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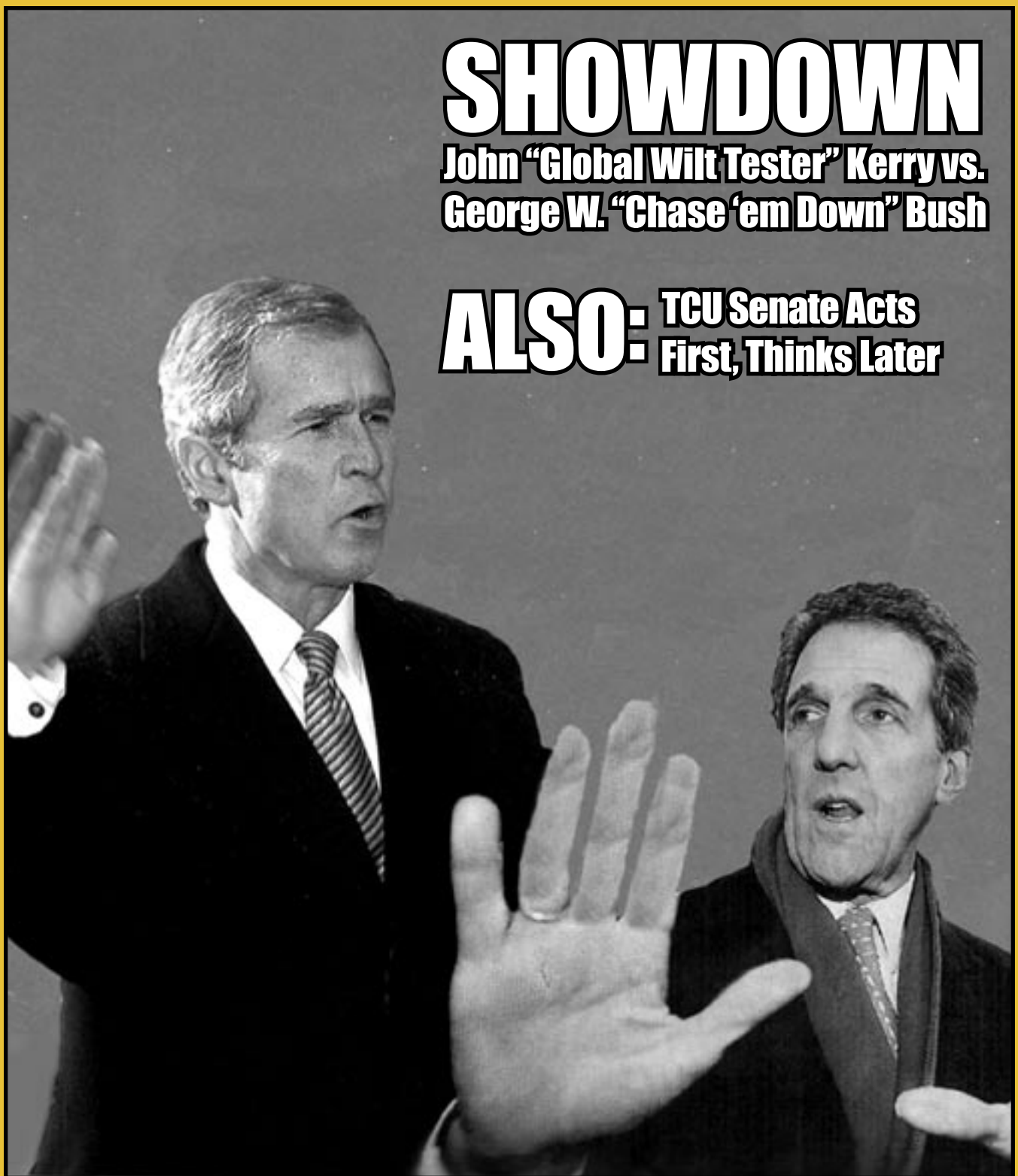
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The Party of Pessimism

It sure is tough to rebuild an economy in spite of pessimistic liberals like John Kerry. In fact, it's difficult to accomplish anything at all when Democrats convince America that it is on an inevitable path toward self-destruction. Of course, Kerry claims he has the solution to all of the country's woes. He says he would have done things better. All America needs to do is elect him to public office—not just to the Senate, where he already has a shameful record, but to the Presidency, where he says he will turn America around.

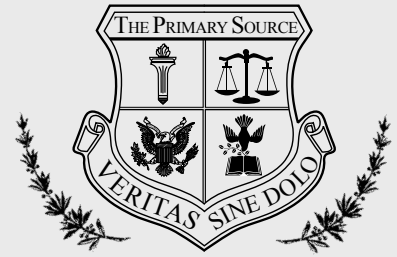
The Senator has a great deal to say about crises in America and he should. After all, he is the founding father of the negativity that emboldens the insurgency of al-Qaeda and Saddam loyalists, raises hysteria over the “health-care crisis” in America, talks down the economy on countless occasions, and routinely offends America's allies. In the meantime, he severely handicapped progress in America. Terrorists bide their time, waiting for a full disruption of the Bush doctrine. Wall Street apprehensively prepares for revocation of dividend tax breaks. Doctors are unsure whether the cost of malpractice insurance will soon drive them out of business. Americans owe this moment of doubt not to failed policy, but to Kerry and the Democratic Party who have pursued negativity to the point where their false allegations are self-fulfilled.

The reason for Democratic pessimism is simple; it is impossible to beat Bush when the country seems to be moving forward. The political strategists must first show the American people dozens of problems they didn't know existed. Only then are the Democrats able to offer Kerry as a solution. The most disgusting example of this political game in action is the emergence of Democratic Congressman

Chuck Rangel's military draft proposition. In order to fully recreate Kerry's home turf of the Vietnam retreat, the Democrats apparently find it necessary to terrorize the public with rumors of mass conscription. In fact, the draft would be a major step backward for the professional fighting force, but backward is the direction that works in Kerry's favor for November.

Students who are in the “Anyone-but-Bush” crowd must remember by what means they picked their candidate. They failed to select a candidate in whom they truly believed. The Democratic strategists emphasized the need to have someone that “could beat Bush.” Well perhaps that's what the Democrats got—someone who has nothing to offer but his ability to challenge the progress made by the Republican incumbent.

A little rain-cloud follows John Kerry wherever he goes. If given the chance, that cloud will darken the entire country. George W. Bush will likely remain in office for a second term, but the lasting effects of the 2004 Democratic campaign will scar America for years to come.

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To the Editor:

I was shocked and awed to discover a typo on page 15 of the September 23 issue of THE PRIMARY SOURCE. Over four years of reading the SOURCE, I have come to expect more from you right wing nut jobs.

—Adam Koeppel, EN '05

To the Editor:

I am a Tufts grad (1989) who follows the SOURCE online from my Virginia residence (I also wrote at least one article for the journal, "Liberal Censorship Pervades Academia," in the late 80s). I admire your perseverance amidst an ideologically hostile administration, faculty and student body.

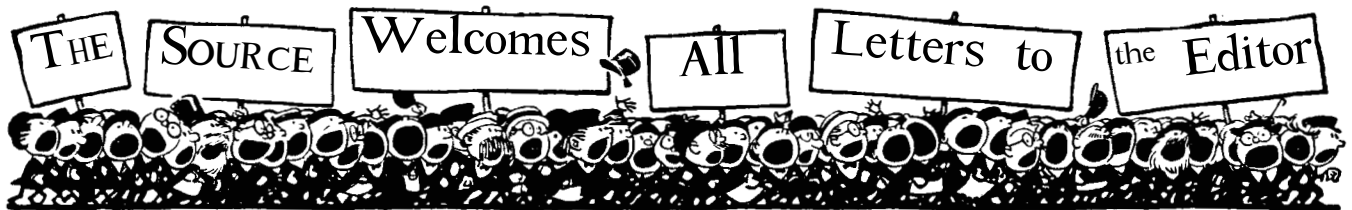
In any event, I read Brandon Balkind's recent article ("The Forbidden Words") with great interest. Do you know if there is an electronic version of the Pachyderm setting forth the university's speech policy? Thanks in advance for your help. Keep up the excellent work.

—John D. Tuerck, A '89

To the Editor:

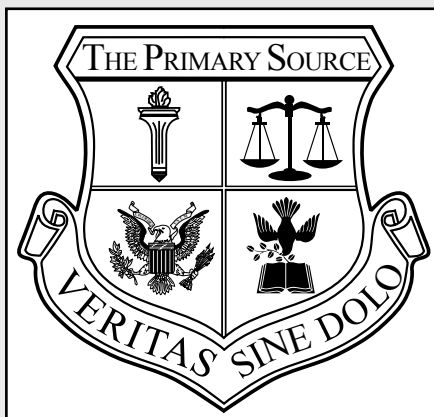
Your September 23 issue was not the first issue in which THE PRIMARY SOURCE made fun of something I have written for the *Daily*, or even the first in which you've made fun of me. (Last year, I was quoted on the back page 3 times—and the SOURCE actually agreed with my point of view on some of those times.) However, your tactics of late were most disappointing, in that what you said neither made sense nor was funny. In case "THE ELEPHANT" has forgotten, I actually have praised the SOURCE in the past, commenting on how clever and well-written it is. I have written in the past about the over-marginalization [sic] and whining of groups in society. I've also written about whining townies, something you refer to a few times in the issue. My article on Fall Ball was about dangers to students caused by poor planning by the Senate to account for large crowds of pushing, [sic] drunk students, usually a cause celebre of the SOURCE. It is unfortunate that the SOURCE felt the need to use me as fodder yet couldn't even pull it off well. I need not point out that the SOURCE does not need any more enemies on campus. I hope you can make fun of me more intelligently, less personally, and in a funnier way in the future.

