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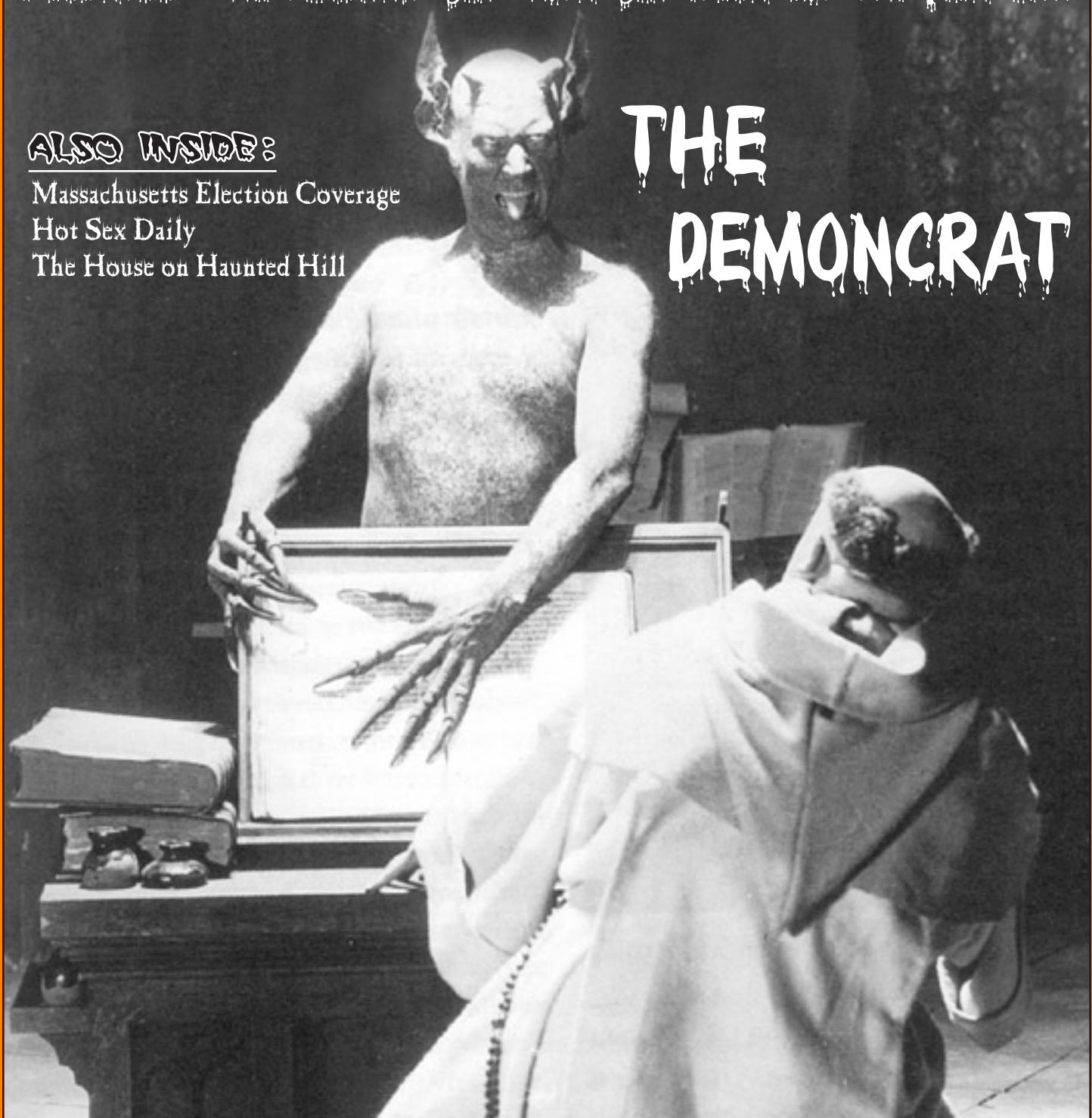
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# One of the Classic Blunders

Tufts students finally seem to have settled into their normal political routine of anti-war protesting and anti-SOURCE ranting after a relatively quiet first two months. Orientation, the 9/11 memorial, and Fall Rush came and went with nary a protest from the Left. In perhaps one of the quietest settlements between the SOURCE and the Left, Carl Jackson, the mastermind behind the theft of 1,000 SOURCE issues last year, even agreed to a mediation request rather than an overblown (and very risky) hearing. Campus media have been scrambling for relevant articles because students have been less whiny than usual—their interests are not quite so obvious this semester. Those of us in the political media have been disappointed with our enemies' waning impudence.

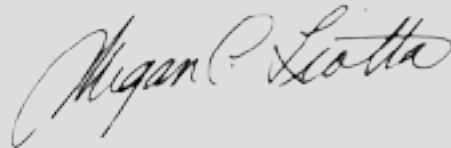
For over twenty years, the SOURCE has played *The Princess Bride's* Westley to the leftists' Vizzini in a campus-wide Battle of Wits. We strive to leave a political mark at Tufts and have succeeded in many ways, although not always as intended. Through harsh criticisms, unpopular politics, and swift actions, we have gained a reputation as notorious muckrakers. But our purpose has always been to open the channels of dialogue and to point out hypocrisies, not to shut anyone up or to ruin people's college experiences. Yet hysterical leftists have done everything in their power, including steal, lie, vandalize, and assault, to try to put the SOURCE out of commission. But like Westley, our cooler heads and steady logic have always prevailed. After all, as our hero says, "We are men of action; lies do not become us."

Though we tend to dismiss our leftist peers as unoriginal and too serious about themselves, perhaps they have finally figured out where the poison is in the Battle of Wits. If they do nothing outrageous or silly, our job—pointing out their inanity—becomes harder and harder. In other words, the more reasonable they become, the less we have to write; the lesser the

clash between us, the quieter our response seems. Could campus leftists covertly be trying to put us out of business by laying low? Are they using our very function on campus against us?

If this is their objective, they have indeed committed one of the classic blunders. The most famous is never to get involved in a hearing against the SOURCE. But only slightly less well known is this: never let your guard down when the SOURCE might be watching. With fewer publicly-hyped debacles, we are able to look into the details of forgotten problems that still deserve serious attention.

This semester, the SOURCE is taking on Culture Reps again, and this time, we are working from the inside out. A Conservative Culture Rep would give perhaps the most oppressed minority on campus an official voice on the TCU senate, which would accomplish two very important goals. The categorization of conservatives as a minority and our insistence on fair representation would stoke the fires of campus debate, which, admittedly, the SOURCE wholeheartedly enjoys. This provocation—and probable public outcry—would then undermine the entire unjust culture rep system. Any attempts to remove a Conservative Culture Rep would be blatantly unconstitutional discrimination; pressure for the rep to step down would be harassment. The campus that gave culture reps the vote will have no choice but to accept an additional vote from the Right, unless they are trying to promote an *Animal Farm*-esque hierarchy. To our politically-pampered foes' assured complaint, we can only quote the Man in Black: "Life is pain, Highness! Anyone who says differently is selling something."




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# Letters

To the Editor of THE PRIMARY SOURCE:

It was very pleasing to read an intelligent piece on the fraternity system and its critics in the October 10<sup>th</sup> edition ("Grab a Brew: Don't Cost Nothin'"). It points out a simple fact that is lost on many Tufts students: fraternities are clubs, and they are not for everyone. There are many available levels of interaction with the Greek system at Tufts; you can join a fraternity or a sorority, hang out with Greeks, go to Greek social events, sit next to Greeks in class. On the other hand, if the Greek system is that morally repugnant, one has the choice to avoid it altogether. Despite resistance by a rogue fraction of campus, the article tells the truth of the matter: Greek houses contribute to Tufts in a variety of ways, providing a social scene, lodging, community service activities, athletics, campus leadership, tradition, and most importantly, fun, to our campus. I heard the same stupid rumors about fraternities and sororities as this year's freshmen, what supposedly happens at each house, which to attend and which to avoid and so on. People familiar with each house knows these to be pure myths.

I also read with great amusement your guide to Fall Rush. I don't quite understand the lawyer joke, but I enjoyed the bit about our house. The reviews of the others house were similarly funny. While I (along with some members of my house)

have a different political bent than the one expressed by this magazine, we enjoy the humorous aspects of the SOURCE, the even hand with which it views campus activities, and its ability to poke fun at the hypocrisies at Tufts. We will continue to stand up for the ability of all campus publications, especially the SOURCE, to freely express their views.

Regards,

Daniel Kramer  
President, Delta Tau Delta

*Dear Mr. Kramer;*

*Thanks for your support! The SOURCE, as you read, supports Greek life at Tufts and will continue to do so as long as both are intact on this campus. We champion free association of all kinds and are delighted when other organizations on campus do the same. DTD and the SOURCE have worked together in the past year to ensure its preservation. Maybe you can get us on the list once in a while?*

—Editor



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# Commentary

## A People's History of Tufts University

The Crane Room hosted Howard Zinn, historian, author, and peace activist, on October 16<sup>th</sup> for a lecture sponsored by the Tufts Coalition to Oppose War on Iraq. Students arrived at the speech expecting peaceful solutions to the Middle East conflict. They were instead disappointed as Zinn, in his usual fashion, offered only blame in his talk about a very real problem.

