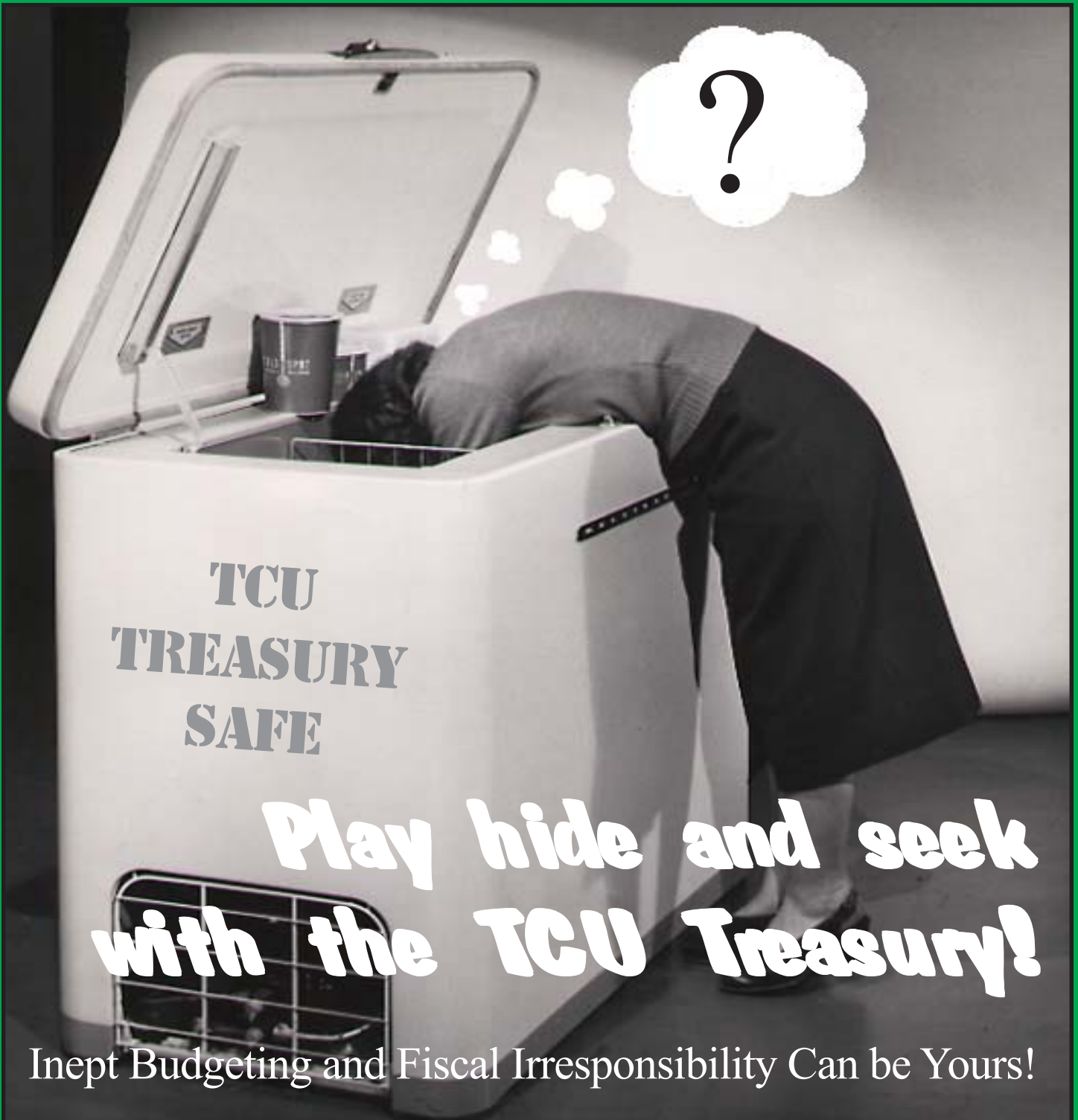


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29th and Falling

From the minute students returned to the Walnut Hill campus, there has been a public outcry, a demand for knowledge. However, this comes not in the form of increased course enrollment, or longer weekends at the library. The question on the minds of all Jumbos it seems, is “what are we doing ranked a paltry 29th?” Indeed, every student enrolled at Tufts seems to feel that he is deserving of a lengthy and illuminating explanation from the administration. However, until that time when a formal response is proffered, finger-pointing shall remain the Tufsonian reaction of choice.

Perhaps a public admission of our *US News*-gauged inferiority will help to ease some of the tensions on campus. Even as students pass each other on the walkways of Tufts, (not that pedestrian relations were overly friendly before) they affix each other with a glare which seems to suggest that perhaps the other person could be the one responsible for the drop in rank.

However, it is naïve of us to assume that the blame may be assigned to one person or group, or even to a single event of the past year. It is doubtful that a performance by Run DMC at last year’s Fall-Fest would have improved our academic reputation, nor would a quicker approval of a Womens’ Studies major have skyrocketed us to the forefront of collegiate competition. To the contrary, it seems that the more concerted an effort Tufts makes to keep up with our “benchmark” schools, the further we slip behind. Efforts like the *Higher Education Initiative* and the *Task Force on Race*, touted as huge campus developments, produce pages of vague recommendations and ambiguous assessments. These serve no purpose other than to add new acronyms to Tufts’ alphabet soup and padding to various résumés. Taking the educational road-less-traveled may work at schools such as Brown or Oberlin, but not at Tufts, where every second (and dollar) counts.

As the search for a scapegoat continues, many students (and administrators) fault *US News* itself for such harsh treatment. They complain that college rankings are entirely arbitrary, and that academic

reputation is weighted too heavily in the assignment of position. However, the *US News* rankings are accurate to a certain extent, because they capture how Tufts is handicapped by a lack of publicity and clever marketing. It is unconscionable that deans of other academic institutions have never heard of Tufts—a situation that the administration must work to remedy. If Tufts is to ever become an academic powerhouse, it must begin to show that type of attitude in the public arena. True, Tufts may not pack the same athletic punch as some other well-respected schools, but that does not mean it can’t find it’s own niche in the University market.

This optimism considered, there are many aspects of life at Tufts that could stand some improvement. Student services is one area in which we lag far behind our competitors. Amenities such as on-line registration, free local phone service, flexible meal plans and adequate housing facilities are *de rigueur* at other schools, but have yet to find their way onto the Tufts campus. Certain small improvements may require minimal effort on the part of the administration, but would make a large difference in the quality of student life.

No parking garage, convocation center, classroom or meal plan will really get at the heart of Tufts’ troubles—the nagging doubt that we in fact *deserve* that number 29 ranking. On a campus where many students had their hearts set on the ivy league, it is disappointing to watch one’s alma mater sink quietly into academic oblivion. However, the solution to this disenchantment does not lie in the transfer application on the corner of one’s desk, nor with the knowledge that in another 4 years, or even a few months, commencement will bring an end to one’s tenure as a Jumbo. Instead, apply pressure to an administration who should be doing more for its customers. In this case, one need not wait for an explanation to understand the nature of the problem.




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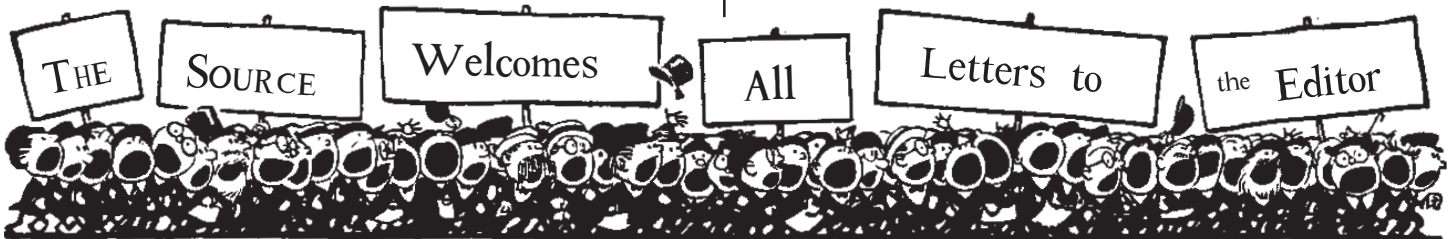
Hi there. I wrote to the Source a few times last year and came to the spring fling party. I am a big fan of your publication. I was disappointed, however, to see several incorrect uses of the apostrophe (as well as a typo) in your first issue. I have always loved the Source's elitism when writing about other publications on campus ("sic" is my favorite word). I would hate for the Source to lose that snobbishness over something as stupid as an apostrophe. Just remember that it is only used as a possessive, not to turn singular words into plurals. The exception to the possessive rule is "its," which is possessive, as opposed to "it's" which is the contraction of "it" and "is." I would be happy to come to meetings and serve as a copy editor, if you require one.

