

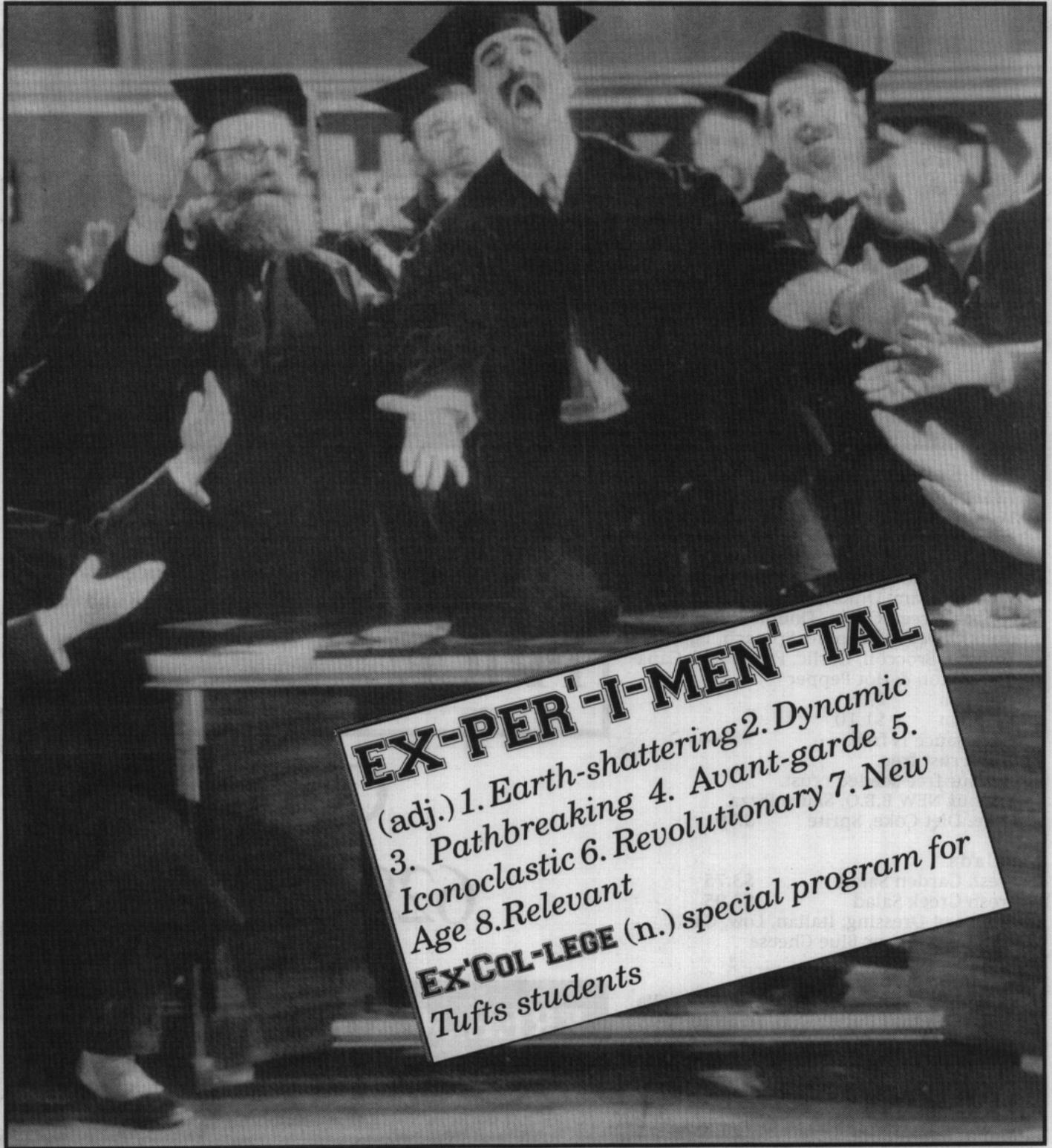
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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At a recent meeting of the Race Awareness Discussion Group, I noticed a trend. Several students expressed a sentiment about conservative journalism: a rational, sensitive, and delicate treatment of controversial issues is OK, but satire or ridicule is not. To make fun of self-proclaimed leaders of political movements, or their motives, they argued, is simply inappropriate. "Fair" debate, dictated the consensus, mandates that both sides maintain a healthy amount of respect for the other.

It is clear these progressives were directing their comments at *THE PRIMARY SOURCE*. Each time this viewpoint was repeated, all eyes turned toward myself and the three other *SOURCE* editors sitting at the head of the table. *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* is virtually the only outlet of alternative expression at Tufts, and certainly the only one that regularly employs the tools of parody and sarcasm. One student was less subtle than her peers. She said she refuses to read this publication because she "considers it a comic book."

This was not the first time I've heard this mistaken opinion expressed on campus. *THE SOURCE* is often depicted as cruel and callous, and I am often told that we should be "more serious." The first argument to be made against such antagonists is that they are obviously not reading our issues too closely. Of 24 pages, six are dedicated to humor. Whereas another six are reserved for the cover, features, and advertisements, the remaining twelve are reserved exclusively for serious commentary.

The greater flaw of these critics' analysis, however, is that it rejects satire as a legitimate form of political expression. Often, mocking foolish ideas is the best way to expose their foolishness. The argument against the use of political satire is the same as that used to advocate political correctness: don't be frank, always consider the feelings of your adversaries.

Nonsense. At the beginning of each "Fortnight in Review" section we print a quotation from the greatest political satirist of all time, Aristophanes. That quotation reads, "Comedy is allied to justice." Aristophanes recognized that sometimes, to debate a certain policy or politician rationally is to lend it or him undeserved credibility. Aristophanes called a tyrant a tyrant, a boondoggle a boondoggle, and an idiot an idiot. His parodies served to entertain and inform audiences in ways a reasoned dialogue never could. There is no doubt that much of the major political and social trends of ancient Greece can be attributed to him and his fellow satirists.

And humor is an equally effective conduit of ideas at Tufts today. Any simple survey of the student body would demonstrate that far more students read our humor sections than our serious articles, primarily because they find them easier to read and more entertaining. Consequently, the most effective statements we make in combating the pervasive campus liberalism are funny ones.

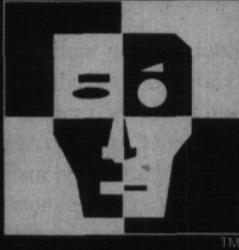
Liberals are quite aware of the power of humor, and for this reason they are not so quick to condemn biting burlesque, provided that it is delivered by one of their own ilk. Whereas the occasional conservative quip in the *Daily* is inevitably followed by a slew of angry letters, I don't recall one progressive charging the TLGBC for staging a "Bye Bye Bush Bash" last year that used as its motto, "Barbara, better hock your pearls." Nor did many leftists rush to the defense of Vice President Dan Quayle for the four years that he was the target of every joke in Hollywood.

It is ironic that the stereotypical conservative is stiffnecked and boring, when it is the liberals who, time and time again, prove that they have no sense of humor. Lighten up, comrades.

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insurance and injure themselves in automobile accidents impose an unfair tax burden on the population. This argument is clever and has a shred of validity. Ultimately, however, it is more a reflection of the frightening extent to which health care has become so closely tied to the public sector than it is an adequate justification for mandatory seatbelt laws. The legislature would have the public believe that it is currently necessary to introduce new legislation in order to solve the problems created by a prior expansion of governmental authority.

Mandatory seatbelt legislation will be yet another erosion of individual liberty in the name of embracing the "common good" or protecting people from themselves. The legislature's extension of this kind of governmental paternalism masquerades as benevolent concern for public well being. It always appears that reformists are making such small requests that only a miser or wretch would deny them their wishes. And after all, what harm can it do to wear a seatbelt? Yet, it is in this very manner that a free society is gradually transformed into a tyrannical one. Brick by brick, the old walls that protected the individual from the strong arm of centralized power are dismantled.

### States' Rights Aborted

A new federal abortion rule dictates that states must pay for the termination of pregnancies that are either medically necessary or were caused by rape or incest. As of last week, states had ninety days to comply with this measure, under threat of suspension of federal Medicaid payments.

This new policy poses yet another challenge to the sacred American notion of separation of powers. The framers of the constitution had envisioned a country in which issues of policy not critical to national defense would be determined by the states, not Washington. In this way they sought to erect a bulwark that would act as a constant check on the tendency toward tyranny inherent in centralized power. Forcing states to fund abortions, however, violates this separation between the powers of the state and federal governments. Moreover, many states have laws that prohibit their legislatures from funding certain abortions. Such laws would need to be contravened in order to enact the new federal policy. Twenty-five states already have laws that do not cover abortion funding for victims of rape or incest. States are thus thrust into an awkward position—maintain their own laws or concede their autonomy.

