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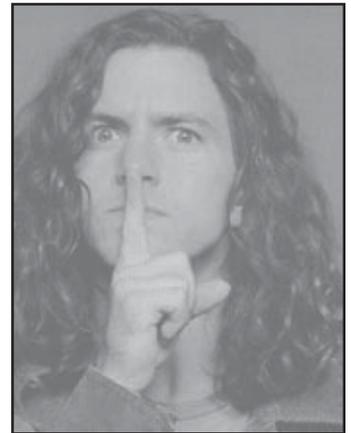
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Kill the Constitution

It's a perennial bad idea. Once again, members of the TCU senate, including President Dave Moon, are attempting to give voting rights to senate culture representatives. The few who closely follow campus politics know that this is a divisive issue that has been suggested before and always subject to endless debate. I have a solution to the controversy: eliminate culture reps.

When they arrive to the next senate meeting, let the four culture reps watch the proceedings as bystanders only.

Dream on. Any readers of this journal know full well that Tufts' pandering to the allegedly disenfranchised will continue. Even though it defies common sense, members of our student government can hold office simply because they checked the correct box on their admissions application. SOURCE readers know that this box was not next to the word "white."

Fear is the reason that culture reps exist—fear that at a senate meeting, those passing the gavel would be a whitewashed lot. What would a thoroughly pale-skinned student government say about our university, diversity fans ask? We wouldn't want our senate to look like the national Senate full of—gasp—white males!

Coolly, reasonably, and putting aside politics, one must ask what culture reps say about the university. Angrily, one comes to the conclusion that the senate believes that minorities cannot win a government seat on their own. Of course, this is a false assumption. Some of the most successful student leaders, including three of the past four senate presidents, have been non-whites elected by virtue of their service in government and leadership ability. In addition, Asians, Latinos, blacks, and openly homosexual students play a significant role in the elected senate and also as leaders of culture organizations and clubs. These folks don't need the senate's help—they're qualified and capable Jumbos, just like the rest. Thus, the existence of culture reps is revealed simply as kowtowing to Diversity.

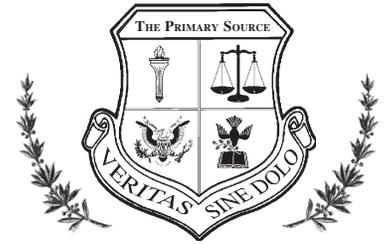
But the leftists have seized the day. The culture rep initiative will be put to vote, along with the new TCU constitu-

tion, later this month. As if the ballot wasn't left-leaning enough, also to be included in the election is an amendment to the constitution that prohibits student groups from discriminating based upon someone's self-acceptance of their identity.

Only at Tufts could such nonsense be taken seriously. Detached from the real world, many college students strive for utopian ideals and end up defending insanity. Such is the case with the proposed amendment on discrimination. The entire TCF debacle did nothing to establish a set of ground rules for discrimination. Instead, this indefinable term "self-acceptance of identity" was invented to appease the whiny TSAD crowd. What determines self-acceptance is unknown; what is obvious is that the amendment punishes thought. If students cannot form clubs based upon opinions and have exclusive ideological requirements for leaders, all clubs are worthless. If some grubby TSADer came to a SOURCE meeting and demanded my position, darn right I'm gonna discriminate.

If you're like the majority of this campus, to you, student government is a joke. Yet, if the new constitution makes it past CSL, the joke's on you. And you won't be laughing when you're dragged to the dean's office, charged with discriminating against someone's beliefs. "What the hell does that mean?" you'll ask when they put the bright lights in your face. Ignorance is not, however, a valid plea before the Diversity tribunal. Your heart pounds, your palms drip, your brow moistens. And the gavel comes down—the sentence: sensitivity training.

To make sure that this never happens to you, vote. And if by some chance, the discrimination amendment passes, raise hell. If you're a woman, show up at a TMAV meeting and ask to be considered for the presidency. If you're a man, join the TFA and organize a group trip to Hooters. I myself already have big plans for being the first Jewish senior leader in TCF.



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Letters

Pearl Jam—artists, not capitalists

Unabashed capitalist Joshua Martino has missed the point in his recent editorial "Soon Forgotten." Mr. Martino blasts Pearl Jam both for asserting their liberal beliefs in its songs and for being a disappointment for not selling enough records.

What Mr. Martino has forgotten is that the five members of Pearl Jam are foremost artists, not entrepreneurs. Like many other artists, Pearl Jam has chosen to display its political and social views through a specific art form, namely music. While Mr. Martino may not agree with the messages, it is difficult to deny that Pearl Jam has been very effective in its art form. Its music is critically acclaimed, and the band has refused to compromise its musicianship in order to sell more records. While success to Martino may be indicated by money made or records sold, Pearl Jam considers themselves a success because of the music they have made.

I have never agreed with Pearl Jam's politics; however, I can still appreciate its music. The band is incredibly innovative in an era when derivative pop bands rule. Pearl Jam is one of the few bands that consistently puts out new records every 15 to 18 months, showing that they are constantly thinking of new directions to push themselves. Pearl Jam has never been deterred by falling record sales because money is not the main intent of its music. Making good art and affecting the listeners are, and the band has accom-

plished both. Pearl Jam takes risks and progresses their music into new directions that few other contemporary artists are brave enough to do.

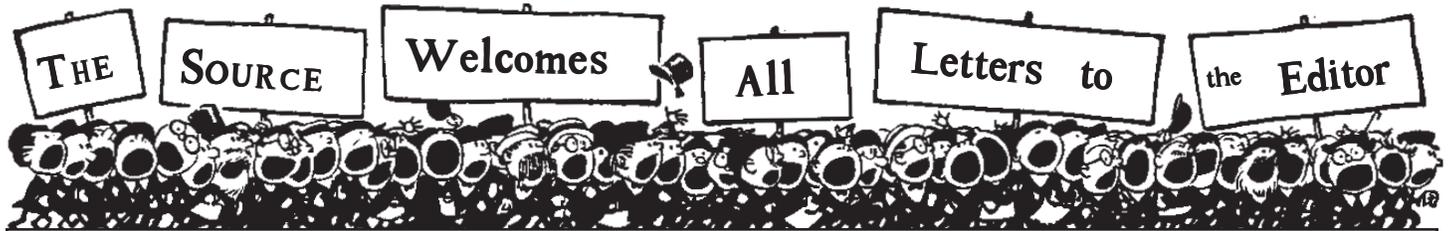
Like Mr. Martino, I disagree with Pearl Jam's politics and laugh whenever I see Eddie Vedder at a Ralph Nader rally or Stone Gossard testifying in front of Congress. However, it being the "Arts Issue" of THE PRIMARY SOURCE, Mr. Martino should have recognized Pearl Jam's worth as artists, not as capitalists. Oh yeah, Mr. Martino failed to say that Pearl Jam recently made history by being the first band to place five debuts on the Billboard Top 200 chart. Not to mention, the band just released another 23 live double-albums on March 27. Not too bad for a bunch of poor selling, anti-capitalist liberals.

—Zach Bromer



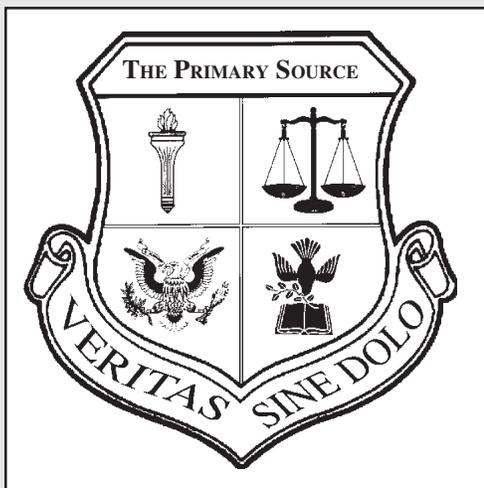
"Shh! I'm, like, trying to be all artistic and stuff."

Artists? Have you heard their new album, Binaural? It is one artistic piece of crap. Oh well—to each his own. And cut me some slack, Zach! Didn't you once write an Observer editor's corner on poop?
—ed



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Commentary

Don't Have a Cow

In an unfortunate move that may stage a dangerous precedent for other companies, Starbucks buckled to extortion by the same environmental extremists who rioted in the coffee retailer's hometown, destroying numerous storefronts during the 1999 Seattle WTO riots. The Organic Consumers Association, an anti-technology group with connections to the notorious environmental terrorists Earth First!, threatened to damage Starbucks' "worldwide reputation and profitability," unless the company stopped using milk from cows supplemented with synthetic bovine growth hormone (rBGH). Realizing that the (unwarranted) bad publicity would cost more than changing their milk supplier, Starbucks caved to the OCA's demands.

Bovine growth hormones are present in all cows, including so-called "organic" ones. However, cows that are supplemented with additional hormones produce as much as 15% more milk than their organic brethren do. This added efficiency results in less wasted water, land, and fuel, less soil loss, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and lower milk prices for consumers. However, the OCA and similar groups ignore the scientific evidence showing the incredible benefits of modern farming.

Bovine growth hormone makes cows produce more milk, not different milk. In fact, the milk produced by supplemented cows is chemically indistinguishable from that of ordinary cows. The OCA claims that rBGH causes health problems in dairy cows and cancer in humans, but according to experts and the FDA, both claims are untrue. Criticism of rBGH and other methods of increasing farming efficiency through modern science are based not on actual danger, but an unreasonable fear of progress. Just

like the Industrial Revolution, which has improved the every day lives of billions worldwide, today's modern methods of improving efficiency in food-production and other industries are met with protest and fear-mongering.

It was not long ago that a majority of the American people were employed in the food industry. With advances in science, we have cut that down to only a few percent, allowing Americans to spend more time on other pursuits. The low rates of hunger and poverty and the availability of inexpensive food that we take for granted are a direct result of these advances. Nostalgic ideologues may look fondly at the days of family farms and organic inefficiencies, but they ignore the poverty and hunger that most often accompanied those times. If we are to efficiently feed the growing masses while maintaining our quality of life, we need progress, not paranoia.