Zinn's recent book, *A People's History of the United States*, is essentially a treatise on American self-hatred, which he dispensed generously at his speech. As such, his focus on blaming the US government, as opposed to offering alternatives to war, was unacceptable. He did not give the audience a single alternative to the war on terrorism or any means of dealing with Iraq nonviolently. Instead, the evening was saturated with out-of-context references to most other major American military conflicts, including, absurdly, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish-American War, and the Korean War. He vainly tried to relate each war to Hussein and Bush, but only ended up weakening his argument on keeping America out of Iraq.

The evening began with Zinn's favorite postulate, "There are no just wars." Of course, he failed to mention the American Revolution or World War II, perhaps two of the most just wars in history. Zinn also implied that unchecked terrorism is fine. He called Afghanistan helpless, and failed to note that al Qaeda was a state-supported terrorist group prior to U.S. intervention. Throughout his speech, Zinn gave more reasons for going to war *against* the United States than for the US to defend itself when attacked.

Being an American grants Zinn the right to speak freely, a right not granted by most nations of the world. He has undoubtedly remained in America because complaining is a lucrative business; he makes too much money by biting the capitalist hand that feeds him. He has carved himself a perfect niche where all he does is extol the noble virtues of socialism, and criticize the American establishment, and get a fat wad of cash in return. It's no wonder he's been in the game for as long as he has.

Zinn concluded the evening by saying, "I don't want to be an absolutist. I may not be an absolutist but I am extremely dubious [when it comes to war]." Based on everything he said earlier in the evening and all that he has written over the decades, such a statement is purely rhetoric. He's not just an absolutist; he's an absolute fool.

## Students Protest Against War, Civility

The impending war on Iraq is naturally prevalent in the nation's media, particularly on campuses of America's colleges and universities. The nation has seen its share of protestors and supporters for possible intervention in Iraq. Freedom of speech allows flyers about the war to plaster concrete walls and writings protesting it to grace sidewalks of many campuses. This phenomenon is a healthy display of American freedoms. When these freedoms are abused, however, limits on their extent are necessary.

On Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Ari Fleischer, the Presidential Press Secretary, gave a speech at Middlebury College, his *alma mater*, and received a Distinguished Alumni Achievement award. The topic of his acceptance speech was the state of the US Government. While he eloquently received the award from the administration and distinguished trustees,

he simultaneously battled the taunts and shouts of hundreds of anti-war protestors. This occasion, which should have been commemorative and respectful of Ari Fleischer's career, was an opportunity for an anti-war declaration by more than 800 protestors who lined the streets with signs and posters. These protestors also entered the chapel in which Fleischer was giving his speech, putting a damper on the entire occasion.

Although freedom of speech gives every citizen the right to protest, a time and place exists for such a display. Each and every person had the right to converge at Middlebury on that particular day and speak about the state of Iraqi relations and the policies of the United States. A protest should not, however, drown out the celebration of a person's achievements. Politics aside, engaging in a screaming match is not a demonstration of free speech.

This incident brings to light the greater issue of abuse of rights. People throughout the United States vocally oppose the potential war on Iraq. What then is the need for radical protest at Middlebury? Both sides can be heard through public forum, debate, and on the media. Compromise and civil discussion are the best forms of communication, not obnoxious, pointless protest. The pointless efforts of the protestors, since Ari Fleischer has no real bearing on US policy, prove that the protestors did not like him solely because he is the publicist for the "wrong side."

Every human being has a God-given right to his own opinion, a right upon which the American government is built. With this right, however, comes the duty of the American citizen to respect this right for others. Ari Fleischer had just as much of a right to speak as anyone at his award acceptance, in fact more so, since the ceremony was to commemorate his accomplishments, not those of anti-war protestors. He deserved to be treated with decency, not insults.

## Peace and Injustice

Last week, former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The prize is intended to go to an individual who has done the most to further peace in the past year, but the Nobel Committee often selects recipients based on lifetime achievement. This seemed to be the case with Carter; his role in staying bloodshed between Israel and Egypt is unquestionably significant. Carter's recent loud criticisms of the current administration, however, suggest ulterior motives on behalf of the Committee. In fact, committee head Gunnar Berge admits that the award was intended as a "kick in the leg" to President George W. Bush.

The Nobel Committee defends their decision. Berge said, "in a situation currently marked by threats of the use of power, Carter has stood by the principles that conflicts must as far as possible be resolved through mediation... respect for human rights and economic development." Carter, however, often takes this anti-war position to the extreme by consistently sacrificing democratic principles to avoid combat.

Carter's attitude for democracy can best be seen in his free-lance approach to diplomacy. Since American voters ended his presidency, he has defied or directly interfered with US foreign policy repeatedly by undermining proposed trade embargos to North Korea, disobeying orders from Secretary of State on a trip to Haiti and, most recently, ignoring the US embargos on Cuba. The former president has particular distaste for the Bush administration's foreign policy. During the Gulf War, Carter conducted a diplomatic campaign against the war—despite the fact that the Carter administration supported military action in the Middle East.

In 1990—a full ten years after the end of his term—he used his presidential clout to deliver a letter to the UN Security Council and Arab countries urging them to drop support of US military action. The letter even claimed to have the backing of the American public. Carter blatantly violated the Logan Act that prohibits US citizens from conducting unofficial foreign policy.

Carter's desire to avoid war is hardly enough to merit a Nobel award even if his desire is shared by the Nobel committee. That the Nobel Committee uses their prestige to continue his goals of undermining American foreign policy trivializes the Nobel award. Carter's disregard for Federal law and American democracy merits prison, not a prize.

## The Copyright Police

**M**ost Tufts students are unaware of the extensive battle over copyrights being waged by Hollywood, the technology industry, and Congress. The film and recording industries have been pushing aggressively for a range of new legal abilities, including the right to hack computers they suspect of sharing copyrighted files and the right to gain subscriber information from an Internet Service Provider without having to subpoena. The technology industry has begun to fight back, citing issues of consumer privacy, as well as studies indicating that file sharing is not as damaging as the recording industry has claimed. These legal battles promise to continue for years, and may shape how technology and media function for the century to come.

Regardless of the long-term outcome of the battle over media, content holders are using every tactic in their arsenals to pursue those who trade pirated material. Ever since the Napster debacle a few years ago, Hollywood has begun to pursue everyday users of peer-to-peer file sharing software like Kazaa or Morpheus. Several students at Tufts have had their dormitory Internet access shut down, at the request of copyright owners, because they were sharing pirated music or movies from their computers. Although many students were unaware they had done anything wrong, they have been threatened with severe disciplinary action, including expulsion, if the same thing should happen again.

Despite the growing popularity of these peer-to-peer systems, many students still do not understand how to disable their computers from sharing downloaded files with other users on the Internet. By default, anything downloaded through software like Kazaa will be made available to the rest of the Internet. For every megabyte a student downloads, he could unknowingly use thousands more in bandwidth when resending that file to other peer-to-peer users around the world—resulting not only in numerous violations of copyright law, but also in a flood of network traffic.

Tufts' TCCS Acceptable Use Policy explicitly forbids students from violating copyright laws or using excessive amounts of network resources; between bandwidth concerns and growing pressure from Hollywood, one cannot expect Tufts to allow students to share files this way. The administration, however, has done very little to publicize student responsibilities and the consequences in peer-to-peer piracy. Pursuing knee-jerk disciplinary action is inappropriate, considering both the lack of awareness and the prevalence of file sharing. Given the enormous number of students who use their computers to download music and movies, Tufts should be actively educating the student body about the legal and disciplinary consequences of sharing copyrighted works.



## Smoking Guns

**T**he recent and tragic string of sniper shootings has once again fanned the flames of the national gun control debate. This time the main focus is on the creation of a national ballistic fingerprinting registry. Ideally, such a system would have the ballistic characteristics of bullets and shell casings from every gun in the country, as well as who owns the gun, stored in a database. Such a system would allow law enforcement officials to quickly link bullets to the gun owner, and would allegedly speed up and solve more gun-related incidents. Not only would such a system prove to be ineffective, however, it would be quite costly.

First, the markings found on bullets themselves can be altered in a simple and rapid manner. Any person with steel wool and a drill has the ability to alter the barrel of a gun in a matter of minutes. This would produce a new and distinct pattern on fired bullets that would cause previous bullets to no longer be traced to the gun. Bullets found at new crime scenes would possess different characteristics, making it difficult to link crime sprees. Shotguns don't leave markings either since they are smooth bore, thus making it impossible to have any sort of system of identification.

Second, there is the sheer difficulty of getting all 250 million guns found in the United States registered. And what of all the stolen and illegal guns on the street? Are unsavory characters going to willingly bring their guns to law enforcement officials to be registered? The FBI has received reports of 3 million stolen guns in the US in the past 30 years, and there is no doubt that there are hundreds of thousands of unreported cases. A survey conducted on prison inmates found that 28% of prisoners had used stolen guns or guns purchased illegally. A ballistics registry will not help deal with these situations.

