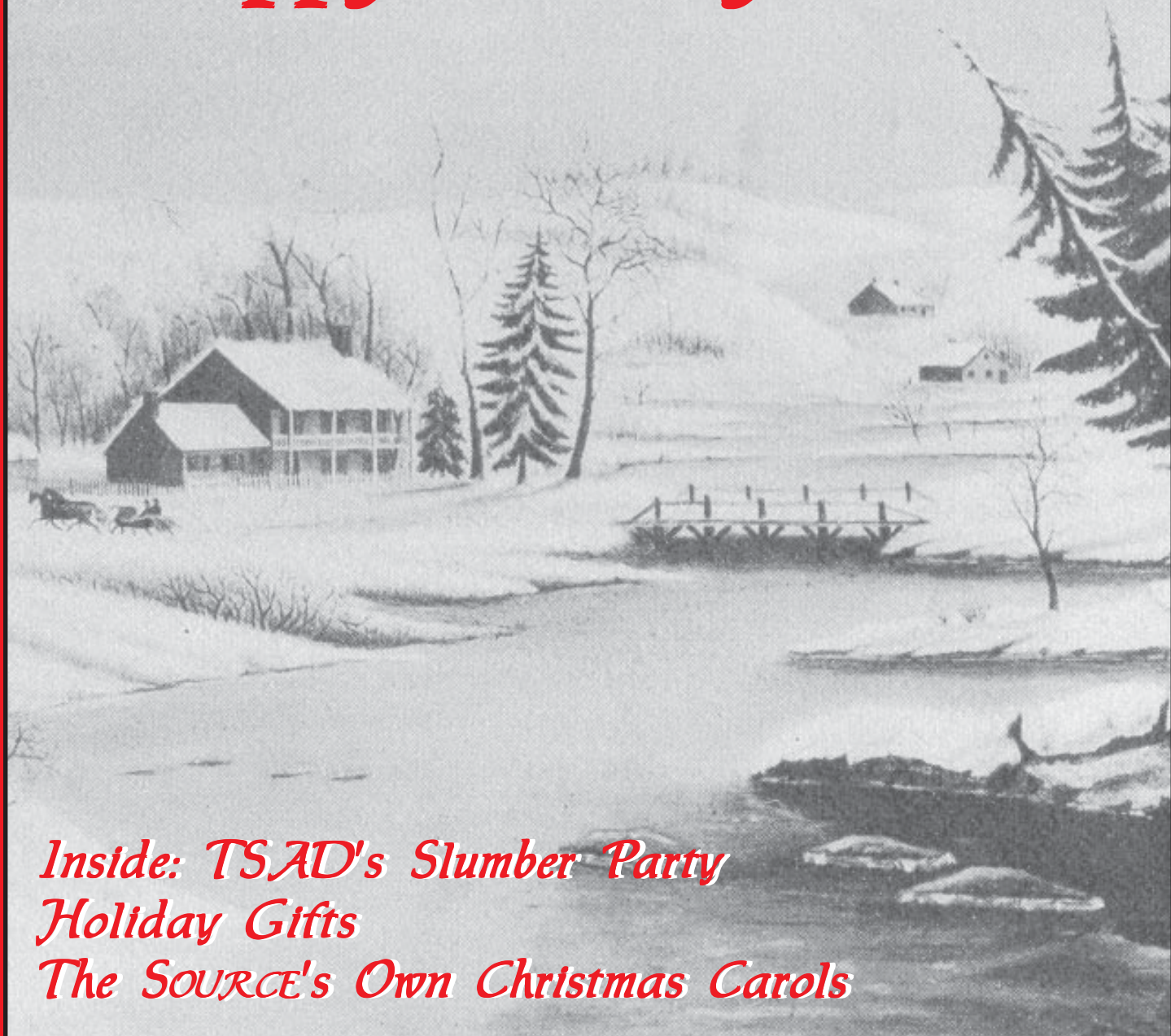


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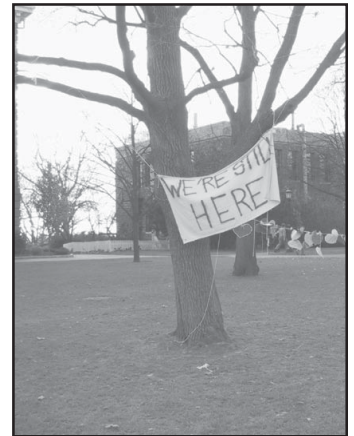
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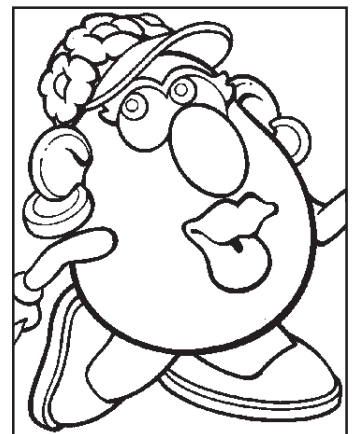
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# All I Want For X-mas...

Dear Santa,

Merry Non-Denominational Winter Holiday! I hope you like the animal-safe, vegan cookies and soymilk beverage that I have left for you. I would like a TSAD Action Figure (with kung-fu grip), an Ebonics Speak n' Spell, new Transgendered Barbie and her partner Rigoberta, and some Play-doh. And a pony. Oh yeah—I also wish for world peace.

Please leave the gifts outside, next to the compost heap. I couldn't celebrate this holiday by killing a tree. Nor could I purchase a plastic tree and support an industry that manufactures non-biodegradable products.

My capitalist (dare I admit it?!) desires aside, I would like to talk to you about your elves. I must remind you that the severely vertically challenged are protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act. I hope that you at least allow the elves to unionize. Please, respect their native culture and urge them to create toys for children of traditionally marginalized groups.

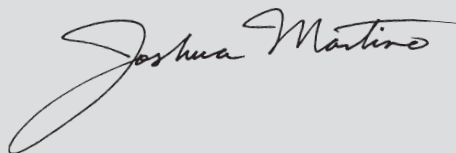
Also keep in mind that reindeer are a protected species in several parts of the world. Perhaps you could find other means of transporting your gifts. I assume Rudolph and Blitzen would gladly be replaced by other pack animals, such as Republican congressmen.

I also just wanted to let you know that I am empowered by your rejection of fascist beauty standards. It is apparent that you do not support the fashion industry's unreasonable weight standards. Please take the "Safe Sleigh, Safe Space" sticker I have prepared for you, as well as the magenta, aquamarine, and puce ribbons, which you ought to wear to show your support for Mumia, hate crimes legislation, and the elimination of the School of the Americas.

I hear they call you Saint Nick. Since you have a religious affiliation, I implore you to urge your church leaders to accept priests and priestesses from traditionally disenfranchised backgrounds. I would also hope that you consider identity and acceptance of identity to be the same—feel free to peruse my hardbound collector's edition of *Heather Has Two Mommies* if you find this confusing. Non-affiliated-deity knows, I've had to re-educate quite a few people about this in recent months!

Finally, Santa, I know you know who's naughty and nice, but could you please take this coal I've left for you and fill the stockings of my next-door neighbors with it? I hear they voted for Bush.

One love,



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# Letters

## We asked for it...

Megan Liotta's plea for intelligent and rational responses exemplifies the reason that the SOURCE has not yet received any letters to the editor this semester, despite the presence of such a seemingly rebellious and impassioned campus. Her assessment of the radical, superficial campus protester and his inability to submit a legitimate rebuttal is not only illogical, but it embodies the hypocrisy that she actively criticizes. I have consistently read, respected, and disagreed with many of the pieces in the SOURCE and was often compelled to publicly react in a letter to the editor. Yet, the manner in which previously sent letters were displayed prevented me from voicing my quite lucid and specific positions. Many opposing letters to the editor have been printed solely for the purpose of ridiculing the individuals who penned them. I am, in fact, quite fearful of even submitting this. In addition, whenever students present their liberal views in other campus publications, the ELEPHANT mocks them in a trite and undiplomatic manner.

While I will not endeavor to speak for the masses, perhaps this is the source (no pun intended) of the reluctance to submit letters to the editor. It may not be due to lack of true passion or individuality. Perhaps students just feel their causes will be better served in ways other than responding to a publication whose editors may pigeon-hole them, mock them, and not really make any attempt to understand the validity of their position. Liotta generalizes campus agitators and anyone who quietly disagrees with the SOURCE as bored, button-toting rebels without a clue. Her evaluation is exactly the brand of closed-mindedness and presumptuousness that I believed the SOURCE tried to expose.

—Erica Goldberg

*Editor's note: Goldberg says she is afraid of sending a letter to the editor and making her opinion vulnerable to ridicule—ironically, this was precisely the point of Liotta's editorial.*

## Looking for laughs at the Powell speech

I love reading the SOURCE because it's so funny. How seriously can I take a journal that makes references to MAD magazine in every issue? This time, I'm looking for the punch line in Tara Heumann's article "A Real American Hero," which wonders why Tufts students didn't like Colin Powell's speech. She writes about how much Powell has done for this country and how important his message of peace is. Well, duh. General Powell didn't need to come to campus to convince me that he's a great guy and that peace is good. Perhaps the students were complaining about Powell's lack of insight into issues Tufts students don't normally get to hear about. I feel that complaint would be reasonable, given Powell's depth of experience.