Undue Assistance

Though the "paycheck-protection amendment" to the McCain-Feingold bill made it no further than the Senate floor, the issue of campaign finance reform is still a heated topic of debate. Among the most controversial bones of contention is that regarding the right of union workers to exercise control over the uses of their dues.

Currently, union officials collect dues from union members and non-members alike and use the money to fund inappropriate activities. Union dues are supposed to be used only for legitimate union programs like collective bargaining, activities that benefit all of those who contribute their hard-earned cash. Instead, union officials are diverting the funds to political programs, abusing their power, and decreasing the amount of money available for important union programs.

In 1988's *Communications Workers of America v. Beck*, the Supreme Court ruled that workers have the right to know where their money is going. They are to have access to information about how much of their dues is being spent on union activities and how much of their money is being used for "political, partisan, or social" purposes. Workers are entitled to have this money refunded. In the *Beck* case, the Court learned that almost eighty percent of the plaintiff's dues was being used in the political arena.

Nearly 10 million American workers pay union dues every month. In many cases, between eighty and ninety percent of the amassed funds are diverted to partisan politics without the knowledge or agreement of the



workers who must pay the dues in order to keep their jobs.

The McCain-Feingold bill claims that it will reform campaign financing by upholding the *Beck* decision as law, but the details of the bill reveal that the measures may be inadequate. McCain-Feingold may do more to hurt American workers than help them. The bill fails to include workers not covered by the National Labor Relations Act and does not allow worker access to federal courts. Workers will lose the ability to decide to pursue complaints. And the bill would continue to permit unions to charge workers for programs beyond collective bargaining.

Workers who pay union dues should have the right to determine where their money goes. A campaign finance bill does far from reform if it does not properly enforce *Beck* rights to give employees the power to know and the power to choose.

Too Hard on Soft Money

Everything from James Raidy's recent confession on making illegal contributions to Bill Clinton's prior to Hilfiger's speech at Tufts 1992 campaign to current investigation into the Marc Rich pardon proves that Clinton has managed to shred every campaign finance law on the books. During the Clinton years, soft money contributions tripled from \$86 million to \$262 million. Disgusted with Clinton's tactics, congressmen on both sides have called for more ethical campaign fundraising. Senator John McCain and his "Straight Talk Express," still chugging from a failed presidential bid centered on campaign finance reform, and Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold, the "Tax Payer Hero of America," have answered the call and developed a reform bill that would ban all soft money from the system. Soft money is money contributed by individuals and corporations that is supposed to be used for party building purposes. McCain believes that soft money is used to influence elections and circumvent other campaign donation restrictions because the political party can then donate money to support a candidate. There is no limit to the amount of soft money that can be donated by an individual or organization.

Understandably, the McCain-Feingold proposal has caused a great deal of worry among congressmen who wonder how and where they will raise funds for their next re-election. Senator Chuck Hagel proposed an alternative that would place a \$60,000 yearly cap on soft money. The alternative gained the support of the most vocal opponents of McCain-Feingold, but the measure effectively failed when the Senate voted to table it. Unfortunately, the Hagel alternative would have legalized soft money contributions from corporations and unions, although direct



corporate contribution have been illegal since 1907 and direct union contribution have been illegal since 1947. The Senate has also seen different proposals that would double or triple the cap on hard money contributions, money donated directly to the individual running for reelection.

The problem is that McCain, Feingold, and others are trying to overhaul a system that isn't as corrupt as they would like to believe. Campaign finance reforms bills that limit soft money have serious consequences. Those corporations that usually contribute in excess of one million dollars would financially support independent groups, whose donations are not covered by the bill. Also, the Supreme Court has weighed in on the issue and has supported soft money under the First Amendment. In 1976, in *Buckley v. Valeo*, the Court struck down significant parts of the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) and established strict limits on the government's ability to regulate political activity. Additionally, bans on soft money give incumbents a huge advantage during reelection because incumbents receive constant media attention and are in the public conscious. Again in 1996 case, the Supreme Court reaffirmed the Buckley decision with *Colorado Republican Committee v. FEC*. The Court explicitly stated that the FECA permits unregulated soft money contributions to a political party.

While McCain-Feingold has its heart in the right place, the measure will be struck down in courts across the nation. Congressmen should vote on legislation based on its benefits for the public at large, and not on the benefits for special interest groups; however, McCain-Feingold, in trying to legislate that ethic, crosses too many legal boundaries. □

Fortnight in Review SM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Gangsta rapper Dr. Dre, author of such poetry as “F—the Police” and “Smoke weed everyday,” has been tapped to play a narcotics cop in an upcoming movie starring Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke. Even more ironically, playing the part “Guy Who Isn’t Dead” will be Eazy-E!

PS A Harvard student who hung pro-life signs on bulletin boards was accused by one feminist lass who tore down his posters of “hanging messages of hate” and “meddling in women’s issues.” The anti-abortionist tried to offer a response to the feminist, but his mouth was too full of dead fetus.

PS Two women in the former Soviet republic of Moldova were arrested for selling meat that authorities discovered were human remains. Harvard Law has offered to defend the women *pro bono*, arguing that for the state to intervene in the cannibalism is blatant “meddling in women’s issues.”

PS A six-year-old Wisconsin boy is being charged with sexual harassment for chasing girls around the playground and threatening to kiss them. On the bright side, at least the kid is hung like a horse.

PS WWF owner Vince McMahon purchased Ted Turner’s WCW wrestling organization last week. Sports entertainment analysts say it won’t be long until McMahon also purchases the trademark to the mullet.

PS The National Mental Health Association is pestering the XFL to change the name of the Memphis Maniax football team, as it is “demeaning to the 54 million Americans and their families who are

affected by mental illness.” Vince McMahon defended the moniker, saying that the XFL itself is demeaning to the other 260 million Americans.

PS Top Ten Oscar Moments You Didn’t See on TV:

10. Benicio DelToro and Steven Soderbergh sharing needles
9. Lifetime Achievement Winner soil himself backstage
8. Russell Crowe pummeling Steve Martin after the credits.
7. Russell Crowe asking Julia Roberts if she’s been “down under”
6. Russell Crowe showing Michelle Yeoh his “hidden dragon”
5. Award for Best Poop Joke to “Dude, Where’s My Car?”
4. Senator Orrin Hatch cursing loudly when he lost Best Supporting Actor
3. Jennifer Lopez fashioning a dress entirely from Richard Dreyfus’ bowtie
2. Roberto Benigni being mercilessly beaten for trying to sneak in
1. Best Animation Award to director of “All Your Base Are Belong to Us”

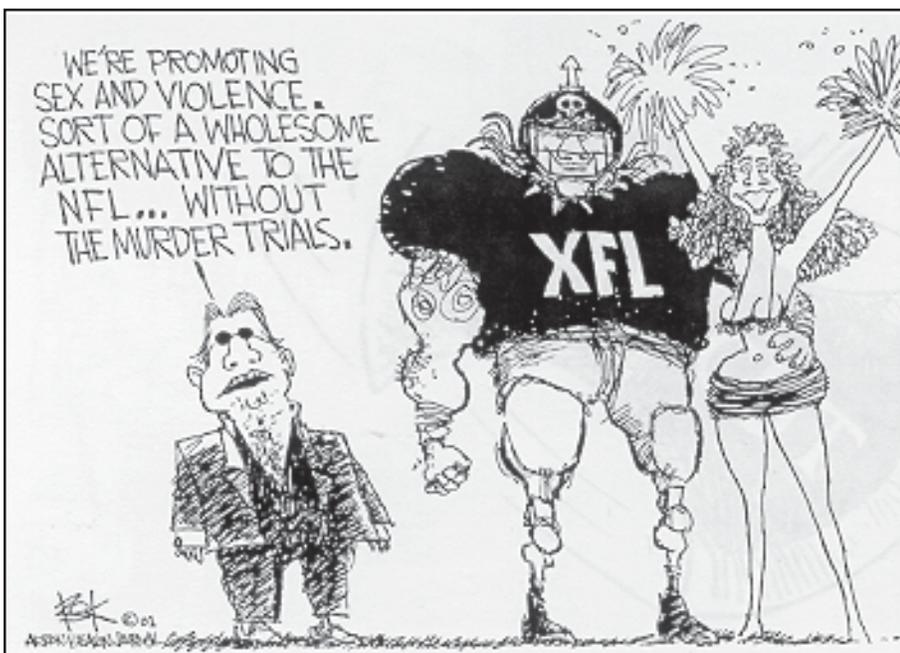
PS The Ronald Reagan Legacy Project, the same folks who helped bring you Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in 1998 and a current bill to build a Reagan monument on the Washington Mall, now want those rosy cheeks on the face of the ten dollar bill. Debates have begun over using a portrait of the handsome young actor Reagan, the stately, older presidential Reagan, or the drooling master of incontinence we all know and love.

PS Ho Chi Minh ho Jane Fonda was horrified when she saw “outdated gender stereotypes” at her granddaughter’s Thanksgiving pageant, where boys pilgrims pretended to shoot and girl pilgrims cried “Mercy me!” To teach ‘em a lesson, Hanoi Jane got friendly with some Indians, had her picture taken with a dead pilgrim, and handed out tickets to the release of the long-awaited follow-up to “Barbarella.”

PS Animal rights activists are asking federal prison authorities not to allow Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh to eat meat for his last meal before his execution. Instead, prison chefs are coordinating a diet high in vegetable oils and natural sweeteners in order to give McVeigh a juicy deliciousness for the post-execution charity fry-off.

PS The original manuscript of Jack Kerouac’s “On the Road,” a beat classic penned while the author was high out of his slacker gourd, went on the Christie’s auction block with expectations to command the same reverence—and pricetag—as the works of Joyce or Proust. Bill Burroughs’ used hypodermic needles and dildoes are expected to fetch a slightly lower price.

PS Well, Jumbos and Jumbettes, it’s almost here! In the grandly inept tradition of *Submerge* and assorted other crappy liberal publications, the Carlis-fueled *Radix* is finally here! With that in mind, we present to our sinister friends:



Top Ten Uses for *Radix*:

10. Pornographic origami
9. Lining birdcages
8. Housebreaking mastiff
7. Wallpapering low-income housing
6. Feminine hygiene
5. Masculine hygiene
4. Inadvertent alternative to Zamboni
3. Kindling for homeless
2. Kindling for homeless
1. Assorted wiping

PS An Amherst prof is petitioning his bosses to no longer print diplomas on sheepskin as part of that vegan hippie crap. New diplomas will be printed on latex and ribbed for your higher academic pleasure.

