

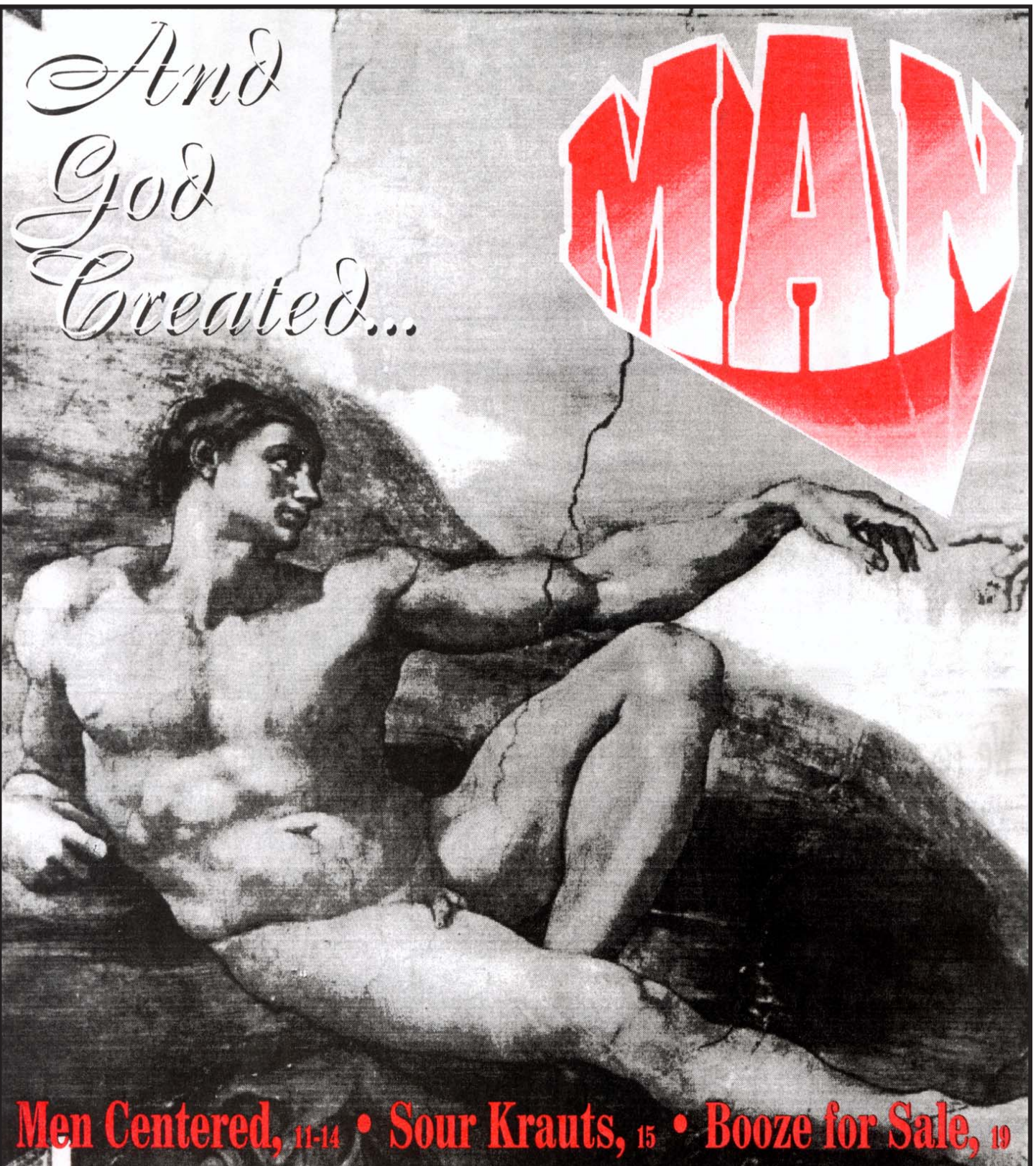
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# FROM THE EDITOR

Because voters ignored the infamous character issue last fall, they are now encumbered by a president who seems to try harder every day to disgrace his office. Though pundits branded Ronald Reagan “the teflon president,” it is really Bill Clinton who proves no-stick. Through myriad scandals, the President emerged smelling like a rose no matter how damning the evidence against him.

Having successfully dodged the marijuana haze, Gennifer Flowers, Whitewater, Filegate, Travelgate, Vince Foster and other Arkansas skeletons, Paula Jones, not to mention the draft, it seems Slick Willy is about to wrangle out of sundry suspect fundraising schemes. Not only is he still under scrutiny for accepting contributions from various Asian nationals, but even the liberal *Boston Globe* published front-page stories about the motel he runs out of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and the private Hanger he operates with Air Force One and Air Force Two. Former Clinton advisor Dick Morris even mused on *Politically Incorrect* that the President would sell his own bed for the right price.

*The Washington Times* recently ran a lead piece on the Lincoln Bedroom trials, ironically a predicament not involving the dignified President caught with his pants down, at least not literally. That issue’s cover features pictures several of Hollywood Clinton groupies and other fans who have stayed in Abe’s room. Though the host of characters, including Candace Bergen and Steven Spielberg, were not all large donors, they were not merely visiting friends, either. Hollywood connections played a vital role in Clinton’s re-election, as silver-screen moguls served as free advertisements, both with tributes like Rob Reiner’s *American President* and sycophantic commercials starring the likes of Rosie O’Donnell.

Under pressure from critics, the White House released a name list of 831 guests who stayed overnight, 67 belonging to the stars of the Valley and a whopping 370 representing Arkansas action. This tally does not include or disclose the identities of an additional 107 Clinton relatives and

friends of the First Daughter’s who checked in. Though dubbed the Lincoln Bedroom fiasco, the President actually needed all six guest rooms to accommodate his barrage of followers. *The Times* reports that the Clintons had so many guests that much of the time the first family did not even know who was there. To make up for their inadequacies as hosts, guests were treated “like royalty” and sent home with souvenirs to prevent people, most of whom the Clintons probably did not know personally, from stealing historical objects.

Showboating with guests on Air Force One is perhaps more dubious as the plane is maintained by the taxpayers who assume that the its exorbitant upkeep exclusively goes towards official business. At the same time that Clinton tells Americans he knows how hard it is to stretch a dollar these days, he abuses his power and cheats the populace.

Clinton staunchly defends Vice President Al Gore against alleged campaign fundraising violations. His argument goes that ‘it was a heated election,’ which is certainly true. But he continues that he knew the other side, meaning the Republicans, were going to outspend the Arkansas-Kid-Earth-in-the-Balance-Duo, so Al Gore *had* to resort to the measures he did in order to get their message heard. And that message, the supposedly anti-Big Government Clinton, explains, was that the two planned to save Social Security and provide more funding for our wasteful public-education system, among other statist programs. The smoke-and-mirrors master seemingly does not remember that the Dems far outspent the Republicans. And that he was just trying to disseminate important information is an obvious sham that certainly does not justify violating the law. Hopefully, the most scandal-ridden, dishonest presidency in history will make Americans give a little more consideration to the character issue when the First Sidekick applies for the job as manager of Pennsylvania Avenue’s most exclusive hotel. —JS

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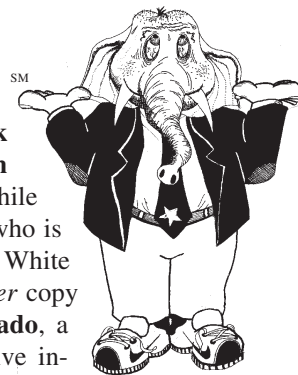
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# From the Elephant's Mouth



☞ Describing Tufts's plans to honor sell-out GOP Congressman **John Edward Porter** with an honorary degree, duped *Dailyite* **Elizabeth Oyebo** writes, "Porter, who has been described as fiscally conservative, has dedicated himself to protecting Social Security [and] enacting campaign finance reform." Not to mention fighting against that pesky tax cut.... 41% of students engage in unplanned sexual activity after imbibing the 'demon drink'— and **Just The Facts** thinks this persuades people to stay sober? ... **Buildings & Grounds** announces the creation of a so-called "area maintenance system." One area will be maintained poorly, another placed on the "ninety-day priority list," and a third left to rot.

☞ Four out of five leftists recommend **Brown & Brew**, but previous favorite **Oxfam Café** still rakes in the tools thanks to its new points machine. New dishes include boiled sand and twig fondue.... From the **Police Blotter** (who says *The Observer's* good for nothing?): "She [the victim] did notice a suspicious white male." The crime? Oppression? Subjugation? Date rape? Actually, just a simple larceny.... **SETA** sponsors a talk by FDA-reject **Michael Greger** on the danger of **Mad Cow Disease** in America, from which most of its members apparently suffer. Figure this one out: when mad cow hit the UK, limeys incinerated 11 million bovines. Does SETA want to contribute to a nationwide cattle slaughter or are they just trying to scare us into going vegan? Either way, THE ELEPHANT doesn't answer... *LIES*.

☞ Ever-elusive **President John DiBiaggio** rambles, "While we may not love each other, we must respect each other." And don't forget to call the next morning.... *Daily* hack **Pete Sanborn** complains in a column about the number of students who wrote letters pointing out a moronic spelling error on a front-page headline. If you can't stand the heat, Pete, spell "kitchen" cor-

rectly.... **National Society of Black Engineers President Barrow Shurn** calls his group "very inclusive," while *The Daily* reminds us that "anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend." White engineers need not apply.... *Observer* copy editor (and resumé-packer) **Noe Prado**, a self-professed "strict and conservative interpreter of the Bible," supports ordaining female priests. He reads the Bible about as carefully as those articles he proofreads.

☞ AS THE ELEPHANT predicted, Merchants On Points is delayed yet again while Hamburglar **Patti Lee** resolves "communications problems" with AT&T. Why do points machines work perfectly fine at Boston Ave.'s new **Brown & Brew** but experience technical difficulties two blocks down the road at **Espresso**? ... Senate Queen of Hearts **Andi Friedman** marries *Daily* t o o l **Dan Tobin** in a Mock Jewish Wedding at the Hillel Center. Expect locusts.... **Religion Department** sponsors a lecture by S. Nomanul Haq, "candidate for the position of Assistant Professor of Comparative Religions, Rutgers University." Number twenty-two in the nation, and the best we can attract is a job applicant?

☞ Predictions: **Sociology Department** grants Andi and Dan a Mock No-Fault Divorce.... After shameless MOPS chicanery with **College Pizza et al.**, a TUPD dragnet finds Lord of the Fries **Patti Lee** in a cement block under the Charles.... **Administrators** swoon in sycophantic mutual-congratulation after finding a token Republican willing to associate with Tufts, but still make no effort to find a *real* conservative.... **Noe Prado** and **Greg Geiman** co-author, "If you don't like female priests, then don't go to church." THE ELEPHANT *never* forgets.