—Adam Pulver, LA '05



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—Aristophanes

PS Immigration authorities deported a Syrian pizza maker who escaped Lebanon with a fake passport 20 years ago. Local residents became suspicious of the man when offered his special Hezbollah pizza with a side of “ Hamas.”

PS Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. is pulling its blockbuster arthritis drug Vioxx from the market because data from a clinical trial found an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Thousands of arthritis sufferers can now live longer and less fulfilling lives in pain.

PS Swiss scientists found what they say may be Europe’s biggest mushroom in a national park. They originally mistook the fungus for Jacques Chirac, but were suspicious of the mushroom’s pro-American attitude.

PS The UN Security Council unanimously approved increasing the peacekeeping forces in Congo by 5,900 troops—less than half the amount requested by Secretary-General Kofi Annan. The French offered to make up the difference but quickly rescinded the offer after realizing they don’t have that many troops in their military.

PS A Mexican man stabbed a prostitute 77 times after she laughed at his inability to get an erection. The suspect claims she was just the wrong whore at the wrong place at the wrong time.

PS Scientists say Mount St. Helens may take weeks to erupt. If it fails to blow its top in that time, seismologists will stab it 77 times.

PS Federal officials are protecting land for a critical habitat for an endangered bird: the southwestern willow flycatcher. The bird was displaced from its original habitat by another endangered species—hundreds of illegal Mexican immigrants.

PS Health officials warned New England residents to protect themselves from Eastern equine encephalitis, a disease that rarely affects people but can cause mild flu-like symptoms, coma, and death. Other symptoms include habitual flip-flopping and the need for Botox injections.

PS Top Ten captions for the photo below:

10. “I wonder if I can ban this.”
9. “This may be slightly more macho than I can handle.”
8. “This reminds me of that one time in Vietnam...”
7. “My tie is wavering too much.”
6. “I’ll have to set up an appointment with my hair stylist.”
5. “I hope I’m getting my full 28mpg.”
4. “I’m gonna ride this donkey as far as it goes.”
3. “It’s not mine, it’s my family’s.”
2. “I should have dressed down today to say... Armani.”
1. “It’s so easy to go either way!”

PS Undercover agents in Connecticut raided an apartment and found the place overrun with cockroaches. One officer reported, “They had bugs crawling around in the cocaine and the marijuana. It’s this kind of disregard for hygiene that gives drug dealers such a bad name.”



PS A California condor chick at the Oregon Zoo ventured away from his nest for the first time, spreading his wings and floating about 10 feet to the ground. His slow, graceful flight made him an ideal target.

PS A paralyzed man lay helpless in bed for hours while a black bear known as “Fat Albert” went through his kitchen breaking dishes, looking for a tasty snack. His Boy Scout training saved his life—the man remembered to “lie perfectly still.”

PS An advice column for prison inmates debuts next month in the newspaper at the Turney Center Industrial Prison. It will be written by former prison inmates and will include crucial advice like “don’t pick up the soap.”

PS Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation banning tobacco use by both inmates and staff at adult and youth correctional facilities. He intended to lower healthcare costs, but actually eliminated the primary form of prison currency, leaving only hardcore drugs and prison-boyfriends.

PS Residents of Nevada are sending care packages filled with golf clubs to soldiers in Iraq. “More than anything else, we seem to be getting a lot of sand wedges—and France says we don’t know our geography,” an event organizer said.

PS In Olympia, Washington, a homeless man has been registering other homeless people to vote. Though it's tough to decide what precinct they will vote in, it's even harder for them to decide what precinct to drink, urinate, and pass out in.

PS Top Ten groups not protected by the TCU senate Anti-Discrimination Policy:

10. J.A.P.'s (Jewish American Princesses)
9. Epileptics at Fall Ball
8. Druggies
7. Townies
6. Commuters
5. Commuter-townies (double-minority!)
4. Fraternity brothers
3. Undiscovered genders
2. Conservatives
1. Yankees fans

PS The Mexican population of Alabama grew by fifty percent from 2000 to 2003 as the chicken processing indus-

try grew. President Bush supports the guest workers, but not the illegal immigrants. He may be guilty of sending "Mexed Missages."

PS The Los Angeles city council approved rules that would make it easier to combat the mosquito-borne West Nile virus. The vote allows officials to enter the backyards of residents to check for sources of standing water and, if found, order them eliminated.

PS Eight high school students fell ill and were taken to the hospital after eating a large homemade cookie apparently contaminated with some kind of heavy metal. The effectiveness of metal cookies is clinically unproven, but it may eventually become part of the Atkins diet.

PS The Wyoming Game and Fish Department plans to poison all foreign fish species in a surge pond to protect sport fish in Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Other residents suggest Dick Cheney will protect his favorite fishing hole with a huge Haliburton contract.

From the Elephant's Mouth

☞ *Defaced:* **Thefacebook.com** is attacked in a high-profile lawsuit led by ConnectU.com after allegations of stolen source code. **THE ELEPHANT** thinks this is the end of Thefacebook at Tufts, as the website's lawyers were recently "poked" by **John Edwards**.

☞ *Storm Schützen:* **Tufts Votes** [for Kerry] infiltrated dorms with devastating success. The registration effort, called "**Dorm Storming**" was conducted too late to allow for participation in primary elections, but students were able to select the "Anyone but Bush" ballot option... The **Tufts Republicans** have revoked their support of the group because voter registration on Tufts' campus works dramatically in favor of the challenger. But the Republicans do support campus voter registration... at **BYU**.

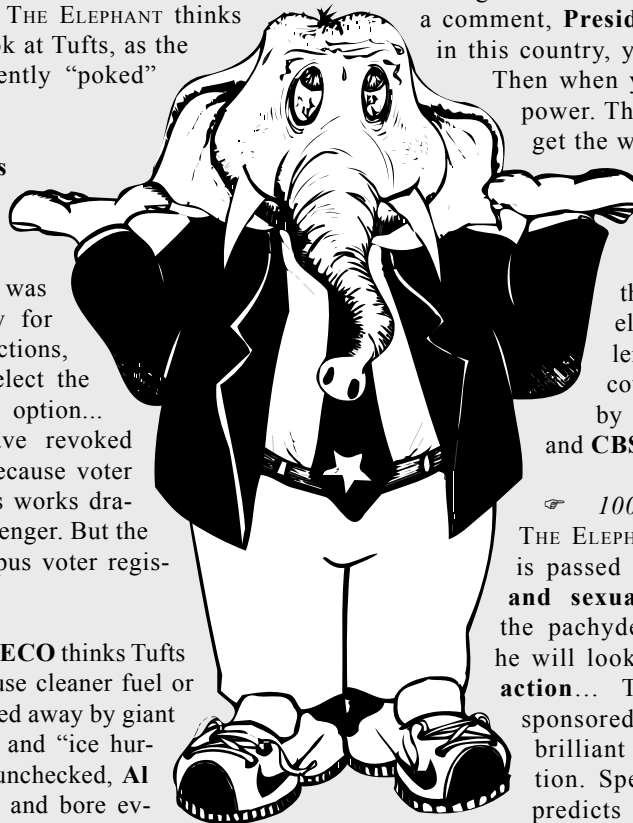
☞ *The Day After Tomorrow:* **ECO** thinks Tufts students should front \$20 to use cleaner fuel or the Tufts campus will be washed away by giant tidal waves, killer tornadoes, and "ice hurricanes." Even worse, if left unchecked, **Al Gore** may return to Medford and bore everyone to *death*... The money could be raised by donations from the liberals' rich parents, but it's important for leftists to practice taxation early and often.

☞ *"Say hello to my little friend:"* **Cocaine** has become the drug of choice on Walnut Hill. When asked for a comment, **President Bacow** remarked, "Amigo, in this country, you gotta make the money first. Then when you get the money, you get the power. Then when you get the power, you get the women."

☞ *OutFOXed:* **Margie Reedy** warned Tufts that the FOX News Channel is straying from the objective standard set by the elite media... To correct the problem, the network will be basing its coverage on the fair reporting done by competitors—like **Al-Jazeera** and **CBS**.

☞ *100% of People Can't be Wrong:* **THE ELEPHANT** rejoices when a resolution is passed to support his **gender identity and sexual expression**. After restoring the pachyderm to anatomical correctness, he will look forward to **inter-special coed action**... The senate passed the Pohl-sponsored resolution unanimously in a brilliant display of democracy in action. Speaking of Pohls, **THE ELEPHANT** predicts George W. Bush will win the electoral vote 538-0.

☞ **THE ELEPHANT** never forgets.



The TCU senate acts first, thinks later.

Amendment Fever

by Robert Lichter

Last week, the TCU senate unanimously passed (27-0-0) a resolution to modify the non-discrimination policy to protect gender identity and expression. The current policy includes “sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, race, color, national or ethnic origin, disability, status of a disabled veteran or status of a covered-veteran.” Advocates claim adding gender identity and expression to this list would prevent discrimination based on how one identifies as a male and/or female and how one displays his gender identity to others, but amending the policy is currently unjustified. Although the latest resolution passed without debate within the senate, there are many questions to be answered.

First, wasn't this issue taken care of years ago? In the Spring of 2000, Tufts Christian Fellowship would not allow long-time club member Julie Catalano (J '01) to be a senior leader because, as an *active* lesbian, she did not adequately reflect the teachings of the Bible, according to TCF leaders. During the next year, the issue received national attention, and culminated in a pan-banging, bumper-sticker-slogan-shouting, class-skipping sit in (read: hostile takeover of Bendetson Hall) by Tufts Students Against Discrimination.