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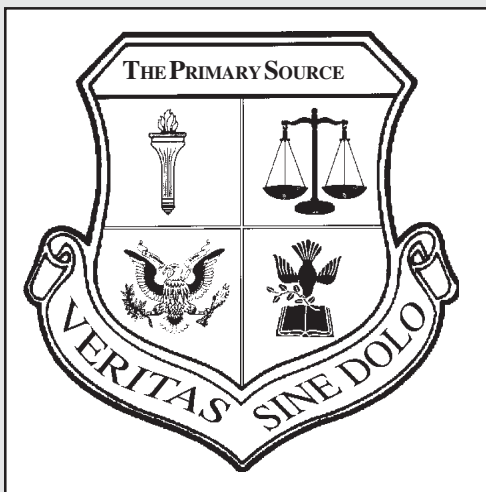
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Commentary

Bull Market, Bullish Attitudes

Last spring, 180 students signed up to take "Understanding the Stock Market: History, Structure, and Impact", a course offered by the Experimental College. The chosen few were selected not by number of years at Tufts but by an essay-writing contest, in which they had to enumerate their reasons for wishing to take the course. Just over 25 students were chosen to take the class. THE PRIMARY SOURCE chastised the administration for not providing adequate academic opportunity to the 155 students who were left by the wayside. This year, the same class is being offered, and 160 students requested one of the twenty-six available seats. Again, the administration ignored the desires of the student body. Instead of offering another section of the class, or moving to a larger room, the Ex College adamantly refuses to make the course available to the many students who wish to enroll.

The current American economy provides record breaking Dow Jones Industrial Averages on an almost monthly basis. It is imperative that students are provided with means to discover and explore the intricacies, history, and day-to-day operations of capitalism's Mecca. Tufts students understand this need for this knowledge. Even when offered on a Thursday evening, the campus' lone class on investing easily fills most lecture halls. However, the administration has failed once again to fill this academic vacancy.

As Social Security becomes more socialized and less secure, students will have to exercise a higher level of personal responsibility in saving for their future and retirement. A class providing students with the necessary guidance in investing is crucial to the future of the members of the Tufts community. For a school whose students are "connected to the future," Tufts seems to enjoy cutting them off from important information.

Romancing the Phone

Tufts students are used to being nickel-and-dimed at every opportunity, but there is one of Tufts Connect/Campuslink policy that truly stands head and shoulders above every other outrageous charge levied upon dormitory residents.

It's no big secret that Campuslink's rates on telephone and cable are nowhere near competitive (and, since they have a monopoly over Tufts students, why should they be?), but that's not the problem... at least, not entirely. The actual offense is far more sinister, as Campuslink has the audacity to charge students for a service that should be entirely free; that is, on-campus phone calls.

By the front door of almost every Tufts building sits an ugly, azure-illuminated metal box, at which students can place as many campus phone calls as they want, for free. A similar connection to the campus phone service is already permanently installed in each room; calling dorm room to dorm room should be as easy as picking up the phone and dialing. But this is not the case; rather, Campuslink demands \$300 to provide eight months of a service that costs the company nothing. Students do not even have the option of purchasing only the campus phone package. The only available option is to buy full phone service, which comes complete with the opportunity to overpay for local and long-distance calls.

This is no less than an outrage. First of all, in a day and age where students are automatically assigned e-mail addresses and network service, it should be obvious that phone service, especially to the rest of the university buildings, is a necessity and not a luxury. Students need to be able to send and receive phone calls on a day-to-day basis, especially if they are involved in extracurricular activities and clubs.

Furthermore, if another student wants to visit you in your dormitory, he must phone you from one of the aforementioned metal boxes, since there is no other legal way for him to enter the building. If you have no campus phone service, you become impossible to reach from the front stoop. Yes, the extra services provided by Campuslink, like off-campus dialing and call answering services, should have an appropriate surcharge attached. Students can determine for themselves whether these services are necessary. But campus phone dialing alone does not cost \$300 per year. If Campuslink feels that they need to charge for this service, they should bring its cost back down to reality.



Burning Times

In the last two weeks, Washington has revealed that incendiary devices were used to help burn down the Branch Davidian Compound at Waco, Texas. The 1993 blaze killed many of the cultists in the compound, and raised questions about the methods used to thwart dangerous religious factions. While *THE PRIMARY SOURCE* is no friend of warped minds such as David Koresh and his misguided followers, this revelation is yet another sad chapter in the inept and often disgraceful tenure of Janet Reno as Attorney General.

One must recognize that it was highly likely that the Waco standoff would end in tragedy. There was virtually no method of avoiding the deaths of the Branch Davidians or the ATF agents trying to put a stop their activities, which included the stockpiling of drugs, guns and the molestation of children. Nonetheless, Reno and the Feds ensured that the stand-off would end in disaster by introducing more weapons.

While the decision to set the compound ablaze six years ago was bad enough, the most shameful part of this episode in American history is the cover-up that followed and has been perpetrated until the present. However, given the current administration (one ranking among the debacles of Grant, Harding, and Nixon in terms of lawbreaking, deception, and general disrespect for the presidency) one cannot be surprised by such behavior.

Ultimately, this most recent, and hopefully final bit of Waco evidence is just one more piece of rubbish to add to the growing Reno (and Clinton) trash heap. While the chances of impeachment are virtually zero, Clinton and his cohorts should realize now that history will look far from favorably upon them and their actions.

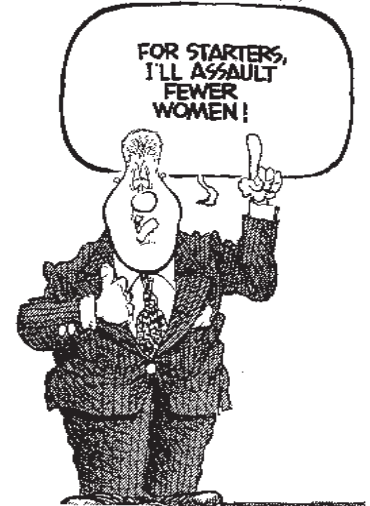
Larry's First Mistake

Why should this year in TCU government be different from any other? President Larry Harris, in his first week on campus, announced plans to employ a cabinet for the TCU Senate. The idea of having students as cabinet members in and of itself is a foolish idea. Firstly, it is arrogant on Mr. Harris' part to believe that he has enough to accomplish to warrant the creation of a cabinet. Secondly, all the cabinet will do is create more bureaucracy. The Senate already has a myriad of problems, and more representatives would only lead to an increased amount of finger-pointing and decreased accountability. The last thing the senate needs is more people with heightened senses of self-importance to accomplish nothing and give foolish, self-aggrandizing quotes to the *Daily*.

More important than the reasons that a cabinet would ultimately fall by the wayside, Larry ardently opposed the formation of a cabinet in last year's TCU presidential campaign. *THE SOURCE* asked Mr. Harris at last year's presidential debate whether or not he would plan to use such a cabinet. His answer: no. If Larry does



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proceed, and employ a cabinet, he will be renegeing on a campaign promise. Members of the TCU get only one chance to evaluate a Presidential candidate. And when a candidate says he will or will not do something, he must be held to that answer. Otherwise there can be no accountability in a TCU President. Larry claims that this summer he "re-evaluated" the cabinet idea, and come to the conclusion that one would indeed be useful. The summer was a most convenient time to re-evaluate, considering that Mr. Harris could count on the cabinet issue being obscured by the larger TCU budget disaster come fall.

All News is Good News

The United States and North Korea have just finished a series of talks aimed at easing tensions between North and South Korea. The talks ended without any real solutions emerging, but with a decision to continue negotiations on the subject. Of course, the Clinton foreign policy team is hailing this latest spinning of diplomatic wheels as something of a success.

This administration has always been quick to tout foreign policy disasters as victories. The failed Kosovo operation just last year was portrayed as a success by the administration, when in reality the military engagement failed to accomplish its primary objective. The United States and its allies did manage to bomb Serbia into submission. However, by the time the Serbs began waving the white flag, thousands upon thousands of Kosovars had been tortured, raped, and slaughtered. Many more were forced to flee their homes, which were subsequently destroyed. In spite of the fact that we failed to rescue the people who we were supposedly trying to save, the Clinton administration hailed the operation as a success.

At present, there exists a growing crisis in East Timor, with thousands being killed and brutalized in a situation that is not so unlike Kosovo in nature. Will the United States and the United Nations send in peacekeepers who will actually stop the killing, or will the violence continue, and an ineffectual Clinton administration claim, once again, success where failure has been the reality?

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Several students in Jasper, Alabama were suspended for refusing to wear vests, khaki pants and dress shirts as part of their high school uniforms. One student said it was bad enough there was a gap in their public school education—it didn't have to be in their clothes, too.

PS The administration and faculty at Marlboro College, a tiny school in rural Vermont, are debating whether or not to equip dorms with television signals in order to keep students abreast of current events. Said one senior, "Television on this campus is long overdue. How else will we find out the verdict in the OJ trial?."

PS A Minneapolis ice cream maker is selling a 3.6% alcoholic ice cream called *Blends*, featuring flavors such as grasshopper and pink squirrel. The frozen concoction will cost \$3.95 for a half gallon and will be marketed to fat drunks.

PS In related news, Senator Ted Kennedy suggested on the Senate floor the addition of several ice-cream breaks during the congressional day, as well as the chance to peddle *his* pink squirrel.