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# Commentary

## Unholy Separatism

The TCU Senate gives many student groups money for self-indulgent activities that have nothing to do with improving the Tufts community; the Chinese Culture Club's take-out feast is only the most prominent example. The Senate's trimming of Pan-African Alliance pork, however, reveals an even more pernicious kickback that not only wastes student money but also perpetuates the omnipresent atmosphere of racial separatism on campus: a TCU-funded bus service to a black church in Roxbury, now slated to run 12 trips next year instead of the requested 25.

To be fair, the Senate's reasoning for the cut is wholly invalid. According to *The Daily*, TCU President Andi Friedman expressed reservations about "funding a religion" and mused that the Senate may deliberate further on the matter in the future. Yet Tufts prides itself on financing many religious activities, most notably the University chaplaincies. Perhaps Miss Friedman would prefer that Tufts promote a nihilistic culture by ignoring its students' faiths altogether—an attitude towards which the Tufts's religious community should express outrage.

Tufts's chaplaincies provide services for three major religious denominations, and on-campus observances make every effort to include members of the black community. PAA President Aliguma Kabadaki's position is an affront both to black culture and to the Christian population at Tufts, implying that blacks' religious practices are so far out of the mainstream that traditional observances cannot accommodate them. In reality, however, black and white Christians share myriad similarities and few differences.

Tufts enjoys giving lip service to diversity but actively implements policies of racial separatism. From the segregated freshman Orientation programs to the "culture houses" that encourage non-whites to retreat into PC cocoons, Tufts has made it clear that its concern for diversity is purely cosmetic. While it boasts about the number of minorities on campus, it makes no attempt to integrate them into the mainstream. Yet the PAA's self-segregation is particularly galling for taking what could have been the strongest unifier across racial bounds and turning it into an instrument of separatism. The racial healing that integrated church services would accomplish by allowing blacks and whites to experience solemn religious concordance together would do more for race relations on campus than any workshop, speech code, or diversity panel. Miss Kabadaki deprives the community of this cultural synthesis and simultaneously blames white attitudes for the alleged "racial hostility" on campus.

### Stop Me Before I Spend Again

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has, arguably, thrown off its tax-and-spend image. With Dukakis an ugly memory, the state now boasts an acclaimed fiscally conservative Republican governor and has recovered from its

late-1980s financial crisis. Perhaps too well: the Commonwealth's coffers may soon burst under the strain of unexpected revenues. Apparently, Massachusetts's prolonged economic expansion has provided the state government with roughly \$300 million more than it thought it could collect this year. Consequently, passersby can hear earsplitting shouts of "Let's spend it NOW" emanating from leftists in the State House.

Legislators with constituents salivating over prospects for unforeseen largesse have ponied up to the public trough with all kinds of new spending ideas. Somerville's own Patricia Jehnsen wants the revenues to support "homelessness prevention," "transportation needs," prescription-drug 'discounts,' and a host of other feel-good spending initiatives. Anne Paulsen of Belmont thinks the state should "reduce the welfare rolls" by using the money to "ensure that people have enough education and training, and that there are jobs to move into." House Speaker Charles Finneran entertains no such designs. He, whom *The Boston Globe* quizzically calls a "fiscal conservative," wants the state to keep most of the money in a Keynesian "rainy day fund." When the economy goes south, he concludes, the Legislature's prudence will pop in and protect everybody—not altogether terrific reasoning, but still a notch higher than Governor Weld's. The left's favorite GOPer plans to increase social-welfare spending and temper that proposal with a targeted tax cut.

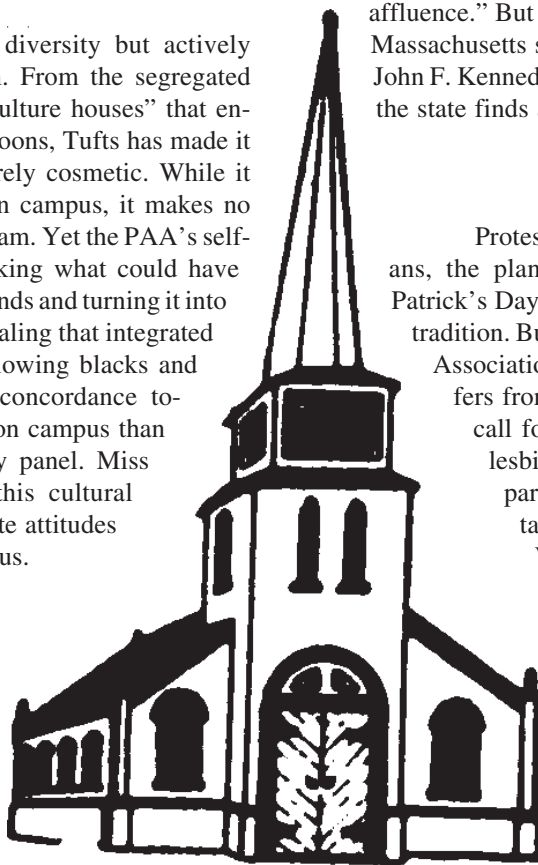
The dilemma reveals a great deal about the leftward drift of the American spirit. Nearly everyone seems to believe that funds plundered from taxpayers rightfully belong to the government—which they quite plainly do not. Indeed, Finneran had the audacity to refer to the spending craze as a "fever that comes with affluence." But the government should never be affluent. Massachusetts should follow the lead of its favorite son, John F. Kennedy, and return money to *all* taxpayers when the state finds a surplus in its pirated treasure chest.

### Pink Shamrocks

Protests against the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the planner of the annual New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, are fast becoming a new holiday tradition. But this year's latest contender, the Pro-Life Association of Gays and Lesbians (PLAGAL), differs from past sundry radical organizations in its call for common sense. Like all other gay and lesbian groups, PLAGAL cannot march in the parade because it violates the Vatican's established teachings on acceptable lifestyles.

While the association accepts the Hibernians' policy, the group demands that the AOH remain fully consistent and proscribe pro-choice politicians from the parade as well.

PLAGAL stands on unassailable grounds. In the *Evangelium Vitae*, Pope John Paul II explicitly attacks pro-choice Catholic politicians who claim a difference between personal and pub-



lic issues, especially the issue of abortion “rights.” One cannot ban homosexuals because they violate church standards and simultaneously embrace advocates of what Rome equivocates with murder.

The reasons for the Order’s inconsistency are clear. The chummy network of powerful Irish politicians and businessmen loses little, if anything, fighting radical homosexuals. Conversely, the thought of having to tell the likes of Ted Kennedy or Daniel Patrick Moynihan to watch the parade from home on NBC frightens the politic-minded parade producers. Nevertheless, the Ancient Order of Hibernians must abandon its pick-and-choose mentality and stand with its Pope on one of the greatest moral issues of our day. What they lose in political favor they will gain in esteem from a higher power Who has less worldly concerns on His mind.

### **The Food and Death Administration**

David Kessler’s lethal band of FDA bureaucrats struck again last week; but this time a jury deflected the attack and handed down a verdict recognizing that cancer patients die in part because of unjust government regulations. In this case, a Texas doctor was hit with seventy-five counts of mail fraud because he offered a cancer treatment lacking the FDA’s stamp of approval.

The Food and Drug Administration, a government agency responsible for more American citizens’ deaths than any other except the Pentagon, wields its power liberally. Fearing public outcry at drugs that deform babies, and realizing the failure of the media to chronicle ‘legitimate’ bans, the FDA opts to err on the side of over-regulation every time. The result, naturally, is that millions of Americans lack critical health information. For example, Bayer is not allowed to state on its labels that a daily dose of aspirin reduces the risk of heart attack— not because of scientific debate on the matter, but because the FDA does not wish to risk tainting its image.

The bureaucracy’s monopoly on drug approval and the inability for anyone who doubts its judgment to opt out of its scheme soften the public opinion blows it would ordinarily suffer. Equally strong is the paranoia encouraged by government officials, who routinely paint pharmaceutical companies as opportunistic, faceless corporations out to gouge the sick and prey on the dying. These same officials often have the gall to turn around and demand further innovative research efforts from the same companies they vilify, despite subsidies to their competitors (in the form of research grants to universities) and the threat of price controls.

Thankfully, the Texas case empowered a jury to trump the FDA’s bureaucratic wildcard with Americans’ true concerns. Though similar democratic devolutions will no doubt save future victims from the FDA’s claws, the ideal solution requires abolishing the agency entirely and trusting citizens to make their own health decisions— because small victories can never wash the blood off its shaky hands.

### **System Failure**

When public education bureaucrats propose adding computers to classrooms as a remedy to dismal performance, few individuals believe that simply updating technology will affect any substantive change in academic achievement. Given that sensible skepticism, it is unusual that Tufts would hitch a ride on the

futurist bandwagon, entertaining a host of trendy pipe dreams that lend unrealistic credence to the curative powers of the computer. Recently unveiling plans to spend three quarters of a million dollars annually on technology upgrades for faculty machines that will likely gather dust at this supposedly student-centered university, the administration evidently feels that no problem cannot be solved by getting “wired.”

But by far the most embarrassing folly was



the Experimental College’s self-aggrandizing forum, “Opening Up the Classroom.” Organized to answer legitimate questions about how colleges will adapt to twenty-first century changes, the discussion session instead devolved into a pseudo-bureaucratic love-in where would-be technocrats spat out fatuous delusions better suited to Isaac Asimov stories than academic discourse. Though recognizing that Hypertext could never replace campuses, the technology-intoxicated participants praised shifting the focus of education from classrooms to computers, noting that the changes would phase out ‘luxuries’ like lecture halls, dorms, and professors.

Starry-eyed futurists made similar predictions about the television in the post-war era; history has made that device’s limitations painfully clear. The marketplace optimizes every product to perform the function for which it is best suited; television, for example, excels at passive entertainment. Hundreds of years of Western enlightenment attest to the university’s competence at pioneering the quest for truth, and its station cannot be challenged by science-fiction dreamers intent on forcing computers to do something that they are not capable of doing. Technology is not a panacea; it is only a tool.

# Fortnight in Review<sup>SM</sup>

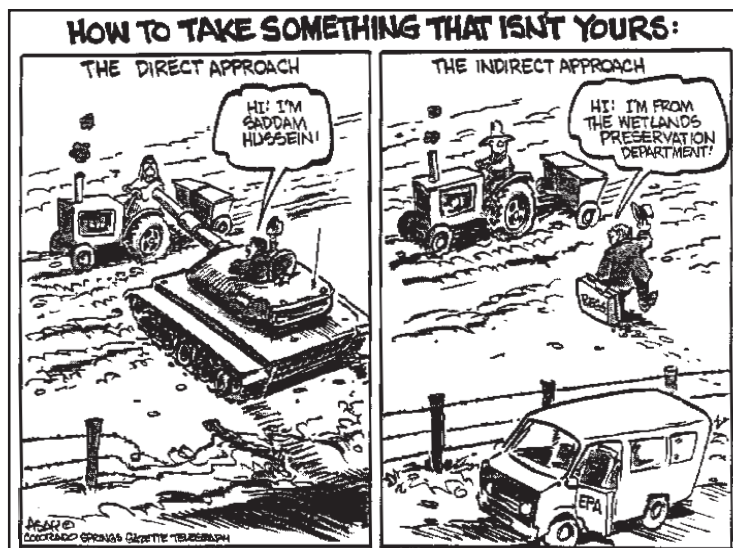
*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** Violent mobs in Ghana beat seven men to death after hearing rumors that the victims had the power to make male genitals disappear. But the only thing that vanishes without a trace in Ghana is Tufts's money.