The protest ended when then Tufts President John DiBiaggio sent an email to the students to inform them that “the non-discrimination policy is understood to include self-acceptance of identity.” TSAD members proclaimed victory, and the issue was put to rest. In that light, the resolution to add gender identity to the non-discrimination policy seems to accomplish nothing. Self acceptance of one's identity should protect one's entire identity, including one's sexual identity. If one is genetically male, but does not accept that as his gender, he would be “understood” by John DiBiag-

gio and his colleagues to be protected by the non-discrimination policy.

Second, why are senators so comfortable voting on such a controversial issue? One must question the integrity of all senators who voted against hearing a motion to pass a resolution supporting the Academic Bill of Rights last year. In the Spring, these senators claimed that they could not hear that motion because the Bill was being hotly debated at other universities and was a matter of national importance. Not one of them displayed similar reservations in the vote regarding the non-discrimination amendment, despite the fact that it, too, is a controversial national issue. While over fifty corporations, four states and many counties and municipalities have incorporated gender identity and expression into their own policies, many prominent figures, including homosexual Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), have criticized the amendment.

Tufts students deserve an explanation of how these two resolutions differ. Perhaps it is that the Academic Bill of Rights is the brainchild of right-wing wacko David Horowitz, among others, while the non-discrimination policy amendment was presented from the Left. Or maybe the senators were still recovering from their rigorous retreat to the Loj. Regardless, given the different attitudes towards these controversial issues, it appears that many TCU senators' principles are subject to change for political gain, much like Anne Heche's sexual preference.

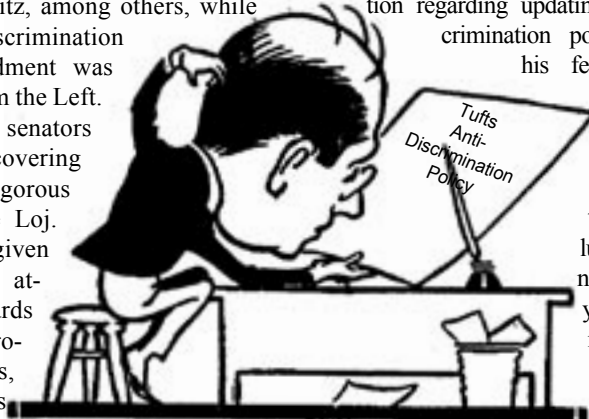
What if adherence to the proposed amendment jeopardized the safety of some students?

Finally, what if adherence to the proposed amendment jeopardized the safety of some students? For example, if the University is hiring a Residential Assistant for Richardson House, would Tufts be able to discriminate against a male student who “identified” as a female? While RAs do not get to choose the dorm to which they are assigned, it could be discrimination if Tufts did not even consider putting her in Richardson. The student who identifies as a female could quite easily change his (or is it her?) mind without telling anyone. While this seems improbable, it is exactly the type of scenario that a loosely written discrimination policy would allow.

Two years ago, President Bacow was shocked to learn firsthand of the annual Naked Quad Run. He expressed his embarrassment that he was hosting an event for trustees at Gifford House the same night as the December reading period celebration. If his guests were shocked by the students' behavior, just imagine how shocked they would be had a Tufts president (regardless of sexual orientation) run naked through Gifford House during a similar gathering. Normally, if he is unable to bring in outside donors and build on Tufts' proud reputation, a president would be fired. If his job performance suffered because of his expression, however, he could claim this is just how he expresses his sexuality and the non-discrimination policy provides him job safety. Unable to fire him, the University would need to seek grants from Hugh Hefner and Larry Flynt. (Come to Tufts for the nation's finest study-a-broad program!)

Although President DiBiaggio felt the need to clarify how he read between the lines of the non-discrimination policy, the official wording of the policy was never changed to reflect his interpretation. DiBiaggio's inaction regarding updating the non-discrimination policy displayed his fear of putting Tufts in a legally dangerous situation. Advocates of the latest resolution who were not here four years ago cannot be faulted for failing to find the same hidden mean-

ing DiBiaggio found, but they must provide a justification for how they handled the resolution to change it.



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Acknowledging and changing the political problem on campus.

Tufts' Liberal Bubble

by David Rawson

The administration's diversity police should be up in arms over the results of THE PRIMARY SOURCE's political poll conducted around campus two weeks ago. There is a minority of students at Tufts that has been scathingly criticized by administrators and professors for years. But this is not a sympathy piece for non-leftist students at Tufts, and the administration could care less about the lack of *ideological diversity* on campus. This is about putting the University's disillusioned students into perspective. If Tufts' student, faculty, and administrative leaders worked to create a balanced intellectual community, the University would look more like the rest of America, and less like the liberal bubble it is now. Unfortunately, Tufts isn't acknowledging the disparity of opinions, let alone trying to change it.

Frankly, the polling results are not surprising—Tufts students support Kerry over Bush 83% to 6%. Tufts is in a blue state, filled with students from blue states, administrated by people with a blue ideology, and this is after all John Kerry's home state, Taxachusetts. Despite the utopian claims in Tufts' vision statement, the poll shows that true diversity at one of the nation's premier universities is a long way from reality. The administration's rhetoric on Tufts' homepage reads, "For students, our search for quality will mean opportunities both in and beyond the classroom to become well-educated, well-rounded individuals, professionals, and scholars." To match words with deeds, this statement behooves the administration to provide more opportunities for political and ideological diversity on campus. The admissions office can recruit more diverse prospective freshmen, a student-faculty task force could work on stimulating unbiased discussion in

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the classroom, and the administration could search for new professors and speakers to shape a well-informed and stimulating experience at Tufts. Much more likely is that THE PRIMARY SOURCE will remain one of the few voices advocating a balanced perspective on campus. If support for Senator Kerry and President Bush is this skewed at Tufts, students cannot be receiving a balanced or unbiased education here. Moreover, the disparity is symptomatic of a lack of ideological balance in Tufts' academia.

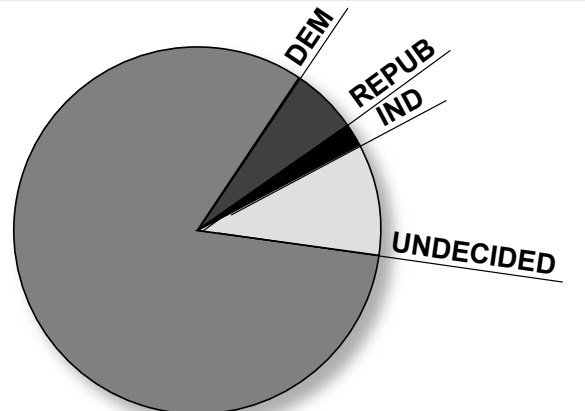
The liberal Tufts community may be shocked to know that America supports Bush over Kerry 52% to 42% according to a *CNN/USA Today* Poll taken on September 27. How can this University be so different from the rest of the country? College students are entitled to little idealism, disillusionment, and a shallow perspective of the world. Young people have the reputation of leaning to the left, but this is not necessarily true. Tufts certainly stands out like a sore thumb. In an *ABC/Washington Post* poll taken during the same period, registered voters aged 18 to 29 supported Bush over Kerry 53% to 41%. The average 21 year old in America is nine times more likely to be a Bush supporter than the

average Tufts student. Tufts students might as well move to France or Germany, where around 80% of the citizens do not support the policies and leadership of the Bush administration. After all, Tufts is famous for its international emphasis in academics and recruitment. However, it does not send a good message to a Tufts student expecting a well-rounded American education, or

a prospective student who wants to attend one of America's top universities. Tufts is a premier institution, globally recognized for academic excellence and its emphasis on giving students the tools for public and professional leadership. The lopsided difference of political opinion at Tufts seriously undermines its reputation.

It is encouraging that more young people than ever are interested in national political news and intend to vote. However this does not necessarily mean that they are well informed. Certainly, if 83% of Tufts students support John Kerry and only 6% support President Bush, the community appears unbalanced and narrow-minded. Tragically, Tufts takes its elite reputation for granted and sees no need to investigate this disparity of opinions. If the administration made the effort to bring balance and national perspective on campus, Tufts students might have a political mindset more akin to their peers around the country. There is no doubt that the Left would still enjoy a substantial advantage over the Right, but a little change would do this institution some good. It would honor Tufts' much hailed virtue of diversity, and engage students in an intellectual, informed, two-sided discussion of political issues on campus and around the nation.

Conservative Tufts students may find themselves marginalized by the campus-wide hostility towards anything resembling a pro-Bush stance or a Republican value. As an elite institution with a global reputation for turning out worldly, intellectual leaders in all walks of life, Tufts can and should do better for all of its students. Acknowledging the disparity of opinions and the lack of balance is a start. Escaping the liberal elitist bubble and recognizing political differences around the country is progress. Tufts deserves a truly diverse student body. ■



What about Poland?

John Kerry, the candidate who will “reach out to our allies,” recently attacked and disparaged Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. The senator said that Allawi was “contradicting himself” and trying to put the “best face” on a deteriorating situation by saying to Congress that, among other things, “[Iraqis] are safer, the region is safer, the world is safer without [Saddam].” Desperate to be seen by the American public as the “realist,” Kerry claims that these remarks are a complete about-face from his comments on ABC’s *This Week* in which he spoke of “foreign terrorists pouring in.” Of course, Kerry forgot to mention the part where Allawi expressed his faith that a free Iraq was finally emerging. According to the Prime Minister, 15 out of the 18 Iraqi provinces are now ready for the January elections.