Mandating that states finance abortion also renders irrelevant the concerns of religious citizens. Nearly every orthodox religion in the world opposes abortion. The liberal movement to require states to finance acts that substantial numbers of their constituents find morally abominable is indicative of a scorn for, and even outright hatred of, religion that has become all too pervasive in the United States today.

Although instituted under the guise of "choice," federally mandated abortion funding constrains both the economic and moral

choices available to the citizens of individual states. Those states with a majority of citizens that consider abortion tantamount to murder are nevertheless forced to finance the political leanings of Capitol Hill liberals.

### The New Trojan War

Over the last several weeks, the federal government's program to combat HIV has extended into the realm of television. Federally funded commercials that encourage the use of condoms are beginning to appear regularly. These commercials encroach on freedom of religion and reflect the fashionable liberal soundbyte that "AIDS doesn't discriminate."

AIDS is controversial. Some Americans believe that sexual abstinence is the best way to combat the spread of the virus. Others believe that people should avoid casual sex and stay with a single partner who has tested negative for the virus. Others still believe that casual sex is alright, but that condoms are the trick to preventing HIV's spread. At any rate, when the federal government advocates one of these points of view at the expense of the others, the tax money of a substantial segment of the population is being allocated toward expression of a moral imperative with which it does not agree. The Catholic Church, for example, believes that the use of birth control is immoral. Hence, when the federal government devotes public tax money to the encouragement of the use of condoms, it violates the religious freedom of many Americans, who are being required to support governmental sanction of a course of action they find morally repugnant.

Secondly, questions concerning the risks of contracting the HIV virus remain controversial, even among experts. Harvard biologist Stephen J. Gould has argued that the virus "does not discriminate" and has predicted that by the year 2000, one quarter of the world's population will have become infected with it. Other experts, such as Michael Fumento (famous for his book *The Myth of Heterosexual AIDS*), charge that the media have greatly exaggerated the risks of contracting the virus. These critics often argue that heterosexuals are at little risk of contracting HIV, and suggest that the virus has remained confined largely to the three major risk groups: male homosexuals, hemophiliacs, and drug users.

When governmentally funded commercials suggest that heterosexuals are at high risk, and that "AIDS doesn't discriminate," they require all Americans to finance the expression of a point of view that remains controversial among scientists to this day. Hence, the recent government endorsements of condom usage represents not only an assault on religious freedom but also an attempt to present as facts points of view still disputed in the medical community.



# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
--Aristophanes

**PS** A headmistress in England has refused to allow her students to watch Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" because it is "blatantly heterosexual." To rectify this unjust and oppressive situation, THE PRIMARY SOURCE presents the Top Ten Politically Correct Revised Shakespearean Titles:

10. King Queer
9. Domestication of the Small Furry Animal
8. Harry Wives of Windsor
7. Lady Macbeth, the Lorena Bobbitt of her time
6. Night of the Twelfth Affiliation
5. A Midsummer Nocturnal Emission
4. Two Gentleman of Provincetown
3. Romeo and Julian
2. Loves Labor's Lesbians Lost
1. Othello, The Moorish Fresh Prince

**PS** The Brits offered a similar display of PC silliness when workers at London's fifth largest grocery chain renamed gingerbread men "gingerbread persons." Given the cookies' dark composition, however, we're surprised they weren't renamed "gingerbread persons of color"

**PS** Earlier the month, while on their way from Quebec, to Costa Rica, in an old yellow school bus decorated with signs reading "Paz y Amor" ten Canadian hippies found themselves in the middle of gunfire during an armed insurrection in San Crysto de Las Casas, Mexico. The self proclaimed "seekers of beauty in the world" had eight bullets in the side of their love-mobile by angry natives. Perhaps the Mexicans have the right idea about what to do when Dead Heads camp out on your lawn.

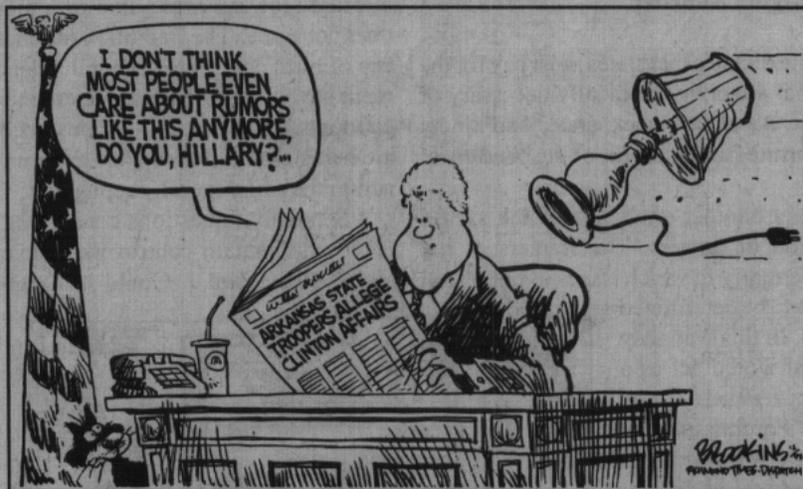
**PS** Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding... blah blah blah blah

**PS** Recent Headline in *The Boston Globe* : "Lorena Bobbitt's

Fate in Hands of Jury." No comment as to whose hands Mr. Bobbitt's 'fate' lies in at the moment...

**PS** Top Ten Tufts Controversies of 1994:

10. Reitman sues the Hair club for Men for False Advertising
9. Pagan Society and Womyn's Collective cosponsor "Take Back the Nightmare on Elm Street"
8. Film Series fractures over Klingons signing a truce with the Kardasians
7. Sociology Professors abandon faculty to join new communist newspaper
6. Men rush Womyn's Collective
5. Hydro-Quebec refuses to sponsor swimming lessons for Cree Indians
4. THE PRIMARY SOURCE sponsors insensitive "Top Ten Reasons Why Camille Paglia is better than Tufts Women" T-shirt
3. Womyn's Collective unsure of whether Tonya Harding can be admitted to its meetings



2. No Smoking Laws extended to I - House
1. ARM protests the inhumane treatment of horses in Tufts dining halls

**PS** Smile! Only 1,090 more days left in the Clinton administration.

**PS** According to Xinhua News Agency, Chinese scientists are confident that nutrition-

rich extracts from maggots will prove to be a winning addition to the people's diet. Scientists describe the taste as "surprisingly appealing." Promoters are assuaging consumers' concerns by assuring them "it tastes just like rat."

**PS** Just in case you doubted the inefficiency of the US Postal Service: America's finest recently wasted \$1,000,00 recalling a series of stamps honoring heroes of the old west. It seems that one stamp, which featured Bill Picket, actually included an illustration of his brother, Ben. The same artist who painted the stamp will be carving Roger Clinton's likeness on Mt. Rushmore.

**PS** Jesse Jackson spent Christmas in the Cuba sun with his friend Fidel Castro. THE PRIMARY SOURCE condemns Castro for associating with such a radical.

**PS** When asked at his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame how it felt to wear a tuxedo, Grateful Dead drummer Ricky Hart replied, "Hey, we're just surprised to still be alive. Any day above ground is a good day." Sure, Rick. If you say so.

**PS** Given the quality of Bill Clinton's first two choices for Secretary of Defense, it would not be surprising if the president's next nomination is retiring New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor.

**PS** Due to recent cuts in public grants, the Moscow Center for Biological Structures, which has preserved Lenin's corpse for the past 70 years, has opened shop in the private market. For the bargain price of \$250,000, the center has agreed to mummify anyone who wants it. Unfortunately for Vice-President Gore, a demummifying procedure is not available.

**PS** Add another oppressed group to the nation's victim list: lawyers. It seems that Advocate-Americans have been unfairly represented on a Miller beer advertisement which features a portly divorce attorney being lassoed at "the big lawyer round-up." Attorney Arthur Blabber has attempted to organize a boycott of Miller products to protest this unfair characterization. Readers that wish to join Mr. Blabber in his efforts are encouraged to send any Miller products they might have to: THE PRIMARY SOURCE, Mayer Campus Center, Medford MA 02155.

**PS** According to recent stories in the British tabloid, *Today*, Michael Jackson offered his fourteen-year-old accuser \$49 million to drop his lawsuit. \$50 million to drop his pants...

**PS** Chicago Bulls forward Scottie Pippen was arrested in Chicago last week for unlawfully possessing a handgun. It is hard to imagine how much of a threat Pippen could have been with a gun, without having Jordan around to do the shooting.

**PS** On the subject of the Chicago Bulls, former all-star guard Michael Jordan is rumored to be considering playing baseball for the White Sox next season. Don't bet on it, Mike.