**PS** President Bill took Hillary to see Broadway's smash hit *Rent*, but audience members began booing when the First Couple trotted on stage. Then the First Lady slapped the Coward-in-Chief when Angel told her why Bubba's medical records remain undisclosed.

**PS** A failed suicide leaper fell on a Tel Aviv man and broke the poor guy's back, but walked away completely uninjured. Bystanders caught the jumper mumbling, "So sue me."

**PS** Homosexual activists founded the Clone Rights United Front, arguing that "in a time when we're afraid that discovery of a genetic basis would lead to people aborting us, cloning would be a way of surviving" and that "this has the potential of giving women complete control over reproduction... a stunning possibility that could eliminate men altogether." Morality: a stunning possibility that could eliminate cloning altogether.



**PS** Toledo, Ohio, city planners renovated a Macy's store into an apartment complex, hoping one day to integrate arts, entertainment, restaurants, and housing in one downtown area. First, work on bringing Ohio indoor plumbing.

**PS** Scientists at Tokyo University surgically implanted microprocessors into cockroaches, hoping eventually to use them as espionage tools. In the meantime, they've let them loose in Bush Hall.

**PS** Health experts are expressing outrage at the latest teenage fashion: dark sun tans, enhanced by anti-sunscreen lotions like "Sizzle," "Ultra Sun," and "Equatorial Thrust." It's not worth getting cancer just to appear in Tufts's *Viewbook*.

**PS** Phillip Johnson of Kentucky shot himself just because he wanted to see what it felt like, according to paramedics. He should have listened to Greg Geiman's advice: "If you don't like getting shot, don't shoot yourself."

**PS** Top Ten New Scenes in The Return of the Jedi Special Edition:

10. Deadbeat Dad Vader forced to cough up \$10 million
9. Rebellion meets new Endor resident Theodore Kaczynski
8. Jabba the Hutt is really Larry Flynt
7. SETA holds candle-light vigil for Rancor
6. Dimeo-built Death Star doesn't need Rebel help to blow up a second time
5. Supreme Court strictly forbids Ewoks mentioning C3PO in school
4. Sabre-less Luke killed by Emperor during five-day waiting period
3. Bantha falls ill after hearty meal from Wing Works
2. After the Emperor dies, his wife is indicted and Al Gore takes the reigns
1. Jaime Roth caught trying to torch the Ewok Village

**PS** After recycling laws cut down on trash, German dumps are solving the problem of coming in below quota— by seizing garbage from Belgian factories and importing the trash. We thought Germany had more than enough garbage of its own.

**PS** US troops stationed in Europe are wary about forming a NATO-Russian alliance, noting that elite Russian peacekeepers in Bosnia suffer from heavy drinking problems. Bill Clinton reassured the regiments that the Russians don't swallow.

**PS** Santa Fe, New Mexico, rejected a bill that would outlaw cockfighting, citing the community's economic reliance on the sport. The cocks weren't very happy about it, though.

**PS** High-school philosophy teacher Bernard DeFrance, of France, was suspended for removing an article of clothing every time a student stumped him with a question. He now teaches PS 45.

**PS** And sometimes goes to Santa Fe.

**PS** Jason Heck of Oklahoma sent a pal to the ER while trying to kill a millipede with a .22-caliber rifle. Or was it a Japanese cockroach?

**PS** Malaysian politician Nik Aziz Nik Mat has urged women not to wear lipstick because it makes them more likely to abandon their babies. Or perhaps conceive them.



**PS** After GOP ads criticized New Jersey Senator Robert Torricelli for waffling and casting the deciding vote against the balanced budget amendment, his comrades responded with a “Thanks, Senator” commercial in which friends assembled at a birthday party for “Grandpa,” who fretted that the law would have compromised Social Security. As usual, the left likes to wear its heart on its sleeve and its brain in the gutter.

**PS** While receiving an award from the United Nations Environmental Foundation, Queen of Hearts Olivia Newton-John accidentally dropped the crystal trophy on the floor, causing it to break into tiny pieces. Guaranteed, the United States footed the bill for the clean-up.

**PS** To save money, Carson City, Nevada, forbade its prison inmates from sending mail and watching television. That leaves more time for sodomy.

**PS** Physicians at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center are now forbidden by law from criticizing doctors in private practice. Apparently, the First Amendment has been seasoned with the Colonel’s secret blend of eleven herbs and spices.

**PS** Portland, Maine, silenced a 2,300 pound bell after audiences in a nearby concert hall complained about the hourly ringing. Beats listening to the Bubs.

**PS** Mattel’s new “Talk With Me Barbie” comes with a CD-ROM and a computer jack, allowing Barbie to make Artificially Intelligent remarks to young girls. Or is she a Japanese spy?

**PS** After a psychic predicted that 80-year-old Venezuelan President Rafael Caldera will die this year, she was detained by the state’s intelligence agency. Upon release, she was placed on the CIA payroll.

**PS** A gubernatorial task force in Kentucky revealed that the state’s colleges operate “for the interests of the institutions with little regard for the greater good of students or the state.” As opposed to other government agencies?

**PS** Boston entrepreneur Myles Levin invented a device to automatically curve the bills of baseball caps, providing that ultrahip frat look. That’ll go right next to the Clapper and the Salad Shooter.



**PS** After losing an amateur porn contest, Diana and Robert Welborn are suing *Genesis* magazine for \$11 million, claiming foul play. Haven’t they exposed enough?

**PS** Similarly, Illinois police found amateur porn videos starring thirteen boys in the home of a former social worker. The worker was fined for not paying them the minimum wage.

**PS** Top Ten Changes in Residential Life Housing Policy:

10. No roof, no refunds
9. TCU president can rent out his room to potential campaign donors
8. Showers installed in the ECO Hut (but to no avail)
7. In response to poor dorm sanitary conditions, qualifying freshmen can choose to live off-campus by attending college elsewhere
6. Don’t like your lottery number? Try selling *Spare Change*
5. Death penalty for recycling-bin contamination
4. Latin Way and Hillside will now feature jacuzzis, concierge, and maid service, but the rest of campus will still lack flush toilets
3. Campus-wide quiet hours, 24/7, 365 days a year
2. Bridge/Metcalf institutes *glasnost*
1. The Greg Geiman clause: “If you don’t like rats in your room, then don’t feed them.”

**PS** On March 15, Dr. Jack Kevorkian will open the second exhibition of his paintings, including one with a frame painted in his own blood. Doctor Death is cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs.

**PS** Panasonic’s new \$5,000 CF-25 MK II laptop can withstand multiple drops on concrete and function in heavy rain. Now South Hall residents have no excuse for turning in their homework late.

**PS** Courtney Love is reportedly upset with Camille Paglia after being slammed in the vamp’s online column. After all, heroin-snorting tarts with crack babies still have a right to their dignity.

# Your *Daily* Fill

Colin Kingsbury

Take it from a group of people who know this maxim all too well: the responsibility of publishing a newspaper or journal daunts even the best of us. But the monumental task *The Tufts Daily* faces in publishing a paper at the smallest campus currently supporting a daily does not excuse the low standards this once-worthy paper now maintains. An inexcusable lack of relevant coverage, low journalistic standards, and a precipitous decline in the quality of its editorial page combined call into question the reputation past generations of editors toiled to win for *The Daily*.

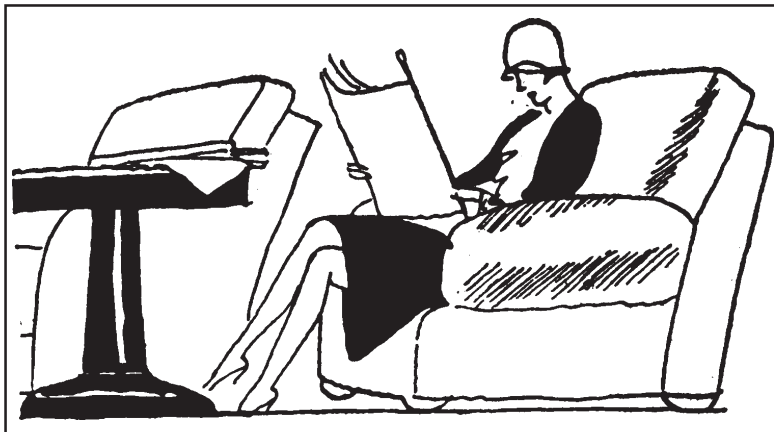
The paper's motto, "Where you read it first," speaks to the supreme position current events occupy in a newspaper. People read *The Daily* first and foremost to find out what is happening on campus. Students occasionally suggest that a campus of Tufts's size simply does not produce enough newsworthy events to justify a daily paper. If correct, this theory explains why "Oxfam vs. Curtis," "Majors Week kicks off today," and at least two articles on the sQ-vs-Amalgamates fiasco all commanded front-page space in only two weeks. Even more damning proof comes from the large number of articles concerning a previous evening's lecture which, however interesting, does not belong on a page intended for news.

Judging by most headlines, the too-small-school theory certainly merits careful consideration. After all, *The Daily* always offers some news, even if it means running "TCU senators give updates on committees." Unfortunately, recent history indicates that a great deal of real news remains untouched. This semester Tufts changed long-held practices of allowing cars to park anywhere on campus during weekends, resulting in mass ticketing of students unaware of this unwarranted action. Strange, then, that *The Daily's* most

•All research for this article was conducted at the *Tufts Daily* website, accessible at <http://www.tufts.edu>.

recent parking-related article ran in March 1996. Of course, the University too deserves criticism for not publicizing the policy change; nevertheless the very role of a free press is to check the abuse of power by authorities.

Consider also the inattention our campus daily paid to TuftsConnect's January billing scam. Usually when a paper receives six or seven letters on a subject, it means enough students care to warrant some journalistic investigation. Surprisingly, though, TuftsConnect's latest larceny never happened, if one judged solely by *Daily* coverage. While several op-ed pieces bemoaned this Jumbo-sized rip-off, a newspaper's editorials do not equal its news pieces in importance. This stands in stark contrast to the constant barrage Marj Minnigh and her gang received last year. And TuftsConnect hardly stands alone in its frequent tugging at students' pursestrings. Anyone who thinks not enough news exists for *The Daily* to cover needs only to remember run-ins with Dining Services, Health Services, or Barnes & Noble



to realize the error in his argument. When roofs stay on buildings and no one stages anti-Pepsi protests, reporters could be making news by discovering things like the TCU Senate surplus before it has three years to accumulate. Simply put, no one who considers reporting a passive, reactionary business belongs anywhere near a news room.

Complaining about a letter to the editor last week, sports columnist Gregory Youman wrote insightfully that "Reporting is only one aspect of the job—a journalist must also analyze and, if the situation is such that it is proper, must criticize.

