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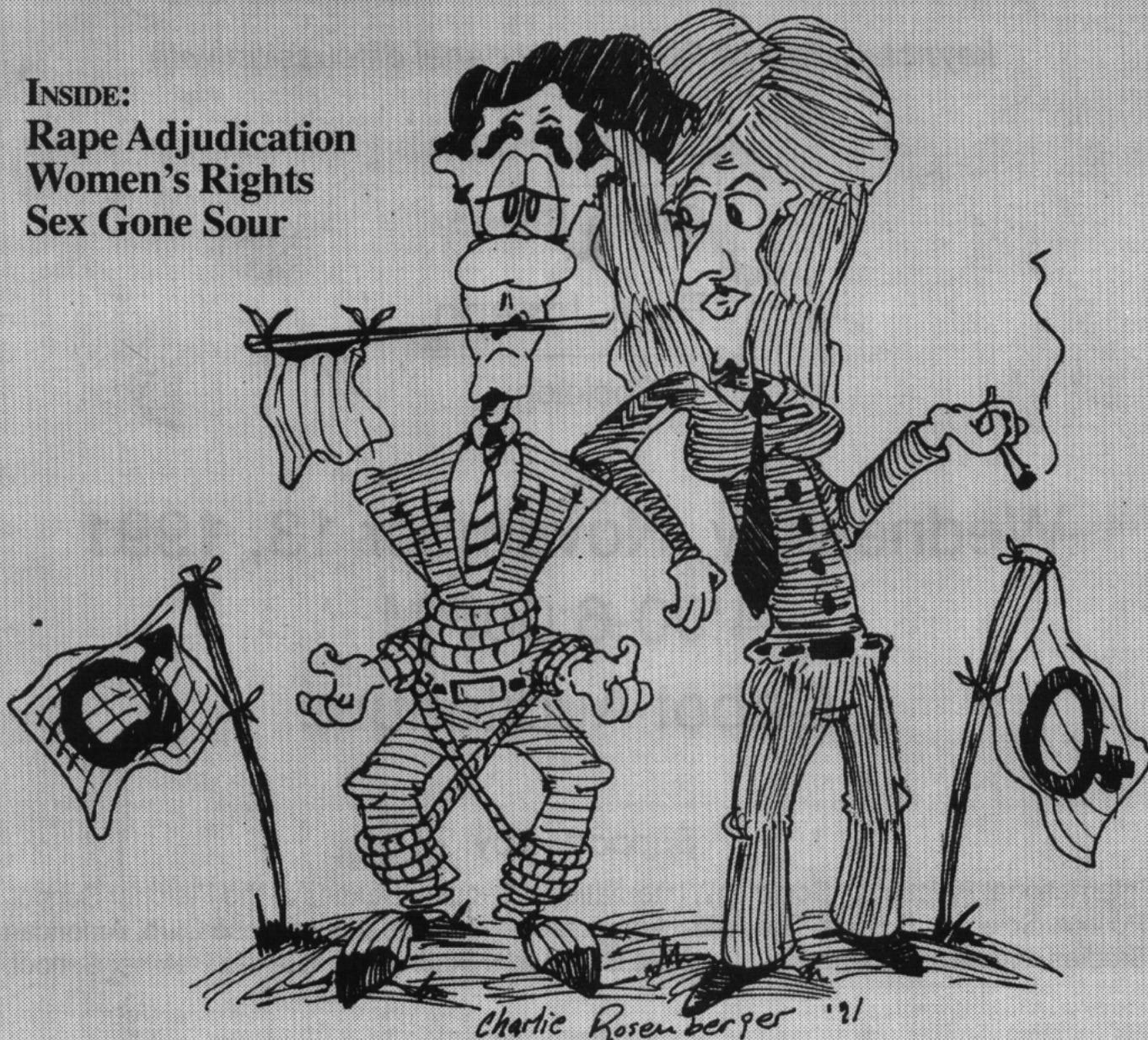
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From the Editor

The nature of sexual interaction is not easy to discuss. Complete understanding of the opposite sex is eternally elusive. The intrinsic differences between males and females have always led to numerous problems, but these differences also provide humanity with its inspiration. As Dr. Jean Mayer put it so well at matriculation, "Vive la difference!" But it seems many students are not taking the president's advise.

In this issue we cover a number of difficult topics, spanning relations between the sexes. At Tufts these problems seem to be especially troublesome. There is certainly some dating at Tufts, and even more sex, but there does seem to be more hostility between the sexes at Tufts than at your average college. Are Tufts students inherently more repressed? Does the admissions office screen for sexual repression? More likely there seems to be a different atmosphere at Tufts which is not conducive to romance. Men cannot avoid being affected by the constant barrage of THINK buttons and T-Shirts with the Rape of the Sabine Women. While this barrage may or may not reduce the frequency of date rape, it certainly creates animosity.

Even with all of this campus rhetoric against date rape, the university still has no effective means of dealing with rape and harassment on campus. The kangaroo courts used to deal with sexual harassment are not designed to deal with the emotionally and politically charged issues which arise in rape and sexual harassment cases. For the victim they can be, as one said, the worst aspect of the rape. For the accused, the trials are biased and the standard of evidence is negligent.

We have addressed these issues in our articles in a more serious light, but as always, we have used humor to dispel the sanctimony or these sexual issues. As always, we hope people to appreciate the humor as it was intended. Some will be angry because we violated the sacred realm of sexual harassment, others may be offended by the discussion and humor of sexual issues at all, but we are not ones to choose silence over the chance of angering or offending.

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| The Babylonian Exile. | 586 BC Colonial Monotheism spreads to Asia. |
| The Immaculate Conception. | 0 First Instance of Divine date rape. |
| Goths sack Rome. | AD 410 German freedom fighters free Europe. |
| Battle of Tours. | AD 732 Rise of militant Christian oppressor in France. |
| Unification of England. | AD 828 Forging of the Kingdom of Oppressors. |
| Battle of Hastings. | AD 1066 Rise of Nordic Imperialism. |
| Magna Carta. | AD 1215 Initial codification of democratic subjugation. |
| Marco Polo goes to China. | AD 1271 European invasion of Asia begun. |
| Black Death comes to Europe. | AD 1348 The Great Liberator strikes Europe. |
| Pilgrims at Plymouth. | AD 1620 Religious fanatics invade the New World. |
| Declaration of Independence. | AD 1776 Birth of racism, sexism, homophobia, and fascism. |
| U.S. Civil War begins. | AD 1861 White penitance begun. |
| World War I begins. | AD 1914 Three cheers for killing Europeans. |
| Russian Revolution. | AD 1917 The great Utopian experiment begun. |
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Commentary

The Economy

The recession of 1990-1991 is over. At least it is by definition. Many economists feel that, although the nation's growth rate (the percentage of real gain in GNP) was positive in the third quarter of 1991 (after three consecutive quarters of negative growth, a period considered to be a recession), the nation has a long road ahead of it before completing its economic recovery. These economists suggest that the amount of growth (2.4 percent) was not high enough to be considered encouraging given the falling level of consumer confidence in the same period. However, both President Bush and leading Democrats in Congress are dragging their feet on ensuring the economic recovery of the nation.

In September 1991, the consumer confidence index, a measure of consumers' outlook on the economy, was at 72.9. Last month it dipped to 60.4, a drop of 12.5 points in just one month. This has the potential of holding consumer spending to an extremely low level, and hence keeping economic growth at a microscopic (even negative) rate. To ensure recovery, lawmakers must address this problem; they have yet to do so.

The Democrats have been concentrating their efforts on extending unemployment benefits. It is clear that this will not cure the recession, but merely make it more survivable. The effect of this measure is to raise the already inflated budget deficit (previously ballooned by the burden of paying the present benefits for the high number of unemployed). The alternative is to raise taxes to pay for this, which would save the deficit somewhat, but would take money out of the hands of consumers, further recessing the economy.

However, Bush's efforts have been even meeker than the Democrats'. He has all but backed down from his unpopular proposal of capital gains tax cuts. The President is more than likely trying to avoid the political fallout of such a measure. These tax cuts just might be the cure to restoring consumer confidence. What is needed is a starting point from which the full recovery can be made. The capital gains tax cut is such a starting point.

Given the poor confidence level, it is certain that those in the lowest tier of income (i.e. those with the least job security) would not freely spend money at this point in time. Their credible fears have forced their frugality. Yet those at the higher echelons of income (who have greater job security) should not have as many fears. Therefore, given additional incentives to invest, such people would make prudent investments, which could act as sparkplugs to the recessed economy. Once investment starts to pick up, business will begin to expand once again. Unemployment will ease, and eventually consumers will regain their lost confidence. From there the recovery will spread to all sectors of the economy.

Yet President Bush has backed down from his former position favoring such a tax cut. One has to question his lack of persistence with this matter, and also the lack of support he received in Congress for this plausible solution to the lingering recession. Bush is already guilty of playing pre-election year politics; as are the Democrats, who are promoting short-sighted policies with no long term assurances of economic recovery.

TGLBC Co-ordinator

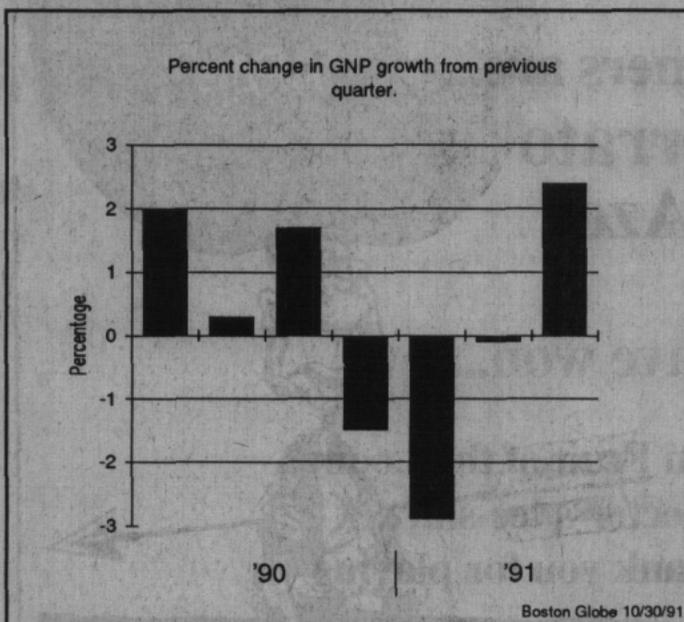
As the University enters a period of tight budgets and limits in educational opportunity, a competent management would begin cutting a bloated administration. Instead, the administration (which began the budget debate by hiring a new vice president) has promised to hire yet another bureaucrat. Laying aside, for the moment, the legitimacy of a co-ordinator for the TGLBC, this is not the time to start hiring new administrators. In a time of imminent financial aid cuts, falling donations, and skyrocketing tuition, there can be no justification of any kind for the hiring of new non-professorial employees, especially one whose sole purpose will be to organize a special interest groups efforts to take more money away from the general education of the student body. The TCU Senate has taken a fiscally irresponsible position on the TGLBC co-ordinator for years, but this is no excuse for the current folly of the university administrators.

TCU Constitution

Recently the TCU Judiciary has begun to search for ways to make the passage of a new constitution easier. Unfortunately, they have missed the forest for the trees. If the TCUJ has the power to actively interpret the constitution, then they have the power to dictate constitutionality, and thus the power to correct any problems arising from the inadequacy of the current form of government. There can be no advantage gained by passing a new constitution that could not be achieved through a new Judiciary by-law. After ten years the TCUJ has finally begun to do its job. That is not a good reason to start changing the job description.

Listen to Us

During the Thomas confirmation hearings, flyers were posted around campus containing an article called "Listen to Us" which accused the government of misogyny. It stated, in effect, that if Clarence Thomas were confirmed to the court, it would be an insult to all women, and that all women stood against it. Thomas' politics aside, and even the issue of confirmation aside, it is deeply



troubling that one woman would claim to speak for all others on the basis of a single chromosomal similarity. All women do not think alike, and this sort of drivel serves only to devalue any gains the women's rights movement has made.

Operation Rescue

Almost 100 Anti-abortion protesters were arrested Saturday morning after they blocked the entrance to the Women's Medical Center of Rhode Island, an abortion clinic in Providence. The main sponsor of the protest, the pro-life group, Operation Rescue moved the location of the protest at a request from the Boston Police Assn. which had asked them to postpone their activities so officers could attend the funeral of a bomb squad member killed Monday. The protests were originally scheduled to be held in Boston and Brookline.

The protest, which began before dawn, ended at about 11 a.m. The arrests were made peacefully and almost cordially. Afterwards, Operation Rescue members marched quietly on the sidewalk holding red signs reading "Stop Abortion Now". Some sang songs like God Bless America, others carried rosary beads and prayed.