**PS** Even Mike wouldn't bet on the Buffalo Bills in Sunday's big game.

**PS** Tuition update: Robert G. Cook, associate Tufts professor of psychology is spending his time, hard at work, observing his pigeons Lady Bird, Jackie, Pat, Betty, Roslyn, and Nancy as they watch TV. Cook's World Civ. students have been upset at the fact that the pigeons are learning more than they are.

**PS** If Al Gore is paving the super highway, let's hope we all have airbags.

**PS** According to experts at Tufts Veterinary School in Grafton, the number one behavior problem in cats is house soiling, or inappropriate elimination. According to us, the number one problem with experts is inane studies like this one.



**PS** Thousands of American men living in Ecuador breathed a big sigh of relief last week when Lorena Bobbitt was acquitted in her emasculation trial. A radical feminist group had vowed to castrate 100 American men if Ms. Bobbitt were found guilty. In a related story, TUDS has decided not to serve Chicken Nuggets on Friday night as planned.

**PS** The senior Senator from Tanqueray, Massachusetts' own Teddy Kennedy, heckled a speaker last week at a rally for his son Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island. After the speaker announced that Patrick will win re-election, "not because he's a Kennedy, but because he's Patrick," Teddy let loose. "I didn't make it because I was a Kennedy," shouted the worst date Mary Jo Kopechne ever had, "I made it because I was Ted. And if you believe that, you'll believe anything."

**PS** A few days ago, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt tripped during a tour of the Petroglyph National Monument in Albuquerque. When blood began spewing from his forehead, he decided to seek treatment. Thankfully, he was carrying Hillary Clinton National Health Insurance card; Babbitt will be treated by Labor Day.

# A Question of Allegiance

David Mollow

In Brussels, representatives at a recent NATO conference arrived at the disturbing conclusion that full membership in the organization should be denied to Central European nations. Although the foreign policy agenda pursued by President Clinton and his administration has proven to be less than satisfactory, the truly disheartening performance was that of America's allies, the Western European nations.

The relative rise to power of ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy has raised in the minds of Central Europeans the specter of future Russian invasion. Struggling to establish freedom, capitalism, and democracy in their homelands, the Central European nations sought to procure protection from the West.

Unwilling to offer full membership in NATO to nations east of the former Iron Curtain, West European nations agreed to confer a partial member status on Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia. The Partnership for Peace provides no guarantees of security for the Central European nations; nor does it establish any means by which they might obtain full membership in the near future.

The rationale underlying NATO's decision was, at first glance, sound. Many West European representatives argued that Russia would perceive the proposed concessions to former Eastern-bloc nations as an encroachment on lands alarmingly close to her western border. Further, West European nations suggested, this Russian perception of Western intrusiveness could undermine Yeltsin's reform movement by strengthening popular support for the coalition comprised of old-guard communists and fascist-style nationalists.

A reconsideration of the line of reasoning that prevailed among the West European nations assembled at the NATO conference may be in order, however. One of the central presuppositions of their argument was that the West can still exercise significant control over the fate of the reform movement in Russia. The falseness of that assumption is becoming clear with alarming rapidity. Recent events in Russia—the surprising popular support for Zhirinovskiy and the communists voiced in the elections, the splintering of Yeltsin's reform coa-

lition, shock therapy's failure to work as an adequate privatizing mechanism—demonstrate that Western influence on Russia will be minimal at best. Thus, the West may be making a grave mistake by constructing its foreign policy in accord with an attempt to determine the fate of the

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Russian reform movement.

Secondly, even if the assumption that Western foreign policy can somehow positively influence the movement for reform in Russia is correct, one need not conclude that a conciliatory foreign policy toward the Russians is the tool most likely to bring about that end. It is possible that NATO's denial of security guarantees to Central European countries may have the very effect it was intended to prevent. By denying these countries full membership in the organization, NATO may have sent to the Russians the wrong message, that the West would be unwilling to defend the fledgling democracies in the event of a Russian invasion. If Russians perceive NATO's decision this way, an increase in the



support for communist-fascist aggression could be the unfortunate result.

There are other significant concerns that NATO's decision failed to take into account. Paramount among these concerns is the necessity of encouraging the establishment of stable capitalist democracies in the former Eastern-bloc. By suggesting that the West's support for Central Europe is not substantial enough to provide

military protection in a time of need, NATO discourages the kind of long-term capital investment needed for economic growth.

One effect of the lack of economic growth and of the diminished incentive for capital investment may be that the Central European countries do not become stable democracies. The disillusionment ushered in by poverty and stagnation could easily, as in Russia, set the stage for the relative rise of communist and fascist movements.

Opponents of granting full membership in NATO to Central European countries have also provided another explanation for their views. They are concerned that isolating the Russians could revive the old East-West conflict, with the only difference being that the line were drawn further to the east.

This fear has a certain amount of legitimacy. Nevertheless, Western foreign policy should be realistic rather than idealistic. As the members of Yeltsin's reform coalition resign one by one, the likelihood of the re-emergence of an ideology-based cleavage between East and West increases. Should the conflict arise again, better that the line be drawn further to the east than in the same place.

In 1915, Woodrow Wilson told some new American citizens that they had pledged their loyalty not to specific people, but to "a great ideal, to a great body of principles, to a great hope of the human race." The "great body of principles" President Wilson spoke of was the classical liberal foundation—democracy, freedom, and capitalism. By turning their backs on the Central European nations seeking to establish new societies that respect those principles, Western Europe (and the United States to some extent) expresses a conviction that those principles and the peace and prosperity they bring are no longer so important.

Westerners, of their own volition, have gradually discarded the principles that once made their countries the apples of the world's eye. Today, Southeast Asians are by their own choice embracing those principles and quickly becoming the envy of the world. Unfortunately, if the recent NATO council is any indication, Central Europe may never get the opportunity to choose.

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- 3b. Years teaching experience
4. Influences
5. Favorite educational aids/texts
6. Last Degree obtained and issuing institution

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- 2: Romper Room, Fraggle Rock, Children's Television Network
- 3: part a > part b
- 4: Roger Rabbit, Cookie Monster, Patrick Ewing
- 5: *Where's Waldo, Hooked on Phonics*, anything by Susan Faludi
- 6: BA, Music, Oberlin College

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2. Do you prioritize the trivial over the relevant?
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5. Do you allow students to choose their own grades?
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7. Do you set apart a section of classtime each day for show and tell?
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From Anita Hill, to Bob Packwood, to Gennifer Flowers-- Americans are consumed by the sexuality of their leaders. Is this a reflection of our persistent uneasiness about the libido, or is it indicative of a greater fear of authority?

This course aims to find the answers to the vague sociological questions that define our political system. What is sexual harassment? What is infidelity? Given the arbitrary nature of human values, can our leaders' ethos be judged fairly? In class discussions and reading we will also study the related subjects of race, sexuality, and class. Would Thomas have been confirmed if Hill were white? Would Hill's testimony have been of issue if Thomas were not black? What if Senator Packwood had harassed men instead of women? What if Senator Packwood *were* a woman?

Sex, like politics, is a power game, and is therefore both feared and desired by virtually all people. By studying contemporary popular culture, psychological texts, and political commen-

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tary, we will explore other such similarities.

**EXP 004: Postmodern Film**

When asked what point he was trying to make in his recent movie *Age of Innocence*, film-maker Martin Scorsese said that he "just tried to stick to the original novel that Edith Wharton had written."

Possibly. But students in this course will be encouraged to re-evaluate traditional notions concerning the "meanings" of films. We will examine the themes and imagery that work on the viewers of postmodern movies at both conscious and subconscious levels. Our inquiry will concern itself with how film makers such as Scorsese, Spike Lee, and Oliver Stone employ numerous and varied devices to delve into suppressed sides of modern consciousness. We will look for continuities. We will examine the postmodern protagonists' struggle to make meaning out of their lives in an increasingly turbulent and chaotic world-- one in which social and moral norms are constantly challenged, subverted, born, and killed, and the very notion of reality is itself in a perpetual state of flux. We will try to understand how a number of thematic and cinematographic tools-- such as rapidly and frequently shifting the angle of the viewer's perspective in order to dazzle or bewilder her, fragmented and surreal imagery to remind the viewer that perspective is personal, subversive humor and ambiguous conclusions to create a feeling of post-existential nausea-- together conspire to portray the postmodern protagonist, lost, betrayed, abandoned, hopelessly alone, and at times tottering on the brink of insanity although no more so than the culture that gave birth to her.

The course will include such films as *Taxi Driver*, *Goodfellas*, *Born on the Fourth of July*, *The Doors*, *Do the Right Thing*, and *Jungle Fever*, among others.