In the end, it seems that Powell came to Tufts and produced no critical thinking. Yes, Colin Powell is a great man. Yes, peace is good. So what? I am not one of those people who collect celebrity autographs – I want to learn something, to think a new thought, to see a vision. Colin Powell came to Tufts and said nothing new. To me, that's not funny.

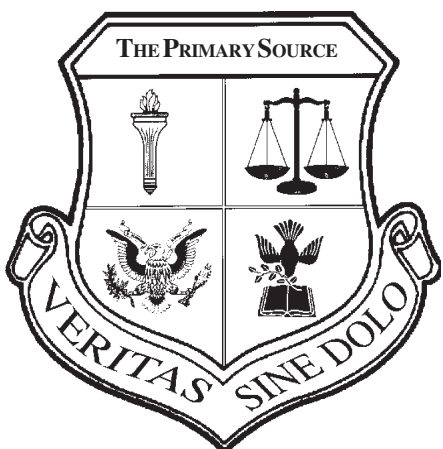
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# Commentary

## Transfer to the School of the Americas

Once again the annual School of the Americas protest took place in Fort Benning, Georgia. The yearly demonstration provided liberal-minded Tufts' students the opportunity to simultaneously demonstrate their disdain for the School of the Americas and their ignorance of the school's purpose and teachings. While the protest most likely will not change school policy, it was not a total loss. Thirty-two satisfied and self-righteous Tufts' students can now walk with their heads held high and say "I was there." Unfortunately, to many of the Tufts' students who attended the protest, words like "freedom" and "liberty" are mere catchphrases, used without the reverence that they should command. Having never been called upon to defend the liberties paid for with the blood of earlier generations of Americans, they have no comprehension of what it means to live without freedom, or to have to pay the price of its absence. The School of the Americas attempts to give soldiers who value freedom the skills to help implement liberty in places where it has never been seen before.

That graduates of the School of the Americas have committed terrible crimes cannot be denied. Such infamous men as Manuel Noriega and members of Augusto Pinochet's regime are among the school's alumni. But to say that because Noriega and other violators of human rights attended the school warrants its closing is *prima facie* erroneous. Graduates of Harvard, such as Theodore Kaczynski, have committed murders. One must ask whether Noriega and other SOA graduates would have committed their crimes even if they had not attended the School of the Americas. Did the school give them knowledge that they would not have learned elsewhere? The answer to those questions is almost certainly no. The methods that tyrants like Noriega used to seize power were not taught in a classroom at Fort Benning, but were learned by watching how other brutal dictators dealt with their adversaries. The fact that such villains attended the School of the

Americas is merely a coincidence.

In order to justify the shutting down of the SOA, there needs to be some conclusive evidence that the graduates of the school somehow became more brutal as a result of their time there. In fact, the opposite is true. While some of its graduates have gone on to commit atrocities, the vast majority of SOA graduates have gone back to their countries and have not committed crimes. Those that are guilty of crimes against humanity are guilty in spite of, not because of, the School of the Americas.

Of course, the SOA is a military school. Perhaps that is why the protesters despise the institution. Many of those who oppose the SOA protest not only the school itself, but all institutions that teach men the art of war. In reality, the school teaches men how to kill; that is the job of the military, for better or worse. At the same time, however, the School of the Americas attempts to teach restraint. The SOA tries, though it does not always succeed, to model students in the form of U.S. soldiers, who are the best in the world. It tries to instill in them the same sense of duty and honor that we give our own soldiers from day one of basic training. Of course, the SOA only receives soldiers who have already been fighting for years, and the courses only last a limited time, so it can hardly be expected that those enrolled will be model students.

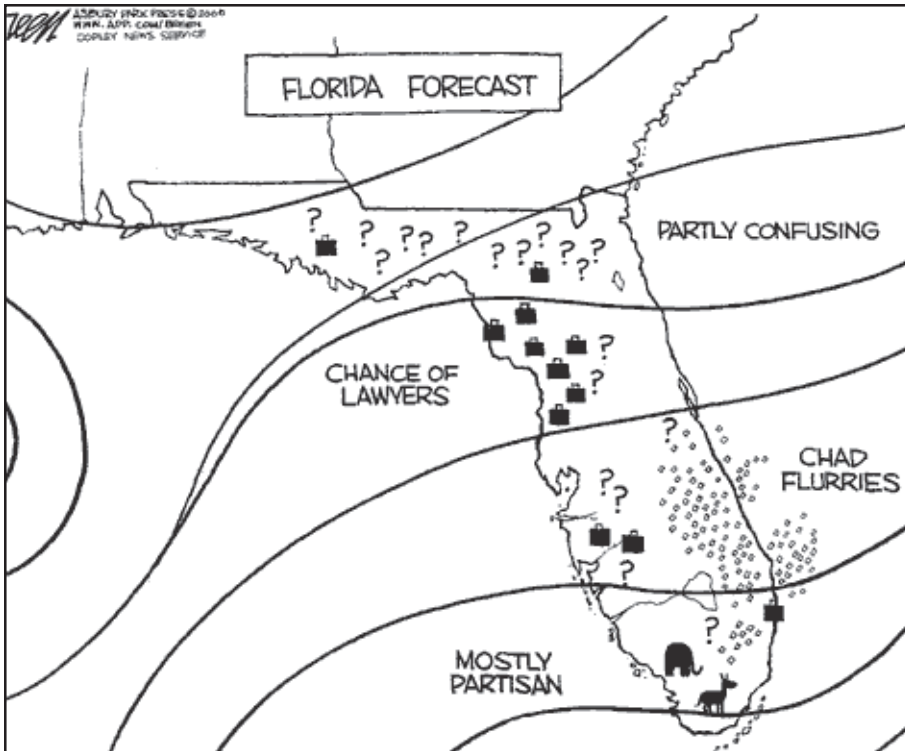
The purpose of the SOA is to make more effective soldiers who are pro-democracy, and who are friendly to the United States. Some people find this objectionable. As senior Ariana Wohl told the *Daily*, "Just as a human being I can't stand to willingly go along knowing that my government and my tax dollars are training people to decimate their own people." While Ms. Wohl may find war in Latin America objectionable, the fact is that it does occur, and there is very little the United States, short of invasion and occupation, can do to prevent it. The SOA offers a chance to train forces that will support democracy, even if its lessons are less than perfect. The SOA is taking concrete steps to try to make a difference in nations where freedom is merely a dream, while its opponents think that their hot air is a substitute for blood, sweat, and tears.



## Got a Clue?

After last year's anti-milk "Got Beer?" campaign soured on PETA, they readjusted their furry fringe fantasies to address a younger crowd: middle schoolers. Kicking off "Dump Dairy" Tuesday at a Vermont middle school, PETA asked the youngsters to be kind to cows, by arming them with "fact" sheets and trading cards trashing their peers who, through no fault of their own, were named Wendy, Patty, Charlie, and Louie.

Be kind to cows, but hold up to ridicule "Pimpily Patty," "Chubby Charlie," "Windy Wendy," and "Loogeey Louie," all of whom have committed the cardinal sin of drinking milk. Can we spell "HYPOCRITE," class? Not content to throw red paint on adults who dare to wear fur, or to preach to the collegiate



choir about drinking more beer, PETA has now found its true intellectual level, that of the 10-year-old classroom bully. Reverting to the *ad hominem* attack when the facts aren't there, the theme of PETA's cards is the effects of dairy products on physical appearance, rather than an argument founded in rational thought.

Milk makes you fat? I guess the skim milk I've been drinking for years doesn't exist. Milk gives you zits? PETA's website cites a study of 1,088 teenagers and the opinions of "some doctors" who "suspect" its results to be accurate. Given the lack of factual support, how are these trading cards going to be effective at evoking more than a laugh?

PETA will soon find that the last laugh will be on those who mock an excellent source of calcium. Maybe "Jenny Jello" or "Brittle Bert" cards can then be given out at the nursing home to ridicule the seasoned citizens who have lost the strength of their bones due to lack of this essential nutrient. Those suffering from osteoporosis will continue to turn to milk. So will those just looking for a balanced diet. By reaching into the worn-out leftist bag of scare tactics, PETA has found a new trick. But parents need not worry—kids usually wise up and turn on a bully.

## Just the Facts

For years, conservatives have cried foul as the liberal media has ignored standard journalistic ethics and provided commentary rather than news. This bias can be found anywhere from the *Tufts Daily's* series on race, which ignores the problems of separatist culture groups and racist affirmative action policies, to the major television networks' election coverage, which all too often declared Gore victories in states long before enough votes

were counted. However, Fox's new cable news channel has been a breath of fresh air in today's smog filled media landscape.

Rupert Murdoch, who recognized the need for news coverage without an agenda, created The Fox News Channel four years ago. Its mission is clearly stated in the slogan, "We report, you decide." From its inception, this news agency had the unmatched goal of providing news without the prejudice that so often accompanies it. It is therefore not surprising that many members of the liberal media have taken aim at Fox in order to justify their own unethical practices. CNN founder Ted Turner claimed that he would "squish [Murdoch] like a bug." The *New York Times* recently ran an article entitled "The Right Strategy for Fox; Conservative Cable Channel Gains in Ratings War," and then apologized for the misleading title. Unlabeled editorial journals such as the *New York Times* view their own liberal perversions as ideal, and therefore label anything objective as leaning to the right.