Over 700 pro-abortion activists staged a counter protest during which they chanted and jeered at the other side. One abortion-rights leader was quoted as saying "Some of our people are so angry, I just hope we can keep it calm." Some carried placards with slogans saying "keep your church out of my body" another woman held a copy of the Socialist Worker.

Operation Rescue has said that the 'Rescue' effort was a success. One woman changed her mind and ten others canceled their appointments.

Democrats in New Hampshire

Pity the good residents of New Hampshire. Their state was recently invaded by the six Democratic Presidential hopefuls: Tsongas, Harkin, Kerrey, Clinton, Wilder, and Brown. The sextet are accusing President Bush and the Conservatives of fostering the racial hatred that is propelling David Duke toward the Louisiana Governors' mansion as well as blaming the Republicans for the late economic recession. The Democrats fail to accept the White House's adamant disavowal of Duke and his politics. As for the economy, it is myopic to blame the recession on the President while Congress refuses to pass the Capital Gains Tax and strangles consumption with the Luxury Tax. These two pieces of legislation are significant obstacles in this nation's attempt to return to the unparalleled economic prosperity of the Reagan years.

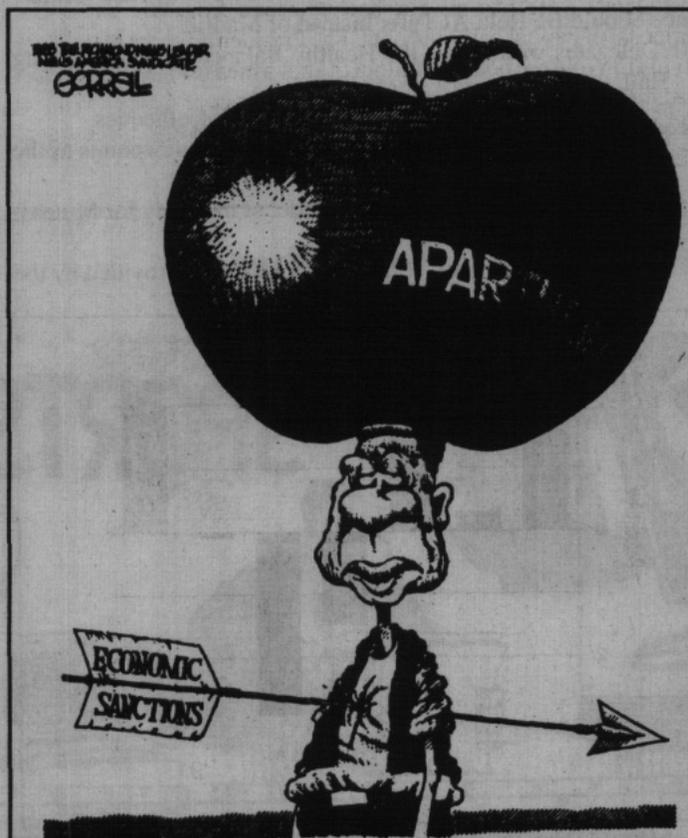
South Africa

In 1985 President Mayer said, "I do think Apartheid is on the skids. It will be slow, but clearly the philosophical basis is being eroded. The problem is how to get one-man, one-vote rule without a bloodbath." Six years later, Dr. Mayer's forecast seems accurate now that President De Klerk has made significant constitutional changes by repealing the Separate Amenities Act. We strongly recommend that the Trustees heed President Mayer's advice by reinvesting in South Africa. With an unemployment rate over 40

percent black South Africans, reinvestment will alleviate much of the blacks' suffering as well as reward the South African government for taking steps toward the abolition of Apartheid. The Communist ANC (African National Congress) would have us believe that South African blacks support continued divestment. In actuality the majority of blacks never supported divestment, or the ANC. Peaceful change cannot occur while 85 percent of the population is economically subjugated. Reinvestment will bring the stability needed to speed the inexorable end of an immoral system.

World Civilizations Requirement

One month later and the World Civilizations Requirement hasn't even gotten out of committee. After two months of debate the Student/Faculty Committee on Educational Policy has concluded that the experimental pilot program was a success. It has yet to address even the possibility of scale up, let alone debated actually implementing it. Those who oppose the proposal can at least take comfort in the fact that the proposal will take quite some time to pass through faculty bureaucracy, which is in some respects worse than that of the administration, and even rivals that of the student government.



Month in Review

Comedy is allied to Justice.

--Aristophanes

■ In a recent speech Senator Kennedy implied that perhaps his life of wheels, wine, and wenching might possibly have adversely affected his ability to serve as senator from Massachusetts. We always knew Teddy was the smart one.

■ Now we know what happens when we cross the beams. We finally got rid of TCU Senator Adam Tratt, but we'll be shovelling marshmallow for weeks.

■ We're wondering who will be the successor to Tufts President Jean Mayer. We're voting for Jesse Helms.

■ According to a source from Texas, President Lyndon B. Johnson referred to his main appendage as his "Jumbo." That gives the name of our school mascot an entirely new meaning. Perhaps President Johnson's johnson should be "stuffed" and kept in the basement of Barnum.

■ While we're on the subject, we were outraged by the recent Cheap Sox skit on "Penis Envy." Some of us happen to be victims of such prejudice. Maybe we should demand our own Special Interest house. We hear they're renovating 165 College Ave.

■ The Top Ten Reasons Why The Mideast Peace Conference Should Be Held At Tufts Instead of Madrid

10. Delegates would love the Healthy Balance at Pound Dining Hall.
9. Friday night party scenes rival the Beirut discotheques.
8. The conference has almost as many opposing viewpoints as the TCU Senate.
7. Tufts Diversity could serve as a model of harmony for Mideast nations.
6. The crack squad of anti-terrorist special forces provided by the

Tufts Police.

5. They'd love the movie from Orientation, "I'm Different, You're Different, We're All OK!"
4. Bobbie Knable could provide the musical entertainment.
3. Shamir and Arafat could party it up at Mayer's house.
2. Reitman, impersonating Lenin, would handle Assad like a puppet.
1. P. Alexa Leon-Prado is a babe!

■ OK, most people may think that we're overdoing it a bit with the "Alexa's a babe" routine. But hey, it's the best publicity she's gotten all semester!!!

■ Congress has yet to repeal the luxury tax.

■ Wait a minute... is this a pubic hair on my PRIMARY SOURCE?

■ ... and while we're on the subject...

Top 10 Pick-up lines of Supreme Court Justices

10. Is that a Law Dictionary beneath your robe or are you just glad to see me?
9. I've got some cool pictures of Thurgood Marshall in leather; Would you like to come see them?
8. Come to this bar often?
7. Your bench or mine?
6. Do you want to see my briefs?
5. People say I look great in black. What do you think?
4. I'm not wearing anything under my robe.
3. Come back to my place and I'll let you see my gavel.
2. O'Connor's just a friend. You're the one I really care about.
1. Of course, you realize that I'm the swing vote on *Roe v. Wade!*

■ Surprisingly, people have even managed to spot political incorrectness in America's favorite pastime. During the World Series, Native Americans expressed their concern for the racist "tomahawk chop" cheer of Atlanta Braves fans. Groups of twins soon followed suit, claiming that the team the Minnesota Twins was offensive to the siblings. In light of this, we've decided to make our own little list of grievances in the world of sports teams:

Cleveland Browns/St. Louis Blues/Cincinnati Reds: Why not chartreuse, magenta, and fuchsias?

San Francisco 49ers/Philadelphia 76ers: What's wrong with 69ers?

Calgary Flames: 'nuff said.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers/Pittsburgh Pirates: More leftist complaints about Columbus.

Minnesota Vikings: After all, Columbus was only copying Leif Erikson.

Detroit Pistons: Ask Psi-U brothers about offensive cars.

Boston Celtics: All Irish people aren't Leprechauns or big



drinkers, you know. ...Well they're definitely not leprechauns. Hartford Whalers: Killing those poor, innocent, little whales? It's a crime.

New Jersey Devils/New Orleans Saints/California Angels: Reference to religious symbols oppressive to atheists.

Boston Red Sox/Chicago White Sox: It's socks, s-o-c-k-s. Where'd these people learn to spell anyway?

Edmonton/Houston Oilers: Another conspiracy by Exxon.

Dallas Cowboys: Hey, Indians aren't the only oppressed group!

Los Angeles Dodgers: Conscientious Objectors hate this one.

Any "animal" team (e.g., Detroit Tigers, Chicago Bears): Hey, animals are our friends, too.

Any New York team: hell, anything in New York is offensive!

Tufts Jumbos: See President Lyndon B. Johnson, above.

■ In honor of the Thomas confirmation, THE SOURCE has rewritten a timeless classic to praise the future decisions of the new Supreme Court:

nah nah nah nah, nah nah nah nah, *Roe v. Wade*, goodbye...

■ Being that this is our "Battle of the Sexes" issue, THE SOURCE presents a never-before-heard-of Top 10 Favorite Positions of THE PRIMARY SOURCE:

10. Bush did the right thing by attacking Iraq.
9. Down with *Roe v. Wade*!
8. Reinvest in South Africa.
7. Tilted slightly to the right with one hand in pocket.
6. Free Speech.
5. The TCU Senate makes good entertainment.
4. Bush did the right thing by invading Panama.
3. ROTC should always have been, and should always be, on campus.
2. Ronald Reagan is GOD.
1. P. Alexa Leon-Prado's a babe.

■ ...Then the Lord God Jumbo was led up by the Light On The Hill unto the Arts House to be tempted. And he fasted forty days and forty nights (as is prescribed after eating Carmichael food), and afterward he was hungry, yea verily. And the TLGBC came and said to him, "If you are really the Lord God Jumbo, command this grassy knoll to become a house or adequate living space." And the Lord God Jumbo answered, "It is written that you must first consult the housing office, and then wait in line behind all the other groups who have applied before you."

Then the TLGBC took Him to the top of the Hill and set him on the pinnacle of the Chapel, saying, "Jump! And if you are truly the Lord God Jumbo, you will flap your ears and be able to fly!" And the Lord God Jumbo said, "Again it is written, thou shalt not haze, which is defined as whipping, beating, banding, forced calisthenics, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or other substance, or other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student."

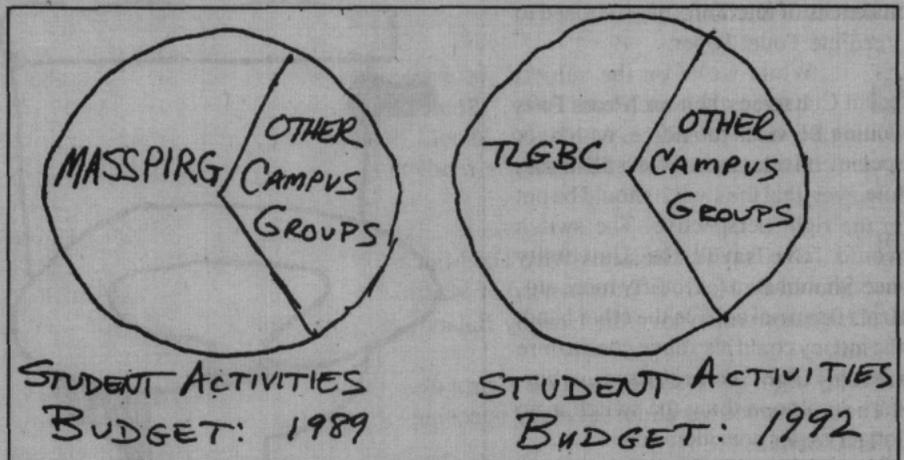
Again, the TLGBC took him to the rally and showed him

the masses that were protesting, and said, "We will make all these protesters shut up and like you if you give a full-time liaison to our community." Then the Jumbo said, "Begone! For it is written: We have enough problems as it is, and we have no money!"

Then the TLGBC left Him, whimpering, and behold, THE PRIMARY SOURCE came and ministered to Him.

-- from the *Book of Diversity*, Matthew 4:1-11

- To give everyone a fair amount of harassment: Top 10 Blunders of THE PRIMARY SOURCE
10. Almost apologizing for that damned Diversity Poem.
 9. Not long enough to ridicule everyone who deserves it.
 8. Arts editor can't draw to save her life.
 7. No singing ability for Diversity carolling.
 6. Using rational arguments when talking to the liberals.
 5. Can't deal with being an "oppressed group".
 4. Printing on recyclable paper.
 3. Not enforcing the "No chains rule" at the Dinesh D'Souza speech.
 2. Allowing Ted Levinson on the exec. board.
 1. Too many top ten lists.



■ To run or not to run. That is the question. Whether 'tis more profitable in the mind to suffer the flashes and microphones of outrageous media investigations. And to raise campaign funds from lots of rich guys and, after raising, spending.

■ Mario Cuomo is still keeping us hanging in the balance about his potential run for President. His present hesitation, as well as his refusal to run in '88, make us wonder: Are you hiding something, Mario? Is there something about you that you don't want disclosed during a campaign? Are you perhaps (gasp!) a liberal Democrat?