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Anything else would be dishonest." To this I respond, "liar, liar, pants on fire." While no *Daily* writer in recent memory landed any Pulitzers, most reporters provided at least a superficial evaluation of the situation. Today, however, allegedly journalistic articles read like press releases and consistently fail to deliver anything but a quotation service for the parties concerned. Close to forty percent (38.4 to be exact) of a recent front-pager on the sQ-Amalgamates catfight consisted of direct, verbatim quotes, and no matter how close one looked, not an analytical word could be found. That an assistant editor's byline appeared above that article only compounds the paper's failure.

Good coverage of the A Capella brawl is rather oxymoronic, though—at least in the sense that no one really cares and we lose nothing from poor reporting. On the other hand, when the article concerns Merchants-On-Points or B&G's service record, students have a significant interests at stake.

Sadly, recent coverage of these issues reveals that *The Daily* shows no great thirst for true journalism. After beginning an article concerning MOPS with, "More than four months after the off-campus points

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# Opening Up The Men's Room



An intense workshop featuring the following paper presentations:

## “Public Stalls and the Multiple Persons Prisoners’ Dilemma: How Society Tells Us Not To Flush”

*Presented by Socrates Jones, double major in Philosophy and Urban and Environmental Policy*

•Mr. Jones examines how social constraints and government coercion are the only means by which we can ever achieve a Two Thousand Flushes civilization. Using case studies of what people would do if they were in a hypothetical situation where they do exactly what Mr. Jones wants them to do, he proves his case eloquently. Recipient of the Fifth Annual Rawls Award for excellence in septic engineering.

## “I Will Not Put The Seat Down: Arguments For The Unconstitutionality Of Marriage”

*Presented by Roosevelt B. Anthony, double major in Political Science and Women’s Studies*

•Arguing that marriage violates the involuntary servitude clause of the Thirteenth Amendment, Mr. Anthony’s paper has already been banned in Utah and by Associate Dean Reitman. This masterpiece of constitutional methodology has also hit number one on the *Los Angeles Times* bestseller list, selling more than 300 copies.

## “When I Ran Out Of Paper And Did Not Know Where To Turn Or How To Speak”

*Presented by Poughkeepsie Dickens, double major in Geography and English*

•Mr. Dickens has not yet returned from the Men’s Room to present his paper.

## “The Yankee Stadium Trough: A Case Study In Collectivized Social Policy”

*Presented by Julio Ockmonick, double major in Spanish and Sociology*

•Using personal interviews with field-level-box ticket holders at Yankee Stadium, Mr. Ockmonick uses the success of the Big Apple’s largest public bathroom to prove why the era of big government is thankfully not yet over. As readers watch Mr. Ockmonick’s arguments flow by, they can contemplate the inevitable resurgence of communism in America’s lavatories.

## “The Time I Snuck Into The Lady’s Room”

*Presented by Anonymous*

•Undaunted by long lines or pink tiles, this particular student describes his journey to the dark side and back in lurid prose that any man is sure to identify with. Includes tips on how not to get caught with your pants down.

## “Paper Towels Or Hand Dryers: Industrial Society And The Future Of Clean Hands”

*Discussion group led by Prof. Theodore Kaczynski, Department of Uncivil Engineering*

•Join Prof. Kaczynski as he chronicles the inevitable fall of industrial civilization using the preponderance of automated hand dryers as one of the Biblical signs of Armageddon.

**Don’t miss our post-workshop brunch with Rev. Scotty McLennan!**



# Men Centered

March 1997

## Letter from Our Fearless Leader

by Seymour Mann

**H**owdy, partners, and welcome to our first issue of *Men Centered*! I am excited about meeting with anyone interested in furthering the cause of masculinity. The members of the Board this year are: Lee Gullenrare, Gill T. White, Sol E. Darrety, Hugh Toucan-Naylor, Stan B. Hyndmee, and O. Pancho Vinnie Starright. I enjoy meeting with them on a constant basis, especially Stan. If you are interested in sitting on my board, please call my lovely secretary, Bruce, and have him take down your name.

The purpose of *Men Centered* is twofold. First, we hope to provide a forum for any man on campus to say anything that he wants without worrying about whether it is "popular" or "grammatically correct." The articles in here are very provocative, and I am very excited that readers may find their curiosity piqued by our flirtations with politics, the environment, the new Porsche Boxster, and the CN Tower. Second, we will engage our opposition in intellectual exchanges so that we may resolve our differences without coming to blows.

By the time you finish with this issue, you will probably feel that you have exhausted all that men are about. But I can assure you that there is more to come. After a short relaxation period between issues, we will be back with an even more stimulating issue of *Men Centered* later this spring that is sure to keep you engaged for hours on end. ♂

## My Baldness Is My J

by Richman Holden

**E**ach day I wake up and reassure myself that I can work half as hard because I'm White and one third as hard because I'm a man. That's one sixth as hard as the general population, and that's pretty damn good.

When I walk into a room, the first thing that people notice is my chalk-white skin and complete lack of hair. I got a rug to take care of the second problem, but the first wasn't so easy. I tried going to a tanning salon, but I just got chapped. Eventually, I learned how to live with being White. In fact, it's not so bad. The best part is that conspiring glare we all give each other when the last black guy leaves the room, right before we get together and work on our plans to pave redwoods and break unions. As Johnny Rockefeller used to tell me, "Membership has its privileges."

Even still, the lack of positive White men on the silver screen does concern me. How many movies have featured a successful White businessman that doesn't violate the UN's International Declaration of Human Rights or a sensitive White guy that doesn't flash his bare bottom at every moment? Has anybody ever seen a movie without James Earl

## Aborting Inequality

by Lee Gullenrare, LA'97

**S**ince 1982, we at the Men's Center have been working towards eradicating the savage inequalities that exist between men and women. For example, we were first in establishing the Flush for Fairness program that protested unequal sanitary conditions in men's and women's bathrooms. Whenever an injustice arises, the Men's Center has appeared at the front lines of the battle handing out leaflets, table tents, and Molotov cocktails. Never one to rest on our laurels, we are proud to announce the latest injustice that we will fight until it

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## oy, Not My Burden

bucks, III, A'59

nes in it? It is a conspiracy carried out not by our brothers  
t by our chicks and, worst of all, our babes.

Why do we, as White men, have to love the one we're  
th? Why should we let the ladies buy that stairway to  
aven? Why shouldn't we get back to where we once  
longed? I am iron man, but all I need is love. Isn't it ironic?

I used to have a button that read "Don't Mess With  
xas." I believe that wholeheartedly. Granted, Texas is  
me to a species of twelve-chromosomed freaks of nature,  
that's what the men's movement is all about: networking  
th our brothers, even the gay ones.

Saying that I am a strong White man is redundant.  
tually, it's more of a lie. I haven't done a shred of exercise  
nce Duesenberg invented the automatic ragtop. But I'm  
ong inside. My father left me nothing, my brother is in jail  
insider trading, and my girls believe that their silicone  
east implants make them women. In actuality, it just makes  
em incredibly sexy, especially when they go jogging or tie  
eir shoes. Even still, we do not need a bosom to fondle, but  
e to lean on. Especially after a martini or two or three. ♂

onger becomes fashionable: discriminatory abortion laws.  
Politicians are constantly giving lip service to 'a woman's  
t to choose.' Supreme Court Justice William Brennan once  
ke of "a woman's constitutionally protected right to an  
tion," and Bill Clinton has even gone so far as to claim that  
tion is the number-one issue facing American women. We  
not allow men to be othered from the sacred rite of abortion.  
l all Americans, both male and female, have access to safe,  
l, and subsidized abortions, true equality between the  
ers cannot exist.

Female-supremacist naysayers are fond of describing so-  
d "objective facts," like the common myth that men cannot  
ome pregnant. The same supposed adherents to theories on

## I Am Man, Hear Me Roar

by O. Pancho Vinnie Starright, E'98



nce upon a time, there was a man that owned some pans,  
A fridge, a toaster, and appliances that ran.

He cooked himself a gourmet feast, and even did the dishes,  
Consistent with the stainless home that satisfied his wishes.

His expertise in keeping house that left him on the brink  
Of married life and all its faults except the kitchen sink

Also served to underscore the fact that some would think  
That he was somewhat deviant, perhaps a little pink.

But laundering his tidies on a frigid winter Friday,  
He met a dame that tied his tongue and peaked his cotton whities.

"I'm Rachel," said the gorgeous girl that he would want to bed,  
"Can I borrow Liquid Tide, perhaps some Wisk instead?"

Honor-bound to chivalry, the gentleman stood tall.

He rolled his sleeves and did her laundry, garter belts and all.

By Saturday, the friendly pair were chatting face to face,  
And Sunday saw the couple locked in sensuous embrace.

On Monday, Rachel told him she was falling fast in love,  
And Tuesday night, the man conceived a pet name for his dove.

At Wednesday's dawn, our hero cursed himself for staying single,  
'Til Thursday, when he proudly matched her finger with a ringle.

Friday serenaded Rachel's heart and then her head,  
And on the second Saturday, the man and Rachel wed.

He took her to his modest flat and showed her drawers of pans,  
His fridge, his toaster, his appliances that ran.

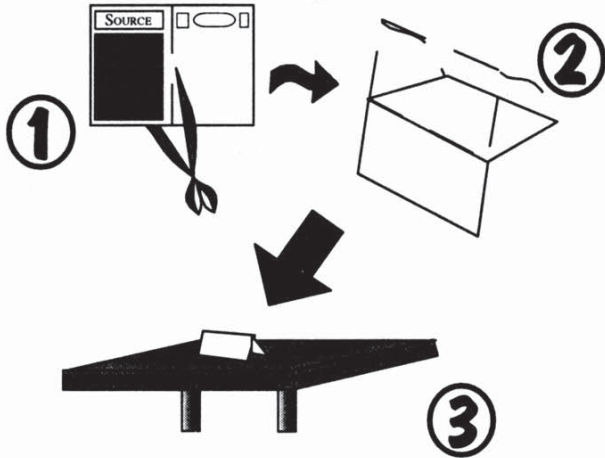
"Since I'll be working nine to five, you'll be in this kitchen.  
Make me dinner every night, and don't give me no bitchin'." ♂

the "societal construction of gender" are quick to throw their  
issues of *Social Text* out the window as soon as men come  
knocking on the kitchen door to demand *their* equal rights.

Given that we, as Americans, are socialized into our respective  
gender roles, it is abominable that self-proclaimed egalitarians  
would allow abortion to remain the sole province of women. It  
is time for men to Take Back the Rights! ♂

# Do-It-Yourself Table Tent

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FACT: Most straight men suffer from sexual frustration, yet the University ignores this critical public health problem and does nothing to help us get nookie.

FACT: No Playboy or Spice on Tufts Box Office— now *that's* institutional racism.