Media bias comes in many forms, but the most harmful type is also the least noticeable. Studies have shown that conservative groups are labeled as such in 40-60% of stories, while liberal groups are labeled as liberal in less than 2%. It is through these labeling practices, misleading headlines, and slanted coverage that the left slips its messages into seemingly non-partisan coverage. Fox News should be heavily monitored for bias just like other networks, and must be exposed if any is found. However, accusations against them hold no water if they are made by the very slanted organizations that Murdoch sought to replace. If the *New York Times* and other members of the media elite truly want to expose ideological reporting, they should focus their attention on their own broadcasts and bylines.



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

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** A Virginia woman found the severed and deep-fried head of a chicken in a plate of wings she ordered from a local McDonalds. President Clinton rushed to the scene immediately, and demanded to know where he could get head and a large fries for only \$4.95.

**PS** California assemblyman Bret Granlund was expecting the citizens of Yucaipa to name a community center after him—until the residents found out he'd called their town "a dust bowl full of white trash." The community will continue with their plan with the new "Honorary A\*\*hole YMCA."

**PS** Top Ten Campus Discriminators (and their victims):

10. Sober males (ugly chicks)
9. TUPD (fraternity presidents)
8. TMAV (the manufacturers of wife-beaters)
7. Tufts Feminist Alliance (Gillette and Schick)
6. A Capella groups (people who play with instruments)
5. TCF (Jews)
4. The *Daily* (blacks with white girlfriends)
3. The *Observer* (good writers)
2. The Office of Admissions (people with merit, the poor)
1. THE PRIMARY SOURCE (morons)

**PS** A woman was allowed to bring her 300-pound Vietnamese potbellied pig aboard a US Airways flight last week without being charged for an extra passenger. In a related story, New York police arrested Rosie O'Donnell last week for trying to sneak onto a LaGuardia flight in a pig suit.

**PS** In Arkansas news, police seized 2,510 pounds of cocaine in a load of melons being transported from Oklahoma. Citizens began furiously searching for a ton of extremely jumpy prosciutto.

**PS** On an Indian reservation in Arizona, alcohol will soon be sold for the first time when a casino opens. To maximize the ironic revenge, the Indians have developed a "white man's smallpox" for those unable to pay their bar tab.

**PS** An Arkansas man who stole ten grand worth of baby food faces up to ten years in the slammer. He won't have to worry about feeding kids in prison, because no matter how hard his fellow inmates try, he just can't be impregnated.

**PS** As punishment for hiding her wanted husband in her attic, a 22 year-old Ohio woman with three kids was sentenced to write "I will not lie to the police" 100 times. The woman chose a jail sentence, however, as she was unable to spell the longer words.

**PS** Protesters in Berkeley, California prevented former Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking in the former free-speech haven. In response, Bibi had all of the protestors shot by the Israeli Defense Force and then demanded peace.

**PS** State park employees in Hartford got in an imbroglio after allegedly harassing predominantly minority campers. The counselors were reminded that camp should be a wholesome, tolerant environment used to promote clandestine pedophilia.

**PS** A task force examining ways to improve Newark, New Jersey recommends an ad campaign to promote the city. A much larger task force recommends scrapping the city altogether and moving to New York.

**PS** A man from Milton, Tennessee pleaded guilty to indecent exposure for riding naked through the streets on horseback. In a related suit, the horse is filing compensatory damages.

**PS** Top Ten Reasons Gore Couldn't Win Florida

10. Intelligent Bush voters
9. "Girly men" not strong enough to punch holes
8. He married a shiksa
7. Resentment of Clinton for corrupting a nice Jewish girl
6. "My ties are snappier than George's"
5. Every chad is sacred.
4. Castro's absentee ballot not counted
3. Bingo scheduled on Election Day
2. Lieberman not diverse enough
1. Didn't buy enough votes

**PS** An English mom has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term after cops found over 300 ecstasy tablets in her home that she was planning to serve at her daughter's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party. When reached for comment, the daughter exclaimed, "Now what am I gonna do with three thousand liters of Gatorade?"

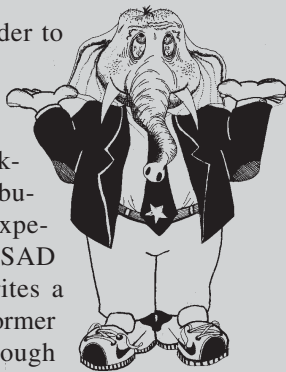
**PS** China is loaning the Smithsonian Zoological Park in DC two giant pandas, Mei Xiang and Tian Tian. Upon the arrival of the cuddly critters, Janet Reno will accuse the bears of espionage and search their cages for nuclear secrets.

**PS** Top Ten Things to Buy SOURCE Editors for Christmas

10. Colin Powell GI Joe Doll
9. The still-beating heart of any Coalition member
8. A missile defense system
7. Insider trading information
6. Permit to carry concealed weapons
5. Concealed weapons
4. Our old nondiscrimination policy
3. Super-soft Al Gore toilet paper
2. "Leftist Fighter Tournament Edition" for the Playstation2
1. Nothing—we're a bunch of Jews and/or atheists



☞ Calling all **bad writers**: in order to comply with the new nondiscrimination policy, the SOURCE refuses to discriminate against those with poor verbal skills. We're looking for a few lousy editors/contributors. Literacy optional. Previous experience at the *Daily* preferred... TSAD commandante, **Adam Carlis**, writes a tearful *Observer* confession of his former distaste for DTD frat boys. Even though he apologized, we hope that the Delts invite us over to give Carlis a good **paddling**... And then drag him across the street for the Elephant Walk... Big-money fighter **Lou Esparza** tells the *Observer* that the Gantcher Center cost Tufts \$10 million. Esparza forgets that the entire cost of the center was a **donation** from "fascist" trustee NATHAN GANTCHER. But Lou's a Peace and Justices Studies major, so we'll forgive him for not knowing how to read a newspaper... A senior fed up with TSAD vandalism cuts down the group's banners from trees in the quad. Like many of us, the frustrated student found it hard to "**Imagine a Campus Free From Vandalism.**"



☞ Coming soon to Tufts, immodest genitalia-fest, *The Vagina Monologues*. Here's a sample of reviews of the off-Broadway hit: "I was at attention for the entire show!"—Joel Hickey, *Village Voice*. "This is a show I could really get into."—Sam Horn, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. "**It stinks.**"—Tucker Whitford, *National Review*... Fifteen out of thirty-two Jumbos who schlepped to Fort Benning, Georgia, to protest the **School of the Americas** were arrested. The ELEPHANT asks, who is more pathetic: those who actually got arrested or those not protesting hard enough to get a taste of **nightstick**? ... Senators propose push-button locks for **South Hall** bathrooms to foil peeping toms. We give South residents about ten minutes to turn the bathrooms into personal **smoking/hook-up booths**... AIDS Outreach and Visions host **AIDS Awareness Week** on campus. We would have participated, but wouldn't you know—they didn't provide **Magnum-sized condoms**... We've filed a complaint, and TSAD will do a Health Services sit-in for the rights of the well-endowed.

☞ TUPD Captain, **Mark Keith**, tells the *Daily* that his squad hasn't had to break up many parties recently, conveniently ignoring the administrative **litigation-happy** scare tactics that prevent fraternities from throwing them... You ask, the ELEPHANT answers: Why did TSAD occupy **Bendetson Hall**? It's home to one of the biggest discriminators on campus. No, not Admissions—the Office of Equal Opportunity.

☞ The ELEPHANT never forgets.



"God bless us, everyone!"

# THE PRIMARY SOURCE

wishes you and yours  
a healthy and joyous  
holiday season!



*Ooh la la! France couldn't keep out the Nazis.  
Now they're getting their revenge online.*

# Pardon Our French

*by Simon Holroyd*

The development of the Internet as a tool for international communication and commerce has spurred wildly optimistic predictions of a world brought together in love and harmony. In a backlash to such optimism, many claim that the Internet is a purveyor of evil, causing the abuse of the Third World and the spread of immoral behavior like smut and fascism. Therefore, many say, it should be harshly regulated. The former belief suffers from short-sighted faith in the Internet as a savior of human nature. The latter argument is also flawed; it is a result of a thoughtless eagerness to blame the world's problems on inanimate structures rather than people.

Courts in France, which have often showed such zeal for regulation, recently ruled against Yahoo Inc., fining them for selling Nazi memorabilia to French web surfers through their auction service. Anti-racism groups, the Union of Jewish Students, and the International Anti-racism and Anti-Semitism League, initiated the court battle. So far, Yahoo has refused to pay the fine and is planning an appeal. The company complains that it is an American company which adheres to all American laws for Internet conduct. Though it is highly improbable that the decision would hold in the United States or that Yahoo will be forced to pay most of the fine, the French court also asked that Yahoo ban French users from viewing the controversial material on their auction pages.

Not only did the judge rule that Yahoo had infringed upon French law, he com-

*Mr. Holroyd is a freshman who has not yet declared a major.*

mented that Yahoo had offended the "collective memory" of the country. Unfortunately, World War II lives on in France as more than just history; the French continue to crusade for the expulsion of fascism from their country. Unfairly, they do not have laws banning other equally offensive or hateful material from Communist or Napoleonic wartime eras, for instance.