PS Top Eleven Reasons the Budget Surplus is so Damn Low

11. Larry Harris' scalp electrolysis isn't free, you know
10. Expenses incurred shoveling the mounds of Senate bulls—t off the patio
9. The blockbuster movies of the 16MM Conspiracy
8. The blockbuster ego of the 16MM Conspiracy
7. You whiny sophomores with your bathroom soap and towels
6. Capri pants, size XXL for sorority club nights
5. "Boob Inspector" business cards for the Senate
4. Cleaning service for AEPi basement
3. Continued Josh Goldenberg embezzlement
2. Hand lotion for TMAV
1. Greedy bastards at THE SOURCE adding items to their Top Ten lists

PS Most California residents are in support of a bill that will require a road test for all drivers over 75. The drivers must supply the car; however, the DMV will supply the hemorrhoid donuts.

PS The University of Alaska Anchorage will pay more than \$1million to one student who was injured after falling 1,000 feet during a mountaineering class. In a similar suit, an unnamed Tufts student is suing the university for wrist injuries sustained while completing an assignment in his Ex-College porn class.

PS Rumors continue that reclusive rocker Axl Rose is hard at work—well, at work—recording the first Guns 'N Roses album since the Bush Administration. Rose later admitted he didn't have time to make new music since being a racist, beating up women and going to jail took longer than anticipated.

PS Billionaire tool Donald Trump recently defeated ex-wife Ivana for the rights to his famous nickname, "The Donald." Ivana, however, will retain all rights to "The Gold-Digging Bitch."

PS Some Southern California residents are being permitted to trap coyotes that prey upon area pets. Dropping anvils on their heads after they've stunned themselves with a stick of ACME Roadrunner Dynamite usually does the job.

PS Eighth District Congressman and former mayor of Somerville Mike "John DiBiaggio should be taken out and shot" Capuano placed a "Happy Tenth" ad in the anniversary issue of Somerville's own *Editorial Humor*. We hate to nitpick, but shouldn't the humor paper be thanking *him*?

PS A Connecticut man's discrimination suit, in which he claimed that his high IQ got him barred from the New London Police Department, was recently dismissed from federal court. A spokesman for the NLPD stated that Jordan's intelligence might keep him from his duties: eating donuts and randomly shooting minorities.

PS Femme fat-ale and talk-show queen Oprah Winfrey still refuses to go on David Letterman's show after the obesity jokes he made about her five years ago. Dave apologized, but said he would never have made the jokes if she didn't have such a big, flabby ass.

PS Top Ten Answers to Freshman Questions

10. "Actually, we were 25th until *you* got here."
9. "Night spots? My Carmichael single, baby. Whaddya say?"
8. "I really don't know who rubbed it. Just put on lots of mayo."
7. "You're sure to be elected if you talk about what you did on your student council!"
6. "Don't bother with the readings... they don't check it, right?"
5. "Of course your English 1 teacher will be impressed if you tell him you write for THE PRIMARY SOURCE!"
4. "No, it's non-alcoholic. Let me get you another."
3. "Of course you were accepted based on your qualifications!"
2. "Oh yeah, *tons* of chicks go to Strategic Gaming Society meetings."
1. "Hazing? That would be illegal."

PS An eighth-grader in Richmond, Virginia was sent home from her first day of school after school administrators noticed that her hair was dyed pink. What's more, the hair on her *head* was dyed purple.

PS Last week, Darryl Strawberry made his triumphant return to the New York Yankees. After hitting a 415-foot homer, the Strawman was asked how difficult it was readjusting to Major League pitching. Said Darryl, "It's a hell of a lot easier than buying good blow and finding a ho who looks good in thigh-high boots."

PS In other NY sports news, Theresa Weatherspoon of the WNBA Liberty hit one of pro-basketball's most exciting shots with a half-court buzzer-beater to win a game in the finals against Houston. The crowd went wild, until they realized they were watching women play basketball.

PS GOP presidential candidate and Saigon-flashback king John McCain had the dubious honor of hosting a recent party with significantly more Democrats in attendance than Republicans. It was even more embarrassing when McCain lost it and "did the whole village."

PS Hot-hitting shortstop and baseball beefcake Derek Jeter was recently named one of the Best Dressed of 1999. Apparently, wearing Mariah Carey under your pinstripes is "in" this year.

PS Michigan sugar processors are scrambling to hire thousands of seasonal workers to harvest the bumper sugar beet crop projected for this fall. Womyn's Studies majors take note.

PS Young tennis star Martina Hingis beat Venus Williams, preventing her from facing her sister Serena in an all-Williams U.S. Open Final. Since the thrill seeing of two sisters against each other was no more, the only people watching the Final were fans of women's tennis and guys who like sweaty seventeen-year-old girls in short skirts.

PS The younger Williams went on to win the final, prompting a congratulatory phone call from sodomaniac-in-chief, Bill Clinton. When asked to explain his phone statements, Clinton asserted that by "Sweet Chocolate Lovin'," he only meant he was a big Godiva fan.

PS Attorney General and Wookiee stunt-double Janet Reno admitted recently that incendiary devices were used during the Branch Davidian Siege at Waco, Texas some six years ago. Reno went on to say, "Is this really that big a deal? I mean, that was nothing compared to covering up Vince Foster's murder."

☞ Don't forget to flush: After nine paragraphs of humorless **toilet humor**, anally-fixated *Observer* editor **Zach Bromer** asks "How many nasty bodily functions and awkward social moments do you really want to read?" None. Thought you were **housebroken**, Zachy Spice, but you defecated in the editor's corner... In other news from the large intestine, Tufts' websurfers can now visit the school's first online humor paper, a *Zamboni* in cyberspace. Of course, like its hard-copy counterpart, **Jumbo Dung** just plain stinks... Tufts slides down the tubes to number 29 in the nation, yet male Tuftonians are too busy checking out the **great-looking class of freshman girls** to realize their diplomas will be printed on toilet paper.

☞ According to concert site *Pollstar.com*, rocker David Garza will open at Fall-Fest '99. All sixteen people who saw him at last year's **Fastball concert** are expected to attend... Hodgdon changes its format to **shrink-wrapped sandwiches** and *Daily* editors whine in a *Viewpoint*. Apparently the new format makes it difficult for them to steal food for the **web designers** sleeping in their office.

☞ Meanwhile, *Observer* editors are still trying to get the taste of **plastic wrap** out of their mouths.

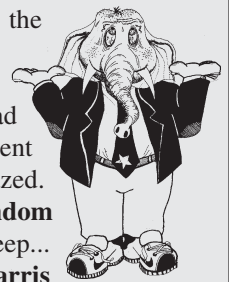
☞ Apparently one of them swallowed: In her *Observer* editorial, Catherine Davis asks Jumbos to define our generation and then writes a whole column while saying nothing, answering her own question... Quoth **Confused Cathy**, "A look towards another generation can quickly produce stereotypes that those eager for a definition rush to develop into identifications." We couldn't have said it any better... While they gleefully bagged on the *Daily* in a front-page article, **spell-checker-fearing** *Observer* writers were too busy to notice the word "**BOOKS**" on their first ever Bookmarks Page... We assume *Observer* literacy is hidden under

the same pile of crumpled shrink-wrap as the missing **\$300,000 budget surplus**.

☞ **Over-privileged Man-JAPs** at AEPi had their frat activities suspended when a parent called and complained that her child was hazed. Perhaps the young pledge didn't have a **condom** on him when the brothers brought in the sheep... Reverse Racism R' Us: TCU Prez **Larry Harris** observed at the Orientation a crap-pella show that white a cappella singers can't bounce to the rhythm as well as their black counterparts. Yeah Larry, but you should see how we all **daven** in rhythm on Rosh Hashanah... Harris also mentioned he was a closet **Backstreet Boys** fan. Here's hoping **Fall-Fest** gets cancelled again... A TUTV ad in Curtis Hall promotes the return of "**On Campus Live**," and describes televised debate between THE SOURCE and the **Tufts Socialists**. This would make an interesting show, but TUTV never got our permission, and no one watches that channel anyway... Another gaffe in the "On Campus Live" debate schedule: **TMAV versus TFA**. Seems like the schedulers sat too close to the TV—TMAV is part of the **Feminist Alliance**... Anyway, we won't tune in because we're too busy watching reruns of "**Crocodile Hunter**" on Animal Planet.

☞ McDonalds better than McPrison: Commie flyers around campus says "Defeat U.S. imperialism through **workers (sic) revolution!**" No breadlines for U.S. workers—they prefer to wait on line for **Sega Dreamcast**... Copies of the *Workers Vanguard* sold by hungry leftists outside Dewick, for the umpteenth year in a row, still cost an **oh-so-bourgeois** fifty cents. Buy the paper, call the PRIMARY SOURCE, and if you can name the winner of the **Cold War**, we'll refund your two quarters.

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



Our Economics major provides an explanation for the dwindling senate surplus

Doing the Math

by Dan Lewis

One million, sixty-four thousand, four hundred ninety-five dollars. And forty-nine cents.

That's how much money was allotted to Tufts Community Union (TCU) organizations in fiscal year 1998 (fall 1997 to spring 1998), according to a *Viewpoint* by Larry Harris (*In Defense of the Patio*, Fall '98).

There are about 4,800 students at Tufts, rounding up to be safe. That is approximately \$221.77 per student.

In 1998-99, the Student Activities fee was only \$172 per student. It would seem that the Sen-

ate allotted \$40 per student above and beyond their projected income. That forty dollars per student—amassing a grand total nearing \$192,000—had to come from somewhere. Most likely, it came from the surplus.