Then there are questions of the program's effectiveness. Maryland has spent over \$5 million on its own program, which has failed to result in a single conviction in the two years since its creation. Only handgun shell casings can be fingerprinted; revolver shell casings don't eject from the gun and leave no evidence.

While fingerprinting sounds great, there are simply too many loopholes, and the end results aren't worth the sheer amount of time and effort to create such a system. Studies have shown that in large cities violent crime is committed by repeat offenders. Better criminal prosecution, stricter sentences without parole, better background checks, and stronger enforcement of current laws would better the nation far more than any fingerprinting system. □

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

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** The WRFX-FM “John Boy & Billy” radio show, offended listeners by playing Queen’s “Another One Bites the Dust” after the news of a Beltway sniper shooting. Defending themselves vehemently, the DJs said they had originally planned to follow the newsbyte with Garth Brooks’ popular tune “Holy Crap, I Just Got Shot By The Beltway Sniper.”

**PS** An Arkansas panel made recommendations to legislators on how best to address the state’s drug problem. Suggestions included creating better treatment programs for addicts and counseling for those affected by drug users. Bill Clinton’s scheduled appearances on “Just Say No” ads were promptly canceled.

**PS** Santa Barbara’s City Council passed a resolution opposing a unilateral, pre-emptive military strike against Iraq. Sources say that councilors modeled their motion after the TCU senate’s.

**PS** A Costco employee was fired for refusing to remove her eyebrow ring and subsequently sued the discount retailer, saying the company violated her religious beliefs. The woman, a supposed member of the Church of Body Modification, claimed that her piercings are a sign of faith. Since the incident, other employees have begun smoking marijuana in the break room and arriving to work drunk, stating affiliation with the Universal Church of Getting Blazed Up and the Holy Order of Daily Intoxication.

Top Ten things Tara Heumann will do before she writes a SOURCE article:

10. Write a *Daily* article.
9. Lend her car to Sam.
8. Host a SOURCE/*Observer* mixer.
7. Peanut butter Jewish time.
6. Go on an Omidyar Scholars retreat.
5. Update the Alumni Database.
4. Do a keg stand.
3. Crochet a yarmulke for Rob Lichter.
2. Showertahm. Scrubby Buddy. ☺
1. Bake you a pie.

**PS** The MacLaren Children’s Center for abused and neglected children is accused of failing to follow federal laws mandating that foster children receive mental health services. Further investigation revealed that the center was failing to provide the mandated 6 hits or 8 grams of marijuana per day.

**PS** Police in Maine are getting positive reactions to their creative approaches to preventing domestic violence. Auburn police, who make unannounced visits to homes of victims, say the number of abuse cases has been slashed. Town officials are also looking into subsidizing other creative initiatives for troubled couples like “Sock-Em Bop-Its” and cherry-flavored “fun” mace.

**PS** Microsoft has recently apologized to New York for inundating public property with ads promoting the release of their latest ISP,

MSN 8. The vice president of the division responsible made a statement, saying, “We apologize to the City of New York and the people of New York City.” Afterwards, he also came forward and apologized for “the whole anti-trust thing” and for the company’s near-final plans of world domination, responding with a heartfelt “Ooops!”

**PS** Off-roaders will no longer have access to most of Ocala National Forest in an effort to reverse environmental damage. In a related move, Florida voting officials are considering imposing restrictions on senior citizens’ access to voting venues, because they are endangering the legitimacy of too many elections.

**PS** For the first time since its founding 109 years ago, Hood College in Maryland is allowing men to have the option of living on campus, whereas before they were restricted to commuting. When asked about the change in policy, one female student commented that “now we will be able to engage in low caloric activities in the dark, as well as during the day.”

**PS** In Pennsylvania, an Amish man had an entanglement with the modern world when a vehicle struck the rear of a horse-drawn buggy. Confused, one Amish man was quoted, “There’s no cops or traffic lights living in an Amish Paradise.”

Top Ten things you didn’t do for Parents Weekend:

10. Attend parental propaganda seminars.
9. Read Amber Madison’s column aloud.
8. Read any of the *Observer*.
7. Explain to your parents what it means to be “sexiled.”
6. Have an SUV demolition derby, in obvious phallic worship.
5. Go running with Larry.
4. Ask them to reimburse you for booze.
3. Attend the weekly anti-war rally.
2. “Back that ass up” with Mom at Club Hotung.
1. Introduce Mom and Dad to your conservative professor.

**PS** Shannon O’Brien supporters were reportedly paid off to hold signs outside the NECN studios in Newton during the October 24th gubernatorial debate. According to one inebriated supporter, those present were union workers promised a pay raise upon O’Brien’s win. They quickly changed their allegiance when informed of Carla Howell’s support for drug legalization.



**PS** Mayor Owen Quinn of Torrington, Connecticut issued an apology after his weekend drunk driving arrest. State neighbor and former Providence Mayor Buddy Cianci phoned Quinn and assured him that "this will only get you more votes at re-election time."

**PS** An exhibit at Kansas State University's new insect zoo include a replica of a home kitchen where viewers can peer through Plexiglas panels that enclose cockroach-filled cabinet drawers and flies on the drain board. The display is titled: "The Average Newark Apartment."

**PS** The Democratic candidate for Wisconsin Governor campaigned in a facility for the mentally ill, giving out quarters and offering free food just before the patients voted. Republicans aren't surprised, however, by this particular voter breakdown.

**PS** When the Chicago Field Museum decided to clean its arsenal of antique handguns and cannons, it found some loaded. Museum officials say a bump could have set off black powder in a rifle, a pistol and two cannons. When questioned, Charlton Heston responded by saying, "I must have forgotten those."

**PS** The nation's capital is making its annual call for residents' hazardous waste. Residents can bring items like pesticides, acids, paint, spent batteries, and automotive fluids. Amber Madison is encouraged to bring the gallons of "glue" from under her bed.

**PS** Georgia Governor Roy Barnes enlisted former President Jimmy Carter to help land a \$750 million automotive plant for the state. Barnes flew Carter to Atlanta where he had dinner with German officials. Atlanta's aging Jewish population has expressed concern over Carter's involvement.

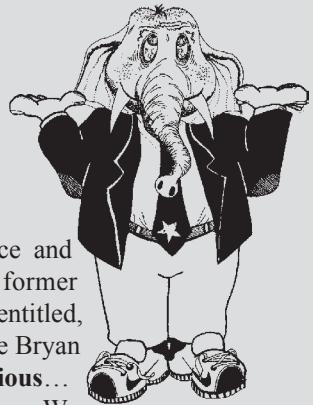
**PS** State and federal agents discovered \$9.3 million worth of cocaine and heroin in a shipment of onions from Peru. Burger King, meanwhile, reported that their onion rings had finally outsold their French fries.

**PS** Math Professor David Isles showed up for the anti-war rally in front of Tisch. When the math department is getting politically involved, you know the campus has really gone to hell. With that in mind, we present:

Top Ten captions to the picture at left:

10. Where's Samuel?
9. "Where're the free sandwiches? They told me there'd be free sandwiches!"
8. The second derivative of Saddam's powers are *clearly* negative.
7. The math department gets down and crunches numbers.
6. "The...the...ratio of...I'll...I'll burn the building down..."
5. Infinity!
4. Shoes for landmines, towels for oil!
3. "Bush's actions don't fit any of my fairness criteria."
2. "I've never seen any of these students before..."
1.  $y = \sum 1 \div \sqrt{(4\pi z)} \pm x^2$

## From the Elephant's Mouth



☞ Dale Bryan, head of the Peace and Justice Studies Department and former military man, wrote a Viewpoint entitled, "War means killing people." Private Bryan is hereby promoted to **Captain Obvious**... Oooh! I love it when you write dirty... We swear we are not making this up: **Amber Madison**, the new sex columnist at the *Daily*, debuts just a couple weeks after the rag prints an article bemoaning the lack of calls to SSARA. Hey, Rachel—it's called **gonzo news**, and it's unethical... Amber also has her very own email address where her readers can respond to her X-rated rantings. The address: [sex@tuftsdaily.com](mailto:sex@tuftsdaily.com). For a good time... **Lou Esparza**, Tufts' most famous student of color, composed one of his latest columns about his experience with the University's **affirmative action policy**. He opined about the Latino Center's unsolicited attention until he realized that "accepting the newsletters meant that I had to accept myself." Judging by the fliers all students get from Ears For Peers, TEMS, and Have Trunk, Will Travel, guess we must finally accept **our depressed, drunk, cyclist selves**.

☞ Megan Liotta attended the swank invite-only luncheon honoring Light on the Hill recipient **Rob Burnett**. When she congratulated him on her way out, he oh-so-graciously told her to "go have fun with your conservative thoughts." THE ELEPHANT wishes Burnett would just "go have fun with your little **Emmy doll—er—action figure**"... Tufts students awoke on Coming Out Day to find chalkings declaring the sexual orientation of inanimate objects, including "queer steps" over by Richardson. This must be where your **homophobic pursuer** can't catch you if you skip up toward Professor's Row.