**EXP 005: Crossword Puzzle Construction**

This course is designed for the student who has a love for words and their creative application in puzzles-- particularly the *Sunday New York Times*. Creating such a puzzle, developing the themes, and locating appropriate filler words to link the theme words are all aspects of an engrossing activity calling upon research in a variety of dictionaries, atlases, thesauri, the *Oxford Book of English Verse*, and numerous other reference materials.

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at small part of Tufts University that allows students to design their own curriculum. There is good reason, however, why some studies are not available. We now present a list of five real ex college courses, and four

Students will also find that puzzle construction promotes innovative interpretation of words. Each student will complete a standard Sunday-style puzzle (or alternatively five daily puzzles) and submit them for publication.

## EXP 006: Casino Gambling: History, Mathematics, and Social Impact

Casinos and state lotteries are a booming business and are continually shattering records for receipts.

In this course, we will survey the history and mathematically analyze such popular casino games as roulette, keno, craps, slot machines, and blackjack, as well as state lotteries. We will also discuss casino sports wagering and classic betting propositions.

Gambling fallacies commonly accepted by the gaming public will be explored, and an introduction to card counting and casino lures and promotions will be given.

Finally, special attention will be paid to the social impact of recent trends in the gaming business-- from riverboat gaming and tribal and state-run casinos.

## EXP 007: The Oral Tradition of African Ghost Stories

The more famous ghost stories of our day are those that have been preserved in writing and, of course, B-movies. The focus on written and cinematographic materials has led scholars to disregard many of the richly frightening oral tales of the African continent. In this course we will discover why one should never walk through a Nigerian graveyard after midnight, why a green-eyed lion cub is good luck, and how one can ward off evil spirits with the sap of a baobab tree. We will examine how the stories reflect our own personal fears and delusions, and how they differ from those of the West.

The class will also focus on how the tradition is maintained today, in an era of conformity and multiculturalism. Students will study basic fundamentals of certain African languages, and will be expected to memorize several ghost stories by employing ancient African memory techniques.

## EXP 008: The Morals of Treasure Hunting: A Dilemma of Archaeologists

For years, archaeologists have unearthed their discoveries with little regard for what lies beneath. Recently, however, a new

philosophical movement has emerged within the archaeological community. No longer can archaeologists blatantly disturb and export artifacts for the sake of recognition on a museum tag. Today's archaeologist must first deal with the environmental, social, and cultural impact of his/her explorations: Is the dig site considered sacred territory by the indigenous population? Can the region's topography sustain excavation? Is the exploration being conducted for personal gain, or for the overall improvement of society?

Students will critically examine these questions through an intense survey of relevant interdisciplinary texts. The ethics of modern "treasure hunting" will be questioned, challenged, and discussed. Students will be encouraged to form their own opinions about the relationship between humankind, its past, and its environment.

## EXP 009: Star Trek and American Culture

"Space, the final frontier." For over twenty-five years those words have signaled the start of another exciting episode as Kirk, Spock, and the Enterprise crew set out in pursuit of knowledge, adventure, and peace and justice for all.

Or do they? This course will examine the message behind the *Star Trek* myth. Through a close reading of this pop culture phenomenon, we will explore how *Star Trek* reflects and comments on 20th century American culture. What does the series say about America? And what does our continued fascination with it say about us?

The primary text for the course will be the original series. In addition, readings will be drawn from a variety of relevant disciplines.

## EXP 010: The Female Body: Fictional Representation and Feminist Theory

*"Write yourself. Your body must be heard."*

The female body has traditionally been the object of male medical, visual and imaginative representation. In this course we will consider the ways in which women, as the above quotation by Helene Cixous suggests, have attempted to reclaim the body, to represent it in fiction and theory.

Through close readings of literary texts and theoretical essays, we will focus on issues of sexuality; racial, gendered and sexual identity, maternity and creativity. Texts by contemporary French and American theorists such as Irigaray, Butler, and Patricia Williams will be read alongside novels by Margaret Atwood, Toni Morrison, and Jeanette Winterson.

This course is open to both men and women who are willing to question accepted ways of thinking.

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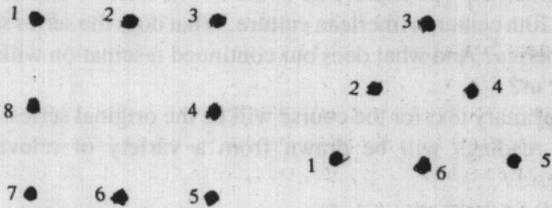
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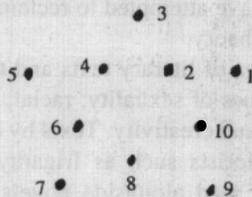
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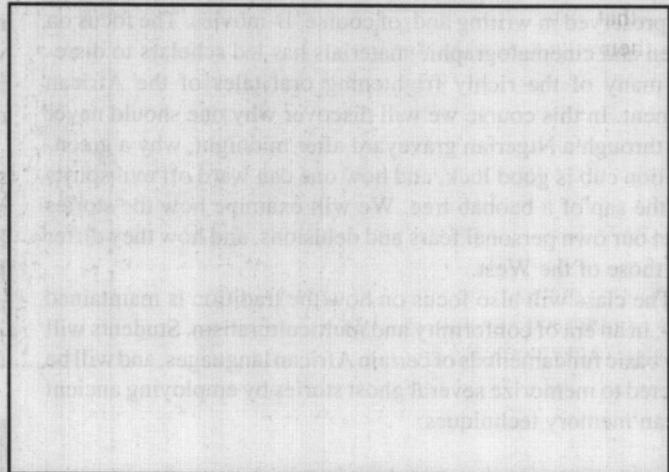
(A) Proceed as you did in part one by connecting the dots. Don't get discouraged though, because this part is a little more tricky. You needn't worry. This section of the test can't hurt your grade; it can only help it. So give it your best shot and earn an "A" for effort.



(B) After you have connected the dots, you should see a picture of a star. Spend a few minutes describing how the star makes you feel.

Here are some suggestions for how to get started. Have you ever felt like you were the star of the show? Have you ever wanted to be the star of the show but been jealous of the person who was? Maybe the star reminds you of a song or poem you know, like *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. How does the song or poem make you feel? Happy? Sad? Angry? Proud?

(III) Part of the purpose of this class has been to teach you that no one can ever tell you that the way you are feeling is wrong. Use the box below to draw a picture that expresses your emotions. If you want to let your drawing extend beyond the rigid boundaries of the box, feel free to do so. This can be a liberating experience.



(IV) On the back, draw a picture of a pigeon. Does it live in the city or the country? Is it happy or sad?

# Separatism as a Resource

Edward Havell

Tufts, like many modern universities, includes resource and culture centers among its assets and departments. The African American Center; The Asian American Center; The Hispanic American Resource Center; The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Resource Center; and The Women's Center all can be found at Tufts. In theory, all the centers have the same goal; they are designed to help students understand racial, ethnic, gender, and sexual differences in our community as a means of increasing tolerance. In addition, the centers provide counseling to students who fall within the parameters defined by the centers' titles.

The theoretical goals of the centers are admirable and worthwhile, but their function differs in practice. Often, resource centers become places for students linked by gender and/or race to socialize and identify with those in similar racial and gender categories. To the credit of our community, few, if any, students are made to feel uncomfortable if they do not fit the defining category of a center; nonetheless, students of similar races and ethnicity group together on this basis. Many students, in practice, are amenable to this, and thus the "grouping" continues.

Affirmative action plays a large role in the creation of special centers. There is little doubt that many minorities find themselves worse off now than they would be in an originally "equal rights" society, due to the pernicious racism of the past. Women, too, have only recently made strides in ensuring equal opportunity for themselves. Forming centers for historically "oppressed" groups is intended to overcome the disadvantages imposed by the past and help the "oppressed" with academic difficulties.

University resource and culture centers are frequently believed to "diversify" the community. Since the traditional composition of our universities is homogeneous,

special help is supposedly needed to maintain the recognition and validation of "minority" culture and to represent increasing percentages of minorities in student bodies. Through the resource centers, differing heritages are maintained and placed on an equal

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footing with those that have been heretofore dominant.

The key problem with the aspirations of resource centers is that the resultant ends are opposite the ones intended. Students are not helped, and the existence of centers does not encourage diversity. Instead, the centers divide students and encourage unproductive mentalities.