■ Once again a rash of resignations has swept through the TCU Senate. While personal integrity and commitment to one's constituency are rare in politics, we had still hoped to find just a little left in the young folks. But after just a few months in session

Month (cont.)

our little TCU Senators have been graduated beyond the petty insincerity of campus politics into the realm of the slime of reality.

■ The most recent proposed constitution for the Tufts student government makes a significant change in the elections procedures. Under the new constitution, only those students who have appeared on Dave Letterman's "Stupid Human Tricks" will be allowed to serve on the TCU Senate. Ultimately, however, we see no real change arising from the new measure.

■ Do Miller and Houston halls remind you of Russian housing developments? Just asking.

■ There have been a lot of complaints about Tufts Buildings and Grounds lately and it seems that they are not getting the respect that they deserve. THE SOURCE, forever positive, has noticed changes in the buildings and grounds lately where it really makes itself felt: Tufts has switched to VeriFine Toilet Paper.

■ It seems the switch from Tufts Dining Services to ARA is no longer under consideration. We still think, however, that the switch should be put in the right perspective. The switch would have saved the University enough money to give fifty more students financial aid. On the other hand, the money could also have gone to hire twenty TGLBC co-ordinators, so perhaps it's a good thing the switch is no longer under consideration.

■ The more astute among you may have noticed SOURCE staffers bumping into trees and other assorted objects from 1pm-3pm weekdays. No, we have not become Libertarians. The most popular radio show in the nation is on AM 850 WHDH during these times. It's also the only place to hear Holly Dunn sing "maybe I mean maybe, baby..."

■ In a recent storm, President Bush's estate at Kennebunkport, Maine was trashed. Could this explain the President's flagging support for the capital gains tax cut?

■ It seems that the slogan of the ANC Youth Movement, *Freedom before Education*, has been taken to heart by the TCU Senate. Were the fallacious arguments and distorted facts behind their resolution against re-investment meant to show solidarity with the foolish, or did they really mean it? It is amazing how well the

middle and upper class suburbanites of Tufts University understand the necessity of suffering for freedom. Especially when it is someone else's suffering.

■ Now that our campus has Men Understanding Sexism at Tufts (MUST), a group of pro-feminist men, can a pro-choice nursery be far behind?

■ The TLGBC wants a liaison with the administration, but those in Ballou are not interested in that kinky stuff.

■ Among those who will be attending the opening of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library this week is Jimmy Carter. He's bound to be disappointed when he realizes that there are no comic books.

■ As one of the most oppressed minorities on campus, we at THE SOURCE demand our own special-interest house. And while we're at it, give us a co-ordinator, a conservative studies program, openly conservative residential advisors, a conservative dining hall (serving veal, Chilean grapes, and Salvadoran coffee, EVERY NIGHT), openly conservative professors, special conservative awareness seminars during orientation, a conservative library, our very own conservative office, keg parties every weekend paid for by the TCU Senate, funding for openly conservative speakers, active recruitment of openly conservative students, and a conservative partridge in a pear tree.

■ As a public service, THE PRIMARY SOURCE is now running a special dating service for household pets. Does Fido seem a bit lonely to you? Does Fluffy need a companion? Send pictures of your dogs, cats, goldfish, and parakeets with a short bio to: Animal Dating Service care of this journal.



■ In an act of gratitude for the TCU Senate's contribution to fighting the "battle" against ARA, Tufts Dining delivered a large cake to a recent Senate meeting. Although the Senate's efforts were notable, it should really behoove Tufts Dining and other campus organizations not to give the Senate too much credit for anything. Hey, what did the Senate really do about ARA except sit in their cozy little meeting room and make resolutions, the same thing they do for most issues? Give credit where credit is due: Tufts Dining should be thankful that ARA sucks.

Rape Adjudication at Tufts

Karen Ahlborn

In the past year and a half, eight rapes have been reported by members of this university. The Dean of Students Office shuffled all the cases through the University's established disciplinary proceedings. While this system is reasonably equipped to deal with common code violations, it is simply not designed to deal with a matter as serious or as complicated as rape. While the university attempts to offer an option for women who do not want to go through a criminal trial, the Tuft's option may be worse.

If a young woman enters the Dean of Students Office to charge another student with rape, she is presented with three options according to the university *Disciplinary Action* booklet. Her first option is mediation where she sits down with the alleged rapist and discusses the rape, how they feel about it, and what they would like to do about it. One student who brought charges said that the Dean of Students even encouraged her to sit down and talk with the rapist in private.

Her second option is a hearing. She and the accused would be brought before a committee of administrators, faculty members, and fellow students to tell their sides of

the case. Questioning is done primarily by the victim herself. Both parties must give their own statements, question each other,

a presence of mind not commonly found in a victim of rape. One victim was so distraught over what she had experienced, that

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question their witnesses, and cross-examine each other's witnesses. The panel may ask questions, but the primary investigation is done by the students involved. Even arranging for the witnesses is for the most part the responsibility of the student.

The victim must be clear enough in mind to present her own case logically and persuasively, to effectively confront and question the person she has accused of a most serious violation, to tell her story to faculty and students she will see on campus, and to call and question her own witnesses, most of whom probably do not want to get involved in the first place. To accomplish all these matters effectively would require

the thought of presenting her own case and directly dealing with the accused was more than she could handle, and she was forced to drop the case. The victim is usually encouraged to hire a lawyer, at her own expense. Dean Reitman said that "more and more" defendants are hiring lawyers in university cases. The victim must either hire her own, or face her rapist with his lawyer in tow. In a situation where she is responsible for presenting her own case, this is very intimidating and puts her at a serious disadvantage.

The university's intentions are admirable. They want to punish a student for what Dean Reitman called, "the most serious form of sexual assault," but the process cannot handle the situation. They are unequipped to bring justice to the situation. Not only are the punishments within their power (expulsion being the most severe) far from what might be considered just punishment, neither the victim nor the accused is given a fair trial. The way the university "court" or hearing process is set up resembles neither a criminal court nor a civil court, but a random amalgamation of the two.

In a civil court, one person brings charges against another person for violation of contract, personal damages, etc. and demands financial retribution. Judge Wapner cannot send anyone to jail, he can only make them pay money. In a criminal court, one arm of the state, the district attorney's office, brings charges against a person believed to have broken a state law. Another arm of the state, the judicial system, deter-

Adjudication of Rape Cases

Tufts

- No legal counsel provided
- Victim prepares own case
- Victim recruits own witnesses
- Victim must question rapist
- Maximum penalty suspension
- Hand picked jury of students, faculty, and administrators.

County Court

- District Attorney Assigned
- District Attorney prepares and prosecutes case
- Victim acts only as witness
- Minimum penalty for rape in Massachusetts 5 years in jail
- Jury selected from Middlesex County

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The Resolution of Special Privileges

Michael J.W. Stickings

Recently, the TLGBC introduced a resolution to the TCU Senate. To say the least, it passed with overwhelming support, despite significant shortcomings which must be addressed.

The resolution is essentially a list of numerous grievances of the TLGBC, followed by a list of demands on the administration. First, Part 1.

The list of grievances is simple enough. It encompasses 18 complaints against the university regarding such issues as harassment, homophobia on campus, Tufts' anti-discrimination policies, and the specific views of the administration. In essence, one can find little at fault. Clearly, these issues are crucial to the well-being of students at Tufts. Unfortunately, however, the individual complaints are severely broad.

The TLGBC claims that "gay, lesbian, and bisexual students feel unsafe on campus," and that the "University has not given a satisfactory response to this... harassment." Just what do the words "unsafe" and "satisfactory" suggest, if not a purely subjective and biased view from an allegedly oppressed minority? Personally, I would like to have this question addressed openly by these victims and to have a description of what "unsafe" and "satisfactory" actually mean.

The TLGBC states that Tufts has "no gay, lesbian, or bisexual agenda," and that Tufts sponsors "no anti-homophobia programs or events." Well, what about the programs during orientation that literally pounded Freshmen over the head with diversity and acceptance? These programs seem to have been forgotten. But the question really is, should Tufts openly favor a certain minority? Should the university create a TLGBC house or a new studies program? Should the university play the role of moralist and declare certain opinions to be evil? Clearly not. First, it is important to avoid discrimination against a minor-

ity, but discrimination in favor of a minority (since heterosexuals do not have these privileges) is harmful to the ideas of integration and equal opportunity. Second, a university should provide a setting in which all opin-

ions can be heard. It is not the university's role to promote certain ideologies, one being anti-homophobia.

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The TLGBC feels that there is a "paucity of recent...books on gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues." I'd like to know exactly what a paucity indicates. After all, our library is not known for its grandeur.

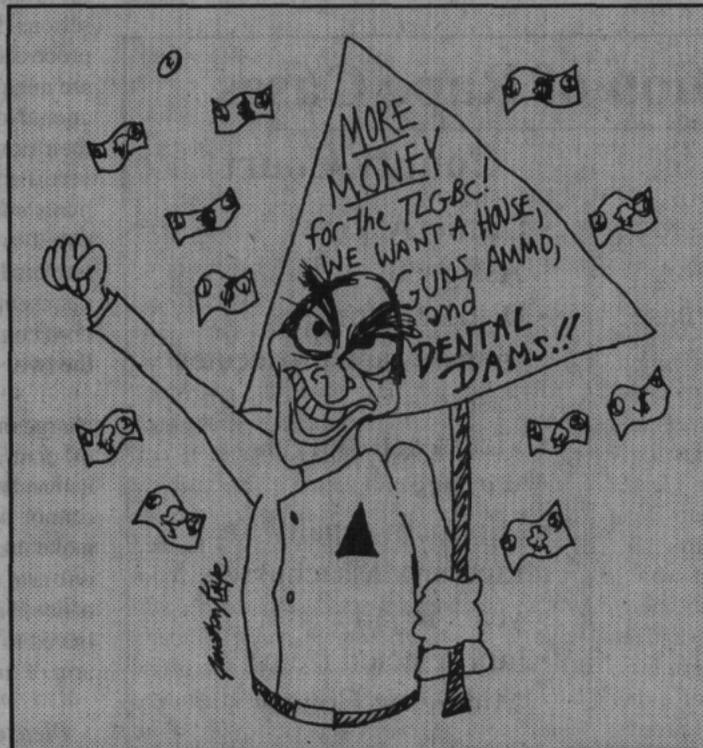
The TLGBC suggests that "certain courses...promote homophobic concepts." This is rather meaningless without examples. No doubt, certain courses place homosexuality within a historical framework and thus

The TLGBC goes on to condemn the administration of homophobia, despite the policies outlined in the Pachyderm, and to accuse Tufts of failing to live up to its commitment to promote "diversity and multi-culturalism." Indeed, the administration is accused of ignorance, inaction, and lying. Such a charge is unfortunate considering the university's acceptance of the TLGBC and the fact that the administration is not a monolith and cannot be held accountable as a whole. Nevertheless, with the resolution passed, the administration remains guilty until proven innocent.

Part 2 of the resolution contains, as mentioned, a list of seven demands, all of which are declared "imperative."

The TLGBC calls for a "full-time liaison" between the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community, and the administration to be funded, of course, by the latter. At face value, this seems quite unimportant. However, once the TLGBC has a liaison, won't other organizations also request the same? And even if they do not, why give the TLGBC special privileges?

The TLGBC calls for the appointments of "openly gay resident counselors" both "in the dorms" and "in the counseling center." A question: just what are openly gay counsel-



ors? Are they the San Francisco effeminate types? Or the leather and chains biker types, perhaps? Just how are people openly gay? And why openly gay counselors? Why not openly Jewish counselors, openly Afrocentric counselors, or openly WASPish counselors? It is clear that the TLGBC is seeking special benefits over other segments of the student body.

The TLGBC calls for a "gay, lesbian, and bisexual center," for the purposes of housing bi- and homosexual students, organizing programs and events, advocating concerns, and housing "a library, a filing system, and hired personnel." Once again, one wonders why the TLGBC should enjoy such privileges. Equally important, a great deal of money would be required, and in these times of financial hardships very little can be spared. If a TLGBC house is created, campus segregation will be furthered. And, considering that homosexuality encompasses, supposedly, only 10% of the population, doesn't the request seem like a bit much?

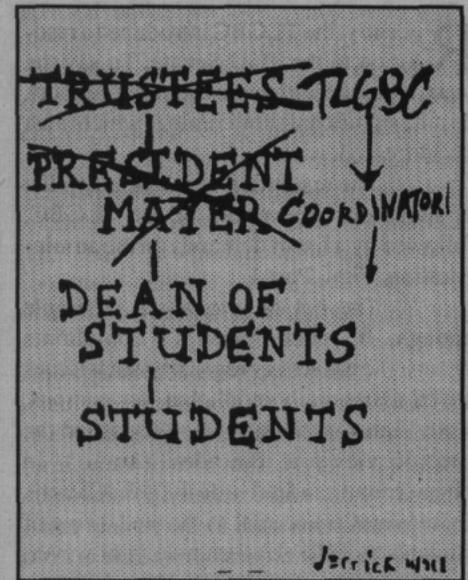
The organization responds by saying that gay, lesbian, and bisexual students find it difficult to live in dorms. Yes, perhaps there is homophobia in the dorms, but the solution is not to segregate the Tufts community into groupings of race or sexual orientation. The solution is to promote understanding within an integrated student body.

