

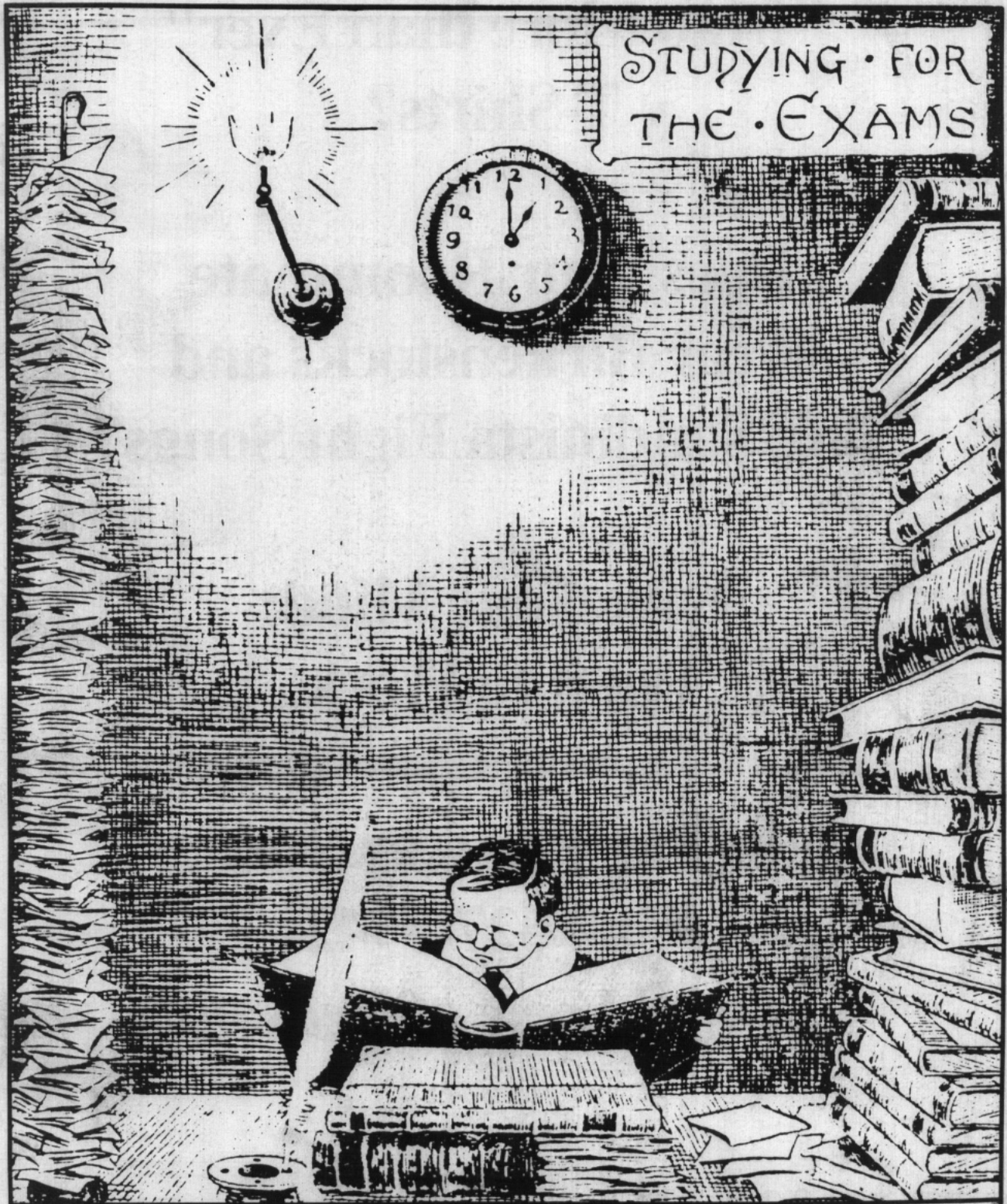
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FROM THE EDITOR

Grumbling is being heard from the halls of Ballou and the Senate that Tufts lacks a sense of unity and cohesion which characterized the College on the Hill a generation ago. Gone are the days when Professors Row was home to a score of faculty members and when no two seniors were strangers. In the college tune "Spell it out for Tufts" "U" is said to stand for union. This 1920's song seems to ill fit our school in its present state. Much of the disunity which plagues our campus is the result of irrevocable change. We have grown from a college for local students into a university attracting students from around the world. The collegial atmosphere which was fostered by professors of the past is being supplanted by indifference by the new generation of faculty.

The deliberate policy of the administration and faculty to tout the virtues of diversity represents the greatest blow to unity on campus. From the day prospective applicants receive Tufts brochures until Commencement Day five years later, Tufts students are hounded by diversity propaganda. Students are indoctrinated, sometimes in racially segregated programs, during Orientation by the administration. The residential staff echoes the diversity mantra in the dormitories, and many professors perpetuate multiculturalism in their classrooms. It is little wonder that a university that is obsessed by differences and that encourages segregation suffers from divisiveness. Dean Knable's query as to the validity of *E Pluribus Unum* in today's society is ironic because her platform of diversity has done so much to tear it asunder.

Solutions abound for fostering a greater sense of community at Tufts. Recommendations have included a resurrection of Tufts traditions, events geared to bringing together disparate campus organizations, and the implementation of other residential programs similar to Bridge-Metcalf. Although these proposals might contribute to campus unity, they fail to address the fountainhead of disunity: diversity.

Despite the many changes that Tufts has undergone in the last few decades, its mission of spreading *pax et lux* through education has remained unchanged. It would do us all well to realize that our common goal of education should serve as the impetus for renewed unity at Tufts.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

As one of the few dependable, un-PC sources at Tufts to get Campus news from, we were concerned to see THE PRIMARY SOURCE print a "Fortnight in Review" with misinformation. You printed "...to counter the attack, [Lowell] Reiter provided the Senate with two letters of support. Perhaps his letters would have had a greater affect if one wasn't signed by his brother." This is not true and never happened.

However, what did happen was that we, on our own accord, wrote one letter, not two as reported by THE SOURCE, asking for the TCU Judiciary to rule on whether the TCU Senate should review Lowell Reiter's potential impeachment trial or the TCU Judiciary should. We questioned whether or nor it was right for the TCU Senate to interpret the TCU constitution and empower themselves to review Lowell Reiter's case. We further requested that the TCU Judiciary review the possible impeachment proceedings. Never once in our letter did we write in Lowell Reiter's support, our private support is irrelevant to the matter at hand. We wrote out of the concern that he be judged fairly. In the end, we withdrew our letter when the partially supported impeachment accusations were dropped.

The Tufts community depends on THE SOURCE's accurate uncensored writing. We would like to ask the incoming editorial staff to be more careful in their research of news. As in this case their source of information was corrupt and has proven his or her word untrustworthy. Without THE SOURCE's honest writing the Tufts community would be in darkness to the truth.

Sincerely,

Russel Reiter A'96
J. Robert Kelly A'96

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Commentary

Supreme Court and the Abortion Debate

The Supreme Court recently declined to make a ruling on a Mississippi law that requires women to wait twenty-four hours after a preliminary counseling session before getting an abortion. A lower court had upheld that the restrictions were legitimate and did not violate the right to an abortion as defined by the 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*. By not ruling on the case, the Court has not only upheld the Mississippi law, but has opened the door for state legislatures to impose further restrictions on the legality of abortion.

Though the Court's actions have spurred a wave of protests from the Pro-Choice movement, the decision not to rule is to be applauded. As the Supreme Court in an unelected, and therefore democratically unaccountable body, the determination of the fine details of the abortion debate is better suited for the discretion of democratically elected state legislatures. Had the court ruled to uphold or overturn the legislation, it would have interfered in the internal mechanics of state government. By abstaining from intervention on this issue, the court has protected the sovereignty of the individual states, as intended by the framers of the Constitution.