In the same *Viewpoint*, Harris states that in fiscal year 1998, \$119,453.38 of the allotted money went unspent, adding to the already large surplus. Notice a mistake? You should. The 1997-98 Treasury, under Josh Goldenberg, budgeted almost \$192,000 dollars from the surplus, gained back only another one hundred twenty thousand dollars, and then claimed that we had a net gain. Then, the Senate spent another \$100,000 on the Campus Center patio. The surplus took a \$170,000 hit, but the Senate claimed that the surplus had actually grown. Oops.

This comedy of errors continues. Re-reading that same *Viewpoint*, we'll see that Harris claimed that the surplus, as of last

year, was \$302,469. Harris would employ revisionist history in last week's Observer article (*Senate Surplus Now Stands at \$90,000*, Fall '99), claiming to have "inherited a surplus of \$250,000". Draw your own conclusion as to which Larry Harris admission is the truth. Either way, that's a whole lot more than the \$90,000 we have now, and

the closer to \$130,000 that we probably had.

Now we see what really happened. The Senate spent the surplus on student organizations, as they should have. Through buffer funding, capital expenditures, specific surplus spending requests, and possi-

bly liberal budgeting, our surplus disappeared. The cupboard is left only with the \$90,000 of unspent funds from last year.

The question remains, how will this effect us this year? If we assume that the 1999 TCU as a whole was allotted slightly over the amount in 1998, then about \$1.1 million floated around in different organizations.

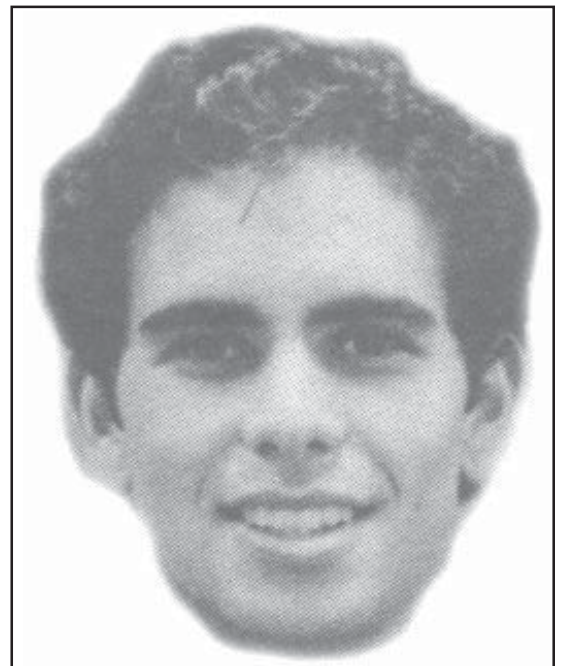
According to the Treasury, over ninety percent of that amount was consumed, leaving us our now \$90,000 surplus. Subtraction skills enable us to determine that the TCU spent about \$1 million last year.

This year, we have a slightly higher Student Activities fee (\$179). Again, we have about 4,800 students. That comes to a total of about \$860,000. Add in the \$90k in the surplus, and we have \$50k less than we spent last year. Assistant TCU Treasurer Michelle Shelton claims that "[t]here will not be a serious

[budget] crunch" and that this issue is not serious. "It's not like anyone fainted or anything," stated the sophomore. Indeed, she, Harris and Treasurer Ben Azoff have a plan.

The Treasury Triumvirate will attempt to set future budgets based on the funds yielded by the Student Activity Fee. This should seem obvious. If you have a set amount of income, it is generally a poor idea to allocate out more than that. It took the Senate two years to realize this central budgeting tennet, and in doing so, they have caused themselves a large problem. As any group signatory from years past has learned, every new year brings new ideas, and every new idea requires more money. When we had a surplus, the Senate could fund most student organizations and projects to the fullest extent. Now that it is gone, many organizations will be unable to bring new ideas and programs to fruition.

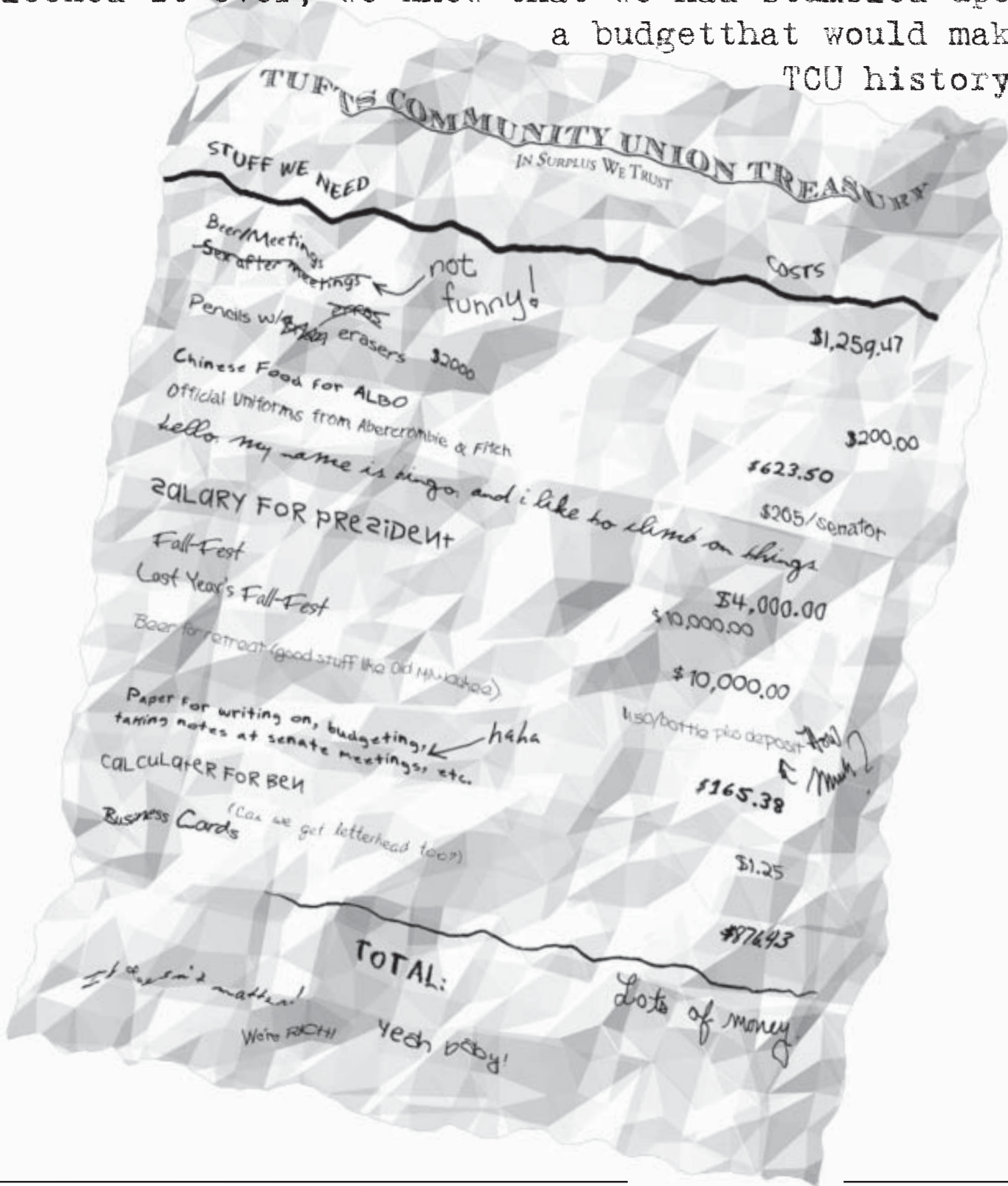
When we entered the 1998-1999 school year, the TCU budget comprised of about \$820,000 from the Student Activities Fee, plus another \$250-\$300 thousand in surplus funds that Harris claimed to have inherited, depending on when you ask him. Ninety thousand of that over one million dollars went unused, meaning that we spent more last year than this year's Student Activities fee will bring in. The Senate claims that this is no big deal. Hopefully, come budgeting time this February, no one will faint. □