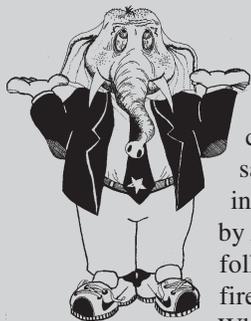
PS Milwaukee Bucks guard Ray Allen gave his Oscar picks to ESPN, saying his favorite was *Gladiator* because, “the scenes in the Parthenon were great.” In tragic sports news, Rasheed Wallace has been beheaded by Ray Allen to chants of “Kill! Kill! Kill!” from the Portland crowd.

PS After 50 Russian diplomats were expelled from the US, Russia sent home 50 American diplomats in retaliation. When reached for

comment by the American media, Soviet premier Vladimir Putin stuck out his tongue and called President Bush a “poopiehead.”



It's still really creepy!



☞ Now we know why they're too busy to publish: editors at the *Radix*, Tufts' forthcoming leftist mag, **vandalize** the SOURCE office and leave a note for us: “Some of us have been doing our best to create slightly witty, fun little pranks on you guys... Unfortunately you guys appear either too intellectually inept, or too humorously challenged, to comeback [*sic*] in any way. Now, we know that Conservatives are **born losers**, but come on guys give us something here.” The SOURCE has given you twelve issues, which is more than we can say for one of Tufts' biggest **wastes of funds** (see page 11)... But all is not happy in Radishland, as witnessed in the following actual scene witnessed in Eaton Hall: a disgruntled **Lou Esparza** storms out of class, followed by **Adam Carlis**, who says, “Dude, you shouldn't be so angry—you can't start the revolution with anger.” Yes, folks, they **actually talk like that**... The *Observer* pens a humor article in their April Fools issue in which bullets fired at a Tufts Republicans shooting event were “blocked by [SOURCE editor-in-chief] Joshua Martino's wallet.” When reached for comment, Martino responded, “Please, **call me Josh**.”

☞ Former *Submerge* writer **Sucharita Kuchibhotla** scolds Carlis and Esparza for dissing the dead leftist mag without recognizing its accomplishments. These include producing a handful of **mediocre issues**, having less campus presence than Dbagg's dogs' fleas, and folding due to lack of interest within two semesters... Will we ever escape the awe-inspiring stupidity of the **Daily feature page**? The folks who brought you the Series on Race (and photos of blacks, whites, and Latinos *eating at the same table!*) have created a series on sex. The only news here: that authors of *Daily* features know where babies come from... Senatrix **Erin Ross** writes a self-congratulating Viewpoint on her charity work, and says, “I think no matter what side of the gun control debate you find yourself on, everyone can agree that **guns and children** don't mix.” Too bad—guess the SOURCE and the Tufts Republicans will have to tell the sad kiddies at Somerville Elementary that they can't come on our next **shooting trip** after all.

☞ Senior **Cecilia Meijer** urges the University to make all dorms smoke-free. THE ELEPHANT asks if Meijer would be willing to have the money for 4,000 sticks of **nicotine gum** taken from her tuition?... Poetic injustice: As part of the LGBT conference Safe Colleges, **Brown & Brew** hosts a poetry reading where a young poetess recites her **ode to female masturbation**. Guess we'll have that mocha **to go**... Won't you take me to Honkeytown? **2000 Census** results indicate that Boston is now less than half white (49.5%). These astounding new figures leave Census Bureau officials wondering why the **Celtics still suck**... Thanks to all those who submitted reviews to the SOURCE Course Reviews Issue!

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

The PAA can accuse anyone of racism, unless they have already been publicly exonerated of the charge .

Protests Over Easy

by Sam Dangremond and Joshua Martino

Racism is an easy charge to levy. There is rarely proof of its execution; more often its practitioners carry out their offense in thoughts rather than deeds. Thus racism is the leftist's sleeve-hidden ace. When they come across a disagreeable subject, they hurl baseless allegations of bigotry, often where no hatred exists. Said black conservative Thomas Sowell: "Racism' has become like ketchup—something you can put on almost anything."

Witness the treatment of the latest speaker to come to the Hill, fashion mogul Tommy Hilfiger. A forum organized by the Pan African Alliance accused Hilfiger of racism, specifically against black Americans. Questioned by the *Daily*, organizers and attendees of the forum alleged that the designer used "sinister" marketing strategies to target blacks. The black community suffers, they decided, because Hilfiger advertises heavily to a non-white audience and capitalizes on the image of the black hip-hop star. Instead of spending for the benefit of their neighbors, impoverished blacks buy Tommy's high-priced labels in order to dress like wealthier people, forum attendees charged.

Haven't any of these people heard of the free market? For the benefit of the PAA, a quick lesson follows. Tommy Hilfiger is free to advertise wherever he pleases. He, like every business owner, is driven by profit. He will advertise in an attempt to entice consumers to purchase his goods.

Mr. Dangremond is a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering, and Mr. Martino is a junior majoring in English.

Whether or not they actually spend money on Tommy clothes is their decision. Hilfiger forces no one to wear his jeans. His business is successful because it offers a product and an image that people willingly buy of their own free will. This is basic capitalist economics, of which one would guess the PAA does not approve.

Yet, the PAA's justification for their charges of racism does more than expose their ignorance of economics; it also shows their gross underestimation of the intellect of the black community. For what else are

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they alleging but that the black community is so pitifully helpless that they cannot help buying what advertisements tell them to? If, as the PAA claims, the average black individual cannot be held responsible for his purchases, then why should Hilfiger the individual be held responsible for his sales? And if the PAA insists on its ridiculous, derogatory notion that blacks as a community are equally irresponsible, then why should the community insist that Tommy Hilfiger Inc. bear any more accountability?

The debate surrounding Tommy Hilfiger and racism involves more than just business, however, as the rumors of his racism had already swept the campus prior to Hilfiger's speech at Tufts. It was alleged that Hilfiger had made racist comments, and the PAA and other groups formulated plans for protests of his speech. These accusations alleged that while on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Hilfiger had once stated that had he known blacks would

wear his clothes, then he never would have made them. In response to this rumor, the PAA expressed outrage that Hilfiger would be invited to Tufts, and much debate ensued. However, after examining the hearsay, the more level-headed Jumbos came to realize that these allegations were entirely fabricated. The product of Internet slander that has long been circulated, this rumor is in no way based in fact. When the rumor spread like wildfire, *USA Today* investigated and proved that it was erroneous. The *USA Today* article clearing Hilfiger was published in February, 1999 and is widely available.

Thus the PAA was left with faces covered in egg. After expressing moral outrage without checking the facts, the organization looked entirely foolish. There was little the PAA could then do but create an *ex post facto* justification for their opposition to Hilfiger. Try as they might, their thinly veiled attack on capitalism just didn't cover up their mistake. It is clear that their argument that Hilfiger unfairly targets the black community in advertising ignores a concept as fundamental as personal accountability and buries it under invalid blame and victimization. Hilfiger has left campus, and the PAA is without an excuse to protest. But when the Entrepreneurial Leadership program announces its next speaker, Tufts' name-calling demagogues will undoubtedly find another target for their ignorant allegations of racism. □



Does this ad unfairly lure blacks?

The Ninth Annual SOURCE AWARDS Nominees

The Oscars begin with comedy, but we'll start with tragedy: the nominees for WORST NEW IDEA. **Shutting down Rumors Daily** not only killed one of our favorite campus media, but Brian Finkelstein's retirement also devastated his most frequent forum posters, who had begun to believe that their opinions actually mattered... And as if Tufts students didn't have enough pointless babble to read, enter **The Radix**, Tufts' new left-of-center political journal. Pardon us if we refrain from shaking in our boots, as all other Tufts liberal rags have dissolved within months... When outrage over the **crackdown on campus parties** nearly came to a boil, the university listened. Too bad we were already doing power hours in our dorm by the time the cops relented... With no parties, Jumbos had to find entertainment elsewhere. Some feminists believed that we'd all be amused by **The Vagina Monologues**, but the show's pudendal posturing just left us with a bad taste in our mouths... Hey, we're trying to eat here! Who could have predicted the university would allow The College Television Network to pipe its garbage into **TVs in Dewick**? Yet another good reason to order in.

Our two nominees for the DIRTY DAMN LIAR award proved to be such outstanding prevaricators that all other contenders fell out of the running. **Julie Catalano** told bald-faced lies about the TCF situation to Carmichael patrons, two of which happened to be SOURCE writers who apparently were more informed than the belle of bisexuality herself. Julie's stretching of the truth was only equaled by Johnny Two-Times' actions at a legacy reception, when **President DiBiaggio**, who enjoys selling his school as a bastion of ideas and diversity, tells a parent at a legacy reception not to read the SOURCE. Too bad she turned out to be the mother of two SOURCE writers.

If you hear a giant sucking sound, it's this year's nominees for BIGGEST WASTE OF UNIVERSITY FUNDS taking the vacuum to your parents' thinning wallets. Veep I. Melvin Bernstein's weaseling of another **\$500,000** for "diversity" was easily the largest single chunk of change this year. And not a penny of it went to the long-awaited conservative culture house... This year's **EPIIC program on race and ethnicity** began with hopes of intellectual discussion but, of course, wound up being another year of conservative-bashing... While the lameness of this year's Spring Fling acts remains to be seen, we'll bet that Guster and Jurassic 5 bore Tufts' drunken masses. But for now, we'll call **Fall Fest** the biggest waste of university funds by a Concert Board with poor taste and an even poorer budget... *Another student publication?* Good grief. But what makes new-kids-on-the-schlock **Radix** editors more deserving of this award than Tufts' other redundant journals is that Jumbos can already find such leftist nonsense in class, in the *Daily*, during Orientation, and by visiting the Office of Equal Opportunity. All without the danger of papercuts! ... Members of the TCU senate decided to send **\$8,000 to India** for earthquake relief. What's the problem? The money was from the student activities fee. That's not charity—we call that stealing.