Furthermore, a twenty-four hour waiting period on a decision as serious as "family planning" is more than fair. In the recent presidential election Americans clearly stated that they seek compromise, rather than gridlock between two extremes. This mentality must be applied to the abortion issue; surely a mere one day delay in a nine-month process is not too great a sacrifice for the pro-choice movement to make to help quell the debate which has so greatly divided the country. The decision to have a child is one of utmost importance, and deserves considerable thought. After the institution of the Mississippi law, the number of abortions statewide was cut in half. Women, who without the law would have had an abortion, changed their mind after giving the issue deserved thought. The best choice is an informed one.

Racism in Baseball

Racism has recently reared its ugly head into the national scene. This time, it wasn't due to a baton blow from a cop or a



violent crime from a hateful punk, but the words of an old-fashioned bigot. Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds, has been accused of uttering detestable racial slurs on innumerable occasions. She has denied many charges, but in a sworn deposition, Schott confessed to using the words, "Nigger", "Jap", and "money-grubbing Jew." In defending the use of the word "Jap", Schott said, "I didn't mean to insult the Japanese. I love them. I have the greatest respect for the way they've come back in the world." Such a condescending attitude reveals that her ideas and opinions are about as old as the stones in her kidneys. She also keeps a Nazi swastika arm band at her home supposedly for those time-worn memories of Adolf Hitler, when he was "good" and before "he went too far." Further evidence sheds light on the gravity of the situation.

Statistics on the Reds' hiring practices show that only one out of forty-five front office employees is a minority--the worst percentage in a league whose average is sixteen percent. While THE PRIMARY SOURCE does not support quotas of any kind, unfair hiring practices have become glaringly apparent in Schott's case. Schott defends these unquestionable numbers by pointing to the number of players who are minorities. There are considerable differences between hiring someone who can hit the ball and hiring someone who can run the team.

The Constitution protects Marge Schott's right to free speech and her right to hold Nazi memorabilia dear to her heart. But given her reprehensible beliefs and statement, her actions are certainly not "in the best interests of baseball." Mrs. Schott's actions remind us that racism is alive and well.

Clinton Cabinet Appointments

When he was elected President, Bill Clinton promised that his cabinet would "look like America." If America looks like Treasury Secretary appointee Lloyd Bentsen and future Deputy Director of the OMB Alice Rivlin, it is one ugly country. Clinton's new administration will boast an even smattering of Carter-era bureaucrats, leftist professors, and Dukakis/Mondale hacks.

The one diamond in the rough is the choice of Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen for Secretary of the Treasury, which conservatives received with guarded optimism. Bentsen is

perceived as one of the most conservative Democrats in the Senate. His moderate policies tend to represent fairly the American electorate. In particular his support for tax breaks, his pro-business stance, and his opposition to nationalized health care make him a refreshing radical in the Clinton Administration.

On the other hand, Robert Reich's appointment as Labor Secretary bodes four years of unnecessary government intervention and job creation programs that will wreak havoc on the economy. It is fortunate that the Labor Department has limited influence on the economic policies of our nation. This seems to be the only obstacle in the way of a whole hearted return to the failed policies of the Great Society.

Coed Football?

The faculty's vote to coedify the Greek system and to end its practice of selecting its members is setting a dangerous precedent for campus organizations. Just as the University discriminates on intelligence in its admissions process, so too should the fraternities be permitted to decide who can join. Due to its nature, coedification and open admission policies will undermine the purpose of Greek life and serve as its death knell.

Applying the logic of the *ad hoc* committee on fraternities to other campus organizations will make for some unusual and undesirable changes. The Beelzebubs would cease to only accept males, while singing ability would no longer be a requirement for membership. The Jumbo gridiron would boast one hundred pound coeds, and the Women's Collective would have to permit patriarchal, dominating men to attend their meetings without prior warning.

Obviously, such a situation is undesirable at Tufts. Similarly, emasculating the fraternity system as proposed by Professors Bailey, Edelman, Slapikoff, Daniels, Bamber *et al.* will benefit no one while doing great harm to Greek life at Tufts.

Censorship in Israel

Last week the Israeli government indefinitely suspended the press credentials of two foreign correspondents and castigated four others for allegedly violating censorship laws in their report of a fatal army training accident. A statement released by the government inculpated the two American and four British reporters for having created "a threat to the security of the state of Israel," which the journalists denied. The reporters are allowed to continue to work in Israel but the two whose credentials were suspended may be denied access to govern-

ment officials and functions.

The articles in question detailed the actions of an elite army unit in which five soldiers were killed on November fifth by a missile that was accidentally fired during a training exercise. An army inquiry board made some controversial findings when it investigated the accident. The military censor believed that some of the findings should not be published, for example, the fact that top commanders had seen the young men die. The board did, however, charge high level officers as well as the commander of the exercise with negligence.

Clearly, the military censor did not have the interest of national security in mind when he tried to censure these reporters. His only interest and the interest of the government

was to protect the reputations of high level officials. Censorship of the media is necessary when a threat to national security presents itself. Yet no one can justify the reputations of military personnel as national security.

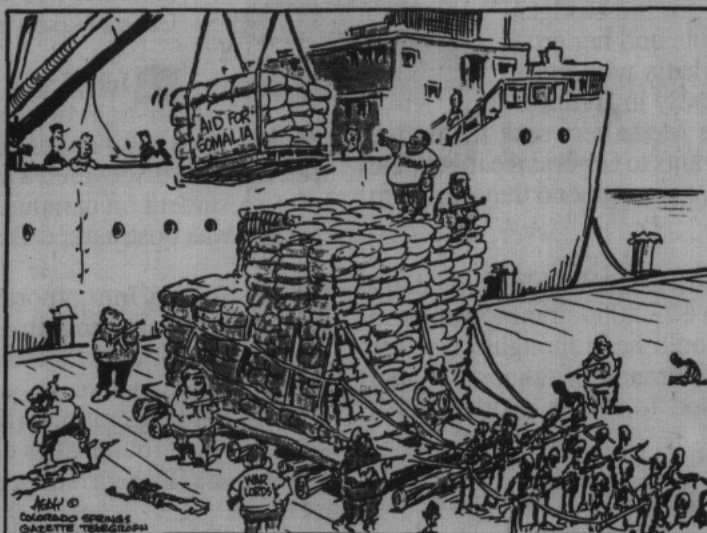
Operation Restore Hope

President Bush, earlier this month, announced the deployment of a minimum of 28,000 United States Marines and Army soldiers to protect the delivery of relief supplies to Somalia. The United Nations Security Council approved of

this mission in which U.S. forces would secure Somalia's ports and airfields, open supply routes and establish feeding stations that protect food from armed bands. After completing these objectives, the U.N. would assume control over the operation.

Both the White House and Clinton aides spoke of a speedy return of U.S. troops, but the Pentagon sees a longer stay. The Pentagon suggests that the mission may not be as simple as the White House claims. Since the agenda is not very specific, the role of the U.S. is not well defined and America could find herself in Somalia indefinitely. The U.S. is not on a peacekeeping mission; there is no peace to keep. There is no government to restore. Contrary to the view offered by Professor Pearl Robinson and others, it is in the best interest of the famished Somalis that the U.S. aid in the formation of a new government to restore order to the impoverished nation.

Despite the presence of other U.N. forces, the United States has taken the overwhelming lead in executing Operation Restore Hope. While this gives the U.S. latitude in decision making, the U.S. must also bear the brunt of political attacks by those who oppose the mission. As a result, the U.N. retains its rosy reputation while the U.S. continues in its role as the "policeman of the world."



Fortnight in Review

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

P5 Reports from the Clinton camp indicate that Massachusetts Senator Teddy Kennedy is being kicked around as a possible candidate for Ambassador to Ireland. We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE believe Teddy would make a great Ambassador; he has proven he has a liver that rivals that of any Irish pub patron. Besides, we'd love to see him 3000 miles away from the Bay State.

P5 Insiders have recently revealed that when selecting freshmen residents for the Bridge/Metcalf program, Dean Knable and her cronies intentionally paired students with conflicting personalities. Apparently in addition to "defining community" the Metcalfers seek to "define mortality." If anyone really wants to experience miserable living conditions, however, we recommend they shack up with Knable.

P5 Speaking of Bridge/Metcalf, Dean Knable has recently applied to a corporation for a \$232,000 grant to continue the project next year. We would have thought one year would be sufficient to define community. Perhaps the Dean needs another couple of grand to define another term: waste.

P5 Top Ten Clinton Family Christmas Traditions:

10. Family prayer that Santa won't dent the roof of the trailer home.
9. Chelsea writes Santa asking for a nose job.
8. Three words: Brand new outhouse!
7. Double helping of beef jerky
6. Roy Clark pulls out the ol' gee-tar for a holiday hoe-down
5. Hillary's festive pink triangle cookies
4. Reefer stuffing
3. Compare Willie's and St. Nick's waistlines
2. Try to pass Chelsea off as an elf
1. Dinner: cheese fries by the plateful, baconburgers, and an apple pie large enough to be a landing pad for Air Force One.

P5 Sign seen at WMFO offices: "No Smoking or Incense Burning." Honest.

P5 Outside the utopia of Bridge/Metcalf, residents of real dormitories recently completed evaluations of their residence halls and assistants. The questionnaire also demanded some personal information from those surveyed. Unfortunately freshmen, faced with the class status of "first year, sophomore, junior, or senior" were unable to answer

the question, probably for fear of being deemed "classists."

P5 The Committee on Diversity recently ran an ad in *The Tufts Daily* offering their view on the production of the anti-Catholic play *Sister Mary Ignatius*... Were we the only ones to notice that the nineteen member committee had only three men?



P5 Members of the Tufts Sailing Team, having realized that they could not win the national title, sailed their final race in the buff. Though they were disqualified from the competition for this, they do receive the distinction of being New England's first true Co-ed Naked Sailing Team.

P5 Inefficient but ever-vigilant: despite the air-tight film canister, the multiple layers of duct tape, and submersion in a jar of peanut butter, Tufts Mail Services discovered a package of marijuana recently sent to a student on campus. The only catch was that the package was postmarked December 3, 1989.

P5 The Holiday Inn corporation has announced that it will be checking every room in all 1700 hotels of its chain for peepholes that would allow employees to watch guests disrobe or engage in sexual activities. Rumor has it that the Holiday Inn corporation will also be checking for peepholes between rooms after complaints from Senator Bob Packwood's aides stirred speculation about the Senator and his drill.

P5 Talk about a change of heart. Although she was quoted in our last issue as saying she wanted fraternities to die, fashion-plate Candace Greenberg has recently authored a letter to the *Daily* claiming that she was, "firmly opposed to its abolition." It seems that Ms. Greenberg not only wears flip flops, but performs them as well.

P5 In his first-ever intelligent political move, President-elect Clinton sought the advice of former President Ronald Reagan. Not wanting to leave Slick Willie empty-handed, Reagan presented Clinton with a jar of red, white, and blue jellybeans. Too bad, because Clinton needs instruction in fiscal expansion, not waistline expansion.

P5 God save the Queen! Much to the chagrin of Anglophiles across the globe, British Prime Minister John Major has announced that Prince Charles and Lady Diana are separating. Rumor has it that Madonna has invited the Princess of Wales to room with her to escape publicity. We advise Di to avoid the Material Girl. Otherwise she could end up in Madonna's upcoming literary folly and sequel to *SEX: INFIDELITY*.

P5 As the forces took the shores of Somalia, bright flashes

blasted out from across the distance. These flashes, however, were not the sparks of warlord machine guns, but the bulbs of American reporters. Given the gaunt ineffectuality of the Somalian rebels, the UN forces will face their biggest challenge keeping peace between the Networks.

P5 Tufts' favorite radio station, the beloved WMFO, is currently falling through it's third floor Curtis Hall digs into the Hillel offices below. The accidental consolidation did yield a creative benefit: MoFO's new radio show, "Blues, News, and Jews."

P5 It seems that veteran dopehead rockers the Grateful Dead will bring their musical cheer to the Clinton Inauguration. We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE find it strange that a city that this past summer considered barring the Dead from RFK will allow them at the White House. At least Dedicated fans of the band will feel at home sleeping with the homeless in adjacent Lafayette Square Park.

P5 New, on the shelves just in time for the Christmas rush, Americans can purchase oil-eating microbes (the same kind used to clean up the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska). While admittedly the microbes aren't the most cuddly pets, it is believed they will sell very well among the Eco-Freako crowd. After all, the microbes also hate oil, are unthinking, unclean, and don't wear shoes.

P5 Former presidential candidate and billionaire Texan H. Ross Perot has told *Advertising Age* magazine that he plans to contact the three major television networks about getting his own talk show. Though he talks too much already, Perot can at least offer viewers the scintillating stage presence of Admiral Stockdale.

P5 Prompted by reports that ten years ago Sam Nunn fired two aides upon learning of their homosexuality, twenty members of Queer Nation conducted a "kiss in" in the Georgia Senator's office last week. They weren't even noticed amid all the rest of the "kissing up" already taking place.

P5 Residents of Lewis Hall are getting into the season's spirit with a "secret snowbunny program." The snowbunny title was chosen so as not to offend the sentiments of the dorm's non-Christian residents. In the future, lucky Lewis residents can look forward to the secular "find some hidden eggs" hunt in late March.

P5 With Bill Clinton's victory in the presidential campaign the economy appears to be looking up on all fronts. Last week a Long Island couple was arrested for trying to sell their two children for \$1800. It's refreshing to see such a boost in consumer confidence; even in the prime of the Reagan years two strapping young tykes couldn't fetch more than 1000 bucks.

P5 Ralph Nader, America's most vocal and annoying consumer-rights fussbudget is promoting a radical new civics textbook geared towards elementary school students. It seems captive eleven-year-olds are the only people fooled by Nader's whining.

P5 Eddie Murphy's new film, *The Distinguished Gentleman*, tells the story of a con man who becomes a congressman. We're glad to see Hollywood's renewed interest in documentaries.

P5 The Eclipse Enterprise company is giving Topps a run for its money. The California-based operation is selling trading cards featuring the grim visages of notorious killers such as Ted Bundy and Charles Manson. While fans are just eating up the Jeffrey Dahmer cards, they are disappointed, as they are still waiting for the Teddy Kennedy Chappaquidick selection.

P5 In Albany, New York's highest court has ruled that peep shows can be taxed. The entertainment in question involves booths where patrons dispense quarters to watch through a window as nude women cavort for their pleasure. The defense claimed that peep shows should be tax free because they were no different than video games.

P5 Candice Greenberg said in a recent *Daily* duet with fellow anti-Greek crusader Andy Saltzer that she wanted to be able to attend her own parties in her own house on Professors' Row. We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE suggest that Candace look into Bridge-Metcalf.



Perhaps Dr. Freud was right after all...

Queer Kindergarten

Steve Seltzer

A plethora of issues continues to flood American society in 1992. Some of these issues concern the general public, and deservedly are brought to the attention of the public in one form or another. Other issues have no consequence to the public and thus are regarded as private issues. Usually there is a very clear distinction between public and private issues. This distinction, however, no longer applies to the issue of sexuality. In the past, a person's sexual orientation

[C]hildren are not interested in hearing about someone else's sexuality; they don't even know what sex is.

was no one else's business. During the last ten years, elements of the homosexual community have made sexuality a public issue through the gay rights movement. The latest issue in which sexuality has been publicized took place in New York City when School Chancellor Joseph A. Fernandez suspended a school board in Queens that rejected a multicultural curriculum. One of the main features of that curriculum was teaching first-graders to have certain attitudes about gay people. Similarly, the movement demanding an end to the ban on homosexuals in the military unnecessarily brings the issue of sexuality into the public realm.

It is wrong to bring any attitudes about sexuality into a public elementary classroom, whether they be homophobic or tolerant. This is entirely different from sexual education taught in intermediate schools and high schools. In the case of the latter, teenagers are necessarily taught about the consequences of their sexual actions. In the case of the former, **children** in the first grade will

learn about sexuality at an age when it does not apply to them. Instead of allowing them to enjoy their childhood and mature at a normal pace, youngsters will be thrust into an issue which they should not have to worry about for many years.

This is not to say that homosexuality is wrong. People have the right to choose any form of lifestyle that they wish so long as it does not impose upon the rights of others.

One's sexual lifestyle (no matter what this preference may be) is nobody else's business, certainly not the general public's. If a person wishes to discuss his or her sexuality with another person, that's fine as long as the

advertisements don't portray homosexual relationships. Many homosexuals feel uncomfortable showing affection towards each other in public. Thus, many gays and lesbians harbor resentment towards the predominantly heterosexual community. These feelings are natural and reasonable.

Homosexual radicals, however, have chosen the wrong way to express their displeasure. Gay activists openly express their sexuality and demand gay rights from the government. Now, homosexuality will likely be incorporated into the school community. If taught primarily about homosexuality at such a young age, children could very well adopt a homosexual lifestyle of their own as they grow older. Instead of aggrandizing the issue of their own homosexuality, gay rights advocates should request that sexuality of any form remain outside of the school curriculum.

Homosexuality has existed throughout the ages. Only recently, however, has one's sexual orientation become an issue of public concern. Traditionally, homosexuals lived their lives just like everyone else and kept their sexual behavior to themselves. Everyone, homosexual and heterosexual, treated their sexual activity as a private issue. Historically sexuality was never a social problem, unlike today. Homosexuality has been transformed into a social issue by extremists who wish for the entire world to know about their sexual activities. Our current politically correct culture has given homosexuality

unequal treatment in public discourse: while it is rightfully unacceptable for heterosexuals favoring oral sex to parade their pleasures, opposition to the publicity of homosexuality is labelled "homophobic."

Holding hands or kissing someone of

Please see Queer, page 21.



person being told wants to listen. New York City first-graders did not ask to hear about anyone's sexual preferences. However, the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum prescribes such books as *Daddy's Roommate*, *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Gloria Goes to Gay Pride*.

Admittedly society stresses mainly heterosexual activity. Television, movies, and

A Christmas Story

And it came to pass, that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Cyrinus.

And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Medford into Tufts.

To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished, that she should be delivered.

And Joseph and Mary did reach the Environmental House where they asked for a room.

But the innkeeper of the E-House did reject Joseph, for he was a carpenter, and therefore destroyed trees by his trade.

And Joseph and Mary did approach the Capen House looking for shelter.

But the innkeeper at the Capen House did turn Joseph and Mary away. For the Capen House was reserved for oppressed peoples who uniformly reveled in their differences.

And so Joseph and Mary did continue along Professor's Row in search of a resting place for Mary to conceive child.

And they came upon the Start House, Inn of the Orient. And there they asked for haven from the cold and night.

But the Start House would not welcome the blessed couple. For the Start House was reserved for people who descended from the Asian continent. Because Joseph and Mary were lacking in melanin, they were denied shelter.

And they came upon the Bridge/Metcalf Hall seeking protection from the elements. And the innkeeper did respect the couple for they were shod in sandals. But Joseph and Mary were denied a bed for Mary was contributing to global overpopulation.

Joseph and Mary did journey to the Hayes House where the TLGBC did reside. And the holy couple was scorned for their matrimony and for Mary's state. Joseph and Joseph, or Mary and Mary would be welcomed, but none other.

And so Mary and Joseph lay rest under the stars on the roof of the temple of Wessell. There, Mary gave birth to her child Jesus, for she dare not birth in Health Services.

The Primary Source's

I'm Dreaming of a RIGHT Christmas

Sung to the tune of "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas"

I'm Dreaming of a RIGHT Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the trees are burnin'
And Children are learnin'
That trickle down makes the money grow.



O' Come all Ye Pinkos

Sung to the tune of "O' Come all Ye Faithful"

O' come all ye pinkos, lesbos, and fanatics
O' Come ye, o' come ye to Bridge/Metcalf.
Come and rejoice,
Reduce, re-use, recycle.
Come smoke the funky Buddha,
Come save the barracuda,
And if you're in the mood-a
Maybe take a bath.



Take Back the Night

Sung to the tune of "Silent Night"

Take back the night,
Take back the night.
Anglo-Saxon,
Protestant, White;
Men are evil, oppressive, and wild.
They lose control when their hormones are riled.
Let them die in their sleep,
Let them die in their sleep.

Lowell, Lowell

Sung to the tune of "Noel Noel"

The poor Lowell,
Of impeachment fame.
Nearly lost his position,
And ruined his name.

But wait, there is another,
With faith, courage, and muscle--
To preserve Reiter integrity
There's Lowell's Brother Russel.

May he keep the faith,
And not be neglected.
May Lowell use his coat tails
To get Russel elected.

Lowell, Lowell.
Lowell, Lowell!
Take no more BS and give Seth Metsch hell!

Willie the Slickman

Sung to the tune of "Frosty the Snowman"

Willie the Slickman
Oh he Loves to tax and spend.
Oh to soak the rich--
With his wife (that bitch)
He's the porkbarrel's best friend!

Willie the Slickman
He's a Flowers child indeed
He's in the garden everyday
With his bimbos and his weed.





Holiday Carols



Pinko Bells

Sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells"

Pinko Bells, Pinko Bells
Pinko all the way
Oh what fun it is to shun
Those who don't live life our way.

Through the fields we go
In our M-1 Tanks
If we find some Commies,
We won't be shooting blanks.
First we'll bomb Iraq
And then bomb Cuba, too.
Then we'll bomb the P.R.C.
And last we'll bomb Ballou.
Hey!



The Twelve Days of Diversity

*Sung to the tune of
"The Twelve Days of Christmas"*

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true
love gave to me,
Twelve Whites oppressing
Eleven Natives resisting
Ten Democrats laughing
Nine Womyn whining
Eight Maoists milking
Seven Ecos Recycling
Six Greeks a laying
Five Dead White Males
Four Gays weeping
Three THINKers THINKing
Two MUSTers MUSTing
And a P.C. Dictionary



Joy to World Civ!

Sung to the tune of "Joy to the world"

Joy to World Civ!
The end is near
Let every freshmyn scream!
Let every Jumbo
Bore out a canoe
And learn why camels spit...
Why Greeks wince when they sit
Thank Candace Greenberg
For all this...stuff.

Knable, Knable, Knable

Sung to the tune "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel!"

We have a Dean of Students
Who loves diversity
Her big career ambition:
Define community.

Knable, Knable, Knable
With only a B.A.
Your degree was for music--
So go blow a tuba.



Here Comes Santa X

Sung to the tune of "Here Comes Santa Claus"

Here comes Santa X
Here comes Santa X
Chillin' down Farrakhan Lane
He lost his job 'cause the Man took his gig,
And now it's Whitey's game.

Hear those devils
Oppress the brothers
Oh what misery.
At least we know, it's guaranteed money
For that cap-seller Spike Lee.

The PC Police Investigate Christmas

Domestic.
Perpetuates
class conflict.

Wasteful biocaloric
consumption.

Simultaneous destruction of
timber and contribution to
Greenhouse Effect.

aborted
stuses.
tributes to
population.

r=Death

Old growth
forest
exploitation
leading to
homeless
spotted owls

Patriarchal,
heterosexual
family unit.



Expensive Gifts fueling military-
industrial complex and bourgeois
American materialism.

Alcoholic beverages.
Date rape catalyst.

The Ultimate Welfare State

Ted Levinson

The plight of American Indians is well known. They suffer from poverty, poor health care, and a high rate of alcoholism. Over half of America's 1.5 million Indians live on secluded and barren reservations where unemployment is rampant and education abysmal. Regardless of the situation that precipitated Indians becoming the wards of the federal government, the current situation of America's reservations is representative of the failures of the welfare state.

The nation's Indian reservations were created in 1887 by the Dawes Severalty Act which allotted every male adult Indian eighty acres of tillable land or 160 acres of grazeable land. Since then, Indians have been offered substantial incentives to remain on reservations. So long as they remain on their reservations, Indians are not subjected to taxation. They benefit directly from government handouts

allocated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and indirectly from funds and services disbursed by Washington to the tribal governments. Indian reservations often amount to state maintained rural ghettos.

While hotbeds for government handouts, reservations are renowned for their lack of jobs. Unemployment rates in excess of thirty percent are common on many reservations. Their remote location and infertile land make them poor places for businesses other than gambling casinos to set up shop. Consequently, Indians have been led into lives completely reliant upon the generosity of government. Nearly seventy years ago a Brookings Institute report noted that too many Indians were, "poor and living

below any reasonable standard of health and decency. They are depending too largely on unearned income from...the national government." Indian reservations have been referred to as the Third World of the United States.

Undoubtedly, government officials feel a sense of guilt for the reprehensible way that Indians were treated by our ancestors, yet turning reservations into the ultimate welfare states is no way to make amends.



rriors. It was not until the nineteen twenties that they were granted U.S. citizenship, and even then the Supreme Court ruled that the government should retain guardianship over all Indians.

A Department of the Interior sponsored study found that, "as wards of the government the Indians find their economic affairs largely shaped and controlled by governmental policies and the acts of government officers." With little say over property matters and other economic issues, many Indians have understandably assumed a passive role. Justice John Marshall referred to Indians as, "inhabitants to be considered merely as occupants," and it appears that the Indians have concurred. The most fertile land on reserva-

tions is often leased to non-Indians while less attractive pieces of land are turned into dumping grounds for waste. Income earned by Indians all too frequently is derived from

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governmental largesse and not pure economic activity and growth. The sale of duty free cigarettes and the proliferation of casinos

in such places as the Mashantucket reservation in Connecticut are examples of such a situation.

Unless Indian reservations cease to be the laboratories for intrusive social and economic programs, it is unlikely that they will progress much beyond their present deplorable condition. Indians should not be confined to their reservations with economic tethers or rewarded for indolence. According to *American Indian Policy in the Twentieth Century*, "Indians... are often willing participants in the American political process and by their participation they endorse the policies the federal government devises for them." Not only is this statement illogical, but the conclusion is by no means universally accepted. There exists a powerful movement for self-determination and a renunciation of federal subsidies. By controlling the economic well-being of entire tribes of Indians, the government enjoys almost unlimited power in dictating other aspects of their lives.

The injustices that the Indians have suffered are numerous and their current economic situation merits attention. However, it is incorrect to cite insufficient federal funding or unethical practices more than one hundred years ago as the primary cause of the American Indians' current state. Many of the problems which plague reservations can ironically be traced to a history of misguided aid inextricably linked to permanent welfarism.

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Red Storm Rising

Chris Weinkopf

Elected on the promise of a host of social and spending programs, President-elect Clinton is in dire need of raising money without increasing taxes on the middle class.

Throughout the cold war and the military build-up of the Reagan era, the Democrats ran on the theme of reducing defense expenditures

and re-directing monies towards domestic affairs. With the apparent end of the Cold War, it is likely that Clinton will return to this policy, slashing defense for the sake of maintaining his programs.

Anti-military policy, however, is unwise and quite dangerous given the current state of international affairs. Recent events in the former Soviet Union indicate that the Cold War is not dead-- merely resting. Not only is the present state of the Soviet nuclear arsenal uncertain, but so is the supposed reform-mindedness of President Boris Yeltsin. Gorbachev's successor has recently faced increasing opposition from Communist hard-liners; threatening another *coup* similar to the one that temporarily removed his predecessor from power in 1991.

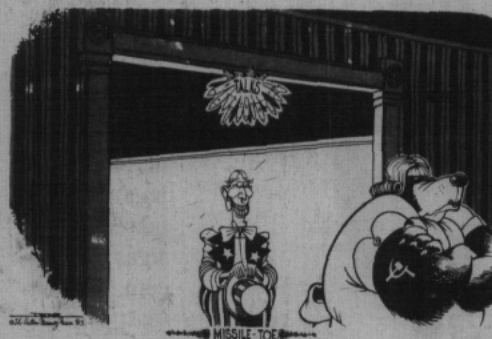
Yeltsin's greatest threat at the moment comes from the Congress of People's Deputies and its elected standing parliament, the Supreme Soviet. Both bodies were elected in the final days of the USSR-- when the Communists were still dominant. The Congress has created an intense form of Russian gridlock, vehemently opposing Yeltsin's proposed reforms. Last December Yeltsin got the Congress to agree to grant him the emergency power of legislating by decree-- by compromising to slow down economic reforms. Furthermore, Yeltsin's increased powers end this month; unless they are extended, his ability to change the face of the Russian government will soon be greatly diminished.

The few reforms Yeltsin has managed to initiate have been wholly inadequate. For example, though some government land has been sold to the private sector, its buyers are

forbidden to re-sell it, and only residents of the area are allowed to purchase it. Russian farmers face similar restrictions; though some are allowed to receive free land plots, they cannot sell the land for ten years, and can lose

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it if the local government feels it is not being used properly. Economic logic dictates that one treats property best when he is confident it is his own, but such limitations strip the farmer of this stability. Businesses can also acquire land, but may only re-sell it with the



business itself.

Yeltsin's greatest failure has been privatizing the nation's agriculture. While some farms have been freed from the clutches of government, the majority of agricultural production comes from *kholkoz* (collectivized farms) or *sovkhozes* (state farms). Introducing market reforms to agriculture is of utmost importance, as it results in greater production of food. This simple fact is demonstrated both in the bountiful success of American farms, as well as Soviet history. Yeltsin would be wise to remember that in his New Economic Plan Lenin allowed the agrarian to operate privately; so as to ensure the stability of the new Soviet state. A weak economy is the primary source of support for the Russian communist movement. Hardship in the former Soviet Republic of Lithuania resulted in the election of a Com-

munist parliament last October.

The dire economic conditions of modern Russia and Yeltsin's unwillingness to fully commit to economic reform are both cause to anticipate a re-emergence of the hard-line Communist movement. The power and size of the nation's military, however, is cause to fear the ramifications of such a transition. Yeltsin has already balked on the arms reduction agreement signed with President Bush in June, creating the likelihood of the agreement collapsing entirely. The Russian President has argued that because of fiscal restrictions, he seeks to reduce only the number of warheads on nuclear missiles, rather than eliminate them entirely (as previously agreed). Were hard-liners to return to power, it would be quite easy to restore the missiles, rather than replace them entirely (as would be necessary were the weapons outright destroyed). The Ukrainian government has gone a step further in its refusal to disarm-- threatening to renege on the agreement unless it is given substantial monetary support by the U.S.

Despite his argument that the Russian Republic cannot afford to eliminate its nuclear potential, Yeltsin has managed to raise enough revenue to keep military spending at the same level as last year. Apparently Yeltsin sees no need for a "peace dividend." With the dire state of the Soviet economy, his refusal to save money on armaments is indicative of either a harboring of outdated Cold War sentiments or plans for their future use.

Yeltsin's unwillingness to reform either economically or militarily not only casts a shadow of doubt over the sincerity of his liberalism, but guarantees his failure. The Russian economy will only survive if the free market is implemented immediately, and it cannot afford to maintain a bloated defense. These two flaws open the door to a second Communist revolution, resulting in a state as well armed as the former USSR. The Cold War is showing serious signs of a revival, President Clinton had best be prepared-- both mentally and militarily.

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An Exclusive PRIMARY SOURCE Interview

Dr. Nils Yngve Wessell was the eighth president of Tufts from 1953 to 1966. He has also held the position of Professor of Psychology, Director of Admission, Dean of Men, Dean of Liberal Arts, and Vice-President. Dr. Wessell currently resides in Florida and Maine. The following interview was conducted over the telephone last month.

TPS: As I am sure you are aware Tufts has one of the highest tuitions in the nation. Do you think it ought to be a priority of the University to keep tuition in check even if it means cutting academic departments?

NYW: I think that the more important consideration is that scholarships that are aimed at helping students of limited financial means are increased in size. The ideal situation is one in which students are admitted regardless of financial aid but based on merit. But that is possible only when there are substantial funds available for financial aid. Actually, I don't know the situation at Tufts, but I know that at other institutions where the round figure is say twenty thousand a year, the actual average paid by the student is half of that. While you speak of a twenty thousand dollar total fee, which is staggering admittedly, in actual fact the average often turns out to be half of that so I think the greater concern I would have would be to increase substantially funds available for financial aid so that the average becomes much lower than the total cost.

TPS: Increasing total financial aid will give the university more freedom to raise tuition, but this in turn will mean that those students that don't receive financial aid will be paying an even greater amount. Do you think this is fair for those students?

NYW: I don't know whether fair is the right

word to apply. On the other side of the coin there are deserving candidates for admissions who could not come to an institution

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like Tufts without increased financial aid.



And those students whose families can pay the true cost should do so.

TPS: It has been the policy of the university to stress diversity. Do you think it is a wise policy to comprise academic excellence in the student body in the pursuit of diversity?

NYW: I don't think that there is any rationalization for the reduction of academic quali-

ties. That does not mean that I follow your reasoning and your conclusion. The world is increasingly becoming multicultural. It would

be sad indeed if what happens here follows the example of Yugoslavia, and the former members of the Soviet Union: ethnic strife. But, the more important consideration in my view is that students be prepared for the multicultural society they are going to work in and learn in when they leave. That

does not necessarily mean that the institution where the education is being obtained has to reflect exactly the composition of various groups of the society. Have you read Arthur Slessinger's book *The Disuniting of America*? His positions are very much mine. His concern is that ethnocentrism is divisive, that gone is the day when there is sense of community in the college or university, the day when rational, civil discourse can take place between parties of opposing views. That's the sad thing in my view, based on my observations from a distance. Thirty or forty years ago you could disagree strongly on a college campus with somebody. But that didn't result in divisiveness. It didn't impugn the motives of those who disagreed with you. You respected their right to an opinion even though it was not yours. Sadly I think that has pretty much gone away.

TPS: On a similar note, do you think that universities should impose speech codes to maintain tranquility on campus even if it means limiting what can be said?

NYW: Most of them I know about have been a disaster. The intent was commendable but the translation of the intent was a disaster. To me that's a threat to the First Amendment.

TPS: What is the biggest threat to academia

With Former Tufts President Nils Y. Wessell

today?

NYW: The biggest threat is the divisiveness between ethnic groups, between individuals, both faculty and students who come to study of knowledge from desperate assumptions with no respect for views other than your own or little respect for views other than your own impugning the motives of those who disagree with you. Impugning their intelligence. There used to be lively, intellectual formats on the common campus; absent was the divisiveness. Intellectual formats can take place to the benefit of all members of the constituency without producing divisiveness.

TPS: I wanted to ask you about ROTC on campus. Over two decades ago it was removed from campus and now there's talk that ROTC scholarships might be refused at Tufts if the military continues to exclude homosexuals. Do you think Tufts stands to lose by such a move?

NYW: I would be sorry to see the ROTC program go for whatever reason. Sometimes they go because of the input, the program's not cost effective. Anything that I think results in their leaving is unfortunate. That generalization, however, is separate from any attitude I might have about homosexuals. My concern about homosexuals in the military is the same as my concern about heterosexuals in the military; namely that they flaunt their heterosexuality or their homosexuality in ways that are to me repugnant. That they invade the privacy of others. As you may know the Israeli army has no restriction against homosexuals and I'm told there's no problem as a result. But it's the conduct and the behavior of the individual. The conduct and behavior of heterosexuals often is repugnant because it's flaunted in public and because it invades the privacy of others as much as I find tasteless and repugnant the comparable behavior of the homosexuals. I would apply the same standards of conduct and behavior to both heterosexuals and homosexuals.

TPS: What advice would you give President DiBiaggio in his first year at Tufts?

NYW: To stick to his own objectives and aspirations. The strength of a university results

from each president or administration

coming in with a new set of priorities, new emphases, new interests, new concerns, and that he should look upon nothing that he has inherited from the past as sacred.

TPS: What memories do you have of the university when you were president?

NYW: Nothing but predominantly happy ones. They were the happiest years of my wife's life and my life. I had been there for fourteen years before I became president. I was a dean and a Vice President. When I assumed the presidency I knew everybody and everybody knew me. The faculty were friends first and professional colleagues second, and as a result there was a sense of community and rapport and this, I'm pleased to note, has been substantiated by presumably objective historians. The fact that I was director of admissions for a number of years when I first came to Tufts meant that I got acquainted before students entered with hundreds and thousands of applicants who later became students and then alumni, and each year for example on Alumni Day we get invited by one to five classes to come back for their reunion. There was a spirit of community on the campus, respect for others, respect for other people's points of view, that made the experience the happiest of our lives...not that we haven't been happy since. When I left Tufts... I became president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Which was another happy experience, giving away somebody else's money. But while those subsequent years were happy we still look back on years at Tufts as the happiest of our lives.

TPS: I have one last topic to discuss with you, and that's fraternities on campus. The fac-

ulty has voted to make all fraternities and sororities both coed and non-selective in their admission in the hopes of reforming an

institution that they've described as racist, sexist

and

homophobic. Do you think that this is a viable solution?

NYW: (Laughter) Well, I want to choose my words carefully here. Well first, I respect the faculty's right to take a position. I was a little concerned by something I read, whether in the *Tufts Daily* that questions the faculty's right to express an opinion which I thought was kind of sad. The faculty has every right to express an opinion, but I don't think I would share fully with the position they've taken. If fraternities and sororities are to have a composition of membership as you've described, then in a sense they lose one of their social reasons for existing. Naturally people of common interest will choose to live together if they can. Whether then commonality is a matter of intellectual interests or sex or national background or whatever it might be and that's on the positive side I think. On the more negative side fraternities and sororities all too infrequently live up to their potential. The potential in fraternities and sororities is great, but rarely is it ever realized. Partly because the main reason students are in college is to get an education, too much concern is afforded to social activities and too little to academic performance. Fraternities and sororities could place such a high emphasis on academic performance and could do a lot to improve the academic performance of their members if they willed it. But they just don't seem to will it.

TPS: Those are all the questions I have. Thank you very much for your time and efforts.

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Democracy Revisited

Matt Taylor

In recent weeks there have been many discussions and debates regarding the status of fraternities on campus. A number of these appealed to 'democracy' in order to prove their points. Missing from the arguments are reasons why a democracy is good or even desirable. To some people, this may be heresy, but it is an often overlooked question. From early childhood, American children are taught that we live in a democracy and that makes us better than other countries. Democracy can lead to the subversion of individual rights to the barest majority of the population. The role of government in a free society is to protect the individual rights of citizens. This means protecting citizens not only from each other, but also from the subjugation of a minority by the majority. This oppression can occur through actual threats or simply by the dictatorship of the ballot box. Both are equally threatening to citizens and good government is the ability to maximize individual liberty.

The word democracy comes from the Greek words meaning "rule by people." As a form of government it is an effective and fair way to allow citizens to choose their leaders. There is a general belief, before government, that all citizens should be treated equally. However, this notion of equality has been widely misapplied. The advantages of a democratic system of government do not translate into the private lives of people. For example, in the recent fraternity debate many people spoke of 'democratizing' the fraternities. While the issue behind the fraternities involves many conflicting rights, the central message given by the system's detractors is that individuals must be treated

equally in ALL aspects of life. This is morally wrong and leads to a dangerous erosion of the rights of students at Tufts.