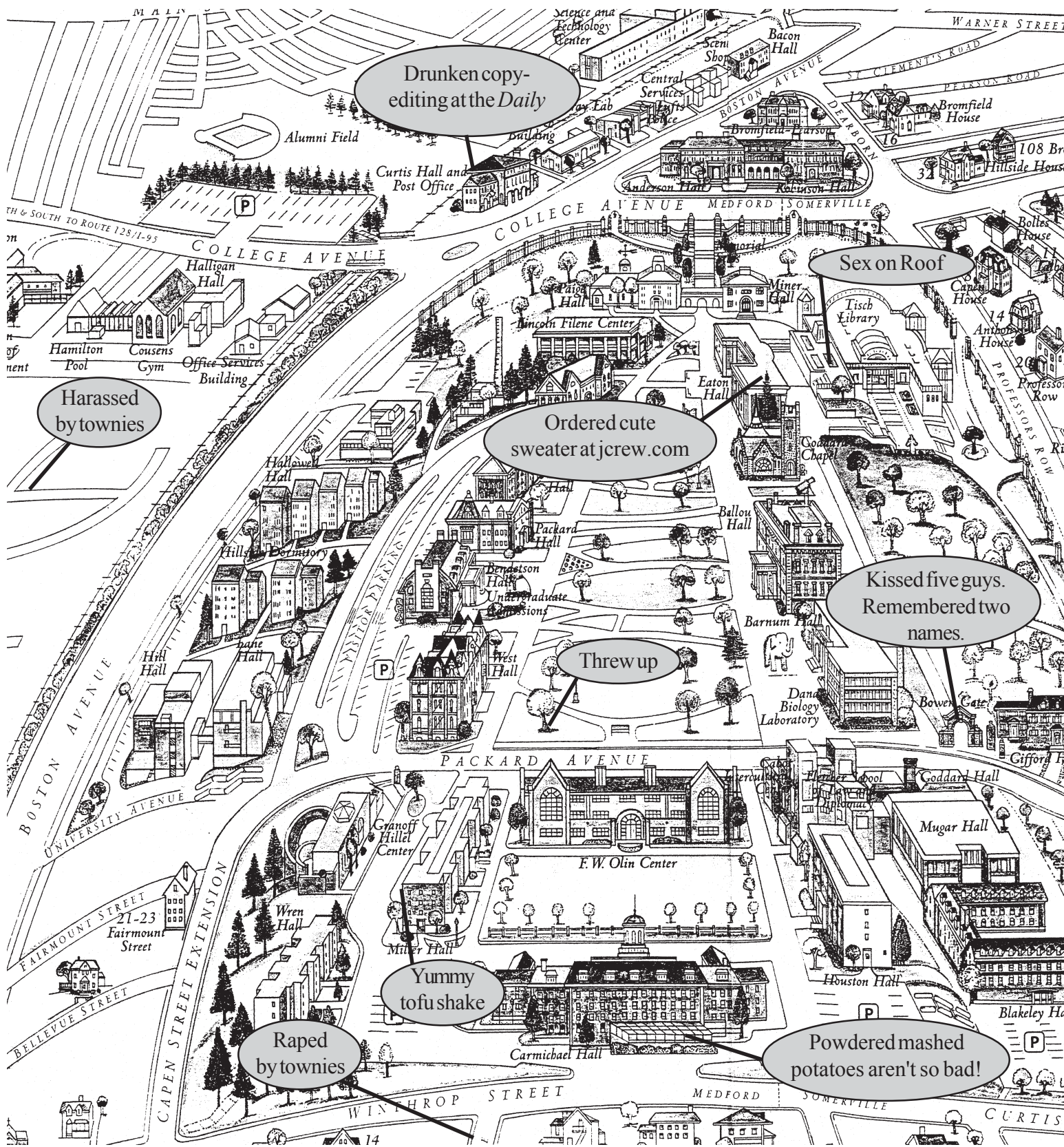
What other miscalculations are there in the TCU budget? Only this man knows for sure.

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It was just another routine sting operation in the Senate office...until we found a small piece of paper, crumpled under the photocopier. As we looked it over, we knew that we had stumbled upon a budget that would make TCU history.



Tufts University:



Drunken copy-editing at the Daily

Sex on Roof

Harassed by townies

Ordered cute sweater at jcrew.com

Kissed five guys. Remembered two names.

Threw up

Raped by townies

Yummy tofu shake

Powdered mashed potatoes aren't so bad!



Sensitivity Training

We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE would like to let all first-year students know that, yes, we understand your predicament. Tufts University is a far more diverse place than your hometown, and being a sensitive person, you wouldn't want to accidentally offend any of your newfound acquaintances by using words that, although you may have grown up with them, are potentially volatile. With that in mind, the SOURCE would like to present this helpful guide to Words You Can't Use Anymore. You can thank us later.



Word You Can't Use Anymore: Black
Who Still Gets To Use It: Blacks
Preferred Substitute: African-American
Example: "Would you please write your answer on the African-Americanboard?"



Word You Can't Use Anymore: Gay
Who Still Gets To Use It: Queers
Preferred Substitute: Homosexual
Example: "Don we now our homosexual apparel, fa la la, la la la, la la la."



Word You Can't Use Anymore: Indian
Who Still Gets To Use It: Sports teams; people from Cleveland
Preferred Substitute: Native American
Example: "It's the bottom of the seventh and the Yankees are just clobbering the Native Americans!"



Word You Can't Use Anymore: Chick
Who Still Gets To Use It: Beavis; Butt-head
Preferred Substitute: Womyn
Example: "And after the mother hen incubates the eggs, the baby womyn hatch."



Word You Can't Use Anymore: Oriental
Who Still Gets To Use It: Orientals
Preferred Substitute: Asian
Example: "How was your Freshman Ori...uh... Asian-tation?"



Word You Can't Use Anymore: White
Who Still Gets To Use It: Damn near everybody, apparently
Preferred Substitute: Disappointment
Example: "We understand your disappointment, however, we are unable to extend an offer of admission at this time."

Fortunately for some peace-loving Jumbos, the First Amendment also protects really stupid speech

Free Speech for the Dumb

by Joshua Martino

As gladiators in Tufts' political arena, a few students who have had the courage to hang a poster, attend a protest, or write an article or editorial can be accused of taking politics lightly. In general, both liberal and conservative Tuftonians are quick to stand up for what they believe in. Yet, as illustrated by the following, there are still a few Jumbos whose asinine politics make even the most ardent free speech advocates cringe.

Last spring, while a fiercely debated war raged in the former Republic of Yugoslavia, many students at Tufts made their feelings known about the NATO bombing campaign in Kosovo. Amidst the peace demonstrations and anti-Milosevic rallies, signs appeared on buildings and bulletin boards around campus advocating both sides of the issue. While I expected that this global debate would provoke a lively on-campus dialogue, there was one sign in particular that I found shocking:

GODISCRYING...

Show Your Love

Stop NATO Nazi Bombing

Save Innocent Lives

-Tufts Students for Peace and Humanity

I have seen some nonsensical posters hung around campus, but this flyer is possibly the most ridiculous political plea that I have ever seen. My critique of the poster has nothing to do with the anti-NATO assertion of its creators; these students are entitled to their opinion. My reproach lies in the thoroughly insulting tone of this sign and the childish mockery of the loss of millions of lives. Since a tentative peace has been reached in Kosovo, I feel that now is the proper time to lambaste the Tufts Students for Peace and Humanity.

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Line by line, this brief sign can be dissected and its ignorance laid bare. As a child, when I did not finish my vegetables at dinner at my grandmother's house, she would say to me, "God cries when you waste food." Just as my grandmother used guilt to make me eat broccoli, the makers of this anti-NATO sign try to cajole the Sunday school kid in all of us. Perhaps, as this first line leads me to believe, through Tufts Connect, the Students for Peace and Humanity have email access to Heaven and, through divine correspondence, they are very aware that God is sobbing over the NATO bombing. Maybe these reverent Jumbos are so tight with the Lord that they are assured that He cries only for lives lost to NATO bombs. More likely, these students are employing guilt, the lowest form of political appeal. The lesson to be taken from this foolish statement is to beware of any political campaign that claims to have God on its side. When piety enters politics, an alternate opinion becomes heresy.

A question for the Students for Peace and Humanity: to whom or what should I 'show my love'? Should I profess my affection for ethnic cleansing? The second line of this poster is completely vague. After struggling to descend to the intellectual level of this sign, my only conclusion is that the poster's creators propose that the war in Kosovo occurred due to a lack of love. If only Milosevic and NATO leaders could agree to hug each other! World peace through cuddling—another great leap in international relations from Tufts peace-mongers.

The third statement on this sign is an outrage. After the two previous feeble and tactless declarations, this line transforms the poster from benign idiocy to venomous propaganda. Realizing that their earlier arguments are without substance, the Students for Peace and Humanity have pulled from their deck the Ultimate Victim Wildcard. Nazism to many is not only German National Socialism, but also represents absolute evil in political regimes. Nazis are universally loathed; therefore their opponents can only represent justice. By comparing NATO to the Third Reich, the creators of this sign have, in effect, announced that there is no viable opposition to their viewpoint. This is to the same effect as claiming God supports your political agenda.

Like sugar on tasteless cereal, the Students for Peace and Justice used the signifier "Nazi" to sweeten their bland hypothesis. In doing so, they weaken the historical significance of the Third Reich. By repeating the



Is this man a NATO Nazi?

word Nazi in unrelated context, we trivialize the evil of Hitler and his followers. Instead of describing a government responsible for 12 million deaths, “Nazi” becomes a word describing anything disagreeable. By vividly remembering in schools, film, and literature the horror of the Holocaust and World War II, we prevent such wickedness from ever happening again in our lifetime.

In their final plea to save innocent lives, the Students for Peace and Humanity come closest to the reality of their cause. Indeed the NATO bombing killed many Serb civilians, presumably several that did not support Milosevic. From NATO planes, so-called “smart bombs” still managed to destroy homes and hospitals. Here is this sign’s strongest point, yet this statement rests beneath three lines of ignorant drivel. The placement of this plea makes me wonder whether the safety of civilians, prevention of warfare, and an accurate understanding of history are truly the priorities of these students.