In his first visit to the US as Prime Minister, Allawi deserved the respect and support of all Americans. A courageous ex-dissident who has survived multiple assassination attempts, he is now a critical strategic ally in the Middle East. Kerry’s disrespect and lack of solidarity with Allawi and the moderate Muslims in Iraq only serve to embolden the extremists. Allawi enjoys the support of a strong majority of Iraqis and his perceived legitimacy is a crucial component of a policy of stabilization and nation building.

Kerry’s latest outburst should come as no surprise to those who have been following his campaign. The Democratic nominee has shown time and time again he will say and do anything to pander and appeal to voters. First the Senator says the Iraq situation demands two more military units. Now he says he will dramatically reduce troop levels in his “first term.” Only two weeks ago, when pushed by President Bush to answer if he still would have voted for the war knowing what he does now, Kerry emphatically responded in the affirmative. Now Kerry says it was the “the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

If Kerry has a real plan to win the peace, America deserves to hear it. Unfortunately, Kerry has no plan to speak of besides calling together an “international summit of our allies” and groveling at the feet of the corrupt French government. Even if Kerry has a plan to win the war multilaterally, it will be completely ineffective after calling America’s allies a “coalition of the coerced and the bribed.”

Kerry Kool-aid drinkers will no doubt insist that Kerry’s “flip-flopping” is really a sign of his intelligence and ability to adapt to and understand complicated world events. After Kerry’s latest tantrum however, it has become crystal clear that he does not have what it takes to lead a coal-

tion and be a world leader. By spitting in the face of our most important ally, he has endangered America’s reputation abroad. Even more importantly, it shows that Kerry is more interested in adding “President” to his resume than in making America “safer at home and more respected around the world.”

GPS Joey Follow-Up

The Joey makes its rounds pretty regularly, but a couple of years ago it was a different story. In 2002, the Joey service was terrible—its timing was erratic, and no one knew whether the bus would arrive in three minutes or thirty minutes. Due to the unreliable shuttle service, many students registered complaints to both the TCU senate and the Department of Public Safety. In response, the TCU developed a tentative plan to install a GPS system. This system involved placing a tracking device on the bus that would show students on the TV display at the campus center where the Joey was, as well as how many minutes remaining until its arrival.

Before this idea actually came to fruition, the Department of Public Safety made a visit in response to the complaints and inspected the whole shuttle system. After making suggestions for improvement, the shuttle service became much more regular and dependable. It was at this point that the GPS idea was abandoned, at least temporarily. It is now in the hands of the Department of Public Safety as to whether it will ever be installed.

And why should it be installed? The problem has already been solved: the Joey service is regular now, leaving the campus center every 15 minutes. Installing a GPS system would be superfluous, just another waste of funds that could possibly be spent on hiring better performers for Spring Fling. A GPS system would have essentially no purpose at this point, except to make the campus look more technologically advanced to prospective students. The TCU also intends to decide whether the GPS system is fiscally responsible. TCU Treasurer Jeff Katzin said, “I don’t know how expensive it would be, but it’s something that would have to be taken up by the School of Arts and Sciences and the Engineering School, or the Department of Public Safety.” Regarding this issue, the TCU left off at the time of Wayne Bouchard’s (the former executive administrative dean) resignation. He had intended to finance much of this project. Now the TCU is planning to investigate where and if they are going to get the money. The project requires much examination on their part because it is an expensive one, and the TCU does not yet know whether they have student support, or whether the GPS system is in high demand right now. According to Dave Baumwoll, the GPS System is a “promising initiative, but we first need to decide whether it’s worth the time or money.”

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AS SEEN IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE!

JOHN KERRY'S "GLOBAL TEST"

The moment John Kerry mentioned the "global test" for defending America, THE PRIMARY SOURCE was eager to find out more about it. After considerable research the SOURCE succeeded in locating this copy of President Bush's try at the "global test."

GLOBAL SAT Security Appropriateness Test

Applicant Name: **George W. Bush**

For each question, choose a, b, c, or d. If uncertain, err on the side of reckless naïvety and appeasement. A score of 90% or higher authorizes the test-taker to defend the United States of America.

ANALOGIES Choose the answer with a relationship most similar to the relationship between the pair of words in capital letters.

1. **ARAB TERRORIST : AMERICAN**
 a) PATRIOT : FASCIST
~~X~~ **EVIL : VIRTUOUS** **WRONG**
 c) DESPERATE : FAT
 d) POOR VICTIM : RICH PIG
2. **AMERICA : FRANCE**
 a) SLAVE : MASTER
~~X~~ **BOSS : MONKEY** **WRONG**
 c) DUNCE : INTELLECTUAL
 d) HELL-BOUND MORTAL : GOD

QUANTITATIVE COMPARISON For each question, select the quantity, A or B, to be prioritized and valued more highly.

3. **A** Safety and security of 300 million Americans ~~X~~ **WRONG** **B** Opinion of 4 billion non-Americans.
4. **A** Kofi Annan's hurt feelings. ~~X~~ **B** Millions of Iraqis' missing fingers and whipped backs **WRONG**

SENTENCE COMPLETION Complete each statement in the most multilateral way possible.

5. The purpose of the US military is to:
 a) enter non-exitable humanitarian crises.
 b) increase the federal government payroll.
 c) help Democrats distract the public from their scandalous private lives.
~~X~~ **protect the American people** **WRONG**
6. Preemptive military action is permissible only when:
 a) initiated as a result of at least 1,248 failed UN resolutions.
 b) Bill Clinton says so.
 c) the idea belonged to France.
~~X~~ **America faces a serious threat** **WRONG**

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GLOBAL APPROVAL:

	PASS	FAIL
FRANCE		X
GERMANY		X
ZIMBABWE		X
IRAN		X
CHINA		X
NORTH KOREA		X
HARVARD		X

Lé Score: 0%
FAIL

CRITICAL READING Read and interpret the following passage.

"He is and has acted as a terrorist." "This doesn't end with Afghanistan by any means of the imagination." "I actually did vote for his \$87 billion [for war supplies], before I voted against it." "Iraq may not be the war on terror itself, but it is critical to the outcome of the war on terror." "I wasn't misleading when I said he [Saddam] was a threat." "This is the president who said there were weapons of mass destruction, said mission accomplished, said we could fight the war on the cheap—none of which were true." "We ought to put the heat on Saddam Hussein." "I think we need to put the pressure on no matter what the evidence is." "I've had one position, one consistent position, that Saddam Hussein was a threat." "Smart means not diverting your attention from the real war on terror in Afghanistan against Osama bin Laden and taking it off to Iraq where the 9/11 Commission confirms there was no connection to 9/11 itself and Saddam Hussein, and where the reason for going to war was weapons of mass destruction, not the removal of Saddam Hussein."

What is this individual's position on the war in Iraq?

- a) for b) against ~~X~~ for and against ~~X~~ **WRONG** d) John Kerry need answer to no one

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

KERRY'S

FLIP-FLOPS

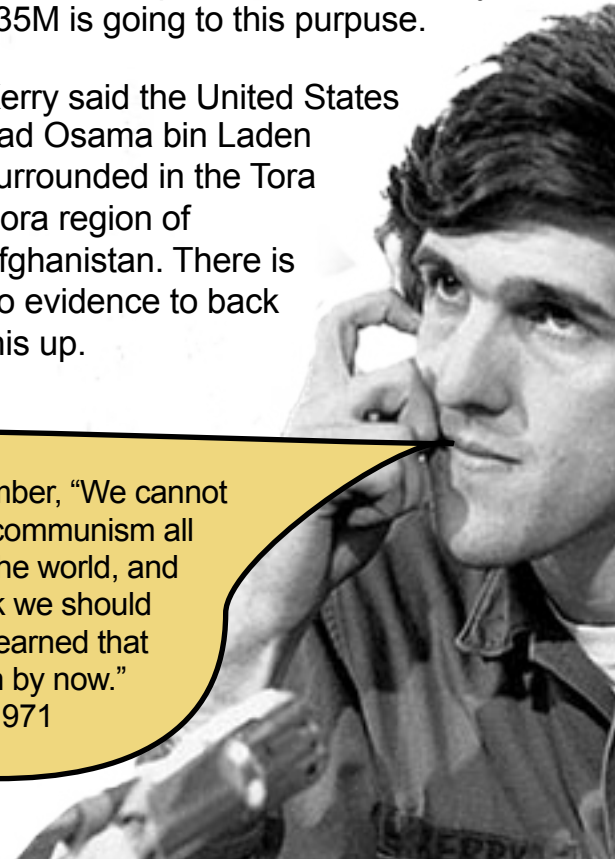
- **NOW:** "The President always has the right, and always has had the right for preemptive strike."
EARLIER: Kerry criticized Bush's doctrine of preemption.
- **NOW:** Kerry says Iraq had nothing to do with the War on Terror until President Bush invaded it.
EARLIER: Kerry warned of Saddam Hussein's ties to terrorism.
- **NOW:** Kerry told troops that help is on the way.
EARLIER: Kerry voted against the \$87 billion package to fund the troops.
- **NOW:** Kerry said he has never, ever used the word "lying" in reference to President Bush.
EARLIER: Kerry used precisely that word in September of 2003 when he accused the Bush administration of having lied to the American people.
- **BEGINNING OF DEBATE:** "I'll never give a veto to any country over our security."
END OF DEBATE: "But if and when you do it [protect America], Jim, you have to do it in a way that passes the test, that passes the global test."
- **DEBATE RESPONSE:** Moderator Jim Lehrer asked John Kerry whether he favored multilateral or bilateral talks with North Korea. Kerry: "Both."