If they seem to enjoy the taste of shoe, then they're up for the FOOT-IN-MOUTH AWARD. The **Pan-African Alliance** is up first for their attack on Tommy Hilfiger, calling the clothier "racist" for marketing overpriced hip-hop clothes to blacks. We just call that business... A few hours into the Bendetson sit-in, **two TSAD members** headed to Jumbo Express

to buy food, and asked the unsympathetic clerk for a special discount. Said he, "I would, but that would be discriminating."... *Observer* editor **Erica Goldberg** likes it rough—so rough, in fact, that she penned an editorial asking her guy friends to hit her to prove that she isn't of the "weaker sex."... **EPIIC** gets another nod for attempting to end racism by enforcing racial stereotypes... And our final nominee could be you! You deserve the award if you're one of many **Jumbos who contested the outcome of the Presidential election**. After all, if Gore had won, you wouldn't have said a word.

Insomniacs take heart! You'll be bored to sleep by the contenders for YAWN OF THE YEAR. Although it had been done before, organizers of the **Kraft protest** reminded Tufts that the cheesy ones are owned by a cigarette company, RJR-Nabisco. We'd have listened if we weren't chain-smoking and scarfing down Easy-Mac... We came for a world-class opinion on the Middle East, but all we got from **Colin Powell** was his agenda interrupted by a few good war stories... Another forgettable protest came and went when lefties took up arms against allegedly racist images on **Dewick TVs**. But, then, they were assuming that people actually watched the dining-hall boob tubes... **Fall Fest** gets another nod—we'd go into specifics but we, like you, slept in that day... And the dark horse in this category might be all of **Tufts' Social Life**. Stricter rules for campus parties sent us all home early—and sober.

The nominees for BEST NEW IDEA offer Tufts a silver lining. Although it was founded last year, **Tuftslife.com** exploded onto campus computers in 2001, a well-designed page with nifty features and convenient links... **Dave Moon** earned himself a nomination not only for his accomplishments, but for not making an ass of himself, a talent which many TCU presidents fail to perfect... Strolling across the campus, our next nominee saw and removed a raggedy piece of cloth hanging from a tree, since the eyesore violated the postering policy. But who knew that **tearing down the TSAD banner** was a hate crime?... **Shutting down Rumors Daily** goes for gold once again, because when the forum went to hell and the rumors dried up, it was best to put the page out of its misery... We get one every year, and it's never enough. Bringing a **conservative speaker** to campus offers sweet relief from the yearly invasion of leftist notables.

OUTRAGE OF THE YEAR nominees are responsible for more cases of indigestion than the egg foo yong at Kee Kar Lau. It was TSAD to see that the "anonymous" leftists who polluted the campus with neon **"Imagine a campus free from..."** stickers got away with Tufts-wide vandalism... When an MIT student drank himself to death, colleges around the country **cracked down on drinking**. But Tufts administrators insisted they had no idea why TUPD officers crashed frat parties at midnight starting last semester... Smells like a conspiracy, but maybe not nearly as bad as **sending student activities money to India**... Tufts' more mature students were mortified when **protestors at the Colin Powell speech** humiliated the campus in front of the future Cabinet member. Parents, this is what happens when you don't spank your children... Finally, rumor has it that **TSAD protestors** were given Probation 1, but in our opinion those who trespassed, vandalized, and disrupted business in Bendetson deserved a night in jail. But at Tufts, tolerance means giving leftists a second and third chance to break the law.

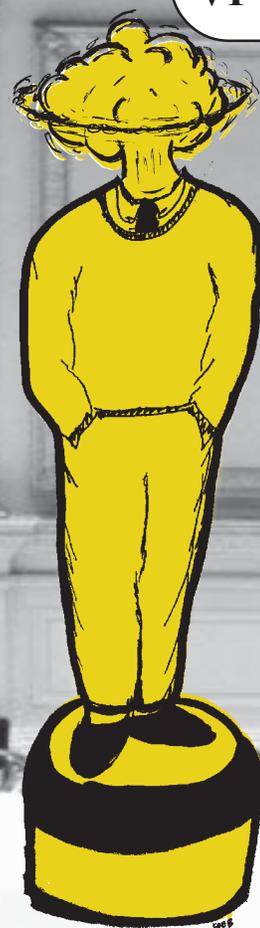
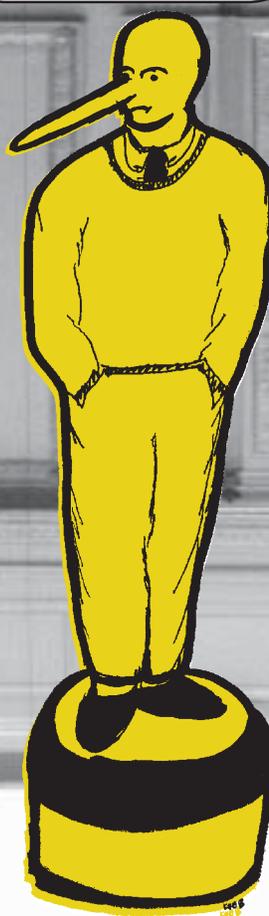
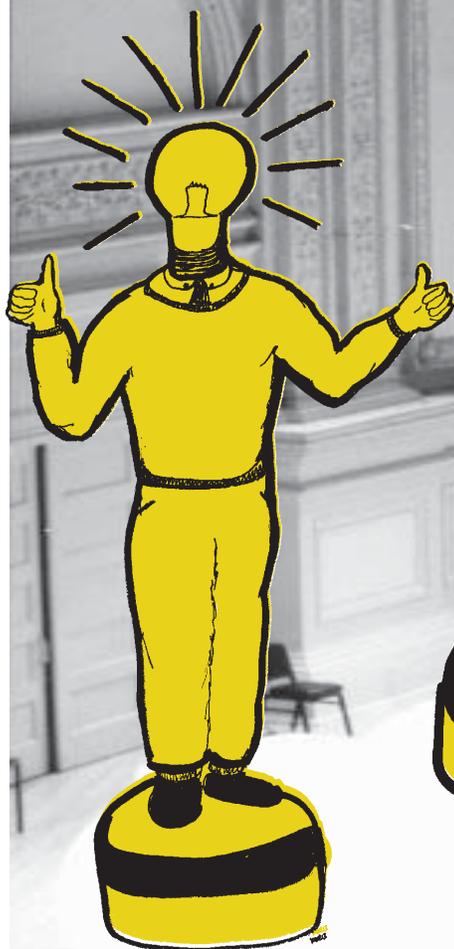
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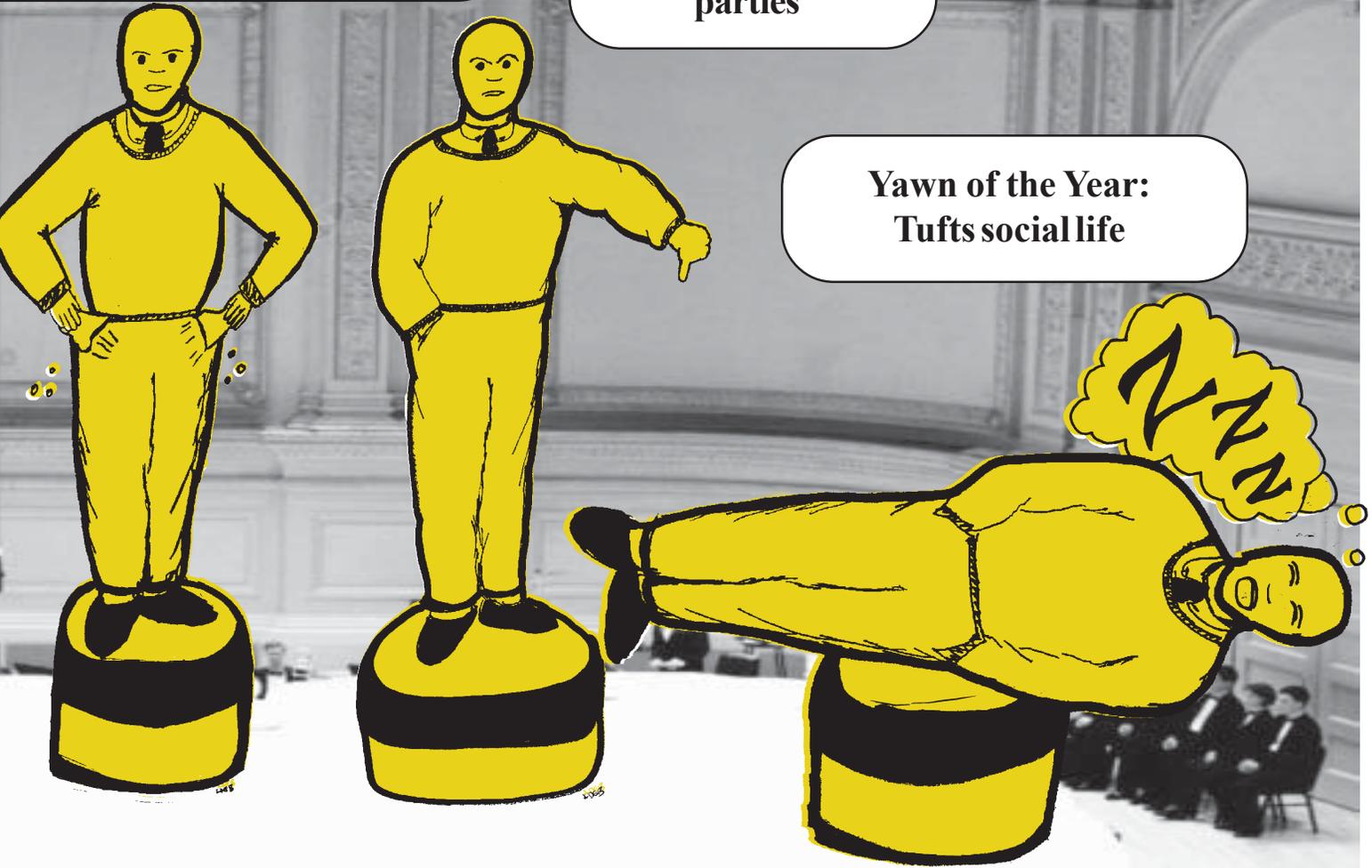
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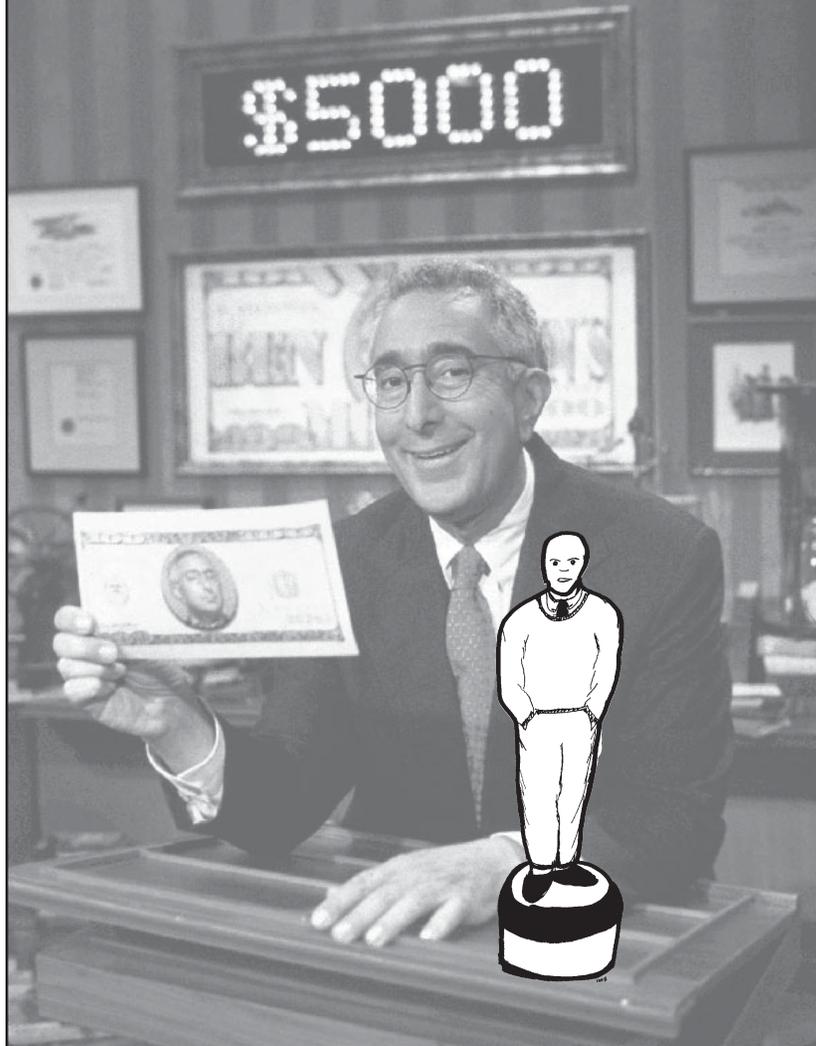
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Tufts social life**