☞ We feel so neglected: the SOURCE's own **Little Buddy** (aka Tara Heumann) **penned an article for the Daily** the same week that she told us she didn't have time to write for the latest SOURCE issue. She's earned it: her position on the masthead will henceforth be **Editor-at-Large**... In other SOURCE silliness: try typing "Sam D" into Word on a MAB Office computer and, as Managing Editor **Bobby L.** discovered last week, the program will complete the name automatically to make "Sam Dangremond." Disappointingly, Sam's name does not appear in the "**Tools**" **pull-down menu**.

☞ The **debate society** appeared before the TCU senate to ask for nearly ten times their "new group" budget. They were unsuccessful in their appeal for funding to make them better debaters. If only **Joseph Heller** were alive to help them argue this rationally.

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

# Pandora's Box

by Robert Lichter

What is our society coming to? Miss America, the winner of a contest measured more for her bust size than her SAT score, is advocating sexual restraint, while campus dailies across the nation are printing student sex columns espousing the "information" that used to be the province of dirty book stores. This September, Miss America's tiara was awarded to a Phi Beta Kappa student accepted at Harvard Law School who had the fortitude to suggest pre-marital abstinence. Meanwhile, the pages of campus newspapers at respected universities seek to fill the brains of the nation's best and brightest with barely-coherent, over-sexed drivel.

Whatever one may think about the Miss America Pageant, which, despite universal ridicule, adamantly adheres to its old story that it is a scholarship competition first and foremost, this year's winner is worthy of universal admiration. She has both courageous convictions and the confidence to express them.

Would that the *Tufts Daily* editorial staff had such confidence in their ability to find quality news stories on campus. Most professional newspapers run advice and personal question-and-answer columns, yet they refrain from sinking to the level of vulgarity offered by Amber Madison in her column, "Between the Sheets." The *Daily* staff would not think of selling their bodies for money on a street corner, yet they think nothing of relinquishing their journalistic integrity for a chance to fill the lower left

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corner of Page Three on Wednesdays.

Ms. Madison has printed things traditionally reserved for private discussion. For some reason, she assumes that *Daily* readers want to hear details about one of her first sexual experiences—at age fourteen. With the same devotion to the perverse, she writes about the nutritional content of semen, and ponders its possible uses. For her to share

her personal and generally pointless thoughts in a campus news column is neither necessary nor appropriate. Perhaps a few friends or Ears for Peers might provide Ms. Madison the kind of audience she desires.

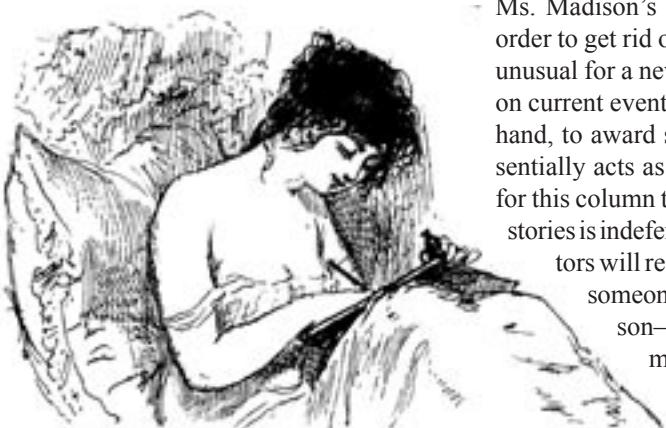
In one column, Ms. Madison took on genital warts. She gave her best attempt at a medical topic, but why is the *Daily* relying on her for a medical opinion? Tufts is known for its medical school, and, most likely, the *Daily* could easily get someone from Sackler to answer actual student questions or to run a more professional sex column from a medical perspective. If students need information on sexually transmitted diseases, they

can walk over to Health Services and pick up information on those specific diseases. After all, the waiting room is crammed with pamphlets for the curious and condoms for the determined. Printing unsophisticated information on genital warts in the newspaper is unnecessary; students may, however, appreciate more detailed, less obvious information from a medical professional on these diseases.

People are much more likely to pick up a publication when its readers are saying, "Did you see the garbage they printed today?" This phenomenon is called sensationalism. *The National Enquirer*, to give a notorious example, relies on rumors, half-truths, and flat out lies, which they systematically pump into their news generator. While many people laugh at these publications, the *Enquirer* and others do make money off those who enjoy sensationalist "news." The *Daily* does not make money through subscriptions to students, but it can receive national awards. Earlier this year, they were named one of the most-read campus newspapers. The easy way to getting high readership numbers, and possibly winning the top spot on the most-read list, is for the staff to shock people into picking up their rag. The staff is just being editorially and morally lazy.

The Tufts alumni publication just announced that back issues of the *Daily* are now available online. Imagine when prospective students' parents, worried about what temptations await their sons and daughters on campus, stumble upon Ms. Madison's treatises on campus sex. The questions spawned by her sexually explicit discussions should liven up those campus tours. It gives a whole new meaning to those questions about campus "safety."

Clearly, the *Daily* can produce much better material for the space it wastes on Ms. Madison's column. To create filler in order to get rid of a bit of blank space is not unusual for a newspaper, since they depend on current events for material. On the other hand, to award someone a column that essentially acts as filler is unacceptable. And for this column to be devoted to graphic sex stories is indefensible. Hopefully, *Daily* editors will realize their mistake and offer someone—perhaps even Ms. Madison—the option to contribute a more intellectual column to replace "Between the Sheets."



# VOTE FOR THE CONSERVATIVE CULTURE REP!

## **Proposed Amendment III to the TCU Constitution**

1. There shall be one Conservative Culture Representative to the TCU senate. The Conservative Culture Representative shall have one full vote, equal to that of other TCU representatives. The powers and term of the Conservative Culture Representative shall be equal to those of other representatives as outlined in Article II, sections D and E of the TCU constitution. The representative's umbrella group, THE PRIMARY SOURCE, will nominate and elect the Conservative Culture Representative as outlined in Article II, section E of the TCU constitution.



*The most cultured  
representative of them all!*

### *Why do Tufts students need a Conservative Culture Representative?*

*The political climate at Tufts is such that conservatives are a definitive minority. In addition to the low percentage of students identifying themselves as conservatives, the hostility toward conservative politics naturally hinders the ability of these students to hold office in student government. They are as under-represented as other culture groups—and in some cases, more so. The senate, therefore, lacks a voice for the conservative students on campus.*

*Tufts conservatives are routinely the victims of harassment, discrimination, vandalism, and assault from other groups and individuals on campus. This inherent victimhood prohibits many conservatives from comfortably “coming out” to their fellow students. A senate culture representative would lend strength to the voice of this oppressed minority.*

*The umbrella group for Tufts’ conservative culture, THE PRIMARY SOURCE, openly encourages and retains members of all races, genders, sexual orientations, and campus living situations. The conservative culture is born out of ideology rather than genetics or finances.*



*Enjoy yachting or  
sipping mint juleps on your neo-classical  
front porch? Then vote yes for the SOURCE culture rep!*



# THE HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL

A PRIMARY SOURCE PRODUCTION

Starring (in order of appearance)...



What could be  
scarier to those  
running the media than  
PLO leader  
Yasser Arafat?

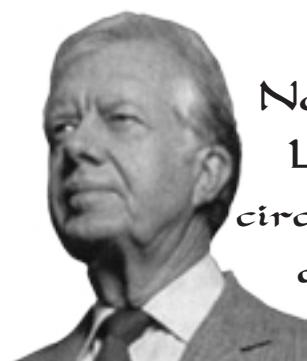


Without her smashing  
new blonde locks,  
Leila Fawaz is looking  
awfully Arab... Yikes!

Buchanan in the  
White House?  
Sends shivers up  
even some of the  
most conservative  
spines!



AAAIEEEEE!!! Oh  
wait. It's just Gloria  
Steinem looking a  
little more demonic  
than usual.



Nobody likes a sell-out.  
Least of all one whose  
circle of friends includes  
a communist dictator  
and a terrorist.

Nothing scares a  
white conservative  
like a self-confident  
black man. No, we  
mean Jesse Jackson.



**OPENING NATIONWIDE THIS HALLOWEEN!**

LEGEND SAYS THE  
HOUSE IS HAUNTED BY THE  
SPIRITS OF LONG-DEAD  
POLITICAL CAREERS...



HORROR OF HORRORS!  
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# Gary Leupp is Right!

In September 24, 2002 editorial for the online lefty mag *Counterpunch.com* Associate Professor Gary Leupp finally admits his undying love of country and this journal...

*Gary Leupp loves America!*



"I'm proud of my American roots."



*Gary Leupp loves the SOURCE!*

"[THE PRIMARY SOURCE is] of Ann Coulter quality..."

In fact, so proud that he promptly hid upon having his picture taken by the SOURCE!

*The SOURCE heartily congratulates Professor Leupp for his change of heart—welcome to the Past Right-Wing Conspiracy, Gary!*

*Gary Leupp loves the Founding Fathers!*

...I'm proud of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine..."