Establishing resource centers neither compensates for past evils nor efficiently recognizes them. The message given instead is one of contemporary inferiority; there are no resource centers targeted at

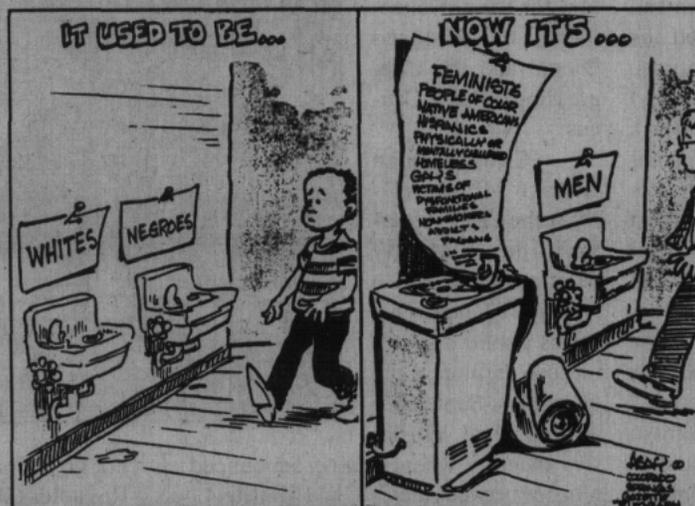
talinity, a cross between victimization and inferiority, is not conducive to productive and efficient work. A vicious cycle is formed; the more poorly "oppressed" students perform, the more special help is given, the worse the mentality of those students, the more poorly they perform, etc. As a result, graduation rates of certain minorities, such as blacks, are declining at many colleges.

"When you are behind in a footrace", Shelby Steele quotes Dr. Martin Luther King, "the only way ahead is to run faster than the man in front of you. So when your white roommate says he's tired and goes to sleep, you stay up and burn the midnight oil." Steele presents Dr. King's exhortation as a challenge, not an implied inferiority. The path to success is characterized by the ideals of hard work and competition, not the insult of outside help. Steele uses the success of blacks in athletics to illustrate this point. On an athletic field, a black competes as an athlete. In the classroom, a black competes as a BLACK student, not a student who happens to be black. Already, the temptation exists to self-handicap, often resulting in poorer performance.

In the case of resource centers, the focus is on race, gender, and sexual orientation as defining criteria, and students may judge themselves by those characteristics in the classroom instead of actual academic capabilities. For example, females have traditionally exhibited less interest than males in math and science. "I'm no good at math!" many a female student has mistakenly self-deprecated. Many females would not be as insecure about their abilities in the hard sciences if they viewed themselves as students rather than as female students. The movement

begun by Betty Friedan challenged the stereotype by arguing that ability supersedes gender; an eventual result was the large

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"straight, white males." Thus, a university's policy of providing special resource centers implies the need among blacks, Hispanics, Asians, females, homosexuals, and lesbians for special help. They supposedly cannot compete on their own. The resultant men-

# Mainstream Militancy

Steve Seltzer

“Black representation on Capitol Hill has all too often been too ‘race conscious,’ pulling the country toward political division.” Emanuel McLittle and James White made the above statement in

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*Destiny*, a black journal, about the current state of black politics. Recent occurrences support the authors’ assertion and validate their concern about a trend towards radicalism in black political circles.

Of note, the New York City Police Department and the mayor’s office now find themselves at odds with a large number of blacks due to recent confrontations with the black Muslim community. An altercation in a Harlem mosque caused the injury of eight police officers who responded to a false complaint. A few days later police officers responded to another call which brought them to a Brooklyn basement. In the ensuing struggle, the officers shot and killed the son of a prominent Muslim cleric.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton and Mayor Rudy Giuliani have defended the actions of the officers in both situations. “They acted correctly and properly, and I support them,” commented Giuliani. Black lawmakers and community leaders complained about Giuliani’s defense of the police. Reverend Al Sharpton led a protest march over the Brooklyn Bridge. State Senator David Patterson of Harlem charged that Giuliani’s reaction was “certainly something that may confirm the fears of those who have suspicions of to what extent this administration can bring this city together.”

Clearly, black leadership has sought to present the altercations as racial incidents. Giuliani has responded by declaring that the incident should not be viewed in such a context. “This is not [about] the black community. This is about one particular mosque where several police officers were beaten and the officer’s gun and another officer’s radio was [sic] taken away,” retorted the mayor. In an apparent reference to the black activists, Giuliani added, “It seems to me

it’s not wise to turn this city over to people who divide us.” Political figures like Sharpton and Patterson attempted to depict the sound defense of law and order as racism.

The response to the altercations by black leadership within the Muslim community reflects the re-emergence of militant activists at the forefront of the movement to empower black America. In fact, radical notions of black empowerment have become more mainstream than ever. The civil rights movement appears headed away from the values prescribed by Rev. Martin Luther King and the later preachings of Malcolm X. Instead, current black leaders use their growing political strength to promote racist ideologies as fair ones. The political institutions that have most recently embodied black militancy are the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Congressman Kweisi Mfume (D-MD), the CBC’s chairman, has blatantly demonstrated such a militant agenda. One of his public displays of such militancy occurred last September at an annual legislative meeting when Mfume announced an alliance between the CBC and Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam. Farrakhan is well known for having anti-white, anti-semitic, separatist leanings. Mfume announced that Farrakhan and the CBC would work jointly on matters of legislation.

Farrakhan’s teachings have also been adopted by Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA). Waters is best remembered for

her comments during the Los Angeles riots in which she sympathized with looters and gang members. She reasoned that the riots resulted from economic, social, and political factors. Waters holds that the government alone is responsible for solving those problems. While Waters gave full attention to the rioters, she ignored the Korean store owners whose businesses were burned during the riots. Few were insured and received little of the government aid that was given to much of the rest of the city.

Another member of the CBC, Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY), continued the trend of militant activism in the political realm. Notably, during the New York City mayoral race, Rangel announced that Giuliani’s white supporters were racist and that Giuliani’s best asset was that he was white.

The NAACP has acted in much the same way as the CBC. Reverend Benjamin Chavis, the organization’s chairman, has a

history of radicalism. Chavis-- a long-time leading member of the Communist Party U.S.A.-- showed strong support for the L.A. rioters as he termed the chaos a “people’s rebellion.” Last October, Chavis attended the Chicago gang summit, thereby legitimizing the drug dealing and drug related murders in the city. His politics did

not go unchallenged, as Congressman Mel Reynolds (D-IL) and fifty black professionals held a conference criticizing Chavis’ attendance at the summit. According to Reynolds, “Those who support the gangs and attempt to legitimize them do not speak for us.”

Chavis also supports mandating that

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# Civil Wars

David Mollow & Jayne Wellman

Nowadays, women have a penchant for joining all-male organizations. First, it was the Boy Scouts and now The Citadel. Many outspoken women complain that all organizations should be open to both genders and that the remaining strictly male institutions propagate the notorious "old boy" network.

Shannon Faulkner of Powdersville, South Carolina is the most recent woman in question. She brought suit against The Citadel, the state supported military school in Charleston, South Carolina, for gender discrimination in admissions. She bases her suit on the fact that, when her gender was omitted from the application form, she was accepted; whereas once the school learned her gender, she was denied admission. The U.S. Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction, mandating that The Citadel permit Miss Faulkner to attend classes.

One popular argument supporting Miss Faulkner proceeds in the following way. The Citadel, being a public institution, is supported by the American taxpayer. Therefore, it would be wrong to deny women admission since their tax dollars help finance it.

On the surface, this reasoning appears sound and the court's injunction appears just. However, once one delves further into the issue, one discerns a prevailing twisted logic. In America nearly everyone pays taxes. In the case of Miss Faulkner, the left suggests that her status as a taxpayer gives her a claim on The Citadel. It is surprising that the left would make this argument. Wealthy people pay taxes, yet liberals are not concerned with the fact that they will never collect welfare or AFDC. Liberals do not complain when the ordinary American taxpayer finances agricultural subsidies without receiving the same benefits as farmers.

As is evident then, the fact that Miss Faulkner and other women pay taxes cannot, on its own, justify requiring the Citadel to open its doors to them. For, as we have seen, all kinds of government services which serve only a segment of the population are financed by the taxation of all Americans. Thus, the leftist complaint is not one with requiring people to pay taxes for services from which they cannot benefit. Rather, the leftist

complaint is with single sex organizations in general, be they public or private.

To cloak their agenda in a legal garb of some sort, liberals normally assault sexually exclusive

it would be an error of gargantuan proportions to conclude that the mere fact that an organization is publicly funded implies that it cannot have a sexually exclusive admission policy.

**...the Fourteenth Amendment does not imply that no publicly funded institutions can ever discriminate on the basis of sex.**

institutions by invoking the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The due process clause proscribes discrimination by the state on the basis of race or sex. At an initial glance, the Fourteenth Amendment would appear to forbid clearly The Citadel's sexually exclusive admissions policy. Yet, one should question where that reasoning leads before so readily jumping to conclusions.



