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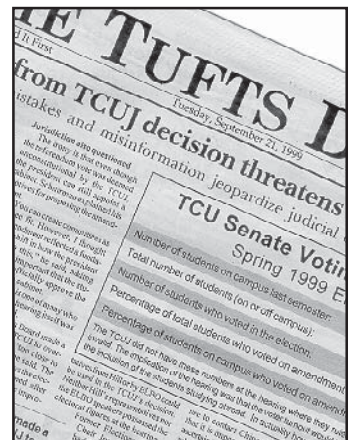
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Less News is Good News

On the college campus, there is no institution more respected than the noble student newspaper. Not only do such papers disseminate campus information to the student population, they provide journalistic opportunity and experience for their staff members. Their work on a campus periodical provides many students with their first taste of media ethics, and with many of the rules they will use as they provide news coverage in the future. Journalism is such an important part of campus life that Tufts tour guides eagerly point out that we are, in fact, the smallest national university to have both a daily and a weekly paper. Before we count our blessings, however, it is important to consider the role print media plays on the Tufts campus, and whether such frequent coverage is warranted or even necessary.

At many large campuses, a daily paper is an absolute necessity in order to cover all of the comings and goings of an active student body. However, at Tufts, our Daily is chock-full of "fillers" with unimaginative content. At some schools, student publications maintain high standards for layout. At Tufts, our paper runs their year-old masthead, and has yet to print a front page with a consistent number of columns from top to bottom. Perhaps if the *Daily* was an *every-other-daily*, there would be more time for frazzled copy editors to catch these glaring errors, and incentive for writers to put more effort into their reporting.

Though Tufts is a campus humming with activity located in one of the nation's busiest cities, one would never know from a perusal of the *Daily* headlines. "Carmichael switches to paper" may impact the lives of Tufts students, but hardly qualifies as an above-fold, front-page banner. The same can be said of "Incoming freshmen to matriculate today" and "Tufts parents respond to 20/20 report." Another *Daily* tradition is to provide day-old coverage of speakers on the Medford/Somerville campus. Though interesting to hear the contributions of Kweisi Mfume, Jose Ramos-Horta, and David Mamet, such summaries hardly qualify as news. One would hope that truly-interested Jumbos would attend such lectures themselves, instead of

settling for the post-game analysis courtesy of the *Daily*.

There exists actual news on campus—many stories on which the *Daily* has barely scratched the surface. Take, for example, the state of the work-in-progress parking garage. The date for completion of this campus structure has been pushed back many times, and plans for its implementation remain unclear. The Gantcher Convocation Center is another construction site that could use some media coverage. This structure, once hailed as the answer to rainy commencements and Spring Flings, will be unable to serve as such for lack of adequate bathroom facilities and sound-proofing. For this we have nothing to credit but stinginess on the part of Tufts University.

Where is the *Daily* when these campus improvements (which directly affect the student body) are being discussed? Lately, *Daily* reporters seem to have a particular affinity for the TCU Senate and Judiciary offices, where they can be found making news as often as covering it. When the time came to report on the progress of the Senate cabinet amendment, the *Daily* was so involved with the story that they even came up with their own set of voting results. They felt it necessary, furthermore, to openly criticize Judiciary members, accusing them of ignoring factual evidence and fabricating rules during their own hearing. On such rare occasions when an opinion from an objective news source is warranted, one would hope that it would be confined to the pages of the editorial, or at least the op-ed (in this case *Viewpoints*) section. Not so with the *Daily*: they proudly trumpet their views of campus issues by printing them on the front page.

Though removing a feather from Tufts' cap, an alteration in the frequency of the *Daily* would go a long way toward the improvement of the newspaper. However, the delivery of such a blow to the editors' ego would be a large improbability. Just as surely as "DiBiaggio responds to beating," the *Daily* will continue to sacrifice quality for frequency.




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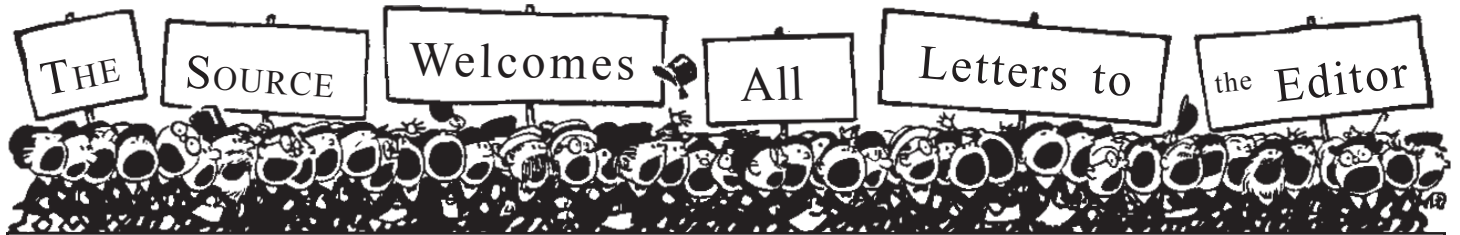
To whom it may concern,

Don't ask me why, but my first reaction after waking up and writing down this dream was that someone among your staff would get an absolute kick out of it. Perhaps it was the spoons, perhaps the ending, or perhaps I am wrong. In any case, take this as you will.

Yours Sincerely,
Chris Thomas
Somerville, MA

While returning home late one night, I saw a large Domino's truck parked outside of one of the many administration buildings for the nearby Catholic school. The truck had a curiously-huge lamp on the hood, complete with Domino's logo. I had never seen that building much in use, and it looked like a tremendous number of pizzas had been ordered, perhaps for students, so I wandered by to look. A young white guy in his early twenties stood with a flashlight and ripped open boxes in this sort of warehouse. Quite obviously he was a thief, and a rather frustrated one at that, judging by the large number of boxes opened and the very few things he had pulled aside to take. Further back there was a second man who had darker skin, and perhaps other people as well. "Good luck," I said, and strolled out on my way continuing home. The men didn't say anything until I was far on the other side of the street. I could just barely hear one say, "did you hear that?" He said, "you'll

see", as in, "you'll get what you've got coming to you!" I could see him take out a gun and aim it at me. Since I was just about to pass behind a parked car, and as the man was evidently an expert marksman, he held his shot for when I would come out on the other side. So, when I was behind the car, I ran straight away, hopped the guardrail, and slid down the hill amid tree branches. The two men noticed immediately and came running after me. At the bottom of the grassy slope, I nestled under a low overhang and became one with the moss and much and long wet grass. I was Stinging Nettles Man, living in his happy underground paradise and eating only nettles. And here were all of my friends - plastic soup spoons closely spread together. There were blacks spoons and whitish speckled spoons, really-black spoons and dark spoons, really white spoons . . . this narrated celebration of the vast harmony of spoon shades was interrupted by the arrival of the two men. They were visibly shocked to see this vast land of swaying stinging nettles at the end of a short path into the hill. I welcomed them with open arms. It was unfortunate that I could not offer them something to eat, nor could I lead them off into the more interesting places in this land because, well, because everything was stinging nettles! Still, all the plastic spoons loved them with all their plastic spoon hearts. The two men quickly decided to leave. As they left, I pointed out to the white man that I had said "Good luck" and not "you'll see," as he imagined. He acknowledged this with a smile and a nod. As the good host, I stayed in the entranceway and watched them walk away and out of sight. And just at the last moment, the first man turned around and shot me.



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Commentary

No Budget for a Calculator

At Staples, a single *Pilot Dr. Grip Retractable Ballpoint Pen* costs \$5.99, while a twelve pack of *Paper Mate* ballpoint pens costs fewer than four dollars. So which does the oh-so-fiscally responsible TCU Senate budget for? The expensive ones. And how many of these pens did the TCU Senate budget for? Five. The Senate also budgeted for a six pack of binders (allotting themselves \$73.32), a \$16.15 pair of scissors, and two twenty-dollar "Rollerball" pens.

We have a merry band of twenty-eight students who go through every TCU budget with a fine-toothed comb. They preach fiscal responsibility, pledge to budget the Student Activities Fee with competence, and proclaim their desire to use the TCU money for the improvement of overall student life. And then they buy eighty dollars worth of "cameras." How is this good use of our \$180.00-a-head fee?

And then comes the question about budgeting honestly. Budget \$79.16 for cameras, and you'd expect further budgeting for film developing. There is no such item listed. This naturally begs the question of Senatorial scruples. Why budget for cameras with no intention of putting them to use? Furthermore, how would photo documentation of this year's senate retreat or Fall-Fest benefit the student body?

The budget for the annual Senate retreat reveals some other interesting budgeting. Enumerated in the TCU Senate budget for this two day love-in are "Deposit: \$600; Booklets: \$300; Facilities: \$2100". Three thousand dollars —totaling the entire Student Activities Fees paid by 17 of our fellow Jumbos—so the Senate could bond for two days and one night. Why so much money? Our elected résumé-packers spent an alleged \$750

stuffing their faces. Of course, the budget makes no mention of "food" being purchased. The Treasury Procedures Manual claims that unless an organization's budget denotes the purchase of food, cuisine will not be paid for out of TCU funds. A Deposit, Booklets, Facilities—The PRIMARY SOURCE is unable to comprehend which of this items is edible.

The TCU Senate should maintain the same high level of fiscal responsibility it expects from all other organizations. Those entrusted with student money, albeit by a voter pool seemingly smaller than the number of students taking Bio 13, are acting immaturely, irresponsibly, and unprofessionally.

An "F" for Effort

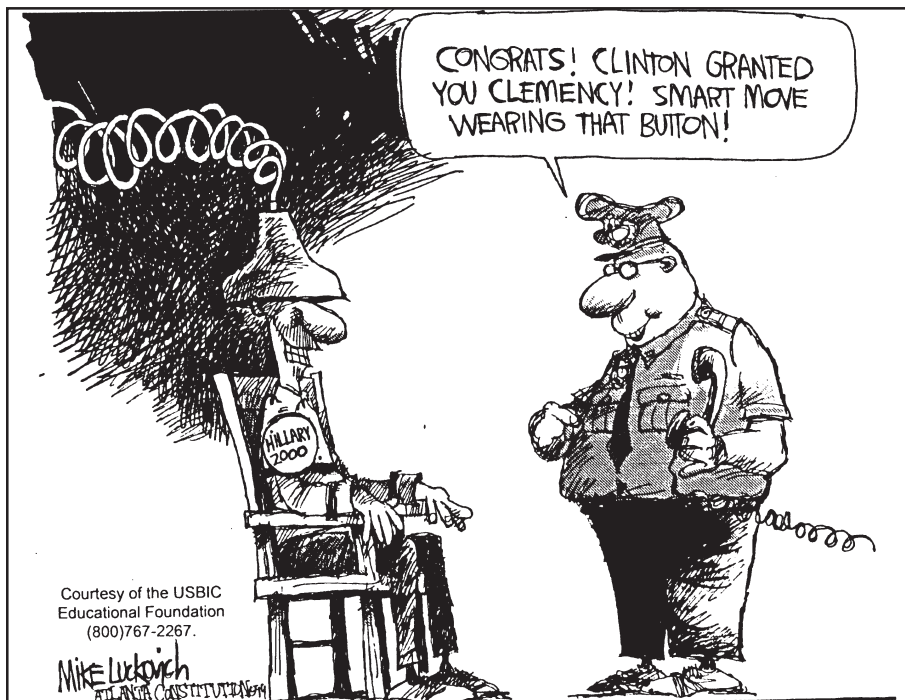
Does 1200 equal 1200? You'd think so, although if you asked standardized testing demigods the Educational Testing Services (ETS), some 1200s are more equal than others.

ETS' ostensible goal is to take fair and objective measurements of a student's ability to learn so that institutions of higher education have a baseline test which enables them to compare all of their potential applicants to one another. However, ETS' newest proposals seek to break from that ideal by incorporating the student's race, ethnicity, and socio-economic background into the final score.

Specifically, ETS hopes to add a separate checkbox, marked "striver," to their score reports. A "striver," according to ETS, is a student who has overcome the hardships of his socioeconomic background and scored higher than his similarly disadvantaged peers. ETS aims to take into consideration race, ethnicity, parents' income, education, and occupation, and the student's primary language; thus, middle class, English-speaking whites need not apply—you've only your wits to save you.

The SAT, true to its name, measures scholastic aptitude. White, black, green, or purple: if you don't know the answer, your skin color had nothing to do with it. Accusations of cultural bias are nothing new to ETS; however, this proposed wholesale capitulation on their part is.

Colleges already take into account factors other than SAT scores when building a class; if they didn't, the application process would be much shorter. ETS became the standard by objectively measuring ability so that colleges can pick and choose, not by picking and choosing themselves. This proposal, however, would throw away that objectivity by giving poor minorities a gold star for effort and giving kids unfortunate enough to have been born middle class even more to worry about when their SAT scores come in the mail.



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Geek Appeal?

It should come as no surprise that the Tufts Feminist Alliance (TFA) has once again courted controversy with offensive and misleading propaganda campaign. Blanketing campus walls with a poster comparing choosing a boyfriend to choosing to having an abortion, the TFA has resorted to the same underhanded tactics they often accuse the right wing of using.

The poster uses an image of an undesirable, nerdy male repeated ten times, and then reminds the reader how awful it would be to not have a choice of boyfriend. It then insists, "Well, being pregnant and not having a choice would suck even more." What the poster fails to mention is that choosing a boyfriend is not on the same plane of ethical debate as abortion. It is ridiculous and irresponsible to equate the choice of a boyfriend with the life-altering decision of whether or not to have an abortion. The PRIMARY SOURCE does not feel it is responsible for pro-choice advocates to equate the seriousness of such a choice with the relative triviality of choosing a significant other.

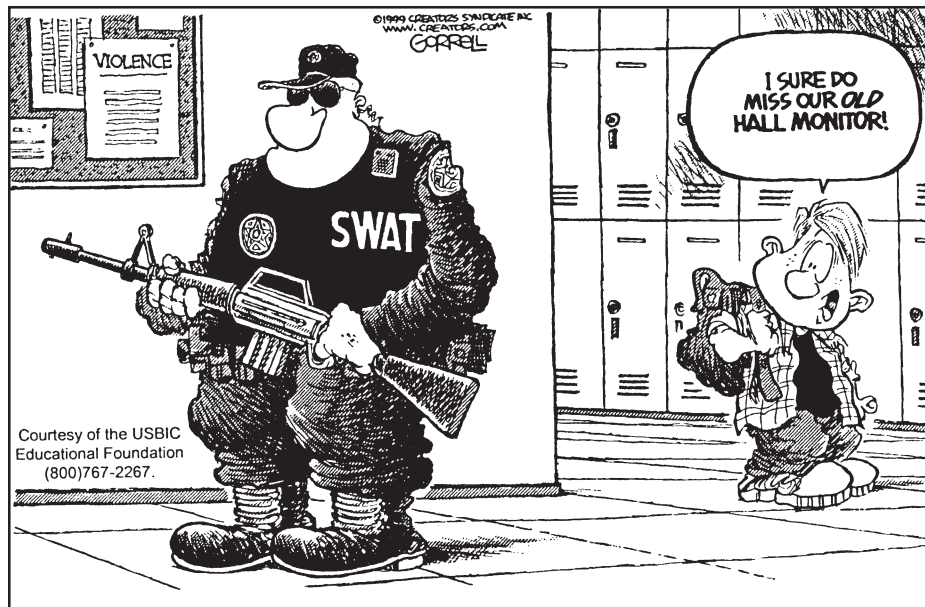
TFA portrays abortion as not only a choice, but rather, as necessary action to be a free member of society. With a caption like, "Not having a choice sucks, doesn't it?" interspersed with a mosaic of nerd, TFA does not give any insight to the gravity of the abortion issue. They should address abortion as an issue in itself, not dress it up in the guise of a simply trivial choice.

Consistent with the poster's incompleteness is the failure to mention that pregnancy is itself a choice. Nowhere on the poster does it note that pregnancy is a decision, and a decision which has consequences. If a woman becomes unexpectedly pregnant, then she has made a significant mistake, and one for which there is no easy solution. TFA never once allows for a discussion of family planning or the choice of abstinence. Asserting that abortion is the natural solution to that predicament is reprehensible and has no place in an intellectual environment like Tufts.

In the future, the TFA needs to concentrate on supplying students with an accurate evaluation of the abortion issue, rather than feeding them inappropriate and half-truth propaganda. Regardless of political ideology, to assume and assert that abortion is the only choice is egregious.

If it Ain't Broke...

Last year, Tufts students had but one problem with Hodgdon Hall: the tiny take-out dining hall was too crowded during peak lunch hours. Every weekday at lunchtime, Hodgdon was packed with busy students eager to get a delectable sandwich with their choice of breads, meats, and dressings, custom-prepared with a little slice of love by the Hodgdon ladies, surrogate mothers to some, and friends to all. Hodgdon could get particularly cramped



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later in the evening, when lines for the homemade Hodgdon stir-fry, with your choice of a litany of sauces, noodles, and veggies, could stretch back to the door—not that it was a long walk. Those who preferred Italian to Chinese had their choice of pastas with the best meatballs on campus—in fact, the *only* meatballs on campus. Sure, students complained about the lines, but the fact that the lines persisted meant that the chronically meal-planned were willing to wait around for ten minutes to get the best food on campus.

Coming back to school, eager and hungry students rushed down to Hodgdon between classes expecting a treat for their stomachs but receiving a kick in the head. Hodgdon had been stripped bare; the sit-down meal was no more and the take-out sandwiches were now prepackaged for our inconvenience. The Hodgdon ladies had been reduced to little more than security guards, made to watch over the trays of sandwiches and salads to make sure students only took one of each. Gone was the "little bit extra" for favorite customers, replaced with a final white-gloved inspection of each tray to insure that would-be thieves wouldn't attempt to walk out with an extra ginger snap.

Displaced diners up and down the hill demanded an explanation, and Director of Dining Services Patti Lee said that the sweeping changes were made in response to student complaints of overcrowding at peak hours. What Lee apparently failed to realize is that although her plan worked, it worked for the wrong reasons: Hodgdon wasn't crowded anymore because nobody wanted to eat there.

Patti Lee and Dining Services soon realized that they had done more harm than good and reinstated the custom-made sandwiches. We appreciate your generosity, but Hodgdon is still merely a shell of its former self. With sit-down meals eliminated, the stir-fry specials and authentic Italian meals, not to mention special events like Caribbean Night, are homeless. Students looking for a comfortable, personal alternative to Dewick and Carmichael are optionless. And everyone who remembers the old Hodgdon will chime in to finish the sentiment echoed by everyone from the *Observer* editorial board to the Hodgdon ladies: . . . *don't fix it.*

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Dimwitted bestiality practitioners at PETA's NoFishing.net declare that Jesus Christ did not advocate the eating of fish. However, animal rights activists have yet to explain apparitions of the Virgin Mary in a tartar sauce container at a Red Lobster in Cleveland.

PS PETA persons also wrote an angry letter to NBA superstar Karl Malone, demanding that "The Mailman" step down as Chairman of National Fishing Week. Malone's camp responded by saying that the basketball star would resign his position, but he would remain honorary president of United Dog Beaters of America.

PS Many South Carolinians were surprised to find that a popular 800 number that once solicited free medical information was reassigned to a phone sex company. Doctors in the state are reminding confused citizens that being gagged, chained to a bed and whipped by Mistress Helga is not a cure for chronic headache pain.

PS Although Minnesota governor Jesse "the Ho-Smacker" Ventura reminisced in his autobiography about a visit to a Nevada brothel, the Moonlight Bunny Ranch got a call from Ventura's office demanding that the smut-peddlers take down billboards with the governor's picture that read "I Had Sex at the Moonlight." The brothel owners are changing Ventura's caption to "I Had Sex at the Moonlight, Admitted It To My Ghost-Writer, Then Denied it When My Wife Kicked My Ass."

PS Governor Siegelman of Alabama urged citizens across the state to devise ways to make life safer for those who live in a trailer or mobile home. After months of discussion, residents decided that the best way to improve mobile home safety is to try and not move their trailer in the path of a tornado.

PS New York Mayor and porn king Rudy Giuliani is attempting to pull the city's \$1.4 million funding from a Brooklyn museum with a display of mutilated pigs in formaldehyde and a dung-splattered painting of the Virgin Mary. Rudy defended his decision, saying, "Why should the people pay to see this? There are plenty of dead pigs and crap-smearred people on the *streets* of New York."