**It is clear that leaving the Internet a lawless zone could compromise any country's legal system. Yet, punishing or strictly regulating Yahoo or other portals is not a fair or feasible solution.**

The ruling is not, however, just a setback for French skinheads who want to complete their collection of swastika-emblazed steak knives. The decision could set a nasty precedent for similar regulation in other countries. Using the same logic of

the French ruling, such zoning might hold all websites liable to the laws of any nation. When confronted with similar issues, Americans are generally undecided; courts postponed the issue of taxation on web purchases. Imagine the outrage, however, if such democratic ideals were similarly censored in China (where censors have already set to work on the Internet). Ironically, it is possible for Americans to buy young (less than 60 days old) French cheese, illegal in Massachusetts, over the Internet. On that note, it is even possible to buy more illicit items, such as fireworks or marijuana. Most current regulation of sales is made under the assumption that sales are occurring domestically. Import and export laws are aimed at businesses rather than online auctions. It is clear that leaving the Internet a lawless zone could compromise any country's legal system. Yet, punishing or strictly regulating Yahoo or other portals is not a fair or feasible solution.

A panel of three French web experts determined for the court that it was possible for Yahoo to identify French users and sub-

sequently block them from the questionable material. They suggested software that obtain surfers' IP address and then locate it globally. This software, however, is estimated to be only 60% effective. The panel also suggested that Yahoo identify another 20% of web users by asking them to fill out a Declaration of Nationality Form. As impenetrable as all this technology sounds, web hosts can actually do little to reliably block certain users. Yahoo clients can easily lie on the form and combat IP detection with proxy services like *anonymizer.com* that allow users to veil their IP addresses and surf anonymously.

Even if Yahoo were able to locate French users, it would be difficult to decide which part of its content to block. Conceivably, it could filter the search strings "Nazi," "SS," or "Hitler." Yet it then risks blocking reputable historical items such as *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Similar filters have stumbled into this overextension of a word's meaning in the past; often Middlesex County is mistaken for unwanted vulgarity. The only way to accurately block the correct items would be to have humans sort the information. This would be enormously expensive and grossly unfair to the company.

The ruling is quite obviously aimed at the wrong people. Yahoo's auction site simply catalogues the products of thousands of online sellers. It does not sell the questionable items, but only makes them searchable. In that respect, the existence of Nazi products is no different from an encyclopedia that mentions Hitler. The French miss the true solution—to prohibit citizens from *owning* Nazi-related memorabilia. They could then appease their irrational fear of Nazis, without undermining Internet commerce. This is not the French style, however, and the decision will need to be reversed in court. Though the chances of this look favorable, the future of similar litigation is far from clear. Many more complicated legal issues are sure to come before there is decisive law. Until then, Americans may enjoy tasty cheese via the Internet, but must also respect the power of French courts. □





# THE PRIMARY SOURCE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

## 'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE QUAD RUN (AN ADAPTION OF "TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS")

T'was the Night Before Quad Run  
But Tufts had no cheer,  
For from Lewis to Miller,  
The kids had no beer.  
No parties, no hook-ups,  
No hangovers to fight.  
Nary a drop of Red Dog,  
Busch, or Natural Light.

No Nighttrain to catch,  
No Mad Dogs to tame.  
Thanks to MIT frat-boys,  
Our party scene's lame.  
No Keystones or Sammys,  
No High Lives or Buds.  
Jumbos tasted nothing  
Of these life-giving suds.

Since Kreuger had died  
Over-filling with grog,  
Tufonians can't sip  
Our Kahlua egg nog.  
All of a sudden Tufts made  
The booze laws statutory,  
So DiBaggs serves no wine  
With his veal cacciatore.

So the night finally came  
When naked revelers dash,  
But from my dorm room window  
There came a loud crash.  
I put down my pipe,  
And with hard, bloodshot gaze,  
I saw Santa emerge  
From the cold snowy haze.

He said, "I bring cheer not  
With gifts, nor with carols.  
But I've loaded my sleigh  
With forties and half-barrels.  
A keg in each hallway  
Every lounge, every suite.  
Invite the RA, the proctor  
And the cops on the beat.

"For this is the season  
Of celebration divine!  
So put down your homework  
And raise high your stein!"  
Santa heaved from his sleigh  
A keg of Genuine Draft.  
I screwed in the tap.  
The keg hissed—Santa laughed.

"The deans who stole Christmas—  
They should all know their role!  
I'll fill all their stockings  
With large lumps of coal."  
And before Old Saint Nick  
Left with his bounty of beers,  
We cracked some cold ones,  
And to Tufts toasted "Cheers!"





## Nader, Nader, Nader

(to the tune of "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel")

In the days before the election,  
Bush's numbers headed south.  
But the Democrats couldn't seal the deal  
Thanks to bug-eyed, crazy Ralph!  
Oh Nader, Nader, Nader  
That Corvair-bashing gent,  
Oh Nader, Nader, Nader,  
Couldn't get your five percent.

Two million nimrods listened  
To your anti-corporate schtick.  
We hear you now but in four years  
We'll remember not a lick  
Of Nader, Nader, Nader  
Forced Gore's numbers to sag  
Oh Nader, Nader, Nader  
Was George Bush's airbag.

## Hark! The Clueless Voters Sing

(to the tune of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing")

Hark! The clueless voters sing,  
What's this punch-out ballot thing?  
Chads and stylus—what a waste,  
When voters don't *hablar inglés*,  
Large print for the elderly,  
It's too bad they still can't see,  
Hark! The country does deduce,  
Florida should stick to orange juice.

Hark! We can hear Al Gore sing,  
"I still haven't lost this thing!  
Bush may think that he's the best.  
I recount with undue zest!  
Miss Harris simply cannot see,  
Votes for Buchanan, meant for me."  
Hark! Sore loser—shut thy trap!  
We've had enough of liberal crap.

## We Three Commies

(to the tune of "We Three Kings")

We three commies of TSAD are  
Rejoicing a policy that didn't get us far,  
Locked in Bendetson and making news,  
Pondering who we are.

O, star of wonder, star of might,  
Why can we just be like the right?,  
Upward leading, still proceeding,  
Was it worth the fight?

Born a lesbian on the TCF's plain;  
They tossed her off to be pure again;  
Straight forever, ceasing never,  
To this we must complain.

Diversity to offer have I;  
"Student power" is my cry;  
Kind and praising, all people raising,  
Worship all, lets get high.

Tufts is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Discriminating and always hating,  
Its old ways sealed in a tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise,  
D-Bags speaks—a big surprise,  
We commies sing, "Hallelujah!"  
"Hallejulah!" no one replies.



## What Chad is This?

(to the tune of "What Child is This?")

What chad is this, which, softly pressed,  
On yon ballot is hanging?  
Which lib'ral's greet with plans to eat,  
While lawyers watch are keeping?

This, this is a pregnant chad,  
Which leftists want and Gore demands:  
Haste, haste, to count this fraud,  
This chad, the voter's folly.

What lies he tells of counting flaws  
and ballots all confusing.  
Bush, Cheney, fear: for recounts here  
The lawyer corps is pleading.

Find the intent of dimpled chads,  
Come, would-be king, to own them.  
The Thief of Thieves division brings,  
While bleeding hearts enthrone him.

## O Culture Reps

(to the tune of "O Christmas Tree")

O Culture Reps, O Culture Reps,  
Communities bequeath you,  
With power in the TCU,  
Which you now feel's beneath you.

You want to vote; we've got to say  
Our preferences shan't work that way!  
O Culture Reps, O Culture Reps,  
Be humble if you wish to stay!

O Culture Reps, You lucky four,  
Minorities respect you,  
You do not put up posters or  
Have *Daily* hacks select you.

The groups that you all represent,  
Are suddenly quite discontent.  
They should be glad you're there at all,  
Your presence do we all resent!

## All I Want For Christmas is New Policy

(to the tune of "All I Want For Christmas")

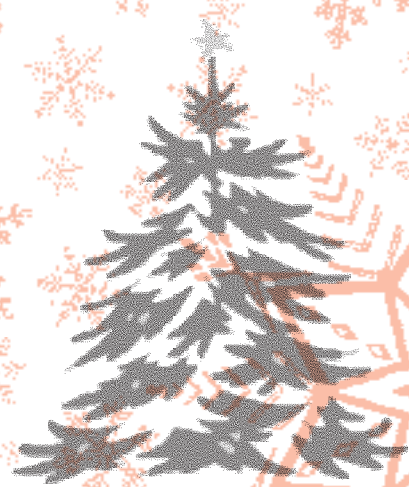
All I want for Christmas is new policy,  
New policy, new policy,  
Gee if I could only have new policy,  
I'd get back at TCF this Christmas!

It seems so long since I could say,  
I accept myself though I'm a Christian,  
Gosh oh gee how happy I'd be,  
If I were straight instead of wishin'!

All I want for Christmas is new policy,  
New policy, new policy,  
When the CSL says I can have my policy,  
Then I'll beat TCF this Christmas!

It seems so long since I could say,  
The church accepts my sexual preference  
If I were straight instead of gay,  
Then I would have the Christians' deference!

All I want for Christmas is new policy,  
New policy, new policy,  
When Di-Baggs gives the campus a new policy,  
Then I'll lead TCF this Christmas!





## Daily Rag

(to the tune of "Jingle Bells")

The paper here at Tufts,  
Has nothing good to write.  
There just ain't that much news,  
To aid them in their plight.  
They fill their features page,  
With articles on race,  
And then they write some fillers,  
To take up remaining space.