**Straight is great, now stop the hate!**

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# Sour Krauts

Keith Levenberg

Modern leftism predicated itself on many doctrines that take the traditional ideal of egalitarianism to absurd extremes. One of them holds that we cannot understand events objectively but must analyze them in different contexts from different perspectives—that there is no absolute reality but only competing interpretations. The left has achieved astonishing acclaim applying this principle to questions of morality and even the laws of physics. But never has anyone employed it more abjectly than the panelists for “One by One” that appeared at Tufts on February 26. Their presentation about the Holocaust entertained notions of moral relativism and German apologism that have no place in enlightened discourse—much less so in a university event cosponsored by the Hillel Center.

The premise of One by One was that understanding the Holocaust’s significance necessitates studying its effects on the next generation of both Germans and Jews, an entirely reasonable proposition betrayed by the manner in which the panel approached it. The speakers did not recognize the Holocaust’s objective reality and question how the experiences of both sides revealed its truths; they dwelled on the similarity between the experiences of survivors’ children and Nazis’ children without correlating the stories to the historical record’s yardstick. By suggesting that children of Third Reich officers and children of concentration camp victims suffered similar traumas, they unwittingly deny that the Holocaust was not an external event imposed on Europe by a mysterious source but a crime perpetrated by Germans against Jews.

The presentation began with brief prepared speeches by Carol Vogul, the daughter of survivors, and Ilona Kuphal, the daughter of a Nazi SS Weapons Division officer. Following the introductory remarks, they showed a *Dateline NBC* telecast about One by One’s first workshop assembled in Germany several years ago. The original committee featured a bona-

fide Nazi, not merely a second generation descendant like Kuphal. The man, named Otto, served in the Hitler Youth as a teenager and recently felt a need to face his past frankly. Yet rather than forcing him to confront his sins and admit culpability for Nazi activities, the panelists sycophantically fawned over him in shameless displays bordering on outright forgiveness. “When I first met you, I wanted to hate you,” one survivor’s daughter declared, “but now my instinct is to go up to you and hug you because you’re such a cute boy.” The television audience laughed approvingly, as did the real-life chamber of Tufts students in Pearson 104. But there is nothing humorous about this unholy reconciliation. Justice demands that we treat descendants like Kuphal with the same open-mindedness afforded to any human being, but nobody should extend such respect and dignity to individuals like Otto who willingly participated in Nazi terror.

One Tuftonian in the audience asked Kuphal why Holocaust victims made peace with Otto so readily. She responded, “It



Carol Vogul and Ilona Kuphal

was because he had come forward, because he was willing to talk.... Otherwise, they would not have.” That the guilty can atone for their crimes simply by acknowledging them honestly is an appalling notion that has gained shocking credibility in intellectual circles. Although a few specious faiths believe that expressing frank remorse for an offense is sufficient to achieve spiritual

balance, such cowardly evasions contravene fundamental tenets of individual responsibility. Individuals that inflict unspeakable barbarisms on society are liable for the consequences of their actions and deserve appropriate punishment regardless of whether they later experience sorrow.

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Worse still, if One by One’s rationalizations are to be believed, other individuals warrant complete exoneration *without* even making an effort to come forward and speak honestly. Anticipating the inevitable question of why her SS-alum father never served time in jail for war crimes, Kuphal noted in an aside that incarcerating men like her father would have made the second generation’s childhood even more traumatic. Evidently, she would have the audience believe that her father merits a “Get Out of Jail Free” card for crimes against humanity because he has a family. Tragically, the Nazi SS did not extend similar compassion to its prisoners’ families when they annihilated them in gas chambers.

Throughout her presentation, Kuphal padded her remarks with the disclaimer that One by One did not ask anyone to forgive or forget, only to understand and discuss. Yet the *Dateline NBC* videotape featured speaker after speaker forgetting the reality of the Holocaust and succumbing to acts of appeasement and near-forgiveness. Many embraced the relativist assumption that children of Nazis and children of Jews suffered comparable hardships during the Third Reich; one described the ordeals that her mother suffered under the Nazis by serving as Adolph Eichmann’s

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typist and delivering him lunch every day. That this woman can proclaim with a straight face that her burden rivals the anguish faced by individuals that have had their entire families incinerated should disgust any rational individual. Thus, it is all the more unnerving to witness the Holocaust victims whose histories are disgraced by the incognizant apologist extend an olive branch to her scandalous flirtations with revisionism. Germans will make light of the Holocaust far into the future, but Jews should not serve as accomplices to revisionist efforts to assuage German guilt.

The philosophy informing One by One became apparent during Kuphal's concluding remarks. Attempting to articulate exactly how a developed European nation like Germany allowed an atrocity like the Holocaust to occur, Kuphal referred to "two different moralities" governing countries like the United States and countries like Germany. Drawing imaginary Venn diagrams in the air with her hands, she explained how "Germany's morality was skewed, on a different plane." While Kuphal certainly did not use the Third Reich's deviant notions of right and wrong to justify the Holocaust, she commits a blunder just as grievous by admitting that the nation operates under a depraved moral order but simultaneously coaxing the audience not to blame ordinary Germans for the Nazis' sins. If Germany's moral degeneracy created an atmosphere where an evil like the Holocaust became culturally acceptable, her average citizens deserve the same condemnation showered upon actual Nazis.

*Hitler's Willing Executioners*, recently authored by Harvard historian Daniel Goldhagen, details ordinary German citizens' complicity in the extermination of Jews. His research clearly indicates that the mainstream culture in Germany was amenable to horrific treatment of Jews, that the Nazis did not thrust the persecution of Jews upon an unwilling populace. Notes Goldhagen, "In Nazi Germany, there is a vast record of dissent against a whole range of policies... [but] we have almost no dis-

sent against the treatment of the Jews in the '30s and the dominant anti-Semitic image that was put forward, let alone the killing.... Germans actually had independent views, and they could protest, but they didn't against the persecution of the Jews." When Kuphal and Vogul asked their audience to separate Nazi actions from the attitudes of ordinary Germans, they dem-

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onstrated a colossal misunderstanding of the reality that, as Goldhagen points out, Germans were "moral beings capable of making moral choices." When they expressed "widespread outrage" at other Nazi policies, such as the persecution of the handicapped and the mentally ill, the Third Reich discontinued the programs. Germans' abject failure to oppose the extermination of Jews serves as testimony not to the power of the Nazi dictatorship but to the nation's moral infirmities. Their "skewed



morality" is *not* just an alternative viewpoint no more or less valid than American standards. It is evil and unforgivable.

Goldhagen's book also refutes many of Kuphal's other contentions about German culture. Intent on promulgating the myth that most Nazis served the Third Reich because they were forced to, at one point she related the story of an officer that vowed to commit suicide if the SS assigned him to concentration camp duty. Contrary to Kuphal's implications, however, Germans averse to killing Jews had every opportunity to avoid doing so. Notes

Goldhagen, "Never in the history of the Holocaust was a German, SS man or otherwise, killed, sent to a concentration camp, jailed, or punished in any serious way for refusing to kill Jews." The totality of Goldhagen's research leads to the startling conclusion that Germans allowed the Holocaust to happen because they wanted it.

Yet Kuphal would have her audience believe that most Germans did not even know anything about the persecution of the Jews, claiming that "nobody knew about the Holocaust. Nobody ever talked about Jews or if anything was happening to Jews... I didn't even know what a Jew *was*." The popular lie that the Nazis carried out their crimes under a myste-

rious shroud not lifted until after the war is nothing more than a clever attempt to dodge the reproach that Germany so richly deserves, and the subterfuge does not withstand even casual scrutiny. Kuphal's own comments at other points in the program contradict it; so eager was she to make excuses for the German people that she did not even care to ensure that her stories remained consistent. Not ten minutes after alleging German ignorance of the Holocaust, she sang their praises by explaining how a significant number resisted the Nazis and sacrificed their own immunity to support the Jewish struggle. Clearly, such a thing could not have occurred in a nation oblivious to the Holocaust.

Tufts could have hosted any number of constructive presentations about the Holocaust. That they chose to use a historical event whose objective realities are still so painfully manifest to trumpet dubious notions of moral relativism is an affront not only to Holocaust victims but to champions of the liberal arts tradition. Until opportunists like Kuphal began using universities as forums for fraudulent historical revisionism, academics dedicated themselves to the unfettered pursuit of truth. Tufts students can make the first step towards reclaiming this rich heritage by confronting the proponents of German apologetics with absolute facts. Should they decline this opportunity, Nazi revisionists will be well equipped to win the war of ideas— and who knows what else?

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# Partial Truth Abortion

Jessica Schupak

Last April, Bill Clinton vetoed HR1833, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. The President defended the grisly procedure, saying that doctors use it in only a handful of extreme situations, usually when the mother's health is seriously at risk. He conveniently ignored the ban's exemption of women whose lives are in danger, arguing that without his veto, they might die. To bolster his claims, he relied heavily on the testimony of abortion-provider lobbyists that "certified" fewer than 600 partial-birth abortions are performed annually, the vast majority of which were life-saving, not life-terminating, operations. Since Clinton's veto ceremony, the man who advanced these data has recanted his story. Director of the National Coalition of Abortion Ron Fitzsimmons now admits that he "lied through his teeth" in a 1995 *Nightline* interview. Clinton, his supporters, and the media nevertheless maintain their disingenuous position.

## In the Beginning

In a partial-birth abortion, technically known as intact dilation and evacuation (D&E), the baby is delivered feet first until only its head remains inside the womb. The doctor then punctures her skull with long surgical scissors before putting a tube into the opening and sucking out the brain with a high-powered vacuum, at which point the skull collapses, and the doctor removes the dead baby. Planned Parenthood and National Abortion Rights Action League spokesmen claim that the anesthesia given to the mother kills the fetus and that she does not feel the pain of the maneuver. But nurse Brenda Pratt Schafer testified before Congress in 1993 that when the scissors are inserted "the baby's arms jerk out in a flinch," and, after the brains are sucked out, "the baby [is] completely limp." Perhaps that's why Center for Reproductive Law and Policy Vice President Kathryn Kolbert instructed attendees at a 1996 National Abortion Federation meeting to "focus on your message and stick to it, because otherwise we'll get creamed. If the debate is whether the fetus feels the pain, we lose. If the debate in the public arena is what's the effect of anesthesia, we'll lose."

