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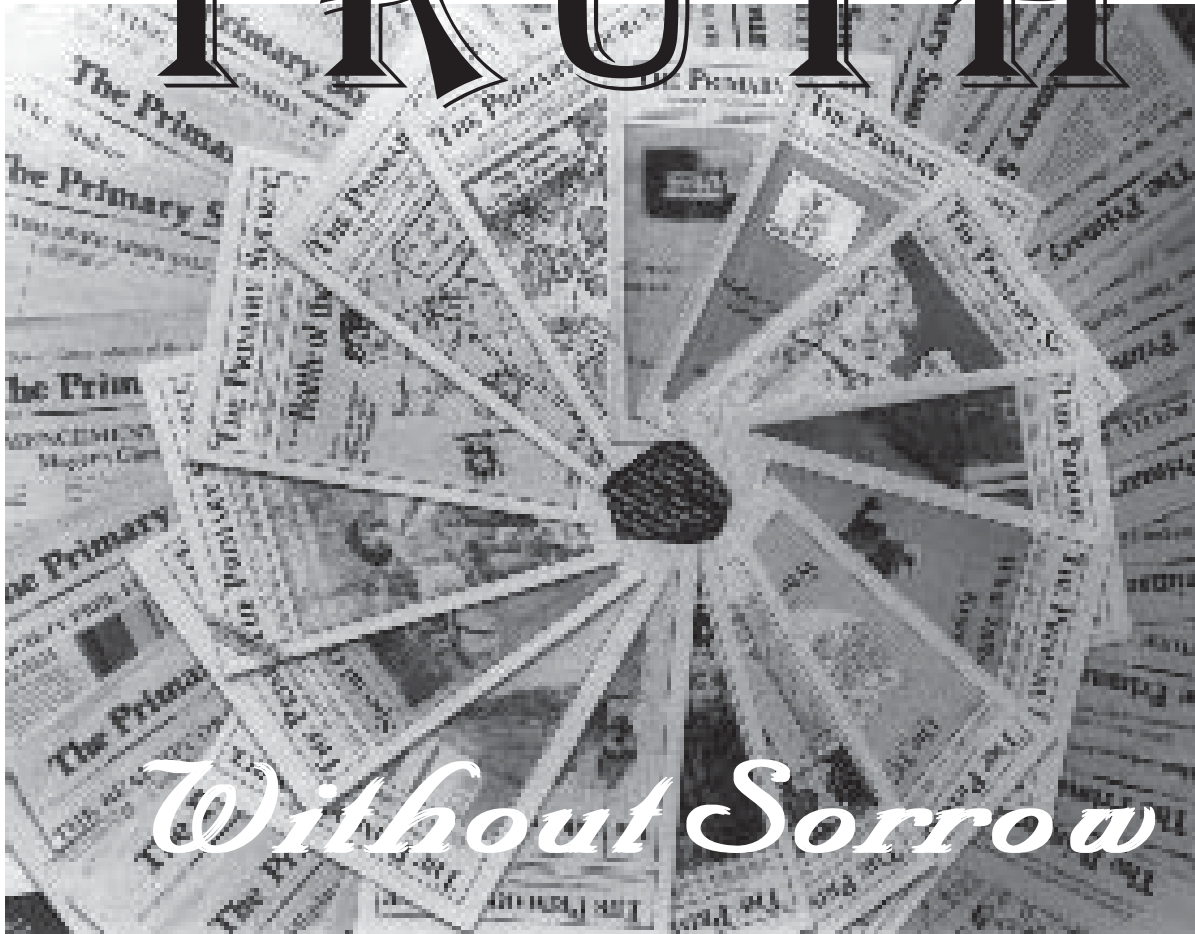
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# FROM THE EDITOR

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Last June, the US Supreme Court ruled that the University of Virginia could not refuse to allot student activities funds to the evangelical Christian student publication *Wide Awake*. The Court decided that it was unfair for agents of the state—in this case the public university—to arbitrarily withhold support from *Wide Awake* or the campus conservative journal *The Virginia Advocate*, while supporting others. But the Court's ruling is just part of the story. Conservatives at UVA face near-constant financial pressure from members of student government who do not agree with their point of view. In fact, this was the second time *The Advocate* had its funding revoked. All the while, the treasury awarded monies to other groups with a decidedly exclusionary and very political perspective, including the Muslim League and other separatist minority groups.

The situation at Tufts is parallel. Last year, money raised by the Student Activities Fee filled the coffers of groups such as Voice For Choice, which organized a bus trip to Washington, DC; the radical Pan-African alliance which celebrates the collectivist political holiday Kwanzaa; and the Progressive News Collective's *Free Association* which advocates the violent overthrow of American society. Perhaps it should not come as a surprise, then, that a number of senators voted—without stated reason—to reject THE PRIMARY SOURCE's budget.

For quite some time, THE SOURCE's opponents have argued against providing us with university funds, not because we are conservative—that would be too obvious—but for our to journalism. Since we are a journal and do not proclaim objectivity, our exposés of individuals' actions are

unyielding. We do not trade niceties for reality. When an article or editorial singles out a specific person or action, it is simply because there is no reason to sugarcoat improprieties or unfairness.

We at THE SOURCE are relentless in our desire to make a point. Our goals reach far beyond that of merely publishing another issue; our drive to expose unjust actions and deception stems from care for the subject matter. In THE PRIMARY SOURCE you will find few favorable notes stricken for Tufts. This strategy does not rise from an insidious dislike for the university, rather a reverence for the values it once espoused and dismay at what it has become. Liberal-arts colleges and universities such as Tufts used to cite as their highest cause the discovery of truth and the execution of justice. Today, however, Tufts has dismissed these ideals so that it may be regarded by the P.C. crowd as one of the nation's leading schools. The university's once rigid foundation of Western Civilization requirements has crumbled. Distribution requirements are now padded with easy courses and culminate with instruction in "A Sense of Place." It is this rejection of the principles that educated generations that we so vehemently oppose.

Attempts by administrators and students to prevent THE SOURCE from disseminating its contributors' opinions are emblematic of Tufts' disregard for the staple of liberal education: intelligent, free discourse. Censorship policies are only six years behind us, and attempts to revoke funding for the conservative viewpoint are omnipresent. It is with the utmost care for and concern with the university's current state that THE PRIMARY SOURCE attempts to engage students, administrators, and professors in an exchange of ideas that might, one day, help us all find truth.

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# FOOL ON THE HILL

For the first time in SOURCE history, we have no choice but to crown simultaneously two Fools on the Hill. President John DiBiaggio's cowardly and dishonest abandonment of intellectual principle merits a first place tie with administration stablemate, Dean of Students Bobbie Knable, who callously relies on a bloated bureaucracy to promote her personal political agenda.

As President of a university that espouses dedication to the ideals of free exchange and scholarly enterprise, it is incumbent upon Johnny D.D.S. to allow for and encourage the expression of all viewpoints. Plaque-man himself does not publicly disagree. Last fall, the Shalala crony even personally guaranteed that he would work to accommodate SOURCE writers during orientation.

In subsequent meetings, President Polident re-asserted his pledge, only to instruct his staff members to renege on the promise or pass the responsibility on to another official. Enter henchman number one: Dean Jean Herbert, Chairman of the Orientation Committee. Although Herbert is considered a rising star among rule-making university administrators, she could not effect a change in the existing policy (which bars all campus media groups— among others— from obtaining orientation housing). According to the Dean of Delay, henchman number two— Veronica Carter was in charge of the arrangements. The stiff-

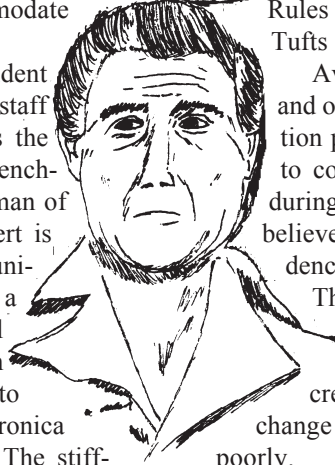
necked Carter was able to take time out of her busy schedule to arrange for our return to campus-- after Matriculation, and at a cost of \$25.00 per day.

The issue was not nearly as complicated for the Housing Office. They required only a note from the President to allow us entry to our rooms. Given the opportunity to promote free expression, the spineless Spartan chose not to. Rather, DiBiaggio passed the buck to henchman number three: Dean Bobbie Knable.

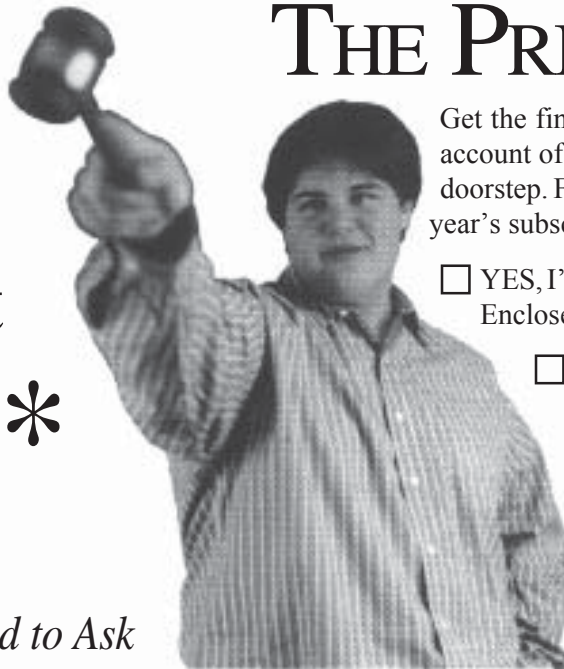
Knable, armed with her Bachelor's in Music as the administration's last line of defense, could only blame the faceless Orientation Committee. In the Dean's mind, her position as a ranking member on that committee did not give her the authority to change the policy. Rules could not be so readily changed, despite the fact that Tufts students had nowhere to live.

Avoiding the issue, the melody maven argued that we and other media did not perform a service for her orientation program. Since student publications are not subject to committee review, we are not welcome on campus during orientation. Selfishly and foolishly, Bobbie Knable believes that her orientation games and rules take precedence over a university's commitment to higher learning.

The Dean of Students and the University President are of the same shady lot. Their devotion to rules and regulations overrides their so-called commitment to creating a campus that is a marketplace for the exchange of ideas. Music and medicine have never mixed so poorly.



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# Commentary

## Advance to Jumbonet

President DiBiaggio is due for some rare thanks and commendation. As promised, the University has completely renovated Dewick-Macphie and refurbished suites in Latin Way. Although all of these and other recent improvements are long overdue, the student body will be grateful nonetheless.

Tufts has also joined the 90s by wiring the residence halls with direct internet access, cable, and university phone service. Previously, only Miller and South Halls enjoyed e-mail hook-ups and Jumbonet, and cable is a completely new addition. President DiBiaggio ought to be lauded for keeping his word; he promised students that the job would be completed by the end of the summer and barring natural disaster, students will have these services upon arrival.

There is a note of caution, though. The University is Medford's original Rich Uncle Penny Bags and may abuse its power at the cost of students. The University now has monopoly on campus phone and cable services and can run the game however it desires. The possibility that Tufts, without competition, will charge above-market rates and provide poor service cannot be overlooked. For instance, Jumbonet can charge more than NYNEX for perks like call-waiting or even not provide them at all. Tufts Communications may also overcharge for local calls in order to recoup the cost of installation. In the end, students might be sorry for having pleaded for connection.

It is not unrealistic that Tufts will be a monopolistic Jumbontyrant given its handling of the bookstore and Hotung Cafe. The Barnes & Noble overcharges students for supplies because it is free of on-campus competition. Although students can go elsewhere for school supplies and do not need to sign up for Tufts cable, phone service is practically a necessity. Hopefully, small conveniences such as individual phone bills, four-digit dialing, and separate internet jacks will not come at the cost of outrageous prices and disappointing service.

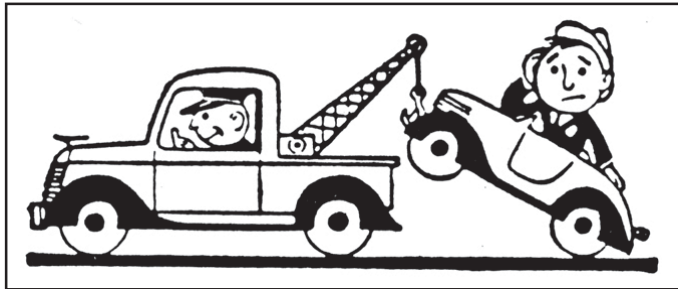
## Weld's Latest Folly

Over the course of the summer, the Metropolitan District Commission and various Departments of Public Works employed hundreds in a myriad of roadway improvement projects. Hour-

Last semester, THE PRIMARY SOURCE twice reported that now-departed Political Science Lecturer Lisa Brandes had not been awarded her Ph. D., as the Political Science Department handbook indicated. After publication of the last issue, it came to our attention that Prof. Brandes received her degree in November of 1994. We regret both errors.

long traffic tie-ups on the Southeast Expressway, Storrow Drive, Routes 24 and 128 were the result of re-allocation by the state of millions of federal tax dollars earmarked for improvements related to the Central Artery/Harbor Tunnel project. The state redirected funds away from downtown Boston because it feared that, if not spent, the new Republican Congress would demand Massachusetts return the bulk of its public works pork barrel.

Although creating jobs for residents of Massachusetts is a worthy societal goal, the misappropriations are entirely uncalled for. Governor Weld's statements to the contrary notwithstanding, paying people to dig holes and fill them up again is completely pointless and does nothing to create wealth. For months, all of those men standing on the roadside late at night under police protection tore up the pavement on perfectly good roads, regarded the surface, and poured a new layer of asphalt on the top, where the old one used to be. The highway little improved, the workers moved to the next stretch of concrete and repeated the same purposeless assignment.



All the while the government paid state troopers double-time to keep a watchful eye on the proceedings. And in the only state in the nation to require police presence at roadway worksites, Massachusetts' finest sat in cruisers sipping coffee; and on big projects which required three officers, a supervisor was paid still more money to "supervise" his fellow officers. Governor Weld had

a chance to repeal the police presence law earlier this year, but reneged on his pledge to do so under intense pressure from unions. While residents of Massachusetts sat in traffic, they were mugged by their highest elected state official.

## Back and to the Left

Oliver Stone leads an all-star squad of civic-minded liberals, including Jacques Derrida and Jesse Jackson, to fight "injustice." This time he's not after Wall Street-types or even GOP icons, instead he is crusading to exonerate convicted cop-killer Wesley Cook, a.k.a. Mumia Abu-Jamal.

While driving a cab in 1981 militant journalist Abu-Jamal came to the defense of his cab-driver brother who had been pulled over for driving the wrong way down a one-way street. As the officer and Mr. Cook were quarreling, Abu-Jamal stopped to participate and without delay fatally shot Officer Daniel Faulkner in the back. In self-defense, the patrolman returned fire and hit the former Black Panther in the chest. With eyewitness testimony and ballistics evidence, the state sentenced Abu-Jamal to death. Justice had been served—temporarily.

With the radical's execution imminent, Stone and company resorted to improbable conspiracy theories in their effort to free Abu-Jamal. They cite the evidence of a medical examiner who claims that the fatal bullet was a .44-caliber; the murder weapon found at the scene was .38-caliber. Coroners, however, are not weapons experts. The experts consulted during the trial concluded

that the bullet was in fact a .38. Abu-Jamal sympathists also blame a supposedly biased judge and an incompetent court-appointed attorney. Attorney Anthony Jackson's cardinal sin: failing to call witnesses who could confirm the "frame-up." Neither the Pennsylvania Supreme Court nor the US Supreme Court have found credibility in any of these spurious claims and have rejected all appeals.

With the help of a full-page *New York Times* ad and avid campaigning by Europe's intellectual elite, murderer Mumia's supporters were able to secure an indefinite stay of execution ten days before his scheduled death. Those that champion Abu-Jamal's cause must recognize that neither his journalistic background nor his skin color excuse his heinous crime. Apparently ethics are not a consideration of the arrogant literary crowd, as the

education programs of the US, and grant adolescents worldwide unlimited "sexual freedom." Hillary Clinton calls this deconstructionist rally a "celebration of families"; never mind that Beijing is a misogynist tyranny.

Also overlooked in the first lady's rush to Beijing is the fact that until one week ago the Chinese government detained and threatened to imprison an American citizen, human-rights activist Harry Wu, on fabricated charges. Mrs. Clinton threatened to boycott the conference as long as China held Wu. Now that he has been released, all is forgiven, and Hillary has rejoined the convention's roster. Beijing had no business arresting and detaining Wu in the first place, but for radicals like Clinton forgiveness comes easily.

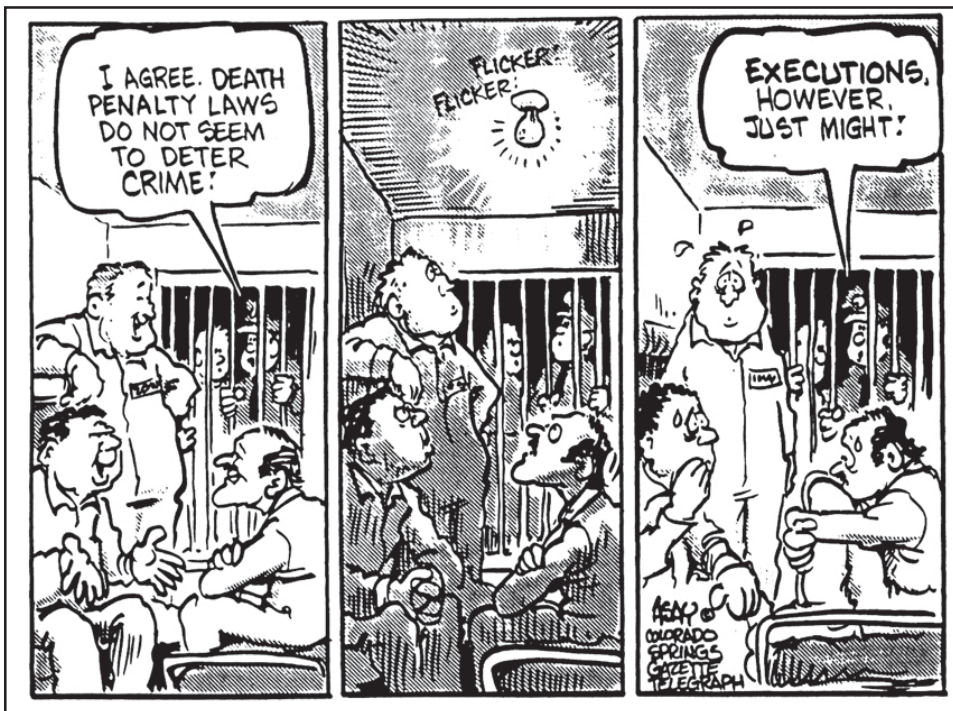
By going to Beijing the Clinton Administration grants tacit approval to a ruthless regime that imprisons one fifth of the world's population. The Clintons' zealous defense of a woman's artificial right to an abortion comes at the expense of her God-given right to bear children in Communist China. For the Clintons, politics come before all else. In the land of Mao, the First Lady should fit right in.

### Booted from Boot Camp

After only three days, Shannon Faulkner announced that she was dropping out of the Citadel, with her "head held high." Her inability to complete even a day of training casts many doubts on the real motives behind her quest to assert her "right" to attend the Citadel. Her actions while attending the school and the statement she made upon withdrawal indicate that her only mission was obtaining a political victory.

Shannon Faulkner said her desire to attend The Citadel was rooted in the unique military experience that the school provided. Compared to other reputable military academies such as West Point, The Citadel's only unique feature is that it is all male. Not unique to the South Carolina school, however, are physical fitness requirements. Whereas well respected institutions take these standards seriously, the Citadel was ordered by a judge to waive them for Miss Faulkner.

If she truly wanted to succeed at The Citadel, she would have focused more on getting in shape for the "Hell Week" she knew awaited her. Indeed, she had been attending classes for twenty months while she awaited a ruling on her suit to enter the corps of cadets. Furthermore, Faulkner fought to be exempted from the policy which requires cadets be hairless. It seems that Miss Faulkner's vision of "the Citadel experience" bears no resemblance to the education and training males receive. The single greatest indictment of Faulkner is her own words: "It is unfair for me to kill myself just to make the political point."



fact that Abu-Jamal never denied committing the crime does not impede their "cause." Completely devoid of merit, the eleventh hour attempt to gain a new trial to avoid a "political execution" is overtly unjustifiable.

### Clinton Conferences with Communists

After months of wavering, the First Lady has made it official: she will head the US delegation at the United Nations Conference on Women this fall in Beijing. China seems a curious place for a conference on women's rights, as part the Communist dictatorship's depopulation strategy forces mothers to abort every child after their first. In a culture that favors boys over girls, this policy results in many gender-selection abortions and sometimes the outright infanticide of newborn girls.

But the Beijing Conference is a hotbed of radical activism that the Clinton administration, its matriarch in particular, cares not to miss. In China, the UN will expand the number of genders from two to five, demand that other countries adopt the failed sexual-

# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** This year's catchy orientation slogan is "Extend Your Hand, Exceed Your Grasp." Doesn't that cause blindness?

**PS** A handicapped woman had her annual pass to Disneyland temporarily revoked after speeding through the park in a motorized wheelchair. The Disney police also punished the reckless invalid by ordering Pocahontas to scalp her.

**PS** Photogenic former presidential candidate Gary Hart is contemplating a return to the political scene. Donna Rice's boy toy has hinted that he might run for his old Colorado senate seat in 1996. A successful Hart campaign would give comeback a whole new meaning.

**PS** Who said the northern lights were the only worthwhile sight in Alaska? Two native teenage girls caused quite a commotion by engaging in a nude mudbath next to a local highway. The car nearly crashed into an igloo.

**PS** A nutty California professor was sued by 24 neighbors for keeping large piles of trash in her yard. The good educator promised to remove the academic journals right away.

**PS** Over the summer the Washington police and Secret Service raided a DC townhouse from which someone called the White House warning he had a "score to settle with President Clinton." After blazing through the door, police discovered two aging hippies growing marijuana plants and harvesting hallucinogenic mushrooms. Madison Guaranty must have forgotten to send the check.

**PS** After spending her last welfare dollar on a lotto ticket, a Houma, Louisiana, nurse hoofed down to the local handout bureau and applied for food stamps. Hours later, she received her rejection letter and a check from the Powerball for \$100,000. The Clinton administration hails the nurse as yet another welfare-success story.

**PS** Hakeem Olajuwon will meet Shaquille O'Neal in a one-on-one match at Donald Trump's Taj Mahal to be featured on pay-per-view television. Thankfully, this Trump promotion won't feature a fat, Massachusetts, single-digit IQ townie.

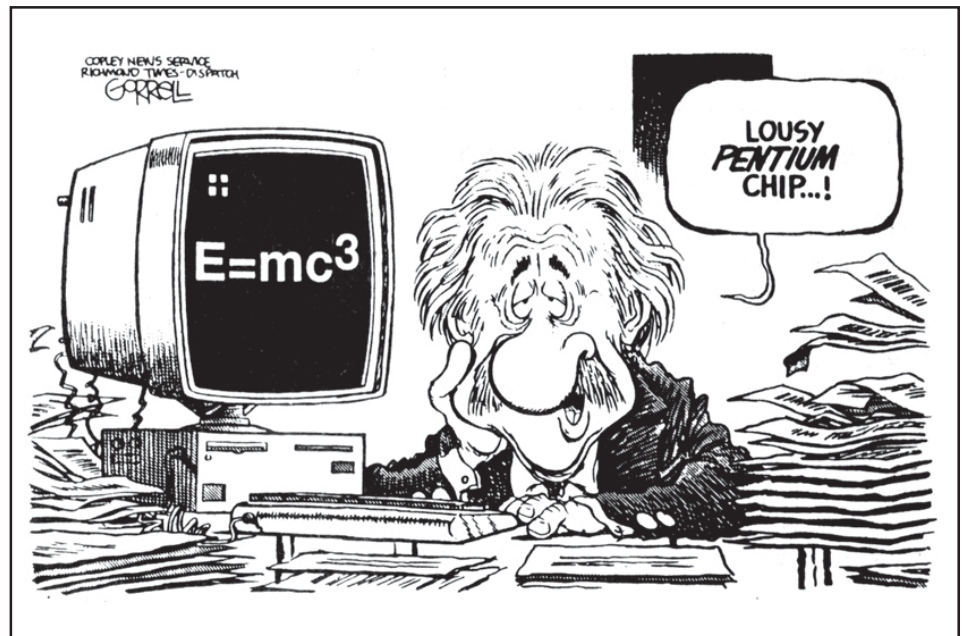
**PS** Expect Shaq to be wrapped in a cocoon of horror.

**PS** Looks like the Cabbage Patch Kids might have to share the spotlight. An anonymous toy manufacturer will soon release a Kato Kaelin doll. Pull a string and it lies for you.

**PS** *Today* show golden boy Bryant Gumble is in a tiff with his upstate New York neighbors. Joan Huggins said a toilet in the morning personality's barn is overflowing: it isn't hooked up to a septic system. And we thought Bryant was content with spreading his manure on the air.

**PS** Following hours of heated debate, a West Virginia school board voted to ban grape juice, saying that it stained the clothes of messy youngsters. Welch's is delighted with the decision; it didn't want to chance a \$3 million lawsuit.

**PS** An overwhelming majority of this year's Miss America Pageant contestants-- those who could read the ballot-- voted to keep the highly controversial swimsuit competition in the contest. The anti-bathing beauties opted for a double-bagger competition instead.



**PS** Since leaving the big house Mike Tyson has been sporting a tattoo of Mao Tse-Tung. He now has a murderer on his arm to match the one at his side.

**PS** Police officers in Italy cited the owners of a trattoria for housing 67 eleven-pound bags of dog food they were serving their human patrons. They had renamed the puppy chow "Chicky-Chicky."

**PS** A New Hampshire seven-year-old stole a 1989 Ford Escort and attempted to drive the vehicle to school so that he would not be late. He didn't want to miss his ethics class.

**PS** The right-wing media is at it again. Congresswoman Barbara Rose-Collins of Michigan charged the *Detroit Free Press* with racism after it made mention of her African attire in an article about her frequent absence from legislative sessions. Ain't that a bone in the nose.

**PS** When Clinton went whitewater rafting his staff refused to refer to it as such. They called it rafting, etc. Here are the top ten other Clintonian euphemisms:

10. Adultery -- Grownupery
9. Lying -- Reclining
8. Draft-dodging -- Tourism
7. Ethnic Cleansing -- Civil War
6. Money Laundering -- Assets Cleansing
5. Waffling -- Breakfast Pastrying
4. Criminal -- First Lady
3. Assassination -- Suicide
2. Insider Trading -- Treating You Like Family
1. Butcher -- Attorney General

**PS** Tufts' Monte Carlo Night is pretty darn unrealistic. Instead of greenbacks the freshmen gamble with Monopoly money. The whole show is run by Indians, but they're from New Delhi.

**PS** A federal court has upheld the cocaine conviction of Kevin Elders, son of the former Surgeon General. Elders the younger thus faces several years in the slammer. We're sure his mother will have some good suggestions as to how he can enjoy his time in solitary.

**PS** Rudy Giuliani has commissioned a study to develop an index of mental health for New York City. After six months, however, staffers are still working away at the complicated chapter on David Dinkins.

**PS** Oprah Winfrey is close to purchasing the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' 500-acre Massachusetts estate. That should be big enough for her.

**PS** Michael Jackson is being sued because his stretch limousine struck a sixteen-year old boy. Now that the authorities have barred the hasbeen pop icon from seducing tykes, he's taken to running them over.

**PS** Judiciary update: Eric and Lyle Menendez will once again stand trial for murdering their parents. Once the trial is over the boys should have no problem getting into Tufts.

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**PS** Presenting the fifth annual PRIMARY SOURCE Innocuously Offensive Statements.

**Expression**

Once upon a time  
Crazy like a fox  
Only time will tell  
Mad as a hatter  
He who laughs last, laughs best  
Cute as a buttoom  
Black as night  
Time for change  
Solid as a rock  
Walking on air  
Larger than life  
If you can't beat 'em, join 'em  
Hit me with your best shot  
We aim to please  
Too good to be true  
You only live once  
If you only knew  
Give me a break  
Winning isn't everything  
Standing room only  
A picture is worth a thousand words  
Milk it for all that it's worth  
Two left feet  
Lying through your teeth  
Tougher than nails  
Piece of cake

**Whom it Offends**

Amnesia victims  
Mentally challenged wildlife  
The tardy and uninformed  
Haberdashers  
The fat lady  
Snaps and zippers  
Day  
Dollar bills  
Limp boulders  
Jesus Christ  
Obese celebrities  
Wife-beaters  
Peter McNeely  
Randy Weaver  
Relativists  
Hindus  
The ignorant  
TV viewers  
Perennial losers  
Quadriplegics  
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Dentists  
Rivets  
Pies

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Fastener Favoritism  
Nocturnal Othering  
Currencyism  
Impotpierrism  
One-upmanship  
Limelight overexposure  
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Reincarnophobia  
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Bagsism  
Hardwarism  
Pastryism

# Err Jordan

Steve Seltzer

Professional basketball players seldom applaud any official's ruling that determines the outcome of a competitive contest. National Basketball Association referees know to put their whistles away during a game's final minutes. Fouls and disqualifications should not overshadow a sport that is predicated on its athletes' speed, precision, and determination. Players demand freedom from intrusive interference in order to perform at their optimal level.

Officious intervention, however, appeals to NBA superstars when it guarantees them inflated salaries. Michael Jordan and Patrick Ewing have put their professional rivalry aside so that they may pursue the more noble goal of manipulating union politics to elicit undeserved financial concessions from team owners. Claiming that the current union no longer negotiates in the players' best interests, Jordan and Ewing head the season-threatening movement to decertify the NBA Player's Association.