Finally, the TLGBC calls on Tufts to "make an active commitment to gay, lesbian, and bisexual studies," and to the hiring of "faculty to teach gay, lesbian, and bisexual studies." Previous arguments apply here as well: privileges, funding. As well, such a studies program sets a terrible precedent. In the future, will the university, for example, consider a Catholic studies program? Or a Canadian program for those oppressed Canucks? The list is endless; the money is not.

But there's also one more problem here. If gay, lesbian, and bisexual studies becomes a major, interdisciplinary or otherwise, what exactly would a student study

and what could a student choose for a concentration? Humor aside, a rigorous academic program is not possible.

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mines whether or not this law was really broken. The judicial system then has the power to mete out physical punishment on the accused.

Tufts University is not a sovereign state. It cannot take internal legal action against its students. It can, however, mete out "physical" (as opposed to monetary) punishment to those students who break its rules. It does this by changing the status of a student's good standing with the university. A student breaks a University code and the university can suspend the student. The premise of a rape case and the outcome of the hearing is like that of a criminal court. Yet the actual University hearing processes more closely resemble those of a civil court. Neither party has the option of free legal counsel and both parties must present and substantiate their own cases. The university cases are also determined on the "lesser standard of evidence," according to Dean Reitman, that is found in civil courts.

To get a better picture of what a university hearing is comparable to, imagine The People's Court with a panel and the power to send a person to jail. There is no guaranteed legal representation of either party and both parties would still present

and substantiate their own cases. Taking the place of the Dean of Students Judiciary panel (made up of a few administrators, a few faculty members, and a few students - selected by Dean Knable) might be a few lawyers, a bailiff, a security guard, and a couple of Judge Wapner's closest friends. They would hear the case, mediate the proceedings, determine whether or not guilt has been proven by the victim, and recommend a punishment. Judge Wapner would then have the power to send the accused to jail through a sort of amalgamation of the civil and criminal court into one all-purpose court.

If the victim does not want to experience this kangaroo court trial, and justifiably so, she has an alternative, the third option. She can take her charges to the Tufts police and file criminal charges. Many victims fear taking this step, but it is the only way justice will be done. Officer Eileen Badger of the Tufts police insists that the police will make every effort to ease the victim through the legal process. A trained sexual assault officer will be with the victim "from beginning to end." The officer will take the victim's statement, and accompany the victim to the district attorney's office and to counseling. With criminal charges the victim is effectively relieved of all

responsibilities once the charges are filed, save testifying to the crime in court. The state legal system will investigate, subpoena witnesses, and prosecute the case itself. In the state of Massachusetts there are even laws protecting the privacy of the victim's past sexual history.

The state legal system is the only reasonable method for handling the crime of rape. Through assistance by the state legal processes, the responsibility and burden of proof are taken off the victim and shouldered by the district attorney's office. Protected by civil rights and the Constitution, the accused is assured a fair trial and free legal counsel.

The University must either cease trying to handle rape cases with hearings designed for lesser matters, and refer the victim to the police, or set up a hearing process that more closely resembles the fair and tried methods of the state. They are dealing with one of the most serious violations of University code, of state law, and of a human being. There is no excuse for allowing, and even encouraging the adjudication of so serious a crime by so frivolous a system.

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Sexual Revolution Gone Sour

Dan Goodwin

Before May 1990 there had been no rapes reported to the Dean of Students Office. Now there have been eight cases adjudicated, as well as a number of cases of sexual harassment. It seems unlikely that this increase in reported cases represents an actual increase in rapes. What has changed? Certainly there is a heightened awareness of sexual harassment and rape at Tufts, but is everyone more aware? Has our entire society realigned their views on male-female relations?

The disagreements over appropriate behavior towards women and confusion concerning appropriate courting rituals indicates that any realignment of views is not shared by our entire society. Fundamental dating traditions such as the female resisting the first few requests for a date in order to play hard to get, and the male pursuing the female to prove his commitment, are not only seen as outdated, but in some instances as sexual harassment. A recent song by country singer Holly Dunn and the reaction by women's groups clearly demonstrates this division: "Sometimes, when I say no I

been removed from the album and effectively banned from play by the singer after she experienced the wrath of the women's movement. These attitudes are now seen as

In traditional courtship a woman expects a man to pursue her relentlessly if he is truly interested, and a man quickly learns in adolescence that "no" often means

The sexual revolution met the hormonal and emotional realities in the confusing mess we now call date rape and sexual harassment.

dangerous, encouraging rape. And today, in many situations they may. An entirely new courting tradition has grown from the sexual revolution. When this collides with the older traditions confusion results, and what occurs can sometimes be viewed as rape.

Before the sexual revolution there was consensus on appropriate dating behavior, which did not develop from political agendas, but which evolved from societal experiences. The traditional approach views men constantly wrestling with huge quantities of hormones burning through their veins, and men are expected to hold these im-

"Try harder. I don't believe you really care." On the fringes of acceptability, men are often found not guilty by juries for rape if the woman is seen to have led him on through her actions, or even her dress. The jurors (more often the female jurors) think women hold some responsibility for enticing a man beyond the level of control that is expected of him. These traditional views lost popularity among the sexual revolutionaries in the 60's and 70's.

The sexual revolution brought power to women. Women no longer had to play the games and resist the advances of men or risk being labeled loose. In fact women could make the advances, and desire and enjoy sex as much as men. The stereotypes that men are driven by their physical desire for sex, and women by their desire for emotional commitment, were cast aside. Women were free to dress as they wanted, act as they wanted, and to have sex when they wanted. Some women found that this was not as attractive as they had thought, but it was too late to turn back now.

Free sex turned sour when some women realized there was something missing. They did not always want to have sex. The sexual revolution met the hormonal and emotional realities in the confusing mess we now call date rape and sexual harassment. As one female friend told me, "If I'm naked in bed with a guy and fool around, and if I tell him to stop or I don't want to do something, I expect him to stop without any argument." This is a common attitude and seems perfectly reasonable to

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mean maybe, and baby, maybe I mean yes." While this exemplifies many people's experiences dating and, until recently, would have not turned a head, this song has now

pulses at bay. Women are to be cautious of men's uncontrollable urges, but man's lack of control places much of the prerogative with the women.

THE QUICKIE GENDER TEST

THE PRIMARY SOURCE has been concerned lately over the confusion of the terms gender and sex. Sex refers to male or female, while gender refers to masculine or feminine. Sex, of course, is fairly definitive, while a person's gender is far less certain. In order to clear up this controversy, THE SOURCE has devised a scientific Gender Test. Simply answer the following questions, add up the appropriate point values, and compare your result to the scale at the bottom of the page. In the future when someone asks you your gender, instead of incorrectly saying 'male' or 'female' or nervously staring at you feet, you can confidently pronounce yourself a -5, or whatever. Good luck!

Favorite Color

+1 Pink 0 Green -1 Blue

Favorite Tool

+1 Stud Finder 0 Tape Measure -1 Power Drill

Favorite Magazine

+1 Cosmo 0 Life -1 Popular Mechanics

Favorite Method of Execution

+1 Lethal Injection 0 Impalement -1 Being Hung

Favorite Political Figure

+1 Richard Cheney 0 Gary Studds -1 George Bush

Favorite Author

+1 Herman Melville 0 George Eliot -1 E.R. Burrows

Favorite Movie

+1 Cinderella 0 Casablanca -1 Terminator

Favorite Vegetable

+1 Zucchini 0 Lettuce -1 Tomato

Favorite Fruit

+1 Banana 0 Orange -1 Cherry

Favorite Meat

+1 Salami 0 Tongue -1 Chicken

Favorite Dairy Product

+1 Cream 0 Butter -1 Milk

Favorite Grain

+1 French Bread 0 Wonder Bread -1 Bagel

Favorite Pet

+1 Stallion 0 Gerbil -1 Sheep

Favorite Celestial Body

+1 Venus 0 Mercury -1 Mars

Favorite Artwork

+1 David 0 Wistler's Mother -1 Venus DeMilo

Favorite Sport

+1 Cheerleading 0 Tiddlywinks -1 Baseball

Favorite Drinking Game

+1 Threeman 0 Pyramid -1 Chase Quarters

Favorite Weather

+1 Frigid 0 Partly Cloudy -1 Hot and Humid

Favorite TV Show

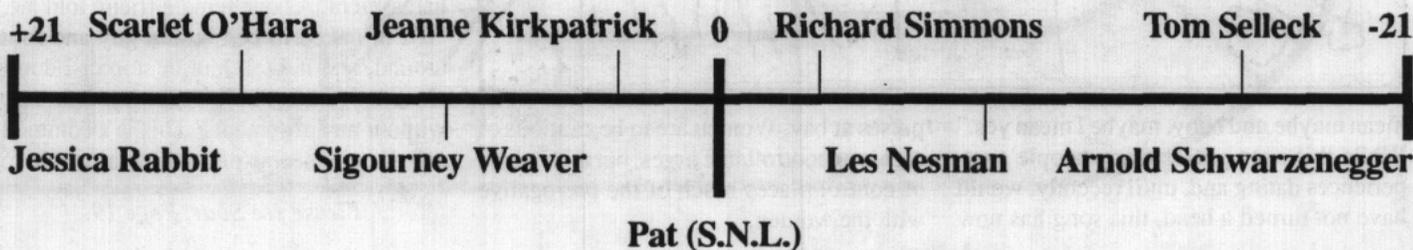
+1 General Hospital 0 *M*A*S*H* -1 The A-Team

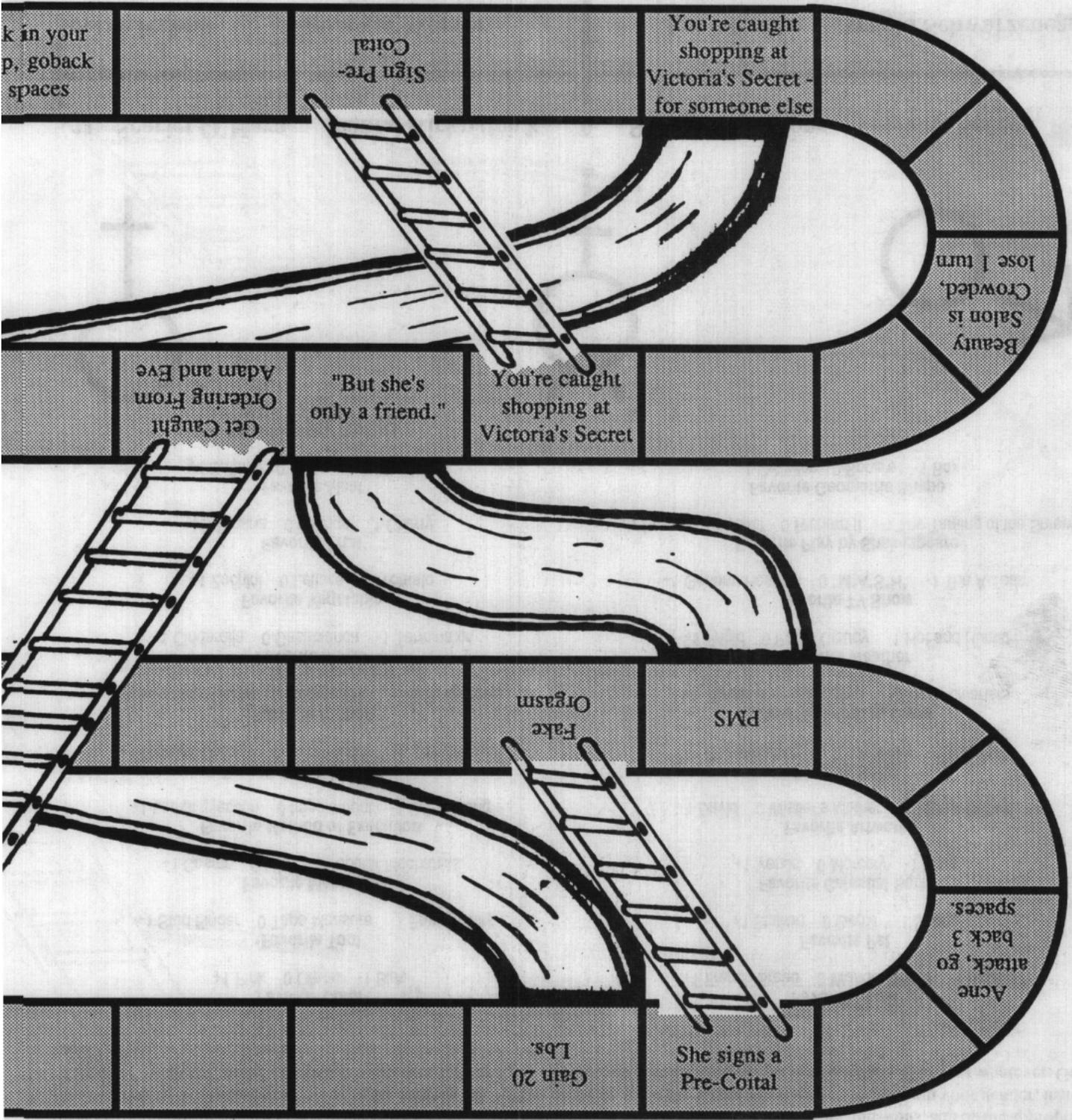
Favorite Play by Shakespeare

+1 Romeo and Juliet 0 Richard II -1 The Taming of the Shrew

Favorite Geometric Shape

+1 Cylinder 0 Sphere -1 Box

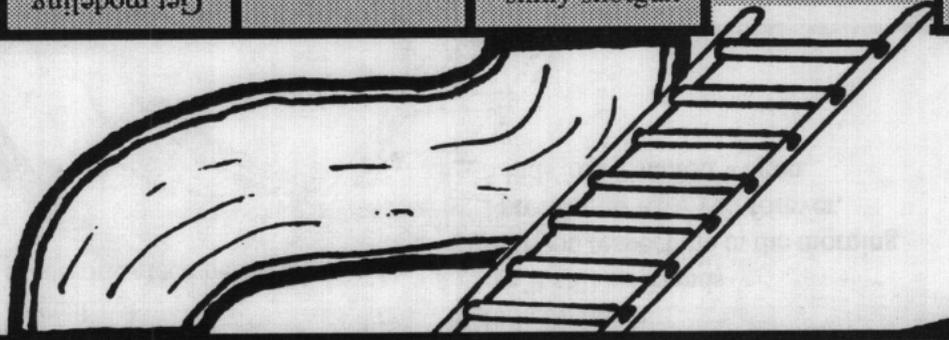




Lovers and Losers:

Women
Start
Here

SCORE!!!	Get modeling contract, move ahead 3 spaces	Her father shows you his shiny shotgun	Do His Laundry	Te
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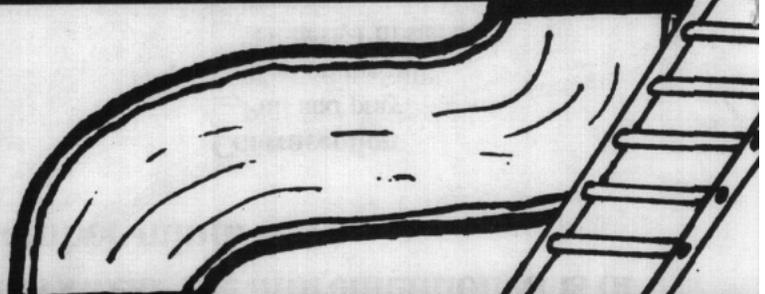
Late for a Date, lose 1 turn	Boyfriend Finds Your Copy of Modern Bride	You forget her name		
	Buy a Van	Talk about Favorite Baby Names	You tell her you love her and mean it	



To Play: Each player starts at the appropriate space and advances according to the roll of a die. The winner is the person who reaches the end point for their sex first. You only follow the instructions which face your side of the board. When you land on a ladder you travel upwards. Good luck and happy hunting!

Men
Start
Here

...And they lived happily ever after.	Get Caught Faking Orgasm	Babe tells you that you look like Mel Gibson, move ahead 1	You tell her you love her	
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A Game of Romance

Pre-Coital Contract

The following signature of the aforementioned party herewith undersigned grants in perpetuity for the aforementioned temporarily limited one-time only offer, immunity from prosecution, persecution, and prostitution for the aforementioned said activities with the aforementioned party(ies). The undersigned heretoforths swear the aforementioned is of solid, sober, and somber mind.

Conversation

- none
- weather
- compliments
- unsolicited compliments
- eye contact
- discussion of pornography
- politics
- past sexual history

Kissing

- Kissing
- Kissing on lips
- Kissing with tongue
- Exploratory kissing

Disrobement

- socks
- shoes
- watch
- belt
- shirt
- bra
- pants/skirt
- chastity belt
- panties

Fondling

- above shoulders
- below knees
- above waist
- below waist
- none

Penetration

- Navel
- nasal
- aural
- oral
- anal
- vaginal
- digital
- manual
- penile
- lingual
- accessories (see below)

Contraception

- Pull and pray
- "T m on the pill"
- "Honest, I'm sterile"
- Sponge
- Condom

Accessories

- leather and chains
- rope
- low voltage appliances
- small woodland creaturs
- large mammals
- lawn furniture
- video cameras
- edible underwear

Post-coital relationship

- none
- I'll try to rememember your name
- let's do lunch
- we'll still be friends
- will you respect me in the morning
- I promise to love you forever.
- 5 kids and a station wagon.

Date _____

Witness _____

Council _____

Signature _____

Participant Party(ies) _____

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her, to men it is like driving a truck towards a cliff at top speed and expecting to stop it at the edge when the girl says "OK, stop now."

Some will say that it is the completely the responsibility of the man to hear and respect the woman's wishes and the fault is his for taking advantage of a women in a vulnerable position or ignoring her stated desires. Men should, of course, respect the desires of the female, but that does not mean that they always do. Some men (who in the good old days were hanged) will consciously take advantage of women, but more often confusion over a woman's actual desire, mixed with hormone powered rationalization, can turn a misunderstanding into date rape.

The confusion does not come from the sexism in society or unconfirmed stereotypes that when women say no they mean yes. While women certainly do often mean no when they say no, one woman confided that there is something about a guy beign forceful that women like. If a guy gives up too easily it can no doubt be insulting. This is true for many women, and guys learn this early. So men are often left to guess when a woman wants him to stop, or push a little farther. There must be a balance struck in the man's mind of what amount of forcefulness will not make him look like a wimp, and how much is too much and will anger and upset the woman.

THINK buttons and T-shirts about date rape are directed to change this idea that it is alright, and sometimes even desirable, to put pressure on a woman sexually. The goals are to make men aware and more sensitive to the needs of women. Well, the truth is that many women do not want sensitive men. Although the concept that women are attracted to strong, powerful men is pervasive in all aspects of are society, and is to a large extent true, much of the campaign to stop date rape attempts to tell men differently. Women dream of getting swept up by Tom Selleck, not Alan Alda, and men know it.

The real confusion and damage wrought by teaching men to be more sensitive arises when women feel they have no responsibility for the sexual desires they call forth from men. While women may not be at fault if they find themselves in uncomfortable situations, a woman certainly must

take some responsibility for the situations she finds herself in. Most women do this, but the educational programs about sexual harassment dislocates much of what was the woman's responsibility, to the man. The shift has been from no sexual responsibility during the sexual revolution to placing the responsibility in the hands of the men. What seems to be ignored is that men will not take this responsibility no matter how many buttons are distributed.

In a twisted sort of way there has been a shift back to the sexual morals of pre-revolutionary days. While almost no one can bring themselves to go so far back as to criticize pre-marital sex, there has been a return to the concept of sexual responsibility. It's almost as if people rediscovered that what's good for rabbits isn't so good for

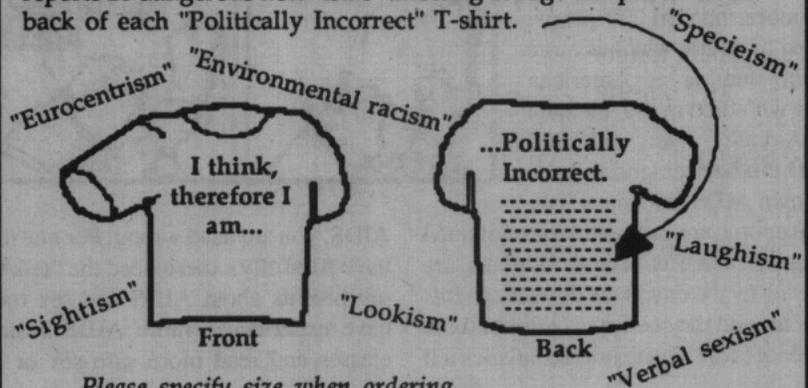
college students. Unfortunately this realization was mixed with a lethal dose of feminism and the result has been to blame the men instead of taking precautionary steps to stop the rape and harassment.

All the awareness groups can scream all they want about how men are responsible for all of the evils in the world, but all they will be doing, if anything at all, is to instill in women a sense of entitlement to scrupulous treatment. All of these groups are terrified of returning to the days when women were required to take some responsibility for the influence they have on men. Desperately searching for a viable alternative, they have been negligent in addressing the problem. Women are getting hurt and

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The Stigma Behind AIDS

Matt Fountain

During October, which was AIDS Awareness Month, we heard much about AIDS and the problems that society faces because of the "dreaded disease." There were posters on campus and in the

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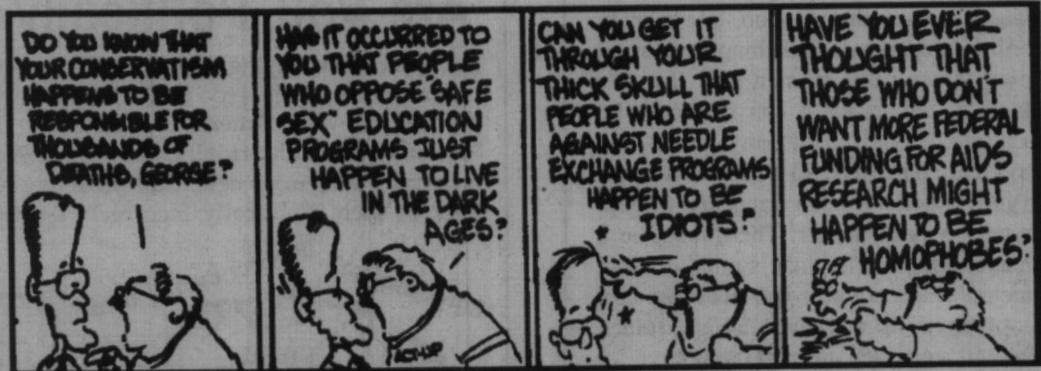
paper that deplored the seeming lack of awareness that society has of AIDS. Increasing awareness about AIDS, donating money for research purposes, and setting aside government money for AIDS seem to be a courageous effort by many people to combat the AIDS problem. Their efforts seem noble if you don't look at the facts.

AIDS is a deadly incurable sexually-transmitted disease. The percentage of deaths from AIDS is near 100%. As of July 1989, more than 50,000 people had died of AIDS, which is more than the number of American Troops who died in the Vietnam War. Already, about 160,000+ people have been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS, and one to two million people are estimated to be infected with the HIV virus. These numbers are increasing by the day as the disease spreads rapidly around the country. No doubt these statistics are true. But do these statistics tell

the whole story? Are these numbers and information, that we know about the disease, reasons to designate AIDS as "public enemy number one?" My answer is *no*. These statistics and these advertisements in the *Tufts Daily* do not tell the whole story, and the AIDS activists do not want to tell the whole story. Instead, the AIDS activists, by using scarehand tactics, are misleading the American public to believe the false notion that AIDS is so-called "public enemy number one."

If you think it sounds like I am trashing AIDS awareness, or like I don't care about AIDS and the problems from

books, pamphlets, and brochures than I will ever remember. Additionally, I am from Indiana, homestate of Ryan White. The great guy was always in the papers because of his courageous struggle to overcome not only the dreaded disease but also the wrongful discrimination from people just because he had AIDS. All of Indiana (myself included) mourned when he died (*not* "passed away") in April, 1990. I also understand what AIDS viruses are and how they work because I read about them in scientific journals. I think I am "over-aware" about AIDS. That is, I know more than I need to know about the disease in order to protect myself. It makes me wonder, in this sense, if the millions, even billions being spent on the awareness of AIDS is really worth the



AIDS, you are dead wrong. For one thing, I have painfully experienced the "talk" from my parents about AIDS and sex today. I have experienced more AIDS awareness classes and read more safe sex or AIDS

spending. Nobody doubts the necessity for education about AIDS. The reason why we have such a low, yes, low, AIDS death rate is because of AIDS education. However, the question of whether or not our government is spending too much money is still up to debate. Maybe the problem is not that we are spending too much money on AIDS education, but *where* we are spending the money. It seems that certain groups such as college students or college-educated people are the wrong targets of AIDS awareness. Because, after all, if the students at Tufts do not know what AIDS is, they should not be here. While it is very likely that people such as college students, are "over-aware" about AIDS, might it also be likely that the poorly educated are "under-aware?" If that is the case, then the government, instead of simply pumping more money into the AIDS

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the most direct, logical approach to solve the problem would seem to be to teach women how to avoid problematic situations and take some of the responsibility for what they may engender in their date's mind. Some will say this is being done but one needs only look around to see that the scare tactics and assault of statistics is discounted as propaganda or is washed out by the male bashing.