The Tufts Students for Peace and Humanity covered our walls and windows with a divisive poster campaign consisting of name-calling and self-righteousness. Yet, most of us do not know whom we have to thank for this crash course in petty politics. I am not sure if this club is a group of students or one Jumbo with access to a copier to duplicate his or her manifesto. At press time, the Office of Student Activities had no knowledge of this organization, for the group was not signed up to participate in the Student Activities Fair. I hope that someone from Tufts Students for Peace and Humanity reads this piece and responds to my critique of their campaign. I would like to know very much why their juvenile signs deserve to be hung on our campus of renowned political awareness and excellence in international relations. □



*Orientation at Tufts is replete with agenda
when left in the wrong hands*

Freshman Indoctrination

by Craig Waldman

In order to be the leader of an Explorations or Perspectives group, one needs to spend the week prior to orientation in numerous training sessions. The training was tolerable, and for once, even I couldn’t find fault with the programming. However, no sooner did freshmen arrive and the myriad of orientation panels begin that I became enraged. Tufts is home to many great people, although you would never know by those chosen to sit on orientation panels. It seems as if administrators could care less about what is said to freshmen once they arrive and have invested in a Tufts education. As a member of the campus community, I was understandably angered by the content of training and orientation. What follows are but a few examples of orientation outrages.

During leader training, Peggy Barrett, Director of the Women’s Center addressed Explorations and Perspectives leaders regarding rape and sexual assault. Ms. Barrett passed out different scenarios for groups to discuss amongst themselves. The scenario I received revolved around two gay men, Sam and Mike. The story went as follows: Sam goes out one night and is picked up by Mike. Sam gets very drunk and Mike drinks, but it is not known to what extent. They go back to Sam’s room and have sexual intercourse. Sam doesn’t remember the incident in the morning, but Mike tells Sam that they had sex.

Obviously, a situation like this would be quite awkward. The problem is, no one knows enough information to make any sort of assessment. The provided scenario gives no detail as to whether both men were drunk, or whether Mike has taken advantage of Sam. Furthermore, the scenario doesn’t elaborate as to what else Mike remembers, only that he remembers having sex. Even Ms. Barrett herself agreed that the situation was ambigu-

ous, but then opined, “in real life they all are.” Thanks Ms. Barrett, now we know that sexual assault situations are ambiguous, but we don’t have any idea about how to work with these sorts of circumstances, should they arise. If these hypothetical situations were less vague, leaders might have an opportunity to discuss real issues. Instead, it’s anyone’s guess as to the most appropriate course of action. More bothersome is that the scenarios received by other groups were just as ambiguous and superficial. What, might you ask, was really learned from this exercise? Nothing. It was a pointless hour and a half where Peggy Barrett got to facilitate discussion about men “assaulting” women. No one with even moderate intelligence could possibly have learned anything of substance—the activity was a soapbox for Ms. Barrett’s opinions. In not one of the six scenario’s that were handed out was a woman the perpetrator. The message was quite clear: only men are ever sexual aggressors or rapists.

More offensive was the annual date-rape forum “Why ‘No’ Means ‘No’.” The program begins with the provision of seemingly innocuous statistics about rape. Then the show *really* begins. “Actors” perform a skit in which a guy (the rapist) takes a girl (the victim) on a date. The men in the skit are portrayed as insensitive and the women quite the opposite. After this poorly-acted, badly-written, and turgidly-directed circus, the entire crowd is broken into discussion groups, separated by gender. Men learn how not to rape and women learn how not to be raped. The leaders of one discussion group, Douglass Hansen and Carl Mould-Millman, thoughtfully fabricated information for their group. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Mould-Millman claimed that if both a man and a woman are drunk (in which case neither can give legal consent) only the man can be charged with a crime. Peggy Barrett later told THE SOURCE that this is, in fact, not the case, stating “that information is not accurate, but I wasn’t at the

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Peggy Barrett, Director of the Womens' Center

panel." Ms. Barret continued, "laws are not gender specific and a women could be (although in practice it is rare that any alcohol-related assaults are criminally prosecuted) charged with sexual assault." When THE SOURCE tried to question Mr. Hansen and Mr. Mould-Millman, they refused to elaborate, accusing THE SOURCE of finding loopholes in the law. By refusing to elaborate and cutting off the topic, they prohibited any intelligent conversation about rape legislation. Unfortunately, inventing "factual" information doesn't cut it at Tufts. Rape is too important of a subject to give false information about; the job of a discussion leader entails knowledge of the subject matter and facilitation of intelligent dialogue.

Of further outrage was Rubén Salinas Stern and his panel, "Many Stories, One Community." Stern told THE SOURCE that the objective of the program is to have a "panel of students who will talk about growth and change." When asked if the panels had been a success, Stern replied that indeed they were. But in the panel THE SOURCE attended, the first question asked of the panelists after each had a chance to speak was "do you guys really hate it here?" This question communicates clearly: something went horribly awry in this panel. Freshmen did not get the appropriate information from the speeches. What they heard was a collection of stories about racial segregation in dining halls, and campus-wide reluctance to interact across racial and ethnic lines. Hal Ersner-Hershfield spoke

about his freshmen year, which was spent awaiting transfer from Tufts to Cornell. How intelligent! Tell freshmen that you hated Tufts, so that they'll be ready for a fun and rewarding first year.

To further emphasize the open, welcoming atmosphere on Walnut Hill, another speaker related her search for self-identity. She spoke about the stereotyping visited upon her because of her Indian name, and how enrollment at Tufts provided her with a more tolerant environment. However, she proceeded to stereotype the residents of Texas (one of the top ten most represented states at Tufts), with relative aplomb. After explaining that Texas is a land of ten-gallon hats, cowboys, and barbecue, she presented an exaggerated imitation of what she deemed a "typical" Texan drawl. How could Texan freshmen feel anything but welcome, given such an enthusiastic introduction? The panel clearly had a thing or two to learn about pigeonholing people before one even gets to know them.

The last speaker at the panel was the ubiquitous Jen Dodge. After making her usual jab at "campus conservatives," she spoke about the adversity she has faced as a lesbian. It didn't take long, however, for her to start propagating the same kind of stereotypes she so forcefully contests. She classified all members of the Greek system as "stupid frat boys." When addressing her summer activities, Dodge spoke about working on boats in Maine for people who "could buy and sell [her] 100 times over." She continued, "little did I know that when I got to Tufts all their children would be here." Simply put, the statement is offensive and should be relegated to a Viewpoint in the *Daily*, not broadcasted at a university-sanctioned orientation event. Implying that Tufts is a school composed of only the idle rich is not only inaccurate, but directly contradicted by Dodge's presence here.

Stern told THE SOURCE that Miss Dodge's statement "is not accurate." And when asked whether or not the statement was intended to make people feel

comfortable in this community, he responded "the intention of the panel is not only to make people feel comfortable; some discomfort is good." *Al contrario*, Rubén: when you introduce people to a school, you want them to feel comfortable and welcome. Save the discomfort for optional panels not sponsored by the Dean of Students Office.

Stern told THE SOURCE that speeches are previewed by others before their authors address a larger audience. But he also admitted that speech content can be changed freely after this initial screening. Speakers are assigned an advisor to assist them in their composition over the summer, "but rarely ever use these advisors." A University panel during Freshman Orientation should have more supervision than Stern deems necessary. After all, freshmen deserve a well-planned, comforting orientation—not accusatory affronts to their socio-economic status, home state or political affiliation.

In the end, someone must take responsibility for the propaganda transmitted by Orientation events. The administration must regain some control over the week's activities, and not leave them simply to the whims and agendas of various center directors. Rape, stereotyping and bigotry are not issues to be taken lightly; we must pay close attention to both the messages and their messengers. □



Rubén Salinas Stern, director of the Latino

*Excessive responsibilities prove to be
too much for the TCU Senate*

Hard to Handle

by Alyssa Heumann

For many students, college means that all-important chance to be on one's own; to finally make life decisions without constant and unsolicited adult advice. The added freedoms which accompany college life are numerous, and reflect the transition from childhood to adulthood which occurs for many students. However, not all of us are necessarily ready for an entirely independent existence. There are those for whom even weekly laundry proves to be too much of a responsibility. Thank goodness for those parents, roommates and friends who seem to be there just when we need them most, to help us with aspects of life we are not yet ready to handle on our own. Just when we begin to flounder, there is usually someone to step in and provide us with the necessary guidance and assistance.

However, on this campus, there is one group whose responsibilities have consistently proven to be too much to handle. And yet, no administrator has offered to step in, or even suggested a form of guidance for these ill-prepared campus leaders. In the last few years, the TCU Senate and the Allocations Board (ALBO) have repeatedly demonstrated that they have a difficult time living up to campus expectations. Perhaps it is because the students and administration demand too much from their student government. Senators are students, and are burdened with the same academic, social, and extracurricular requirements as the rest of the student body. Is it reasonable of us to demand that they organize large-scale campus events, allocate and manage funds in excess of a million dollars, be in constant interaction with the various student constituencies, and be the student liaison to the administration?

No, it is not. In each of these four areas, in recent memory, the senate has failed in the execution of its responsibilities. However,

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the student body has only responded with counter-productive anger, and the administration by ignoring the senate's compounding problems. Thus, the Senate and ALBO dig themselves into ever-deeper financial holes, and suffer from growing public relations problems. However, the solution to these predicaments may not be election of different officers, nor in revision of the committee system. Perhaps it is time to stop relying on teenagers (some of whom are only eighteen years old) to manage responsibilities which we usually reserve for adults.