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Known by all who frequent cable TV, our Lifetime Achievement Award winner is famous for his nasally monotone and comic deadpan. Few television viewers, however, are familiar with Ben Stein’s arch-right-wing alter-ego.

As a conservative in Hollywood, Stein is an endangered species. Luckily, the ardent pro-lifer and staunch conservative has the brainpower to fend off attacks from Tinseltown’s army of leftists. Just ask the contestants on his Comedy Central gameshow “Win Ben Stein’s Money.” A sparse few of them ever can beat Stein and take home the grand prize—\$5,000 dollars of money that comes out of his own salary.

Wits and right-wing sensibilities served Ben in numerous careers. He had a hand in politics as a speechwriter and attorney for the Nixon and Ford administrations (when asked by *The Onion* if he’d ever write speeches for Clinton, Stein said, “I’d write his resignation speech in a second... I’d do it for free.”). Later, he wrote extensively as a frequent columnist in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*, and currently in *Brill’s Content*. A trained economist, Stein also taught law at Pepperdine and wrote content for several TV shows. But the children of the 80’s will always know him as the man who uttered the classic line, “Bueller... Bueller... Bueller... anybody?”

Stein had no idea that when he landed a bit part as a high school teacher in a 1986 movie called “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” that he would launch a career in show biz. Yet his hilariously unenthusiastic attendance call was the classic moment in a treasured teenage comedy. Recently, his brief appearance in the film was voted one of the 50 most famous lines in cinema.

The devout Republican Stein is constantly the butt of jokes from the writers of “Win Ben Stein’s Money.” As he tells readers of his column in *The American Spectator*, Stein takes his role as a conservative celebrity seriously and sees fit to keep his show civil. When the content of the show (which Ben cannot write, for he is a contestant in every episode) gets too raunchy, Stein confronts producers and has his say. Still, when one of his quiz show categories pokes fun of the GOP, Stein rolls his eyes—and proceeds to exact revenge by humiliating his opponents.

For wearing so many hats—author, professor, speechwriter, actor, and gameshow host—and wearing them all as a proud conservative, the SOURCE is proud to give Ben Stein our Lifetime Achievement Award. □

How could you commit murder and escape the electric chair? Fail your IQ test.

Life Goes On

by Michael Santorelli

In 1979, John Penry of Texas was released on parole after serving part of a jail sentence for a rape conviction. Three months later, apparently unaffected by the rehabilitation that he received in jail, Penry broke into the house of a young female acquaintance, beat her, raped her, and fatally stabbed her with the scissors with which she tried to protect herself. As he was stabbing her, he told her he didn't want to kill her, but "had to" so she "wouldn't squeal" on him to the police. He was subsequently arrested, he confessed to the crime, and he was sentenced to death.

But in 1989, his case was appealed to the Supreme Court. Apparently, Penry was mentally retarded, a fact that did not seem relevant during his earlier convictions. The Court issued a stay on his execution while they reviewed his case. The appeal was over the constitutionality of putting to death a mentally retarded person. The Court ruled against Penry, saying that it was neither cruel nor unusual to use the death penalty on him or anybody else with mental retardation. However, they did say that "a defendant's IQ and background are mitigating factors that should be considered by a jury." The case was sent back to Texas for a retrial.

The jury was asked to weigh the facts in this new light. Penry's IQ, as tested in

jail, was between 51 and 63, where 70 is the threshold for mental retardation. The jury was also asked to consider whether the murder was deliberate, whether the murder itself was an unreasonable response to a provocation and whether Penry was a continuing threat to society. They eventually found him guilty and again he was sentenced to death.

The debate over using capital punishment on the mentally handicapped has resurfaced

this year, as the Supreme Court has again issued a stay of execution for Penry and another for a retarded North Carolina man while they reconsider the issue. Some of

Penry's supporters feel that society's view on what is "cruel and unusual" has changed since 1989. Others feel that these mentally retarded men, who all have the tested mental capacity of children under 10, should only be allowed life sentences in order to give them the opportunity to rehabilitate. But what people fail to see is that these children trapped in grown men's bodies are nothing more than dangerous murderers who, if given the chance, would strike again. Examine the case of Penry, a twice-convicted rapist. To have the mental capacity of a seven-year-old means that one can at least tell right from wrong and know the consequences of one's actions. Penry knew he had to kill his victim, and he did. Is this the kind of man that we want serving a life sentence with the possibility of parole or pardon?

The American Association on Mental Retardation defines the condition as "substantial limitations in present functioning, characterized by significantly sub-average intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with related limitations in two or more of the following applicable adaptive skill areas: Communication, self-care, home living, social skills, community use, self-direction, health and safety, functional academics, leisure and work." Mental retardation must manifest before age 18. While a credible definition, it is arbitrary and too easily and readily applied to convicts.

The major flaw with the current system of classifying somebody as mentally re-

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This drawing by convicted killer John Penry clearly shows he has the mind of a child, but does that mean he does not deserve the harshest punishment for his crimes?

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tarded is the fact that IQ tests are administered while the murderer is in jail. This leaves open the possibility of purposeful failure in order to garner the sympathy of a jury. By judging someone mentally retarded, as opposed to mentally incompetent (or insane), the judicial system is drawing a very thin line between the two, creating the possibility of many more convicted felons "testing out" of their crimes by failing an IQ test rather than endure a grueling series of psychoanalytic competency tests. Secondly, the issue of a criminal's background must be called into question in order to support mental retardation. While the condition is not something that can be learned, it is something that usually manifests out of early childhood experiences.

It is well known that Johnny Penry was severely abused as a child, both physically and emotionally, by his mother. She beat him with belts and made him eat

his own feces. He also did not go past the first grade in school. While these factors may have contributed to his mental condition, these circumstances are not unlike those endured by many other convicts. Sexual abuse often begets a sexual offender; physical abuse often begets violent criminals. What makes the mentally handicapped unique is their IQ score, which is not a very accurate measure of a person's mental capacity, especially when that person faces the possibility of the death penalty and might be driven to lie.

This hypothetical situation is made tangible in the movie *Primal Fear*. The film's premise of a wily criminal out-foxing the justice system is very unnerving. Edward Norton's character pretends to be a schizophrenic and blames the murder of a priest on his more violent alter ego. He eventually convinces the jury that he is insane rather than culpable of his crime. But, in the end, the audience knows that only his violent ego exists. The mere possibility of a man being able to cheat the

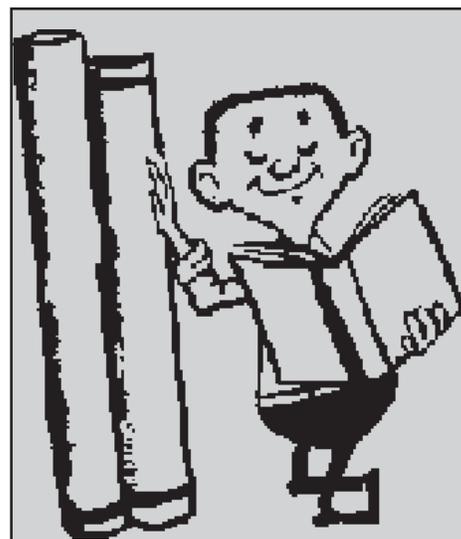
system like this is scary, and allowing the use of an arbitrary IQ test to determine a prisoner's punishment could make this scenario a reality.