His Airness and company are careful to point out, however, that the decertification movement opposes only the existing player's union. Michael and the Jordanares remain very much committed to the principle of organized labor. The decertification movement, under the guise of concern for the league's lower paid players, has adopted a new Jordan rule—twist management's arm by making outlandish demands that jeopardize the upcoming season.

Jordan, Ewing, *et al.* have concocted a losing game plan; security for players on the lower rungs of the pay ladder cannot be achieved through the union. Disbandment must replace decertification for players to attain the salaries and protection they seek. The NBA salary system, however, is not controlled solely at labor's behest. Ownership must also embrace the free market by eliminating the salary cap.

## The Art of the Deal

The pursuit of an NBA championship would satisfy the professional ambitions of most aging megastars. Patrick Ewing, though, has decided to play the role of labor leader. Last June, Ewing and Michael Jordan decided that the new six-year collective bargaining agreement negotiated by the NBA Player's Association and team owners was unfair. The pact gave players 57 percent of all revenues (up from 53 percent), created limitations on rookie salaries, and added a luxury tax. Dissatisfied with the terms of the agreement, Ewing and Jordan called for a vote to decertify the union. Without the union, a new agreement cannot be reached. The

ceded the luxury tax and agreed to numerous exceptions for player signings and salary increases. The imminent decertification vote will determine ratification of the agreement and, consequently, the start of the NBA schedule. Nevertheless, Michael Jordan is still not content. The league's perennial

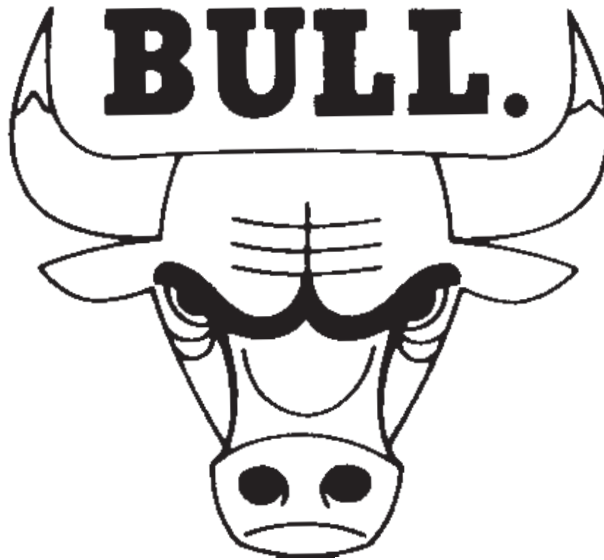
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MVP has vowed that the new agreement will be rejected as a result of union decertification.

**CHICAGO  
BULL.**



## The Free Market: It's Fantastic

Michael Jordan's ability to defy the law of gravity does not grant him license to defy the laws of economics. Strong-armed collaborative tactics do not guarantee players desirable salaries or job security. Superstar ballplayers command lucrative contracts regardless of a union's presence. The Jordans and Ewings of the league will earn what they are worth to their respective teams because they are exceptional, invaluable commodities. They owe their salaries to their talent, not to the NBA Player's Association.

Jordan and Ewing will readily admit that the union is of little benefit to them. They claim that they are campaigning to help the lesser talented players earn more money. Unions, however, only serve to restrict the salaries of the NBA working class. Members of organized labor gang up on management and find ways to artificially raise wages. The collective bargaining process is the tool used by most

absence of an agreement prevents the start of the upcoming season.

In what NBA Commissioner David Stern described as a last-minute attempt to save the 1995-96 season, the player's union and owners negotiated a new agreement. Facing the possibility of losing an entire season's revenues, ownership con-

*Please see "NBA," continued on page 18.*

# Beyond First Glance

Many things at Tufts are misnamed (Cousens *Gymnasium* and Wessell *Library*, for example). The following is a list of campus insitutions that don't live up to their billing. . .

## Study Abroad . . .

You don't do it in a women's studies class, *Hustler*, or even in PSY 55: "Human Sexuality."



## Alcohol and Health Education . . .

No samples, no recipe for the perfect Martini, not even a warm keg of Schlitz.



## Experimental College . . .

The only reds here are the teachers.



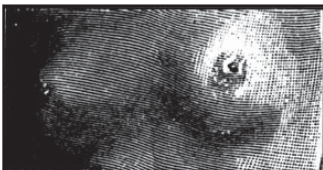
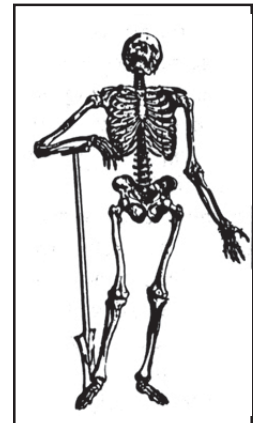
## Bush Hall . . .

Just a dorm guys, just a dorm.



## Oxfam Snack Bar . . .

You get more than a grain of rice.

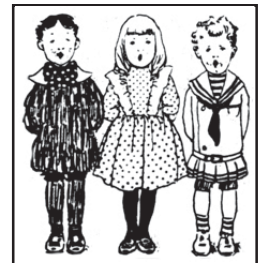


## Knipp Physics Reading Room . . .

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## Trios . . .

Just one.



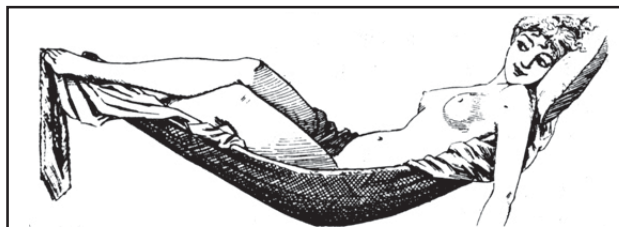
## Ginn Library . . .

Imports from London include only *The Economist* and *The Financial Times*.



## Tufts' Sex Talk . . .

Is not a 900 number; just a group of do-gooders who clad bananas in condoms for fun.



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Although your bursar's bill makes no mention of it, a portion of every student's tuition goes toward the salaries of professors and administrators who subjugate Tufts' academics to promote their political agendas. In the confines of their luxurious offices, the following characters team up and concoct ways to waste time and money. They are truly:



**Dumb & Dumber**

And you thought deans were smart. Guess again. Reitman was a psych major and Knable only has a Bachelors in Music. Bruce and Bobbie are undermined by their own incompetence and are responsible for the torture called Orientation. These two bumblers have been around longer than the ghost of John Holmes; anyone's guess as to which is dumb and which is dumber.

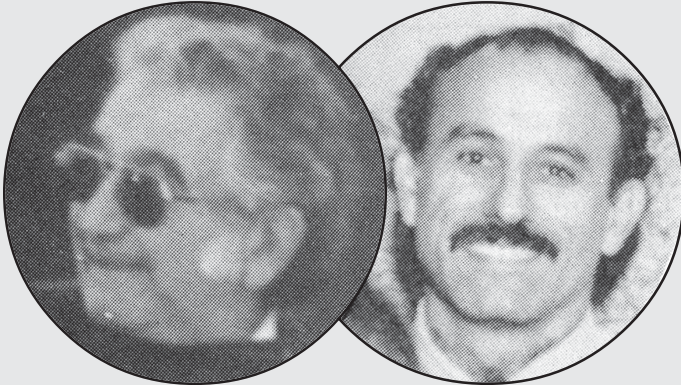
**The Bags & Bernie Show**

High atop the Hill in the comfort of their grandiose Ballou Hall suites, waffling university President John DiBiaggio and sniveling sycophantic sidekick I. Melvin Bernstein draw up the game plan for a host of conniving henchmen to execute. The pair are truly the brains of the operation, though they never let you know it.



**Les Miserables**

Prof. Saul Slapikoff and Steven Hirsch have a knack for cramming relativism down students' throats. Hirsch was the architect the West-bashing World Civilizations program. As Slapikoff fends off retirement (and senility), he feudally searches for institutional racism within the rigorous pre-med program. Thankfully, these silly programs were too radical even for Tufts. The pair continue to toil away in Eaton Hall in hopes of finding someone who will take them seriously.



# Partners in Crime

## Cagney and Lacey

The queen and king of Tufts' Resource Centers, Peggy Barret and Prof. Jonathan Strong, police the campus for evidence of insensitivity toward gender roles. Strong "allies" himself with Barret, who does everything but windows at the Womyn's Center. If we could Voice our Choice, we would hand them their *pink slips*.



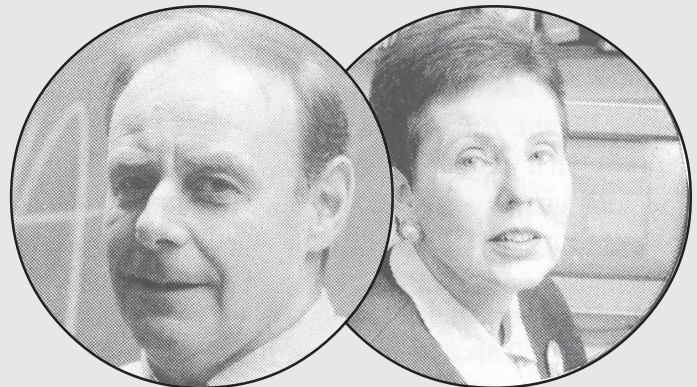
## The Dynamic Duo

Liberal Arts Deans Elizabeth Ammons and Marilyn Glater are the brainchildren (!) of Bags' & Bernie's administrative overhaul. While Ammons waged full scale war on the Religion Department, Glater gallivanted around campus trying to find something meaningful to do (she teaches Political Science, but that doesn't count). They both spend their leisure time deconstructing *The Observer*.



## Tufts' Own Bonnie and Clyde

Husband and wife tag-team Sol and Robyn Gittleman have been holding up the university for years. Mr. Personality tackles the imposing job of Provost-- as if someone knows what that means-- while Little Miss Alternative rules the Ex College with an Iron Fist. They blow scarce funds on such courses as "Native American influences in Star Trek." Thanks Mom and Pop, but we're waiting for the next generation.