Consider the fact that all kinds of publicly funded, sexually exclusive organizations exist. For example, although most public universities have egalitarian policies with regard to admissions, nearly every public university is full of numerous sexually exclusive clubs and organizations. Single sex athletic clubs, women's organizations, men's choirs, women's choirs, and a multitude of other groups are common in public universities. Yet no one claims that these single-sex organizations should be required to coedify, although all are financed with tax dollars. Hence,

Consistent application of the liberal interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment would also radically alter the private education structure in the United States. Take the example of single sex schools like Wellesley, Smith, and Simmons. Although these schools are private, they receive large amounts of federal subsidies for their financial aid programs. Hence, if

the leftist desire to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex were imposed consistently or categorically, these schools would have either to coedify or stop receiving federal funds.

So the truth must be that the due process clause allows for certain kinds of exceptions. The right to freedom of speech does not mean that people can say whatever they want wherever they want regardless of context and content. The right to bear arms does not imply that any old citizen can build a nuclear missile in his own back yard. Similarly, the Fourteenth Amendment does not imply that no publicly funded institutions can ever discriminate on the basis of sex.

Generally, then, the question should be left to the individual states, as it has been traditionally. The Fourteenth Amendment should be applied only when an organization is financed exclusively by federal funds. The reason liberals want to make an exception in the case of The Citadel is that they see a chance to advance their own agenda. Not on any constitutional or legal grounds then, the left seeks to impose its program of social engineering— of which the leveling of gender roles is only one element— on the South Carolina tax payer. All the while, the liberal hypocritically advances an ideology that would mean the end of her very own shelters for battered women in the city of Boston, not to mention the nationally-beloved Florida State Seminoles.

Ultimately, then, it seems that the only defensible position to be taken is that the people of South Carolina, rather than the United States Supreme Court, ought to make the decision concerning whether or not Miss Faulkner is eligible to attend The Citadel.

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International Relations.*

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increase of successful female math/science students. The proliferation of women's centers across modern universities, in contrast, reverts the focus back to gender.

Resource centers make the additional mistake of grouping students by race. "We don't need an Hispanic chess club and an Asian chess club," WBZ talk show host, David Brudnoy, once said. Students should not be excluded from any activity for racial reasons. The resource centers, by their nature, promote separatism. Students are

encouraged to divide themselves along mere genetic factors, something undoubtedly pleasing to the racists.

Universities need to keep resource centers, but the focus should be shifted. Resource centers created to help students deal with general issues of race, gender, and sexuality would be far more effective than those addressing students of particular commonalities. If certain types of students needed more help, the help would be there. In the meantime, no judgment would be passed on any student. The subtle racism of double standards would be avoided while resentment stirred by these double standards would

be curbed as well.

Academically, the above suggested resource centers would naturally include works of various cultures and genders. One cannot be educated in sexuality without understanding homosexuality. One cannot study gender issues without studying feminism. A center on cultural differences would be incomplete without African work. In this way, our unifying "American-ness" would be emphasized while differences would be acknowledged.

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corporations participate in agreements which require them to hire blacks and purchase goods and services from minority-owned businesses. For example, the NAACP condemned Hughes Aircraft for its minority hiring record without fully examining the company's record first. It turns out that Hughes has one of the better records of minority employment in its field.

A large number of blacks have rejected the policies and perspectives of the new leadership. Milton Morris, a black think tank research executive, conducted a poll showing that only nine percent of blacks believe the Rodney King verdict justified the L.A. riots. He also found that 57 percent of blacks oppose additional welfare benefits for single mothers with many children. McLittle and White epitomize the above opinions as they write, "A different focus must emerge from black leaders that looks for what is good for the growth of America first, thereby benefitting their constituents."

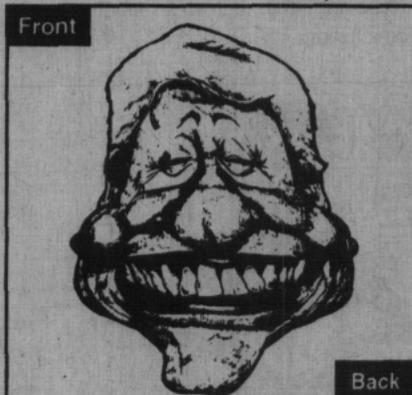
The issue of race relations remains a hot topic across the political spectrum. While the left continues its demands for increased legislation and bureaucracy to attain equality, black extremists use government agencies and institutions to promote a radical agenda. These individuals use their political strength to portray most everything as "offensive to minority interests," and to spread militant, racist thought. Such thinking has become mainstream, via the more prestigious political vehicles available to it. The civil rights movement, due to its new leadership, has encouraged the growth of the racism that it has sworn to prevent.

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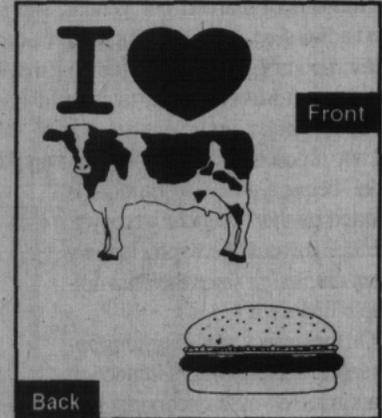


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# The Great American Hero

Colin R.P. Delaney

According to reports that first came to the attention of Congress in the fall of 1986, the Reagan Administration had developed many elaborate schemes to rescue or effectively buy the freedom of American hostages held in Beirut by Iranian-backed terrorists. *So what? Who cares?* one might ask. *It sounds like they were just trying to free the hostages, what's wrong with that?* Such attempts, however, were politically dangerous for the President, given his previously hard-line stance against bargaining with terrorists.

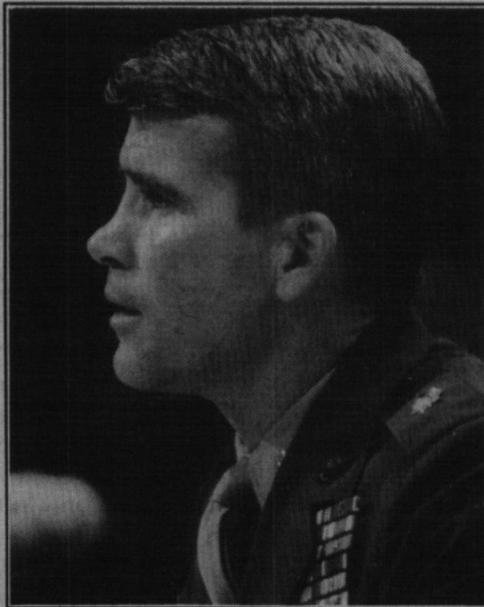
Certain people with a vendetta against one of the most popular presidents in history got hold of this story and attempted to sell it to the American public as a massive scandal and conspiracy. No, they are not Oliver Stone and his Hollywood henchmen, hoping to find material for another epic, but congressional Democrats. They launched a seven-year investigation and wasted forty million taxpayer dollars to discover, in the words of Special Counsel Lawrence Walsh, "No credible evidence...." Maybe another Oliver Stone flick would have been better, at least Stone would have taken the loss, not the taxpayers.

This "scandal" has since become known as the Iran-Contra Affair. Everyday, Walsh seemed to offer new "evidence" to suggest that President Reagan and Vice President Bush had broken laws left and right with the help of countless aides from the National Security Agency (NSA). In actuality, there were fewer scandalous aspects to Iran-Contra than the witch hunting Democrats would have had us believe. Moreover, Walsh

compromised American national security and federal division of powers by exposing highly-sensitive executive actions that should have remained top secret.

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In addition to the deals with Iran, the second component of Iran-Contra involved the transfer of Iranian arms payments to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters. At the center of this plan is one man who brilliantly engineered a legitimate albeit dubious arrangement to both secure the liberation of American hostages in Lebanon, and promote the cause of freedom in Central America.



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**What we know...** Uncovered evidence has shown that the Reagan Administration made numerous deals contrary to its avowed Middle East policy. Although no existing evidence indicates that Reagan failed to restrict the bargaining powers of his NSA aides negotiating for the hostages' release, 1987 Congressional hearings have shown that the officers did contact Iranian officials and other international figures to win backing for specific plans and offers. Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North and other aides were embroiled in efforts to aid secretly the Nicaraguan Contras in their civil war against the Marxist Sandinistas, even

though such aid had been expressly prohibited by Congress. When National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane resigned, he suggested to North that he do the same. North

refused, and was soon elevated within the NSA by incoming Adviser Admiral John Poindexter. Poindexter decided to continue McFarlane's practice of using Israel as the middleman in the sales while laundering the money in Switzerland, then turned to North

for information on the Contra situation and brought the Marine 'into the loop' on the Israel/Iran arms link. Soon enough North carried out the plans along with Air Force General Richard Secord (Ret) and agents of the Mossad.