Each year, students on the Tufts campus pay hundreds of thousands in student activities fees. In the world of private enterprise, this hefty sum would dictate the employment of a professional accountant or bookkeeper. However, at Tufts it is appropriate to leave these funds entirely to the discretion of nine students (ALBO), only one of whom has been provided with any treasury training. In fact, it is Senate policy to leave at least two spaces on ALBO open at the end of the year, to provide incoming freshmen with a chance at garnering a spot. Some Tufts freshmen have been managing their own finances for a while, but many more would have a difficult time balancing their own checkbooks. How can we reasonably expect such students to handle the responsibility of allocating hundreds of thousands of dollars?

As a campus organization, the TCU Senate is sometimes called upon to coordinate events when other groups have neither the time nor the money. The annual Fall-Fest is the first large-scale event of the school year, and is organized entirely by the Senate over the summer break. Simple though it may seem, Fall-Fest requires immense amounts of preparation and negotiation to ensure that the event runs smoothly. For a newly-elected TCU President, anticipating the numerous requirements of running such an event may be difficult. Last year, TCU President Jack Schnirman was harshly criticized when he

forgot to arrange for security to attend the concert. As a result of his oversight, the entire campus was denied an otherwise exciting and fun-filled day. Why should all Jumbos suffer due to the inexperience of a single person? In Jack's case, a single well-timed reminder from an experienced adult might have saved the day.

Of course, there are other areas of responsibility which are simply too broadly defined as to enable one senator to accomplish them. Such is the vague notion of the senator as the campus representative. Because it is impossible for a senator to know exactly who his constituents (the members of his class) are, he becomes the delegate of the entire student body. And as any student knows, it is unfeasible to get to know all 4500 plus Jumbos, and therefore to adequately represent them. However, aside from Culture representatives, the senate has never figured out a way to adequately divide the Tufts campus into smaller constituencies. Thus, the average Tufts student believes the senate to be a body far from his locus of experience, though a senator may live right next-door.

As if these afore-mentioned responsibilities were not enough to handle, we also expect senators to be our student advocates when dealing with the Tufts Administration. Senators are required to attend subcommittee meetings with the faculty, as well as sit on senate standing committees which deal with various administrative issues. However powerful senators imagine themselves to be, there are many occasions when administrators do not care to answer (or ignore) the probing questions of a student governor. Though unfortunate that members of the administration are reticent to share information, there are some matters which are merely too sensitive or complex to be leaked to over-zealous senators. In these cases, the student body would be wiser to assign members of the campus community to act as liaisons, instead of students our own age who may have difficulty acquiring information or answers.

It is sometimes tempting to believe that as young adults, we are capable of everything. From negotiating the rent on our apartment, to conquering a difficult course we are reticent to admit that there is anything we cannot do. However, in the case of the TCU Senate, the time has come to set more realistic goals and expectations. Instead of drowning in a sea of responsibility, the senate can find the resources and assistance available to ensure its own success. □

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SHAKE YOUR
GROOVE THING
YEAH YEAH

Can you believe
they put me in a
clothing
commercial?

Darling,
you've got to
get your hands
on the latest
Tufts Fashions
from **OLD
NAVY!** If our
hip style doesn't
convince you,
our washed-
up talent
will!



We're
practically ga-
ga about the
new Larry
Harris Double-
Sided Jacket!
Right, Larry?

\$302,469!

\$250,000!



\$90,000!



We love our
OLD NAVY
black stretch
pants!

HEY! WHO'S
THAT?



That's why I always say
"Black is Better!*"



*Actual quote from a capella O-Show

How about those
sorority girls,
Magic?

ARF!



OLD NAVY

LARRY HARRIS DOUBLE-SIDED JACKET
ONLY \$90,000!

With holes
pre-burned in
the pockets!

IT'S GOOD TASTE TO WASTE!



*Private moguls are stealing your tax money,
and the government is a willing conspirator.*

Build It Your Damn Self

by Lew Titterton

Americans are enjoying an economy that can quite possibly be called one of the greatest boom times in any place, at any time—throughout all of human history. From an abundance of forty-thousand-dollar-plus Sport Utility Vehicles bloating their way down our boulevards to nearly full employment, the citizens of this nation have it pretty good.

However, all our prosperity is no excuse for wanton spending. Be it the soccer mom in the new Ford Excursion, or a government throwing the taxes it collects to public works projects that should be entirely privately funded. It's not the place of an average citizen to pull that mother out of her truck and tell her to buy a minivan. It is, however, the place of every American to be outraged that billions of dollars are being thrown into new stadiums and arenas for privately-owned sports teams.

Before delving deeper, a complaint must be addressed that is on the minds and tongues of a lot of readers: democracy. "But what if the public votes to build a new stadium with public funding? What then?" they may be thinking. Well, democracy is great—far and away the best form of government. But it is by no means perfect. What if your neighborhood voted that all your money should be taken to build a local park? Does the democracy of your neighbors make their re-appropriation of your wealth any more just? As soon as the democratic process begins to encroach on the hard-earned cash of private citizens, democracy becomes just another method of socialism. And, for those of you who are unfamiliar with the inner workings of this publication, socialism and the SOURCE go together about as well as meat and dairy on a High Holy Day.

This article comes not from the perspective of a sports-hating dweeb who couldn't tell John Elway from John McEnroe. It comes from the soul of a sports-lover, someone who punches doors when Derek Jeter takes an "0-for" or

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Chuck Knoblauch makes his seventy-eighth error of the season. But does love for the Yankees mean love for George Steinbrenner, or the belief that he or any sports owner deserves tax money? That's ludicrous. Fans support their team by going to games and watching them on TV; the former directly and the latter indirectly funding the franchise in their own paltry way.

And that's where the public banking should end.

There are, of course, notions of the supposed economic renaissances that occur in cities where new stadiums are built. This is debatable. Forevery claim or study suggesting the economy actually improves with a new sports facility, there is another that suggests merely an economic shift within a metropolis—residents in the parts of the city where the stadium isn't built watch as the money leaves. Besides, even if the economy is legitimately bettered and not just shifted, couldn't similar betterment be achieved with wiser government spending, or lower taxes? Fix dilapidated public schools. Hire more cops for troubled areas. Give the money back to the people. But don't build some quadruple-deck, traffic-inducing, eight-figure coliseum.

Sports fans complain that public funding is necessary to keep a team in town. Granted, the Expos will likely be out of Montreal faster than an English-speaking Quebecois running from a mob of irate Francophones. And the idea of teams moving to where the money is isn't easy for a fan to stomach. It destroys a covenant made between the guys in the stands and their heroes, and kills any reason to love a professional sport or franchise.

But what makes a fan think that the government could have kept the Senators in Washington or the Oilers in Houston? All that happens is a bidding war between cities, where the already-über-wealthy owner goes where he can get richer, and the taxpayers suffer. Eventually, that owner goes to the wealthier town. And here's a shock: towns richer in the private sector collect more tax revenue. Ultimately, the government does nothing to change where teams go, or prevent them from going anywhere. It merely ups the dollar figures, rapes the taxpayer, and gives pro sports the ability to send salaries to new and more sickening heights for jobs that basically boil down to one's distance and accuracy with balls of various shapes and sizes.

But even if we assume that somehow public spending could keep a team in a town, how is that the duty of government? Such actions

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offend the hearts and minds of anyone who cares about small government and sensible spending. For an example of how this spending can turn disastrous, look no further than Tampa Bay, where the young Devil Rays signed such a sweetheart deal on the city's dome that huge holes were left in Tampa's budget.

If Major League Baseball, or any other sport, doesn't want a team to move (and they shouldn't), then it is the league's job to get them to stay. It takes two teams to play a game, and increasingly balanced revenue-sharing just makes sense. As soon as government stops subsidizing teams, pro sports will finally, genuinely realize this need to share the wealth. But as long as cities are willing to shell out your money to pacify some obnoxious corporate icon, what motive will that icon or his sport have to change their flawed ways?

But merely bemoaning the evils of cities bidding against each other for sports teams won't create change. Only the federal government can with proper legislation. Will that stop every team from packing their bags? No, but it will curtail it, and it will stop the Steinbrenners and Rupert Murdochs of the world from dipping into your pockets for their own gain. □

*The states rightfully assist sports fans
in the pursuit of happiness*

For the Love of the Game

by Jonathan Perle

America has always been the land of individual freedom—freedom from taxation without representation, freedom of speech, etc. America is a country especially prone to talking about freedom in the abstract. A great deal of rhetoric pours out of politicians' mouths each year regarding freedom. However, America is not purely a place of individual freedom. The fact is, we do have taxes and we do limit free speech in certain instances (such as yelling "fire" in a crowded theater). In these cases, society has made a judgement that there are certain things which may be regulated in order to make life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness easier for everybody. While we may differ over whether taxes are too high or whether the government has a right to tax our income, all but a very small part of the population agrees that the government has a right to tax, to a certain degree, in order to provide certain functions for the whole of society.