Oh Daily Rag, Daily Rag,  
Though Dara Resnik's gone,  
Your paper's quality is proof,  
The bad writing goes on!  
Oh Daily Rag, Daily Rag,  
No good you are for news.  
When you're copy editing  
Please lay off the booze!

We love the Viewpoints page,  
Where leftists post their rants,  
But find good writing elsewhere,  
In the Daily? Not a chance!  
Continue on your way,  
Reviewing old CDs,  
If we really want the news,  
We'll watch on our TVs!

Oh, Daily Rag, Daily Rag,  
No objectivity,  
The articles are pointless,  
And all lack integrity,  
Oh, Daily Rag, Daily Rag,  
The crossword's all we need,  
Your paper'd be more substantive  
If you'd lay off the weed.



## The Twelve Tufts Days of Christmas

(to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas")

On the twelfth day of Christmas,  
Mel Bernstein gave to me,  
Twelve hate crime rallies  
Eleven SCOPE busses  
Ten fraternity lawsuits  
Nine World Civ. courses  
Eight harassment policies  
Seven task forces  
Six date rape panels  
Sensitivity training!  
Four "backpacks of privilege"  
Three "Many Stories"  
Two bigotry pamphlets  
A half-million for di-ver-si-ty!

## Always Right

(to the tune of "Silver Bells")

Lefties Protest, bang on bongos,  
But what good does it do?  
Di-Baggs is still hard of hearing.

March on campus, hang up banners,  
Sleep in Bendetson Hall,  
Keeping out prospective students.

Why the fight?  
SOURCE is right!  
We even excel in kickball!

Meet in Oxfam, wear blue ribbons,  
Issue ultimatums,  
Hoping they will succumb to the pressure.

Day or night,  
SOURCE is right!  
Conservatives know about freedom.

Cut the shite,  
We're still right,  
Why don't you just go to classes?



# TSAD's Identity Crisis

## The Life and Times of the Most Discriminating Group that Never Existed

Emerging from Bendetson Hall, members of Tufts Students Against Discrimination shouted joyfully like heroes returning from victory. After their thirty-six hour occupation of the admissions office, sleepy TSAD members proclaimed that they had won—the University had capitulated. Pending a hearing by the Committee on Student Life (CSL), the group's semester-long goal could be realized and the meaning of Tufts' nondiscrimination policy may be altered.

Yet, we at the SOURCE, and an increasing majority of the student body, do not make the mistake of calling TSAD's actions heroic. The foundation of the unofficial organization and its tireless crusade are steeped in the radical, alarmist politics that are the very antithesis of common sense. In response to the notorious decision by the Tufts Christian Fellowship to deny Julie Catalano a leadership position, TSAD, the lesbian senior's new adopted home, has desperately tried to illuminate hatred and discrimination in TCF that simply do not exist. As the group's methods gradually failed, its members and ideologies became more irrational.

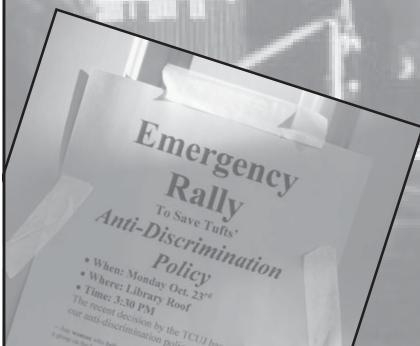
TSAD besieged campus with stickers and banners. They drew a swarm of local press to Tufts to cover their protests. They plead first with the students, then with student government, and finally with the administration. And after a semester of misguided activism, even as its members celebrate, it still is not clear whether TSAD mattered at all.

### Deconstructing DiBiaggio

The group's legacy rests in the hands of one man.

Poor President DiBiaggio. In the twilight of his Tufts career, the University's most recognizable face most likely has a few new wrinkles thanks to TSAD. Perhaps the greatest shame of the entire fiasco is that DiBiaggio took it seriously. The President's responsibilities include tasks essential to the success of our University, such as fundraising and academic direction. TSAD, however, occupied the administration's time with their quest to right an imaginary wrong.

Did the University capitulate? Cer-



by Megan Liotta and Joshua Martino



tainly not right away. In an email in early November well published in the local press, DiBiaggio said, "We support freedom of speech. We support freedom of religion. We support freedom from discrimination based on sexual orientation... The administration recognizes that some of these freedoms may come into conflict from time to time."

He defied TSAD: "I want to reaffirm unequivocally that Tufts' policies prohibit discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or national origin."

When there were still leaves on the trees, President DiBiaggio stood up to the coercive efforts of TSAD. Now the branches are bare, and the administration has changed its tune. Ending the sit-in protest, DiBiaggio released another campus-wide announcement. The communiqué read exactly like his first email until the final sentence: "... I affirm that the nondiscrimination policy is understood to include such self-acceptance of identity."

It seemed like an afterthought. In fact, most of the students with whom the SOURCE spoke believed DiBiaggio had simply added the final statement to placate TSAD and end the sit-in. Indeed, the President must have been under tremendous pressure. The day before his statement, reporters from the *Globe*, *Herald*, and various other local journals arrived to cover the Bendetson takeover. Princeton's College Guide describes Tufts as "a place where students are happy," yet the readership of New England newspapers recognizes Tufts as a maelstrom of

student unrest. The President must have wanted to prevent further embarrassment.

Yet TSAD is confident in their victory. Perhaps they have a reason to be so smug. While President DiBiaggio has historically been a friend of free speech, it is not beyond the administration to get caught up in a PC whirlwind. It is impossible to know if DiBiaggio actually believes that self-acceptance—a personal affirmation of one's self and all aspects of one's identity—is protected at Tufts. But the President has made it clear that the University is leaving the decision to the students. When the Committee on Student Life holds a hearing on the issue of nondiscrimination, the legality of the President's statement will be tested. To be sure, in his penultimate year at Tufts, DiBiaggio has opened an ideological Pandora's Box.

### TSAD's Switcheroo

DiBiaggio was not the first to rush to judgement. Last spring the TCU Judiciary stripped TCF of its university recognition for allegedly discriminating against Julie Catalano on the basis of her sexual orientation. The controversy was too intense for the J's student members, who derecognized TCF without a hearing—a serious oversight for a supposedly democratic system. Fortunately for everyone who values constitutional freedoms, the TCUJ's bluff was called, and due process ensued this semester.

This fall, after arduous deliberation, the J reached its decision: though TCF had discriminated against Catalano personally, its practices are in and of themselves not discriminatory. Thus,

TCF has been allowed back on campus but is on probation and must amend its constitution. Because this decision did not include a punishment harsh enough for TCF, a bitter, emotional Catalano and her new set of politically correct, hate-hating friends

formed their own everything-safe group, TSAD.

Despite ample propaganda and even some blatant lying, TSAD was unable to convince Tufts that Julie Catalano had been kicked out of TCF for being bi-

sexual. The evidence was flimsy and at times entirely fabricated. It served no purpose but to enrage most students on campus, either because of the supposed injustice against Catalano or, more often, because of the way the group insulted everyone's intelligence. Their pleas for support failing, TSAD had to turn to increasingly vague objectives in order to garner broader backing from the student community. Their latest cause has been fostering the idea that identity and acceptance of that identity are one and the same, and to discriminate against the acceptance of identity is to discriminate against identity. This idea is, of course, absolutely absurd.

### What is Identity?

Opinions are protected from neither ridicule nor discrimination. By definition, they are beliefs that are not substantiated by proof, but rather are only conclusions drawn by an individual. They are subject to change as more knowledge becomes available or as one's tastes evolve. The First Amendment does not ensure that opinions are protected, because it ensures the very right to intelligently ridicule beliefs with which one disagrees. If opinions were protected from debate, there would exist a dearth of intelligent discussion. The very process of learning (for which Tufts University exists) would be impossible.

Acceptance is itself a belief—an opinion not based upon fact. Tiger Woods can identify himself as black, Asian, or Native American, but he can also identify himself as white, female, or even as a toaster if he believes and accepts it to be true. To protect self-acceptance of identity is to protect *all*

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**The scene outside Bendetson during the TSAD sit-in.**



self-acceptance, even if society deems that identity to be immoral and threatening. For example, under TSAD's ultimatum, criminals should all be let out of prison because acceptance of their identities as murderers, molesters, and menaces is being discriminated against.

Our society is filled by people who continuously discriminate by rejecting beliefs with which they disagree. But does this discrimination mean that society is comprised entirely of bigots? No. But even if society were rife with bigots, we should have the freedom to discriminate against the bigoted opinions with which we disagree. Allowing a blanket protection of all beliefs would leave us with an anarchist state in which no misdeeds would be punished. Any self-acceptance would translate into legal protection of any identity.

### The Illegitimacy of "Against"

Tufts Students Against Discrimination—the group is not as noble and altruistic as its name insinuates. It sounds like a great organization, but its title implies that anyone who is not a member is a student in favor of discrimination—perhaps the most dreaded of leftist labels. Actually, a student who is against discrimination is a thoroughly utopian fabrication. All humans discriminate, even TSAD members. Indeed, TSAD members are some of the most vocal discriminators on campus. They discriminate against Evangelical Christians in particular and anyone else who disagrees with their opinions. Some of them discriminate against animal products, and some discriminate against intimate relationships with people of the opposite gender. None of these choices are invalid simply because they're discriminatory. The greatest farce of the organization is the name.