Rape and sexual harassment are not the fault of women, but this does not

abdicate women of responsibility for what happens. While a woman raped in Central Park at 3am is not at fault, she is responsible for placing herself voluntarily in danger, as a woman must be responsible when she rolls around in bed naked with a man. A man has no right to force a woman against her wishes, but women must hold some responsibility, or date rape will continue. Personal responsibility is not very popular, but those who are truly trying to avoid date rape will make the sacrifice.

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programs should reconstruct the programs so that money is *not* wasted on the people who know about AIDS already, but spent on people (such as grade school kids, the poor, ghetto residents, etc.) who have no or a vague idea of what AIDS is. But why do people still insist on putting up posters and propaganda that show absolutely no new or necessary information about AIDS? Here is where "over-awareness" comes into benefit, because I have some dirty secrets to tell that AIDS activists do not want you to know.

Here are some myths about AIDS. "AIDS is a plague sweeping across the land in epidemic proportions. AIDS can be compared to the bubonic plagues of Medieval times. AIDS is public enemy number one. We need more money to combat the spread of AIDS through research and education of the public." Sound familiar? The correct answer is yes and no. There are some truths to these statements. It just depends on how

son of how serious the AIDS problem really is would be to compare death rates of AIDS to other diseases.

FACT: Death rates per 100,000

that the people who foolishly engaged in risky behavior will die of AIDS at a rate equal to that of cancer.

But it is not just the fact that people

The seriousness of the AIDS threat is really quite exaggerated when compared with death rates of only five diseases.

	persons per year.
Heart disease	767.4
	(35% of total deaths)
Cancer	488.2
Pneumonia	77.3
Diabetes	39.6
AIDS	16.2

As one can see, the seriousness of the AIDS threat is really quite exaggerated when compared with death rates of only five diseases. The number of people who die from cancer each year (1,122,860) outnumber

exaggerate the AIDS problem, but that they manipulate public opinion so well. According to a poster that I saw in the basement of Eaton Hall, 80% of Americans think that AIDS is the greatest threat known to Americans. Try telling that to a mother of a seventh-grade girl from my brother's school who died of cancer less than a year ago. She was only 11 or 12. Another poster said that the leading cause of death for women who are 20 - 40 is AIDS. O.K., that may be true, but what is the percentage of college educated women among these statistics? That

puts up a double standard because any college educated person would have some useful information about AIDS. Therefore, if the statistics show a low percentage of college educated women that have died of AIDS, then there has been deliberate attempt to mislead college students into thinking that the problem is worse than it really is. Even if there really is a high percentage of college educated women dying of AIDS, it just shows people that they have been



you interpret the information. For example, one could say that AIDS is increasing in epidemic proportions when you consider the sharp increase in AIDS cases since AIDS was discovered in 1981. You could also consider the increasing number of deaths by AIDS since 1981. These are all true, but the truth behind the facts are covered with a load of half-truths. In reality AIDS activists, such as the dreaded ACT-UP, either blow out of proportion or exaggerate the seriousness of the disease.

RESTATEMENT: More than 50,000 people have died of AIDS as of July, 1989. It is estimated that about 1 to 2 million Americans currently carry the virus. AIDS activist love to cite these accurate numbers as reasons why the virus is public enemy number one. But these statistics don't tell the whole story. A more realistic compari-

bers by a far margin the total number of AIDS deaths (50,000) in, say, a decade. Even then, not only other diseases, but also deaths from smoking (200,000), murder (25,000), or accidents (motor vehicles only: 200,000) outnumber AIDS deaths many times over per year. Plus when talking about the people infected with HIV, the numbers are very small compared to people alive today that have either heart problems, mental problems, cancer, disabilities from accidents, or have been targets of homicide. It is clear that compared to some really serious problems, AIDS is just barely a ripple in the whole spectrum. Granted, AIDS is increasingly becoming a problem, especially with the infected population spreading the disease through behavior such as sex and drugs, but, thanks to proper AIDS education, it is going to be a long time, hopefully never,

irresponsible. I cannot imagine a college educated person going through the 80's decade without reading something about AIDS. Remember, I am talking about college here, not an area of poverty where AIDS could be attributed to a lack of AIDS awareness.

Another problem with AIDS awareness is that the AIDS activist constantly demands more money for research, MEDICARE, or for educational purposes because he says it is not enough. That is wrong because the money spent on AIDS is already a staggering burden to not only the U.S. health care system, but also to the taxpayer and to insurance companies. Here are some facts about money and AIDS.

For every full-blown AIDS pa-

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In Defense of Capitalism

Chuck Marks

With the US clean up forces wrapping up the last remnant of the Cold War, it behooves the West to reexamine the cause for which it has been fighting. During the struggle the line between totalitarianism and communism was often blurred by rhetoric. It is vital that, as the US takes the reins of world power, we know that the link

between capitalism and social progress not be blurred. And of course, even though we are only just seeing it for the first time, communism failed miserably in protecting its environment. However, it is not enough to know that capitalism is superior. One must understand why.

The answer lies in the basics of the capitalist system. To produce capital one must make investments. In the classical system the capitalist can invest in three things: labor, the environment (i.e. raw materials), or processes combining the two. The income generated by these three investments (wages, produce, and profit) together make the increase in one's wealth.

However, the capitalist is not satisfied merely by income. In order to attain

In the area of labor this means that the capitalist seeks not the minimum investment, but the highest income over an initial investment. Since mankind came down from the trees, it has been obvious that the greatest income from a human being is not to be gained through the use of his muscle power.

What separates mankind from all the other beasts which we have resigned to the environment is that he has intelligence. It is through use of this intelligence that the highest income can be gained from investment in human labor. And the yield on that investment is proportional to the degree to which the labor is able to use his intelligence. Thus it is the capitalist who, for his own gain, seeks to educate his labor. Likewise, because the human mind is most productive when it is allowed to find its own path, it is the capitalist who sees to the

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To begin to discuss any economic system we must first address the purpose of economic systems in general. Essentially this purpose is to ensure survival. For the individual, this means accruing wealth to secure a future supply of life's necessities. On the national level, a nation accrues wealth for the purpose of defense in future conflicts with other nations. The success of any economic system, therefore is its ability to amass wealth for the person or nation using it.

To be able to compare the capitalist and communist systems, however, one needs to judge not only their relative success but also their side effects. Thus, in comparing the two systems, one must not only compare their ability to create wealth, but also their impact on the universe as a whole. To make analysis easier, let us divide the universe into two distinct portions: human beings and everything not human, i.e. the environment. So the relative merits of the systems can be judged in three areas: wealth, human rights, and the environment.

History has shown us that in each of these three categories capitalism has excelled over communism. The Eastern Block has performed miserably in economic competition and is now more or less begging the capitalist countries of the world for money. Even in its most twisted American form, capitalism can hardly have been said to have been worse than the Stalinist op-

pression of communism. And of course, even though we are only just seeing it for the first time, communism failed miserably in protecting its environment. However, it is not enough to know that capitalism is superior. One must understand why. The answer lies in the basics of the capitalist system. To produce capital one must make investments. In the classical system the capitalist can invest in three things: labor, the environment (i.e. raw materials), or processes combining the two. The income generated by these three investments (wages, produce, and profit) together make the increase in one's wealth. However, the capitalist is not satisfied merely by income. In order to attain

the greatest degree of security (the aim of the economic system) he must effect the highest possible income. This means that investments must be made in each area in such a way as to enhance the income from each.

freedom of his labor. This is why capitalism directly leads to the rise of human rights.

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Sex? It's all in your mind!

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Are the behavioral differences between men and women purely the result of environmental influences, or is there a more basic and physiological reason for these differences? Although many sociologists and radical feminists would like us to believe that men and women are exactly the same in mind, the majority of scientific

like to make noises in response to humans; whereas, baby boys, while equally talkative, make no verbal distinctions between inanimate objects and human beings. These differences are quite clearly the result of two very different and distinct brain patterns.

The innate differences between males and females are further documented in experiments with youngsters. Boys, being more attuned to the world of objects, tend to explore their surroundings more than girls do. In one experiment, a barrier

was set up dividing the child from his or her mother in order to test the child's reactions. The boys would try to find a way around the barrier by exploring its edges, while the girls tended to stand at the center of the barrier and cry. Also, in a British study of playground behavior, the introduction of a newcomer to a group of girls inspired curiosity and interest; whereas, among boys, the newcomer was essentially ignored unless he was deemed useful to the group in some way. It seems that the boys and girls behave in ways that cater to their natural strengths, thus further reinforcing that to which their brains are best designed to respond.

As stated by Ann Moir and David Jessel in *Brain Sex*, "boys want to explore areas, spaces, and things because their brain bias predisposes them to these aspects of the environment. Girls like to talk and listen because that is what their brains are better designed to do."

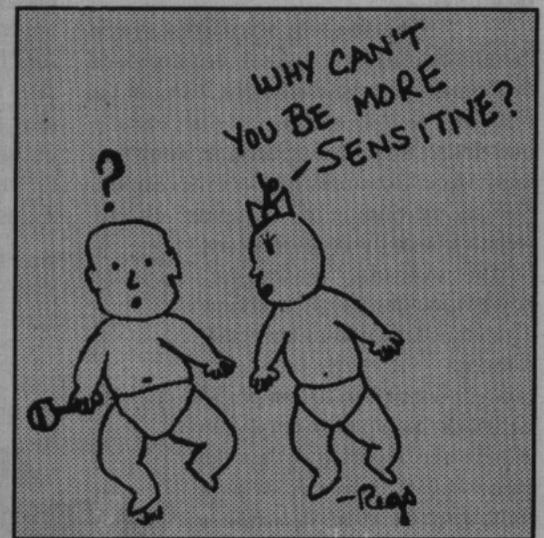
Throughout life, from the rough and tumble, object-oriented games of the boys in the playground, to the adult woman's focus on the emotional content of sexual relations rather than its physical manifestations, the physiological make-up of the brain affects attitudes and behavior. In the sexual realm, this is best illustrated by the

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evidence in the field of sex differences indicates that the attitudinal and behavioral differences between men and women are determined before birth, in the womb. That is, our brains are formed differently, due to prenatal hormone activity, depending on whether we are male or female, which in turn affects our behavior. The truth of this is evident immediately after birth, before any societal pressures or social engineering could possibly have taken place.

For example, baby girls are much more sensitive than baby boys to touch and to sounds. This difference extends to the ability to distinguish the emotional clues inherent in human speech patterns, in that baby girls are far more easily soothed by soft words and songs. In addition, baby girls



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In the area of the environment, the capitalist likewise seeks to raise his income from the environment. Again he seeks not the minimum investment, but the investment which yields the highest income. Since, when preserved properly, the environment can be harvested for eternity, yielding an infinite income, the capitalist is naturally a conservationist. The high yield short term gains can never compete with infinity.

Finally, the capitalist system naturally excels economically because it com-

bines the infinite yield of the environment with the intellect of labor. Thus, by using both the environment and labor at their fullest potentials, the capitalist creates the greatest possible profit.

It is only when limits are placed on capitalism that it fails to excel in human rights, conservationism, and economics. For example, it is prejudice and a disregard for income which makes a pseudocapitalist neglect a labor source due to racism. Again it is only the government limits on ownership that prevent conservation of the entire environment (*i.e.* if someone owned the

ocean and was paid for the amount of pollution he accepted, like a landfill, he would protect his investment by limiting pollution). Pure capitalism is the ideal for which the West has fought, and to insure our liberty, and indeed our very survival, it must be the ideal for which it fights in the future.

(The economics of the article are mild adaptations of those presented by Adam Smith in *The Wealth of Nations*.)

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Equalism: A Moderate's Approach to Women's Rights

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For those interested in the rights of women, there are two distinct ways of looking at the difference between the sexes (beyond the obvious physical differences). In one view, men and women are seen as inherently different in temperament and worldview. Traits are seen as either masculine or feminine, and the thrust of women's rights issues is to learn to value the "feminine" characteristics which have been undervalued for centuries. In the other view, the differences between men and women which are not purely physical are negligible. As William Phipps put it, "Only one of the 23 pairs of chromosomes ... is different as to sex, and this appropriately reflects the ratio of natural differences to similarities."

While this may seem like a simple theoretical difference, there are profound differences in practical application. In the first view -- that of inherent difference -- one finds the school of thought known as feminism. A feminist fights for the recognition and re-valuing of "feminine" characteristics, usually at the expense of the existing "masculine" power structure. The second view -- negligible to non-existent differences -- is held by a school of thought coming to be known as equalism. An equalist simply demands the right to "play the game" by the same rules as a man, and excel at it, while a feminist believes the game itself is inherently sexist, and demands to play a new one, with her own rules.