# Mitt Romney for Governor

by Aaron Held

In the upcoming election, Massachusetts voters must make a critical decision: who to place in the Governor's office. With a strong background in business, politics, and leadership, Republican Mitt Romney will best be able to put his campaign slogan to work: "Clean up the Mess on Beacon Hill." Romney, 55, has amassed an impressive collection of degrees including a B.A. from Brigham Young University and both an M.B.A. and a J.D.

from Harvard University. A 25-year veteran of the corporate world, Romney's resumé includes being President and CEO of the Salt Lake City Olympics Organizing Committee, Massachusetts Republican nominee for US Senate, and Founder of Bain Capital.

Kerry Healey, Romney's running mate for Lieutenant Governor, likewise brings notable public policy experience and academic credentials to complement Romney's business and management background. A graduate of Harvard with a degree in government, Healey went on to obtain her Ph.D. in political science and law from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. She is a criminologist and public policy specialist with expertise in the criminal justice system.

Romney is well-known for his strong conservative convictions, particularly when it comes to government finances. Like any good Republican, he favors low taxes and supports the voter-approved tax rollback. Yet he is pro-choice and supports annual increases in minimum wage, since being a bipartisan team player is one of his top priorities.

Massachusetts is notorious for its expensive bureaucracy. Romney's financial focus is well planned and will be able to rectify many of the problems plaguing the state. Leadership to put the Big Dig in financial check is one of his main goals. His plans call for merging the Turnpike Author-

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**Mitt Romney has strong convictions, is willing to work for the goals in which he believes, and be a bipartisan team player on Beacon Hill.**

ity with the Highway Department to save over \$105 million a year. Big Dig representatives will report directly to the Governor's office as the massive project enters its final phase, ensuring

that there are no conflicting authorities on its direction. Romney has called for a top-to-bottom outside audit for the project and promised elimination of any remaining wasteful spending, a tremendous goal, but worth the effort, even if he can only partially

make it work. The Big Dig already infuriates drivers and tax payers; any way to reduce the delays and costs is welcome.

Romney's fiscal interests extend beyond infrastructure and taxes into humanitarian issues such as quality and affordable healthcare and education. He wants to restructure the Health and Human Services bureaucracy to make it more user-friendly and to preserve healthcare jobs. Romney calls for a single health care plan for all state and municipal employees and a reform to achieve fair medical malpractice judgments. He also wants to work with all parties involved in the pharmaceutical controversy to deal with the rising costs

of prescription drugs. He seeks to increase access to health care without overburdening taxpayers. Education plans outline full-day kindergarten classes, merit pay for the most

able teachers, English immersion for non-fluent students, and tenure reform to keep good teachers in the classroom and remove those less proficient.

While identified as a Republican, Romney tends not to toe the party line when it comes to social politics. He wants to extend marital financial benefits to homosexual couples. While he does not support recognizing gay marriage, he supports equal rights, which means benefits for domestic partnerships. He is a strong supporter of responsible gun ownership, yet he also believes in reasonable gun control and the federal assault weapons ban. This position is not very popular with libertarian-leaning Republicans, but those who are more middle-grounded find his views on these two topics to be more what they are looking for in a politician than straight Republican or Democrat.

When it comes to crime, however, Romney comes down hard. He supports capital punishment in extreme cases of first-degree murder. His crime prevention plan includes increasing accountability of judges, giving prosecutors the ability to appeal lenient sentences, and stronger punishments for sex offenders. Changing the life tenure for trial court judges to 10-year terms will keep judges accountable for any failure to adhere to state statute. In their combined plan, Healey has called for actively managing the societal re-entry of offenders by linking them to existing support services and education programs to help them reintegrate.

Perhaps most importantly, Mitt Romney has strong family values and an unbeatable work ethic. He brings conservative views to the mainstream without polarizing himself. Romney has shown through the Salt Lake Olympics that he can take a project in ruins and turn it into a monumental success. He will be able to do the same for Massachusetts. In the overwhelmingly democratic government, the Romney-Healey team provides a balance this state needs. On Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, the state of Massachusetts will decide its future for the next four years. With strong backgrounds and on-target policies, Republicans Mitt Romney and Kerry Healey are the right choice for Massachusetts. For more information visit [www.romney2002.com](http://www.romney2002.com).



# "Small Government Is Beautiful"

*Interview conducted by Jordana Starr*

**C**arla Howell, the Libertarian candidate for Massachusetts Governor, distinguishes herself from the major party candidates with a strikingly radical message: "Small Government Is Beautiful." In a state famous for such "tax and spend" liberals as Mike Dukakis and Ted Kennedy, Howell's pledge to repeal the state income tax, legalize marijuana, and remove gun laws is gutsy. An interview with the SOURCE reveals a warm, thoughtful woman, whose philosophy of limited government harkens back to Massachusetts' revolutionary roots. Ms. Howell gave this interview on Monday, October 21, 2002.



**Carla Howell sits down with the SOURCE.**

to a really meaningful debate. And now voters have a choice. Every other candidate for governor supports today's \$23 billion state budget that has been growing \$1 billion every year, and the high taxes that fund it. Every other candidate for governor opposes my Ballot Question #1 to end the income tax. Ending the income tax will give back an average of \$3,000 a year to 3 million taxpayers, creating between 300,000 and 500,000 new jobs in Massachusetts—desperately needed new jobs. We need more take-home pay to stimulate the economy, to encourage businesses to stay in Massachusetts and to locate in Massachusetts and create new jobs.

**SOURCE: What other positions have you run for in the past?**

**Howell:** In 2000 I ran for Senate against Ted Kennedy. I won 308,860 votes, the most successful third party US Senate race in the country that year, only 1 percentage point behind the Republican candidate. It was a huge success and a demonstration that there is significant support for small government and low taxes.

**THE PRIMARY SOURCE: What is your take on the lack of invitations to participate in debates and the media coverage blackout?**

**Carla Howell:** Luckily that's turned around lately. I was in the second post-primary gubernatorial debate on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We heard great feedback from people who saw the debates, who feel that they have transformed an otherwise boring and meaningless couple of choices

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**SOURCE: What are some of the main differences between your campaign in 2000 and your gubernatorial campaign this year?**

**Howell:** The issues are state government issues rather than federal. My general approach is the same. Small government is beautiful: ending the income tax, individual liberty, personal responsibility. The only difference is we're focused on state issues, rather than federal, and we have Ballot Question 1 to end the income tax.

**SOURCE: With the current state budget crisis, why is now the appropriate time to pose Question 1 on the ballot?**

**Howell:** There is no budget crisis, simply gross overspending on the part of the state legislature. The only crisis is in the families of the taxpayers, many of whom have lost an entire income in their family and cannot find a new job. It's time the government do what private businesses and individuals have to do: downsize. Bring expenses inline with what we should be spending and what the market justifies.

The government has more than doubled in just over ten years. But are our kids getting double the education that they were? Are our streets twice as well maintained as they were ten years ago? Many will say they've gotten worse. It's time to dramatically downsize the state government, remove not just the waste, but the failed and flawed big government programs that have never been put up for review by the Democrat and Republican politicians, many of which do more harm than good. We need to move things

like helping people who are in need, health care, and education to local governments and to the private sector, where these things are handled at a fraction of the cost of big government bureaucracies.

**SOURCE: What advice can you offer public school systems that are already suffering from budget crunches and that are forced to cut co-curricular programs and faculty, limiting the number of choices available for students?**

**Howell:** The money subsidized by the state government to cities and towns is concentrated primarily in large cities. In these cities we are finding that after spending billions of dollars, they are failing, even by the government's own measures. In these low-income areas, MCAS scores are still low. Throwing money at the problem with no accountability doesn't work. We need to stop doing the things that are obvious failures and that cost huge amounts of money. Governor Howell will return responsibility

and control of education to parents, teachers, and local communities, to the people who know and love the kids, who are there to watch the outcomes, and who are accountable to both the taxpayers and the parents in their town.

**SOURCE:** Some libertarians are skeptical of your style of persuasion, such as your emphasis on slogans such as, "Small Government is Beautiful." What is your response to these criticisms, and what effect do you feel that these slogans have on the voter?

**Howell:** Because the media has refused, in some cases, to cover my campaign and Ballot Question 1, a lot of people still haven't heard "Small Government is Beautiful" and don't know that I'm their only choice for small government and low taxes. I need to focus on my primary issue which is ending the income tax, dramatically cutting spending, individual liberty, personal responsibility, and making government small. Until I'm sure that the majority of voters understand that that's what the choice is, they need to know the fundamentals. And until the media covers campaigns adequately, we need to keep repeating ourselves so they get that message and know what their choices are.

**SOURCE:** Your views on gun laws have attracted the support of groups such as the NRA, who already share in the libertarian viewpoints on gun laws. How do you propose to attract people who are anti-gun?