If Julie Catalano and her cronies had been particularly mindful of their own hypocrisy, they would have named their club Tufts Students Against Prejudice (ironically TSAP). To be prejudiced against someone based on identity is very different from discriminating against someone. Catalano is not prejudiced against Evangelical Christianity because she is intimately familiar with its belief structure, but she does discriminate against them because she dis-

agrees with them. Just as she is free to discriminate, so should TCF be free to discriminate.

If TSAD's groupies had put any thought into their movement, they would not have formed an organization at all. There is no point to having a group that is against institutionalized discrimination, which is already forbidden in the current Tufts policy. The same goes for groups such as Tufts Men Against Violence. It is illegal to assault someone. There doesn't have to be a private club against it. There is no Tufts Students Against Murder or Tufts Students Against Grand Theft Auto or Tufts Students Against

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Child Molestation. There doesn't need to be because the law has already deemed these actions illegal.

### A Leftist Slumber Party

Though there is no reason for the group to exist, employees of Tufts Admissions Office are well aware of TSAD's presence.

It was like something out of a *Babysitter's Club* book: a roomful of giggly students listening to music, snacking, chatting, and talking on the phone in sleeping bags while their neighbors slept.

But this sleepover had a cop on duty. The police arrived at Bendetson Hall shortly after nine o'clock last Tuesday morning. Twenty-five students, most belonging to TSAD, entered the building with the intention of occupying it for a "sit-in" protest to compel the administration to change the nondiscrimination policy. That night began the leftist slumber party; we only hope that the TUPD officer refrained from playing Spin the Bottle with the students.

At one point, their tummies rumbled. Two TSAD members ventured out of admissions to Jumbo Express to buy food. One of

them asked the student behind the counter if she could have a discount: "It is for a good cause." Replied the clever clerk (we're not making this up): "Sorry, that would be discriminating."

The protest lasted roughly 36 hours. During the sit-in, the group set up a table outside the hall where passers-by could sign laminated hearts to be hung from trees on the quad to show support. Nearby, a banner read "We Get Our Policy, You Get Bendetson." Frustrated by the noisy crowd, Admissions employees moved to Dowling Hall to continue their business.

We can only assume that the parents of TSAD students did it better than their children. The motley crew occupying Bendetson was a far cry from the massive, nonviolent protests of the 1960's. For all of their planning and preparation, the best TSAD could come up with was a protest in their PJ's. Whatever credibility their dubious cause might have been worth was lost in their silly sit-in.

### You Are Not Alone

The SOURCE isn't the only anti-TSAD voice on campus. As the activists' presence has grown more and more

invasive, the grumbling grew louder.

TSAD has not endeared itself to anyone but dogmatic left-wingers and lovers of vandalism. Students must endure their obnoxious banner campaign on the quad and their incessant campus and dorm postering. While the group has not claimed responsibility for the fluorescent anti-hate stickers all over campus, several SOURCE members spied students affiliated with the unofficial group affixing the stickers to a lamppost outside of Hodgdon Hall. Apparently, TSAD has no problem discriminating against the hardworking Buildings and Grounds employees who will eventually have to scrape the stickers off school property.

Few students published anti-TSAD opinions outside of these pages. But in the anonymous haven of RumorsDaily.com, vitriol abounds towards the Bendetson occupiers: "These people give activism, and Tufts, a bad name." "What has happened at the admission office was an embarrassment to this university." "They might have 'won' in their own words, but they still owe the rest of us the decency to repair the damage they did during their fight."



One senior was so fed up with TSAD vandalism that he ran across the quad in broad daylight and tugged, tore, and cut through the group's banners. While the SOURCE can't agree with the frustrated student's methods, we understand his outrage. With rumors of formation of underground anti-TSAD groups and an anti-TSAD *Viewpoint*, the campus overflows with distaste for a group whose legacy is litter.

## CSL Takes Center Stage

TSAD is satisfied with President DiBiaggio's statement on identity. Nonetheless, the group has presented to the Committee on Student Life a proposal to alter the TCU nondiscrimination policy. Similar to the current policy, the list of protected groups is amended with the words: "The University allows no distinction between identity and the acceptance of that identity."

As stated earlier, this is nonsense because acceptance of identity is a belief. Every Tufts organization with a group ideology discriminates based upon belief—this is the reason that the Christian Fellowship denied a position to Catalano. TSAD insists that they do not seek the expulsion of TCF; however, their proposal to CSL guarantees just that, as well as the derecognition of every campus religious and political group.

Not only conservative groups (like TCF) are threatened by this policy. When TTLGBC hosts its annual Coming Out Day, it encourages homosexual Jumbos to disclose their sexual orientation. Of course, those still "in the closet" might not be comfortable being openly homosexual—there is a clear distinction in this case between identity and acceptance. Is what TTLGBC encourages tantamount to discrimination based upon this principle? Of course. And the addition to the policy does not seem to allow one to deny identity—what if Catalano had decided that homosexuality was immoral? TSAD would tell her that she cannot believe that and simultaneously be a lesbian.

The activists get another sucker punch at TCF in their proposal's final clause. "We recommend if any organization on campus advocates the inferiority of any identity group listed under the nondiscrimination policy ... they should lose both funding and recognition."

Apparently this statement refers to Evangelical Christianity's belief in the immorality of homosexuality. Yet to "advocate inferiority" is an unequivocally vague action. Nike wearers advocate the inferiority of Reebok. Tufts' Friends of Israel advocate the inferiority of those who do not support the Zionist state. Where does TSAD draw the line?

Answer: there is no line. In authoring this proposal, TSAD practices bad logic and poor wording. This semester, most Tufts students are aware of the proposal's goal; however, in four years when entirely new students must interpret TCU policy, there will be no manner of distinguishing discriminatory thought from simple opinion. A Republican group's opposition to affirmative action could be interpreted as racism—that would be forbidden. Any religion that traditionally supports the immorality of homosexuality would be expelled. Every campus group that supports an ideology, from fraternities to the Arab Students Association, will be in jeopardy.

To advocate the inferiority of what you believe to be wrong is a part of the intellectual process. Our education depends on it. Thus, discrimination based upon belief is necessary and protected at Tufts. The Arts and Science Mission Statement says it creates a climate in which students may "freely exchange ideas." This presumably includes ideas with which TSAD members do not agree.

## TSAD's Legacy

Since TSAD says that the crisis is over and has supposedly disbanded, what have they taught Tufts students? A very important lesson: if you like to hear yourself talk or want to seize the moral high ground, don't bother with

some politically savvy PR or a few well-articulated, factually accurate letters to the people in charge. Just get your friends to regress to their preteen years and stay up playing non-gender-biased Truth or Dare in the administrative building of your choice.

Gone are the days when students had to effectively and intelligently argue their concerns in front of judiciary boards, student committees, and administrative councils. Gone are debates and forums in which to present two sides of a matter. Now students need only annoy the administration into pathetic submission.

Or perhaps not. Was President DiBiaggio's letter to the campus truly a victory for TSAD? According to his email, the nondiscrimination policy already covers identity and self-acceptance. TSAD sees this as the administration's surrender and expects that the new interpretation of the policy will protect their right to be correct. But the President may not have actually changed anything. If the nondiscrimination policy already covers these two issues, then it does not have to be rewritten. Thus it is still subject to interpretation by the TCUJ, an elected jury of our peers and the only democratically fair arena in which this school policy can be defined.

So TSAD may claim moral victory as a result of DiBiaggio's letter, and the rest of us can live as freely as before for the same reason. □



**Hanging from a tree on the quad, an ominous message for those Jumbos weary of protest and oversensitivity.**

*The vote's here and you'll like it.*

# Will of the People 2K

*by Sam Dangremond*

Here in the constitutional republic that is the United States of America the will of the people is of fundamental importance. Laws enacted by the people's representatives, however, must be the ultimate authority if law and order are to reign over lawless disorder. The 2000 Presidential Election has been a long strange trip, a trip that has been filled with chaos because one candidate has sought to trump the law by appealing to the "will of the people." Vice-President Albert Gore had legitimately sought to ensure the validity of the Florida election results, until he successfully lobbied to have Florida law ignored.

The day the justice died came on November 21<sup>st</sup> when the Florida Supreme Court decided that Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris had to include the results of the hand counts in select Democratic counties in the certified election results. This decision directly contradicted the Florida state law that mandated that election results must be certified exactly one week after election night, with absentee ballots accepted up until ten days after election night. A temporary court injunction had prevented Harris from certifying the results until the Florida Supreme Court issued this ruling. This decision, in and of itself, did not drastically impact this election, as Bush's lead merely changed in number. Rather, this decision set a dangerous precedent in dismissing the rule of law in favor of populist sentiment.

When Albert Gore took to the airwaves to address the nation on November 27<sup>th</sup>, he

sought to recapture the popular support that had been quickly escaping him. With rhetoric like "will of the people," "every vote must count," and "full and accurate count," Gore explained why he was continuing to push for more recounts. The language the Vice President used effectively appealed to the egalitarian nature of the American people, and at first glance his argument seemed to make sense.

However, Gore's statements that evening were not only legally incorrect, but they were also purposefully misleading. Gore has never sought a "full and accurate count" for all of Florida; rather he lobbied for hand recounts in only the most highly Democratic counties.

Only these selected counties were recounted by hand—Gore treated these votes as more important than those in the rest of Florida. While he may assert the equality and validity of every vote, giving special attention to certain votes makes some votes more equal than others.