KERRY'S

FACTUAL ERRORS

- Kerry referred to the cost of the Iraq war as \$200 billion when in fact it to date has cost only \$120 billion.
- Kerry said Bush had not supplied money needed to fix bridges and tunnels and claimed this was the reason the New York subway was closed during the convention. Actually, the New York subway never closed.
- Kerry claimed the Bush administration is spending "hundreds of millions of dollars" to research bunker-busting nuclear weapons when in fact only \$35M is going to this purpose.
- Kerry said the United States had Osama bin Laden surrounded in the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan. There is no evidence to back this up.

Remember, "We cannot fight communism all over the world, and I think we should have learned that lesson by now."
- 1971



THE FIRST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

KERRY'S

DAD MOVES

- Letting the debate moderator wink at you after he's done making your job a cakewalk.
- Nodding while the President reminds the nation that Kerry saw the same intelligence the President did when deciding to go to war.
- Discreetly removing an illegal cheat sheet from his pocket.
- Incessantly crooked and disturbing smile.
- "I have no intention of wilting. I've never wilted in my life."
- Not enhancing the English dictionary with new words like "trans-shipment" and the perennial favorite "nukuler."

W'S BEST

President George W. Bush: "You better have a president who chases these terrorists down and brings them to justice before they hurt us again."

President George W. Bush: "I'm not exactly sure what you mean, 'passes the global test,' you take preemptive action if you 'pass a global test.' My attitude is you take preemptive action in order to protect the American people, that you act in order to make this country secure."

President George W. Bush: "The only thing consistent about my opponent is his inconsistency."

Debate Moderator Jim Lehrer: "Do you believe the election of Senator Kerry on November the 2nd would increase the chances of the US being hit by another 9/11-type terrorist attack?"

President George W. Bush: "No, I don't believe it's going to happen. I believe I'm going to win."

Upcoming TCU Senate Resolutions

Now that the TCU senate wants to expand the Tufts anti-discrimination policy to include sexual expression, what more can we look forward to from this progressive, proactive body?

Resolution to ban Domino's Pizza for its homophobia.



Resolution to end blood drives because the Red Cross doesn't let homosexuals participate.



Resolution to register only Green Party voters.



Resolution to make janitorial staff rich.



Resolution to increase tuition by \$40,000 to meet Kyoto goals.



Thefacebook Faces the Facts

Since its founding last February by Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg, over 280,655 students from 99 schools have logged countless hours into thefacebook.com, where they procrastinate their studies while looking at profiles, pictures, schedules, phone numbers, birthdays, interests, and other random information from a seemingly endless pool of people. Dozens more are registering every day, and new schools are added every week. At Tufts, over 4,180 people are registered, making it easy to gather information on just about any student.

Despite its success, thefacebook.com is facing a controversy that threatens to shut it down. On September 2, recent Harvard graduates and founders of ConnectU.com, twins Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss and their friend Divya Narendra, filed a lawsuit against thefacebook.com accusing its creators of stealing both the concept and source code from them, requesting that the site be shut down immediately and \$75,000 in damages. ConnectU.com's (a site similar in both function and format to thefacebook.com) creators said it hired Zuckerberg as one of many programmers in late 2003 to assist them in setting up their website and were understandably shocked when he launched thefacebook.com just months before they planned to expand their site from Harvard to a national level. They first brought their case to Harvard University's administrative board and the University's President

Lawrence Summers on the basis that it violated Harvard's honor code. They were told the university had no jurisdiction over this issue and that they would have to take their case elsewhere. Throughout these allegations, both Zuckerberg and Thefacebook.com's "Press Guy" Chris Hughes have defended thefacebook, claiming that their idea and code are both original and in are no way stolen from the ConnectU.com team.

Although lawsuits involving corporations, individuals, or doctors have become commonplace, this suit will hit a little closer to home for many Tufts students as it decides the life or death of a service most students use. The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, which will be presiding over this case, needs to consider closely the degree to which thefacebook.com and ConnectU.com's source code and format match. As far as similarity of ideas, both ConnectU and Thefacebook are strikingly similar to Friend-

ster and SixDegrees, which preceded them. If, however, Thefacebook.com's founders did indeed plagiarize and steal code, then they should be duly punished, but if it is found that no wrongdoing occurred, they should be allowed to continue without losing the faith and patronage of their users. After all, competition between web services has helped Google, Yahoo!, and Hotmail to serve their users better. A little competition is always a healthy thing.

David Horowitz

David Horowitz, founder of Students for Academic Freedom and past conservative speaker at Tufts, returned to the liberal stronghold known as Massachusetts two weeks ago at nearby Boston College. Like his discussion last year at Tufts, his BC talk spanned current events as well as his flagship topic of an Academic Bill of Rights. Unlike at Tufts, the students at Boston College, despite the \$5 admission, actually came out in full force resulting in a packed house of several hundred.

Horowitz made the case for passing the Academic Bill of Rights to ensure fair treatment toward students and professors of all ideologies. The movement, he stressed, aims to prevent professors from forcing their own ideologies upon their students and discouraging them from thinking for themselves. This idea, which recently has been embraced by the entire public university system of Colorado among other schools nationwide, continues to be a foreign concept at Tufts, especially following former TCU senate president Chike Aguh's refusal last year to let the senate even discuss such a referendum at Tufts, and the senate majority's vote to uphold this decision. Although it seems absurd to strike down such an important resolution that lies at the very core of what the University

touts itself to be, TCU senators are no strangers to absurdity. They, like many Tufts professors, fear the repercussions of free thought of the students. This must have been how Saddam felt as the Iraqi dictator—allowing people to think anything other than what's provided by his propaganda minister might lead to questioning of his power and righteousness.

Ensuring academic freedom is hardly a daunting task, considering that the founding fathers pledged their lives to uphold the idea of freedom. Tufts administrators need only implement a short, simple document to guarantee the equal protection of all students and faculty, regardless of ideology.

The importance of the Academic Bill of Rights should not be underestimated on the Tufts campus. It's time for the Tufts community to rally around David Horowitz's idea of a university that has can embrace free thought and is willing to foster the intellectual growth of all students, embracing not only diversity of race, but diversity of thought.



Take voter registration with many grains of salt.

Get Yourself Registered

by Nicholas Boyd

Voting and voter registration are honorable expressions of patriotism. That said, one can have too much of a good thing. This is what students at Tufts are witnessing—an effort gone haywire by virtue of its self-proclaimed urgency and uncanny concurrence with the needs and objectives of the John Kerry presidential campaign.

Tufts Votes claims non-partisanship and dedication only to the principle of eventually achieving 100 percent voter registration at Tufts. In a perfect society, every eligible individual is indeed proactively committed to keep up with the issues of the day and will take the necessary initiative both to get registered to vote and actually cast a vote come election day.

Unfortunately, this scenario contrasts starkly with the methods and objectives pursued by Tufts Votes. Valuing the physical vote over its actual purpose, the initiative has followed the example of MTV and organizations like “Declare Yourself,” both of which dumb down the act of voting to make it palatable to a broader audience.

The American democracy was not built to withstand a society which treats voting as if it were a game or a joke. Voter registration is not a second grade playtime activity—getting everyone to participate does not necessarily enhance it. Nor is it a substitute for yoga—the feel-good euphoria that ensues is not enough to justify it.

Rather than let some vote while others choose not to, liberals insist on cheapening the act of voting until it is sufficiently meaningless to make it appeal to America’s most civically irresponsible. It follows in the liberal tradition of preferring that everyone is poor to some being well off. Such thinking commonly goes by the name of socialism.

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The validity of a citizen’s vote does *not* depend on the participation of his peers in the election. What does depend on the participation of his peers is the *outcome* of the election.

At Tufts, conservatives cannot help but suspect “Tufts Votes” will steer that outcome in the favor of John Kerry. Tufts’ student body is overwhelmingly liberal. Tufts Votes may call itself non-partisan, but when the target population of a voter registration drive is as strongly skewed politically as it is at Tufts, its

outcome will be very partisan and inherently favor John Kerry and the Democratic party. To Tufts conservatives with a strong conviction that re-electing the President is vital to the nation’s national security, the prospect of registering voters here

seems anything but non-partisan and patriotic. In fact, based on THE PRIMARY SOURCE’s recent poll of political opinion on campus, Tufts Votes could skew its efforts 80 percent in favor of the right and *still* do Republicans, and by their judgment, the country, more harm than good.

Concluding that voter registration initiatives have no place in America would be wrong. Voter registration is at its most valuable and honest precisely when it is being used as a partisan political tool. In electing a president, Republicans and *most* Democrats look for the candidate they believe will act in the best interests of their country. Targeted, partisan voter registration does not hide its intentions, nor does it degrade the democratic process.

The crucial difference between partisan and non-partisan voter registration is that partisan voter registration is usually accompanied by voter education, in the form of a campaign based on a specific platform. The education may be biased and it may be unbalanced, but it is there, and if it is enough to get the voter interested in the political process, registering that voter is perfectly justified. It is thus the only voter

registration scenario in which anybody truly benefits.

Now consider non-partisan voter registration. The newly registered voter can vote but his incentive or fitness to do so remains unchanged. No political candidate has derived any clear advantage from the effort. The “system” has gained voters, which may look good to UN observers but really carries with it no intrinsic value to the United States.

If there are winners, they must be the voter registration organizers themselves. In typically liberal fashion, the perceived exclusion of others has evoked tremendous guilt among certain members of the Tufts community. One must almost concede one is the victim of an excessive affection for a misguided egalitarianism.