The Supreme Court has a very volatile issue before it. To say that the use of the death penalty on the mentally retarded is "cruel and unusual" would only damn the entire institution of capital punishment, which could infringe on a state's right to decide for itself whether or not to have the death penalty. Also, this statement by the Court seems to excuse one group of people from the ultimate punishment while everyone else may qualify. This is not only hypocritical but also discriminatory, as we all have equal protection under the law. A deluge of appeals would follow, with every prisoner either demanding an IQ test or some sort of special recognition similar to that given to the mentally retarded.

In the end, the only logical thing

for the Court to do is to rule against the appeal of Johnny Penry and the others who have received stays of execution. By allowing this special class of killers to serve only life sentences leaves open the possibility of special pardons by future governors or presidents. After the debacle of the Clinton pardons, this is not out of the scope of possibility. Also, to rule in favor of allegedly cruel and unusual punishment would only spur an onslaught of ridiculous claims by criminals. Would it be out of the realm of possibility that a man with a limp or some other physical ailment who, after being caught for a crime, sues the police because he was not physically able to outrun the cops? The Supreme Court should stand firm and render a decision that will stand the test of time and not leave open the possibility of further appeals. All of this legal jockeying only clutters the already chaotic Justice system and increases our sympathy for criminals who are nothing more than murderous savages. □

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What happens when schools take their power to censor too far?

School's Choice

by Robert Lichter

When Nicholas Boroff walked into his high school wearing a Marilyn Manson t-shirt, he ignited a controversy that went all the way to the Supreme Court.

Rejecting Boroff's appeal without comment, the Court recently stood by the appellate court's ruling that a high school had the right to forbid students to wear clothing deemed offensive. Boroff, who graduated in 1997 from Van

Wert High School in Van Wert, Ohio, showed up at school in August of his senior year wearing a Marilyn Manson t-shirt. The shirt depicted a three-faced Christ and read "See no truth, hear no truth, speak no truth" on the front and "believe," with "lie" highlighted, on the back.

The school objected to Manson's alleged promotion of drugs and sadism and asked Boroff to turn the shirt inside-out. Boroff refused, claiming that he was entitled to wear this shirt as his right to free expression. The appellate court stated that schools can ban anything "vulgar, offensive and contrary to the educational mission of the school."

The Supreme Court's decision is correct. Boroff argues that his rights are constant, no matter what the situation, but it appears that he has omitted so much fact in his research that it is doubtful he could even land an editorial position with *The Radix*. We have all heard the classic ex-

ception to free speech: yelling "fire" in a crowded theater. Anyone who has been to an airport is reminded that, though they have the right to bear arms, weapons are

not allowed on the planes, and you can be fined for merely *joking* about a bomb! In these cases, the institution has the right to limit the rights of individuals. Similarly, schools have the right to control the behavior, actions, and apparel of

students. What happens off campus is not within the school's jurisdiction, but once you set foot on school grounds, you subject yourself to the established rules.

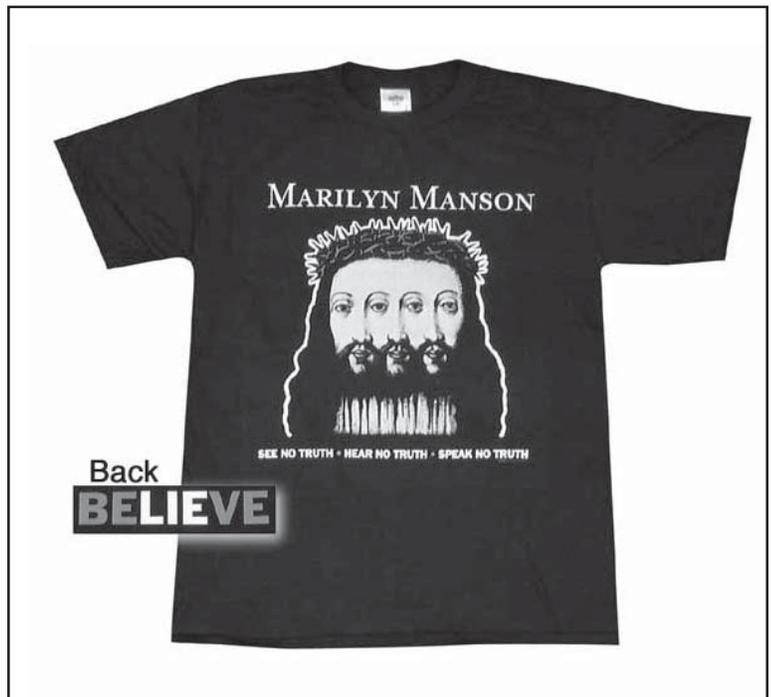
Another federal judge recently decided on a similar case in which the plaintiffs were members of a Bible club. The court again ruled in favor of a school's right to set the rules for conduct that might disrupt the educa-

tional mission. In this case, the judge allowed a high school to dictate content that may appear on a club mural in the school halls. Two Kenosha, Wisconsin high school students had sued the school district when they were not allowed to paint a cross on the Bible club mural at Tremper High School. The suit alleged that the school superintendent censored the Bible club's mural "while allowing the other non-curriculum-related student clubs to paint murals without school censorship."

U.S. District Judge Charles N. Clevert said that refusing to allow the cross did not violate the federal Equal Access Law. Under this law, public secondary schools receiving federal funds must grant equal access to student groups to meet for religious, political or philosophical purposes if the school allows any other non-curriculum related student group to meet outside of class time.

One may endlessly debate whether the cross or the shirt that Boroff wore are distracting, but the argument is irrelevant. A school board may deem these objects unacceptable, and if the school becomes too oppressive, parents and taxpayers will notice the injustice and demand a new administration. That's the beauty of the system: the community elects those who run public schools. This is a great comfort, especially when the schools prove their ineptitude, as seen recently in Wisconsin

The school contended that allowing the child to distribute her religious message violated the separation of church and state. But the child's message did not come from the "state" any more than the Britney Spears cards that other students distributed were sanctioned by the "state."



If you want a day off from school, don this Marilyn Manson tee.

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school that forbade a third grader from distributing her homemade valentines.

While administrators and teachers should be in charge in the classroom and the hallways, when they allow students to distribute cards of the students' choosing during a class party or free time, then the school ought not pass judgment on the message, as long as it is not pornographic or otherwise illegal. This past Valentine's Day, an eight-year-old Wisconsin girl was prohibited from distributing valentines that read "Jesus loves you." The principal and superintendent refused to allow the cards, even though they did not pass judgment on the card selection of any other student. The dispute has its roots in an incident last Halloween. A substitute teacher of the third grade class had allowed the same girl to distribute, during free time, Halloween cards and candy with the message that costumes were fun, but heaven was more fun, with a phone number for more information. The teacher later went to the principal and informed upon the girl, and the principal instructed the teacher to have the girl declare a recall on the candy and cards. That's right: she had to collect each one that she had handed out.

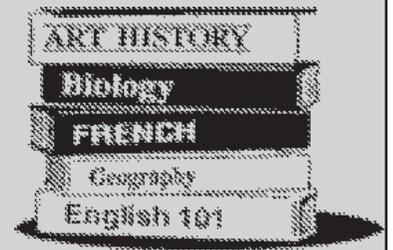
To avoid further conflict, the girl asked to have her Valentines pre-approved, and the principal predictably nixed the religious message. Other students handed out their standard valentines, portraying the usual pop icons. The school contended that allowing the child to distribute her religious message violated the separation of church and state. But the child's message did not come from the "state" any more than the Britney Spears cards that other students distributed were sanctioned by the "state."

Now the little girl's parents are suing the school for infringing upon her rights. While Boroff's school had the right to censor his t-shirt, the school overstepped its bounds in the case of the religious valentines. The child did not perform her activities during class, but instead during free time. She was not in any way disruptive of the classroom, nor were her messages hanging in the halls as part of the sanctioned school décor.

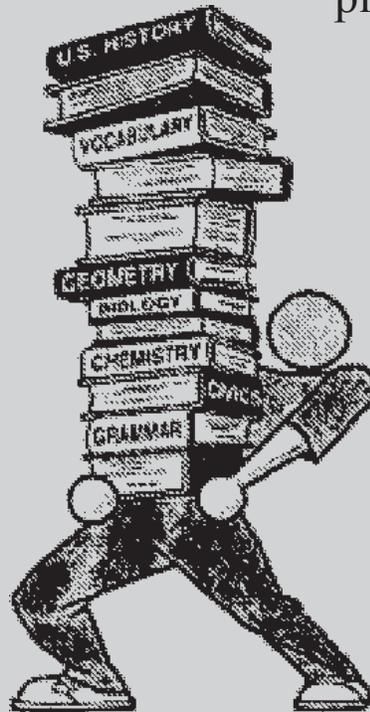
Besides, let us not forget that this is *Saint Valentine's Day*, after all. Had Boroff donned a wig and caked himself in white makeup for a school Halloween party, we would have excused his behavior. □

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Big business is constantly under attack by those who could not live without it.

Good Deeds Unspoken

by Jonathan Perle

Charles E. Wilson, the one time president of General Motors, once said that “what is good for the country is good for General Motors, and vice versa.” The sentiment that the United States derives great benefits as a result of its businesses is as true today as it was when Wilson wrote it. Big business built the United States and turned it from a backwards nation into the mightiest nation the world has ever seen. The transformation did not come without a price, however, and big business has undoubtedly committed its share of sins. Yet, the United States is certainly better for its existence. Recently there has been an upsurge in anti-corporate views among the liberal community that blames big business (as if somehow it was a guy sitting in a big room with levers that controlled the world) for hurting the common man. This view is trite and conveniently ignores the good that big business has done for the United States.

Imagine this country without Microsoft, Intel, Ford, United Airlines, AT&T, and all the other invaluable corporations that permeate our daily lives. Chances are that those Tufts students who live farther away than a T stop did not jog here in the fall. The airline trip to Logan, or the car ride across the country both come courtesy of big businesses like Ford or United. Once here, the food that we eat is provided by large-scale farms that make food cheap enough so that we don't have to spend hours each day hunting or farming to get it for ourselves.

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Students occasionally call back home to talk with parents or friends, utilizing phone lines that are provided and made affordable, once again, by big business.