**Howell:** Some voters are rabidly anti-gun and I'm probably not going to change their minds. And many people respond when they understand a few basic facts about guns. Anti-gun laws do not work. They only disarm honest, peaceful, responsible gun owners. Vicious criminals, rapists, murderers, child molesters, snipers laugh at anti-gun laws. They get their guns illegally on the black market or they steal them from the homes of peaceful, responsible gun owners. They make a point of using guns that can't be traced. That's why anti-gun laws don't work. Tell a woman who is being stalked and who is in imminent danger to her life that she has to wait [for a gun license]. Women have been killed while they were waiting to get a gun license, along with their children. Anti-gun laws...make it easier for violent criminals. We need to repeal anti-gun laws so that our communities are safer, so that we have the right to defend ourselves.

**SOURCE:** Do you think that it would be easier politically to focus on legislation of medicinal marijuana first, and then all uses of marijuana, or to immediately focus on legalizing all uses in one fell swoop?

**Howell:** Prohibition doesn't work. We already learned this lesson with alcohol eighty years ago. It brought about the birth of organized crime in America. Drug prohibition has brought about street gangs, drive-by shootings, innocent people being killed.



**Howell speaks outside the State House.**

Alcohol prohibition encouraged many people, especially young people, to drink alcohol, and to do so excessively. Drug prohibition encourages kids to do drugs and to do harder drugs. Where they might have smoked marijuana, instead they are doing crack cocaine or something far more dangerous. Alcohol prohibition resulted in police corruption, overfilled prisons, corruption of politicians, undermining of our constitutional rights. Marijuana prohibition has done the same thing: search and seizure, driving while black, racial profiling. The war on drugs is much worse than harmful drug use. We need to encourage personal responsibility, individual liberty, accountability, and penalties for those who do damage to another person. If they harm themselves, that is their own punishment.

**SOURCE:** Voters with libertarian views are faced with a dilemma. With the very tight election, they are terrified by the prospect of O'Brien in power and fear voting libertarian will give O'Brien the win. What is your advice to the many voters who are considering to vote between the lesser of two evils?

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**Howell:** If you vote for evil, then you are aiding, abetting, supporting, and bringing into power evil. If you vote for big government and high taxes, you are part of the problem. You are advancing big government and high taxes. As much as the media, and as much as the big govern-

ment Democrats and big government Republicans would want us to believe there's a difference, there is no difference to the average taxpayer, to parents putting their kids through school; there is no difference to people trying to make ends meet to pay for health care, to buy health insurance. They're both big government, high tax politicians. Mitt Romney has proposed at least two tax increases. Romney has proposed numerous expansions of big government and supports today's \$23 billion and growing state budget. Now that I'm much more recognized in the race, he's pretending that he'll cut taxes, but in fact he's proposed raising taxes. He refuses to sign a "no new taxes" pledge and he's already broken his verbal promise not to raise taxes.

In fact, it's probably more dangerous to vote for Romney than O'Brien because it creates an illusion of competition. The media wants us to believe that when there's a balance of Democrats and Republicans, there's a balance of political interest. But there's only one political interest that's represented when we have Democrats and Republicans and no one else, and that is big government and high taxes. If you want small government, if you want to cut state spending, cut taxes, move in the direction of small government, there is only one choice...Governor Carla Howell, and yes on Question 1. □

*Ms. Starr is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.*

# ¿Habla Inglés?

by Sam Dangremond

In America today, the best way to oppress a minority may well be to deny their children a proper education. Black civil rights leaders fought to integrate schools a generation ago, yet the children of some minorities still languish in schools where they remain segregated—by language. If there were a vast conspiracy out to keep minorities from advancing, bilingual education would be its best tool. Massachusetts voters will decide the fate of bilingual education in their schools on November 4<sup>th</sup> by voting on Question Two. A yes vote on Question Two will give all children the tools they need to achieve the American dream.

Bilingual education is the practice of teaching non-English speaking schoolchildren subjects such as math and science in their native language. In today's cultural landscape, the second language—putting the “bi” in bilingual—is almost exclusively Spanish. Immigrants, both legal and illegal, from Mexico have made Spanish the second most frequently spoken language in America. In 1968, Congress approved the first federal bilingual education program to help Mexican-Americans learn English. The educational administrators behind the bilingual education movement theorized that by teaching Spanish speaking students math and science in Spanish, they would ease the transition to a fully English classroom. Typically the transition occurs over three years, depending on the age of the child.

In an increasing number of states, however, newly immigrated parents are rebelling against these bilingual programs. Low-income Mexican-American parents have successfully passed voter initiatives in California and Colorado that have abolished bilingual education as it is currently practiced. These initiatives have replaced bilingual education with English im-

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mersion programs that typically limit the time spent in non-English classrooms to one year. Parents feel that their children should be exposed to English as much as possible at an early age in order to gain a full mastery of the language. They are right.

With the aid of entrepreneur Ron Unz,

Massachusetts will also have the opportunity to radically improve how it educates native Spanish speaking students. Ballot Question 2 is based on the principle that English “is spoken by the vast majority of Massachusetts residents, and is also the

leading world language for science, technology, and international business, thereby being the language of economic opportunity.” Therefore, the Question resolves that “all children in Massachusetts public schools shall be taught English as rapidly and effectively as possible.”

The educational theory behind English immersion is based on an understanding of how children learn best. Studies of cognitive development have found that at an early age the human brain has a distinct ability to grasp language. Although there may be initial challenges, forcing children into English classrooms at an

earlier age ultimately will give them stronger English skills. This prediction has been born out in the standardized testing results in California. Since bilingual education was abolished in California four years ago, average scores in English and math proficiency have improved noticeably. In one remarkable example, math and reading scores for ninth graders on the Stanford Achievement Test more than doubled in Oceanside county public schools.

Opponents of Question Two often duck discussion of the underlying educational issues and instead focus on the slogan “Don't Sue Teachers.” A provision in Question 2 does allow parents to sue a school district and its employees to force compliance with the referendum. The Question states that “any school district employee, school committee member or other elected official, or administrator who willfully and repeatedly refuses to implement the terms of this chapter may be held personally liable.” This language clearly sets the high standard of “willfully and repeatedly” for filing a suit, yet opponents of Question 2 imply that a teacher could be sued for accidentally speaking a few words of Spanish.

English is the language of American prosperity; without it, one cannot advance to the highest echelons of economic success. Children who struggle through years of bilingual education in which perfect proficiency in neither English nor Spanish is properly taught cannot reach these heights and are denied their share of the American dream. Both sides in the debate over bilingual education seek to provide the best education possible to Spanish speaking children, but only one side is supported by hard data and led by the parents of those children. The passage of Question 2 will ensure that all Massachusetts children will be educated equally and properly. □



**"Prometemos lealtad a la bandera..."**

# films

**M**ichael Moore, America's funniest left-winged propagandist, is back, and this time he tackles the issue of guns and violence in American society. In his latest film, *Bowling for Columbine*, Moore asks, "Are we as a nation gun nuts or are we just nuts?" With his camera close behind him, Moore tours the countryside looking for answers.

He starts by debunking the various arguments used by both the Right and Left to explain America's "gun culture." Is violence the result of America's violent history? Unlikely, since Germany and Japan have bloody histories yet have less than one-third the number of handgun homicides. Is it the number of violent television shows, video games, and films? No, because these forms of entertainment are at least as popular overseas, where the age restrictions are more relaxed. Is it the break-up of the nuclear family? Again, Britain's divorce rate tops that of the US, yet their gun deaths are nowhere near as alarming. So, why the trend in America?



## Bowling for Columbine Directed by Michael Moore

After interviewing a plethora of celebrities, Moore adopts a position espoused by Marilyn Manson and builds upon it. According to Manson and Moore, consumerism and "repressive" US foreign policy are one and the same thing. Moore even claims that the government and the media are in a loose conspiracy to induce consumerism, which, he argues, makes people complacent with the foreign policy. This conspiracy is apparently the driving force behind the prevalence of violent crime in the US. Moore believes that to end violent crime in the US, lawmakers should restrict gun access so that the conspiracy will dissolve. Moore ignores the facts that contradict his theories. For example, *Reason* reports that gun deaths have fallen 40% from 1991-1999 while Americans' overall rate of consumerism continued to increase. Moore's humor is used to patch the holes in his arguments.

As the movie progresses, Moore's arguments grow more outlandish as he presents the usual liberal laundry list of all that is wrong with America:

its rampant consumerism, pollution, and, of course, the right-wing's individualist influence. His most outrageous claims include that a welfare-to-work program is responsible for the shooting death of a six-year-old girl, and that the NRA and the Ku Klux Klan, having formed around the same time, are in fact the same organization.

The movie's most memorable scene involves an interview with Hollywood icon and NRA President, Charlton Heston, which should have every gun supporter worried. Though Moore tosses the usual softball questions, Heston makes some inappropriate comments and ends the interview by callously walking away while Moore shows him a picture of a six-year-old shooting victim.

Despite the shortcomings inherent in any leftist politicking, *Bowling for Columbine* can entertain throughout. While Moore's thought processes are distorted by his liberal bias, fortunately his humor remains largely unspoiled. Hardly a person in the theater was not laughing when Moore spoofed the TV show "Cops" with his own "Corporate Cops," where officers slammed corrupt CEOs onto cars. Regardless of your political affiliations, seeing or reading Michael Moore's work is always refreshing because he has one thing too many liberals lack: a sense of humor.

