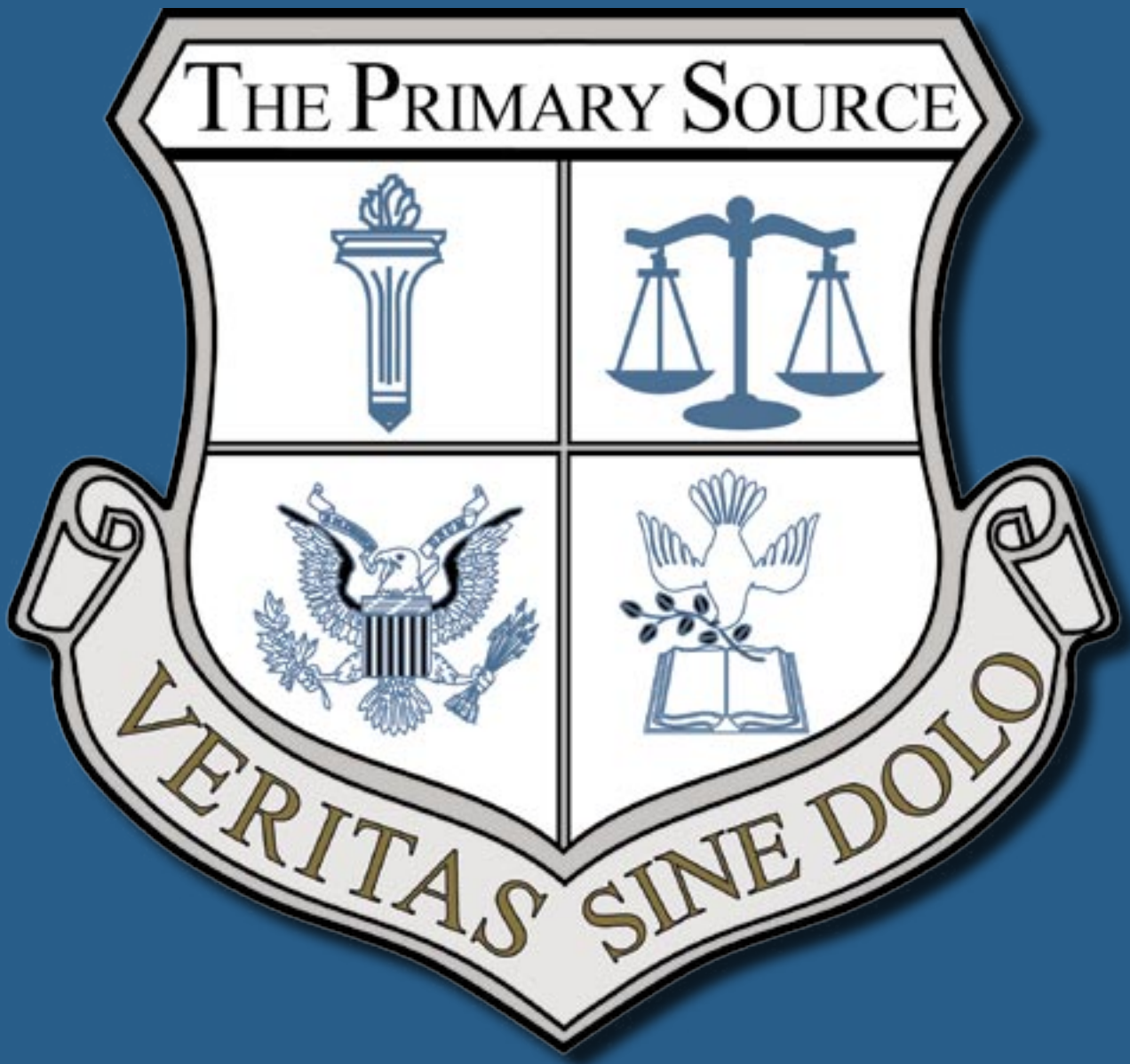
“I never knew what sexual lubricants tasted like, until Health Services sponsored a taste-testing session. The Dining Hall should really order some of that stuff!”

“The police are always getting me down when I try to protest stuff. At Tufts, I attended a workshop on how to resist arrest! Awesome!”



“We were really glad they brought more spectators to the Naked Quad Run. College is a place to have fun, and you really want to treasure these memories for a lifetime—especially on the internet. I hope my mom and employers don’t see it!”

The quotes are fictitious—the events are real.



To the Class of 2004:

*Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.*  
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow