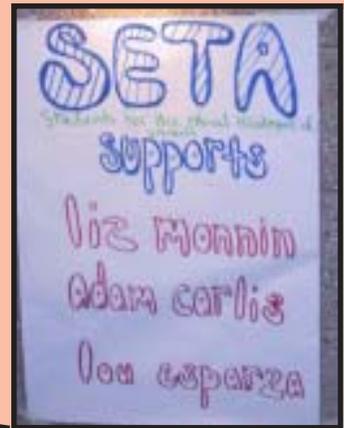


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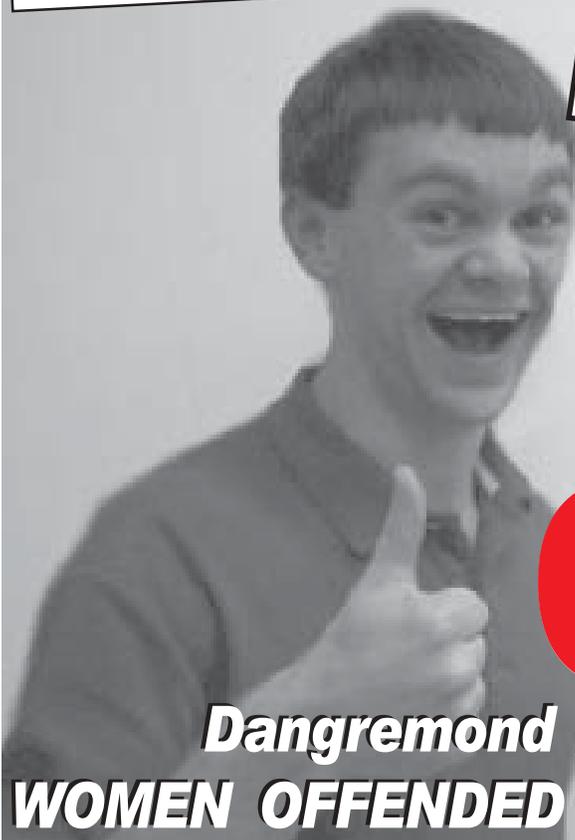
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MARTINO'S \$150-A-DAY PORK HABIT

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CARNAGE AT THE CANNON!

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...but we've got the police report!

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- Sexual Harassment
- Assault
- The Sacking Of Rome
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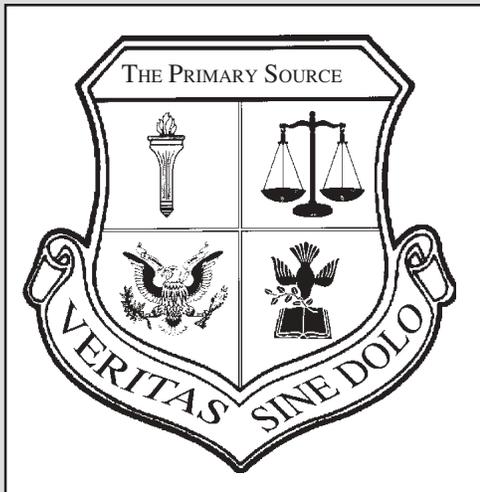


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Not Guilty; Y'All Gots Ta Feel Me.

During the past month at Tufts, many battles have been fought. The First Amendment has been challenged, and the physical safety of patriotic students has been threatened. But in every case, THE PRIMARY SOURCE has emerged victorious.

We at THE PRIMARY SOURCE will not allow our freedom of speech to be compromised. Iris Halpern threatened that freedom when she filed charges against our journal. These charges were unanimously dismissed by the Committee on Student Life (CSL) with a strong statement in favor of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. In its decision, the CSL also struck down the notion, so popular among leftists, that as a private institution Tufts University may disregard the Bill of Rights. Legalities aside, Tufts cannot ignore the Bill of Rights lest it subject itself to accusations of hypocrisy.

After the CSL upheld our First Amendment rights, senator Pritesh Gandhi feebly attempted to threaten those rights when he introduced a sweeping measure in the TCU senate that asked for administrators to create rules governing student publications. Putting aside the fact that the senate has no power over such matters, Gandhi nonetheless hoped to goad senators into grandstanding about the meaning of sexual harassment. After much melodramatic debate, this measure failed.

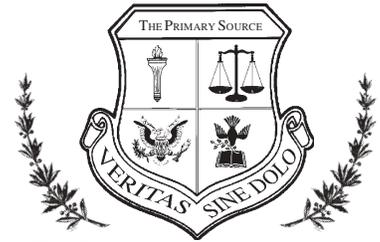
Thus, THE PRIMARY SOURCE again feels secure. We will continue to criticize, satirize, and parody those on this campus with whom we disagree. We will continue to condemn those students who issue moronic statements—and most importantly, we will continue to do so at our discretion. We will be the ones to choose what we print and will let no one deprive us of this right. We will exercise this discretion under our own conditions, and as we remain free to print what we see fit, we will now print what we see to be appropriate.

To Iris Halpern: it never was and never will be the intent of this magazine to hurt any individual. We may seek to embarrass, even offend, public figures on this campus but not to cause harm. We understand how the humor concerning SLAM in our October 11th issue could be construed as crass and uncouth. While we may still disagree about the nature of sexual harassment, it is clear that these comments upset you. Yet, the SOURCE never sought to harm you. You should consider these words

to be sincere, since I was not forced to write them. I regret that you were hurt by comments published in this magazine.

It was never the intent of THE PRIMARY SOURCE to harm, but this cannot be said of every student on the Tufts campus. The assault at the cannon has shown the disgusting depths to which leftists will sink. As I stood serenely by the cannon early in the morning of October 2nd, three of this campus' most notorious radicals approached me wearing hooded sweatshirts and bandanas covering their faces. Although I reminded them of the rules of cannon painting, one began to paint over our laboriously detailed American flag. When I shouted at him, I was grabbed from behind by the other two. Despite my repeated entreaties to stop what they were doing and to take their hands off me, they grabbed my upper arms and shoulders tightly and would not let go. I struggled to free myself, causing all three of us to fall to the pavement and into bushes several times. Still, they would not let go. Reason did not reach to these students, as I told them that what they were doing was illegal, against Tufts policy, and that for all I cared they could paint over my flag the next night if they would just let me go. Finally, the first leftist instructed the others to let me go, at which time I promptly called the Tufts University Police.

While I was found innocent of all wrongdoing, the punishment given my attackers was far too lenient. By placing them only on Probation I, despite incriminating testimony and evidence from the TUPD, the University has truly sanctioned violence. Much has been made of the word "unsafe" on this campus, but I never imagined that I would feel that way. In light of this lenient decision, members of the SOURCE decided to alert the national media. Reaching millions through various websites, including www.drudgereport.com, our story has brought Tufts under national criticism unseen since the Tufts Christian Fellowship debate. We have exposed Tufts' negligence not out of malice, but out of the desire that this never, ever, happen again. We hope that the administration takes this message to heart.



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Psychedelics and Rob Lichter

To the editors of THE PRIMARY SOURCE,

Why do I feel as if by writing this letter, I am opening myself up to ridicule? Is that just paranoia, or a real understanding of your journal? I'm not quite sure. Anyway, I am actually not writing this letter to insult your publication, even though you would probably classify me as a liberal or a tree hugger. Yet I do not wear patchouli, have hair past my shoulders, or listen to Phish. I just happen to be an environmental policy Master's degree student. Regardless, I am actually impressed with your unbiased coverage of governmental decisions. My initial assumption was that a conservative publication would favor George W.'s decisions no matter what, simply because he is a conservative by reputation. Although I disagree with much of the rest of your articles, especially the personal bashing that goes on of individual students, I found it refreshing to read an intelligently written piece of collegiate writing. To find common ground with people of conservative beliefs is something very uncommon in my experience. We all tend to insult each other instead of finding similarities. While half the fun of politics is arguing with someone, it is nice to find something to agree on once in awhile. Keep up the controversy, and more "open-minded liberals" like myself might just start to see your point.

Sincerely,
 Jessica Sprajcar
 Dept. of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, '03

Dear Sir,

I would like to know if Robert Lichter was educated in an urban public school or if he is just spouting out right wing rhetoric he learned in a white bread sanctuary. Regardless, expect a strongly worded letter regarding Child-Friendly Pro-Choice soon.

Dan Wesche
 LA 02

Editor,

Recognizing that "[f]reedom of speech is paramount to the very educational mission of Tufts University," Sam Dangremond fails to consider that the reason for a new approach to free speech principles may be due to new leadership.

During the 1990's many prestigious universities, Brown, Cornell and Penn, besides Tufts come to mind, were led by spineless presidents. They were incapable of standing up to leftist militant censors. The current president of MIT recently attacked expression of a commentator on WMBR their student radio station. The radio show host was suspended. At Columbia if a male is charged with a sex offense he is not entitled to due process as understood by the US and state courts. All too often university presidents are more concerned with not offending wealthy alumni to keep the dollar pipeline open, than they are with supporting free expression.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE merits praise for their courage in expressing their opinions in such an atmosphere on their campus. From where does this "tyrannical PC crusade" appear? Is it another creation of the cultural warriors led by the totalitarian psychiatric industry?

Roy Bercaw, Editor
 ENOUGHROOM

To the Editor:

Robert Lichter, as evidenced by his ill-considered and highly transparent article "Another Fish in the Sea," needs to wake up and smell the real world. He proves that it is impossible to argue both for pro-life and against maternity benefits while still endorsing equality for women.

Lichter asserts that "if a fish chooses to spawn sans bicycle, then she should also be able to provide for two without help." Sometimes, unfortunately, it is not the woman's choice, but the result of a deadbeat bicycle. What Lichter proposes is that these, and all other, women are morally obligated to give birth to their unwanted children, but then should not be able to maintain their employment because maternity benefits are contrary to a free market. How exactly should pregnant women provide for themselves if they are not offered any sort of maternity leave benefits? A father can spawn a child, then leave its mother, and run right back to work because *he* is not carrying the result of his behavior. Is this equality?

Add to this the notion that women must be solely responsible for the trade-off between having children and furthering a career and Lichter's desire to encourage pregnant college students to keep their babies without any support from the university. His rationale leads only to hopeless situations. It is clear, Mr. Lichter, where you think women belong.

Sincerely,
 Erica Goldberg

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Commentary

In Bloom

With over \$100 billion in damages from the September 11 attacks and the threat of perhaps over 100,000 future layoffs, New York City's financial future seems cloudy at best. However, on Election Day, Big Apple voters responded to this ominous haze of despair and uncertainty by electing billionaire Republican media-mogul Mike Bloomberg. What initially seemed like an afterthought quickly turned into a heated election in the race to lead New York City through its toughest task: not only rebuilding fallen structures but also repairing the psyche of a city to which the world looks for strength and inspiration.

Bloomberg, himself a former Democrat, brings to the table a vital quality: a capitalistic backbone. His biography reads like the clichéd American dream story for which all Americans strive: working his way up from underprivileged beginnings, he became a worldwide financial leader. His company, Bloomberg News, is one of the largest financial wire services in the world with revenues in the billions. Bloomberg's economic savvy will prove invaluable in the coming months, as will his desire to pick up where Rudy Giuliani left off. In a city where only 1 in 5 registered voters are Republican, Bloomberg's victory has become a sign of changing times within the city. With such a splintered Democratic Party, whose interests lay spread across the many minority groups of the city, the Republican Party has come out ahead in each of the last three mayoral elections because of its universal desire to improve the city.

As he prepares to take office, Mike Bloomberg faces a gigantic task ahead of him. His economic recovery proposals are sound; plans to freeze municipal hiring and a desire to localize as much of

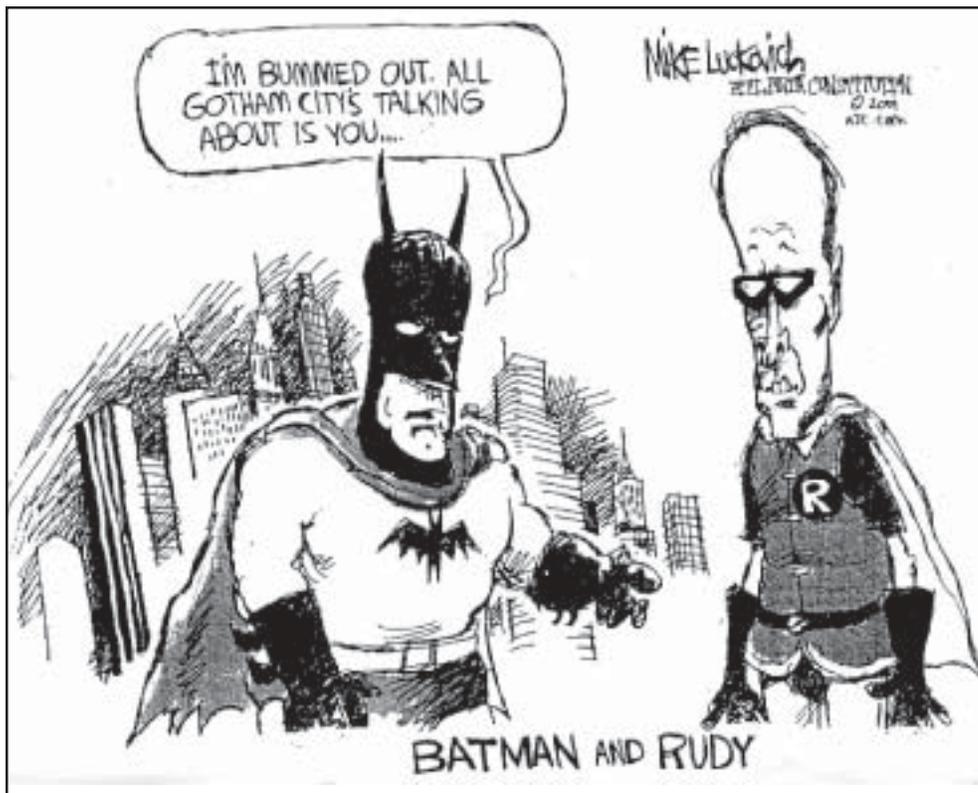
the recovery and rebuilding of the Twin Towers as possible are admirable in the face of such huge costs. But his focus must reach to the other chronic problems of the city, such as keeping crime down, fixing a tremendously flawed education system, and improving the city's fractured and aging transportation systems. However, being a self-described political "outsider," Bloomberg has vowed to keep himself free of the political machine and to concentrate on bettering the city. And, although he is a born-and-bred New Englander who roots for the Red Sox, the city should be glad to have a strong-minded capitalist running the show.

Antisocial

On November 5th, voters in Nicaragua once again proved that oppressed people always choose economic freedom over socialism. Daniel Ortega, leader of the Sandinista dictatorship that controlled Nicaragua from 1979 to 1990, lost the presidential election to Liberal Party candidate Enrique Bolanos by a 56-43 percent margin. This election was Ortega's second attempt since 1990 to reclaim leadership of the country. Ortega, who downplayed the Sandinista party's sullied past with a "path of love" campaign, attempted to reinvent himself as a proponent of free-market capitalism. Voters, however, knew better than to trust a man whose earlier government practiced such time-honored socialist policies as confiscating property, jailing opposition, and creating inefficient welfare state programs.

Nicaragua's election is a victory for free market capitalism that should give oppressed people across the globe plenty of reason to rejoice. Not only has President-elect Bolanos vowed to continue the free market policies of outgoing President Arnoldo Aleman, he has also dedicated his presidency toward fighting the country's economic troubles. Nicaragua faces a foreign debt of \$4 billion and a per capita income of only \$430. One can only imagine how far that number would fall if the Sandinistas had regained control of Nicaragua's government.

Adding to the economic implications of Nicaragua's election are its consequences for the future of democracy in the country. The election turnout reached record numbers to the point where polling stations in some areas remained open hours after the originally scheduled closure times. This robust show of support for the democratic process is even more impressive when one considers the fact that the election was relatively peaceful. Past presidential elections in Nicaragua have been marred by violence between Liberals and Sandinistas. If this year's election is any indication of what is to come, then hopefully Nicaragua will continue to shed its socialist past and continue its march toward democracy.



Murder, By No Other Name

During the last presidential campaign, Democrats ran a television commercial depicting James Byrd's racially motivated murder in Texas, subliminally suggesting that hate crime legislation could have saved Byrd's life. Liberals condemned then-Governor Bush for his refusal to sign a hate crime law. A jury ultimately gave Byrd's killers the death penalty; a hate crime punishment could have added nothing more.

Hate crime legislation is a two-edged sword. Championed by minority groups, such laws also apply to the spoken and written words of people of color. The recent trial in Pittsburgh of Ronald Taylor for the murder of three men in March 2000 illustrates such a potential dilemma. After two days of deliberation, the jury delivered a guilty verdict, making Taylor the 246th person on Pennsylvania's death row. The twist, however, is that Taylor is a black man while all of his victims were white. Documents found in Taylor's apartment read, "Jesus Christ made a very big, costly mistake by putting white trash people on the face of the earth." Other diatribes were aimed at Jews and homosexuals.

Taylor's lawyers argued that he was mentally ill and was convinced that whites were his enemies, but the defense conceded that Taylor understood that killing is wrong. He was eventually convicted based on the evidence that he killed three men, not on the content of his writings or his beliefs. Whether Taylor was white or black homophobic or homophilic had no bearing on the facts. He was the perpetrator of violent murder—period.

Perhaps it is easier to understand through the Taylor case that a person should not be convicted for having a "bad attitude," no matter how venomous his mindset. As malevolent as one might find Taylor's writings, one ought to realize that he was not a criminal until he took action. While Taylor sat in his apartment writing, his victims lived. Only after he decided to take action did blood flow. As a free society, America values racial and religious understanding among all groups. But hate crimes legislation censors freedom of thought. The First Amendment, which allows one to think and say nearly whatever one wants, pleasant or not, is fundamental to society. Thus, Ronald Taylor's conviction rightly focused on his revolting actions and not his "hateful" motivation.

Recount This

It has been over a year since the 2000 election debacle in Florida, and most Americans have long put this most partisan of battles behind them. The media, however, has never given up on their attempt to get the final scoop, hoping to finally prove that Clinton-lackey Al Gore actually won. Unfortunately for them, the latest recount attempt, conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago for a consortium of eight news organizations, showed once again that America legitimately has the right man in the White House.

While it certainly does not upset us here at THE PRIMARY SOURCE to hear yet another confirmation of what we already knew, we share the indifference to this news that is evident in the modicum of media attention and commentary on the subject. This lack of interest,

however, not only results from our being distracted by more important news from abroad, it stems from the understanding that any and all recounts that are held using standards decided upon after the election are arbitrary and can never be proven free of partisan slant.

The one thing everyone knows for sure after the 2000 elections is that the margin of error was greater than the margin of victory, making the election a statistical tie. In situations such as this it is most important to stick with the rules determined in advance. Any rules made after the fact would be tainted by partisanship. The machines that originally counted the Florida ballots may not have been perfect, but their methodology was defined beforehand, and their gears held no preferences for Democrats and Republicans. The same cannot be said for any recounts since, whether held by government, media, or academic officials.

Food Court

Dining Services has recently announced plans to strictly enforce rules about stealing from dining halls. Students caught with fruit, drinks, cereal, or desserts will now be slapped with a fine of up to \$60. So before you consider "stealing" that sandwich you paid for, consider a recent *Daily* article, in which Dining Services Director Patti Lee Klos indicated that the meal plan was "all you can eat, not all you can take."

Despite a windfall in unclaimed meals and points, dining services is obsessed with cutting costs, often by cutting corners. Limitations on meals at Hodgdon, elimination of popular dishes at dining halls and now Dewick fines are all standard practice. One dining services worker (speaking on condition of anonymity) has even indicated that dining services routinely hires workers only to fire them right before their benefits kick in after 60 days. So with all this cost cutting, where is all the money going? Granted that Tufts has one of the best university dining services is it really necessary, or even legal, to start searching students for stray oranges or an extra brownie?

This new policy smacks of the "nickel and diming" of students that routinely occurs on campus. Whether it be charging whole dorms for property destruction perpetrated by individuals, parking fines in excess of triple what the Somerville or Medford police departments charge, ripping students off at the bookstore, or charging \$3.80 for orange juice at Jumbo Express, the one consistent message for students is that Jumbos are here to pay through the nose. Tufts lags behind every other comparable university in Alumni giving, with merely a 30% giving rate. When alumni are pressed about why they don't give, many respond simply that they had already given plenty as students. Tufts' policy of sucking the cash out of its undergrads severely limits the alumni willingness to contribute later since many Tufts alumni feel, and rightfully so, that they were cheated while they were here.

Meanwhile, policies about taking apples do little to actually save money, instead reinforcing the consensus that Tufts is just out for money. And to Patti Lee Klos' glib remark on taking food, the SOURCE might argue that the deal is "all you *can* eat," not "all you *do* eat." How do you like them apples? □

Fortnight in Review SM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS At a recent senate meeting, senator Pritesh Gandhi revealed his deep and profound sensitivity by rallying his cohorts to reprimand the SOURCE for our thoughtcrimes. With Gandhi's love of diversity and censorship in mind, we proudly present:

Top Ten Pritesh Gandhi Pickup Lines:

10. "I'm not looking at your breasts. Seriously."
9. "Wannacomebackto my place and burn copies of THE PRIMARY SOURCE?"
8. "Hey baby—the thirty students who voted for me can't be wrong!"
7. "You know, I *could* have been a culture rep!"
6. "That's a nice copy of the First Amendment you have. It would look even better crumpled up at the end of my bed."
5. "Can I borrow \$800 and your phone number? It's for earthquake relief."
4. "Sugar, if it works out, SETA can cater our wedding."
3. "Is that guy at the end of the bar harassing you? Shall I censor him?"
2. "Baby, I'll protect you from the conservative backlash."
1. "Damn! You so fine, you deserve your own culture rep!"

PS Americans panicked when a Taliban source reported that terrorist Osama bin Laden has the capability to produce a nuclear weapon. Americans were even more disturbed, however, when the Taliban press also reported that "All your base are belong to us."

PS Thousands of liberated Afghans celebrated the defeat of the Taliban last week by taking out long-hidden TV sets. One Afghani told CNN, "Like, finally I get to find out what happened last month on *Friends*. I was totally hoping Ross would make out with Phoebe."

PS In what may very well be the last Taliban joke of this issue, two American Christian missionaries were recently freed from their three-month-long internment in a Taliban prison. For their service to America, Colin Powell gave each missionary a "bin Laden Sucks" t-shirt and a cassette tape of Springsteen's "Born in the USA."

PS In music news, pop star Britney Spears recently released her third album. The SOURCE promises a review once we stop drooling on the cover and actually open the CD.

PS Mmmm... liner photos. Uh... we really do respect her for her music.

PS As our favorite turkey holiday approaches, we sit back and ponder....

Top Ten Things For Which We Be Thankful:

10. Easy targets for our jokes (thanks TFA!)
9. DTD rush posters
8. FIRE
7. Dead pig carcasses
6. Jingoism
5. Clean dorms
4. Leaving Tufts for five days
3. Not having to write any more tank-top jokes

2. Sam Dangremond's grapefruit-sized *cojones*

1. Freedom of speech

PS A midget performer has pleaded innocent to interfering with an American Airlines crew after he allegedly threatened a flight attendant with a two-inch penknife. Fortunately, the attendants were able to strap Velcro on him and toss him onto a felt wall before he reached the cockpit.

PS Michigan's Lieutenant Governor asked Congress to forbid Canadians from shipping their waste to Michigan. Supporters of the legislation complain of music by Celine Dion, Alanis Morissette, and Bryan Adams.

PS Catholic schools in Memphis, Tennessee are keeping the "Harry Potter" books out of their libraries because of the witches and wizardry content. Parents supporting the ban have organized a fundraiser where they will sell baked goods, doilies, and papal indulgences. Cash only.

PS Alaskans are seeking to gain enough signatures on a measure that could make it legal for adults to grow, use, or sell marijuana. Apparently it's the only way to actually enjoy Jewel.

PS In Alaska, two young trick-or-treaters were trampled (but not injured) by a bull moose on Halloween. Authorities later discovered the moose was actually Rosie O'Donnell stampeding towards the smell of candy.

PS A clever Pensacola, Florida crossing guard figured out a way to slow speeders near a local elementary school: he took a hair dryer, wrapped it with electrical tape and aimed it at passing drivers. Drivers figured out the ruse when the crossing guard wrote speeding tickets on an Etch-a-Sketch.

PS A Maryland school board has forbidden the distribution of prom favors such as beer mugs and champagne flutes, claiming they imply tolerance of underage drinking. Condoms, dental dams, and fuzzy handcuffs, however, are still fair game.

PS Four Indiana communities will team with the state and spend \$1 million of taxpayer money to determine what works in persuading people to quit smoking or not to start the habit. Here's a moneysaving thought: maybe it's *the cancer*.

PS The *Florida Times-Union* reported that the rate of child abuse in Florida is fifteen times higher than the national standard. The state plans to combat the problem by no longer admitting Paula Poundstone or Michael Jackson.

PS About 25,000 people gathered in Millsboro, Delaware two weekends ago for the Punkin Chunkin' World Championships. Calista Flockhart was able to regurgitate 30 pumpkins before being informed that it was a pumpkin *throwing* contest.

PS Top Ten Captions for the Picture at Right:

10. "After this meeting, I'm getting blotto. You down?"
9. It was the last piggyback ride Ted ever gave.
8. "Ever seen the Oval Office? Ever seen the Oval Office *on weed*?"
7. After blowing the budget surplus, the President was forced to give \$10 back massages to raise the GDP.
6. "Ted... put some pants on for Christ's sake."
5. "I'd do her. And her. Maybe that one. And her..."
4. As part of a fraternity prank, Georgie and Ted were tied together at the waist.
3. "Damn Teddy! You been working out?"
2. a fatty does stick to the back with stickyfat! OH THERE IS PIZZA HERE
1. "Do Dubya a favor... give my secretary a ride home tonight?"



PS California Boy Scouts were recruited to collect and plant acorns from trees that will be cut down to make room for a dam. Yet another way to earn your Nut Grabbing badge.

PS Tribal highway officials in Cherokee, NC will be asking for \$15 million from Congress to widen their highways and will be planning a spiritual dance to attract volunteer construction workers. Y-M-C-A...

PS Minnesota's St. Cloud State University told the University of North Dakota not to bring its logo, the Sioux Indian, to their next hockey game, claiming "we don't tolerate hate speech." The only mascot present will be St. Cloud's "Pale-Ass Honkey."

PS Furthermore, St. Cloud's insists that its hockey players use non-violent blocking stances.

PS Immediately after being sworn in, Venice, Illinois' newest addition to the school board cleaned the elementary school, since she said that her grandson smelled strongly of urine. Aw... another Coalition member in training.

PS A St. Louis nurse was charged with first-degree murder for allegedly killing an elderly, dying woman with a drug overdose. Hey, she still had a good two weeks left.

PS A dam near a Des Moines dairy overflowed with bovine waste a week ago. The TFA will be purchasing the excess crap at wholesale.

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because sometimes you need it right away.

From The Elephant's Mouth SM

☞ In order to prove that we are equal opportunity offenders and have no beef with the **fairer sex**, THE ELEPHANT would like to take a moment to sexually harass TCUIJ member **Michael Ferenczy**. Ahem: Oooh Mike. Damn, I cannot wait to stroke your **manly bosom** and run my trunk through that **bounty of hair** on your chest... Déjà vu all over again: Just when the campus was free from vandalism, "**Imagine a campus free from sexism**" stickers reappeared on anything oppressive. We would, but we're too busy imagining **pole-dancing feminists**.

☞ A few hundred lucky Tufts students crowded into Cohen to watch a noticeably overweight **Billy Joel** sing his hits. THE ELEPHANT says that Joel, who looked more like a bloated Soviet premier than a rocker, will henceforth be known as the **Grand Piano Man**... **OneSource** has received a new deal that will increase benefits and raise employee wages in **2004**. Just in time for new SLAM members to graduate and bring in the **big bucks**... Hodgdon offers a new take-it-home delight: the **Dilberito**, a microwave vegetarian dinner featuring a Dilbert comic on the box. Perhaps the cartoon on the meatless fare will teach campus leftists **how to take a joke**.

☞ Harvard prof **Cornell West** released an album of his hip-hop and spoken word compositions. THE ELEPHANT was skeptical, but was thoroughly won over when West managed to rhyme the phrases "**racist white oppressor**" and "**gangsta booty**" ... Some Tufts students say Billy Joel came to Tufts at the expense of the fall rap show, which was not held this semester. **MC ELEPHANT** sez spend the **diversity fund** to get **Dr. Dre** to lecture in our 'hood, and we'll call it even... Maybe Cornell West can be the opening act!

☞ You call that news: The *Daily* describes SOURCE supervisor **Sam Dangremond** as "surprisingly eloquent." Kinda like how the *Daily* has been surprisingly **daily**... Another front page story reads: "Iris Halpern Dismayed Over **CSL Decision**." These are future journalists, ladies and gents—the folks who are gonna work for *The Washinton Post* one day and print "Afghanis Displeased with Bombing..." This just in: a front-pager on the November 8th edition of the *Daily* reads "**Profs teach undergrads**." Well, it's about time!

☞ Overheard at Oxfam Café: **Adam Carlis** and a friend are playing Chinese checkers. Poor Adam gets stuck with the white gamepieces and exclaims, "Why do I have to be such an **oppressive color**?"

☞ Found outside of **Gary Leupp's East Hall lair**: *Spark!* magazine, a leftist publication claiming to be "empowering Boston students." Now Leupp's students don't even have to wait until his office hours to be spoon-fed **lefty propaganda**... In an anti-meat Viewpoint, animal lover **Shari Leskowitz** says, "Ask yourself the simple question, 'If I had to kill that cow myself, would I be able to?'" Only if your **stun-**

gun is set to 3 or higher... Seafood lovers discovered Dining Services head **Patti Lee Klos** has a spine made of Jell-O™ when she capitulated to animal rights nuts and outlawed cafeteria swordfish. Next to go: **Aztec-rubbed sea turtle**. We hear those Aztecs are going extinct.

☞ **Derek Di Matteo** slams the SOURCE and the good old US of A in his *Observer* opinion piece...he thinks. He calls for censorship of THE PRIMARY SOURCE and in the same column denounces the press for keeping information from the public. Next time reading our journal might also help him avoid **the following blunders**: Di Matteo on national ID cards: "THE PRIMARY SOURCE would probably call these corporate-sponsored initiatives a necessary invasion of privacy." (Please refer to **Vol. XX, Iss. 4, pp. 6 and 19**.)... In reference to government airline aid: "THE PRIMARY SOURCE would probably call the bailout a patriotic, national necessity." (Please refer to **Vol. XX, Iss. 3, pp. 18**.)... "To hear THE PRIMARY SOURCE editors tell it, anyone who...criticizes the government is as deserving of death as anyone who attacks the U.S.A." (Please refer to **any article by Andrew Gibbs**.)... Derek also calls Dubya's administration illegitimate because of the Florida fiasco. So he doesn't read the SOURCE, and he doesn't read the national papers—see what happens when you **rely on the Observer** for news?

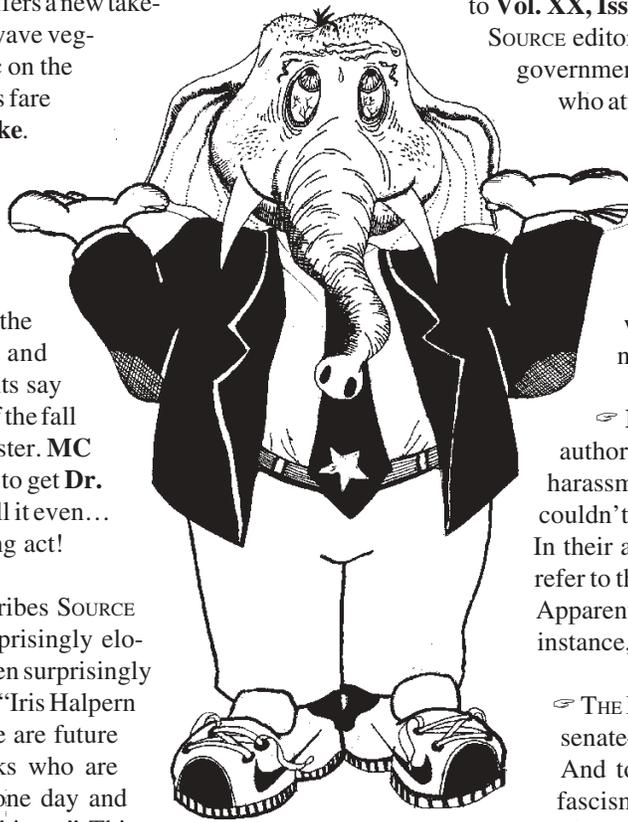
☞ **Melissa Callan** and **Caroline Davis** author a Viewpoint accusing the SOURCE of harassment. We would have read it, but we couldn't stop staring at their gigantic... **egos**. In their anti-SOURCE Viewpoints, TFA ladies refer to the harassment accuser only as "Iris." Apparently her first name stands alone like, for instance, "Cher, Madonna, **Fidel, Mao**..."

☞ THE ELEPHANT offers gratitude to the TCU senate—thanks for not censoring us, fellas! And to the seven senators who voted for fascism, here's a hint: you don't have that authority... And thanks to **Randy Newsom** for getting elected in place of **Abby Moffat** or **Julia**

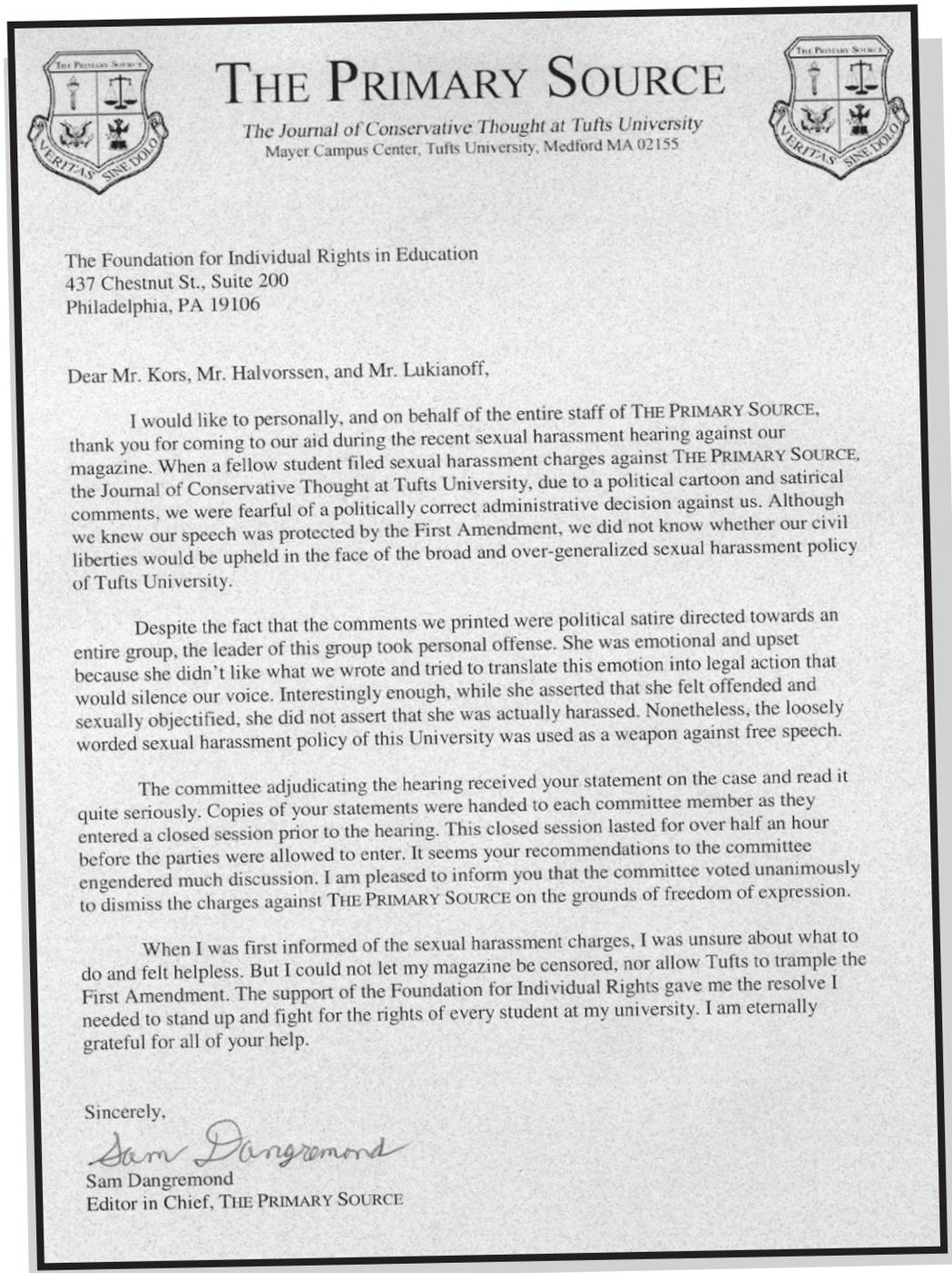
Karol... Don't forget to visit the new SOURCE website, **www.TuftsPrimarySource.org**, home of conservative thought and **pornography** that absolutely, positively does not **objectify women**... And didja see our managing editor **Chris Kohler** interviewed in the *Boston Globe* last Saturday?

☞ Predictions: Sam Dangremond buys a **can of mace**... Dozens of Jumbos pay ten bucks to watch a **DTD/TFA mud-wrestling match** in Hotung... **Lou Esparza** joins the Thai Club... Sam Dangremond booted for mentioning tank tops during his Wendell Phillips speech.

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.



The Primary Source would like to take this opportunity to thank the legal experts of the
Foundation for Individual Rights in Education.



Some excerpts from FIRE's letters to the Committee On Student Life:

- ◆ "Treating The Primary Source's jokes, directed at a campus political figure, as sexual harassment circumvents even the most minimal campus protections of free speech and trivializes sexual harassment law itself."
- ◆ "The behavior that The Primary Source engaged [in] is undeniably parody and satire, areas of political speech that are at the core of our country's honored traditions. Parody and satire exist to challenge, to amuse, and even to offend."
- ◆ "If Tufts wants its definition of sexual harassment to include protected speech, it must do so with the explicit understanding that it has chosen to depart from, not fulfill, federal law - that it has chosen to dispense with the free speech as it exists in the broader society."
- ◆ "Please spare Tufts University the embarrassment of fighting against the very freedom of speech and legal equality by which it is morally and contractually bound. It would be the height of folly for this great institution to be tarnished by this sad affair."

Our rights, your rights

THE PRIMARY SOURCE responds

Warning:
THE PRIMARY SOURCE IS
Violent Towards Women

-flyer distributed by the Tufts Feminist Alliance

Good God... how did we get *here*? Those who read the October 11th issue of our journal for the first time after Iris Halpern filed sexual harassment charges against our organization all said the same thing: “That’s *it*?” To the disinterested third party, the cartoon and two jokes that caused Halpern to file those charges are just this side of innocuous. They are some of the least offensive jokes that THE PRIMARY SOURCE has ever printed and certainly not worthy of the campus-wide uproar they seem to have spawned. But a campus-wide uproar it is—with flyers flying about the dining halls, numerous *Daily* op-eds, and the return of the insidious “imagine a campus free from ____” stickers (this year: “sexism”), it looks like TCF all over again.

Like that crazy controversy, the uproar is over what should have been an open-and-shut case. Iris Halpern accused THE PRIMARY SOURCE of sexual harassment, alleging that our magazine (in the words of Tufts’ policy) had “the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with [her] work or academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment in which to work or to learn.” In short, for there to be *sexual* harassment, there first has to be harassment, and as the plaintiff, it was Halpern’s task to prove that during the hearing. Not surprisingly, she proved no such thing. Speaking to the Committee on Student Life (CSL), Halpern was able to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that *her feelings were hurt*, but not that any sexual harassment had occurred. In her closing statement, Halpern introduced sexual harassment policies from different universities and one Supreme Court case—*Bethel School District v. Fraser*—that Halpern later made reference to in her *Daily* op-ed, calling it an affirmation “that even in public school systems, the right to sexually degrade someone simply for being a woman is not protected by free speech clauses.” Shame, shame, Iris: either you haven’t read the case, or you’re just hoping that your readers haven’t.

Bethel School District v. Fraser concerned a high school

student who gave an election speech dotted with sexual metaphors to an audience that included many 14-year-old boys and girls. The speech was not found to be illegal, but the Supreme Court found that the high school in question had the right to give Fraser a light punishment and not allow him to speak at graduation. Whether or not the decision was correct is a matter of discussion in law classes. What Halpern fails to realize is that *we are not fourteen years old*. We are adults and no longer subject to the special rules and regulations of high school, a condition that most of us welcome with open arms.

A Supreme Court case that *did* have bearing on this hearing is *Hustler Magazine v. Falwell*, popularized in the movie *The People vs. Larry Flynt*. Hustler’s ad parody claiming that reverend Jerry Falwell lost his virginity to his mother during a drunken orgy in an outhouse is protected speech and not libel—nor is it, for that matter, sexual harassment. Neither, then, are any of the jokes printed in THE PRIMARY SOURCE. The Supreme Court was clear on this matter, and the CSL was similarly clear, voting unanimously to dismiss the charges against this magazine in the interest of free expression. Halpern was, of course, not satisfied that a disinterested panel had found her claims of sexual harassment

to be without merit. She took issue with the CSL’s language—since the CSL’s verdict did not include the words “sexual harassment,” she assumed that the CSL did not take her claims seriously.

There is another point that both sides raised at the hearing that the CSL left out of their verdict. Halpern, *Radix*, and the TFA all assume that the remarks and cartoon in question specifically targeted Iris Halpern. They absolutely did not. Even if we directed comments at Halpern as an individual, they would be protected. But the joke that mentioned Iris Halpern by name had no references to her body or anyone else’s, and the other two items in question were not connected with any specific person. They were criticisms of SLAM as a whole, which the SOURCE pointed out during the hearing. The assumption that the remarks were intended to harass Halpern as an individual is entirely false.

The fur began flying immediately after Halpern filed her complaint. TTLGBC political co-coordinator Vanessa Dillen

“We want a campus where every student is safe and protected from harassment,” writes TFA co-chair Elizabeth Monnin, who is currently serving Disciplinary Probation I after being found guilty of harassment.

weighed in with a scathing letter to the *Daily*, saying that she would “not allow the SOURCE to degrade and harass women while hiding behind the mantle of free speech.” Weeks later, senior Wendy Tang’s letter went even further. Sensing an opportunity to push her own agenda, Tang played the race card: “As a person of color, I am fearful how [sic] this lack of discretion may affect the minority community on campus.” Tang went on to assert that anything offensive to *anybody* should not be protected under the First Amendment: “If today’s offensive content to women may be printed, who’s next? Homosexuals? Minorities?” But Vanessa Dillen had already written the perfect response to Tang in a Viewpoint the day before, concerning the “Queerification Day” chalkings: “I challenge those who are offended by the sexual messages to ask themselves why it is that they feel offended.”

Incensed at their loss, Halpern and her pals began a multi-pronged attack. Sophomore senator Pritesh Gandhi (who after the September 11th attacks predicted a dire “conservative backlash” against minority students) introduced a broad resolution at the 11/12 senate meeting calling on the student government to censure both the CSL and this journal. The resolution was co-signed by Halpern, ex-TTLGBC culture rep Kat Cheung, and, in a stunning turn of events, by Adam Carlis and Lou Esparza, who just weeks earlier had been found guilty of harassing Sam Dangremond at the cannon. The resolution was shot down 7-17-2.

At the same time, the Tufts Feminist Alliance was taking up the ball. TFA members Melissa Callan, Caroline Davis, and Lauren Schulman co-authored a *Daily* viewpoint. Feminists distributed flyers in the dining halls that read: “**Warning: THE PRIMARY SOURCE is Violent Towards [sic] Women.**” The article and pamphlets are the perfect example of what happens when young women take Jean Kilbourne at face value. Hold on to your hats, because we’re about to

make a giant leap: images of women lead to physical violence and rape because they assure men that women are nothing but objects, say the ladies of the TFA. Furthermore, the flyer asserts, “Iris was harassed for being a woman,” as if the editorial board of this journal was somehow against the entire female gender. What does the TFA want? “We want a campus where every student is safe and protected from harassment,” writes TFA co-chair Elizabeth Monnin, who is currently serving Disciplinary Probation I after being found guilty of harassment.

More than anything else, this case and its aftermath have been characterized by a seething, unhealthy anger on the part of Halpern and her ilk. Halpern’s Viewpoint following the decision and her lengthy tirade during the “Q&A” segment of the TFA/DTD “community conversation” in Hotung revealed to the Tufts community a bitter, sarcastic, hurt person who, rather than accept the CSL’s impartial decision and try to understand the point of view of our journal, had merely fed her anger by calling the campus Left to action.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE is absolutely innocent of sexual harassment and never targeted Halpern’s body. Our journal has never “hid” behind the First Amendment. The First Amendment protects practically anything we could choose to say, and even if we had been as “violent” as Halpern and her supporters accuse, we would enjoy full legal protection. There are certain things that we will not say—not because we cannot but because we choose not to. The day that we use our pages to let go baseless and offensive personal attacks without a legitimate political point is the day that we have failed as writers and as a publication. We will continue to uphold our high standards of editorial quality such that that day never comes. □



*Meekly trying to appease terrorists didn't work before
September 11th, and it won't work now.*

Courage Under Fire

by Jonathan Perle

The war in Afghanistan is drawing to a close, yet the end of the beginning of the war on terrorism remains a distant vision. Indeed, Afghanistan's support of international terrorism only coalesced in the last decade, following the Soviet defeat and the rise of the Taliban. Other nations, particularly in the Middle East, have a far greater heritage of either passive acceptance or active support for terrorism. Today, in Washington and around the country, people are being divided into two camps: those who wish to press the war on terrorism into new fronts with or without our current allies and those who wish to proceed more cautiously.

We can see the lines forming along their traditional paths. The generally pro-Arab State Department along with a poorly run and cautious CIA (due to its past mistakes) take the view that America should proceed slowly, gathering coalition support, and avoid offending the Arab nations, Europe, or anyone else who might object. On the other side lies the Department of Defense, and (to a certain extent) the National Security Council. They are more aggressive, more willing to support opposition groups—though in a markedly different way than the CIA has—and want to see the war on terrorism taken to every

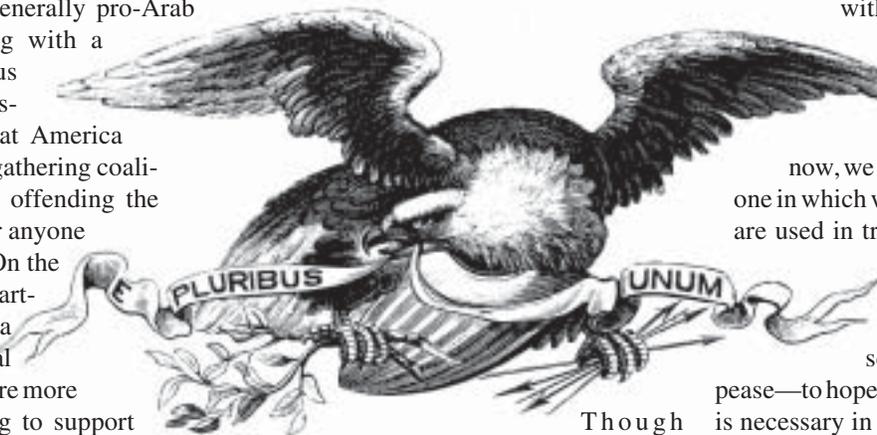
country that harbors, supplies, or gives intelligence to terrorists.

For the past decade, the United States has been going about dealing with terrorism the State Department's way. We have moved

cautiously, never committing too many resources or throwing our weight around, fearful that doing so would anger other Arab states, such as Saudi Arabia, as

well as our European allies. The results of this policy became crystal clear on September 11th when analysts at the CIA and academics throughout the country learned that those people who hate the United States and seek its destruction will not reciprocate US appeasement.

The inevitable reality that the states behind the terrorists are as threatening to the United States as the terrorists themselves is being downplayed by certain members of the current administration, despite the evidence to the contrary.



Though we are the strongest nation in the history of the world, many of the leaders of our foreign policy team chose to act as if we were just a middle-weight power and hoped that policies of multilateralism would make us more palatable to those who hate us.

Their hopes, predictably, were not based in reality, but in a utopian ideal which never has existed and which only allowed our enemies to take advantage of our naïveté. Now, one would think that those who championed the appeasement strategy would be disabused of this notion. Not so. Again from the State Department come calls for multilateralism and claims that American “can’t do it alone.”

The inevitable reality that the states behind the terrorists are as threatening to the United States as the terrorists themselves is being downplayed by certain members of the current administration, despite the evidence to the contrary. These folks are worried that by attacking Iraq, Iran, or other states which support terrorism, at other Arab states will side against the United States. Yet during the last week we, have seen Muslims celebrate joyfully now that the US has rid most of Afghanistan of the Taliban. If the United States does the right thing, both in terms of security and morality, and decides to get rid of the oppressive, brutal regimes of countries such as Iraq and Iran, Americans will find that in the end, they will be held as liberators, rather than conquerors. It is no coincidence that Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, the causes of much oppression, murder, and bloodshed were only brought to their knees when the pacifists and unilateralists got out of the way, and force was met with force.

Today, the United States is in a position to extend its vision of a better world to virtually every part of the globe. This vision, however, is not free. It must be paid for, sometimes with negotiations, sometimes with money, but mostly with courage, leadership, and a will to confront danger rather than run away. Even now, we may be entering a new world, one in which weapons of mass destruction are used in truly catastrophic quantities.

The instinct of many when faced with such a daunting and horrifying scenario is to run or to appease—to hope and pray and offer whatever is necessary in order to make the threat go away. But the United States cannot. To shrink from the dangers we—both the military and civilians—most surely will face will be only to invite more terror and more attacks. The only way to solve the problem of terrorism is to destroy the enemy. □

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CARNAGE AT THE CANNON!

In the early morning hours of October 2nd, 2001, PRIMARY SOURCE editor-in-chief Sam Dangremond was standing guard over a freshly-painted cannon when he was attacked by students Adam Carlis, Louis Esparza, and Elizabeth Monnin. All three are members of the Coalition for Social Justice and Nonviolence, but their actions that evening were decidedly violent.

As the three of them approached me and the cannon, I was immediately alarmed by their body language and silence. They moved swiftly and without making eye contact or conversing with me. I felt it apparent that they had talked through a plan prior to coming to the cannon. [REDACTED] was carrying a paint can and a can of spray paint, so I could see his intent to paint over my work. I verbally reminded [REDACTED] that groups are not to paint over other groups' paintings so long as a member is there "guarding" the cannon. As [REDACTED] did not respond to my remarks and appeared to begin to paint the cannon, I made one step towards [REDACTED] and told him to stop.

At this time [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] grabbed my arms and restrained me. They had positioned themselves behind me and each grabbed me from one side. I was shocked and yelled at them to let me go. They did not let me go, nor speak in any way. I sought to free myself of their grasp, but each time I broke free they grabbed me again. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] continued to grab me, and I continued to try to free myself, for about 10 minutes. During this time all three of us fell to the ground, and into bushes, several times.

-from Sam Dangremond's complaint filed with the Dean of Students office

Sam Dangremond filed assault charges against the three students, who submitted counter-complaints alleging that Sam had been the aggressor. After many delays, the case was heard later that month by a Dean of Students Judiciary panel, and the verdict was passed down. The results were perhaps even more shocking than the incident itself.

The panelists found insufficient evidence to judge that you, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] had committed assault. However, based on the admissions of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that they intended to paint over your work, even if you were present, and that they had practiced physical, non-violent strategies prior to going to the cannon, the panel found the three students to be guilty of harassment. The panel expressed its feeling that, given the three students' training, as described at the hearing, the three students should have had better understanding, empathy and respect for your right to express your opinion, unedited by their beliefs (about the meaning of the American flag).

-letter from Judicial Affairs Officer Veronica Carter to Sam Dangremond, 10/27/01

The panel's decision was that there was "insufficient evidence" to show that Carlis, Esparza, and Monnin had indeed committed assault. We disagree. Reprinted below is a section of the official Tufts University Police Department report of the incident. Three officers came to the scene after Sam Dangremond ran to a blue light phone and reported the assault.

Officer [REDACTED] retrieved the reporting party, Mr. Dangremond, from the front of Tisch Library. I asked twice for the three people at the cannon to stop painting and sit down. I then asked all three to remove their bandanas. While they were sitting on the ground, they were laughing, thinking it was a joke. I proceeded to take their names, ID numbers and addresses. Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] stated that they physically restrained Mr. Dangremond while Ms. [REDACTED] spray-painted the cannon. The words on the cannon were "It's a global village" and "Violence---has no peace".

-from the official TUPD report

Police testimony at the hearing confirmed this statement. The three left the scene with no further comment to the police officers. Even when they were alone with the officers, they did not mention anything of an attack or aggression on the part of Sam Dangremond. But they would return to the TUPD headquarters one hour later with a brand-new story.

CARNAGE AT

The attackers had originally admitted their crime to the authorities and left the scene, but when they returned to the police station after conferring with each other, they had a new story. Sam Dangremond, they lied, had in fact attacked all three of them. If you believe all three of their stories, Sam Dangremond is no mere human being. He has the ability to be in three places at once.

when Samuel put his hands on me and threw me out of his way to get to [REDACTED]. He then threw [REDACTED] into a bush and followed [REDACTED] around the cannon. There he kept trying to throw me into a bush when I stood in between him and [REDACTED]. Sam kept saying, "Don't do this. It's gonna be your word against mine, and you don't want that, do you?" He then repeatedly pushed me until I fell into a bush. He pushed [REDACTED] into a bush again

-from defendant 2's statement to the TUPD

pushing. I was pushed the ground and into a bush a minimum of three times and I never raised my arms against him. During this time, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also shoved to the ground. Nothing was painted on the cannon. Sam also made verbal threats: he

-from defendant 3's statement to the TUPD

left the scene. I was supposed to be the one to paint, but I was so taken back by Sam's violence that I was almost frozen. He kept throwing my friends hard on the cement and into the bushes around the cannon. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were simply standing in between Sam and the cannon and he was the aggressor every time. Even though I had yet to paint anything on the cannon, Sam pushed me and I fell into a bush and scraped up my leg.

-from defendant 1's statement to the TUPD

Odd that while they were being "attacked," none of the three ever considered using a blue light phone or simply leaving the scene. Rather, they say, they endured being thrown "hard on the cement" and kept coming back for more. The three allege that they "planned for non-violence" before going to the cannon.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], and I decided beforehand that we were going to be non-violent as we always are when we do anything. This is what occurred. I was physically assaulted and

-from defendant 2's statement to the TUPD

Our initial plan to paint the cannon and all of our actions throughout were non-violent.

-from defendant 3's statement to the TUPD

Personally, I follow a non-violent means of organizing and my hands never touched Sam the entire time. The only contact was when he pushed me into a bush and I fell down.

-from defendant 1's statement to the TUPD

A condition typical to leftists: they want recognition for things that a normal person just does without thinking about it. You and I are able to go through our day completely nonviolent without ever organizing and deciding beforehand to be non-violent. At the hearing, the three demonstrated the "nonviolence" training that they learned in class while you and I studied physics and rhetoric. These claims of non-violence were thought up in the one-hour session between the time they admitted their crime to the police and the time they returned to the police station with a new, phony story in hand.

THE CANNON!

The single most incriminating and unbelievable part of their testimonies was their version of how the fight stopped. Adam Carlis did indeed instruct Liz Monnin and Lou Esparza to stop assaulting Sam. Indeed, in their new story, the three said that Adam "asked all of us to stop." **Stop what? You weren't doing anything... remember?**

the canon. As Sam's belligerence and physical and verbal assault continued, [REDACTED] called for everyone to stop. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and I decided to physically distance ourselves from the situation and to discuss what we wanted to do. We moved to the bench in front of Ballou.

-from defendant 3's counter-complaint, filed with the Dean of Students Office

said things like, "I'm gonna start throwing punches!" [REDACTED], seeing that I was being thrown around, as was [REDACTED], stopped Sam and converged with [REDACTED] and I. This happened twice before we decided to sit at a bench since Sam was physically assaulting us—preventing us from doing what we come to do—which was to paint the cannon.

-from defendant 2's statement to the TUPD

ours. Uncomfortable with the level of physical violence, [REDACTED] asked all of us to stop. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I decided to physically remove ourselves from the site of our attacks at the cannon (we moved to the bench in front of Ballou). While we were sitting there, Sam

-from defendant 3's statement to the TUPD

more forceful. Again I stopped everything and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I went to sit on the bench by the flowerbed. We had sat there for a while and Sam began to walk towards the

-from defendant 1's statement to the TUPD

As a final insult to good taste, one of the students decided to play the race card.

responded with no violence. I am not sure why the officer chose me to verbally harass, but I am afraid it may be that I was a student of color.

-from defendant 2's statement to the TUPD

But after the hearing was over and their inconsistent, absurd stories were pored over by the judiciary panel, that panel did judge there to be "insufficient evidence" to prove that Adam Carlis, Louis Esparza, and Liz Monnin assaulted Sam Dangremond that morning. We ask all readers of this journal to put aside their biases and ask themselves...

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WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED?

CARNAGE AT THE CANNON!

The National Media Gets Involved

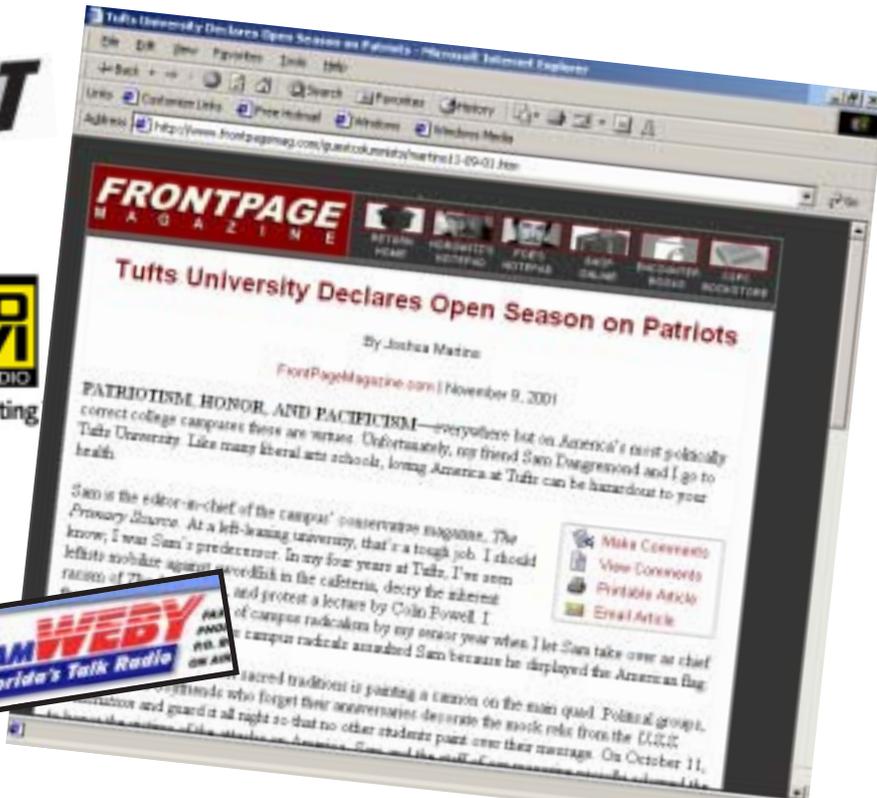
DRUDGE REPORT

On November 9th, a column by PRIMARY SOURCE editor Joshua Martino detailing the incident at the cannon was published online at the conservative editorial site FrontPage Magazine. Soon after, numerous websites, including The Drudge Report, linked to the story. Later, Martino was interviewed on radio stations in Seattle and Pensacola.

www.frontpagemag.com/guestcolumnists/martino11-09-01.htm



More Stimulating



Dear President Bacow,

I was disappointed to read about threats and the physical attack on a student at your University, Sam Dangremond, and the failure of Tufts University to appropriately punish the guilty assailants. The refusal of the university to properly discipline the guilty students will only encourage future violent behavior. I am led to the conclusion that your university is not a safe campus for students to further their education. It appears your university does not promote tolerance of all views of its students. If the facts remain as I have read them, I am forced to refuse to financially support my 17 year old son if he chooses to attend your university. I am sure he will take this fact into consideration when he begins applying to colleges in the near future.

—Roger S.
Blissfield, MI

Josh, here is what I sent to your President and Dean ...

Your university has affirmed that there is no coercion so brutal, and no crime so disgraceful, that its perpetrators will not get a pass, provided they are sufficiently PC. You might as well hang out a sign saying: "You can get away with murder. Why not try?"

Bryan H.
Tucson, Arizona

I wanted to attend Tufts University after I graduate. After reading your report, I decided to change my mind. Not only am I a conservative, but I am also black and I know that I will really have some serious problems at your university.

Sincerely,
Latacia

Josh,
I read your piece at frontpagemagazine.com and understand what you are faced with at such a liberal institution. I attended Tufts University for one year before transferring to The University of Texas at Austin (one of the best decisions of my life, by the way).

Remember, the Conservative philosophy is under attack and we need to always be on the offensive. Keep up the good work.

—Joshua D

Don't give in to these future terrorists. I'm relying on you. Just as I served for your future, someday you will for mine.

Semper Fidelis
Kevin L.
Wisconsin

Playing By the Rules

by Nick Abraham

Throughout its history, the United States military has enacted and repealed various rules concerning membership and activities of its members. The ability of women to join, the ability of women to fight in battle, and the ability of homosexuals to join the military have all been contentious issues accompanied with heated debate from government and civilian groups. In 1993, Congress passed a law stating that persons who engage in homosexual conduct pose an unacceptable risk to the Armed Force's standards of morale, good order, discipline, and unit cohesion and are therefore banned from joining the military. Former President Clinton, unable to lift the ban on gays in the military, instituted the infamous "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. The policy allows homosexuals to stay in uniform as long as they do not speak about their orientation and forbids commanders from asking about service members' sex lives. After its inception, the ACLU constantly cited freedom of speech concerns, and seven years later, Clinton called his policy a failure, with gay advocacy groups citing anger over the increase in discharges of gay service men and women.

The Association of American Law Schools (AALS), an institution that includes the law schools of Yale University and New York University, has long prohibited its members from dealing with employers who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. AALS effectively banned military recruiters from setting foot on its members' campuses. In 1995, Congress responded by passing the Solomon Amendments, which ended any

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Pentagon contracts with any college or university that forbade campus recruiting by the military. Congress expanded the power of this law in 1996 by voting to deny money from the Departments of Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, and other federal agencies to any school that banned Armed Forces recruiting and the Reserve Officers Training Corps because of anti-gay discrimination. Funding from the Department of Education includes federal financial aid that many of these law schools use.

Faced with this new legislation affecting the financial health of its members, AALS made exception to the rules and allowed schools to have military interviews on their campuses and remain members as long as efforts existed to reduce the negative impact on gay and lesbian students and workers, a practice referred to as amelioration.

Most schools have succumbed to the "power of the purse" and begrudgingly allowed recruiters on campus. Even after September 11th, however, the School of Law at New York University continues to balk at the Solomon laws and refuses to allow military recruiters to interview students. Law school dean John Sexton has said, "as long as the government recruiters continue to

discriminate, military recruiters will be unwelcome." Yale University has followed suit and does not allow interviews with students either. Both specifically cite the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. While NYU has explicitly stated its position and believes it has the funds to make up for whatever government shortfall may result, other schools use powerful lobbying groups in Washington to continually acquire federal funds while covertly preventing recruiters from doing their job.

The Society for American Law Teachers (SALT) has published literature that details the amelioration process law that the AALS requires. Law schools are advised to do the following on the same days that military recruiters are on campus: sponsor campus programs on sexual discrimination and gender discrimination, schedule job fairs and teach-ins to reduce the number of available students to recruit, ensure that no school resources are available to conduct interviews, and in general provide active institutional support in overturning the military's policy. In the spirit of providing active institutional support, NYU has provided protestors with bullhorns and tables placed next to military recruitment sites.

In a time of war, it is deplorable for these private institutions to cripple recruitment, the lifeblood of the armed forces. The Pentagon and other sources have repeatedly stated that enlistment numbers have declined over the years and are currently not on target. Admittedly, the institutions of higher learning may do as they wish and may educate their students about the military discrimination practices, or even the Solomon laws. Yet to indoctrinate students and interfere with recruiters trying to do a job, while dodging the law and enjoying the freedoms that the military has fought so hard to secure, amounts to nothing more than two-faced cowardly practices. □



On War

by Mike Fortes

Serving in the light infantry and severely wounded when his platoon was ambushed, my father experienced aspects of war that the rest of us cannot even begin to fathom. There in the midst of the smoke and fire, only through the grace of God did he come home. Growing up, my father spoke to me of war. I learned of his experiences, and he taught me important lessons.

Above all, I learned that war is ugly and brutal. The horrors of war live forever in the scars of our veterans, where they are forever ingrained in their memories. I have heard that a war is never truly over until its last veteran dies. At the start of each episode of the series “Band of Brothers,” which recounts the actions of the 101st Airborne in WWII, there is a brief interview with the real men who served with that division in places like Normandy and Bastogne. Even many years later, these men, who did no less than save the world, cry when they recall what they saw and what they did. No words can express our gratitude to those men who had to make the ultimate sacrifice on the altar of liberty so that we may live in freedom. War is hell, and we should pray that one day we will delve into this realm no more.

In teaching these facts of war, my father never forgot to include another important lesson. Despite all the horrors of battle, sometimes war is necessary and

just. John Stuart Mill said, “War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.”

There is no doubt that those who perpetrated the September 11th acts of war would have killed 50,000 instead of five thousand if they had that ability. If ever there were a time for war, the time is now. Democracy, freedom, security, and the American way of life are under attack. Examine the numbers: more Americans died on September 11th than were

killed in Pearl Harbor and on the D-Day beaches *combined!* We recognize bin Laden as a threat, as does the international community, and we are united in eradicating this evil. In the words of Carl von Clausewitz, “War is a serious means to a serious end.” America's end is no less than the preservation of liberty.

Winning the war in Afghanistan, destroying the Al Qaeda network, and capturing Bin Laden will prove to be a difficult task. It may take years to complete our objectives. The war is now entering its more dangerous stage where we may begin to see combat casualties, and we must brace ourselves for what is to come.

The mountainous terrain in Afghanistan is perfect for guerrilla warfare. Not long ago, columns of Soviet troops were met by a rain of bullets and rocket-propelled grenades as they made their way through mountain passes. Meanwhile, the Afghan resistance remained unseen, hidden behind rocks. This is the same terrain where bin Laden is hiding. America, however, will not be exercising the conventional warfare tactics of the Soviets. Special Forces will be critical to success in the area. They will be working in conjunction with Northern Alliance to help coordinate attacks on the final Taliban strongholds and participate in raids such as the one that was revealed to us a few weeks ago.

We must not put restrictions on the military. They have a job to do and they know how to do it best. Recently there has been an outcry to cease bombing during Ramadan. It is interesting to note that during the Iraqi/Iranian war, Muslim fought against Muslim through eight consecutive Ramadans. According to the Koran,

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Mohammed himself liberated a city during Ramadan. A pause in bombing only lets the Taliban and bin Laden's network regroup to make our job more difficult. Restrictions on our military in Vietnam prolonged the conflict and caused numerous casualties. We learned from this lesson and let our military fight on its own terms during the Persian Gulf War. Bombing during the holy month proves that our purpose is not to bomb Muslims, but to destroy bin Laden's terror network.

The American military response should be strong and swift. Never-

theless, there are many areas that need to be addressed to ensure a victory in the region. Most important is changing perceptions of how Afghans view America. It is crucial that America does not abandon Afghanistan. The development of all aspects of the nation is crucial. The country is in shambles, and terrorists profit from the nation's disarray. Bin Laden's message is influential and intriguing to poor Afghani men. These citizens live in poverty and have experienced nothing but suffering and warfare for decades. Consider their options: they can live the remainder of their lives in squalor or they can fight for Islam, be suicide bombers, gain fame, and reach paradise. For the man who has nothing to lose, the choice is clear.

By investing in Afghanistan, we will be stripping bin Laden of a great deal of power. Could a young Afghani man with a job, a family, and a roof over his head be swayed to become a suicide bomber? It seems unlikely; commercialism erodes the strength of any religion. The history of Christianity, for example, supports this idea. The faith initially attracted a large following due to a simple message: you may be poor and outcast by society, but follow Jesus and you will one day be in the kingdom of God.

Fast forward to the present. Ameri-

cans are not nearly as religious as our ancestors because we have been placated by relative wealth and security. It is this security that makes so many of us fear the challenges of war. Thus, the campaign against terror will surely test America's moral fiber. If our outrage over the events

of September 11th is numbed by the Super Bowl, then we may be witnessing the beginning of the end of American greatness.

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war. They ignore that which has already been accomplished. The Taliban is on the verge of being ousted from the country they seized through terror. American, British, and Northern Alliance forces will soon have eliminated one of the world's most oppressive regimes. Have those critics of war seen photos of liberated Afghans dancing in the streets? Have they seen the pictures of boys playing soccer using goal posts once used for executions? This is a regime that did not allow children to play with kites or women to laugh aloud, and executed those who posed a "threat" to Islam.

Perhaps the greatest scene documented in liberated Kabul was the response of women. They ripped off their veils and burqas for the first time since the beginning of Taliban rule. Before the Taliban,

women were equals. They were doctors, lawyers, and professors. They could wear non-traditional clothing and had the right to vote. Under Taliban rule, women were essentially prisoners, denied education and all other liberties. They were denied medical care, they were raped, and they were stripped of their humanity. Before, women could not leave their home without an escort; now they are walking the streets alone, and the Northern Alliance has called for many to return to their previous occupations. However, newfound Afghani freedom is still fragile. The creation of a stable government to replace the Taliban is crucial, and once again America must not waiver in this role.

We ought to applaud President Bush for his handling of this conflict. Compare this war with the battles waged by his father. The younger created an international alliance in matter of weeks, while it took months for George, Sr. to do so in the Gulf. It took months to retaliate against Saddam Hussein even though the United States had a strong military presence in the region. George W. started from scratch, working to secure safe harbor for American troops in nations around Afghanistan. That Kabul has fallen in such a short period of time is simply extraordinary and attests to the President's skill in handling a crisis.

In 1993, bin Laden tried to topple the World Trade Center. He failed, and we turned our eyes and ignored the message he was sending us. Then embassies were bombed and Americans were killed. Once again we turned our eyes. The *USS Cole* was bombed, servicemen were killed, and once again we

turned our eyes. On September 11th bin Laden finally caught our attention. The United States must make him and other terrorists wish we had never awakened from our slumber. □

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*It's that time of the month again:
time for another TFA protest.*

Monnin and Groanin'

by Megan Liotta

The Tufts Feminist Alliance (TFA) has already fought their first battle of the year over violence against women, but in standard emotion-ruled leftist fashion, TFA members did nothing constructive. Instead they predictably attacked the Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity's harmless advertising techniques. TFAers

cited rush posters showing scantily clad models as violent—not offensive or demeaning, but violent. Any image of a woman, especially a "half-naked" one—half-clothed, if you're an optimist—used in advertising is "in and of itself violent towards women because it presents women as sexual objects, ready for sex and rape at men's leisure," say the feminists. But let's be serious: no one has ever suffered deliberate and malicious injury at the hands, er, edges of a poster. The posters are not violent. Beauty sells. This is not a simple matter of societal standards being forced down women's throats in hopes of keeping them out of the office. It is evolutionary Darwinism at its best, where one sex uses all the advantages available, including makeup and bikinis, to attract sexual partners. The concept is identical to how peacocks, the males of the species, flash their bright tails at peahens.

DTD is a fraternity, a brotherhood, a men-only club. Such clubs are always look-

ing for new male members. The posters in question show a sexy picture in an effort to

get people to look at them. And the pictures are stunning enough that that all people will look at them. It doesn't matter if the viewer is heterosexual or homosexual, male or female. The pictures garner attention regardless. While it does not matter to DTD whether women notice the ads, getting

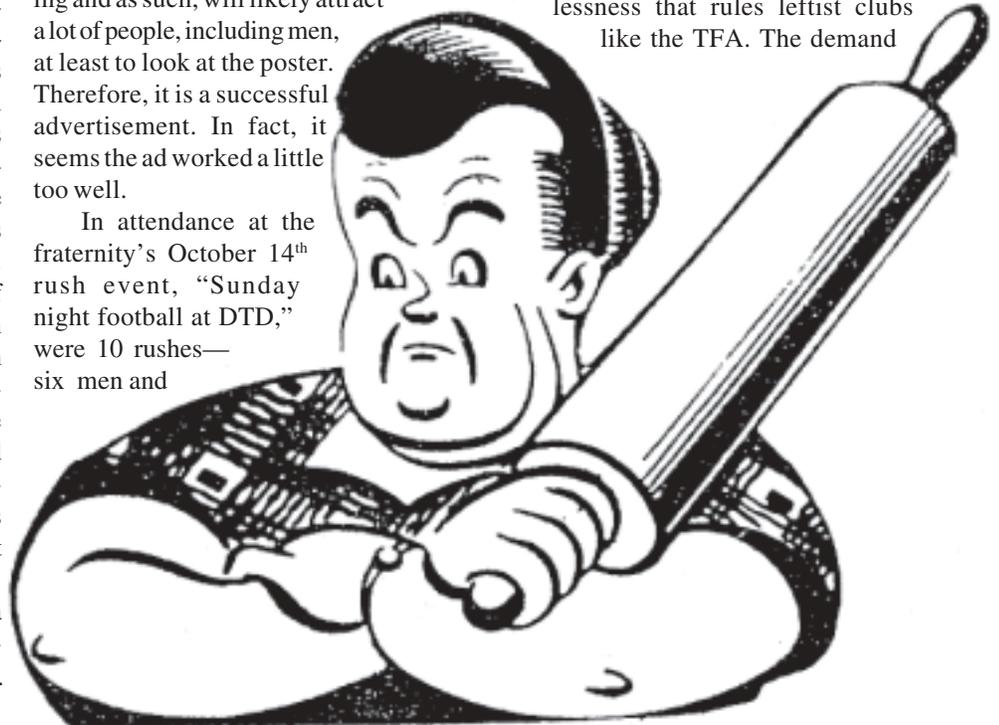
the attention of men is important. Thus, DTD's advertising design is quite shocking and as such, will likely attract a lot of people, including men, at least to look at the poster. Therefore, it is a successful advertisement. In fact, it seems the ad worked a little too well.

In attendance at the fraternity's October 14th rush event, "Sunday night football at DTD," were 10 rushes—six men and

four TFA members, including co-chair Liz Monnin. Red buttons and form letters in hand, the four TFA ladies signed in, had their pictures taken, and proceeded to host their own rush event: "Sunday Night Feminism at DTD." They informed the brotherhood that they had "every right" to attend the event—held in DTD's privately owned house—and refused to leave until the entire brotherhood and all male rushes sat down and listened to their lecture about "why DTD is violent against women." They staunchly maintained their refusal to depart DTD's property for almost twenty minutes, about as long as it took for a female TUPD officer to arrive and inform the unwelcome intruders that "ladies, it's time to go." Strangely, no charges have been reported against said female officer for violating TFA's "right" to commandeer DTD's property for the night.

In the resulting "conversations" with DTD's executive board, TFA made a number of demands, the mildest of which was to take down the "violent" posters. They also asked that new "nonviolent" posters get put up that simultaneously advertise rush events and Take Back the Night, TFA's annual Victims-R-Us gabfest. Additionally, they insisted that DTD brothers attend a minimum of two events promoting women's safety and host an event with other Greek organizations to work against hostility toward women. But the last two stipulations are the most indicative of the thoughtlessness that rules leftist clubs like the TFA. The demand

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that DTD “fight for an end to violence against women” is an utterly ambiguous, not to mention completely redundant, demand: violence against women is already illegal. In fact, violence against men is illegal, too. Try telling that to Liz Monnin the next time she wants to pick a fight at the cannon.

But the crowning leftist achievement was their attempt to turn this issue into a crusade for minority and homosexual rights. TFA managed to do so in their final proviso to DTD, which was “to include fighting racism and homophobia” in their quest for redemption. Whew! Forget drinking games and paddle-whacks to the derriere—a DTD pledge must be able to save the world from all that is not warm and fuzzy. Advice to TFA: yeah, right.

DTD became TFA’s poster child for violence against women. In response to the barrage of criticisms, DTD organized a “campus conversation” to discuss women in advertising. In this setting, TFA made public the absurd case against the fraternity. Their contention: “these images are violent.” Why? “Because.” TFA supporters did provide one irrefutable statistic that 80% of rapists look at pornography before they rape. This is not rocket science. Probably 80% of *all* American men look at pornography on any given day. The difference between rapists and the rest of humanity, however, is that rapists have a deranged sense of arousal; pornography depicting violent subservience turns them on—not Jamie Pressly in a decidedly self-assured pose. Rapists act on their violent fantasies; the vast majority of normal men and women do not act on any of theirs, violent or not.