# RE-ORIENTATION 1995

## Sunday, August 27

**Noon:** Euros invade...Come see why the EU is a lousy idea.

**7:00pm:** Sprockets Fest — Euros go clubbing.

## Wednesday, August 30

**8:00am:** American freshmen herded and prodded into dorm rooms while amused Euros watch. They've already claimed the comfy bed and the best desk.

**9:30:** Coffee for commuters in Coolidge Room.

**9:35:** Stop the exploitation of Juan Valdez! Send commuters home.

**noon:** Lunch on Fletcher Field. Catered by Veterinary School.

**1:30pm:** Visit Health Services, where leeches and blood letting live on.

**1:45:** Mariculation, it won't make hair grow on your palms.

**8:30:** PRIMARY SOURCE Cuba Libre Caribbean Cruise.

## Thursday, August 31

**7:15am:** Breakfast in the dining halls. Note total absence of upperclassmen. Follow their example.

**noon:** Seal clubbing on the Quad, sponsored by THE SOURCE.

**7:00pm:** "Many Stories, One Community." Many Communists, Much Idiocy. If the PC police catch you snoozing, just tell them that snoring is considered an expression of approval in your culture.

**1000:** Club Night. Aptly titled since you will enjoy yourself just as much if you stayed in your closet-sized room and beat yourself senseless with one. Consider it your preview for the next four years.

## Friday, September 1

**11:00am:** "Let's Talk About Sex" with Tufts Sex Talk. Note: Any reference to sex, anywhere on campus, at any time, to anyone, is now considered date rape.

**3:30:** Food fair for new students. Note how many upperclassmen have crashed the event for the free food and cool Dining Services frisbees.

**5:00pm:** "Seven Strategies for Studying in College." To save you time, we've decided to print the list here:

1. Only cheat from smart kids.
2. Use library card catalog for padding bibliographies.
3. Print papers in Courier font, twelve point.
4. Kiss professors' derriars.
5. Major in English.
6. Read the back cover of every textbook.
7. Don't study, and just tell your parents that grades aren't a true measure of how much you've learned.

**10:30:** Film Series presents The Wedding Banquet. This movie about a pathetic closeted Chinese homosexual is actually cooler than the people putting it on.

## Saturday, September 2

**10:30am:** "Why No Means No: Respecting Choices." For the promiscuous, "Why Ho Means Ho" will follow.

**9:00pm:** Monte Carlo Night, usually highlighted by the presence of TLGBC members in drag. Be careful not to beergoggle.

## Sunday, September 3

**noon:** Red Sox Game — Yes, the vendors card.

**7:00pm:** "Environmental Opportunities." Tufts admits that some students need the pictures on the recycling bins explained to them.

**9:00pm:** "Meet the Press." No, not with Tim Russert; rather with the snappy and witty Bill Stackman. Come talk to representatives of the campus media: The Tufts Daily show them you are an egomaniacal social climber and maybe one day you can have your own Features column. The Observer — because literacy isn't everything. WMFO-freeform man, freeform. TUTV- the Muppet Show is back! Jumbo Yearbook — meet both staff members. THE PRIMARY Source-Meet the Elite. The Zamboini as good as its name.

# Jumbo Propaganda

Colin Delaney

“Tufts is committed to administer[ing] all educational policies and activities without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, sex or sexual orientation;” or so the application for undergraduate admission states. Yet the very same document asks students to report their race and ethnicity, and even allots space for discrimination among Indian tribes.

From the earliest contact with prospective students, Tufts segregates individuals on the basis of race. The Admissions Office invites “people of color” to special weekend outings through its SCOPE program and sends certain brochures to non-white applicants that Caucasians are not privileged to receive. And although Dean Bobbie Knable has denied it, Tufts actively pursues a policy of racial preferences, as stated in course catalog: “Tufts has a commitment to affirmative action for underrepresented students of color....” Even the most basic request for information about the university calls for a statement of the inquirer’s race: Admissions’ “Information Request Card” asks, “How would you describe yourself?” and gives the usual multiple choice answers, thus relegating individuals to no more than representatives of their race.

While the university’s administrators make politically correct statements opposing racism and discrimination, their policies are anything but colorblind. An old adage has it that actions speak louder than words. If it’s true, Tufts University’s viewbook and other official publications speak volumes about the administration’s attitudes toward race and prejudice.

## Diversity on Parade

Judging solely by the cover of the slick new viewbook, one might think that Tufts is a liberal-arts college in the vein of Spelman and Howard. The four students walking together on the front cover are all dark-skinned. Only when one turns the booklet over does he discover that white students, too, attend Tufts— two blond-

haired Tuftonians are hidden neatly behind the pamphlet’s fold. This convenience is only the most prominent and blatant deception in the brochure that is Tufts’ most important contact with future students and their parents. The entire book is a piece of political fiction orchestrated by the militant supporters of “diversity” who populate Ballou and Bendetson Halls.

Asked for a copy of the university’s policy that mandates bountiful representation of minorities in official publications, Tufts’ Director of Communications Rosemarie Van Kamp said, “There is nothing like that. Nothing.” But a task force report on homosexual issues submitted to Vice President I. Melvin Bernstein in 1993 states that “Publications (including those of Admissions, etc.) must reflect the presence of lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals at Tufts. Representations of campus life, such as pictures... should include those which openly acknowledge the presence of lesbian, gay, and

examination of these booklets reveals a pattern of fabricated inclusion that can only be the result of deliberate action. If university publications are any indication, the phrase “content of one’s character” carries little meaning at Tufts.

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## Worth a Thousand Words

The producers of the viewbook seemingly went to great lengths to include minorities in casual “snap shots” of undergraduates. A number of photos, including the one featured on the cover of this year’s course catalog, were quite clearly staged, with the apparent intention of giving the images the correct hue. The same people appear in at least three separate shots, wearing identical outfits in each and cavorting outside the very same building. The convenient subjects: a black woman, an Indian man wearing both a Tufts cap and a Tufts sweatshirt, and a Hispanic female.

The viewbook’s publishers could, if they were so inclined, claim that the photographer chose the pictures’ subjects. But the selection of students for up-close-and-personal photos and accompanying statements about campus life is a task that only could have been performed by the editor. When questioned about the racial and ethnic make-up of those selected to appear in publications, a Human Resources official remarked that people were chosen to reflect “the diversity of the Tufts community.”

While it would be inaccurate to depict only blond-haired, blue-eyed students tossing frisbees across sun-drenched beaches,

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*Tufts’ Viewbook is full of staged photographs such as the above, which was taken in the Admissions office.*

bisexual individuals....” And sure enough, on page 18 of the first bulletin published after the committee released its report is a 4x5” photo of the activist Tufts Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community (TLGBC) toting signs demanding “Lesbian Rights NOW.”

There may not be an official policy requiring inclusion of a specific proportion of minorities in university brochures, but

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the “diversity of the Tufts community” as reflected by official publications is equally misleading. Although page 36 of the viewbook reports that 22% of the entering class “were students of color,” administrators selected markedly higher proportions of minorities to pose for the candid.

The close-up images of students in their dorm rooms and other casual situations which Admissions chose to put in the margins of certain pages are extraordinarily “diverse.” In addition to these portraits, the students make statements about their daily lives and their Tufts experiences. Of the eleven chosen for this special feature, eight are “students of color,” a ninth is from abroad; the tenth is Jewish. Simple arithmetic demonstrates that the viewbook is more than “reflective of the community.” Sixty-three of the 142 students who appear in photos are non-white, and 28 are black—that’s 44 and 20% respectively, figures that far outstrip the diversity that Tufts reported on page 36.

Furthermore, there is not a single two-page spread in the catalog that does not depict a minority in one respect or another. The laws of statistics suggest that a catalog reflecting campus diversity can best be attained by selecting subjects at random. Instead, Tufts has created its mountain of diversity by paying people to sit behind a desk and contrive ways to include ever more non-whites and other “diverse” groups. With even the most casual inquiry, I was able to identify two people who were asked to pose for photos. One of whom, Omar Mattox, featured on page seven, is seen lounging in that most popular campus hang-out, the admissions office.

When asked about the racial prejudice involved in selecting students to represent

the university in this way, Tufts’ outgoing director of affirmative action expressed no concern and remarked that it indicates minorities are welcome here. And so they are, but is it true that only blacks can make other blacks feel welcome, or that whites cannot? If so, it is a sad commentary on the state of affairs on campus. Moreover, adhering to such a presumptuous policy indicates a belief that all people of a particular racial group think and act alike.

### A Forest of Little Trees

On its own, the pandering involved in compiling the viewbook and other official publications is largely inconsequential. When seen as just the most recent in Tufts’ race-sensitive policies, it becomes clear

Since no one in the administration is willing to admit his part in choosing “diverse” subjects for these publications, no one can explain the reasons why such a policy was instituted. I can only speculate that planners wanted to put Tufts’ diversity on parade in order to appeal to prospective minority students. This itself is a noble goal—no qualified student should feel unwelcome—but the manner in which the university went about achieving this end is wrongheaded.

In defense of policies which seek out and grant special treatment to minorities, several administrators, including Dean Knable, have said that even contrived racial diversity is beneficial to students, as it exposes whites to the perspectives of their peers from ‘different backgrounds.’ Apparently, the dean believes that people of different races necessarily have different backgrounds, and that many students have never been exposed to people of other ethnicities. Certainly one opposed to prejudice would not support such racially charged logic.

The champions of diversity can rest easy: however forced, the viewbook and other publications are integrated. But this integration comes at a price. Students’ personal achievements are belittled by a willing administration that only chose them to appear because they paint a racially diverse picture. The irony is striking, most especially because the very people who perceive racial prejudice even where none exists, practice it with washed hands.

It is little wonder, given the twisted political posturing required to put together many university publications—and the viewbook especially—that no one takes credit for having assembled such a fantastic work of social and editorial fiction.