Pro-partial-birth abortionists insist that D&E is necessary to protect the health of the women who choose it. The proposed ban, however, would not apply to "a par-

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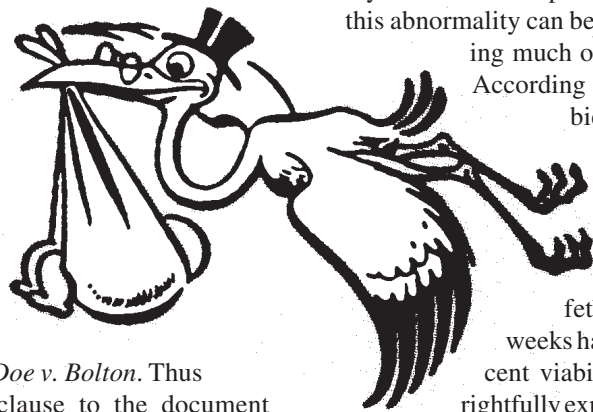
tial-birth abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother because her life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, if no other medical procedure would suffice for that purpose." But Clinton demands that the legislation include an exception for "serious, adverse health consequences" and promises to withhold his signature until it does. While he vouches that "everyone in the world will know what we're talking about," the Supreme Court's definition of "health" includes considerations of "physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age" as established by *Doe v. Bolton*. Thus adding this clause to the document would render the legislation meaningless. As the National Right to Life Coalition points out, "If youth is a health consideration, then what does it mean to permit abortions for 'serious' youth?" Moreover, according to the Physicians' Ad Hoc Committee, a group composed of over four hundred medical specialists including former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, this procedure "can pose significant threat[s] to both [the mother's] immediate health and future fertility."

In a submission to the House Judiciary Committee in June 1995, Dr. James McMahon, the developer of D&E, described a series of over two thousand partial-birth abortions he performed. The now late doctor admitted that he conducted the procedures on an elective basis, noting that only nine percent were for maternal-health considerations—and most of those nine percent were for depression. When asked by the *American Medi-*

*cal News* why he could not dilate women further to delivery a *live* baby, Dr. Martin Haskell, a colleague of McMahon who also performed thousands of partial-birth abortions, replied, "The point here is you're attempting to do an abortion... not see how do I manipulate the situation so that I get a live birth instead."

The most common medical excuse for partial-birth abortions is hydrocephalus, a condition in which the baby's brain fills with fluid, causing head enlargement. President Clinton suggests that delivering such a baby would "rip your body to shreds," but myriad medical experts have testified that this abnormality can be remedied by draining much of the fluid *in utero*.

According to Koop, even babies born with their internal organs outside their bodies have a good prognosis, and others affirm that fetuses as young as 23 weeks have over twenty percent viability. While Clinton rightfully expresses concern over the health of the mother, the purpose of most 'serious health'-related late-term abortions is to prevent the births of babies diagnosed with afflictions such as Down's syndrome. McMahon even recalled aborting babies for "flaws" as trivial as a hairlip. These numbers far outweigh those stemming from concern that the baby may die *in utero* and subsequently poison the mother.



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Clinton argues that D&E is a good option for mothers who know that their babies are “going to die anyway,” but a doctor should, as in accordance with his oath, try to save the lives of *both* his patients. If, in the process of treatment, the baby dies, that is tragic, but less so than if it were intentional. Moreover, no thinking individual would advocate the same approach for the elderly or even AIDS patients. Similarly, Clinton supports the availability of D&E to women whose future child-bearing capabilities may be at stake. But aborting one fetus, no matter how disabled, in favor of another which has yet to be conceived is wholly illegitimate.

### The Media Miscarriage

Despite ample evidence attesting to the frequency and reasons for partial-birth abortions, the media allows Clinton and the abortion lobby to perpetuate their distortions about D&E while innocent children are never given a chance. It took Fitzsimmons to catch their attention when he told the *American Medical News* that “When you’re a doctor who does these abortions and the leaders of your movement appear before Congress... and say these procedures are done in only the most tragic of circumstances, how do you think it makes you feel? You know they’re primarily done on healthy women and healthy fetuses, and it makes you feel like a dirty little abortionist with a dirty little secret.” Fitzsimmons then conceded to *The New York Times* that the procedure “is a form of killing.... You’re ending a life.” He has not changed his position regarding legality, but he now realizes that “we should tell them the truth, let them vote and move on.”

Since the Fitzsimmons confession, two liberal journalists, Ruth Padawer of the *Bergen County Record* and Richard Cohen of the *Washington Post*, have followed suit. Through interviews with physicians who perform partial-birth abortions, Padawer learned that 1,500 such procedures occurred in two New Jersey clinics alone. A doctor at Metropolitan Medical told the *Record* that “Most are for elective, not medical reasons: people who didn’t realize, or didn’t care, how far along they were. Most are teenagers.”

Richard Cohen recanted a 1995 article he had written attacking the ban, noting that he was “led to believe that these late-term abortions were extremely rare and performed only when the life of the mother was in danger or the fetus irreparably deformed. I was wrong.... The facts are now different. If that’s the case, then so should

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be the law.” Cohen and Padawer’s integrity did not prove contagious throughout the industry, however. Most mainstream news outlets continued to politicize the issue and buttress their stance with the disproved numbers.

For example, *CBS News This Morning* correspondent Linda Douglass proclaimed that HR 1833 would ban “rare, late-term abortions, usually done only in cases where the fetus is severely deformed.” Even esteemed *NBC Nightly News* anchor Tom Brokaw announced “Late-term abortions. What anti-abortionists call partial-birth abortions. That’s a provocative and mostly inaccurate description” as a segue to Lisa Myers’s piece which opened, “He says in most cases the fetus is not hopelessly deformed, but healthy, which is why opponents call this gruesome procedure performed in the last months of pregnancy infanticide.”

The denial is not exclusive to the Fourth Estate. Pro-abortionists continue in their dishonesty. Despite the damning evidence in the Padawer piece, National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League President Kate Michelman declared on CNN’s *Crossfire* “The reporter got it completely wrong... the 1,500 is a lie.” The NAF web site perpetuates such fallacies as partial-birth abortions are “only used in about 500 cases per year, generally after 20 weeks of pregnancy” and are “generally limited to cases of severe fetal abnormalities or situations when the life or health of the pregnant woman is seriously threatened” but concedes elsewhere that D&E accounts for one percent of all abortions. That fraction of the annual 1.5 million totals 15,000.

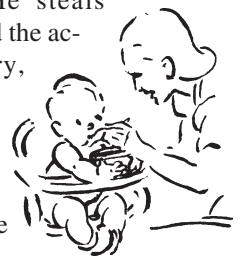
### All Botched Up

The Fitzsimmons admission has given Representative Charles Canady, author of the ban, hope. Congress plans to reintroduce the measure this spring, but Clinton maintains that he will not sign it until a clause is added to cover “health” considerations, as a compromise; in other words, he will only sign the measure once it lacks teeth. Smoke-and-mirrors guru Mike McCurry and Clinton’s Senate mouthpiece Tom Daschle are trying to sell this proposal as more or less mimicking the vetoed bill. While the media fawn over that delusion, the Clinton-Daschle design only prohibits partial-birth

abortions after the seventh month; even that amounts to little considering that nearly any excuse can fall under the health loophole and that physicians usually perform these procedures in the fifth and sixth months. This scheme is just another Clinton attempt to appropriate a popular Republican initiative, but this time his subterfuge is more clever. He steals Canady’s project and the accompanying victory, and the media coo over him, but he does not alienate his special-interest groups because the “ban” proves phony.

Clinton and the NARAL contingent stand on dubious *Roe v. Wade* ground to protect a procedure not even safeguarded by the infamous decision. That Clinton professes an interest to make abortion rare only illustrates his aptitude for political expediency and moral relativism. If there is nothing wrong with the procedure, there is no reason to desire its rarity. But no matter what one’s convictions are on abortion, an individual of good conscience cannot stand by idly while the nation’s role model allows perfectly healthy babies’ lives to be terminated because their existence is inconvenient or imperfect. Murder is not permitted when the child is entirely out of the womb; that her head remains inside hardly makes the moral difference. As one pro-life senator futilely implored on the floor last fall, “This is not an appendix; this is not a lump of tissue; this is a baby!”

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# Booze for Sale

Colin Delaney

Liquor consumers know that buying booze in the Boston area recently became more difficult—for out-of-staters. In the last few weeks a movement that started on the South Shore has spread to our own Medford/Somerville area. Today, busybodies from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission put unnecessary and illegitimate pressure on businesses to—in hopes of preventing sales to minors—reject out-of-state licenses, claiming that they do not constitute sufficient proof of age. Consequently, someone who looks under thirty—though he may be over twenty-one—experiences great difficulty in trying to purchase alcoholic beverages.

As local ABCCs come down hard on proprietors, some, such as Atlas Liquors, have stopped selling to (young) people who cannot present an original Massachusetts driver's license or a US passport. The dicta from licensing boards serve mostly to hassle non-Massachusetts residents and create unnecessary work and headaches for businesses trying to make an honest dollar. Moreover, the boards use an implicit threat of operating-privileges suspension to get their way. In doing so, the unwritten but freely discussed Mass-only rules not only denigrate the principles of a free society but also disregard the explicit constitutional standards which established the federal system.

A retail outlet can sell beer, wine, or spirits to anyone over the age of twenty-one, identification aside. If someone looks like he is four-years-old but has a valid driver's license affirming his true age of eighty-three, the local ABCC cannot impose sanctions on the store which sold him alcohol. If, in fact, the ID this young-looking individual presented was counterfeit, the commission can levy fines under certain circumstances. State laws hold that if the identification looked reasonably authentic *and it imitated a Massachusetts license*, the ABCC does not have cause to fine or close the store. If the fake had purported to be from a state other than this one, the commission can, at its discretion, assess huge fines or close the business—perhaps permanently.

When a package store in Milton, a suburb south of Boston, faced extended closure for this type of offense, the owner's attorney convinced town selectmen to minimize sanctions because the store promised to stop accepting out-of-state IDs. The idea

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quickly spread. As establishments came up for annual operating-license reviews, other communities made employing that policy a condition of renewal, according to proprietors who requested anonymity. Now liquor stores all over the South Shore and a growing number in Medford and Somerville post signs near registers, notifying customers that only a passport, a military ID card, or a Massachusetts driver's license constitutes proof of age.

In addition to the sheer inconvenience of dealing with the ABCC, these Mass-only rules impose great costs on small-business owners. Stores that choose to go through the regular age-certification process, including checking out-of-state licenses against the infamous "book" of samples, run the risk of angering commissioners who have enormous discretionary powers. A violation which deserves only a slap on the wrist can result in extraordinary penalties against owners who fall into disfavor with municipal authorities. On the other side of the coin, owners who tell clerks to deny service to anyone from out-of-state can lose scores of customers, especially if their outlets serve a large resident-student community.

Provincial potentates would do well to remember the enormous boost to the economy which both tourists and students provide. These rules are quite clearly unfriendly to people who do not officially live here or who have not paid to prop up the slothful Registry of Motor Vehicles bureaucracy. Strict enforcement of the ABCC's rule would effectively make Medford a dry city—even for legal-age but young-looking drinkers. If Boston or Cambridge implemented the same policies, the entire area would, in the eyes of out-of-state students, fall back into Prohibition. Popular nightspots which rely on Boston's vibrant under-thirty community would atrophy from a lack of business; places like Joy, the Cat Club, and the Crimson might close. Even MacPhie Pub would lose a lot of business if it could only accept Massachusetts licenses with Tufts IDs.