Unfortunately, feminism as it is practiced often includes censorship and other forms of suppression of views not in the "party line." The recent case of Supreme Court nominee (now Associate Justice) Clarence Thomas is illustrative of this. Thomas was already disliked by the civil rights establishment (of which feminism is a part) because of his equalist stance on Constitutional interpretation and stress on the individual over the group. When allegations of sexual harassment were brought against

him by Anita Hill, the feminist establishment immediately accepted them as fact and stated that if Thomas were confirmed, it would prove that the government was a patriarchal tyranny. Questioning of Hill's statements was met with cries of sexism (or, if brought up by a woman, charges of being brainwashed by the patriarchy). Thomas was left with no possibility of defense to the feminists -- he was accused, therefore he was guilty. On the day of his confirmation hearing, posters were put up by NOW (National Organization of Women), stating "Senators, we are watching." The name Thomas appeared inside the international symbol for "No" (a circle with a slash in it), and a rally outside the statehouse was held. Thomas was confirmed nonetheless, holding out some hope for those who stand against the orthodoxy of modern feminism and civil rights establishment.



The equalist view is articulated by David Bernstein, in the opening letter, from the editor of the inaugural issue of *Diversity*: "We believe in the idea of an America of individuals, and in the concept of common citizenship. We recognize the danger of group categorization, the concept that allowed the horrors of slavery, the Holocaust, and Apartheid, and now threatens to divide America into warring races and trib-

al factions ... The values that we will articulate and advocate have made it possible for all of our contributors ... to co-mingle, to communicate, and to share in intellectual discourse. We hold, in the end, that ideas know no color."

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Although Bernstein is talking about racial equalism, his sentiments can be echoed point by point in sexual equalism. We also recognize the danger of group categorization -- it is, for us, this concept that allowed the injustices of sexism, the brutality of rape and other violence against women, and the frustration of the subtle and not-so-subtle blame placed upon women by religion and psychology for the evils of the world, that is now threatening to define life as a constant power struggle between the sexes. The values that we espouse make it possible to communicate, and to live in a world free from blame and hate, where both sexes are free to share in intellectual discourse. The thrust of sexual equalist philosophy could be summed up in a paraphrase of Bernstein's final statement: We hold, in the end, that ideas know no gender.

The equalist finds the concept of inherent difference not merely a difference in theory, but a potentially dangerous step backwards for women's rights. The equalist knows all too well that the theory of inherent difference is the idea that allowed sexism to flourish in the first place, and its return could herald not the alleviation of oppression but an exacerbation of it -- or, also repulsive to the equalist mind, a reversal of it, where instead of women being denied their rights, men are. As Erich Fromm

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tient, 100,000+ dollars are spent per year on his health care and that amount is increasing every year. In a few years it might not be unusual to see a half-million dollars spent per patient per year. Where is the money going to come from? The taxpayer and the insurance companies who get the money from the healthy citizens. AIDS is obviously more expensive to treat because, unlike cancer or heart disease, you are dealing with the lack of an immune system and therefore more susceptibility to many other diseases. Much of the cost to an AIDS patient comes from not only combatting the actual virus itself, but also the other diseases that "take advantage" of the lack of an immune system.

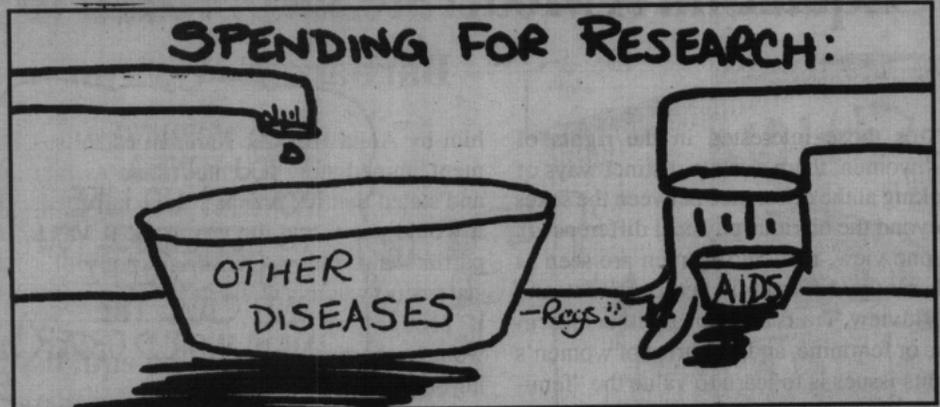
The amount of money given to AIDS research grants has surpassed the amount of money given to cancer research since 1988. And yet it is clear that the death rate of cancer supersedes the AIDS death rate per year thirty times over.

The amount of money spent on AIDS related expenditures by the U.S. Public Health Foundation is 3 billion dollars from 1984 to 1989. One health department out of many others has spent 3 billion dollars on AIDS in only five years. I do not want to imagine the other billions that the other departments of health care are spending just to contain the AIDS virus. And to think that my biology professor complains that the Genome Project (DNA sequencing of the human chromosomes), however a good project it is, costs too much because of its 3 billion dollar price tag. I agree, but that project's money is slated to be dished out over twenty years and, compared to what we will spend on the AIDS problem over twenty years, the price tag, of 3 billion is a drop in the bucket so to speak. I know that

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stated: "[It does not matter] which symbols the enemies of human freedom choose: freedom is not less endangered if attacked in the name of anti-Fascism or in that of outright Fascism."

Feminism and equalism, while both are concerned with women's rights, have different methods and different agendas. While the feminist strives to radically change the face of society, the equalist asks only to be fully included in it.



I am using a completely unrelated example, and I admit that I do not know the percentage of AIDS expenditures compared to total health care, but the point is that AIDS is costing too much in *proportion* to other obviously more serious diseases. Money that should be used on education about and research in the causes of cancer or heart disease has been taken away by AIDS activists for AIDS causes.

The only reason that AIDS has such clout in the political area is because an incurable sexually transmitted disease restricts the sex behaviors of heterosexual or homosexual people. People in our society do not like that because they like their sexual freedom. I especially blame the homosexuals for exaggerating the nature of AIDS. The reason why homosexual AIDS activists are so hung up on trying to solve the AIDS problem is that it restricts the sexual freedom that most homosexuals feel is absolutely necessary in the formulation of their sexual identity. Wipe those smirks off your faces, straights, you people have as much of the blame if you focus your life, just like the homosexuals seem to do here at Tufts, on your sexual behavior or prowess, or whatever. I know that this may anger a lot of people both left and right, but the AIDS

problem is everybody's problem, I'll give ACT-UP points for emphasizing that. On that basis, I agree everybody should be aware of AIDS. The more awareness there is, the closer we get to restricting the spread of AIDS. Awareness of AIDS is fine, but why must AIDS be blown out of proportion? We know that it is not the number one health threat to our country. So why do people blow the whole thing out of proportion? Simply because it is a disease that restricts sexual behavior? If that is the case then I think that type of thinking is wrong because the way that AIDS is different from other diseases is that it is a disease that spreads through behavior. I have noticed that despite the fact that there is so much AIDS awareness, people's attitudes toward their sexual behavior have not changed as a whole. You cannot have both promiscuous sex and total safety in this time and society. The sad truth is that people do not want to change their behavior because they think that their sexual freedom is necessary in getting everything that a human could ever want or something like that. Is it right that on this basis the AIDS activist should manipulate public opinion on AIDS for their own purposes? I only ask you this because there are millions of other people who are stricken with many different diseases that are more of a threat to America (or the world) than AIDS. Please think about that, the next time you mail a check for ACT-UP, advocate more research for AIDS, or when you hear ACT-UP wrongfully protest that there is not enough money for AIDS. Just think about it.

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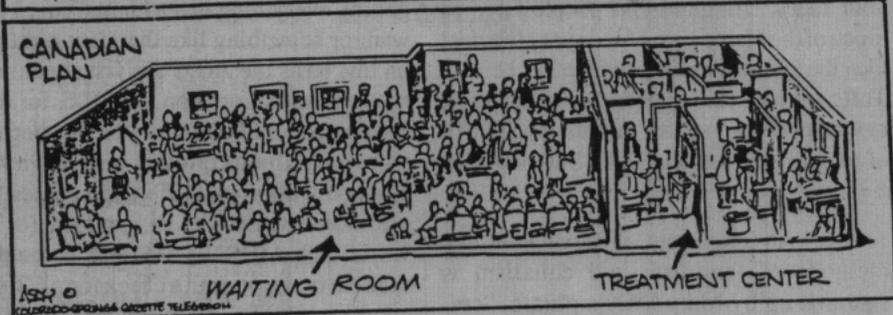


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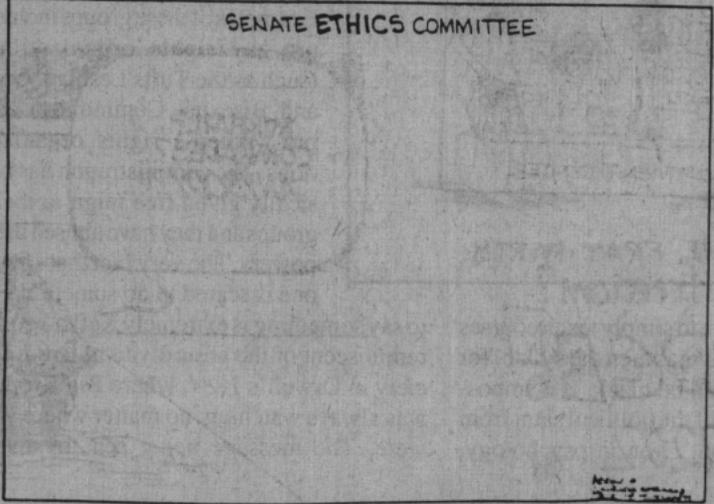
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Politics in the Classroom Circa 1991

Aaron deMello

The task of a college freshman is daunting; faced with a new school, new faces, new classes, and a new atmosphere, it is often difficult for him to adjust to this life. Enter the infamous Orientation Session that most colleges have implemented, supposedly to ease the transition from high school to college. The problem is that various organizations from these respective colleges often use this theme to bombard the incoming freshmen with distorted and often contradictory images of college life.

More often than not, this is the first time that these kids have been exposed to politics on an interpersonal level. Every decision of the administration has a direct effect on their lives. From then on, not a single day will pass without there being a distracting issue thrust into their faces. Welcome to the world of classroom politics.

Classroom politics, in its most literal sense, is a problem on most college campuses. It is extremely difficult for professors to hide or veil their position on the lateral political scale and it is not uncommon for students to want to know where their teacher stands in relation to course material. This presents a problem; what if the student does not agree with the teacher in a political sense? Will this cause bias against the student? Will this affect the quality of education the student will receive? Perhaps the solution is to teach courses that lack any political slant?

It would require a very close-minded professor to promote bias against a student simply because he did not agree with the teacher in an ideological sense. In fact, I would even go as far as to say that it is a good thing that students and teachers disagree on certain topics because that leads to what I think is an integral part of education -- the art of debate. The very fact that students can debate with their professors shows knowledge and conviction on both sides. It is all right if the debate is not resolved because both sides have learned something.

As to the question of the quality of education, it is unreasonable to think that

the professor's political stance must affect the quality of what is being taught. Political viewpoint is irrelevant in most classes, especially the sciences. In the humanities, political stance can become irksome, espe-

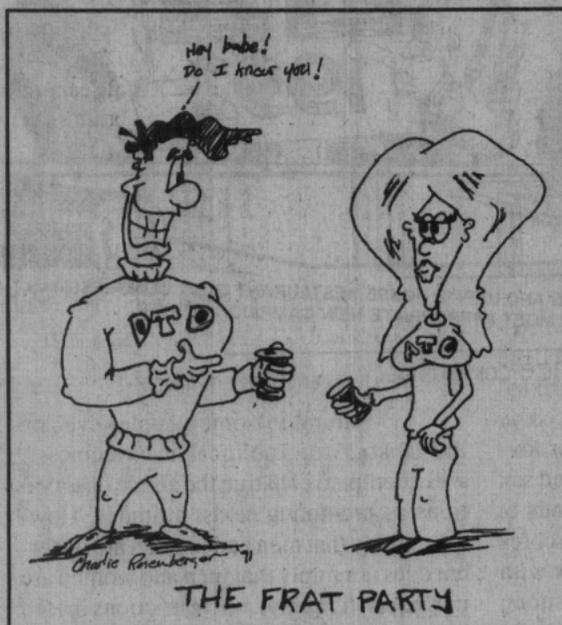
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cially when the student has to attend a class, three days a week, with a professor who has a radically different viewpoint than he does. Nevertheless, this still has nothing to do with the quality of what is being taught. The coursework, even if it is slanted towards the left or the right, will still have some redeeming qualities. If it does not, then the teacher may simply be inept at teaching such a course. It is ridiculous to blame the quality of teaching on the teacher's political stance.

for example, teachers have to have a political stance. For example, the question of the legitimacy and the morality of experimenting on lab rats once came up in my psychology class, early on in the semester. My professor was delicately treading on thin ice when she carefully explained that had it not been for lab testing on rats, we would not know half as much as we do today. Needless to say, there were murmurs through the crowd as several students protested this, calling it immoral

and inhumane. She had obviously been prepared for this and delicately and deftly skirted the issue. Had my professor gone on to argue her point, she would only have enraged those kids further, annoying them even more, thus creating an environment inconducive to active learning. Is this the fault of the teacher? I think not. The blame lies more with the abundance of close-minded students. The problem lies not with the courses or the administration or the faculty but with the individuals who band together to fight the powers that oppose and "oppress" them.