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*Administrators fill the Viewbook with pictures taken to “reflect the diversity of the community.” These “different” photos appear on pages 1, 19, and 47.*

that the university cares more about group identity than it does about individual achievement. That a black woman and a Hispanic woman each appear in three different photos wearing the same outfits demonstrates that students were not chosen to reflect the broadest cross-section of the population, rather the most narrow and politically correct view as possible.

# Chip Off the Ol' Bloc

Jessica Schupak

Good intentions are not enough: Congress' recently passed telecommunications reform bill contains an ineffective and harmful attempt to curtail rampant indiscriminate sex and violence on television. A provision of the bill calls for the mandatory inclusion in all new TV sets of the so-called V-chip, which is designed to help parents screen out inappropriate programming, thereby protecting children from violence on screen. The silicon panacea, however, will succeed only in blocking parental responsibility and the free market—not gore or prurience, as its champions contend.

## The Futile Fight

It is unlikely that the V-chip will be an effective tool for curbing violence among youngsters. If children are unruly or difficult, it is not caused by the variety of television they watch; rather, problem children are the result of inattentive and irresponsible child-rearing, broken families, and single-parenting. "Violent" programming can, however, give bad kids mischievous ideas that may encourage disorderly behavior. When consumed in a vacuum, it can also coarsen children's consciences to the point where they respond only to excess, while dulling moral outrage. The root of the problem lies within the family—not the TV.

Because most violent and sexually explicit broadcasts are aired after ten o'clock, the most effective "V-chip" is parents sending their kids to bed, turning off the TV, or watching it with them. Parents who cannot be home at these times would be wiser to have no television at all than to trust ratings boards with the responsibility of caring for their youngsters. Alert parents are aware that children develop at different rates: their sensitivities to sex and violence, as well as their intelligence, do not

advance uniformly. Thus children are ready to watch some types of "objectionable" shows at different ages. Consequently, separating all programs into two groups is an inadequate strategy because very few children will fall into either the V-chip-on or V-

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chip-off category. Cartoons pose a similar problem as they are geared towards kids but contain plenty of violence. If the state deems cartoons taboo, programmers might stop making them altogether.

President Clinton says the V-chip is "parental responsibility... a technological fix. It's a little, simple thing. I think it is a very big deal." It is curious that the President defines parental responsibility as blind reliance on the state's discretion. More-

the V-chip and the whole project will simply be a flop and an outrageous waste of taxpayer money. Even if the chip could be both user-friendly for parents and esoteric for kids, it would not be employed in the homes in which it could do the most good.

It is improbable that families that have negligent parents will bother to learn how use the chip and take the time to program it.

## Dole's Doctrine

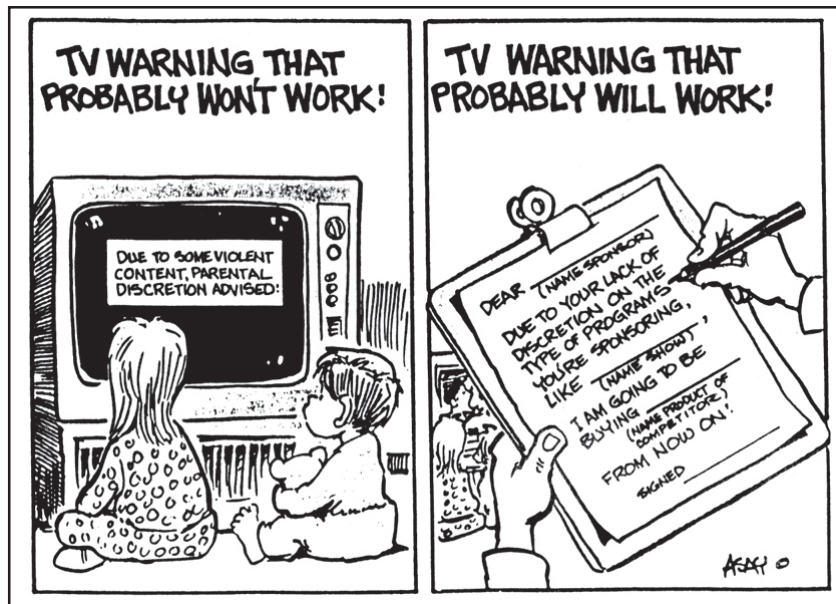
At a time when our country's moral fiber is rapidly deteriorating, the last thing it needs is legislation that discourages parental initiative. The trendy immorality of the entertainment world cannot be changed via legislation. Consumers must pressure the industry to move away from murder and mayhem and towards programs that exemplify substantive community standards.

Uncharacteristically steadfast during the controversy, Senator Bob Dole insists that the V-chip amounts to nothing more

than unwanted government censorship. Dole criticizes the legislation for being a "move away from self-restraint." "Moral anarchy cannot be banned," notes Dole, "but it should be stigmatized." The Senate Majority Leader wants Americans to realize that the deleterious content of speech is not excused by the mere fact that the Constitution permits it. He encourages citizens to take the some responsibility as members of the community and as parents, to put pressure on the

television industry itself. "[T]he hope of lasting change is found beyond the law... in the courage of citizens themselves."

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over, it is unrealistic to create a device that a parent, but not a child, will be able to operate. Most parents would attest that kids tend to be more adept with electronics than they are. It is only a matter of time before children will figure out the "secret" behind

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unions to force wages upward. The natural response by management, in order to lower production and operational costs, is to hire fewer workers. The NBA already places restrictions on the number of players that each team can employ. Consequently, owners have derived a different way to respond to the artificially inflated salaries players demand—they have imposed a salary cap. The superstars command the top salaries and contracts regardless of the cap, while the remaining players are deprived opportunities to earn their market value.

NBA players could earn desirable salaries by simply disbanding the union. Professional basketballers have highly specialized, rare skills that are in high demand; a market for their services will always exist. An untalented athlete will not be able to survive in the league for an extended period of time. Players that make minimal contributions to their teams will warrant lower salaries—regardless of the existence of the union. In addition, competition among owners provides players with a large degree of choice. There are over 30 teams in the NBA; if a player does not wish to play for a team that cannot or will not pay him the salary he desires, he has the option of offering his services to another team. The NBA’s competitive nature compels owners to hire players that will help to improve their teams and attract more revenue. Basketball players’ highly specialized abilities, combined with competitive market conditions, are the best protectors of players’ interests.

its optimal level when regulations and restraints are minimized. Without unions to bargain wages upward, indeed without a collective bargaining process altogether, owners are free to pay players what they rightfully earn. High profile players will continue to earn what they are worth, and the lesser players will not have the dual constraint of a union and a salary cap to prevent their salaries from escalating.

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Although owners will undoubtedly complain that the sport of basketball cannot survive without restricting salaries, their objections would be weak. Sports owners commonly argue that without a cap, teams in New York, Los Angeles, and other large markets will have a virtual monopoly on the star players because smaller revenue markets cannot afford to pay as much. The league will be dominated by the larger markets, fans will lose interest, and the sport will collapse. Fan interest, not market size, determines a given sport’s success. In the NBA, Orlando, San Antonio, and Indiana are all small market teams that finished in the final four spots of the league’s playoffs. Each team sells out its home games and successfully markets its



product. Other small markets, such as Minnesota, have teams that consistently flounder because of poor management. The Boston Celtics, who have the advantage of

playing in a large market, are currently a struggling franchise. The ability of a team to manage itself wisely and efficiently is by far the most important factor in its success.

The salary cap limits teams’ capabilities of managing their resources in an effective manner. Teams cannot achieve greatness over a protracted period if the amount that they can pay their players is artificially limited. The Chicago Bulls lost the services of Horace Grant, an integral member of their championship teams, due to salary cap restrictions. The New York Knicks, over the past three years, have been prohibited by the salary cap from signing the players that will enable them to win a championship. In professional football, the New York Giants have lost a number of talented players as a result of a cap, including Pro-Bowlers Phil Simms, Bart Oates, and Mark Collins. Professional teams must be free to utilize and allocate their resources in the most efficient manner possible.

The salary cap hurts not only individual teams, but the league as a whole. The NBA does not exist in a competition vacuum. European teams actively recruit the most able American players. Dominique Wilkins of the Boston Celtics recently signed a multi-million dollar contract with a Greek professional team. When the Celtics drafted Dino Radja, they were not able to obtain his services for several years because he was playing in Europe. As basketball continues to expand around the world, National Basketball Association teams must be able to compete in a global market.

NBA players’ earning potential is restricted by both organized labor and management. Union leaders continuously make absurd demands in response to an ownership that artificially lowers salaries. The abandonment of the player’s association and the salary cap will allow the parties to raise both salary rates and revenues. The current labor dispute could be brought to a quick end if owners, and especially the unionized players, allow the free market to do its work. Although NBA players currently hope to be like Mike, their wisest course of action is to pay no attention to Mr. Jordan’s hot air.

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### **Capping it All Off**

Consistency dictates that team owners abandon the salary cap if the players disband their union. The free market works at

# Freedom Point

Ananda Gupta

Political classification is commonly limited to the labels “left” and “right.” Usage of such expedient terminology not only facilitates categorization, but also garners immediate recognition. Most people regard Pat Buchanan as a “right-winger” and Karl Marx as a “leftist.” The political spectrum, however, contains more than two schools of thought. Three distinct points form an ideological triangle in world politics, with fascism, communism, and republicanism (democracy) constituting the most pure philosophies. Similarly, conservatives, liberals, and libertarians create a three-pronged American political spectrum.

Libertarianism, the belief that individuals are entitled to complete freedom in their personal conduct, is frequently misconceived. Despite the depth and completeness of libertarian doctrine, most observers either regard the philosophy as conservatism with a twist or confuse it with liberalism.

The linguistic similarity that occasions the confusion between liberals and libertarians actually has a logical base. Libertarians identified themselves as “liberals” until American socialists co-opted the term in the 1940s. The descriptive terms for the two groups are altogether misleading. Liberals actually oppose many freedoms and advocate a large, taxing government to equalize incomes. Libertarians and conservatives, however, are alike in the same way that communists are akin to fascists: they adhere to similar principles but apply them differently. Contemporary conservatives do not oppose change as did conservatives of the 18th and 19th centuries. Instead, they seek freedom by overhauling American government through radical changes in its approach to taxation and social policy. Libertarians, on still another hand, support the absolute freedom of citizens from paternalistic and intrusive laws.