The analysis provided above presumes true impartiality and non-partisanship in a voter registration initiative. For all the precautions and training cited by Tufts Votes organizers to ensure these qualities, one cannot help but question the motives driving most of the initiative’s supporters. After all, which is the greater draw to the 80 percent of Tufts students who identify themselves as Kerry supporters: the thrill of registering voters or the opportunity to help turn out an overwhelmingly pro-Kerry absentee vote in any number of swing states?

Nobody wins when uninformed, disinterested citizens get registration forms shoved in their faces. Non-partisan voter registration is always suspect. When it appears at Tufts and goes into overdrive a month before an election in which President Bush faces Senator “President Not Bush,” it should come as no surprise when the Tufts Republicans can’t help but withdraw their support of the initiative. After all, when the Tufts Democrats, VOX, and ACLU, the exact same organizations that got together to “cheer on Kerry” during the recent presidential debate, join forces under the banner of voter registration, the result is bound to be about as non-partisan as the average issue of THE PRIMARY SOURCE. ■



Tufts students risk becoming victim to an environmental bluff.

The Grand Enviro-Swindle

by Gena Gorlin

It is commonly known that \$20, to a college student, is a fortune. One's mouth waters to think of all the necessities a \$20 bill can buy: two week's worth of Ramen noodles; 16 rides on the T; a warm comforter for the brutish Boston winter; four six-packs of beer. In fact, \$20 often comprises a college student's full weekly budget—so to the not-so-uncommon impoverished undergraduate, it can mean the difference between financial viability and destitution. Not surprisingly, most would not voluntarily pull out \$20 in support of other students' pet causes.

Thus, the Tufts Environmental Consciousness Outreach (ECO) is instead trying to take students' money underhandedly. The group is seeking to "institutionalize clean energy

at Tufts," by organizing a referendum vote to purchase at least 20 percent of Tufts' energy from "clean" sources. Toward this purpose—if the referendum passes by 25 percent of the vote, every student at Tufts will be charged a \$20 yearly "clean energy fee."

The charges on students' Bursar's accounts rise incrementally every year. The price of a full collegiate education, factoring in not only tuition but also dining, healthcare, and housing expenses, inevitably rises with inflation and with increases in the number and quality of services offered. The yearly price increase for meal plans is generally uncontroversial—perhaps because eating is universally deemed a necessity for students.

Yet now the advocates of "clean energy" are pushing to impose an additional increase on every student's budget—not for a necessity, but for a "cause." Failing to win the support of voluntary paying customers, the "clean energy" industry is seeking to harness unwitting college students' bank accounts through the consent of a few.

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At the recent panel sponsored by ECO to discuss the issue, the premise that fossil fuels are destructive, while clean "renewable" energy is benevolent, enjoyed the status of a universally accepted truth. Bernadette Buck of the SmartPower clean energy campaign claimed that the damage wreaked by CO₂ emissions into the environment is well known and understood. The most common charge levied against traditional fossil fuels, that they are responsible for "global climate change," is prominently featured in a draft of the referendum proposal.

Interestingly, it is no longer referred to as global warming, because—according to Greg Watson, another panel speaker—the predicted effects of CO₂ on the environment are "too complex to call 'global warming' or 'global cooling.'"

The reason they are "too complex" is because they are, as more and more environmental scientists have testified, scientifically unsound. Study after study have demonstrated that the "evidence" for adverse environmental climate change caused by CO₂ emissions is bunk. According to a research project conducted by the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, "Predictions of harmful climatic effects due to future increases in minor greenhouse gases like CO₂ are in error and do not conform to current experimental knowledge...."

Indeed, "over the past two decades, when CO₂ levels have been at their highest, global average temperatures have actually cooled slightly." Similarly, according to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, "satellite observations of the temperature of the Earth's lower tro-

posphere do not reveal any overall warming trend." Studies of this nature abound; a simple Google search produces as many meteorological findings and scientific studies debunking the "global warming" myth as it does environmentalist "interest groups" scare-mongering on its behalf. The global climate change theory simply does not measure up to the rigors of scientific evidence.

Also cited by several of the panel speakers was the popular claim that the United States is running out of oil. America's strained relations with Middle Eastern nations and extravagant use of non-renewable energy, the argument goes, threaten to deprive us of energy in the near future. Meanwhile, an estimated 46 billion barrels of oil in America's vast Outer Continental Shelf, and some 21 billion barrels in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's Coastal Plain region, lie dormant and unexploited—because of environmental restrictions. If the environmentalist agenda were really to ensure a sufficient energy supply they would not declare some 60 billion oil barrels, potentially supplying over 25 percent of US consumption over the next 30 years, off-limits. Clearly, the undersupply of oil is not the real issue.

The scarcity of clean energy, however, is already plaguing its supporters. Few private individuals and enterprises are willing to invest in significantly costlier, less efficient forms of energy that, in the case of wind energy, for example, are location- and climate-sensitive with few if any scientifically proven advantages over oil. Since clean energy is not cost-effective, environmental strategists are trying to boost demand artificially by lobbying for money and clean energy projects from local and state governments, and by asking con-

scientious college students to vote themselves out of their (and their peers') money so that "clean energy" can continue to find customers.

Tufts students should be alerted of this imminent swindle—and vote against ECO's insidious referendum. It will take only 25 percent of voters to make the entire student body a sacrificial lamb for the dubious cause of "clean energy." Students ought not to be rendered blithely unconscious by the façade of "environmental consciousness." ■

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A New York City Democrat wants to reinstate the draft.

It's Not What You Think

by Rebecca Frank

The idea of a reinstated draft strikes fear into the hearts of young Americans everywhere, whether they would support a future war or not. For some, the draft would entail difficult decisions about how to best support their country, while for others the draft would mean the rush to obtain a Canadian passport. For a generation of college-age men and women, the draft was an abstract concept, something seen only in movies and in documentaries on Bill Clinton, but Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY) decided last spring to change all that, when he introduced to the House of Representatives the Universal National Service Act of 2003. When he introduced the bill, Rangel made it perfectly clear that he was doing so not out of a desire to support the army, but to protest the upcoming war in Iraq.

Rangel has served as the representative from New York's 15th District (Harlem, Washington Heights, and the Upper West Side of New York City) since 1970. During that time, he has consistently voted with the more liberal representatives, as the district's makeup might suggest. True to form, in introducing the Universal National Service Act, Rep. Rangel invoked the idea of an America divided by class and race. Back in January 2003, when he introduced the bill, he explained his goal, "to make it clear that if there were a war, there would be more equitable representation of people making sacrifices." In the world of people like Rangel, "equitable representation" means that the number of minorities serving in the armed forces should be smaller.

Support for the bill was so small (confined mostly to its co-sponsors) that it did not even receive a hearing. One of the more liberal Senators, Fritz Hollings (D-SC)

introduced an identical bill in the Senate with no co-sponsor at all. It seemed that the bills were destined to die, a failed attempt at making the front page more than once. Sensational proposals designed to scare members of Congress with draft-age children, it seems, do not work.

Rangel's bill comes from the same school of thought as the scene in "Fahrenheit 9/11" when "documentary" filmmaker Michael Moore accosts members of Congress and asks them to sign their children up for the armed forces. The problem with this style of forcible enlistment is that America has the greatest free-standing volunteer army in the world. Having a child who

has what it takes to be a part of that army is not a prerequisite for being elected to Congress. It is not beneficial to the Congressional families or America for the military to disregard the

screening process which has given us the best military in the world—just so Charlie Rangel can assure the "right" people are taking casualties in Iraq.

Problems with the bill's basis aside, even Rangel himself could not have predicted the panic it would cause. Parents across America e-mailed the article to their college-age children, anti-war protesters denounced it as a sign of the horrors to come with an invasion of Iraq, and even now, nineteen months after its introduction to the House of Representatives, the Universal National Service Act is seen by some as more of a threat than even the Patriot Act. Rangel's plan backfired: the drastic act is recognized more than the attack on President Bush. In fact, to those who know Rangel only as "the guy who wants to bring back the draft," he seems to be a pro-Bush hawk, trying to ruin the lives of young adults everywhere.

The Universal National Service Act would probably have faded into the annals

of Congressional history if not for the panic caused by the words "reinstating the draft." On the Tufts campus, recent signs have been spotted claiming "Bush Doesn't Want You to Know," that he is bringing back the draft to support his imperial goals for America and Halliburton. Next to one of these signs, however, some anonymous but wary citizen explained the history of the bill. Fear-mongering, at least on the Tisch Library steps, has met its match.

The Bush administration, it must be said, did not support the bill. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, in a press conference after the bill's introduction to Congress, said "There is no need for it at all." As America tries to adapt its armed forces to what is becoming a prolonged war on terror, changing the sizes of deployed forces and the entire fabric of military operations, compulsory service would only hinder the operation. The well-trained, technologically advanced troops who enlist are the army of the future; which was not so for the large ground forces of the past.

Now more than ever, it is important to know where legislation comes from and why, especially for those who hate Bush. It would be unfair for the Anyone But Bush crowd to try and pin the miniscule possibility of the draft ever coming back on him. Instead, they should give credit where it is due, to the liberal Democrat from New York City. On the other hand, by their logic, Bush and his puppeteers do everything evil, and to acknowledge the truth would be too much. ■

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Congressman Rangel tries to drum up support for his radical plan.

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Kerry says: Anything you can do, I can do better.