It's true that government could provide these functions, and in the wake of Campus Link, one might be inclined to vote for the

government to do just that; but the governments of the Vietnam, North Korea, and Cuba all run the telecommunications in those countries. See how many times you can dial the same number and connect with the same person in Pyongyang. Similarly,

the government could run the airlines and the manufacturing plants, but would you book a trip on Aeroflot or buy a Yugo if anything else, including the Flintstone's car, was for sale?

Ideologues like to imagine that were big business eliminated, many of society's problems would go along with it. They imagine that, for instance, the American ideal of the independent, rugged farmer has been destroyed by the evil nature of corporations. But this is patently false. Big corporations succeed because they are more efficient and better able to meet the demands of the market. Small farmers in this country, for instance, are dying out not because of some evil plot, but because they are obsolete in the modern world. This may be sad or tragic for those earning their living by farming, but were the rest of the country to in-

dulge the romantic notion of the citizen farmer by not buying products from corporate-owned farms, the price of food would be astronomical, and would be especially harmful to poor families who can not afford to pay for dairy products from cows not milked by a machine.

Of course, large corporations do not exist for benevolent reasons; they exist to make a profit. In doing so, sometimes a corporation will stifle otherwise legitimate competition, as Microsoft has done to other software companies. However, these transgressions pale in comparison to all the good—including billions of dollars in charitable donations—that large corporations have done. Unfortunately, it is their transgressions that receive the most attention. Microsoft stifling competition is a much sexier news story than the day-to-day good that General Motors does by providing jobs for thousands of workers. The media naturally focus on aberrations and misdeeds, and therefore the admirable deeds of large corporations, including providing jobs, fueling the economy, and providing goods and services, are usually overlooked or forgotten.

While news coverage of these contributions may never come, and while their efforts often go unheralded by those who they help, there can be no denying the impact of big business on the daily lives of the American people. Those who decry big business and blame it for society's ills should imagine life without big business. It most certainly would be less comfortable, more expensive, and shorter. Big business pervades our daily lives not because it has forced itself upon us, but because we welcome it willingly for the progress its products offer. Their achievements and contributions have been indispensable, and without them, the United States could never have assumed its place as the world's most powerful nation. □



The people in this corporate office are the reason you only pay a couple bucks for a quart of milk.

David Horowitz showed the nation what college conservatives have known for years.

Ad Nauseum

by Joshua Martino

Slavery is a wrong that can never be righted. The pain of 200 years of servitude and 200 more of publicly sanctioned racism has given birth to the rage that appends today's seething racial debates. To demand reparations from a government that once sponsored slavery is to put a price on human suffering.

Say all of this in the correct circles with the proper degree of sensitivity, and light a candle of tolerance. Say this as a conservative, and set the world on fire.

David Horowitz has been caught with matches and gasoline can in hand. The conservative author, founder of

the magazine *Heterodoxy*, and president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture, kindled an uproar on college campuses several weeks ago when he sent an advertisement to 50 colleges to be run in their daily papers. The ad was called "Ten Reasons Why Slavery Reparations are a Bad Idea for Blacks (and Racist Too)." In it, Horowitz not only devastated the movement to offer government-financed retribution to descendants of African slaves, he also stated that blacks have benefited from the slave trade—noting that a few African blacks owned slaves while most American whites did not. Given the diverse history of the people who called themselves black, Horowitz asks how do we determine who deserves reparations?

Most of the ad's readers never concerned themselves with the answer—they were too outraged. Patently insensitive, the

seasoned provocateur used bold assertions and brutally candid language in his argument. "If not for the anti-slavery attitudes and military power of white Englishmen and Americans, the slave trade would not have been brought to an end. If not for the sacrifices of white soldiers and a white American president who

gave his life to sign the Emancipation Proclamation, blacks in America would still be slaves," Horowitz says in the ad. "Blacks in America would not enjoy the highest standard of living of blacks anywhere in the world, and indeed one of the highest

standards of living of any people in the world. ... Where is the gratitude of black America and its leaders for those gifts?" Such bold assertions seem to be a direct affront to black Americans. Indeed, they placed the editors of the papers that received the ad in a tough spot. To refuse the ad would be censorship, which every young journalist knows is a cardinal sin. To run it would be to insult the campus PC crowd. But 14 of Horowitz's 57 target recipients printed it, figuring how bad could the protests get?

The editor of the *Brown Daily Herald* got it bad. When the *Herald* ran the Horowitz ad, outraged students scoured the campus and confiscated every copy of the paper. In addition, the protestors stormed the newspaper office where the remaining copies of the issue were stored. They not only demanded free advertising space to publicly admonish Horowitz, but also insisted that the \$725 Horowitz offered to each paper be

donated to Brown's Third World Student Coalition. The brave editor refused.

"This is not an issue of free speech," a Brown student told the *New York Times*. "This is about profits. The *Herald* profited from the deliberate distortion of history."

A newspaper with the ad was also seized by protestors at the University of Wisconsin. And when Horowitz was invited to Berkeley to defend his position, students rudely disrupted his speech with accusations of racism. Later, Brown University canceled a scheduled appearance by Horowitz, probably to avoid protests that would have, no doubt, erupted into violence.

All this because one man decided to publish his opinion. Horowitz is entitled to his opinion—no matter how offensive to PC sensibilities—and the college papers have the right to publish it. Moreover, college newspapers are the ideal forum for the ad because, as Horowitz so craftily demonstrated, academic liberal orthodoxy frequently buries conservative opinions. Universities are a place of dialogue, and a student's four years at college are a time to explore opinions that one would have dismissed as a child.

Fear too often prevents this dialogue from occurring. The thoughtless militarism of hypersensitive protestors has subdued many students at left-leaning universities from uttering a dissenting opinion. Oftentimes university administrators support leftist censors; it is likely that newspaper thieves at many schools will not be punished. No doubt the fear of retribution

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The Firestarter: David Horowitz

was on the mind of every editor that received Horowitz's ad. Behavior like the Brown protests is predictable nowadays on campus. And even though two of them had previously run paid advertisements that denied the Holocaust ever happened, 34 college papers were too intimidated to run an ad against slavery reparations.

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There is one treatment for disagreeable opinions: truth. At some schools, Horowitz's political opponents followed this remedy by writing letters to the editor of the daily paper. Yet at so many more colleges, students surrendered the intellectual battle before the war began. Horowitz's claims are based very loosely in facts, but even so, protestors were unwilling to expose their opposing beliefs to criticism, instead demanding censorship or exacting it by force.

Several weeks ago, the SOURCE ran a Commentary in which the author wrote that reparations would do no good for the black community. A reader responded, saying that reparations are justified because the government compensated Japanese Americans interned during World War II and black victims of the Tuskegee experiments. Horowitz's ad refutes this diligent Jumbo's

response, saying, "the recipients of reparations were the direct victims of the injustice or their immediate families. [Slavery reparations] would be the only case of reparations to people who were not immediately affected and whose sole qualification to receive reparations would be racial." Still, nobody stormed the SOURCE office and demanded an apology when the Commentary was printed. One can only imagine, however, the angry blaze that would have enveloped the campus if the *Daily* had been among Horowitz's 57 target newspapers.

The saddest result of the fiasco is not that the ad hurt people's feelings or that a few newspapers were stolen. Most regretful is that three college editors apologized for running the ad. These are the future journalists of America. Graduates of universities such as Berkeley, UC-Davis, and Arizona State will have ultimate control of the truth if they enter the news profession. And while good journalists know that the truth hurts, editors at these three universities wrote sniveling apologies to their readers for content they did not even write. It is a shame indeed that more college newspapers do not subscribe to the SOURCE's motto of "Truth Without Sorrow."

Truth ended slavery. When abolitionists of both races exposed the mockery of democracy that was slavery, a centuries-old crime was finally made illegal. But Horowitz forgets to list among his attacks on reparations that justice cannot be paid to the descendants of slaves. No monetary sum can equal justice for the misery of human bondage and the millions of deaths during the Middle Passage. Perhaps proponents of reparations mistake Horowitz's ad for a movement to forgive and forget slavery. The opposite may be true, for if blacks were to be recompensed for their enslavement, in the minds of many whites, the ugliest blemish on American history will have been erased. True justice for slavery lies in remembering a nation's mistakes and ensuring that they are never made again. □

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Anatomy of a CONTROVERSY

The following schools rejected the Horowitz ad:

American
 Brandeis
 Cal. Poly
 Cal. State Sacramento
 Cal. State Northridge
 Cal. State San Francisco
 Colorado State
 Columbia
 Connecticut
 Cornell
 Delaware
 Florida
 Florida State
 Georgia
 Georgia Tech
 Harvard
 Michigan
 Michigan State
 Minnesota
 North Carolina
 Notre Dame
 Ohio State
 Penn
 Penn State
 Pittsburgh
 SUNY-Binghamton
 UC-Irvine
 UCLA
 UC-San Diego
 U-Mass Amherst
 Virginia
 Washington
 Wisconsin
 Yale

The following schools ran the ad (asterisks indicate apologies or protests):

Arizona
 Arizona State*
 Boston
 Brown*
 Cal. State Hayward
 Colorado
 Duke*
 UC-Berkeley*
 UC-Davis*
 U. Chicago (2 papers)
 Wisconsin*

—from *FrontPage Magazine*

Falling in love is so hard on the knees.

Never Surrender

by Megan Liotta

Society is in sad disrepair when women need self-help books, lectures, and support groups to learn how to love their husbands. Unfortunately that is apparently exactly the point at which American women have found themselves, as is evidenced by the growing popularity of California author Laura Doyle's book *The Surrendered Wife* and its accompanying workshops.

As the title suggests, Doyle's book focuses on the idea of "surrendering" to one's husband in order to foster intimacy in the relationship. Surrendering is a widely inclusive procedure that Doyle claims will allow

the woman to forfeit the marital tasks that are most stressful to her, leaving time for her to pamper herself. While this is true to some extent, some of the surrendering process is extreme and much is simply the practice of common sense and courtesy, notions that should not have to be taught in a book.