## The Scales of Justice

In addition to providing a haven for those who resent meddlesome authority, libertarianism offers a unique approach to

applying justice. Partisan political perspectives often cobble together crude notions of justice, arbitrarily honoring certain rights and rejecting others. Numerous political approaches irrationally divide individuals

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into groups, and then apply different sets of rights to each. Socialists will openly reject the right of people to keep their earnings, but fiercely defend the “right” of others to receive those same monies without having worked for them.

Libertarianism’s solid philosophical origins and foundation spare its notion of justice from any such fate, instead allowing it an elegant consistency. Libertarians are



F. A. Hayek

indiscriminate in holding property rights sacred; all others are subsidiary to the inviolable right to retain one’s own property. This approach to justice may appear to subordinate inequality, as it affords quantitatively more protection to those who possess the most property. However, it is uniquely egalitarian in that all people pos-

sess these sacred rights. No individual, group, or government may justly compel any person to relinquish that which he has earned.

## Universal Benefits

Friedrich A. Hayek laid the foundation for post-modern libertarian thought with his application of economic laws to the realm of government’s regulation of its citizens. Although Hayek found the label libertarian constrained and contrived, he admitted his inability to derive a more appropriate term. Hayek’s economic philosophy represents the area in which conservatives and libertarians most agree.

The common ground found between the two is quite logical—they equally venerate the work of Adam Smith, and abhor the theories of Karl Marx. The two schools ally against the some-time popular appeal of economic authoritarianism, struggling gamely against the stubborn platitudes and fiery irrationality that inevitably characterize socialism. In the secure tradition of laissez-faire economics, both libertarians and conservatives revel congenially in the joys of individualism, trying to roll back the forces that would blur the line between the beleaguered individual and the ominous state.

## Drawing the Line

Sadly, the companionship has its limits. Hayek maintained that alliance between conservatives and libertarians is not feasible in the long run, but is immediately necessary. The philosopher cited conservatism’s distrust for and resistance to change as contrary to the libertarian’s reverence for individual autonomy. Individuals strive to advance themselves throughout life, and aggressively pursue those ends which they desire. Hayek reasoned that individuals do not make changes or transactions which will not benefit them, nor will they continue to make choices that

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### Two Thumbs Down

V-chip warriors unrealistically declare that the rating system would be successful given its resemblance to the Motion Picture Association’s. But whereas the movie industry rates only a few hundred films a year (and even that is a formidable task) a commission would be daunted to process the hundreds of thousands of television programs produced annually. Would the Oval Office’s committee rate *every* episode of a program, or brand categorically whole series with the defamatory letter V?

Unlike the proposed plan, movie ratings are not required; the process is truly voluntary. To implement a TV-ratings system, the V-chip bill allows one year for the industry to design its own “voluntarily.” If the small-screen heavyweights do not come up with a satisfactory scheme, the President will appoint five all-knowing regulators to be confirmed by the Senate. Either way, the industry knows that it will have to succumb to the whims of the government. Bureaucrats will assume what has been traditionally the job of parents—deeming what is appropriate fare for their children.

### Selling Short

It is ironic not only that a Republican Congress supports measures to substitute family values with artificial parenting, but bypasses the free market to do so. If there is a demand for the V-chip, the market will provide it. If too few parents desire the V-chip for industry to offer it voluntarily, then it is unlikely that many parents would

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use the device if given the option. Moreover, single people and married couples without children do not need V-chips and should not be forced to pay more for TVs that contain them.

Besides being ineffective, the chip will also have repercussions on the advertising industry. If even a fraction of American households use the chip it will make a great difference in the number of people viewing particular programs. Companies will begin to pull sponsorship from shows that might

be classified “V-positive.” The threat of a harsh government rating will drive programs off the air that the market currently supports. Censorship imposed by artificial market pressure is a duplicitous way of rewriting *TV Guide*. TV owners, through voluntary actions, are more justified in dictating what is broadcast into their homes than is the state.

The V-chip cannot be both “a little, simple thing” and a “big deal,” and it is certainly not a “technological fix.” Neither technology nor the US government can repair the damages that the decline of the American family has wrought. What will

remedy the situation, however, is parents assuming their unique obligations. Our elected leaders—especially those of the new Congressional majority that professes a commitment to free enterprise—should not look for solutions in regulation. The V-chip is costly and ineffective, much like the government that would impose it.

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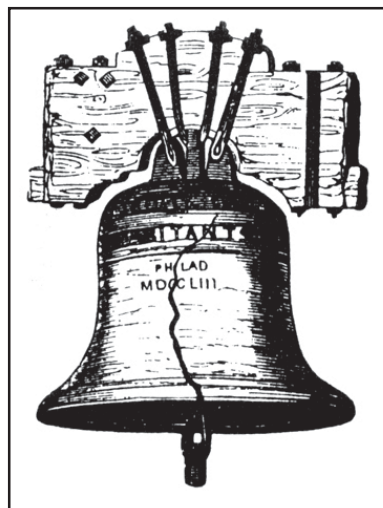
could be better made otherwise. Instead, they will seek and choose new options, rather than remain set in their ways. Insatiable human nature and innate desire for competition both contradict the idea that individuals always prefer their current state of affairs.

However, conservatism has not remained stagnant since Hayek’s 1950s. Conservatives do not eschew change; it is necessary to return to past values and standards. While libertarians certainly do not pursue change for its own sake, they lack the conservatives’ potential for fulfillment. It stands to reason that conservatives would be content to oppose change once their goals have been reached. By contrast, libertarians’ goals can never be achieved, as evidenced by their belief that only the rights of others can limit liberty. If a new means of increasing liberty were to be discovered, libertarians would implement the necessary changes.

Hayek also argued that the non-economic differences between conservatives and libertarians were by far the more divisive. According to him, conservatives value tradition at the expense of liberty, whereas libertarians are indifferent to tradition. While libertarians distrust authority itself, the conservative fears only its unwise use. These rifts lead to the most prominent disagreements between libertarians and conservatives on several contemporary issues. Questions pertaining to school prayer, the legalization of drugs, and support for homosexual marriages clearly illustrate the divergence of opinion. In each

case, conservatives advocate the use of state power for ends which they deem socially beneficial, while libertarians prefer governmental non-interference.

The reconciliation of these differences is still in question. Naturally, libertarians place a high premium on individual responsibility, consistent with their postulate that individuals are superior to all others in managing their own affairs. Libertarianism is thus unattractive to those who refuse responsibility for their own problems or failures. However, for those willing to accept the idea that the individual, not Uncle Sam, is wisest, this political philosophy presents an attractive third corner to the political triangle.



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# Blowing Smoke

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Like a good liberal seizing power, President Clinton has once again extended the meddlesome hand of the federal bureaucracy and its regulations into the competitive realm of the marketplace. His move to strictly regulate the tobacco industry is the culmination of years of attacks upon cigarette manufacturers and smokers that have ranged from a campaign of misinformation to censorship and even outright seizure of private property rights.

Anti-smoking activists such as Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA) have made no secret of their animosity toward the tobacco industry. Congressional hearings forcing tobacco company executives to defend their right to produce a product were typical for years. Prompted by a series of journalistically questionable ABC News stories, the Food and Drug Administration investigated tobacco manufacturers and charged them with concealing the so-called addictive nature of their products. The FDA further accused the tobacco industry of attempting to “actively control the amount and rate at which nicotine... is delivered to customers.” This report, which is more conjecture than medical proof of physical addiction, is the basis for Clinton’s regulatory proposals.

While the media and Congressional activists launched a new daily attack on the industry, tobacco companies struggled to defend their product against the vicious reports and outright lies. Philip Morris sued ABC News for libel after a “Day One” report charged that the company “artificially spiked” and “fortified” its cigarettes to “carefully control” the nicotine and addict smokers. Only last week did the company and ABC settle the suit, after the network promised to broadcast a complete retraction and apology during “Monday Night Football.” Nonetheless, Clinton is charging forward with his activist plan to control an industry that is already one of the most heavily taxed.

The FDA will mandate strict limitations on the sale, distribution, and marketing of cigarettes which include bans on

vending machines, and brand advertisements at a variety of venues which children might see. The primary target of FDA regulations, though, will be print advertising. Magazines such as *Time*, *People*, and

most of whom happen to be children. The addition of further regulations is just an easy way of side-stepping the underlying problem: the enforcement of existing laws which prohibit sale to minors.

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*Newsweek* will not be allowed to augment the text of cigarette advertisements with pictures or colors other than black or white, because more than 15 percent of their readership are minors.

Regulation proponents defend intervention by claiming that Philip Morris and RJ Reynolds endanger the health of minors with their marketing strategies. According to many industry opponents, the companies target children because they need to compensate for the losses of cigarette smokers who die. Most offensive of all, they say, is the Joe Camel “Smooth Character” campaign because it uses cartoon characters to attract children. That Camel brand cigarettes are popular with underage smokers is

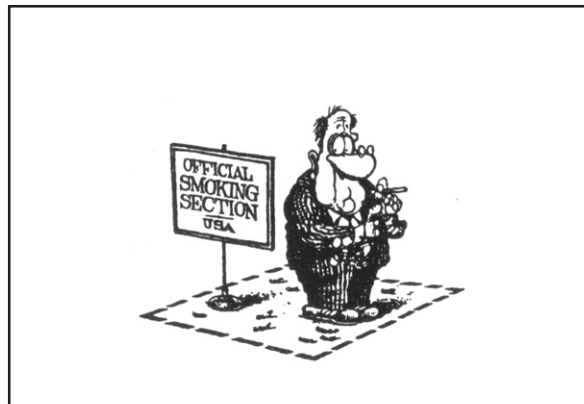
Attempting to disguise his move to create still larger and more powerful government agencies as genuine concern for the teenage population, the President declared, “Sometimes we must act sternly and boldly to fulfill our most moral obligation— our duty as adults to ensure that our children grow up healthy and strong.”