Tufts has the right to decide how its property is used. If Tufts decides that its buildings can only be used in a certain

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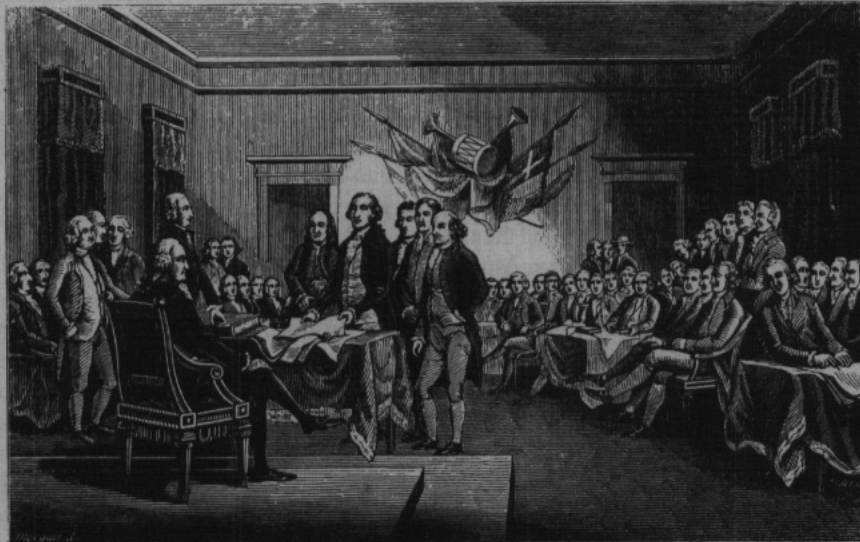
manner, that is Tufts' right. However, the purpose of those opposed to the fraternity is not to revise Tufts use of its buildings, but rather their desire to dictate the manner in which students live. These misguided activists do not simply want to live in University owned housing, but rather prevent people from living in the way in which they choose on or off campus. Thirty years ago colleges prohibited students from living with members of the opposite sex off campus. These

Today, we are told that single sex housing is 'undemocratic'.

There is only one question that has to be asked about this issue. Is it fair for students to determine with whom and in what manner they choose to live? If the answer is yes, then students can live with men, women, homosexuals, heterosexuals, blacks, whites, or anyone in any way they choose. If you do not believe students are capable of deciding how to live, then it is proper for the university to determine in what manner students may live. Remember, Tufts does not allow men and women to live in the same

room. This seems rather bizarre. Following this logic, if Tufts feels students on campus cannot be trusted in the same room, how can students off-campus be trusted living in the same room? This question is not asked lightly, as experience at Middlebury College shows how tyranny can spread. After Middlebury College made fraternities accept women, the school abolished an all women's dorm on campus and made it illegal to live off-campus in ANY MANNER without permission

of the school. In order to prevent men from living with men and women with women, Middlebury is willing to deny everyone the right to live how they want. At Williams College, students can be suspended simply for attending fraternity meetings OFF-CAMPUS. The reason behind this ban can be extended to any portion of student life. Anti-war protests, community activism, or social activities are all fair game at Wil-



senseless rules have now been repealed, but they are being replaced with similarly invasive rules that prevent students from living with members of the same sex. In the fifties, the rationale was 'public morality'.

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Democracy, when it is not restrained by inalienable Constitutional rights, simply becomes tyranny of the majority. James Madison states, "If a majority be united by a common interest, the rights of the minority will be insecure." Unfortunately, our Constitutional rights have been reduced, if not eliminated. Nine of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights have been seriously eroded by the democratically elected majority. This is a threat to free men everywhere.

While opponents of fraternities claim to represent the ideals of democracy, they actually represent the dark side of majority rule. Candice Greenberg stated at a TCU meeting that it is not her responsibility to educate the student population. She is certainly correct. She pointed out that she has given up much of her three years at Tufts trying to change people's opinions. Candice also said few people would listen to her. Despite these setbacks, Candice said she would not stop trying to make people listen. There comes a point in everyone's life where they will meet someone who is more interested in your life than theirs. Candice Greenberg is an excellent example of this. People who are so concerned with your life that their's suffers,

have no life. Candice and Andy Salzer have been very busy trying to force people to live the way they want them to live. Camouflaging their crusade as an attempt to democratize the fraternities, Candice and Andy are actually out to deny students from freely associating with each other. A question that Candice and Andy have not answered is why they are so interested in living with alleged sexists and homophobes. The answer is they do not. They only seek to destroy what they do not have. With this mentality, anyone with a life is in danger of losing it to those who have none. This is not democracy, it is simply a tyranny of people with lots of time on their hands and the support of the junior faculty of this institution. If you have a life, keep it. If you do not, please leave mine alone in your quest to get one.

Democracy brings the admirable goal of equality in government representation. Some have polluted this term to demand equality in all areas of life, public and private. Shocking as it may seem, abolishing fraternities at a host of colleges has not eliminated racism, sexism or homophobia. The most effective way to fight bigotry is exposing the views and bringing an open discussion of community relations on campus. Abolishing single sex housing only

shuffles the problem from one area to another. Since racism, sexism and homophobia did not disappear at Williams, Colby, or Middlebury after changes in the fraternity systems, why do it at Tufts? The reason lies not in improving the condition of minorities, but rather destroying the right of students to live in the manner they choose. "If you have the facts, pound the facts. If you don't have the facts, pound the table." I cannot deny the strong feelings regarding fraternities. I personally would not join a fraternity. To some, screaming and crying provokes sufficient reason to do anything one says. Eventually Candice, your arguments will have to be backed up with more than tears. I support your right to change the way Tufts allows its housing to be used. I too, believe Tufts money, buildings, and resources should be used in a fair and unbiased way. When discussion turns to denying students the right to associate freely, democracy becomes tyranny and everyone's rights are permanently diminished. This is the true danger of the fraternity issue.

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the same sex in public may offend, but those who are offended can simply look away. Conversely, it is impossible to avoid a homosexual who blatantly verbalizes his or her own homosexuality. Others are forcibly exposed to a lifestyle to which they do not wish to be subjected. Just as any individual has the right to do almost anything he wants, any individual also has the right to abstain from doing just about anything that he doesn't want. In the case of the New York City first-graders, children are not interested in hearing about someone else's sexuality; they don't even know what sex is.

President-elect Clinton's announcement to end the ban on homosexuals in the military has provided homosexual extremists with yet another channel to publicize their sexual practice. The function of the military is simply to protect the United States, its citi-

zens, and its interests; not to serve as an equal opportunity employment office. Many people have failed to realize this fact and they wrongly have made an issue out of it. News programs have interviewed individuals who had to leave the military because of their sexual preference. The American public has been flooded with this issue even though they have no interest in the sexuality of the men and women in the armed forces.

It is a well known fact that homosexuals have been in the military for many years. Many have served the United States with a great deal of pride and honor. The country is grateful to them; but there is no interest in the sexual choice of these individuals. The homosexuals who have rightfully kept their sexual orientation to themselves have been able to perform their duties with no problems from the other members of the military. Instead of ending the military ban on homosexuals, the military should not be allowed to inquire about the sexual preference of its

troops. Only if a soldier is caught engaging in sexual acts of any kind while on duty or at military installations would he be discharged. That way sexual conduct, of any form, will become a non-issue as far as the armed forces are concerned.

One's privacy is violated when forced to learn about the lifestyles of others. That violation has been committed by members of the homosexual community who have made sex a public issue. The issue of sexuality has been magnified now that gay activists have rallied around the causes of allowing gays into the military, and of creating a curriculum that stresses homosexuality. Members of groups such as Queer Nation fail to realize that most people don't care about what anyone else does, as long as it does not affect them. It appears that the classroom has been transformed into the bedroom.

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The Origins of Christmas

Kevin Book

In this day of deconstruction and doubt, many modern so-called thinkers are attacking some of mankind's oldest and most precious traditions. As the Christmas season begins, it might be useful to inform these dissenters (and other "Scrooges") about the true nature of the holiday. Properly understood, Christmas is not a bad thing.