I Voted for Kerry Before I Voted Against Him

by Alison Hoover

While Kerry contradicted himself often throughout the first presidential debate, Bush firmly stood his ground by discussing his consistency and positive achievements while in office. In Kerry's attempts to make the President look bad by questioning the decisions he's made over the past four years, the President turned the negatives into positive arguments for why the American people should vote for him instead of the inconsistent Senator.

Kerry frequently addressed the issue of America's troops in Iraq as an issue he would fix, if elected. According to Kerry, American troops are in dire need of reinforcements, as well as body-armor, because they are stretched

very thin across the country and have inadequate equipment. Kerry claimed to want to fix these problems, but voted against a bill to purchase more body armor and fund troops.

The question that Senator Kerry left unanswered is in what ways his support for the troops will manifest. Earlier this year, the Senate voted on a bill that discussed the allotment of \$87 billion as supplemental funds for the war in Iraq. Kerry "voted for [this bill], before voting against it." During the debate, he shrugged this off as a mere "mistake in how he talked about the war." The fact remains that he voted against the bill, showing his non-support of the troops.

Besides being unclear on whether he supports America's troops, Kerry would have a difficult time motivating people to aid in this cause. He has implied several times that the war in Iraq is the wrong war being fought at the wrong time in the wrong place. This

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type of message completely discourages Americans to want to take part in the war on terror. Kerry has also reiterated that it was a "colossal misjudgment" on President Bush's part, as well as a "grand diversion" to lead our troops into Iraq. This means that all new recruits would be enlisting to participate in this "colossal misjudgment," with the possibility of the ultimate sacrifice: dying for the wrong war at the wrong time in the

wrong place. While Kerry denied vehemently that Americans are now dying in Iraq for a misjudgment, Americans are dying, and Kerry believes that our military presence in Iraq is a "colossal misjudgment;" one

plus one does still equal two. Logically, Kerry is saying that Americans are dying in Iraq for a mistake. If he was truly interested in sending reinforcements to Iraq, without resorting to the reinstatement of the draft, he needs to realize the implications of his words.

Kerry thinks he may gain troops through the alliances he plans to build. He repeatedly attacked what he views as Bush's failure to form alliances with other countries with shared interests in Iraqi freedom. In the process, Kerry minimized troops from Great Britain and Australia, completely forgetting about Poland. These three nations have been with America since the beginning of efforts in Iraq. He called Prime Minister Allawi a "puppet leader" despite his important aid as an ally, which hinders potential allies from taking the risks to go to war.

Kerry made an interesting slip when discussing the hunt for Osama bin Laden. He said that "when we had Osama bin Laden cornered in the mountains of Tora Bora... we didn't use the best trained troops in the world... They outsourced the job to Afghan warlords..." This statement is factually incorrect, in that no native troops were used as replacements in any operations American troops could perform better.

One of Kerry's most questionable claims is his idea about whether a preemptive strike "passes the global test." The notion of a "global test" is contradictory in nature to the concept of a preemptive strike. A preemptive strike means that it is not caused by an attack by another country, but by the belief that another country will attack. It is therefore most effective as a surprise attack, so that the menacing country does not have the chance to learn of the impending preemptive strike and attack before it or block it. Kerry also said, "No president... has ever ceded, and nor would I, the right to preempt in any way necessary to protect the United States of America." Using a "global test" would mean a cession of "the right to preempt." Kerry contradicted himself on the course of a single response, saying he is at the same time in favor of and afraid to use the preemptive strike.

Kerry's numerous contradictions in the first presidential debate of the 2004 election left Bush free to establish himself in a positive light by reiterating the things he has accomplished in office, through his determination to win the war in Iraq and the war on terror, and by consistently upholding his values regarding pertinent issues. While Bush may not have been the most eloquent speaker, he clearly came across as the more honest and straightforward candidate. ■

Besides being unclear on whether he supports America's troops, Kerry would have a difficult time motivating people to aid in this cause.



Beauty is only skin-deep.

John Who?

by Nicole Brusco

With less than thirty days to the election, the majority of Americans finally understands the positions of the two presidential candidates—Bush will defend America at any cost, but Kerry would have America first pass a “Global Test.” While Kerry has been traveling the campaign trail, John Edwards has remained under the radar, and for good reason.

Sure, people know the vice presidential candidate based on what the Kerry-Edwards campaign wants the country to see: a handsome, friendly man who always agrees with Kerry’s latest flip or flop. Yet the importance of Edwards’ beliefs cannot be underestimated. If John Kerry miraculously won the election, Edwards would be one step away from the Presidency. Voting Americans must consider the qualifications of Edwards with as much scrutiny as they would his running mate. After all, the Democrats always claim that Dick Cheney really runs the White House—could Edwards do the same?

Unfortunately for Edwards, he was not chosen by the Kerry campaign for his leadership or experience. Edwards was picked because he is a pretty face to balance Kerry’s Herman Munster grin and a perfect lackey to repeat Kerry’s stump speeches.

Considering that the Kerry-Edwards platform rests so heavily on the war in Iraq and how they would “win the peace,” one might expect that Kerry’s pick for vice president would have experience in the military or with diplomacy. Indeed, Kerry’s first choice, John McCain, did have foreign policy experience. He is now traveling with the Bush campaign. Edwards has

absolutely no experience abroad, though as vice president, he would be required to deal with foreign leaders in order to build Kerry’s “Grand Coalition.”

To his credit, Edwards does have experience in the Senate, totaling six years. Before that, he was a trial lawyer fighting “for the little guy” against big insurance companies and hospitals. (In a particularly profitable case, Edwards was the little guy,

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convincing a jury to give a multi-million dollar verdict by pretending to be an unborn child struggling to leave the womb.) He specialized in Cerebral-Palsy cases where he blamed doctors and often won multi-million

dollar settlements or verdicts. Those who observed Edwards in the courtroom cite his amazing persuasiveness for his success. It did not matter if the scientific facts were a little too vague or experts’ findings were uncorroborated. John Edwards based his career on pitting patient against doctor and winning payments to solve problems that could not be fixed.

When John Kerry complains about the problem of “millions of uninsured Americans” he should look no farther for the cause than his own running mate. It is because of trial lawyers like Edwards that 76 percent of American obstetricians have been sued and insurance costs are skyrocketing.

Edwards’ campaigns have been almost entirely financed by trial lawyers, particularly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA). In addition to the ATLA, Edwards started his own 527 PAC named New American Optimists, which receives 70 percent of its contributions from trial lawyers. He was essentially the ATLA’s Senator, not North Carolina’s. In fact, Edwards had few political aspirations

prior to his 1998 Senate run. In office, he only worked 75 percent of the time, regularly missing votes and Judiciary Committee meetings. Not many Americans could get away with showing up to work three out of four days and still being paid \$154,700 annually. John Edwards isn’t like most Americans.

Nevertheless, Edwards wants the American people to believe that he is a “regular guy” who works hard for the people of North Carolina, and his political career has adequately prepared him for the White House. He does have experience, at feeding voters the exact rhetoric they want to hear. As one of the most successful trial lawyers in the country, he is proud of his career fighting for the “little people,” while in the meantime amassing a net worth around \$70 million.

All across America, doctors and nurses have joined together to try and keep John Edwards out of the White House. They know that George W. Bush will take action to stop frivolous malpractice lawsuits that have been driving up the cost of health insurance and driving doctors out of practice. Their battle cry is “tort reform,” and Democrats have no logical response. The only thing leftists could manage at a recent Edwards appearance was “Bush lies, people die.” The connection between Edwards and frivolous lawsuits is lost on any left-minded American.

President Bush put it best when asked about the difference between Edwards and Cheney, replying, “Dick Cheney could be President.” Even liberals who hate Cheney know he is capable of fulfilling presidential duties. On the other hand, John Edwards knows nothing outside the courtroom. America cannot afford to take a chance on anyone who is not prepared for the job. John Edwards is not the man for the job. ■



I’m “Little John...” This big.

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Better than babies—a new arm!

Privatized Science

by Anthony Giragosian

At the Democratic National Convention, Ronald Reagan Jr. told the audience that it should challenge President Bush for limiting the amount of federal funds allotted to stem cell research. For quite some time now, liberals have been accusing President Bush of not funding stem cell research or not supporting such research at all, when in fact, he has all along. The proof is right here at Tufts' Science and Technology center. Recently, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded a \$4 million grant to the Biomedical Engineering Department at Tufts in order to establish a Tissue Engineering Resource Center. According to Tufts' Biomedical Engineering Department Professor David Kaplan, "the grant provides resources to establish core laboratories to conduct functional tissue engineering to support faculty and student research in these areas and open to researchers outside of Tufts. The goal is to foster interdisciplinary research on the topic of tissue engineering and utilize this resource center to provide facilities, help, training, and related activities." Tissue engineering, for those who didn't know, is a form of stem cell research. In essence, the \$4 million grant Tufts received by the NIH was primarily for stem cell research.

Stem cells form various types of tissues in the human body. Scientists hope that stem cells from the early human embryo will generate new human tissue and organs. One day, they may possibly lead to the cure of major diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's dis-

ease, cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. Although stem cell research may appear to be a revolution in the medical field, no beneficial results are guaranteed.

President Bush does not expand federal funding for stem cell research because the federal government must take caution when getting involved with scientific research. Such involvement may lead to unforeseen consequences if experiments fail. Liberals are constantly arguing that more money should go to education and healthcare, yet they want to spend millions of dollars on research that may return no results. If such people were running the country, the budget deficit would increase exponentially.