The notion that the will of the people should be empowered to control the government is a noble and democratic ideal. Yet the way in which Gore has manipulated that ideal to serve his goal of capturing the White House instead undermines the people's power to express their opinions and see them validated. It is only in a nation of laws that the will of the people is afforded any true power at all, for a government that is free to ignore its own laws is free to ignore the people. The laws and regulations that govern the election process were enacted by representatives of the people, acting on their behalf to carry out their will. For the will of the people to override the work of elected representatives amounts to an un-

constitutional, *ex post facto* nullification of the rule of law.

Gore's disregard for Florida's election laws is but one example of his desire to win at all costs. He even admitted this desire when he casually stated last spring that "The difference between George [W.] Bush and I is, I will do anything to win." In desperately trying to seize votes for Gore, his lawyers have acted with total disregard for the democratic process. If "every vote must count," then why would Gore lawyers aggressively lobby to discount military absentee ballots (which just happen to be overwhelmingly pro-Bush)? The most horrifying transgression of ethical political behavior, however, is the investigation of the backgrounds of the Bush electors. Gore has admitted that his lawyers have begun collecting information about each of the Bush electors, with the intent of "persuading" them to change their vote. This is nothing more than an attempt to blackmail the electors into betraying the people who elected them to represent their choice for president. This is the dirtiest of politics.

The Vice President waged a commendable campaign, but now he is waging a dirty war. At this point, he has nothing to lose, and everything to gain. His continual appeal to the will of the people as justification for the contemptible actions of his lawyers has done nothing but harm the people's waning faith in their government. The time has come to end this charade; the time has come for Al Gore to concede the election. □



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**Shhh! they're trying to count the dimples.**



*You gotta fight for your right to discriminate.*

# Discriminating Tastes

*by Andrew Gibbs*

In light of recent TSAD campaigning, the TCU senate has threatened to revoke recognition of the Tufts Math Club on the grounds that it discriminates against people who are bad at math. While the current nondiscrimination policy protects everybody's right to participate in the club, it does not protect them from being treated as inferiors. The events held by the Tufts Math Club consistently favor those who possess good math skills, leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of those who would not know a logarithm from a hole in the ground. Furthermore, the club elections nearly always *d i s c r i m i n a t e* against those not so mathematically inclined. One recent incident in particular has sparked serious controversy. A candidate for club president in the last election feels that he was unfairly discriminated against for not believing in the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Members of the club had been tolerant of his views but felt that it would not be appropriate to have such an individual as their chief representative. The TCU senate has allowed the club to continue functioning but has placed it on probation, pending a final ruling.

A note to those not up-to-date with Tufts' current events, or to leftists lacking a sense of humor: the above paragraph is a parody. While this fabricated episode (hopefully) exceeds the bounds of believability,

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it does closely parallel actual events at Tufts. The Tufts Christian Fellowship's alleged "discrimination" against a homosexual seeking a leadership position has raised issues fundamental to the very existence of every individual and organization. However, the real issue has nothing to do with Christianity's beliefs about homosexuality. Recent events have called into question the degree to which an organization may function as an autonomous entity. Spearheading the campaign for increased bureaucratic oppression and repealing fundamental freedoms is the ubiquitous TSAD, Tufts Students Against Discrimination. Their battle cry, or whimper, if you will: "We will not tolerate discrimination on our campus."

What TSAD fails to recognize is that discrimination is a fundamental part of everyday life and that in and of itself it is not a bad thing. People discriminate with every turn in their lives: what they choose to wear, with whom they associate, what religion they choose to follow, the morals to which they subscribe... the list goes on. The right to discriminate serves as the foundation of personal freedom.

Nobody would accuse a person of being a bigot for having a preference such as a favorite color or food, so obviously some discrimination is acceptable. At the opposite extreme, virtually everyone would agree that

genocide is unacceptable. Accordingly, one can deduce that at some point between these two extremes there exists a borderline of acceptability. Upon what criteria must one base such a distinction? In the real world, this distinction gets based upon whether someone is being harassed or physically endangered. Placing any further restriction upon people's ability to discriminate encroaches upon their freedoms.

TSAD has issued the following statement: "Since any member of the Tufts community can now be placed in such a minority group by singling out any aspect of their person—be it their race, religion, or any other characteristic mentioned in the non-discrimination policy—we are literally all endangered." Huh? Did anyone proofread this for wanton stupidity? TSAD seems now to be casting everyone as a minority, and painting the Tufts campus as a battleground for thousands of little factions. This represents nothing more than petty scare tactics used for the purpose of rallying every so-called "minority" to their side. Do people actually buy into this rubbish, or do they see it for the demagoguery that it is?

Another important point to consider involves the relationship between the group being accused of unfair discrimination, and the thing about which they are discriminating. If a Tufts sports team suddenly came out and said "no blacks, Jews, or gays" there would be an outrage, and rightfully so. At the same time, nobody cares all that much that sports teams discriminate against slow, weak, and uncoordinated people. The dif-



**These diverse folks all have the right to discriminate.**



ference lies in the functionality of the group. The majority of Evangelical Christians believe that homosexuality is a sin. As such one would expect them to elect leaders who embody their belief system. Whether believing such a thing is right is irrelevant. It is part of their belief system, and nothing short of an Inquisition will change that. Christians do not discriminate against slow, weak, and uncoordinated people because those characteristics have no bearing on their belief system, but when it comes to people who violate their code of morals, they draw the line.

This begs yet another question: if an individual's belief system does not correspond to that of a specific organization, then why would this individual choose to associate with them, much less try to become their leader? An individual cannot force their beliefs onto a group, nor should they delude themselves into thinking that it is even possible.

Freedom of association, synonymous with the right to discriminate, served as the driving force behind the formation of the United States. The first settlers of this continent made their treacherous voyage across an unforgiving ocean to escape the tyranny of governments telling them what they were allowed to think and believe. These brave pioneers realized that the ability to discriminate freely is what makes people who they are. Rob a person of this right, and you rob them of their identity. □

*America's ears are tired of the rhyming nonsense of the nation's most pious reverend.*

## Irreverant Behavior

*by Michael Santorelli*

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote that "our articulate voice was designed as a sceptre of irresistible command." If we apply this epithet to modern political leaders and public figures, we certainly see both sides of the coin. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a prime example of a man who effectively used rhetoric to move people to combat injustice. His dream of equality eventually materialized with desegregation and the Civil Rights Act, and today the country finds itself in relative racial equilibrium. Jesse Jackson, however, does not see things this way. A student of King, Jackson was schooled in a time of great social unrest. He participated in protests and listened to the motivating orations of Dr. King. But, somewhere along the way, Reverend Jackson strayed from the path of unity to a path of self-righteousness, leaving our country all the worse.

Jesse Jackson finds himself in a precarious position as a minority leader: he is running out of causes to support and protests in which to participate. Beginning in the 1980s, people of every race and socio-economic background became more worried about their stock portfolios than their supposed "mistreatment" by society. This, however, has not stopped the heretical Reverend from tying his impetuous tongue on many occasions over the past few years.

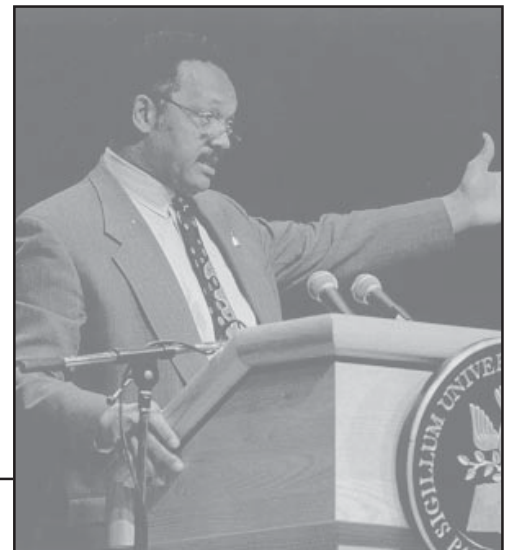
After two failed attempts at garnering the Democratic nomination for president in 1984 and 1988, Jackson settled for the job of stumping for his party's

candidates. While courting voters in 1992 for Clinton and Gore, Jackson vehemently condemned the anti-abortion views of Vice President Quayle. The Reverend went so far as to characterize him as a modern-day "King Herod," which, for any Sunday school graduate, doesn't make much sense. King Herod, according to Christian scripture, ordered all infants in and near Bethlehem to be killed in order to keep Christ from usurping his throne. Therefore, Herod was the baby killer, which doesn't quite fit the anti-abortion stance of Quayle.

This Biblical heresy was used again earlier this year while Jackson protested the execution of a Texas death-row

inmate, Gary Graham. Graham had been convicted of a 1981 murder and was scheduled for execution in the spring of this year. After a series of appeals and pleas for clemency, Governor Bush (or "Governor Death," according to Jackson) affirmed his belief that Graham was guilty and stepped aside.

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But Jackson, in a moment of religiously inspired rhetoric, had the gall to call Graham a modern-day Christ figure while casting Bush as Pontius Pilate. Is it even plausible to mention a convicted murderer's execution in the same breath as the sacrifice of Christ? No—it is a preposterous statement, but one that has become all-too-common for the Reverend.