Interestingly, while high-level advisers were in Tehran negotiating with the Iranians, North and other aides were soliciting contributions for the Contras from wealthy benefactors worldwide. North went on to use his connections to raise funds for the rescue attempts and bribes that might free the hostages. Such aid was provided by Saudi King Fahd, the Sultan of Brunei, and billionaire arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi. Later, North asked Texas businessman H. Ross Perot to aid in the efforts to free the captives. Perot's much touted rescue of his employees that were trapped in the Middle East, which he claims to have personally organized and paid for, was in fact arranged and approved by North, Poindexter and Reagan himself.

In both instances, North and others circumvented the law to get the things they and the President wanted. Congress had outlawed direct aid to the Contras. Even assuming the law is justifiable, which it is not, there is certainly room to seek outside assistance on the matter. The President often seeks outside assistance in the execution of matters of state, whether or not it keeps Congress and the public informed.

Breaking or even bending the law is not

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something to be taken lightly. But when an opposition Congress decides to meddle in the affairs of the president by restricting his ability to free American hostages and cutting off support for freedom fighters battling communism on our own continent, something must be done. North and others had no choice but to do the right thing, even if it was accomplished by covert operations.

When information about the Reagan Administration's arms for hostages deal leaked, Congress acted immediately to name a special counsel and begin investigations of its own. The committees convened by Congress to interrogate North and other officials uncovered a meeting on November 24, 1986, in the Oval Office during which Chief of Staff Regan, Secretary of State Schultz, Secretary of Defense Weinberger, Vice President Bush, NSC Advisor Poindexter, and Attorney General Meese discussed the unfolding scandal. Though Walsh alleges that Meese delivered his pitch for a massive cover-up of the affair at that meeting, no credible evidence was obtained to prove the theory that the administration conspired to conceal the deals with Iran and the diversion of funds after Congress had been made aware of them.

#### **What Walsh thinks he knows...**

##### **...and what we know about Walsh...**

Walsh discovered that North may have been the executor of top secret deals to aid the Contras. North may have had access to information concerning the arms sales to Iran and may or may not have suggested the diversion of funds to the Nicaraguan Contras. He may have, along with his secretary Fawn Hall, shredded reams of documents allegedly pertaining to the entire operation. He may have been ordered to do all of the above by agents ranging from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Pentagon or even the Oval Office. These allegations remain unproven to this day.

We do know, however, that North and several other aides including Poindexter

and Secord were made the fall guys, so that the scandal would distance itself from the President.

Walsh, the supposedly unbiased man named by Congress to investigate the matter by circumventing the Justice Department's authority and supplementing Congress's hearings, in fact had a personal vendetta against the Reagan Administration and a desire to portray himself as a crusader

for justice. While as *The American Spectator* reports, Walsh was riding around in taxpayer

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funded limousines and throwing lavish parties for investigators, he was attempting to bring down the entire Reagan Administration. In an affront to executive privilege, he demanded the personal notes and diaries of the President, the Vice President, and Secretaries Schultz and Weinberger. The man wanted what amounted to a skeleton key that would open every door at the White House, the CIA and the Pentagon so that he could spread our national secrets all over CNN and the *Washington Post*.

Walsh and his cronies did try and convict eleven top-level officials from the NSC and the White House. One man served time in prison. Two of the convictions, North's and Poindexter's, were overturned on appeal because Walsh used inadmissible evidence in his prosecutions. In 1988, in the heat of Vice President Bush's run for the Oval Office, Walsh continued to make unfounded accusations and irresponsible public comments concerning the involvement of Bush and others in the arms for hostages deal. Four years later, on the Friday before election day, as President Bush was closing the gap with Clinton, Walsh indicted Reagan's Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and opened a Pandora's box of questions relating the affair.

#### **What we have the right to know...**

The real problem with the entire Iran/Contra affair is not that the Administration conspired to covertly sell arms to Iran in order to free the hostages, even if it meant skirting the law by making the transactions through a third party. The problem is not

that NSC aides devoted years of work to arranging support for the Contras even though Congress had outlawed it. The problem is that we know anything about it at all.

This was clearly a national security matter that should have been strictly the domain of the President and the executive branch. Congress has no constitutional power to dictate the foreign policy of the President. Furthermore, even if Congress thinks it has the right to be informed about the dealings of the White House as related to foreign affairs, it certainly does not have the authority to make sure every private citizen, mobster, terrorist, Politburo member and Middle East tyrant sees top secret documents and policy discussions on the evening news.

#### **Footnotes...**

Now that the arms sales and diversion of funds to the freedom fighters have long since been old news, now that the freedom fighters have secured their rightful place at the top of Nicaragua's fledgling democracy, now that all of the hostages are home from Beirut, now that the Ayatollah is dead and buried and Walsh had succeeded in harassing the Reagan/Bush Administration out of Washington, the special counsel has released his report.

There is no new news in the report at all. Walsh does, however, launch more allegations about the involvement of officials including the Vice President which even he admits could not possibly stand up in court. In the words of Ronald Reagan, the report of the special counsel is "an encyclopedia of old information, unwarranted conclusions and irresponsible speculation."

Through the entire affair, from the planning stages to the final report of the special counsel, one man was there. Oliver North propped up the freedom fighters in Nicaragua when they most needed it. Oliver North won the freedom of a number of Americans held hostage while improving frigid relations with Iran and getting access to vital Israeli intelligence. Oliver North was then set up to take the fall for the President. He was convicted of a serious crime, only to have that conviction overthrown on appeal. North was nothing more than a soldier doing his duty.

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# Sex, Lies, and President Bill

Chris Weinkopf

In his explosive article, "Living With the Clintons," *American Spectator* investigative journalist David Brock writes:

"The reader should be warned that when the troopers are describing events they witnessed and quoting verbatim statements made in their presence, much of what they have to say is vulgar tabloid fare. This, however, reflects not on them, but on the behavior of the first couple."

Undoubtedly, Brock's report does reflect poorly on Bill and Hillary Clinton. Brock recollects the testimony of four Arkansas state troopers who served on the president's security detail during his gubernatorial days. The troopers tell stories of lies, threats, and abuses of power. They suggest that both Clintons engaged in extramarital affairs, all the way up until inauguration, and that Bill used taxpayer money to facilitate his trysts.

Given the severity of the troopers' charges, it is ironic that the national media have remained virtually silent on the issue. *The Los Angeles Times* sat on the story for months, publishing it only after the *Spectator* article drew national attention. The three television networks also tried to ignore the scandal, and covered the controversy only when it became clear that continuing to ignore it would deplete their audiences.

Even when the "mainstream" press did, however, begin treating what Rush Limbaugh has termed "Fornigate" as a major story, their liberal spin doctors were quick to come to the president's defense. *New York Times* columnist Frank Rich condemned Brock as a "smear artist with a right-wing agenda," consumed by "misogynist zeal." Lars-Erik Nelson of *Newsday* termed *The Spectator's* investigation "juvenile behavior." Eleanor Clift, Clinton mouthpiece for *Newsweek* magazine, warned of the Brock article's "menacing undertones."

The FOBs in the press, however, were unable to detract from the credibility of the troopers' testimony. Radio talk show host Mike Siegel of KVI in Seattle interviewed a

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fifth trooper who corroborated the recollection of the first four, and *The Los Angeles Times* has since reported that several others have confirmed the reports of infidelity as well. *The Times* also revealed that in 1989 Clinton once made eleven calls in one day to one of the women identified by the troopers as his mistress. White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum could only counter this allegation by asserting "This president calls a lot of people."

Recognizing the futility of undermining Brock's credibility, liberals have more recently tried to question his investigation's relevance. Democratic politicians, liberal media pundits, and White House officials answer the infidelity question by responding: "What bearing do the president's past

during the campaign, when 'bimbo eruption' number one, Gennifer Flowers, hit the newspapers. Clinton declared that the campaign was not based on "an issue of character, but an issue of competence." During the second 1992 presidential debate, a woman in the audience begged that the candidates focus on "the issues," not "irrelevant" questions of character, honesty, or trustworthiness. The politicians agreed, and George Bush consequently lost the debate by forfeiting his ace in the hole.

With each scandal that has rocked the Clinton administration, liberal pundits have been able to offer only one reply: character doesn't matter. Bill Clinton dodged the Vietnam draft and protested the war on foreign soil—youthful indiscretion. He smoked marijuana at Oxford and had a twelve-year affair with Gennifer Flowers—boys will be boys. Even Whitewater, in which impeachable federal offenses have been alleged, some liberals deny pertinence—it was ten years ago, who cares?