And so we should. It is his duty to discourage Chelsea from smoking, just as all parents should pressure their children not to take up the habit until they can decide for themselves. But Clinton’s solution has nothing to do with “fulfilling our moral obligation.” On the contrary, he is empowering the state to take over the job of raising healthy children, thereby releasing parents from their most vital role.

Furthermore, the President’s charge that ad agencies are culpable for health hazards induced by smoking because they devise campaigns with visual appeal is preposterous. It embraces the condescending notion that individuals influenced by ads are incapable of making rational decisions for themselves and their own children. Again, it implies that only the state can decide what is best.

Adults should and must be free to choose what products they want to buy; parents and shop-keepers must uphold their societal duty to see to it that children cannot procure cigarettes. Tobacco companies, their advertising agencies, and magazines have a right to employ whatever marketing strategy they desire. This is simply the latest attempt by Clinton to subjugate individual rights and expand the power of the federal government.

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evidence of the connection, Clinton says.

Following this line of logic, Met Life should be making millions by selling life insurance to toddlers; after all, Snoopy is hocking their product. The simple truth is that Joe Camel is a successful ad campaign in the same way that Absolut Vodka’s and Windows 95’s marketing strategies are. It attracts a great number of new smokers,

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Colin Kingsbury

University administrators never tire of saying that Tufts presents students with a learning environment that extends beyond the classroom. Students surrounded by opportunities for cultural exchange and interpersonal learning will be enriched by interacting with people from different backgrounds. Toward that end, the admissions office works to accept those candidates who can contribute the most to both the campus' academic and social environment. Unfortunately, the standards which admissions officers use to judge diversity have nothing to do with the content of an applicant's character.

Like the rest of academia, Tufts seems to believe that intellectual, social, and racial diversity are all the same. Such reasoning is, of course, no less uninformed and unreasonable than segregation or apartheid. Failing to see (or refusing to admit) their error, administrators implement policies to recruit students who fit their vision of the most beneficial form of diversity. Having done so, they proceed to impress their views upon students. Indoctrination begins during Freshmen Orientation.

Many of the orientation activities have insidious political and morally suspect messages, such as suggestions that students "sleep with someone of the same sex." The so-called "Many Stories, One Community" forum, though, is by far the worst program. The infamous "Diversity Panel," as most students call it, exposes the true nature of diversity at Tufts as one based solely on identity with "oppressed" minority groups.

In the past, the panel has included—to a man one black, one Asian, one Hispanic, someone from an "ignorant" working class family, one homosexual, and a "guilty white male." After the introduction, each of the students recounted a story of oppression and elicited sympathy from the audience—save the white male who atoned for his sins before the P.C. altar. The discussion "moderator" then began a short question-and-answer period, in which few in the audience (usually hired-gun Perspectives leaders) asked questions.

For the most part, freshmen were more interested in getting out of the hall than hearing upperclassmen complain about "oppression" or describe America as a salad bowl. No matter how ridiculous it seems, and perhaps because of the panel's sheer silliness, the program is a beneficial experience for freshmen insofar as it prepares entering students for the omnipresent cult of victimization.

Immediately obvious to those who attend the discussion is that the entire presentation is so thoroughly contrived. Certainly the Orientation Committee selected this chorus line of victims for a specific reason, and given the balance of racial and sexual minorities, it is clear what the standards were. Each is present to 'expose first-years to experiences other than their own,' and encourage tolerance of different lifestyles. These are not the stories of student life at Tufts, but of politically engineered groups with whom we should sympathize.

"Many Stories, One Community" exemplifies Tufts' subtly racist approach to dealing with issues of race and gender. The panelists are not chosen for any unique individual characteristic or special talent



other than their ability to identify with (or represent) a particular "marginalized" group. Administrators repeatedly state their desire to provide a diverse academic environment for the enrichment of students, but if the "Diversity Panel" is any indicator of the breadth of thought on campus, there is much room for improvement.

That the Orientation Committee chose the panelists to represent racial minorities indicates a belief that the best way to achieve intellectual diversity is by creating a racially diverse student body. The logical extension of the administration's argument, then, is that one's thinking and one's race are in fact, connected.

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The quest for diversity is not inherently flawed, of course. The error made by Tufts selecting proportional race representation at the expense of intellectual diversity. Responsible admissions officers must seek a class of students with the widest range of ideas. Once on campus, students from a variety of different perspectives will be able to live, think, and work together for the betterment of each other and society at large.

True diversity can only come from individuals. The "diversity" that Tufts seeks is largely an unimportant one of skin colors and sexual orientations. Either Tufts' deans have bought into the racist belief that such factors are, indeed, synonymous with one's character and individuality, or they are fully aware of the racist nature of their actions and care only to advance their personal agenda at the expense of students. It seems that Tufts' greatest mission is the creation, however contrived, of a student body of the correct racial proportions.

It is disappointing to learn that in one of the few institutions in the world that is committed to the pursuit of a pure thing—in this case, knowledge—people cling to such racist notions. Thus one learns that, at Tufts, diversity is only skin deep.

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**ATTENTION:  
LATE ADDITION TO  
THE FALL 1995 CLASS LISTINGS:**

**Advanced Sensitivity,  
Tolerance, Diversity,  
Empowerment,  
and  
Cooperative  
Understanding**

*An inter-disciplinary deconstructive examination of the patriarchal suppression of  
our collectively inherent homosexuality*

A must for all fans of the Orientation diversity panel! So much of a must, in fact, that we've made it mandatory. This class will focus on various non-canonical texts with a special emphasis on issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Works include: Les Bian's "The Immaterially Dialectical Phobia of Othering," O. Pressed Black's "Enduring the Struggle: The Need for Marxism in Modern Amerikkka," Ima Mannhater's "Dephallocentrizing the Penis," and Whitey Guilt's "I'm Sorry, I'm Sorry, Please Throw Me in a Gulag."

NOTE: This course is taught by members of the Sociology, Anthropology, Women's Studies, English, American Studies, and World Civ departments, as well as the Dean of Students Office. It can fulfill requirements for Math, Physical Science, Culture, or any Engineering foundation.

## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

*Pure reason [has] its frontiers and... to deny the existence of realms beyond those borders— why, that's puerility.*

—Russell Kirk

*We have the game all Brentwood is buzzing about: black or white. We'll play a medley of five voices and the call must identify the black voice.*

—Robert W. Morgan, LA radio disc jockey

*Voice #3 was the black voice.*

—Mary, from Reseda

*You are right! Voice #3 is, in fact, Johnnie Cochran so you, Mary, are a racist. Your prize is a CD of the "Trial of the Century" and a white t-shirt. Congratulations!*

—Robert W. Morgan

*A rainbow coalition of blacks, feminists, deconstructionists, and Marxists [is] ready to take control [of academia].*

—Prof. Henry Louis Gates, now of Harvard University

*In America, every day is a new beginning, every sunset is merely the last milestone on a voyage that never ends. For this is the land that has never become, but is always in the act of becoming.*

—Ronald Reagan

*In a state run society, the government promises you security. But it's a false promise predicated on the idea that the opposite of security is risk. Nothing could be further from the truth. The opposite of security is insecurity, and the only way to overcome insecurity is to take risks. The gentle government that promises to hold your hand as you cross the street refuses to let go on the other side.*

—Theodore Forstmann

*Wine is under suspicion, as beautiful things so often are. Like religion, love, laughter, any sort of explosive, it is an anxiety to officials.*

—Christopher Morley

*There is such a thing as fostering bad behavior by misplaced compassion.*

—Miss Manners, Judith Martin

*There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism.... The one absolutely certain way of bringing this nation to ruin, of preventing all possibility of continuing to be a nation at all, would be to permit it to become a tangle of squabbling nationalities.*

—Theodore Roosevelt, 1915

*I've been trying to keep a little bit of dignity and go through this the best way I could.*

—Hollywood madame Heidi Fleiss, shortly after her conviction

*The terrorist lives for terror, not for the change he tells himself he wants. He masks his desire to kill and destroy behind the curtain of a cause.*

—Louis L'Amour

*The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.*

—Thomas Szasz

*Before you can be reasonably convinced that you are right about an idea, you should be sure that you understand the objections of your most articulate antagonists. The person who can state his antagonist's point of view to the satisfaction of the antagonist is more likely to be correct than the person who cannot.*

—Paul G. Hewitt

*France Telecom is trying to serve its customers, but right away everyone's talking about mistresses and lovers— this is the French way of looking at things.*

—A France Telecom official, in response to criticism concerning itemized telephone bills

*All the Constitution guarantees is the pursuit of hapiness. You have to catch up with it by yourself.*

—Benjamin Franklin

*We don't put as many restrictions on freedom of speech as we should.*

—Canetta Ivy, former Stanford University student body president

*The past is prologue.*

—Inscribed on the National Archives

*This is our heritage and this is our glory. We are a people, I tell you, that is just beginning its high adventure on this continent, animated by the destiny of greatness, [we] can think and can act and can do greatly.... Since we've come so far, who shall be rash enough to set limits on our future progress, who shall say that since we have gone so far we will go no farther.*

—Unknown

*For those who believe in God no explanation is needed; for those who do not believe in God no explanation is possible.*

—Father John Lafarge

*Well, first you get a good SAT score....*

—a New York Thruway tollbooth operator, when asked by a parent how one gets to Cornell

*The love of justice for most men is merely the fear of suffering injustice.*

—Francois Duc de la Rouchefoucauld

*Marriage is like a dull meal with the dessert at the beginning.*

—Henri Toulouse-Lautrec

*There was no need to do any housework at all. After the first four years the dirt doesn't get any worse.*

—Quentin Crisp

*I swear it is not a world of men.... It's a world of clock-watchers, bureaucrats, officeholders. A [messed] up world— no adventure to it.*

—David Mamet

*Well, I find that a change of nuisance is as good as a vacation.*

—David Lloyd George

*How do I know I'll be hungry on Wednesday?*

—Greta Garbo, in response to a dinner invitation

*The Equal Educational Opportunity Committee (or successor to the Institutional Policy Committee) should appoint subcommittees and encourage formation of task forces....*

—The faculty's "Recommendations from the report of the ad hoc Committee on Institutional Policy"