While all of these problems constitute reason enough not to impose ridiculous Mass-only requirements, there remains another, more salient argument against them. Article IV, Section 1 of the US Constitution specifies that "full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state." Ergo, Massachusetts and its local governments cannot deny the legitimacy of a valid California driver's license or refuse to accept that it certifies the information it presents. Furthermore, the state ABCC cannot apply one set of rules to cases involving reasonably good fake Massachusetts licenses and another set to questions of perfect counterfeits or even valid but inaccurate Connecticut licenses.



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Yet the rules persist. Cities skirt this explicit constitutional prohibition of their Mass-only rules by not putting the regulations in writing. As the saying goes, never write down something you can say; never say something when a nod suffices; never nod when a wink will do, and avoid winks whenever you can. In Medford and a host of other communities, friendly but obtrusive regulatory officials give liquor-store owners an earful about out-of-state licenses. According to Al Conava, the chairman of Medford’s ABCC, although the city has no

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program was originally scheduled to begin, the start-up date is still unknown...” John O’Keefe fails to deliver a single critical insight into the program’s failure. As if to add insult to injury, he closes with this quote from Patti Lee: “We expect [the program’s start-up] to happen very quickly,” as opposed to four months ago. In an ideal world, reporters ask the questions the public wants answers to, and hold no fear of “powerful” figures. After the endless stream of excuses, delays, and “technical difficulties,” the last thing most students want to give Patti Lee in an interview is a break.

The large front-page piece published several weeks ago on B&G’s new “area maintenance system” proved yet again *The Daily*’s inability to press with tough questions. No Tuftonian need be reminded of the endless examples of B&G’s singularly awful service record, such as the infamous “ninety-day priority list” for certain dormitory repairs. At risk of sounding like a broken record, all *The Daily* did was relay a bunch of quotes and synopses of what B&G officials and TCU Senators said at a meeting. While informative in the loosest sense of the word, this simply did not constitute journalism in any meaningful sense.

In all areas of society, a reporter’s insight provides crucial analysis of important issues. A good professional journalist knows his way around places like Washington, D.C., or Ballou Hall, and his analy-

written prohibition, “We ask them not to do it.” That is, accept out-of-state IDs.

This type of behavior fits nicely with that typically statist Massachusetts spirit; as one attorney said, the Constitution is great for young idealists, but in the real world towns can do whatever they want. Apparently so, as both refusing to recognize the official documents of other states and relying on the national government for records suitably maintained by the several states violate the central principles of federalism.

Looking at this story as a whole, one can see the frightening extent to which the government has assumed control over indi-

viduals who still think they live in a free society. Most people asked about the new regulations (especially older people whom it obviously effects less) did not have a serious problem with the way the state currently conducts itself. And government officials evidently believe they can act with impunity, creating trivial regulations deemed favorable to their interests. The immorality and illegitimacy of state government having so revealed itself, one wonders if the people will revolt against creeping tyranny.

sis guides the reader through unknown territory. The editors of *The Daily* probably believe they are simply striving for objectivity, always an important goal in reporting. But make no mistake: writing objectively does not mean saying nothing, à la *The Daily*. Rather, objectivity requires an outlook which enables one to see through the miasma surrounding an issue and reveal to his readers that vision, even when it runs counter to personal sympathies. Therein lies the most probable error of *The Daily*. If they say nothing and run articles with only quotes, no one gets angry. If

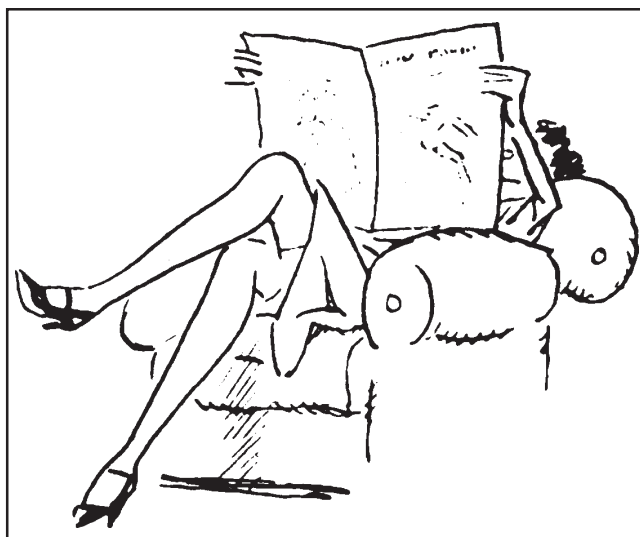
Michael J.W. Stickings and Ken Archer provided at least a modicum of interesting editorials for the campus to ponder. Students knew those pundits by name and what day their work ran, but say “Greg Geiman” to most Jumbos today, and they respond, “who?” Never insightful, Geiman’s columns read like an unfiltered stream-of-consciousness from a scattershot mind. And gems such as, “If you don’t like abortion then don’t have one” suggest that Geiman has precious little to say and knows how to say it. For her part, Darrah Feldman writes sufficiently well, but quite often her

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commentary on topics along the lines of the trash chute in the Commons belong in a “Suggestions” box and not on the “Viewpoints” page. Otherwise, Feldman writes with aplomb on topics of only marginal interest. But even this improves on the performances of Dan Tobin and Greg Geiman.

William F. Buckley, Jr., once spoke of the kind of campus paper “whose achievement is measured simply by the delivery of raw paper, and the service done to the vanity of those whose names appear as bylines and on the masthead.” Today *The Tufts Daily* mirrors that description. On a campus where administrators perpetually have their hands in our pockets, leaky ceilings drip for weeks, bills arrive for services unrendered, and the Senate stockpiles our money for years, students need a voice that fears not to print the truth. *Veritas est sine dolo.*

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reporters press no difficult questions and offer everyone a chance to look good, they make friends in high places. Unfortunately, a reporter can have as friends either his readers or his subjects, but rarely both.

Poor reporting aside, no part of *The Daily* reveals the general decline in quality so clearly as the “Viewpoints” page. In previous years, columnists including

# Dirty Tricks

Edward Havell

The Environmental Protection Agency continues to preserve the era of big government. Apparently forgetting the Contract with America's promise to curtail centralized authority, Congress is now considering proposed new air regulations. While maintaining minimum environmental standards necessitates some degree of legislation, the greens' knee-jerk instinct to call for increased bureaucracy is convenient for political grandstanding, but a poor vehicle for promoting the greater good of society. Although activist groups and media talking heads eagerly portray environmental conflicts as a dispute between greedy corporations and good samaritans, the EPA's corrupt selfishness knows no rival. As a result, its voluminous environmental regulations have come to resemble the behemoth federal tax code at the expense of consumers, manufacturers, and occasionally even the environment itself.

Corporations are not the sole entities with a vested financial interest in debates about regulatory measures. Environmental groups criticizing business practices benefit monetarily from regulatory extension and bureaucratic expansion. The EPA supports many of these organizations' budgets to the tune of several million dollars each year, but any scientists opposing EPA policies must rely solely on financing from private industry. A pernicious synergy results as EPA officials use biased "independent" researchers to justify increasing their own powers. The cast of characters includes seemingly innocuous organizations such as the American Lung Association, which hemorrhages over five million dollars each year from the US Treasury through the EPA. In return, the ALA uses its funds to sue the EPA for insufficient enforcement of environmental legislation. When the EPA loses one of these lawsuits, it actually wins: "adverse" court rulings allow the EPA to extend its authority. It thus comes as no surprise that the EPA reimburses ALA officials for testifying against the agency in hearings.

The needless bureaucratic expansion ultimately breeds inefficiency in the form of counterproductive regulations. In Virginia, for example, Amoco spent \$31 million to comply with an EPA rule mandating

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installation of scrubbers in waste pipes. Loading docks nearby caused far more pollution which Amoco could have contained at a substantially lower expense, but the EPA cared more for its own policies than actually protecting the environment.

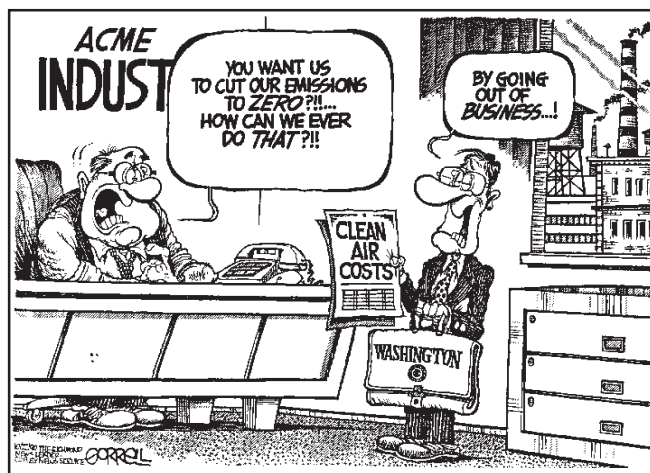
EPA rules forbidding the development of wetlands are also detrimental to the public good. Most ludicrous is its definition of a wetland: any place that certain species of animals, like the migratory duck, might land. Not only does such a definition waste earth suitable for agriculture, it also infringes upon private-property rights. One Washington family's story exemplifies the

injustice of intrusive government promoted by the EPA. After the state built a highway near its farm, the road blocked a drainage channel. Ensuing flooding destroyed the family's farmland, prompting the EPA to dub the property a wetland. Washington then revoked the land's agricultural status and saddled the family with thousands of dollars in back taxes.

The government clearly should proscribe any forms of environmental destruction that go beyond the polluter's private property. But the EPA's self-serving bureaucracy does not work towards this public good and reduces both individuals' and corporations' motivation to protect the environment, as it did with Amoco. Similarly, in the Midwest, one farmer telephoned the EPA when he thought he saw an endangered bird on his land. He subsequently realized what the ramifications to his property could be and cut down every single one of his trees before EPA officials arrived.

The EPA and its activist cronies fail to take into account a cost-benefit analysis of the big picture. The best solutions to environmental concerns exploit social and economic self-interests: the government should endow individual citizens with the responsibility for their actions. An individual that destroys his own property suffers the consequential loss of value and utility, a sufficient deterrent to contained pollution. Only when his actions affect others should the government assume jurisdiction.

However, the era of big government is not yet over, and Americans continue to look for statist solutions to anything that upsets them. Freeing corporations from tyrannical EPA regulations generates greater productivity, consumers benefit from a higher standard of living, corporations can afford to pay higher salaries to their workers, and investors can anticipate higher earnings for investing in American companies—not to mention the cleaner environment that we would all enjoy. But the nation will not realize such an ideal easily. Just as politicians would do whatever it takes to win reelection, EPA bureaucrats will do anything to hold onto their wasteful jobs. Only by challenging the regulatory machine can America even begin to clean up her messes.