PS Convicted rapist Wayne Dumond has been granted parole by the state of Arkansas seventeen years after he was castrated in his home by masked attackers while awaiting his trial. Said Dumont "Thank God... I just don't have the balls to handle another three years of prison."

PS We don't blame him... after all, there are a whole lot of nuts in there.

- PS** Top Ten Things You Didn't See at Fall Fest '99
10. Good music
 9. Enthusiastic crowds
 8. Notable talent
 7. Delicious food
 6. Run DMC... ever
 5. Disgruntled Source members who'd rather see Dave Matthews Band perform
 4. Jesse Camp and the 8th Street Kidz
 3. Naughty By Nature's Treach actually remembering the name of the university
 2. Treach's wife, Pepa, rapping "Whatta Man" with TMAVers
 1. President DiBiaggio getting down with OPP

PS Canisters of uranium that have sat on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln since 1962 were finally removed last week. Health-conscious students are relieved, even though brothers at Lambda Chi Delta will have to cease their "Free Jell-O Shots If Your Testicles Glow" parties.

PS Nebraska state officials are furious at the Santee Sioux Tribe who refuse to abide a court order to close their casino, which is not approved by the state. Historians noted the irony of Native Americans violating their end of a contract with the white man, but were not surprised when the Nebraska police threw smallpox-ridden blankets into the Sioux casino.

PS The school board in one Kansas town revoked a policy that allowed students to lead classmates in prayer during the school day, prompting an organized protest from parents. After the rally, the protestors, who insist that they did not evolve from monkeys, went back to their community grooming circle, searched their fur for fleas, and tossed feces at each other.

PS The head of the New Jersey Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control resigned last week after he was arrested for DWI. Former ABC head John Holl apologized to the department, vowed that he would attend rehabilitation, and never again drive home after a game of Beirut with Ted Kennedy.

PS In similar news, at a baseball game in Milwaukee, a drunken Brewers fan ran on the field during the game and tackled the visiting right fielder from the Houston Astros. The unnamed fan is still in custody and police say that he has apologized to the Astros, vowed that he would attend rehabilitation, and resign as head of Milwaukee Men Against Violence.

PS Police in Kansas City are trying to combat prostitution and drug dealers by unplugging public phones that street criminals use instead of traceable cellular and home phones. Still, these efforts didn't keep pinstriped slugger Darryl Strawberry from taking the Yankees infield out for some bitches and blow after a game against the Royals.

PS Nearly 2,000 guns, including an AK-47 assault rifle, that were exchanged for gift certificates in Tampa Bay, Florida, will be melted down and made into manhole covers. Said President Clinton of the exchange, “We coulda made a few bucks selling those gats to the Chinese, but we figure we’d just put some Cubans to work instead.”

PS In Nez Perce County, Idaho, all convicted DWI offenders must attend a victim impact panel and watch videos showing the aftermath of real drunk driving accidents. Some videos to be shown at the panel include “Bloody Mess Behind the Wheel” and “A Very Kennedy Christmas.”

PS Two hundred thousand Illinois citizens voted for a new state license plate with a picture of Abe Lincoln behind the license numbers. A similar effort is underway in Long Island, where residents are circulating a petition to replace Lady Liberty on New York plates with a tasteful silhouette of Joey Buttafuoco.

PS A study from Iowa State University indicates that parents who act in unhealthy ways risk having their children imitate that behavior. A separate Stanford University study supported this theory, citing incidents in which Chelsea Clinton approached young boys, dropped her pants, and asked them to lie to a grand jury.

PS Top Ten Reasons To Still Read *The Daily*

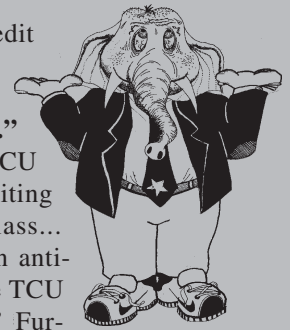
10. Witty, informative filler
9. Centerfold of woman with a “sqaure unitivity”
8. Funny stuff (comics, Viewpoints, masthead)
7. Five-year-old crosswords
6. Five-year-old reading level
5. To find out date/time of that next Strategic Gaming Society meeting
4. Because you only get to laugh at *The Observer* once a week
3. Sorry... we ran out of reasons.

PS An Alaska woman is being charged with fraud after faking a pregnancy to receive over \$500 dollars worth of gifts from her co-workers. The woman apologized and promised that if the charges were dropped, she would get knocked up as soon as possible.

PS According to a new law, Maine residents who don’t pay child support may have luxury items confiscated by the state government. One deadbeat dad said, “Now that they took my TV and my truck, I got nothing better to do than beat my kids every other weekend.”

PS An Arkansas woman is suing a surgeon who left a piece of gauze in her fallopian tubes after an operation. Upon learning the location of the gauze, the doctor said, “Phew! Now all I have to do is find out where I left that gosh-darned scalpel.”

☞ Friends don’t let friends copy edit drunk: **Math lovin’ Dailyite** Kelly Wisnewski wonders what happened on campus in 1915, “**94 years ago.**” Is it 2009 *already*? Guess the TCU Treasury isn’t the only group recruiting from this semester’s **Math 4** class... Sophomore **Cyril Thomas** pens an anti-Senate *Viewpoint* alleging that “the TCU Senate does more harm than good.” Further *Daily* dribble from Mr. Thomas will include “The Sky is Blue,” “The *Daily* Spels [*sic*] Things Wrong,” and “**Rosie O’Donnell is Fat.**”... Jeremy Wang-Iverson hits the nail right on the head in a *Viewpoint* spoofing freshmen candidate ads, but there is no joy in Sourceville since that **Marxist kid** got elected... Bumbling *Daily* editors accidentally print **last year’s masthead** last week, making “**unitivity**” look like journalistic genius... Next week: **Leonard Carmichael** and **John H. Schmuck** come back from the dead to write some **boook** reviews for *The Observer*.



☞ Another plaque in the Hall of Shame: a *Daily* ad declares “*Outbreath* is **not** accepting submissions.” Apparently the *Daily* wants first crack at all of Tufts’ **mediocre writers**... Bubs get a Bronx cheer: Tufts’ **Beelzebubs** sang on a New York City radio station, trailing only the **encephalitis virus** as the most annoying thing to invade the Big Apple this month... Bubs sophomore **Alex Rapaport** told the *Daily*, “The best part of **traveling** is reaching audiences that don’t usually hear our music.” That’s fortunate, because we know that their **mom**s are tired of listening to “**Signed, Sealed, Delivered.**”

☞ Nerdy by Nature: TCU President Larry Darnell Harris II led the Fall Fest crowd in chants of “**F—k it up, Larry,**” which, of course, was the seventh **Point of Light**, before launching into a minute-long freestyle which brought dignity and taste back to student government... The embezzler-in-chief also told the *Daily* that certain students whine about funding the Source via **Student Activities fees**. We’re awful sorry our mag forces some people to **spit out their cud** when they can’t figure out the meaning of [*sic*]... To make room for the new music center, **Zeta Psi’s house** will soon be demolished. Nature fans breathe a sigh of relief—the fraternity gets a new house and the **Elephant Walk** lives on.

☞ Where’s your God now? In her editorial, *Daily* Editor-in-Chief **Lauren Heist** laments her lack of faith. Fear not: THE SOURCE welcomes all non-believers, forgives all sins, and sells **indulgences on points**. Come to the Zamparelli Room, Tuesdays at 9:00.

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

*Once stalwart protectors of individual rights,
the ACLU takes a wrong turn.*

Down Liberty Road

by Jonathan Perle

Every year, the PRIMARY SOURCE talks about the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) at one point or another. This past summer, the ACLU managed to prove that the organization is dominated by a fiercely liberal leadership which is more interested in promoting liberal ideology than in protecting the rights of individual citizens.

Often, the ACLU's goals are noble and laudable. They have defended free speech time and time again. In past years, the ACLU made its name defending those who thought differently from the majority and fought on behalf of men and women who were being suppressed by the masses. The glorious past of the ACLU as a defender of individual rights and free speech has, however, come to an end.

The ACLU is now a partisan organization that is controlled almost exclusively by men and women with liberal ideology. Their desire to project their ideology onto the population of the United States has shattered their presence as an impartial defender of individual rights.

On August 2 of this year, the State Supreme Court of California ruled in the case *Aguilar v. Avis Rent A Car System*, and awarded \$135,000 to Latino workers at Avis who said that their supervisor, John Lawrence, repeatedly used racial epithets to insult them. Well and good, but the Court went further in its ruling and placed prior restraint on language that can be used in the workplace. This means that certain speech may be banned, even if it is not offensive to the people present.

One might expect the ACLU to naturally oppose any ruling which limits free speech; especially a ruling such as this which attempts to preempt offensive speech. But no, the California branch of the ACLU filed an *amicus* brief supporting the decision of

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the Court. And, to quote Washington Post columnist Nat Hentoff, the ACLU made a "classic use of Orwellian newspeak." "The narrow injunction barring racial epithets issued in this case enforces anti-discrimination laws without infringing free speech."

The ACLU has inexcusably deviated from its avowed purpose of defending individual rights and individual ideals. They have made a judgement call as to what kinds of speech are acceptable and what kinds of speech are not. In years past, the ACLU has defended people regardless of content. With the California branch's decision to file an *amicus* brief (with the support of the national office) the ACLU has basically stated that it cannot be relied upon to defend people who have been persecuted because of their thoughts.

The ACLU's hypocrisy does not arrest itself at just freedom of speech. Further demonstrating the liberal powers that control the America Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU is against school vouchers. In July of this year, the president of the ACLU, Nadine Strossen managed to show that neither she nor the ACLU have any interest in making education better for students. Rather than

supporting the voucher program, which one might think the ACLU would support given its past record on fighting for individual rights and choice, it has instead decided to fight against school vouchers. With a record of being on the side of choice in almost all issues, one cannot help but come to the conclusion that the

current ACLU is more interested in promoting liberal ideology rather than helping disadvantaged students get help.

In her article, Strossen makes a number of assertions which she does not back up with numbers, and which are based wholly on a liberal ideology that the government knows best. Says President Strossen "they [vouchers] have done precisely the opposite, draining public schools of much-needed funds. The millions of taxpayer dollars spent to send a relatively few public-school students to private—and disproportionately parochial—schools instead could have helped lower the class size for all public-school students, which experts endorse as the most effective strategy for increasing student achievement, especially for poor and minority students." The above statement is a carbon copy of liberal ideology on the subject of school vouchers. It contains no facts, and if she truly believes that class size is the most effective strategy for increasing achievement, she should definitely be in favor of school vouchers. Walk into a public school and look at the class sizes. Then, take a look at the class sizes in private schools. The one which has the smaller class sizes will be easily apparent.

The modern day American Civil Liberties Union has lost its purpose. It no longer offers unconditional refuge to those without the means to protect their rights. Now, the ACLU's aide comes sometimes, although not always, with a clause that dictates 'must be in line with liberal ideology.' In the past, the ACLU fought for choice and free speech. Today, they merely reflect liberal ideological interests. □



TUFTS REQUEST LIVE TRL



Hi! I'm Carson Daly. I've come from MTV's popular Times Square studios to Medford, Massachusetts to bring you Tufts Request Live. This week, we're scrapping our boring recipe of screaming, pimply girls, pedophile boy-bands, and overpaid one-hit wonders for life on this quaint New England campus. On today's show, I'll be interviewing Christina Aguilera about her stint on the Mickey Mouse Club and I'll show you the hickeys I gave her, and we'll see some videos picked by Tufts students. But first, let's meet Professor Bastard, one of Tufts' finest, to get to know this university like I know the inside of Britney Spears' blouse. What do you teach, Professor Bastard?



Yo yo Carson. ODB in da house. My teaching days are over, but back in the day I kicked it English 1 style. My class was da bomb. I was teaching y'all kids how to be lil' thugs, yo. Man, me and those AEPi guys had some wack times back in the day. Straight up, I'm on parole now...
...OH SNAP!!! Is that TUPD?
Gotta jet, C-dawg.

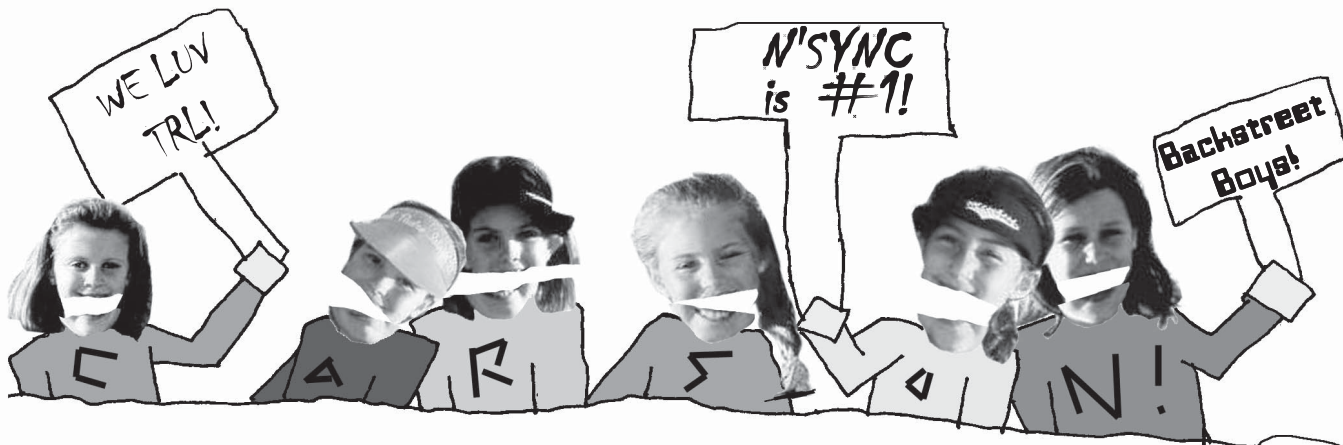


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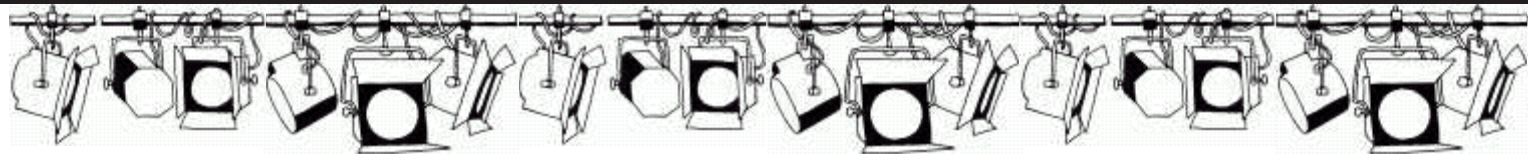
Wow, am I on TV? Umm...yeah, much love to my homepersons in Metcalf. Downhill is in the house! Props to Jimbo, Big Daddy Nearz, and The Gatekeeper. Oh, while I'm here, I'm a senior majoring in Womyn's Studies and looking for a job. So if anyone out there knows some one hiring—

--Thanks kid. Let's get to the videos!

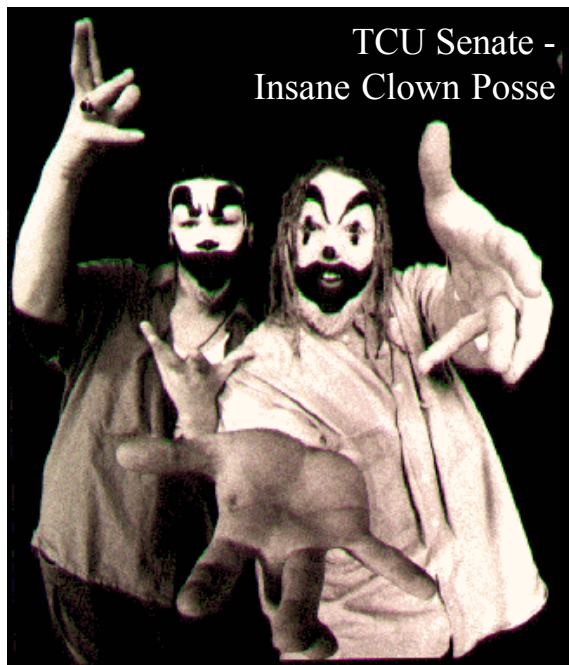




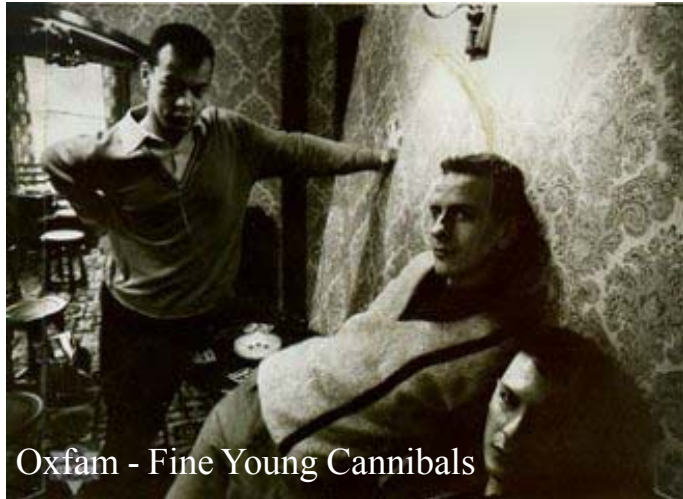
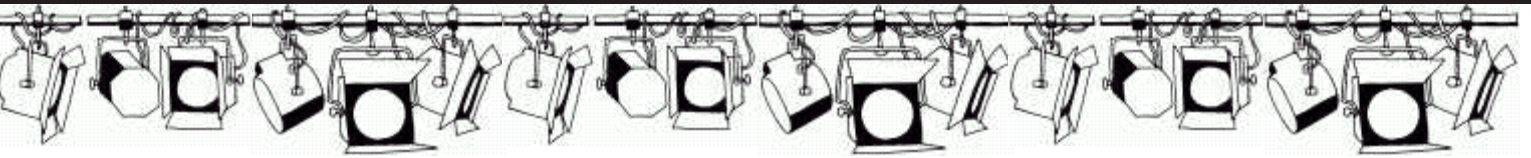
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Wouldn't it be like, totally rad if Tufts University student organizations got to pick bands for Fall-Fest? Dude, that would be like, way cooler than shacking up with Jennifer Love Hewitt-- not that you losers at the 29th-best school would know! Anyway, here's the *TRL* new-and-improved Fall-Fest lineup!



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Deaf Leopard [sic]



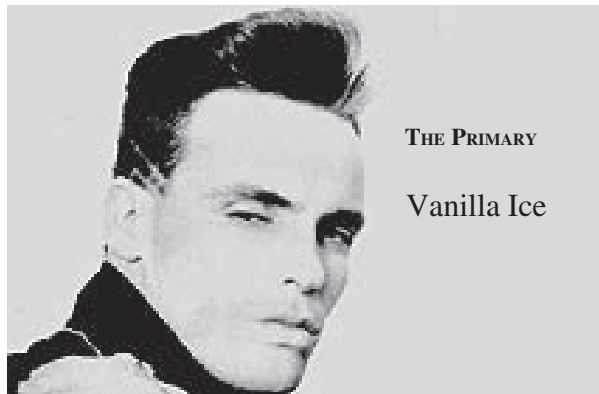
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P R E S E N T S



Larry Harris Freestyle

Guess who's back in this senate-funded house
 With a phatty roll of scrilla hangin' from his royal mouth.
 Treasurer recognize! Senators too
 'Cuz when Larry Darnell pulls this budget voodoo
 TCU's in doo-doo.
 The surplus we blow
 On forties, herb and bitches in our mountain condo.

So being the flossin' budget spender that I am,
 I'm lacing Monty Python with a giant can of Spam.
 One for the honeys, two for the bitches,
 three to hook TEMS ambulances up with switches.
 Dropping heavy—
 Like our ranking in the press
 My phat-ass senate beats got you bouncing like Tufts checks.

Silly of me to rap about the Points of Light
 when the senate's losing hella surplus dollars every night.
 Now as I kick dope flava in my J. Crew sweater,
 dissing a capella scrubs, holla black is better.
 Say Larry, dawg, why you so fly?
 I never heard these rhythms from that friggin' Schnirman guy.



So if you see me pullin' rapping rabbits from my hat,
 Don't ask me, "Larry, where the surplus at?"
 You playa haters can't deny the simple fact
 The money disappeared in Lyrical Larry's magic act.

*In their coverage of the recent TCU Judiciary hearing,
the Daily resorts to tabloid sensationalism.*

Media Circus

by Craig Waldman

As a member of the media community myself, I hesitate to criticize other press groups. But in this case, the *Tufts Daily* is particularly deserving of derision. The *Daily* tried to cover the TCU Judiciary hearing on Jack Schnirman's proposed cabinet amendment. Ralan Hill, who filed the appeal, believed that by not allowing students from abroad to vote, the Elections Board had violated the TCU Constitution. The issue was simple—that is, until the *Daily* tried to stick its head into politics.

The hearing started off on the wrong foot when crack *Daily* reporters Benjamin Gedan and David Ball refused to leave the room in order for the Judiciary to organize itself. Gedan argued that the meeting hadn't officially been closed, which was a violation of the Constitution. *Very cute, Benny*, but the meeting hadn't yet been opened either. Gedan and Ball did agree to leave after being told that their presence in the room while the J handed out papers was simply an annoyance; when they realized that everyone had already left and that no one cared about their charade, they simply conceded a defeat.

After the hearing, the two spent an inordinate amount of time interviewing members of the Judiciary and both parties to the hearing. They then co-authored a piece for the next day's *Daily* that gave little more than a few facts about the hearing. On Yom Kippur eve, I spent the better

part of my time on the phone with Ball in anticipation of the upcoming full *Daily* coverage. It was clear to me that he did not understand the issues involved. When the *Daily* came out, my fear was confirmed. Ball wrote an article that touched only on

trivial issues—those that Ball thought to be inflammatory. It was clear that the *Daily* (Ball in particular) was trying to make the issue into some type of larger scandal. True to form, the *Daily* failed miserably at this task.

More offensive than any of those silly stories, however, was the *Viewpoint* penned by *Daily* Editor-in-Chief, Lauren Heist. Being as charitable as possible, this *Viewpoint* was nothing short of the most uninformed, poorly-written piece the *Daily* has turned out in recent memory. Lauren Heist failed to contact any of the parties involved, nor did she confirm any of the so-called facts to which she referred. Simply put, the entire piece merited a large-scale retraction.

In her *Viewpoint*, Miss Heist accused me of being biased against the Senate. This is a ludicrous claim, considering that I was the only member of the Judiciary who voted against the appeal—consistent with the Senate's posi-

tion. How could the author assert an idea so blatantly inconsistent with the facts? I challenged Miss Heist to present some evidence of my purported bias. She could produce none. I called Miss Heist and asked her what if any bias she believed I had. She couldn't even provide a reason as to why I might be biased in the first place. She then freely admitted to the SOURCE that she had no idea what kind of bias I or anyone else on the Judiciary might have had. Heist, by her own admissions, proves that her claim was baseless and unwarranted.

In her *Viewpoint*, Ms. Heist also referred to a vote that she believed the J conducted at the beginning of the meeting: "...the TCUIJ purposely voted at the beginning of the meeting only to allow information into the record that was presented by the plaintiffs and defendants." A reasonable decision, most would say. But the fact remains that no such vote ever occurred. Days in advance, the co-chairs of the Judiciary decided that only the parties to the hearing could be permitted to present information. It is one thing to perpetuate unfounded accusations, but another thing entirely to fabricate information for one's own purposes. Miss Heist told the SOURCE that the writer assigned to the story told her of this vote. Evidently, she didn't feel the need to confirm her information with anyone from the Judiciary itself.

Miss Heist took issue, furthermore, with the fact that the co-chairs of the Judiciary decided only to allow information from the parties involved to be presented at the hearing. No court in a free country is responsible for the provision of its own evidence. The proposition is absurd. Speaking about the decision to only consider facts presented to the J by the two parties, however, Miss Heist had this to say: "Well, according to TCUIJ chair

Craig Waldman, that's how all judicial bodies function. Not any judicial bodies I've ever heard of, because, as far as I know, judges don't consciously ignore the

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facts...” Miss Heist claims that judges not only do their own research for a case, but they also present their own evidence. Following this faulty logic, if a lawyer were to get up in front of the Supreme Court of the United States, he could ask Chief Justice Renquist to supply any information that he might be missing. And if the Chief Justice or any associate member of the Court was not satisfied with the cases presented, they would feel free to go and investigate the matter themselves. For the sake of the country, let us all hope that Miss Heist is not pre-law.

Although Miss Heist does not believe it, judges are required *by law* to overlook facts much of the time. A judge cannot tell either side in a case how to present their version of the facts; and when all the facts are presented, a judge can only rule on those that are directly in front of him. Furthermore, there are times when incriminating evidence is found by means of an illegal search. Unfortunate though it may be, the judge must overlook this information. Despite Miss Heist’s newly-proposed legal system, judges can only evaluate the information presented to them by the parties to the hearing. This is the only way to prevent information presented by third parties with *ulterior* motives.

As a rule, the *Tufts Daily* runs editorials on very few occasions during the semester—in total, less than three times per academic year. On these occasions, the subject matter is deemed so deserving of coverage that only an editorial by the *Daily* staff will suffice to clarify the matter for the student body (as in the case of the annual TCU presidential election). If Miss Heist thought that the TCUJ hearing warranted such coverage, it was her responsibility as an editor to run an official *Daily* editorial. Instead, she chose to deliberately misguide her readership by publishing her views in a section of the paper not intended for an editor’s opinion.

Finally, displeased by the lackluster coverage that this saga received, I wrote a letter to the *Daily*. It was run the following day. To show as clearly as possible their bias in the matter, however, the *Daily* inserted a [*sic*] in my letter after a misspelled word. Regardless of whether I actually made the typo in question, the *Daily*, as a theoretically objective news source should never run a [*sic*]. I asked Miss Heist to indicate the last time the *Daily* ran a [*sic*].

She didn’t answer the question, but immediately apologized for the inappropriateness of such an inclusion. She told me that she was not responsible for the layout on that page and that if she was, there would be no way she would have run the [*sic*]. The apology came too late; in the future, Miss Heist must attempt to stop her staff from revealing their bias in such an obvious way.

The *Daily*’s coverage of this event was abominable, and inexcuseably one-sided. If the *Daily* wishes to be newsmakers themselves as well as reporters, then the campus has a new *Daily Enquirer* to look forward to. Let’s hope their editors decide to stick with ethical journalism, and not tabloid sensationalism. □

***Two socialist factions descend on Tufts University.
Will competition ensue?***

Red Square-off

by Sam Dangremond

No sooner had students arrived on campus than the socialists were out in full force, recruiting future leaders of the revolution and whining about police persecution at the hands of the capitalist university. Fighting racism and fascism is a noble cause, but unfortunately these Jumbo socialists use this ideal to disguise a more subtle and insidious goal. Cloaked behind this guise of goodwill, two organizations devoted to a political agenda of particular infamy congregated here at our humble institution of freedom. Last week the Sparticus Youth League and the Com-

mittee for a Workers’ International (CWI) met in the Large Conference Room of the Campus Center.

Before the socialists came to Tufts to proclaim their message of overthrowing capitalism and creating a new democracy, they ran into some problems—namely, university policy. The Sparticus Youth League and the Committee for a Workers’ International are outside organizations, not student-run clubs. They were invited to Tufts through several degrees of separation from a Tufts student. Thus university policy prohibits these organizations from setting up a table and distributing their printed propaganda at the annual

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student activities fair. When they attempted to do so, cries of "free speech!" were heard as the TUPD swiftly removed them from the premises.

The two socialist organizations were able to hold their meeting due to a one-month temporary recognition from the TCU Judiciary. Students gradually drifted in, and by the time the meeting began a crowd of about 20 Tufts students had gathered, but they were mostly freshmen. The CWI were es-

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The main speaker of the evening was Peter Lahti, a long time member of CWI in Sweden. His speech began with CWI's noble goal of ending racism and fascism and ended in little more than a diatribe against the evils of capitalism. In this post-Cold-War era, socialists know that it doesn't always pay to overtly label themselves as such. Instead, they work for politically correct causes without advertising their beliefs. These causes range from the worthy to the worthless; CWI has been involved in everything from stopping a poll tax in England to lobbying against the petroleum engine. In those cases in which CWI has been politically active, they admit that they do not lobby as a socialist organization. Thus, by advocating their policies without making their beliefs known, CWI essentially tricks people into supporting a group whose ideas they may or may not agree with.

Socialists do this for a reason. They know that socialism has utterly failed every time it has been tried. However, they counter this argument by maintaining that true socialism has never actually existed. Modern advocates of socialism insist that the USSR (the most well known example of socialism) was not actually socialism but "Stalinism". The CWI and other modern socialists claim to be followers of the Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky.

Trotsky was a one of the key figures in the 1917 Russian Revolution against the Czars. A contemporary of Lenin, Trotsky disagreed with him about the methods they should use to achieve their goals. Lenin favored a violent uprising, saying the ends justified the means, while Trotsky believed in a peaceful democratic revolution.

Due to his peaceful beliefs, modern socialists often compare Trotsky to such non-violent revolutionaries as Jesus and Gandhi. However,

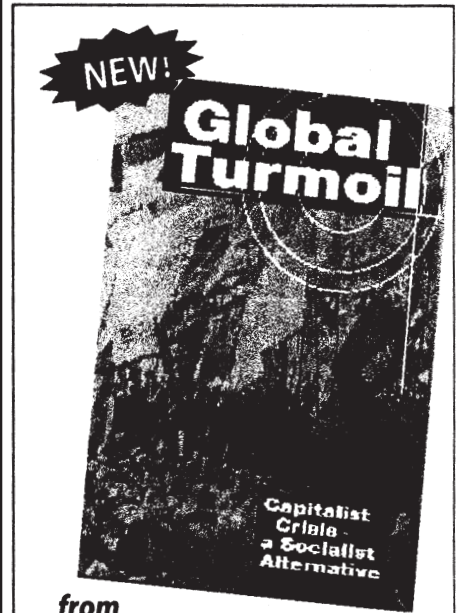
Trotsky's peaceful beliefs didn't prevent him from being appointed Commissar for War by Lenin. In this post he founded and organized the Red Army, Russia's version of the secret police. This band of ruthless killers was charged with eliminating counter-revolutionaries.

Once the lessons in political subterfuge and revisionist history were over, the CWI expounded on the evils of capitalism in the modern world. Their rationalization as to why capitalism was the cause of all evil in the world went something like this: class conflict is the root of war, unemployment creates class conflict, and since capitalism creates unemployment, capitalism is to blame for war. Makes perfect sense, doesn't it? Without regard to specific circumstances, several examples were cited, such as Nigeria, East Timor, the Balkans, and Pakistan. However, the socialists lack of factual understanding of these conflicts was shown by freshman Isaac Brody. Brody refuted their "official" interpretation of the problems in Pakistan, having lived there for two years himself.

The CWI speech ended on a delightfully upbeat note as the audience was warned that the American economy could not sustain itself for long. Not to worry, however, because when the economic crash came, the time would be ripe for the socialist uprising in America. The CWI's cosponsoring organization, the Sparticus Youth League, was then given a chance to air its views. The Spartacists had violently interrupted the CWI's speech

earlier, but had conceded to wait their turn. The CWI and the Sparticus Youth League do not get along, and in fact the Sparticus Youth League strongly opposes the views of CWI. Much to the shock of the audience, the Sparticus Youth League representative became engaged in a heated argument with members of the CWI over several irreverent historical facts. Despite Marx's call of "workers unite!" it appears that they can't even share the floor at an organizational meeting. The Sparticus Youth League, apparently the aggressive lunatic fringe of the socialist movement, was then ignored as the meeting was called to a close.

As the attendees left the meeting, each group began hawking its particular publication. The CWI was selling "Justice" for a dollar, while the Sparticus Youth League sold "Workers [sic] Vanguard" for fifty cents. Most audience members, being savvy consumers, opted for the cheaper "Workers Vanguard." Thus it appears that even in socialist circles capitalism wins out in the end. □



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Land of the Free, Home of the Ignorant

by Dan Lewis

Forty-seven freshmen selected at random were asked to name their current Senators in a survey conducted by the SOURCE. Seventeen of them could do so. Can you believe that less than half of the freshman class can name their current U.S. Senators?

When students matriculate at Tufts, the university assumes that these new undergraduates are fluent in United States government. Quoth the Arts and Sciences mission statement: "Our goal is to generate, disseminate, and advance knowledge within the ever-changing *international*, multicultural, and technological context of today's world" (emphasis added).

Huh?

What about the United States?

The vast majority of Tufts students are United States citizens. Nearly all of us are eighteen or older. We have the right and the power to vote. With that power comes responsibility, and we are failing to educate ourselves properly to meet that burden. Instead, we are shrugging off our lack of Western knowledge, often failing to recognize this pit of ignorance. We are allowing the formation of opinions with a lack of indispensable understanding.

One respondent to the SOURCE survey claimed that "Anne Hecht" (who?) was a Senator from Maryland. Another claimed "Smith & Weston" (Wesson would be the gun manufacturer) represented South Dakota. Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci and former California Governor Pete Wilson also are apparently working in Washington.

The other questions given in the survey radiate ignorance as well. When asked to name the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, students replied with Clarence Thomas (twice), Louis Brandeis, "Riley," Earl

Warren, John Marshall, "Boon," Sandra Day O'Connor, "some very powerful person," "the really old guy," Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and of course His Honor, Mark McGwire. Of the forty-eight students questioned, only fifteen knew that William H. Rehnquist is the Chief Justice, and twenty people did not even bother to venture a guess.

Sixteen of forty-eight freshmen could not successfully name three rights protected by the Bill of Rights. Some new Jumbos think that "liberty" and "equality" are also included in the Top Ten.

As for a current issue, term limits, the survey asked, "How many times may a Senator be re-elected?" One-third of those polled think Senators may only be elected a finite amount of times by law, while showing blatant benightedness to political questions of the present day.

Thankfully, these students are now at a university, one dedicated to "disseminate knowledge." The solution to the problem of ignorance of Americana is simple: A U.S. Government requirement is necessary at Tufts. This is especially important at a college with requirements up the wazoo. It is troublesome to think that the university holds required classes in such high regard while giving no lip service to this nation.

Look at the foreign language requirement, specifically the culture option. According to the Bulletin of Tufts University, "a foreign culture is defined as having non-English speaking origins" and "Anglo-American, British, Anglo-Irish and Anglo-Australian culture [*sic*] do not qualify." The fact that there are twenty-seven amendments to the Constitution (as opposed to "179" or "460" as two of our survey-takers thought) is of minimal importance. Tufts would rather let its students take a stance of Constitutional ignorance and have them instead take Music

64 (Gospel Choir) as part of their African and African-American Culture requirement.

Of course, Gospel Choir is not the only course offered for the culture option. Other classes include Classics 135 (Social Life in Greece and Rome), Spanish 73 (Contemporary Latin American Fiction), History 135 (Gender and Sexuality in Japanese History), or German 75 (The Grimm's Fairy Tale: Ideology and Politics). This assortment of classes simply does not give us neither the ability nor knowledge needed to be strong future leaders.

The same applies for the World Civilizations requirement. This one credit mandate obligates students to take a class that, from the Bulletin, "stud[ies] in depth a non-Western civilization or civilization". Again the gauntlet of classes is comical. One featured class, "Japanese Visual Culture" (Japanese 113) "examin[es] the roots of *magna* (comic books) and *anime* (animation)" and begins each class to date by singing the *Pokemon* theme song.

Also available for this requirement are Sociology 188 (Women in Migration), Dance 70 (Body, Movement, and Power on the World Stage), and World Civilizations 17 (Love and Sexuality in World Literature). Students waste away in classes that do nothing more than induce amnesia. They are not afforded the option to take Introduction to American Politics (Political Science 11). It is the U.S. Government class that would enable them to meet the mission of Tufts: "to grow as . . . critically involved members of society."

Simply stated, the University is not meeting its mission statement, and an American Government requirement is as necessary as any to reach goals. No one would believe that it is less important than Drama 45, "Third-World Film" or any other of the illustrious blow off classes students can choose from.

With imbecilic classes wasting time of students who require American historical knowledge to be successful, it is staggering that this university does not emphasize the West. Every new class of graduates may enter the rest of their lives without essential knowledge. A U.S. Government requirement would shed much needed light on the naivete at Tufts. □

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UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP QUIZ

During Orientation and the first few weeks of the semester, the SOURCE asked just over 100 members of the class of 2003 to answer some questions from the United States Citizenship Exam. The freshmen, fearing embarrassment, tried their best to prove their worth to the right-thinking upperclassmen. They failed miserably. Below are the questions, answers, and results, with the *crème de la crap* catalogued for your viewing enjoyment.

How many times can a U.S. Senator be re-elected?
Correct answer: An unlimited number of times
Percent correct: 66.7%

Percent correct: 78.7%
You can't *handle* the truth: Military, Government, Law

How many Representatives are there in Congress?
Correct answer: 435
Percent correct: 14.8%
Wrong!: 51; 104; 212; 256; 324; "500-something;" "a lot."
Also accepted: "Too many."

What is the primary duty of the Supreme Court?
Correct answer: To rule on the Constitutionality of laws
Percent correct: 42.6%
In contempt: "To make final decisions;" "Decide stuff."

Who elects the President of the United States?
Correct answer: The Electoral College
Percent correct: 62.9%
Yeah, right: "The people."

Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
Correct answer: William Rehnquist
Percent correct: 31.3%
Oh, *that* Chief Justice: "The really old guy;" "Riley;" "Earl Warren;" "Clarence Thomas;" "Louis Brandeis;" "Mark McGwire;" "John Marshall;" "Boon;" "Sandra Day O'Connor;" "Some very powerful person;" "Ruth Bader Ginsberg;" "Warren Christopher."

Who becomes President if the current President and Vice President were to die in office?
Correct answer: Speaker of the House
Percent correct: 53.7%
Runners-up: "Chief of State," First Lady

Name the two Senators from *your* state.
Correct answer: varies. Massachusettes: Edward Kennedy and John Kerry
Percent correct: 36.2%
Couldn't even spell "Wesson" right: Peter King (NY); "Smith and Weston" (SD).

Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the United States military?
Correct answer: The President
Percent correct: 89.1%
He *played* the President, I think: "Gene Hackman."

What makes up the Bill of Rights?
Correct answer: First 10 Amendments (to the Constitution)
Percent correct: 62.5%
You have the right to remain silent: "Laws;" "The first 12 Amendments."

Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death?"
Correct answer: Patrick Henry
Percent correct: 56.4%
Wrong dead guy: Ben Franklin; Abe Lincoln; John F. Kennedy

Name three rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.
Correct answer: Varies
Percent correct: 66.7%
Justification for tank tops?: "Life, Liberty, Pursuit of happiness;" "Right to 'bare arms.'"

Which countries were the United States' enemies during World War II?
Correct answer: Germany, Italy, Japan
Percent correct: 30.9%
Friendly fire: Poland; China; Russia; Bulgaria

How many amendments are there in the Constitution?
Correct answer: Twenty-seven
Percent correct: 20.8%
Please, *please* don't be pre-law: Anywhere from twelve to four hundred and sixty.

Why did the Pilgrims come to America?
Correct answer: Religious Freedom
Percent correct: 80.0%
Survey says? *BZZZZZZZZZZZZT*: "To have Thanksgiving dinner;" "Money."

Name the thirteen original states.
Correct answer: CT, DE, MA, NY, NJ, VA, SC, NC, GA, MD, NH, PA, RI
Percent correct: 20.8%
FLORIDA?: VT, ME, TN, KY, LA, FL, WV

What are the branches of government called?
Correct answer: Judicial, Legislative, Executive

*Intolerance in your dorm room?
You may have Res Life to blame.*

A Hard Day's Night

by Alyssa Heumann

In the fall of 1969, Tufts University embarked upon a radical new experiment in residential life—it unveiled its first coeducational dormitory. First piloted at Oberlin College, the idea of males and females living in the same building raised quite a stir on the Medford/Somerville campus. Years later, however, coed dormitories have become the rule rather than the exception. To the surprise of critics, coeducational housing has served to benefit the campus community, as opposed to turning dormitories into dens of iniquity and filth. Students have proven that living together is a responsibility that they are more than ready to assume as young adults.

Now, in fall 1999, another change is warranted in the evolution of campus residence. The time has come to institute the option of coed housing—the occupation of rooms and suites by people of different genders. There are many reasons for implementation of such a policy, from existing inequities in campus housing guidelines to increasing instances of roommate discord.

Taking the time to consider the current housing policy, one finds that it is replete with inconsistency and uneven privilege. The most egregious of these errors occurs in the policy for co-ops, which are usually occupied by juniors and seniors. In Hill-sides, for example, students seeking one of the six-person co-ops must all be of the same gender. Though they are

not technically sharing a room—only a common space—males and females are not permitted to apply together. There is a catch, however. Culture houses and theme housing units (many of which are located in Hill-sides) are allowed to have coed suites. Clearly, Residential Life believes that male and female students are capable of sharing

a suite in Hill-sides—why is that privilege extended only to theme houses? Finding on-campus housing becomes increasingly difficult for upperclassmen, and opening co-ops to mixed-gender groups will facilitate the forma-

tion and occupation of co-ops.

Aside from suites, singles and co-ops, students in campus housing reside in double-occupancy rooms. Until the present time, doubles have been occupied only by members of the same gender. However, this practice creates a double standard and ignores a substantial segment of the Tufts population. It also inconveniences a number of roommates, and puts them in the position of having to defend their rights as a student.

The logic behind single-sex doubles is simple—it would be improper to create a situation in which there is undue sexual tension or attraction between roommates. However, by allowing doubles to be occupied only by same sex pairs, Tufts creates such a situation for many students. Heterosexual females might be uncomfortable having a male roommate, but homosexual and bisexual males are forced into just such an arrangement without a second thought. Not only can a same-sex room make such a student uncomfortable, it also puts him in the position of having a roommate who may not be tolerant of his sexual preference. Though Jumbos are, for the most part, widely accepting of all sexual orientations, certain issues may arise when two people share such intimate space. It is unfair to force students into situations in which they are not comfortable, or feel threatened in their own living quarters.

Living together sophomore year is already a reality for same-sex couples, who are free to cohabit under the current Residential Life procedures. To this end, one can see the lack of consideration which goes into many Residential Life practices—policies are inconsistent and ignore anyone who is not heterosexual and most comfortable with those of their same gender. At a university where the LGBT community is estimated to be ten percent of the total populace, this does a large number of students a great disservice. The reconsideration of Residential Life policies is long overdue, and such policies should be de-

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continued on page 22.*



When roommates fail to see eye to eye, things can get ugly.

*Miss Heumann is a junior majoring in
Psychology and Child Development.*

Parents beware: some Jumbos would allow your kids to start packing up and shacking up in university housing.

Kids in the Hall

by Joshua Martino

Waving the banner of liberty, each year several students suggest that the university permit coed housing, claiming that each student has the right to determine his living situation. These pompous "freedom fighters" suggest that Tufts disrupt the system of residential life that exists on nearly every other campus in the United States. Simply stated, Tufts is not ready for such a great leap in gender relations. Male Jumbos have been asked to sign pledges to not rape. During orientation, Tufts freshmen are required to sit through reenactments of sexual assaults to warn them of the dan-

gers of date rape. Does this demonstrate an on-campus climate in which women and men can be allowed to live together?

Absolutely not—in fact, Tufts probably lags behind other universities in male-female relations because the administration allows organizations that promote gender inequality to poster the campus with sexist propaganda. The Tufts Feminist Alliance, much maligned in these pages, reaffirms this assertion in the TFA's fall recruitment poster campaign (see Commentary).

Even if relations between the sexes were not so backward on our campus, there is no way in which coed housing could be successfully implemented. Upperclassmen who wish to select a room for a heterosexual pair would certainly have a limited choice of rooms, since many halls on cam-

pus are zoned for a particular gender. To allow for one or two members of the opposite sex, bathrooms would have to be reassigned. Assuming that the university extends the coed roommate privilege to freshmen, an option for roommate gender preference would have to be added to Residential Life's first-year housing form. Simply put, this would be disastrous. To

list an option as important as the gender of a freshman roommate alongside study habits and smoking preferences is to set a trap for first-year students who do not read the housing forms care-

fully. A future TFA member checks the wrong box on her application and ends up in Tilton 405 with a cornerback on the football team. What an introduction to Tufts!

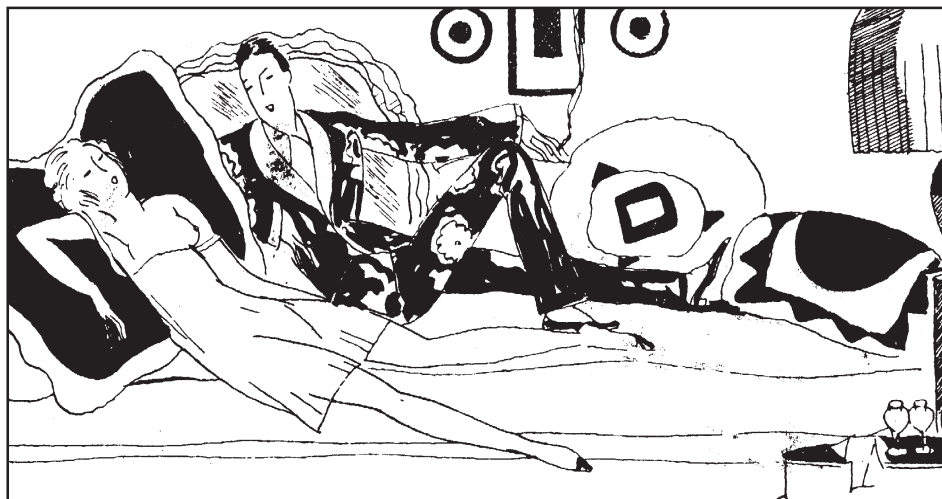
Who benefits from coed housing? Certainly the embittered roommates of sexually active Jumbos (if they do, indeed, exist) would appreciate not being forced to study and sleep in the dorm lounges because their roommate's boyfriend or girlfriend is visiting and there's a sock on the doorknob. And, to be sure, the eager couple would appreciate the chance to knock the proverbial boots in privacy, without fear of a roommate walking in.

Heterosexual couples can take advantage of coed housing, yet what of the Residential Assistants (RAs) who have to play marriage counselor when the couple breaks up? Indeed, same-sex roommates can get into arguments that might force the pair to be split up. Still, to force an RA to settle the break-up of two people who have been intimate with each other is not fair to the mediator. There can be no doubt that there is a monumental difference between living with an ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend and living with a roommate who plays his music too loud or won't let the other watch his favorite TV shows. The housing director's mailbox will surely overflow with transfer requests. Johnny's dumping his roommate, Mary, for Cindy down the hall. Suzy can't room with Chris; he snores and his feet smell. When these "mini-marriages" end in divorce, the lives of the students and their Residential Assistants will be disrupted. Some students are convinced that they will be able to live with their significant other even though they have never

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Does this demonstrate an on-campus climate in which women and men can be allowed to live together?

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"Honey, I have to get up at seven for my chemistry lecture tomorrow... and by the way, I'm pregnant."

Mr. Martino is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

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previous page.**

before lived with a member of the opposite sex. Those who are so sure ought to get a single so that at least they do not "sexile" a roommate. Even better, become an RA and have a single in which one can have sex in private and get paid for it.

Presumably, coed housing would also provide alternative housing for homosexual students. In a resolution presented to the TCU Senate last semester, the TTLGBC suggested that the university allow coed housing so those homosexual students who feared being persecuted for their sexuality could live with a tolerant member of the opposite sex. This is obviously a more serious concern than the sex lives of heterosexual students. Indeed there is homophobia at Tufts; even though we turn out in droves for "We Hate Hate" rallies, we do so only after a gay student is beaten

after an off-campus party. Still, in the face of a genuine crisis in tolerance, the TTLGBC buries its head in the sand. We pretend the ignorant view of homosexuality does not exist by simply throwing gay men in doubles with female roommates. Like race or ethnicity, homosexuality is not a lifestyle choice, but an innate quality that many gays and lesbians wear with pride. If I demanded to be reassigned from my African-American roommate, I would be rightfully scorned and ridiculed by my RA and ResLife; so why would it be acceptable for me to demand a housing transfer if my roommate was gay? Perhaps Tufts should offer separate housing for homophobes, instead of disrupting same-sex housing to suit their intolerance.

Plenty of Tufts students are mature enough to deserve the privilege of living with a roommate of the opposite sex. Unfortunately, rules are not made for those

who do not abuse them. By not allowing coed roommates, the university sacrifices liberty to prevent chaos. Although I can understand the benefits of living with a loved one or even a close friend of the opposite sex, most Jumbos would miss the privacy that single sex living affords. Some mistakenly think that coed residential life would be like MTV's "The Real World," where we find cute tiffs between roomies and perhaps a dicey romance to add spice to the house. Yet in a dorm room at Tufts, what happens when she is going through her period and he wants to sit on the couch with his hand in his pants, watching wrestling? Call me old-fashioned, but I believe that part of the charm of living with other men is that we do not always understand women. Take away the mysteries of feminine life that guys were not meant to understand, and the opposite sex becomes less interesting. □

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signed to include the entire Tufts community.

Intimacy of another sort has caused problems for many Jumbos. The situation is so familiar and rampant on campus that there is even a term to define it. "Sexile" refers to the condition of being ousted from one's own room so that the roommate may satisfy his or her sexual desires (usually with a member of the opposite sex). While virtually every Jumbo is able to recount an isolated situation where he or she was "sexiled," such an arrangement can become chronic for those with inconsiderate roommates. By allowing these "over-enthusiastic" couples to room together, Residential Life would be able to avoid inconveniencing their two roommates.

Many would consider such sanctioned cohabitation to be equivalent to tacit university consent to sexual activity. To this end, one needs to consider the primary goal of a university—the education of its students. If one's living conditions are difficult to inhabit, academic performance will most certainly suffer as a result. The dorm room is where many underclassmen study, compose assignments, and sleep—all activities vital to one's functioning as a student. If allowing couples to live together facilitates the academic success of

more students, then it best serves the university to let them do so. This is a perfect example of an area where a university acts *in loco parentis* to the detriment of its population.

Though living with one's significant other is a large responsibility, it is one many undergraduates are ready to assume. With couples allowed to live together, however, breakups would no doubt be a concern. Many argue that Residential Assistants (RAs) would be unprepared to deal with this new dynamic in their hallways. However, roommate issues are already a familiar domain of all RAs, and no doubt they are already called in to deal with romantic discord on a fairly regular basis. Just as roommates often find that they cannot live together, and must split up, so too do romantic relationships. One of the reasons for roommate breakup is sexile, so allowing couples to live together would actually alleviate some existing roommate problems.

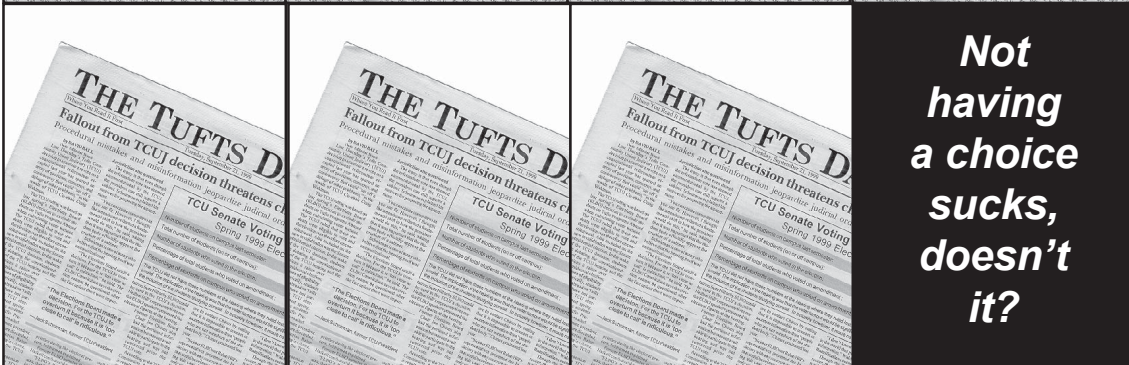
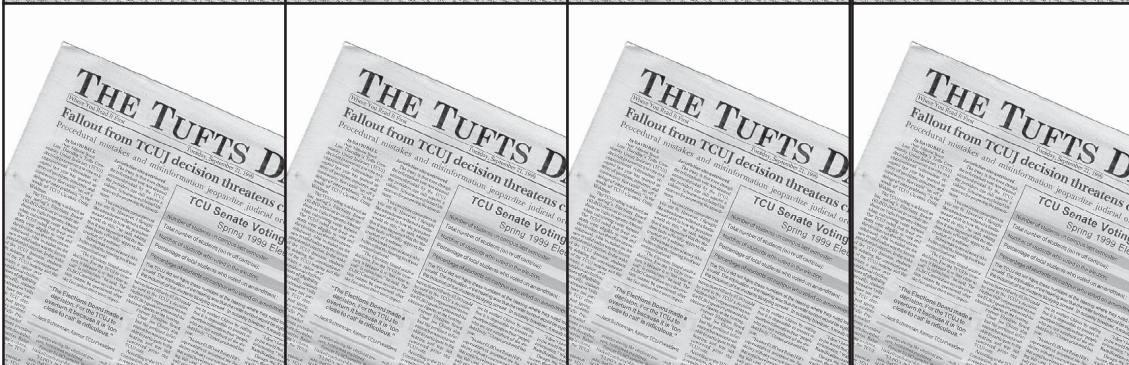
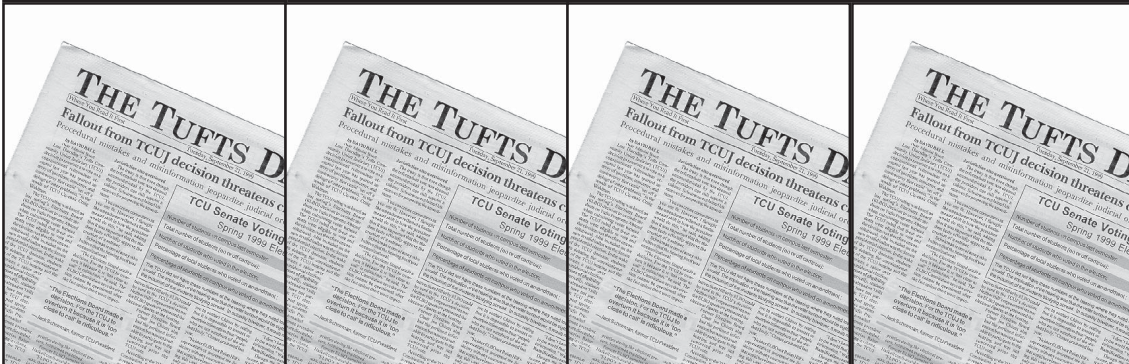
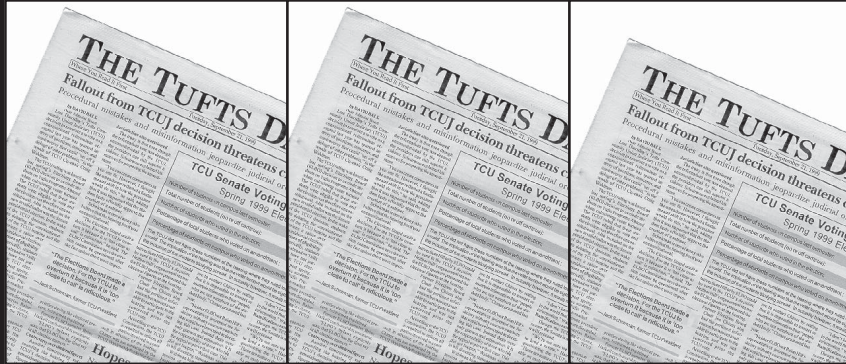
In halls where students live coed by room, such as South and Miller, coed doubles would not require any modification to the existing physical structure. In addition, coed doubles would not require any change in the current residential policies, as such arrangements would only be available in halls which are already occupied by both males and females. Because coed housing would be an option used by

both heterosexual and non-heterosexual pairs, it would not serve as a stigmatizing measure for students questioning their sexuality. A simple check-box on the residential life application would let the office know if a student wished to live in a coed double.

The final concern over a policy of coed housing would be abuse by the student populace. Though there is a key reason for such exploitation to occur (namely immaturity), there are also many reasons for such arrangements to be few and far between. Firstly, living together is a large responsibility. By forcing couples to choose their housing arrangement in the regular spring housing lottery (a full five months before they would actually move in together) only those with the utmost confidence and stability in their long-term relationships would select the coed option. Student decision may also be swayed by the judgement of parents, who may find it neither necessary nor acceptable for Susie and Johnny to share a room during their sophomore year.

In summation, we must consider that this policy be enacted first and foremost to correct a housing policy which abounds with senseless imbalances. To the greatest extent possible, Tufts should make residential life a comfortable and equitable experience for all students—without regard to sexual attitude or orientation. □

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People have no special rights because they belong to one race or another: the word human defines all rights.

—Jose Marti

Most people want security in this world, not liberty.

—H.L. Mencken

What do you suppose will satisfy the soul, except to walk free and own no superior?

—Walt Whitman

The office of the scholar is to cheer, to raise, and to guide men by showing them facts amidst appearances

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Every formula which expresses a law of nature is a hymn of praise to God.

—Maria Mitchell

Trust yourself, then you will know how to live.

—Goethe

To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance.

—Oscar Wilde

I conclude that there is as much sense in nonsense as there is nonsense in sense.

—Anthony Burgess

You can lead a whore to culture but you can't make her think.

—Dorothy Thompson

The orgasm has replaced the Cross as the focus of longing and the image of fulfillment.

—Malcolm Muggeridge, "Down with Sex"

Man did not enter into society to become worse than he was before, nor to have fewer rights than he had before, but to have those rights better secured.

—Thomas Paine

Elvis is in fact a Republican.

—John Kasich

Space... is big. Really big. You just won't believe how vastly hugely mind-bogglingly big it is. I mean. You may think it's a long way down the road to the chemist's, but that's just peanuts to space.

—Douglas Adams

In America it is sport that is the opiate of the masses.

—Russell Baker

When there is a lack of honor in government, the morals of the whole people are poisoned.

—Herbert Hoover

To accept whatever come regardless of the consequences is ... to be full of that love which comes from a sense of at-one-ness with whatever.

—John Cage

If we are strong, our character will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be of no help.

—John F. Kennedy

Nothing is more humiliating than to see idiots succeed in enterprises we have failed in.

—Flaubert

One has to look out for engineers- they begin with sewing machines and end up with the atomic bomb.

—Marcel Pagnol

Humor (is) something that thrives between man's aspirations and his limitations. There is more logic in humor than in anything else. Because, you see, humor is truth.

—Victor Borge

If Lincoln were alive today he'd roll over in his grave.

—Gerald Ford

Beer is not a good cocktail party drink, especially in a home where you don't know where the bathroom is.

—Billy Carter

If I could be the condom queen and get every young person in the United States who is engaged in sex to use a condom, I would wear a crown on my head with a condom on it.

—Joycelyn Elders

You can tell a Harvard man, but you can't tell him much.

—Anonymous

Christianity will go. It will go. It will vanish and shrink. We are more popular than Jesus now. I don't know which will go first- rock and roll or Christianity. Jesus was all right, but his disciples were thick and ordinary.

—John Lennon

When the Japanese say "Yes" to us they often mean "No."

—Bill Clinton

You say you have courage but no capital? Courage is capital. Dare to do what you believe and in the long run that will be a bargain.

—George Bernard Shaw

Diplomacy; the art of saying 'nice doggie' until you can find a rock.

—Wynn Catlin

We can leave our children with an unrepayable massive debt and a shatter economy, or we can leave them liberty in a land where every individual has the opportunity to be whatever God intended us to be.

—Ronald Reagan

If I were in the President's place, I would not get a chance to resign. I would be lying in a pool of my own blood hearing Mrs. Army, standing over me, saying, "How do I reload this damn thing?"

—Dick Army

Twenty dollars can buy lots of peanuts. Explain how. Money can be exchanged for goods and services...Woo-hoo!

—Homer Simpson