The first chapter is devoted to teaching women how to listen to their husbands without criticism and insult. This should be a fundamental part of marriage's golden rule, communication, yet Doyle goes on to say later in the book that communication is not all it has been cracked up to be. She encourages women never to ask their husbands how they feel. Indeed, Doyle even insists that to properly surrender, a woman must always reply to her husband's suggestions or questions with "whatever you think," a decidedly pathetic and irritating response.

Despite this interaction inanity, Doyle, a self-labeled feminist, does have a few valid points. She recognizes that unless a woman feels good about herself, she will be

unable to make her husband feel good. Her plan of action to foster self-happiness is a little on the obsessively structured side, but seems like it could work. She suggests that women make a list of ten things that they enjoy and a list of ten things that they feel good after doing and then prescribes two or three of these activities per day. But then

Doyle spoils her own good advice by dismissing women who claim they cannot find the time, telling them that if they surrendered in all other aspects of their relationship, they would be able to find it. Circular logic abounds.

Another of Doyle's pearls of wisdom tells women not to surrender to men who have active addictions or who are repeatedly unfaithful. Yet again this falls into the "duh" category of behavior. The concept of not allowing alcoholics or womanizers to have total control over a relationship is not rocket science.

At some points in the book, particularly in those parts regarding sex, Doyle does manage to find a sort of middle ground between being a doormat and a drill sergeant. She points out that a woman who is an authoritative and uncompromising businesswoman does not have to maintain those qualities in the bedroom. Doyle calls this taking a "feminine approach" to sex. Most people would call it taking a "logical approach" to sex. Doyle does firmly insist that men and women are different, both biologically and mentally, and as such they shouldn't expect to both play the masculine role, particularly in the bedroom. This is something most feminists would hotly contest, insisting that a strong and domineering woman is very sexy. These women are forgetting that straight men are not attracted to men, a point vital to the retention of intimacy

between a man and a woman and one which Doyle successfully makes again and again.

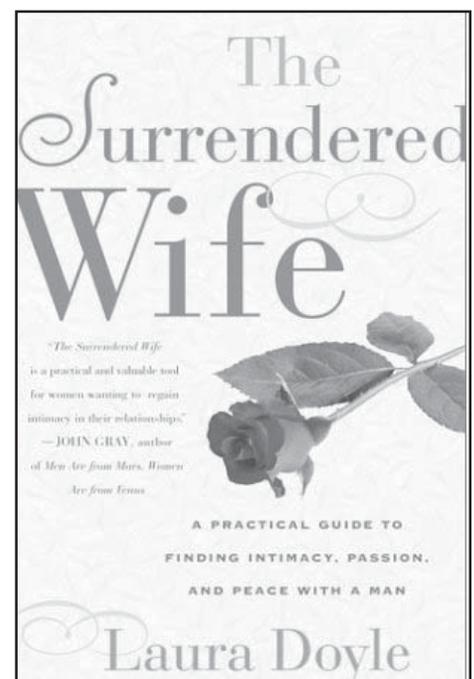
Speaking of making points again and again, Doyle's 285-page book could most easily be re-worked into a 50-page handbook. The majority of the pages are filled with attempts at colorful analogies and continual reassurance that her suggestions are not "crazy." Doyle saying she isn't crazy over and over again gives the impression that she actually thinks she is. Shakespeare's Mark Antony insisting again and again that Brutus is "an honorable man" comes to mind.

While the content is eyebrow-raising at best, the writing style and editing of Doyle's book are deplorable. Doyle speaks to her audience as though the readers have the brain power of four-year-olds, and judging from her suggestions, she genuinely believes that they do. There are also a variety of editing oversights that are just plain irritating to anyone with a clue about English grammar, and they distract from the content. Granted, this was not meant to be the great American novel, but blatant, non-colloquial grammatical errors are unacceptable from a publisher as widely regarded as Simon & Schuster.

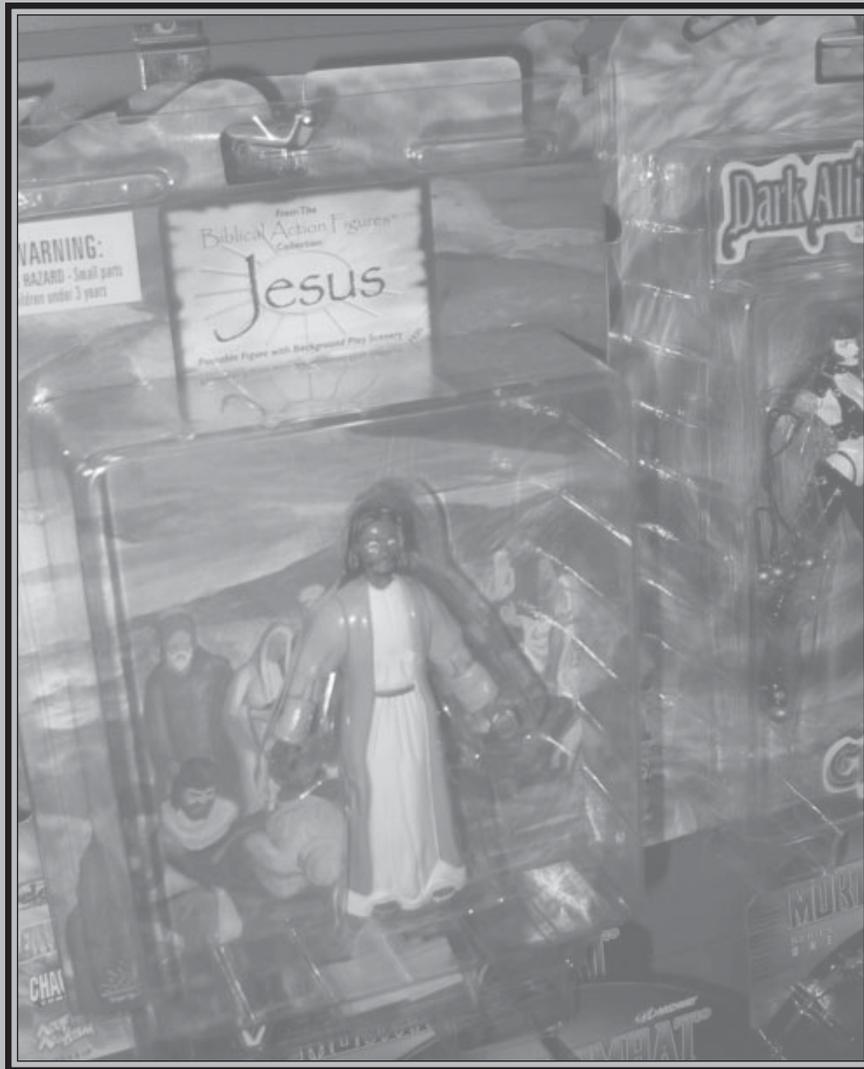
Overall, the book was a boring, repetitive annoyance. Doyle offers nothing to society except charm school on paper, a concept that has gone essentially extinct for a reason. Simply being polite, levelheaded, and kind toward one's alleged love should not require lessons and group therapy; it should be instinctual. □

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We swear we are not making this up:



A savior for men of all hues...

We all were relieved when Mattell broke the doll color barrier and introduced black Barbie—but a black Jesus doll? Jewish carpenters with divine parentage just aren't diverse enough for the makers of Biblical Action Figures. The line of dolls also includes a dark-skinned version of Mary, Moses, Adam, and an Angel. Why would kids want to play with miniature figures of any color from the Bible? 'Cuz of all of God's laws, the Third Commandment ("Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images") is just the most fun to break!

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

For sale: Iraqi rifle. Never fired. Dropped once.
—T-shirt slogan

Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry, all things easy. He that rises late must trot all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night, while laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.
—Ben Franklin

Bad men cannot make good citizens. It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolaters should be a nation of free men. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, are incompatible with freedom.
—Patrick Henry

I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion.
—Thomas Jefferson

'Tis better to remain silent and thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.
—Abraham Lincoln

Wealth is well known to be a great comforter.
—Plato

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer too much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.
—Theodore Roosevelt

Work like you don't need the money. Dance like no one is watching. And love like you've never been hurt.
—Mark Twain

Government is not reason, it is not eloquence—it is force!
—George Washington

This American system of ours, call it Americanism, call it capitalism, call it what you will, gives each and every one of us a great opportunity if we only seize it with both hands and make the most of it.
—Al Capone

A solved problem creates two new problems, and the best prescription for happy living is not to solve any more problems than you have to.
—Russell Baker

The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket.
—Kin Hubbard

Learn young about hard work and manners—and you'll be through the whole dirty mess and nicely dead again before you know it.
—F. Scott Fitzgerald

The biggest danger for a politician is to shake hands with a man who is physically stronger, has been drinking, and is voting for the other guy.
—William Proxmire

On a throne at the center of a sense of humor sits a capacity of irony. All wit rests on a cheerful awareness of life's incongruities. It is a gentling awareness, and no politician without it should be allowed near power.
—George Will

There's nothing to winning, really. That is, if you happen to be blessed with a keen eye, an agile mind, and no scruples whatsoever.
—Alfred Hitchcock

If you don't get it by midnight, chances are you ain't gonna get it; and if you do, it ain't worth it.
—Casey Stengel

Though fraud in other activities be detestable, in the management of war it is laudable and glorious, and he who overcomes an enemy by fraud is as much to be praised as he who does so by force.
—Niccolo Machiavelli

You can always get the truth from an American statesman after he has turned seventy, or given up all hope of the presidency.
—Wendell Phillips

He who slings mud generally loses ground.
—Adlai Stevenson

Have no fear of perfection—you'll never reach it.
—Salvador Dali

Get money first; virtue comes afterward.
—Horace

I think you should always laugh in bed—people always laugh at me when I'm in bed.
—Boy George

The secret to success is to offend the greatest number of people.
—George Bernard Shaw

The U.S. brags about its political system, but the president says one thing during the election, something else when he takes office, something else during midterm, and something else when he leaves.
—Deng Xiaoping

Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.
—George Jean Nathan

Never eat in a place called "Mom's..."
—Nelson Algren

The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level.
—Norman Mailer

The only question remaining about the decline of Western civilization is the pace.
—Robert H. Bork

America's abundance was created not by public sacrifices to "the common good," but by the productive genius of free men who pursued their own personal interests and the making of their own private fortunes.
—Ayn Rand