However man has partitioned time within the year-- solar days, lunar months, 6 day weeks, 7 day weeks, what have you-- one thing has been fairly consistent: in the Northern regions of the world, the year ends with Winter, around the time of the Solstice. Because the Pagan nations of antiquity worshipped the Sun, they held feasts and festivals in the Sun's honor at the Winter Solstice, when the Solar day reaches its minimum.

The celebration of these ancient peoples took different forms. The Norse built tremendous bonfires on blocks of wood in effigy of the Sun, and sacrificed men and livestock to the blaze. The Goths and Saxons celebrated the festival of "Yule," which means something like "wheel," and represented the turning over of years; the burning of the "Yule log" still persists in today's culture. The ancient Teutonic peoples decorated fir trees symbolically: the tree itself represented the coming "blooming" (lengthening) of days, the candles symbolized flashes of lightning overhead, the baubles, nuts, and apples symbolized celestial bodies, and the little replicas of animals represented sacrifices to the Sun God.

It is in the second century, A.D., that the celebration of Christmas began. Christmas falls not on the true birth date of Christ-- it is currently believed by scholars that Jesus was born some time in late Spring or early Summer-- but in accordance with the ancient Roman Solstice feast of the Saturnalia, which ran from December 17th to 24th. In its spread, Christianity brought with it revolutionary theological reform, often reshaping and appropriating for itself the local customs of its converts. So Christmas assumed the properties of the Saturnalia, incorporating

its revelry, democracy (in Rome, during the festival slaves were allowed to cavort in the garb of freemen), and peacefulness (traditionally, warfare ceased for the holiday). Early Christians superimposed onto the event the story of Joseph, Mary, and baby Jesus *en route* to Bethlehem, a mere fifteen lines in

is found observing, by abstinence from labor, feasting, or any other way, any such day as Christmas Day shall pay for every offense 5 shillings." This prohibition was repealed in 1681, largely because it was universally ignored, allowing the fledgling American culture to build its own traditions.

Today, these reflect the multicultural ancestry of the American people, though they are filtered through the country's predominantly Anglo heritage. Saint Nick himself hails from the Scandinavian countries, where roof-

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the Gospel of Luke, and created Christmas.

The evolution of the holiday throughout the first millennium and Middle Ages was characterized by hunting, feasting, and sometimes excessive merriment. King Richard II broke the bank when he held a feast for ten thousand people involving, according to R.J.



Campbell's *The Story of Christmas*, 28 oxen, three hundred sheep, and countless game birds. The period of feasting grew in duration from the week it occupied in Roman times: in ninth century England, it lasted from December 16th until January 6th... 22 days! The nobility of this era spent horrendous sums of money on obligatory gifts for their monarchs. Pranks performed by an appointed "Lord of Misrule" and bacchanalian disorder became the norm.

Thus it was no surprise that, come the 1600's, the stern and pious Puritans objected to the custom. In England, in 1643, the Roundhead Parliament abolished the observance of all the Saint's days, Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide. And in 1659, the Puritanical General Court Of Massachusetts passed legislation stating that "anybody who

high snow and reindeer are commonplace. The American Christmas dinner is more an echo of our Thanksgiving fare than the British menu of mince pie, turkey, boar's head, and plum pudding. The candles in our windows come from the British legend that, on Christmas Eve, the young Christ-child, in the form of an indigent with a bundle of evergreens on his back, goes from door to door, and these candles guide his path. The Christmas fir, holly, and mistletoe, all once rejected by the Church as reprehensible pagan symbols, are now identified inextricably with the American Christmas holiday.

The truth is, as a religious holiday, Christmas isn't very important; all things considered, it is the life and death of Christ that truly matter, and his birth pales in significance. Cynics may dismiss Christmas as nothing more than a merchandising opportunity for our (misnamed) "corporate culture." Yes, it is a time of great sales, but it is also a time of great celebration, joy, gathering of kin, gratuitous generosity and merriment. Most of all, Christmas is a tradition, a tradition that didn't die in the hardships of ancient life, that could not be quashed by the reforms of new religions, factions, and countries, and a tradition that is most welcome in the disparate and rapidly-changing world of today.

Merry Christmas.

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Technology
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Send completed application to: Summer Fellow Program, Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, 1350 Eye St., NW, Suite 665, Washington, DC 20005-3305. Telephone: (202) 842-4616. Fax: (202) 842-4667.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 1993

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NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

The Constitution assures the liberties of self-government; not merely those liberties that consist in being free of government.

-- Robert H. Bork

A day without sunshine is like night.

-- Anonymous

Revenge is a dish best served cold.

-- Khan

It is probably true that the lack of interest in running for the senate is a sign not of indifference but of satisfaction with things as they are.

-- Jean Mayer, Annual Report of the President

Um. Sure. The famous sex chromosome, right?

-- Zonker in response to "Do you know what that big 'X' on your hat means?"

To err is human, to forgive... \$5.

-- Anonymous

A woman is just a woman, but you can build things with wood.

-- Mort the Lumberjack

The federal government has taken too much tax money from the people, too much authority from the states, and too much liberty with the Constitution.

-- Ronald Reagan

In the days of my youth I was told what it means to be a man. Now that I've reached that age I try to do all those things the best I can. But no matter how I try I find my way to do the same old jam..

-- Led Zeppelin

The faster you go, the shorter you are.

-- Einstein

I don't think there's anybody in this organization not focused on the 49ers... I mean Chargers.

-- Cleveland Browns head coach Bill Belichick before game vs. the San Diego Chargers

To God I speak Spanish, to women Italian, to men French, and to my horse -- German.

-- Charles V

All life's answers are on TV.

-- Bart Simpson

Dig the well before you are thirsty.

-- Chinese proverb

Men rule. Rap sucks. Eat fatty food.

-- Oliver Wendell Jones

Modern politics cannot be a matter of genuine consensus... Modern politics is civil war carried on by other means.

-- Alasdair MacIntyre

Good fish get dull, but sex is always fun.

-- Anonymous

A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats.

-- Ben Franklin

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.

-- Thomas Jefferson

No, I'd like a dead cat in a glass.

--Norm Peterson in response to "Would you like a beer?"

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

-- Anonymous

The denial of a scheme wholesale is not heresy, and has not the creative power of a heresy.

-- Henri Belloc

I feel kinda bad about trying to stab all those people last night.

-- Anumaric Lally

The best way to learn to fly is to throw yourself at the ground and miss.

-- Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe

If you praise a pig, I'll climb a tree.

-- Japanese proverb

There is no third system between a market economy and socialism. Mankind has to choose between those two systems -- unless chaos is considered an alternative.

-- Ludwig von Mises

A rolling stone gathers momentum.

-- Anonymous

We've gone to great lengths to find (him). We've even left him a message to call us at the cock-fighting arena.

-- Don Duquette

Fate protects fools, little children, and ships named Enterprise.

-- Commander Riker

The Past is the text-book of tyrants; the Future the Bible of the Free.

-- Herman Melville

Freedom, that's just a word. If I'm gonna die for a word, I want that word to be... poontang.

-- Full Metal Jacket

History is not a creed or catechism, it gives lessons rather than rules.

--Cardinal Newman

I think eventually he'll have the credentials to back up everything he thinks of himself.

-- Minnesota Timberwolves General Manager Jack McCloskey on Christian Laettner

But first, on earth as vampire sent, thy corpse shall from its tomb be rent, and ghastly haunt thy native place and suck the blood of all thy race.

-- Lord Byron

Empty barrels make a lot of noise.

-- English proverb

A real community is composed of many different people listening to everyone being different -- and that being O.K.

-- Bethlyn Vergo

Just think of how stupid the average person is and realize that one-half the world is dumber than that.

-- George Carlin

Whatever you do, take care of your shoes.

-- Phish

There is nothing so innocent that mankind cannot interfere with it..

-- Molliere