In my opinion, the single biggest problem on college campuses today, especially on those that claim to be "diverse," is one of oppression. No, not oppression by the administration or the faculty but by the various student-run special interest groups. Examples of these groups include pro-gay rights organizations (such as the Tufts Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community) and pro-women's rights organizations. The administration has basically given free reign to these groups and they have abused their powers. The very fact that someone is scared to do something or



If one were to simply teach courses that had no political bias then the syllabi for many courses would be blank. It is impossible to remove all of the political slant from a college education. Even in psychology,

to say something is extremely Kafka-esque, reminiscent of the absurdly totalitarian society in Orwell's 1984, where Big Brother was always watching, no matter where you were. The message being sent by these

various groups is "Conform or be crushed" and the sad part is that so many choose the former purely out of fear of the latter.

This brings us to the inevitable question of Political Correctness, or, as it is better known, PC. PC has long been the bane of both the Democratic Political Party and most college campuses and may well be the downfall of both. While it is almost universally considered something hideous and horrible of epidemic proportions, PC is merely an attempt at a utopian state that has failed miserably. The idea was doomed from the start; merely changing the words that we use and the way that we act will not change the way that we think. Treating the symptom does not cure the ailment. The act of replacing the word "girl" with "women" does not change one's view of woman. Neither does replacing "black" with "African American" change one's view of black Americans.

PC is equivalent to yet another current problem on college campuses -- censorship. PC is a wonderful excuse to censor things. "You can say whatever you want to say as long as I approve of it." There

are a number of words that are now taboo, not because people do not want to hurt other

Live Crew use misogynist terms in their music? What if I want to hear them? Am I a bad person? This is all part of a sad fact of current college life -- the creation of the ultra-sensitive, ultra-scared college student who is far too afraid to speak his or her own mind for fear of censure.

PC has once again reared its ugly head and manifested itself in the form of the so-called "Diversity Requirement" or the "Sensitivity Requirement" that many colleges, including Tufts, are apparently considering. This is a direct result of the current obsession with race, gender and class that is so omnipresent in college life today. Indeed, some colleges already have implemented them in the form of a replacement for the Western Civilizations requirement that will

be called something like World Civilizations. Apparently the course will consist of an "in-depth" study of a certain culture for

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people's feelings by saying them but because people are afraid of what will happen if someone overhears them repeating those dreaded words. Is this not censorship of free speech? So what if Guns 'N Roses and 2-

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results of two very different surveys. The first survey was conducted by two women's magazines, *Viva* and *Playgirl*, in order to determine the economic worth of continuing to run a nude, male centerfold feature. As a result of the survey, the magazines learned that their female readers were not really interested in the centerfolds. While *Viva* discontinued the feature, *Playgirl* did not, due to the high percentage of homosexual men among its readership. The second survey was conducted among college students and asked them to rate the sexual pleasure derived from sexual intercourse with either acquaintances, friends, or lovers. On a scale of one to five, men rated sex with acquaintances at 4.2, with friends at 4.4, and with lovers at 4.9. Women's scores were in a much wider range, with sex with lovers rated the highest. However, among women, sex with acquaintances generally rated 1.0, that is, little or no sexual pleasure at all. Again and again, in experiment after experiment, the differences in brain construction between men and women are made extremely obvious. Men's strengths appear to be in spatial abilities and the manipula-

tion of objects, due to the more compartmentalized, sight-oriented male brain, while women's strengths appear to be in personal, social and emotional areas, in some ways related to the more sensitive female ear and less compartmentalized female brain.

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Naturally, some people, ever on the lookout for "political incorrectness", will attempt to construe the above observations as promoting sexist attitudes. However, to say that men and women are different does not imply that men and women are not equal. Legally, no restrictions based solely on sex should ever be considered as justified, because there are always hormonal, natural exceptions to any general physiological rule. In addition, the differences created in the womb are measured in degrees, not absolutes. That is, some men may display some female attributes and still

possess a very male-differentiated brain, and the same, of course, goes for women and male attributes. Furthermore, the same field may be approached in two very different, equally valid ways by each sex. On the other hand, just because a field is dominated

by men, that does not mean that it is dominated by men due to some conspiracy to oppress women, but it is worthwhile to consider the possibility that it may be a field that is best suited to male abilities

in body and/or mind. For example, the fact that the vast majority of world leaders are men may be due more to the greater aggressiveness of the male (for which high testosterone levels are responsible), rather than to a male need to "oppress" women. The comprehension of these differences should lead to greater understanding between the sexes, rather than to greater conflict. In relations between the sexes, there has already been too much confusion.

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two weeks, and then move on to the next. (The very thought of someone planning to do an "in-depth" study of Ancient Egypt in a mere two weeks -- six days of class-time! -- just boggles the mind.) It seems to me that this concept is doomed to fail. You cannot "Diversify" someone by teaching him about another culture in two weeks. This will only make it into a superficial cram-session. The best way to do it is to let people mingle. People are naturally curious. Sponsor intercultural information sessions. One of the worst things that I can remember about my orientation here at Tufts was the information session (mandatory attendance for all freshmen, by the way) where we were forced to listen to various members of "oppressed" minorities moan about how they were once "white-identified" and how they have now exorcised that evil spirit from their souls and have joined the elite ranks of the truly diverse. Most of the people who attended these meetings found them to be a silly joke at best and a total waste of time.

It is irksome the way all these groups denounce anything, absolutely anything that any fraternity does. Even the dance sponsored by Zeta Psi to promote awareness of date-rape was condemned. These people seem to have a problem dealing with any sort of organization that discriminately chooses its members. But,

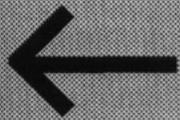
they are so short-sighted that they do not even realize how discriminatory their own organizations are. For example, the Arts House is limited to liberal, artsy, sexually-free (read: promiscuous) people. Apparently, the committee that decides who will be living there is extremely "selective." I have been to both fraternity parties and to Arts House parties and I can tell you that just the same amount of drinking and just the same amount of "meat-marketing" goes on at both. Hypocrisy is just as big a part of it as jealousy is. My message is *grow up* -- none of us are perfect and nothing will come of it if we sit and point fingers at each other.

A lot of people want to know what the answers to all these problems are. If PC is bad, over-diversity is bad and all the rest of the evils that I have described are bad, then what is good? My answer is that since almost everything is bad in excess then conversely, almost everything is good in moderation. We come to college to live a real life in a real world. We do not want to have a few thousand kids living our little elite lives in a perfect, diverse community. So what if someone painted a picture of a nude woman on their car? Who does that hurt? Furthermore, whose business is it but their's? If all these small things are blown out of proportion then we will never see the true evils that hide under the gargantuan carcasses of senseless issues that in essence mean nothing. Focus on what is wrong now

and maybe we will be able to prevent it from happening again. Skirting the real issues to bring up decoys that are so much easier to deal with will only hurt us all in the end.

The sad part about all this is that it is so detrimental to the life of the college student. Sure, it would be great if we were all diverse people living a happy life, but we are not. This obsession with race, class and sex is getting out of hand. It is even rumored that on certain college applications, there is now a small check-box next to the standard Male and Female check-boxes that reads "Diverse? Yes, No." You may well laugh now, but at the rate things are going, questions like that may well be de-rigueur before the end of the century. Colleges need to concentrate more on important issues such as censorship and academics and leave the smaller issues to sort themselves out. They are mere distractions. Serious students do not have time to worry about petty issues. Furthermore, true diversity will only come when we can all understand each other. That may seem like a rather long goal to reach for, but it has to start somewhere. Information is the only way that we can learn about things that we do not understand. After all, that is why we come to college -- to absorb knowledge imparted to us by people who know more about a subject than we do.

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NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Leaving sex to the feminists is like letting your dog vacation at the taxidermist's.

—Camille Paglia

Questions of natural right are triable by their conformity with the moral sense and reason of man.

—Thomas Jefferson

Sometimes the truth rides into history on the back of an error.

—Reinhold Niebuhr

Now we are discussing the Satanic Verses in the proper way! No killings, no threats — the proper way.

—Prof. S. Nomanul Haq

Keep your words soft and sweet; you never know when you may have to eat them.

—folk saying

If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself.

—Dwight Morley

Fear in a journalist is the first indicator that it is time to change careers; journalism is for the bold, not the timid. A cowardly paper will be recognized as just that. Only through forceful, passionate journalism can you build a good reputation.

—Newslink

If you want to learn how to treat women shabbily, go to the Ted Kennedy school.

—Rush Limbaugh

People don't really know their own language.

—Jean Mayer

God didn't create Adam and Steve.

—on a bathroom door

You don't fuck around with the infinite.

—Mean Streets

Consider the dictionary; scarcely a word in the language has a single, fixed, determinate meaning.

—Joseph Hopkinson

I recognize terror as the finest emotion and so I will try to terrorize the reader. But if I find that I cannot terrify, I will try to horrify, and if I find that I cannot horrify, I'll go for the gross-out. I'm not proud.

—Stephen King

It was the same self-serving story that was being churned out in every creative writing course in America and published in every little literary magazine at least at least once an issue: the suffering artist who is alienated

from his society and is struggling to find out a reason to live. My answer is easy enough: an artist who is alienated from his society has no reason to live.

—Orson Scott Card, on cyberpunk

God and I are Capricorns.

—Kipling E.B.A. Smith

Many pagan societies would hold sexual orgies in the spring to insure the fertility of the fields. Religious services were better attended in those days than they are today.

—Harold Kushner

We fought too long and too hard to make people stop saying blacks looked alike — but I say it is a far greater evil that many people say blacks think alike.

—Associate Justice Clarence Thomas

It's the silence that's deadly; it means that they are preparing something worse.

—A woman from a village near Osijek, Croatia

True poetry goes with a sense of religion. An unbeliever cannot be a poet.

—film director Andrei Tarkovsky

Marrying a journalist can do serious harm to an academic's reputation ...

—Gerald Segal

I object to intellect without discipline. I object to power without purpose.

—Mr. Spock

Nothing happened in the sixties except that we all dressed up.

—John Lennon

*Hoggamus Higgamus, men are polygamous
Higgamus Hoggamus, women are monogamous*

—William James

There's muck at the bottom of everyone's garbage can.

—Christopher Durang

Simplicio, I trust you will not follow the example of many others who divert the discussion from its main intent and fasten upon some statement of mine which lacks a hair's breadth of the truth and, under this hair, hide the fault of another which is as big as a ship's cable.

—Galileo Galilei

The issue is not territory, but our existence.

—Yizhak Shamir

You don't worry about losing water. You're not paying for water if you get it from a river. What you can't do is

warm up the river, because, then, living organisms die. And that's very sad.

—Prof. Jerry Meldon, on the design of cooling towers

I'm sleeping in Mark Guertin's room. Of course, Mark is sleeping somewhere else.

—Bobbie Knable

When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle.

—Edmond Burke

*If we shadows have offended,
Think but this and all is mended,
That you have but slumbered here,
Whilst these visions did appear ...
Gentiles, do not reprehend.*

If you pardon, we will mend.

—William Shakespeare

In socialism, identity is the state, peopled of citizens equal in economic condition. In Nazism identity is the Aryan race, which is also the state, because only Aryans live. Statism, history shows, assumes different methodologies, i.e., "right" and "left". But in its totalitarian and identity-consuming nature it is essentially all the same. For statism alone can muster the might necessary to enforce second-class citizenship, enslavement, and genocide.

—Alex Steinberg

God is a Republican and Santa Claus is a Democrat ... Santa Claus is preferable to God in every way but one: There is no such thing as Santa Claus.

—P. J. O'Rourke

Either Clarence Thomas is lying or Anita Hill is lying. Now if the FBI can't determine who's lying between the two, let's have some homicide detective out from Phoenix or New York city to spend a few days on this.

—Dan Rather

Bush is one of my favorites. I have so much respect for him. I loved Reagan too. If I had three wishes, my first would be to meet George Bush. And I like Dan [Quayle] too. He's had a really hard rap.

—Shannon Doherty

We are the music-makers, and we are the dreamers of the dream.

—Willie Wonka

The difference between a good man and a bad one is the choice of cause.

—William James