—Gerard Balan

# books

**J**in the midst of the ever-expanding conservative talk-radio success, one celebrity's show has been particularly successful in attracting listeners and supporters from across the United States. Sean Hannity, co-host of "Hannity & Colmes" on Fox News and host of "The Sean Hannity Show" on nationally syndicated radio, is capitalizing on his celebrity status with the release of his book, *Let Freedom Ring*.

The War on Terror is not the only war of grave importance in America, Hannity argues. Equally important to the long-term prosperity of our nation is winning the war of "liberty over liberalism." In Hannity's words, "The views of the American Left aren't just wrongheaded; they're reckless." Hannity fears a future America that is less free and less secure than the America we inherited from our parents. Unlike some of his alarmist peers, Hannity does not contend that liberals are evil people; he understands that they do not want to destroy America, nor do they wish harm upon Americans. Their policies do, however, give these results. Thus Hannity does not call for a war against liberals, but a war against liberalism.

## Let Freedom Ring by Sean Hannity

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He cites the Democratic party's devolution from the likes of FDR and JFK to modern liberals like Tom Daschle and Ted Kennedy.

Hannity annihilates whatever credibility the reader previously gave liberals. In plain, incontrovertible terms he dissects the liberals' common arguments against conservatism, exposes their shocking hypocrisy, and reveals their tendency to vote with political trends. He also divulges the tendency of prominent Democrats to oppose spending for national security and defense. The facts speak for themselves, sometimes making Hannity's commentary seem superfluous. He attacks the long-time assaults on the Republican civil rights record and makes long overdue clarifications that would drastically alter the voting patterns of the population if they were well publicized. Hannity addresses the liberals' allergy to the armed services, sensible immigration policies, religion, the Pledge of Allegiance, school vouchers, and tax cuts to name but a few. The Democratic exploitation of race, age, and gender differences to scare voters away from Republicans is also thoroughly discussed. Hannity lavishly

highlights and explains the many hidden dangers of liberal proposals that Republicans can't address in public for fear of being labeled racist, greedy, and uncaring.

Although not directly comparable to Ann Coulter's *Slander*, Hannity's *Freedom* does make frequent references to the effects the media's overwhelmingly liberal bias has on public perceptions of Republicans. Much of the book shatters common myths surrounding Republican policies, which is evidenced by headings such as "The Truth About Taxes" and "Facts, not Fanaticism."

Finally, Hannity expresses renewed optimism toward the future, citing the country's patriotic awakening after 9/11. Although the effects of this rebirth seem to be diminishing, he maintains his hope that liberals and their policies will eventually be proven wrong and dangerous.

Hannity's book comes at a time when it is sorely needed. The language used is not overpowering in complexity—he addresses the average American. He says what he means without complication or embarrassment, which makes his book so refreshing. *Let Freedom Ring* helps the typical American understand how this country's liberals are misleading their fellow citizens through policy and propaganda.

—Nicholas Boyd

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**Leftists are losing support for the anti-war movement with their inane arguments.**

# Hippies All Around Me

by Jason Walker

The antiwar movement, at Tufts and nationwide, is its own worst enemy. With its circular reasoning, futile and immature rallies, and substitution of uninspired sloganizing for intellectual discourse, it does more to solidify support for the pro-war cause than the Bush administration. The knee-jerk leftism which pervades anti-war rhetoric undermines what could be a credible movement, leaving most of the American public supporting the war by default.

In the October 2002 *Radix*, Joe Ramsey helpfully defines the left as, “[T]hose of us who read Marx, Rosa Luxemburg, Zinn, and Chomsky, and who actively challenge entrenched authority with radical perspectives.” What insight might such leftists offer those of other political persuasions who remain unconvinced about whether Iraq war is appropriate?

*1. The rest of the world, except for our lap-dog Britain, opposes this war:*

While true, particularly about Britain, this argument fallaciously appeals to popularity as a basis for judgment. If the UN resolved, for example, that America should invade North Korea, would that mean we should? No nation should allow multilateral consensus determine its own security. Just ask the Czechs.

Without international support, however, invading Iraq will be harder, and it could inspire more terrorism. But this is more a problem of pragmatics than principle. If war is justified, would international opposition be reason to back down? Successful arguments instead address whether a given war is both grounded in moral principle and whether a cost-benefit analysis supports invasion.

Second, activists fool themselves by thinking UN inspectors are the solution. Such inspectors have failed in the past, and will fail in the future.

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But because Saddam's suicidal use of weapons of mass destruction is doubtful, the antiwar case requires no appeal to the efficacy of the UN. Therefore activists shouldn't squander their credibility defending the UN, its inspectors, or Saddam's willingness to cooperate.

*2. Iraqi civilians would face devastation and death because war kills people.*

This argument embodies a certain irony. The left generally champions multicultural relativism. Moral standards are supposedly subjective social constructions. Yet this argument relies on an intrinsic, even fundamentalist moral rejection of violence by neglecting context. Self-defensive killing is justifiable. If the hawks were right about Iraq, then this war would only be a

variety of self-defense. Iraqi causalities would be acceptable, provided precautions are taken to ensure only military targets are hit.

*3. America is evil and imperialistic.*

This simplistic red herring fails to persuade, not only because it is the generic Zinn/Chomsky response to virtually any action America takes, but because America is saintly compared to Iraq. Leftist thinkers cannot make progress by minimizing the brutality of Iraq's government while exaggerating the excesses of America's.



**Clever anti-war sloganizing.**

Even if this sentiment were justified, this war would not therefore be wrong. No one talks about making Iraq a US territory. Perhaps the US could install a puppet dictator, but doing so in a post-Cold War era would be a public relations disaster. A stronger case exists for the slippery slope into imperialism, which I endorse.

## 4. Consciousness Raising

Ramsey, one of the organizers of the Tisch rally, explains the Left's penchant for rallies and sloganizing. After bragging about disturbing students trying to study with his protest, he writes, “[B]y gathering our bodies together...and shouting out in public against our government's unjustifiable actions and its juvenile rhetoric, by demonstrating our beliefs publicly for not only the world, but ourselves to see and hear...we start to see that...we are not alone in opposing the madness of the Bush administration.”

Do we fight juvenile rhetoric with—juvenile rhetoric? Rallies serve to remind us that we aren't alone in our opinions? Independently-minded, self-confident intellectuals should not fear being one voice in a million. Any ideology that requires collective reinforcement is suspect.

Sometimes nonviolent protest can persuade, but only within the context of larger cultural movements based in civil argumentation and reason. Civil rights succeeded for this reason, but because leftism is an intellectual dead-end, this antiwar movement will fail. Note that on October 26, when massive rallies were held internationally, Bush again reiterated that America needs no new UN sanction to invade Iraq. Some efficacy.

## 5. All about oil.

This is a symptom of the inverted priorities of many Leftists, where wars that serve some national interest are bad, but wars with no interests at stake—like Somalia and Yugoslavia—are good. Empirically this argument fails anyway, because if invasion opened up new supplies to world markets, oil companies would be hurt. When gas was cheap during the late Nineties, oil companies suffered financially, but they prospered when oil was scarce and expensive, such as during the 1970s embargo and in the months before the Gulf War.

Oil-based arguments usually amount to *ad hominem* reasoning, impugning personal motives whilst ignoring the arguments war supporters actually offer. Successful activists take their opponents seriously, not as stooges of “Big Oil” or captives of media propaganda. The issue requires mature reflection, and no progress is possible in the marketplace of ideas until this is understood. □

# The Latest Truth

by Jon Halpert

The purpose of ultra-liberal revisionist history has always been to rewrite history to mislead the audience into accepting leftist goals. In order to denounce capitalism, democracy, and other aspects of Western thought, pointing to—or completely fabricating—past events is useful in showing these theories to be cruel or ineffective. In this light, the story of Christopher Columbus especially lends itself to the leftist propaganda machine.

As a wealthy European, Columbus is representative enough of Western culture that, in the minds of the leftists, his actions can be directly attributed to the West's shortcomings. Fortunately for revisionists, those actions are so poorly documented that almost any source can be misinterpreted without messy counter-evidence getting in the way. In this vein, leftists have vilified Columbus to detract from current models of government and finance. To do so, they have invented fiction as often as they have misinterpreted facts.

In his book *A People's History of the United States*, Howard Zinn presents Columbus as a proto-Hitler. Zinn's book is a revisionist history that claims to focus on the plight of "the people." In denouncing Columbus as the architect of a planned genocide, Zinn cites Columbus' willingness to search for gold as proof positive that he actively brutalized the local population. Zinn's only source on this point is the journal of Bartolome de las Casas, a 16<sup>th</sup> century monk who blasts the Spanish for their cruelty to

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towards the natives. Zinn then equates all of this cruelty to the unknown motivations of singular explorers traveling unfamiliar territory for material profit. By extension, the cruelty is inherent in modern capitalism. This almost seems credible given the stereotype of greediness associated with the common man at that time, but suspiciously de las Casas never mentions Columbus by name. Quick research reveals the reason: he did not arrive in the New World until 1510, four years after Columbus died in Spain. Thus his comments are taken entirely out of context and do not relate to Columbus personally, or even to the actions of the

Spanish during Columbus' brief rule in Hispaniola.