More recently, however, Jackson has moved from blasphemer to conspiracy theorist in order to his bored and dwindling followers. Earlier in the year, Jackson took it upon himself to become embroiled in a Decatur, Illinois high school suspension of ten black students. These

students were suspended after inciting a brawl during a school sporting event. To the judicious eye, it was obvious that the students had started the fight on purpose. Jackson, ever the even-tempered race leader, immediately labeled the suspension a “racist” action and began to protest. The most outlandish part of this entire fiasco was not that the students were obvious delinquents (confirmed by the fact that three of them were later arrested for burglary) but the conspiracy theory that he and many other ultra-liberals adopted to explain the situation. Jackson publicly stated that he thought high schools were implementing “zero-tolerance” disciplinary policies in order to imprison more black kids to feed the “prison-industrial complex.” This complex (not Jackson’s mental problems) is the idea that America’s economy runs on the profits generated by prison population. This is an absurd and ill-founded claim. License plates, telemarketing calls, and brooms (some of the more lucrative prison-built items) are all important products but it is ridiculous to think that our country runs on their profits. Capitalists everywhere cringed after hearing this belittling of our nation’s economic system. Distrust of the judicial system does not justify such an outrageous claim.

Finally, we move to this year’s presidential election and Jackson’s role as black

liaison for the Gore campaign. At this year’s Democratic National Convention (held in Los Angeles) Jackson lauded Gore’s choice of Veep, orthodox Jew, Joe Lieberman. He called it a “huge breakthrough” for minorities and a “bold move,” citing the difficulties of swinging non-Jews to vote for Gore. However, this statement of encouragement and approval does not fit the persona of a once-adamant anti-Semite. Jackson has a

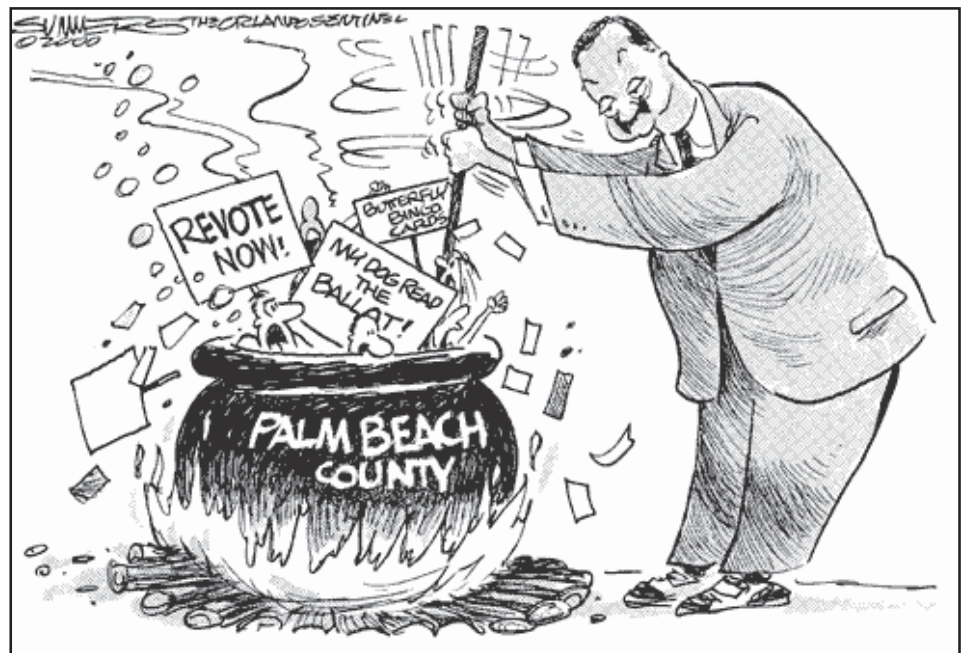
long record of dislike for the Jewish community; he once called New York City “Hymietown” because of its large percentage of Jewish residents. He subsequently apologized for this name-calling a long time ago, but it is of-

ten hard to teach an old dog new tricks. Jackson went on to call Los Angeles the “home of dream makers” while he called the Republican National Convention “a staged show” of “smoke and mirrors.” This is ironic since the Democratic Convention was held in the heart of darkness (Hollywood). It is hard for any Democrat to accuse the Republicans of being fake, especially after all of the celebrity fundraisers thrown for and attended by Gore and his cohorts.

Over the past few weeks, Florida has found itself at the center of Jackson’s traveling circus. He has called the disparity in votes and uncounted minority votes a “scheme to disenfranchise minority voters,” as he cited unfounded claims of intimidation at voting booths to deter blacks from casting ballots. He has come up with everything from police intimidation to excuses of a shortage of ballots as reasons why the black vote was so low in the disputed counties. Once again, his reasoning is illogical. It doesn’t make sense that in the disputed areas (which are heavily Democratic), the minority voter would be actively deterred. Wouldn’t the pollsters, most likely Democrats, themselves, want as many minority voters to vote? In the state of Florida, blacks voted for Gore over Bush at a rate of ten to one.

Abraham Lincoln said that “nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.” Reverend Jackson has failed this test. He is nothing more than a self-aggrandizing manipulator who constantly casts his race into the role of victim. Over the years, he has found his role in society deteriorating to the point of public ambivalence towards him. His niche on the extreme left is becoming cliché and trite. Attempting to live up the monumental legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., Jesse Jackson finds himself ensnared in one of the traps of success: rather than using his public recognition for the good of African Americans, he has usurped it all for himself and finds his character as stained as the infamous Lewinsky dress. □

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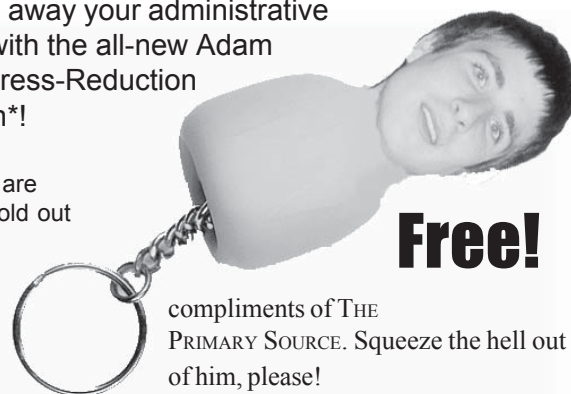
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A society of sheep must in time beget a government of wolves.

—Bertrand de Jouvenel

Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the privilege to do so, too.

—Voltaire

As long as there is a Second Amendment, evil can never conquer us. Tyranny, in any form, can never find footing within a society of law-abiding, armed, ethical people.

—Charlton Heston

Today, when a concerted effort is made to obliterate this point, it cannot be repeated too often that the Constitution is a limitation on the government, not on private individuals. That it does not prescribe the conduct of private individuals, only the conduct of the government. That it is not a charter for government power, but a charter of the citizen's protection against the government.

—Ayn Rand

It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.

—Andre Gide

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living; the world owes you nothing; it was here first.

—Mark Twain

Bush Sr. was a jerk, Quayle an idiot, Clinton was atrocious and disgusting, most of those who persecuted him were hypocritical, Gore is shallow and weak, Bradley is an idealist, Bush Jr. a fool, and all of the independent candidates act like they're on drugs.

—David Borenstein

Power (n): The only narcotic regulated by the SEC instead of the FDA.

—Anonymous

By giving us the opinions of the uneducated, [journalism] keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community.

—Oscar Wilde

Statistically, more small children drown in mop buckets than die from gun accidents.

—Holman Jenkins

It is surprising how little I knew about the New Deal, although it had been all around me during my years in Washington. But all the New Dealers I had known were Communists or near-Communists. None of them took the New Deal seriously as an end in itself. They regarded it as an instrument for gaining their own revolutionary ends.

—Whitaker Chambers

Anyone that wants the presidency so much that he'll spend two years organizing and campaigning for it is not to be trusted with the office.

—David Broder

What black America deserves is a leadership that ignites our energies with the idea that personal responsibility—despite past or even present suffering—is the only power that can truly deliver us to full parity with others. But today's black leadership only rallies blacks with a sense of their victimization into a voting campaign that promises nothing more than a little exceptionalism. And this as the sun begins to set on affirmative action.

—Shelby Steele

Capitalism needs to function like a game of tug-of-war. Two opposing sides need to continually struggle for dominance, but at no time can either side be permitted to walk away with the rope.

—Pete Holiday

The ballot is stronger than bullets.

—Joseph Schumpeter

You don't want any FLORIDA orange juice?

—Jeb Bush

I am orange-juiced out. But if I had orange juice it would be FLORIDA orange juice.

—George W. Bush

The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do.

—B. F. Skinner

The IRS spends God knows how much of your tax money on these toll-free information hot lines staffed by IRS employees, whose idea of a dynamite tax tip is that you should print neatly. If you ask them a real tax question, such as how you can cheat, they're useless. So, for guidance, you want to look to big business. Big business never pays a nickel in taxes, according to Ralph Nader, who represents a big consumer organization that never pays a nickel in taxes...

—Dave Barry

If the French were really intelligent, they'd speak English.

—Wilfred Sheed

If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind.

—John Stuart Mill

A liberal is a man too broadminded to take his own side in a quarrel.

—Robert Frost

The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.

—Josef Stalin

Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

It is not my intention to do away with government. It is rather to make it work — work with us, not over us; stand by our side, not ride on our back. Government can and must provide opportunity, not smother it; foster productivity, not stifle it. This Administration's objective will be a healthy, vigorous, growing economy.

—Ronald Reagan