## The Double Standard

Curiously, the left does not lament the "irrelevance" of character when a conservative's integrity is called into question. During a 1992 Oval Office interview, Stone Philips of NBC News questioned George Bush about allegations of marital infidelity with Jennifer Fitzgerald. *Time* magazine granted Kitty Kelley covergirl status when she charged (after the Reagans had left the White House) that Nancy had had an affair with Frank Sinatra. Similarly, the media thrashed Dan Quayle upon discovering that he had dodged the draft, but excused Clinton for the same offense.

If liberals truly believed character to be a non-issue they would not be so intent on prosecuting Senator Bob Packwood for

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## FAMOUS PRESIDENTIAL QUOTATION



affairs have on his ability to govern?" 'A politician's sex life is his own business;' or 'JFK was a fine president, and everyone knows he slept around.'

This is the same strategy employed

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sexually harassing his staffers. The Senate would have easily confirmed John Tower's appointment to Secretary of Defense in 1992, despite allegations of womanizing. And liberals would rush to the defense of Clarence Thomas: 'it doesn't matter if he liked to pinch fannies,' they would tell us 'it's just a question of how well he interprets law.' But of course, whether liberals admit it or not, character does matter, and troopergate once again raises the question that voters foolishly ignored in 1992: is Bill Clinton morally fit for the presidency?

**Trust**

According to Brock, Clinton went to all ends to conceal his affairs from Hillary. The then-Governor would wait for his wife to fall asleep before borrowing one of the state trooper's cars so he could drive to a rendezvous point undetected. Clinton ordered security guards to lie to Hillary about his whereabouts when he was gallivanting about, and made them warn him if she arrived home while one of his mistresses was present. Once when fornicating in the driveway of the Governor's mansion, Clinton ordered the troopers to be on Hillary-alert.

With regard to his sex scandals, however, the president has lied to more than just Hillary. In January of 1992, when the Gennifer Flowers episode threatened to destroy the governor's nascent presidential campaign, the Clintons appeared on "60 Minutes" to assure the nation that although their marriage had experienced its share of difficulties, those problems were all in the past. This story is unlikely, as the troopers report that Clinton continued his affairs until he left for Washington in January of 1993. Moreover, on "60 Minutes" Bill flatly denied any affair with Gennifer Flowers—but the troopers indicate otherwise, they describe facilitating numerous encounters between the future president and the former topless dancer.

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lied about American policy on Haitian refugees, and he lied about gays in the military. In 1992 liberals told the American public that character does not matter, but the Clinton presidency has proved them wrong. In 1992, the American public had, but chose to ignore, plenty of evidence to suggest that Bill Clinton could not be trusted. Today those suspicions are confirmed. Don't bother reading this president's lips.

**Executive Arrogance**

The president's prurient lifestyle also came at the expense of the Arkansas taxpayers. The troopers that guarded Bill during his flings did so on the state time clock. He often conducted his trysts in state cars, or at least used the vehicles to get himself to and from rendezvous sites. According to some reports, numerous Clinton mistresses (including Flowers) were given state jobs in return for their cordial relations with the governor.

The president apparently abused his power again in trying to squelch the Brock article. After their first interview with Brock, three of the four troopers received phone calls from their former supervisor Raymond "Buddy" Young, who Clinton appointed to head a regional Federal Emergency Management Agency post last July. Young re-

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lectorship in return for his silence. Although Ferguson refuses to comment on the issue, he will neither confirm nor refute Perry's testimony, nor will he deny that he has been in regular contact with the White House since the outbreak of Brock's story. Doling out government jobs in return for personal favors is not only unethical, it is illegal. The implications of Clinton's sex scandals expand far beyond the simple questions of trust or morality. If Clinton is, in fact, guilty of the charges against him, he has violated a major federal statute. Moreover, how can Clinton speak honestly of "reinventing," or even trimming, government when he so blatantly uses taxpayer-sponsored perks for his own personal enjoyment? As a "new" Democrat, a harbinger of "change," Clinton was supposed to be beyond the old-boy politics of patronage and palm-greasing. Once again, the president falls short.

**Tip of the Iceberg**

Were it given due consideration, "Troopergate" would have all the trappings of a career-ending scandal. It would undermine the president's credibility, damage his image as a populist, and put his administration permanently on the defensive. The president's newest campaign ploy, the defense of family values, would be dismissed as the hypocritical words of a philanderer. More importantly, another controversy, one which has heretofore been entirely ignored, would put the final nail in this administration's coffin—the alleged affair between Hillary Clinton and White House legal counsel Vincent Foster, who committed suicide this past summer.

Bill and Hillary's wishful defense, that the issues of character and integrity are meaningless in public office and to the American people, is simply false. As the president continues to betray the public trust, Americans will take greater interest in his past. Even with the support of a sympathetic media, if Bill is unable to offer the voters a solid explanation, he will surely fail in his 1996 reelection bid.

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One trooper, Roger Perry, alleges that Clinton offered another, Danny Ferguson, a bribe to remain silent. Perry claims that Clinton, shortly before resigning as governor of Arkansas, promised Ferguson a US marshal's position or a regional FEMA di-

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## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

*Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved.*

—Mark Twain

*The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing—and then marry him.*

—Cher

*NAFTA's environmental provisions are a model for new international cooperation. Under them, no country in the agreement can lower its environmental standards—ever. And if a country doesn't go after its polluters, we will.*

—Mickey Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative

*The most happy marriage I can imagine to myself would be the union of a deaf man to a blind woman.*

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

*France is a country where the money falls apart and you can't tear the toilet paper.*

—Billy Wilder

*Great moments in Literature: In 1936, Ernest Hemingway, while trout fishing, caught a carp and decided not to write about it.*

—Guindon cartoon caption

*All writing is garbage.*

—French playwright Antonin Artaud

*When your IQ rises to 28, sell.*

—Professor Irwin Corey to a heckler

*In Mexico we have a word for sushi: bait.*

—José Simon

*If my film makes one more person miserable, I'll feel I've done my job.*

—Woody Allen

*Common sense is not so common.*

—Voltaire

*He without benefit of scruples,  
His fun and money soon quadruples.*

—Ogden Nash

*Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.*

—Unknown

*The trouble with heart disease is that the first symptom is often hard to deal with: sudden death.*

—Michael Phelps, M.D.

*The odds against there being a bomb on a plane are a million to one, and against two bombs a million times a million to one. Next time you fly, cut the odds and take a bomb.*

—Benny Hill

*A starlet is any woman under thirty not actively employed in a brothel.*

—Anonymous

*A communist is a person who publicly airs his dirty laundry.*

—Jack Pomeroy

*Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.*

—Plato

*Plato was a bore.*

—Friedrich Nietzsche

*Nietzsche was stupid and abnormal.*

—Leo Tolstoy

*Conservative, n. A statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from the liberal, who wishes to replace them with others*

—Ambrose Bierce

*To force a man to pay for something he doesn't want because you think it would be good for him is the greatest form of tyranny.*

—Robert Heinlein

*If government were a product, selling it would be illegal. Government is a health hazard. Governments have killed many more people than cigarettes or unbuckled seatbelts ever have. Government contains impure ingredients—as anyone who's looked at Congress can tell you. On the basis of Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign promises, I think we can say that government practices deceptive advertising. And the merest glance at the federal budget is enough to convict the government of perjury, extortion, and fraud... term limits aren't enough, we need jail.*

—P.J. O'Rourke

*Well, I haven't said how I'm going to vote [on the Clinton budget] but the little "R" next to my name should give you some hint.*

—Rep. John Kasich (R-OH)

*I can't go out and save every undercapitalized entrepreneur in America.*

—Hillary Clinton, responding to a question on easing the burden of health care reform on small businesses.

*The real mistake [Bush] made was the "read my lips" promise in the first place. You just can't promise something like that just to get elected if you know there's a good chance that circumstances may overtake you.*

—Candidate Clinton, Last presidential debate, October, 1992

*There are two kinds of pedestrians, the quick and the dead.*

—Anonymous

*If it were not for the government, we would have nothing to laugh at in France.*

—Sébastien Chamfort

*Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.*

—C.G. Jung

*The thought of being president frightens me and I do not think I want the job.*

—Ronald Reagan in 1973

*If you begin by saying "thou shalt not lie," there is no longer any possibility of political action.*

—Jean-Paul Sartre

*The man with the best job in the country is the Vice President. All he has to do is get up every morning and say, "How's the president?"*

—Will Rogers

*The vice-presidency ain't worth a pitcher of warm piss.*

—Vice President (under F.D.R.) John Nance Garner, before nomination

*I always turn to the sports pages first, which record people's accomplishments. The front page has nothing but man's failures.*

—Chief Justice Earl Warren