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# Rebel Without a Cause Dinner

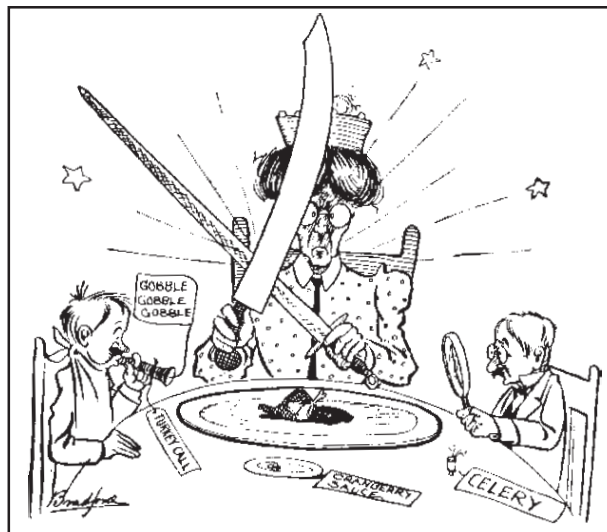
Ian Popick

Two weeks ago, Dining Services made a refreshingly wise decision to eliminate so-called “cause dinners,” which had been used indiscriminately in past years to raise money for various campus organizations. Previously, TUDS would bestow the dinners upon one or two lucky groups each semester via a competitive selection process. Once TUDS granted a group’s petition, they would purchase a substantially smaller amount of meat for a certain dinner—generally the higher quality meats—and donate the money it saved to the group. After receiving a guarantee of upwards of \$1,000, group members would sit in the foyer of the dining halls and halfheartedly ask incoming customers to avoid eating meat. Yet their ability to convince others to go vegetarian had little or no bearing on the donation’s lump sum; TUDS had already established the meal’s cost, *sans* meat prices. Thus, as one TCU senator remarked, “The groups were doing very little for their money.”

Unsurprisingly, TUDS received an overwhelming number of complaints about the policy from disgruntled carnivores who had every right to resent it. Because we purchase our meal plans in one lump payment before each semester, we often take the dining hall meals for granted—forgetting that we pay up to nine dollars per dinner, most of which goes towards steaks, ribs, and turkeys. The essence of the program’s success stemmed from the fact that nobody was accorded the opportunity to pledge to help a cause; the system forced students to support them whether they wanted to or not. Cause dinners coercively deprived customers the bulk of the value of meals paid for *in advance*, relying on the large dispersion of the cost to dissuade students from protesting. Thus, for years, groups were ecstatic to receive \$1,000 simply for sitting a student at a table for three hours, and Dining Services was completely indifferent about whether the money went to groups or the meat distributor. Ultimately, the four thousand students about Tufts were left with no

recourse but to complain about yet another sub-par meal at the dining hall.

While hordes of students exited the halls still hungry, the program established to support causes like fighting world hunger ironically devolved into a tool for non-charity fundraising for groups like Tufts’s athletic teams. Yet the system would have been flawed even if they raised money for the most noble of causes; that TUDS extorts the money from students without their consent or even knowledge undermines the very notion of charity. Even the most worthy charities are not *entitled* to our money, regardless of how many leftists use emotionally charged political grandstanding to make us guiltily and hand over our hard-earned dollars. The reason TUDS felt it necessary to extract the money coercively was that few individuals donate to unworthy “causes” voluntarily; charities performing legitimate services to the public seldom have a problem raising money. If our bursar bills contained a checkbox giving parents the option of donating an



additional nine dollars to the Tufts cheerleading squad, few would hesitate to refuse. Restricting charity work to voluntary arrangements gives unworthy “causes” their due. Much like the item on tax forms that asks Americans to contribute a dollar to a campaign fund in order to curtail special-

interest influence, voluntarism provides a check on charitable abuses possible only in a free-market system.

Still, there is nothing wrong with a mechanism for TUDS to facilitate fundraising provided that nobody contributes against their will. By replacing cause dinners with the new “Dishes for Dollars,”

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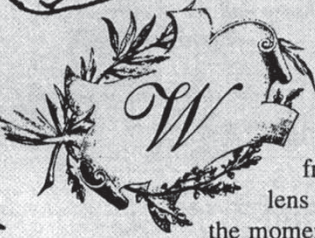
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Dining Services established a far superior method for student group fundraising. The program invites representatives from organizations to volunteer working in the dining halls’ dishrooms, enabling TUDS to donate their earnings to the groups’ coffers. Though it remains difficult to imagine how Patti Lee and company will manage to implement the program without displacing the regular dishwashing employees as promised, the substitute marks a welcome conservative change by exacting a true commitment from its beneficiaries.

The new system will also likely provide participants with a hands-on lesson in collectivized economics. After toiling for hours in a dining hall’s sweltering dishroom, a participant must contend with forking over his earnings to his group. He may also prove unwilling to exert quality labor knowing that he will not collect the spoils or suffer consequences for incompetence. Many would just as soon add themselves to TUDS’s normal payroll and walk home with the money they earn. Given the choice between working for others and working for themselves, dishwashers will find it a challenge to part with their paychecks. But one thing is for certain: the resurgence of meat in the dining halls will leave somebody with a lot of dirty dishes to clean.

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On Sunday, March 24th, TCU Senator Jack Schnirman will introduce a motion supporting a resolution by the Student Coalition for Investor Responsibility at Tufts (SCIRT). Ever vigilant, our sources deep inside the wacky left snuck us an advance copy, which we reproduce below for your edification.



e, the members of the Simpletons Combined In Relentless Temper-tantrums (SCIRT) are concerned that the University lacks a standardized process for earning political-correctness brownie-points through public demagoguery on issues we have no stake in and little understanding of. We believe the University's abstention from voting on shareholder resolutions, while reasonable when viewed through the lens of common sense, is inconsistent with Tufts's mission to promote "trendy issues of the moment," as the Vision Statement clearly promises.

We propose that the Administration establish an *ad hoc* advisory committee that will systematically review proxy questions each year and, after determining how many cute furry animals and dogwood trees stand to benefit, force the University to follow our lead and vote against the military-industrial complex. If it does not, we will cry in TCU Senate meetings and stage sit-ins (if the weather is warm) until President DiBiaggio invites us in for hot cocoa and cookies or capitulates to our childish demands. Precedents for just this sort of committee exist at a number of institutions, including but not limited to Skidmore College, Bunker Hill Community College, Don Bosco Technical High School, and Fast Eddie's School of Hair Design. Tufts should follow the fine example set by these schools and take more seriously its voting rights as a very limited owner in many Multi-National Corporations that have not yet met the UN's population-control guidelines, lest *Mother Jones* take away our hard-earned activist-school top-twenty ranking.

We ask that the Omnipotent Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility meet the following criteria. It shall:

- a) be composed of 14 voting members (1.4 of whom must be African-American).
- b) include individuals appointed by the student governments of the respective schools in the following manner: 4 undergraduates (3 of whom are members of TBAG), 3 graduate students (two of whom are members of CoffeeBean).
- c) have *ex officio* members from the faculty, appointed by a special process— we could tell you about it, but then we'd have to kill you.
- d) publish summaries of the minutes of meetings in campus media and on table tents, so all students who wish to support the common agenda have time to publicly praise our superior level of concern for our fellow wo/men.
- e) ingratiate itself to Greg Geiman, so he'll write a "Viewpoint" teeming with sycophantic comparisons between our fearless leader, Kathy Polias, and Hannibal, from *The A-Team*.
- f) require administrators to genuflect at our feet and celebrate the power of our group, which will forever lord over their spineless and miserable beings, undermine the patriarchy, reduce inorganic waste, and bring Corporate America to its knees! Then we'll have a free lunch in the Coolidge Room.

We love it when a plan comes together,

Simpletons Combined In Relentless Temper-tantrums

## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

*“[The] idea we as black people are not part of this country... is a concept we have got to get over. That’s why we can’t define ourselves as African-Americans. We’re not. We’re Americans. That’s why Rosa Parks was on the bus. That’s why Martin Luther King and Medgar Evers were fighting to make sure that everyone remembers we were Americans, not African-Americans.... We are Americans, therefore we are obligated to speak this language, which is ours.”*

—Whoopi Goldberg

*Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind.... God does not play dice with the universe.*

—Albert Einstein

*Statesmen who base their policies on the expectation of recurrent miracles usually suffer shipwreck.*

—Henry Kissinger

*The difference between partial-birth abortion and homicide is three inches.*

—The National Right to Life Coalition website

*A moral life is perfected by practice more than by precept; children are not taught so much as habituated.*

—James Q. Wilson

*Remember that a successful marriage depends on two things: (1) finding the right person and (2) being the right person.*

—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

*If you want to find the zealous embrace of attained power, go to the Liberal Ideologue, who must have total power in order to achieve his total reform, his rapid creation of Utopia.*

—Garry Wills

*Hypocrisy is the homage that vice pays to virtue.*

—Duc De La Rouchefoucauld

*To remain ignorant of things that happened before you were born is to remain a child. What is human life worth unless it is incorporated into the lives of one’s ancestors and set in a historical context?*

—Cicero

*A king may make a nobleman, but he cannot make a gentleman.*

—Edmund Burke

*Economist: (n.) a man who would marry Farrah Fawcett Majors for her money.*

—The Wit’s Dictionary

*The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, “I’m from the government, and I’m here to help.”*

—Ronald Reagan

*He that lies down with dogs, shall rise up with fleas.*

—Marcus Aurelius

*Those who seek to avoid the responsibilities of individual choice by assigning them to others are missing the essence of what it means to be human.*

—Roger Starr

*To build a beautiful world of ideals takes only an active imagination, some free time, and a nice vocabulary.*

—Thomas Sowell

*By cutting the umbilical cord with God, our source of ethical vitality would be gone. Morally, we would become nothing better than a species of fantastically clever monkeys.*

—Paul Johnson

*Balancing the budget is like going to heaven. Everybody wants to do it, but nobody wants to do what you have to get there.*

—Phil Gramm

*I am free of all prejudice. I hate everyone equally.*

—W.C. Fields

*An ambassador is an honest man sent to lie abroad for the good of his country.*

—Henry Wotton

*There is nothing wrong with Hollywood that six first-class funerals wouldn’t solve.*

—Anonymous

*They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they can see nothing but sea.*

—Francis Bacon

*The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent full of doubt.*

—Bertrand Russell

*Life is rather like a tin of sardines— we’re all of us looking for the key.*

—Alan Bennett

*Give me a one-handed economist! All my economists say, “on the one hand... on the other.”*

—Harry S Truman

*We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over.*

—Aneurin Bevan

*That child— whom the advocates of abortion-on-demand have done everything in their power to make us ignore, to dehumanize— is as much a bearer of human rights as any member of the House. To deny those rights is more than the betrayal of a powerless individual. It betrays the central promise of America, that there is, in this land, justice for all.*

—Representative Henry Hyde

*I have never let schooling interfere with my education.*

—Mark Twain

*If you could say it in words, there would be no reason to paint.*

—Edward Hopper

*Happiness is no laughing matter.*

—Richard Whitley

*Just as the tax code penalizes marriage and children, so does the welfare system subsidize family break-up.*

—Ralph Reed

*Each time I go to Europe and America... I am struck by the unhappiness of so many people living in those rich countries: so many broken homes; children not looked after by their parents.... They have material wealth; they lack spiritual values.*

—Mother Teresa

*Marriage has so many pains, but celibacy has no pleasures.*

—Samuel Johnson