And so we come to sports stadiums. Subsidizing the construction of sports complexes is a perfect example of a legitimate use of power by government in the United States. Individual states have a right to say whether or not they believe a stadium will improve the economy or will enhance the quality of life for a large portion of the residents. The city of Baltimore and the State of Maryland have every right, if there is evidence that a new stadium may improve the economy of the city or make people happy, to decide whether or not procurement of a professional football franchise is a reasonable use of the State's funds.

Some people may not like the idea of states helping to pay for stadiums. They may object to the fact that individuals own teams and believe that the state

should in no way help out private businesses at all. This notion is asinine. While it is true that the team owner benefits from a state subsidy, so do the people who get to go to the game, and so do the other new businesses that emerge—everything from T-shirt makers to marketing firms to hot dog vendors. In this case, the state has exercised its legitimate power and determined that the benefit to its citizens merits the construction of a new stadium.

One argument that has been put forth by critics of subsidized sports is that it is debatable as to whether the economy is spurred by a new stadium. They claim that business is simply "shifted" to a new geographic area or profits to a different segment of the population. Mr. Titterton, in his article, has phantom studies, which, according to him, show that there is no economic improvement but merely a shift of businesses from one part of the city to the area around the stadium. This argument makes about as much sense as Hillary Clinton's health care plan. Mr. Titterton mentions toward the end of his article that if one state says it will not subsidize a

sports team, another state will eagerly step in (it is for this reason he proposes the ludicrous idea of a federal law to prohibit states from subsidizing sports teams) and try to encourage the sports team to relocate. The reasons for such an occurrence are simple. Sports teams make people happy, and sports teams boost the local economy. The fact that states compete for sports teams in the free market is further proof of the value of a local professional athletic franchise.

A state's right to subsidize a sports team should be accepted without equivocation. It is a perfect example of a kind of public works program that a metropolitan area should help fund. Teams certainly bring money to towns, but they also provide a sense of a larger community. One need only examine New York after the Yankees won the World Series, or Denver after the Broncos won the Super Bowl to realize that a love of pro sports binds a city together. Granted, not everyone in the city cares, but the celebrations in New York and Denver represented something bigger than just a athletic victory: they represented pride for the city. Two years ago, when John Elway and his Denver Broncos reached the Super Bowl, the quarterback was one step away from the victory that had eluded him for so long. People who never had an interest in football started tuning in. It had nothing to do with football. It was simply about pride, hope and the spirit of competition—principles every bit as much a part of America as individual freedom. □



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After two years on the TCU Senate, one Jumbo finally gets the chance to speak his mind.

Parliamentary Procedure

by Joshua Margolin

Business cards! Can you believe they bought business cards? For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, let me clue you in: the members of the TCU Senate are walking around campus handing out business cards. Does it sound ridiculous to you? It should. I just can't reconcile what a TCU Senator could possibly need with a business card. Wait—let me take that back; I'm sure it looks great enclosed in a resume and doesn't hurt any when you're out in the real world looking for connections and jobs. But do they really need this kind of stuff to accomplish campus politicking? I really, really don't think so. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that not only are business cards a waste of money (patio), but I think that it is going to further agitate financially strapped student groups. I can picture it now: right after some poor group appeals to the Senate to get some buffer funding which was cut by ALBO, the Senate votes as a block, denying them the extra money. But what's this? The honorable Ben Azoff is signaling the group to go outside. Does he have another idea for them to get some badly needed cash? Is he going to slip them some funds under the table from his personal discretionary fund? Maybe he'll tell them that he was sorry he couldn't vote for them, but he secretly hoped they'd win. No! "Here's my card, call me if you ever need anything else," he'll say. *Gee Ben, great, thanks for the card, can I show you where to shove it?...*

...Before I get carried away with all this business of business cards, let me do something that I don't think anyone on this campus has done in a long time—compliment the Senate. I am complimenting the Senate because they with one fell swoop of Larry D. Harris' pen they have already accomplished something this year that an entire Senate couldn't do last year. Curious? For those of you who have forgotten, I am talking about Fall-Fest. Yeah, you know, that concert that's supposed to happen in between Spring Flings. I have been assured that barring major catastrophe it will be happening this year. A miracle? A Godsend? No, just some good old-fashioned responsibility on the part of Larry Harris. Learning from past mistakes, he even got the police prior to the concert. And to top off all this newfound responsibility, the band is actually pretty decent....

...I have noticed something else that has changed this year. Something that I hope will end all the crying and moaning and complaining about it for the next 2 years that I plan to attend this school. There are finally SOAP & PAPER TOWELS in the dorm

bathrooms. While this might seem like a small (might I say minor) accomplishment, it was actually a long, passionate battle between two parties. One was too damn lazy to bring their own soap and towel down the hall with them when they needed to use the facilities. The other was too damn cheap to actually consider investing a small amount of money in what boils down to Tufts promoting hygiene. Sound like a lesson you learned from Mommy and Daddy? Good, it is! But congratulations and thank you to whomever did this. Whether it was the Senate, the administration, that freaky kid down the hall from you who only comes out of his room to walk his pet

ferret to the sink for its weekly bath, or a meeting of the minds from all three parties, it is a good initiative that should be mirrored because it is something done solely for the students. This trend has never really caught full swing at this school. Thanks as well because not only has this put Tufts on the forefront of the war for bathroom hygiene (could this be a U.S. News and World Report Category for school grading?), but it will finally put an end to all the moaning. I wonder what the next crusade for these bathroom bandits will be—could it be the quest for two-ply?...

...And finally to the members of the administration. You want to do something important? You want to lead Tufts into the 21st century? Well, how about an explanation as to why we have slipped to 29th in the rankings? We are far behind our "benchmark" schools, and some of the schools in our company are not exactly modern-day think tanks. I have heard that it is getting a lot harder to get into Tufts these days and that some ridiculous number of valedictorians were rejected this year. Well, let me ask you a question. What kind of moron valedictorian is going to want to apply to a school whose reputation is sinking like a stone? Wait a few years, and I guess we'll find out. Sure, to some people the rankings don't mean squat. But to others they are incredibly important, and in my humble opinion they should be. As both investors in and consumers of this school's product, we are owed an explanation as to why some people perceive Tufts as dropping in educational merit. I just hope that in next year's *U.S. News* report they remember to put University, not Day Care or Academy after Tufts. If the Senate really wants to start the year off on a good note, how about getting the student body some answers. As far as I am concerned, this should be on top of the priority list...

...But that's just my opinion.

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NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.
—Plato

My brother Bob doesn't want to be in government — he promised Dad he'd go straight.
—John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level.
—Norman Mailer

For a nation which has an almost evil reputation for bustle and rush, we spend an enormous amount of time standing around in line in front of windows, just waiting.
—Robert Benchley

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.
—Abraham Lincoln

Tragedy is when I cut my finger. Comedy is when you fall down an open manhole cover and die.
—Mel Brooks

So long as we have enough people in this country willing to fight for their rights, we'll be called a democracy.
—Roger Baldwin

Ninety eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them.
—Lily Tomlin

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—Bumper Sticker

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use.
—Kierkegaard

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
—Ronald Reagan

Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect.
—Mark Twain

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.
—Albert Einstein

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism, to steal ideas from many is research.
—Anonymous

Congress is so strange. A man gets up to speak and says nothing. Nobody listens — and then everybody disagrees.
—Boris Marshalov

You know where Geneva is? Not America.
—L. Hughes Titterton

You need only reflect that one of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the struggle for independence.
—Charles Austin Beard

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.
—Winston Churchill

Spread ideas that undercut the content world of America. We must alienate middle-class Amerika. All watches and clocks will be destroyed and barbers will go to rehabilitation camps where they will grow their hair long.
—Jerry Rubin, 1967

Money and financial interest will capture the passion of the 1980's. Let's make capitalism work for everybody.
—Jerry Rubin, 1980

Would you like to ride on your own ass?
—Ad for donkey rides in Thailand

Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficial. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning but without understanding.
—Louis D. Brandeis

I want to die laughing. I can think of no better way to leave this life than in a fit of laughter.
—Benjamin Black

Confronted with the choice, the American people would choose the policeman's truncheon over the anarchist's bomb.
—Spiro T. Agnew

I still say a church steeple with a lightning rod on top shows a lack of confidence.
—Doug McLeod

It is better to be violent, if there is violence in our hearts, than to put on the cloak of nonviolence to cover impotence.
—Mahatma Gandhi

Millions of men have lived to fight, build palaces and boundaries, shape destinies and societies; but the compelling force of all times has been the force of originality and creation profoundly affecting the roots of human spirit.
—Ansel Adams

Under the anti-social capitalist, the great mass of the people are victims of every kind of weather freak... the heat parches them and saps their energy and health. Only in the Soviet Union, where there is Socialism, are the rest, leisure and living conditions of the people fully provided for—these rights are written into the Stalin Constitution.
—*The Daily Worker*

When I tell the truth, it is not for the sake of convincing those who do not know it, but for the sake of defending those that do.
—William Blake

He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever.
—Chinese Proverb

Boy George is all England needs — another queen who can't dress.
—Joan Rivers

Avoid all needle drugs. The only dope worth shooting is Richard Nixon.
—Abbie Hoffman

Caution: Cape does not enable user to fly.
—Batman Costume warning label