The fact of the matter is that Columbus never believed he discovered anything, and most of his expeditions were failures—on his four subsequent voyages he managed to lose half his ships searching desperately for a canal through Panama, and he was even thrown in prison because he could not control his reckless men. Zinn explains that Columbus' men were dominated by the propaganda of the church, the government, and the prevailing lack of humanism at that time. Zinn blatantly ignores the fact that Columbus was not responsible for the actions of the Spaniards who came after him. Furthermore, Columbus certainly could not have been responsible for the

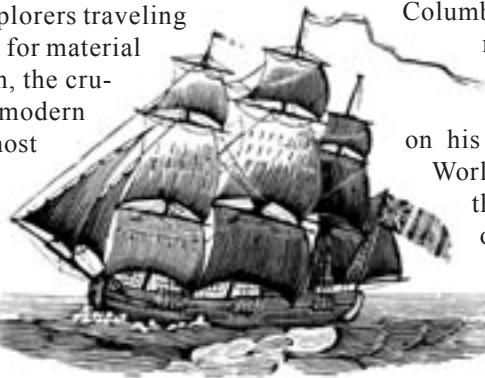
spread of smallpox, as germ theory had not yet been considered by science. Current theories postulate that up to 96% of the population of the Americas died of smallpox and other imported diseases before even meeting any Europeans.

Although Columbus may have been a dismal explorer, he was certainly no Hitler. Revisionist myths, however, are perpetuated even on this campus. A recent Lou "S.A." Esparza column ("Alien Invasion," Oct. 15, 2002) claimed that

Columbus' "band of 90 men raped and killed hundreds of thousands of men and women on his voyage to the New World." Ignoring the fact that a population of one million indigenous people could not physically be massacred by a band of 90 men in 3 months (115

killings per Spaniard per day), no evidence exists supporting this claim. Finding evidence and determining the truth, however, is not the purpose of liberal revisionist history. Its purpose is to explain and promote leftist political leanings by finding, or inventing, moral failings in Western history while implying that current failings must then be causing similar problems today.

In the allegory of revisionist history, the greed that drove Columbus to "masacre thousands" is supposed to invoke doubts about America's own profit-driven economy. The territorial conquest of the Spanish is supposed to parallel current globalization. The evil Christopher Columbus was the ruling class leader who oppressed his own people and urged them into the premeditated slaughter of innocents. The image corresponds to the leftist idea of powerful post-war presidents concerned more with national interest than foreign nationals. The leftists' goals of anarchy and socialist revolution require that people lose faith in current systems of government. Revisionist history is just one more propaganda tool designed to defame current, successful systems by rewriting history to support ultra-liberal political theory. The need to lie and distort facts to achieve their aims should be evidence enough of liberalism's failings. □



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*When colleges support fraternities, everyone benefits.*

# Super-Secret Double Probation

by Eric Zimmerman

Tufts is a unique university that takes pride in its prominence as an international center for education. From a large international student influence and diverse curriculum arise Tufts' various cultural groups and organizations. The culture houses and clubs serve as a place for students to share in their similarities and to learn more about other cultures, creating an open-minded view of the world's composition. This has always been part of Tufts' mission: to create leaders of the next generation with diverse life perspectives.

That so many different cultures converge in one place is uniquely American, however, and one must not overlook those features of a Tufts education that reflect American qualities in much of student life. Campus Greek society, a distinctly American and richly traditional part of collegiate society, has been prominent on the Tufts campus since the school's inception in 1852. Over the course of the last 150 years, the Greek system and the international groups have come to complement each other socially. Students freely mix both aspects of collegiate life. Though the Greek experience, for most of the students on the Tufts campus, is limited to going to a few Thursday night parties at Zeta Psi or cocktails at DTD, the ten fraternities and three sororities serve a more important role on the Tufts campus than most students actually realize.

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Members of Greek life are provided with unique opportunities, including chances to develop personal leadership, make friends, and give back to the community in ways that other groups simply cannot offer. The social nature of the Greek system also allows Tufts students to diversify their network prospects. Widely varied racial, religious, political, and sexually identifying groups comprise Greek membership, helping Tuftonians see what they have in com-

mon outside of their inherent differences. No culture club can boast such diversity amongst its members.

The University has held to a partnership with the fraternities and sororities over the entire history of the school. The Zeta Psi chapter house even predates Tufts' founding. Over the 150 years of Greek influence, many politicians, doctors, lawyers, professors, and businessmen have emerged from Tufts' fraternities and sororities and led distinguished careers as Tufts alumni. Members of

the Greek society



have left their financial mark on the Tufts campus, as can be seen by the buildings named after them, including Cabot, Eaton, and Fletcher. Besides the obvious social results, being involved in Greek life includes participating in philanthropy projects through the school and with the surrounding community. Fraternities and sororities have initiated food drives, can drives, and other community efforts to make Medford a cleaner and safer place. The Greek society has also been a mobilizing force for school spirit, by initiating tournaments in a variety of sports and Greek skits.

Today, in a time when many schools are pushing to banish Greek life from their campuses, the Greek system at Tufts continues to enjoy a great relationship with the school and student community. Within the NESCAC conference, of which Tufts is a member, many other schools have banned fraternities and sororities, while Tufts' Greek system remains strong. The Inter-Greek Council has been established to enhance the formal coalition and relationship between members of the Greek community and the school administration. Developments such as the creation of a Greek Judiciary Committee have stabilized the structure of the organization in recent years, and have helped the houses to deter some of the more unruly behavior associated with the system. Adding to the success of these developments, President Bacow, an MIT ZBT brother himself, has illustrated his eagerness to work with the Greek society. Any fear that Greek life at Tufts will be gone anytime soon is unfounded.

Fraternities and sororities serve as an integral part in this school's history and future. They are an ever-present culture on this campus and are as American as baseball or apple pie. They also serve to increase diversity on campus and the open-mindedness of the Tufts students.

Having a Greek system benefits more than the members of the system itself. The rest of the student body and the entire local community share in the magnanimity of the brothers and sisters of Tufts' fraternities and sororities. □



# WHERE'S SAMUEL?

*You might have spotted Sam in last week's Daily.*



*Now he is turning up everywhere.*



## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Remember that when I married my wife [Maria Shriver], I said in front of the altar, do you take this woman in sickness and in health? And being a Democrat is a sickness!

—Arnold Schwarzenegger

It is perfectly monstrous the way people go about nowadays saying things against one behind one's back that are absolutely and entirely true.

—Oscar Wilde

Everywhere I go I'm asked if I think the university stifles writers. My opinion is that they don't stifle enough of them. There's many a bestseller that could have been prevented by a good teacher.

—Flannery O'Connor

To the young, idealistic, emotional, and immature, the rhetoric of liberalism and socialism is understandably appealing. But when sensible people see—over and over again—how these ideas do not work in the real world, they walk away from them.

—Rush Limbaugh

Whenever a Republican leaves one side of the aisle and goes to the other, it raises the intelligence quotient of both parties.

—Claire Booth Luce

The gap between us and our opponents is a cultural divide. It is not just a difference between conservative and liberal; it is a difference between fighting for what is right and refusing to see what is wrong.

—Dan Quayle

We shall certainly preserve peace when it is well understood that we are prepared for war.

—Andrew Jackson

The probability that we may fail in the struggle should not deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

—Abraham Lincoln

If liberals were prevented from ever again calling Republicans dumb, they would be robbed of half their arguments. To be sure, they would still have "racist," "fascist," "homophobe," "ugly," and a few other highly nuanced arguments in the quiver. But the loss of "dumb" would nearly cripple them.

—Ann Coulter

Contradictions do not exist. Whenever you feel like you are faced with a contradiction, check your premises. You will find that one of them is wrong.

—Ayn Rand

The intelligent conservative combines a disposition to preserve with an ability to reform.

—Russell Kirk

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do, and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

—George Smith Patton

The most dangerous man, to any government, is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos. Almost invariably he comes to the conclusion that the government he lives under is dishonest, insane and intolerable, and so, if he is romantic, he tries to change it. And if he is not romantic personally, he is apt to spread discontent among those who are.

—H. L. Mencken

There can be no fifty-fifty Americanism in this country. There is room here for only 100 per cent Americanism, only for those who are Americans and nothing else.

—Theodore Roosevelt

At what point do you begin to realize, that life without knowledge is death in disguise.

—Black Star

A politician will do anything to keep his job—even become a patriot.

—William Randolph Hearst

Politicians are always interested in people. Not that this is always a virtue. Fleas are interested in dogs.

—P.J. O'Rourke

Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.

—Mark Twain

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.

—Thomas Jefferson

We're no longer a superpower. We're a super-duper power.

—Tom Delay

I call upon all nations to do everything they can to stop these terrorist killers. Thank you. Now watch this drive.

—President Bush, playing golf

Isn't it just like the French to go out early and leave it up to us to beat the Germans?

—Tony Kornheiser, on the World Cup