Stem cell research should be an issue for private industry to tackle. The federal government should not use tax dollars to fund research that does not guarantee results when the money can be used for more important issues, such as education and healthcare. The money could go toward the purchase of new textbooks for every student and the construction of better school facilities. Additionally, the government can spend money on health care in order to ensure that everyone receives proper vaccinations. If privately funded research fails, the public does not waste their money by investing in such research. If publicly funded stem cell research fails, millions of dollars will have been wasted.

Private industry is responsible for funding numerous scientific projects, such as the development of prosthetics, syringes, vaccines, and plastics used in the medical industry. DuPont and Dow spend money on research that has led to advancements in chemicals, paints, and cleaning agents. The federal government did not fund any of these research projects

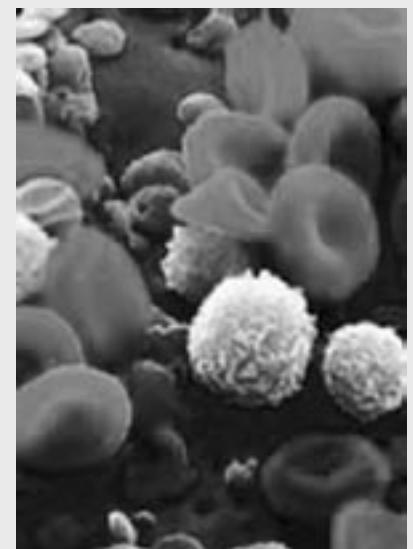
and yet each company has succeeded in developing new and improved products. Acknowledging that stem cell research conducted at Tufts is driven by private investors. Therefore, private investors are already planning to increase stem cell research without the help of federal funds.

Stem cell and tissue researchers should be grateful that President Bush is using American tax dollars to fund any amount of relevant research. If stem cell research fails, Americans will be infuriated with the federal government for spending money for no reason when it could have been used for other important matters. At Tufts, students should appreciate that President Bush used tax dollars to fund the development of the Tissue Engineering Resource Center.

Liberals claim that President Bush is opposed to funding stem cell research because he is a Christian and therefore believes that extracting embryonic cells from a developing child is morally wrong. There is no doubt that President Bush is a religious individual; however, liberals use this fact to denigrate the president when he does not invest as much as they would like in their programs. Such a justification is absurd and the liberals use this in order to gain more support for Democratic presidential nominee, John Kerry.

Stem cell research is a promising new field that has only emerged since President Bush took office. When a new science emerges, it is best to fund research cautiously until progress is made and more scientists learn about the subject. Before liberals assert that President Bush does not support stem cell research, they should visit Tufts' Tissue Engineering Resource Center. ■

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The Many Faces of John Kerry ***Why this Massachusetts Liberal is Wrong for America***

by David Bossie

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As election season has come into full swing, the presidential candidates have been out on the campaign trail vying for the support of the American people. Elections are driven by many things, but ideology is certainly an important aspect. Yet so far in this contest, though election day draws ever nearer, John Kerry has been less than forthcoming with his plans for America, and even worse, he appears to be a candidate without clear convictions. Many voters are understandably confused over what the senator supported in the past, supports now, and wants America to believe he will support in the future.

The Many Faces of John Kerry answers these very questions about the qualifications and resolve of Senator Kerry and does so in a professional manner. The book applies logic to Kerry's record, disproving campaign rhetoric and showing the senator's inability to take a firm stand on issues. *The Many Faces of John Kerry* should be required reading material for anybody who is considering voting in the upcoming election—including people who support the president, those who love John Kerry because they think they know who he is, those who like John Kerry because they think he'll be for them what they want him to be, and for those who support John Kerry because he's not George W. Bush. Everyone will be surprised to learn who this senator from Massachusetts really is and how his flip-flopping and often hypocritical views will weaken America both domestically and globally.

The Many faces of John Kerry is a well-conceived work that systemati-

cally evaluates stances that are important to the American people; however, what sets this book apart is its concise language and ease of reading. For example, instead of trying to dissect every aspect of John Kerry's record, it focuses on a chronological review of

his stances (and flip-flops) from his early days of political life.

The book raises many thought-provoking aspects of senator Kerry's record that have been well

documented in the mainstream media or on the campaign trail. Someone who has a pretty good idea that John Kerry has changed his position many times on many issues will not get bored with this

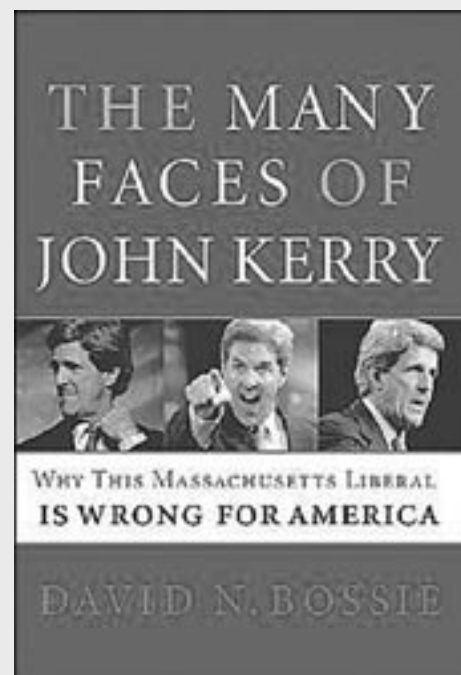
book because every, chapter gives a new insight into the mind of the opportunistic Senator. Furthermore, the book does not attempt to scour Kerry's record to find small inconsistencies to piece together just for the sake of denigrating him, but rather uses many reputable, sources to compile the book. The facts are profound and numerous, yet are easily verifiable with five minutes of research or by perusing over 30 pages of references at the conclusion of the book.

Many books on the market today attempt to vilify George W. Bush and polarize the country by leading readers to believe that he is a liar and a crook by calling him these things, often in the titles of the books themselves. Although this tactic sells books, it does the voters of this country a grave disservice by failing to apply facts to the base of the arguments. *The Many Faces of John Kerry* is different. The book is a "political biography" because it does not resort to name-calling and scare tactics. The thesis of the book is simple—look at John Kerry's record as outlined and decide, after examining the way he has pandered to every whim of different constituencies and switched positions on every vital issue, if he is qualified to be the commander-in-chief of the most powerful nation in the world. The proof is presented as an examination of the candidates rather than as a comparison to George W. Bush. The only time Bush is ever mentioned is to refute campaign trail rhetoric that Kerry has said about Bush that is untrue. In this work John Kerry's record is literally an "open book" to be examined, but unfortunately for Kerry, facts and logic are not on his side. This book gets to the bottom of John Kerry without allowing him to obscure his record with false excuses.

The Many Faces of John Kerry is certainly worth your time if you want to know what John Kerry has really stood for in the past, and if you believe that past actions and beliefs dictate future results. Campaign season is a confusing time where each side wants to insult and weaken the opposing candidate, but few books can give you such a logical evaluation of John Kerry's record amidst this confusion.

—Doug Kingman

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No one who watched that debate last night has the slightest idea what is going to happen to this country if that stupid SOB is in the White House.

—Rush Limbaugh

Summits don't kill terrorists.

—Laura Ingraham

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

—Theodore Roosevelt

History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

The true character of liberty is independence, maintained by force.

—Voltaire

Kerry was in Vietnam for only four months, which, coincidentally, is less than the combined airtime he's spent talking about it.

—Ann Coulter

All that is necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing.

—Edmund Burke

The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those, who in times of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality.

—Dante

Covenants without swords are but words.

—Thomas Hobbes

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

—Thomas Paine

Did you ever wonder where [Kerry] got those Purple Hearts from? One for every time he got shot in the face...with Botox.

—Marc Bouffard, PMD, LA '08

I'd rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone directory than to the faculty of Harvard University.

—William F. Buckley, Jr.

We must pray for the courage to endure the scorn of the sophisticated world.

—Justice Antonin Scalia

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

—George Washington

There's no such thing as a good gun. There's no such thing as a bad gun. A gun in the hands of a bad man is a very dangerous thing. A gun in the hands of a good person is no danger to anyone except the bad guys.

—Charlton Heston

They have gun control in Cuba. They have universal health care in Cuba. So why do they want to come here?

—Paul Harvey

Kerry's people have been advising him to keep it simple. They say Kerry always gets the biggest payoff when he uses the shortest sentences. Like when he said "I do."

—Jay Leno

There were an awful lot of rules for the debate. For instance, a light would flash when your two minutes are up. President Clinton did the same thing for interns.

—David Letterman

Even grief recedes with time and grace. But our resolve must not pass.

—George W. Bush

Your decision to go to war in Iraq was not an easy one but it was the right one...There are no words that can express the debt of gratitude that future generations of Iraqis will owe to Americans.

—Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi

Never give in—never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to conviction of honor and good sense.

—Sir Winston Churchill

You bet we might have.

—Senator John Kerry, when asked if he would have gone to war against Saddam Hussein if he refused to disarm

At the end of a century that has seen the evils of communism, Nazism, and other modern tyrannies, the impulse to centralize power remains amazingly persistent.

—Joseph Sobran

Americans never quit.

—General Douglas MacArthur

The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.

—Albert Einstein

But in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.

—Benjamin Franklin

Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

—John Quincy Adams

By 2000, politics will simply fade away. We will not see any political parties.

—Buckminster Fuller, 1966

One man with courage makes a majority.

—Andrew Jackson

Politics gives guys so much power that they tend to behave badly around women. And I hope I never get into that.

—Bill Clinton

This is the man who wants to be the Commander in Chief of our U.S. Armed Forces? U.S. forces armed with what? Spitballs?

—Senator Zell Miller, attacking Senator John Kerry in his GOP convention speech

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

—Thomas Jefferson

Democracy without morality is impossible.

—Jack Kemp