Although they claim that they do not support censorship, TFA’s stated goal is just that. They demand that “images such as these are not used anywhere by anyone.” If that is not censorship, then what is? Like most leftists on this campus, the TFA recurrently asks the Tufts administration to abandon the Constitution and suppress rights that are inherently American. But beyond that, they are asking humanity to deny biological reflex and to stop feeling attracted to images that are—well—attractive. Nothing the TFA can do will stop society from noticing beautiful people. Unfortunately, society will have an equally difficult time not noticing the TFA as long as they encourage people to relinquish their freedoms. □

books

Dave Barry Hits Below The Beltway

by Dave Barry

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“I have long contended that, however many zillion dollars the federal government costs us, we get it all back and more in the form of quality entertainment.”

It had to happen sooner or later—the writer who the *New York Times* called “the funniest man in America” has taken on the federal government in *Dave Barry Hits Below The Beltway*. There shouldn’t be any need to introduce you to Dave Barry—his syndicated column is probably the only non-comic item you read in the Sunday paper. His books (which are published, like clockwork, one per year) alternate between collections of those columns and original books, the most famous and funniest of which are *Dave Barry Slept Here* and *Dave Barry Does Japan*.

So, does *Beltway* match up to these classics? Well, if any one subject lends itself to Barry’s snide commentary and copious “I am not making this up” moments, it’s the federal government. *Beltway* basically exhausts every topic one can think of on the subject: a history of governments (“The Ancient Greeks produced some great thinkers, including Socrates, Jimmy the Ancient Greek, and Plato”), the American Revolution (“a long, bitter, and complex struggle that we will not discuss in detail here because that would require research”), the Constitution (“Article III, Section 2: From time to time the Supreme Court shall take a stab at resolving the abortion question, but forget about it”), the sights and sounds of Washington, DC (“The official U.S. National Park Service

nickname for the Washington Monument is “The Big Johnson”), and the making of the President 2000 (“It was a ‘butterfly’ ballot, which gets its name from the fact that it is confusing to anybody who has a tiny, primitive, insect brain”).

Although Barry usually goes out of his way to be a bipartisan, harmless humorist, it is in *Beltway* that his rightward leanings begin to emerge. The scandal-filled Clinton administration and the Florida election debacle have caused Barry to write possibly his most partisan and potentially offensive humor yet, and that makes *Beltway* all the funnier. Still, it doesn’t quite measure up to his previous works. Since his last book (or, possibly, since the death of Barry’s longtime illustrator Jeff

MacNelly), Barry seems to have fallen in love with clip art, which is used liberally throughout the first few sections of *Beltway* with little effect. Once the clip art disappears and Barry concentrates on his writing, the book takes a sharp upturn.

Dave Barry virgins should probably pick up such classics *Greatest Hits* or *Japan* before tackling *Beltway*. And if you’re looking for a humor book about the federal government that also has all of its facts straight, you aren’t going to find it here. Barry is at best a very funny man who specializes in booger jokes, and asking him for accuracy or insight is asking too much. Read P.J. O’Rourke’s classic *Parliament of Whores* instead. In short, *Beltway* is mildly entertaining, but all except the Dave Barry hardcore should probably wait for the paperback.

—Chris Kohler



In Kabul, every night should be ladies' night.

Meet the True Afghani Freedom Fighters

by Jason Walker

The leftist journalist Christopher Hitchens, who recently gained notoriety by daring to tangle with Noam Chomsky in *The Nation*, wrote that one of the best things about the current war in Afghanistan is that it features American women pilots bombing the enslavers of women. The irony of justice is sweet. Afghan

women face unspeakable oppression, arguably the worst endured by any demographic on the planet. Those who thought the events of *The Handmaid's Tale* were mere dystopian fan-

tasy should look no farther than Afghanistan for a horrific example of just how realistic Margaret Atwood's vision was, down to the public executions of dissident women in sports arenas. In some ways, Afghanistan is even worse; at least the women of Atwood's novel were allowed to laugh in public and keep their faces uncovered without fear of arrest.

But when the Taliban is destroyed, as now appears inevitable, who will replace them? Much has been made of the fact that the Northern Alliance represents only northern tribes, as the name implies, and not the majority Pashtuns of the south. Yet what of the women of all tribal groups, who account for some 54% of the nation's entire population? The Alliance is scarcely better than the Taliban when it comes to respecting the rights of women. There is, however, one Afghan faction representing the ideals of liberty and equality for all Afghan people: the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, or RAWA.

RAWA is not, as one might suspect, a far-

leftist group using the rhetoric of feminism for their own political gain, like NOW, but rather an organization dedicated to the ideals of feminist thought back when feminism went hand in hand with the same classical liberal Enlightenment philosophy that guided the Founders. Whether it was against Soviet tyranny or fundamentalist

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oppression, RAWA has consistently fought for liberty, most recently by operating underground schools for girls and by providing sanctuaries for women on the run from the Taliban. RAWA's website contains nothing about gun control or anything else demanding government involvement in the lives of women. The situation in Afghanistan is such that even the most hardened of feminists from the leftist tradition admit that government involvement is itself the problem. Of all possible alternatives, only RAWA should be trusted to organize the new provisional government.

Why RAWA instead of the Northern Alliance? First, RAWA is uniquely both native Afghani and pro-West. The United States and the people of Afghanistan can trust them to carry out their promises to protect liberty for all ethnic groups, for men and women alike, and to repel terrorist groups. This cannot be said about the Northern Alliance. During their tenure as Afghanistan's rulers from 1992-96, they committed many of the same atrocities as the Taliban. The difference between the two in degree is only slight, and it's certainly not in principle.

The second reason to support RAWA as the nucleus of the new Afghani government at first sounds counter-intuitive. RAWA, unlike the Northern Alliance, has not actively sought political power and certainly has not volunteered to organize the new government. But this is precisely part of the reason why they should be the ones to do it. Like the Founders, they abhor the lust for power that paves the way for dictatorships worldwide, and, like Washington, if called upon to serve by the people, they would likely do so with the integrity that comes from those who sincerely recognize the danger of political power. They would certainly step aside to whoever is democratically elected far sooner than anyone within the Northern Alliance.

Thirdly, it would hardly improve matters in the long run if one fundamentalist dictatorship were swapped for another. In conjunction with a Marshall Plan-like package, placing a new government under the helm of RAWA offers the greatest hope not only for liberty, but also for stability. Germany had no more of a liberal democratic tradition than Afghanistan at the end of WWII, but this strategy helped create one of the most vibrant, free, and stable nations on the planet. One might object that RAWA has no guns and therefore no means of sustaining a government. After all, RAWA itself has called for the return of the King as the best hope for the Afghan people. But because the very idea of monarchy is loathsome, and counter to democracy, this idea requires some modification. Having the King around as a unifying figurehead leader is a concept with some merit. A RAWA

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Live and Let Die

by Andrew Gibbs

Does anyone even remember stem cells? For reasons of sensitivity, the perpetual clash between church and state went on hiatus for a few weeks of bipartisanship in the wake of the terrorist attacks. Alas, the moratorium is over and the bitter contest has recommenced. John Ashcroft has always considered the Bill of Rights his own personal doormat, but until now he could at least claim

that it was in the name of national security. His current crusade against individual rights, however, gives new meaning to the word “authoritarian” and reveals Ashcroft’s utter inability to prevent his personal beliefs from

interfering with his ability to govern. The latest travesty is his attempt to utilize federal power to quash Oregon’s Death with Dignity Act. Such use of federal power abuses government resources in a time of crisis and severely violates the First and Tenth Amendments. These actions must not stand.

Among the fifty states, Oregon possesses a certain enlightened uniqueness. It was the first state to legalize physician-assisted suicide with its Death with Dignity Act of 1994. It passed by a narrow margin, but a court injunction delayed implementation until October 1997 when the Supreme Court finally passed it into law. Only a month later, Oregon placed Measure 51 on the ballot, asking voters to repeal the Death with Dignity Act. Fortunately, only forty percent of voters were against people dying with dignity, so the law stood. Since then, a handful of Oregonians have used it, all of whom were suffering through

extreme cases of late-stage terminal illness. One should also note that all of them had access to insurance, and most were in hospice care. They possessed unparalleled freedom to make one of the most important decisions of their lives and chose the path of tranquility.

The idea of a person making decisions about his or her life without the meddlesome influence of government has Ashcroft up in

arms. The fundamental tenet of big government is that people do not know what is best for them. Fit, healthy, young people know what is best for terminal patients in constant and excruciating pain. So goes their logic. An Oregonian cancer patient will be eter-

nally grateful when a SWAT team bursts into his living room and points a submachine gun at him for violating the “sanctity of life,” takes his drugs away, and tosses both him and his physician in jail. Sound absurd? Ashcroft, in a letter to DEA chief Asa Hutchinson, authorized the DEA to take action against doctors who aid in a patient’s suicide. Apparently assisted suicide offends Ashcroft’s religious sensibilities to the point that he is willing to use his power as unlawfully as necessary to quash states’ rights. Oregon law be damned.

Authoritarian government figures have a hard enough time dealing with the First Amendment granting free speech, but that bit about government not respecting the establishment of any religion *really* pisses them off. They know that their religion is the right one, their God is the one true god, and everyone else better damned well play along. Fortunately for the lovers of freedom, the framers of the Bill of Rights knew this kind of figure all too well and specifically guarded against them with that clause of the First Amendment. The

trick, of course, is getting those in power to play by the rules. How can this be accomplished? The answer is to borrow concepts from an old game show where contestants were asked a battery of questions by the game show host and to win they had to answer all of them without using the word “no.” Invite Ashcroft to partake in a half hour Q&A session on assisted suicide. To “win”, he must make it through the full half hour without using any of the following words: God, Lord, Jesus, religion, church, moral, Bible, Savior, holy, heaven, or hell. Sure that’s a lot to remember, but he would be playing for the country’s freedom, not some three day vacation on a tropical island. If he loses, which he will, his consolation prize will be a collector’s edition copy of Ayn Rand’s *Atlas Shrugged* and a pocket guide to the Bill of Rights. All proceeds from advertisement time slices sold would be donated to the Oregon Death with Dignity advocacy group’s legal fund.

The separation of church and state stands as a strong basis for arguments in favor of allowing physician assisted suicide, but even stronger grounds come from the Tenth Amendment, specifically: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” It is an often forgotten fact that the US is exactly what its name implies: *a union of states*. These states came together and created a federal government for the purpose of forming a solidified defense against external threats and to facilitate commerce. What the federal government may not do, however, is engage in acts of governance that the states have not explicitly authorized. Regulating the practice of medicine has historically been left to the states, and there is no precedent for changing that. Ashcroft’s attempt to quash states’ rights with federal power is in direct violation of the Tenth Amendment, and for that he should be harshly reprimanded. US District Judge Robert Jones’ temporary restraining order against Ashcroft’s directive, at the request of Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers, is a good start. It is, however, merely a temporary solution, valid only through November 20th. Meanwhile, the Oregon Death with Dignity advocacy group is preparing for a long, arduous battle. Fortunately, should they fail, Oregon still has the Second Amendment going for them.

The chief reason for the controversy

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Abandoning Checks and Balances

by Gerard Balan

As American soldiers continue to hammer Taliban frontlines, the Bush administration has been hard at work protecting our domestic soil from reprisal. Under the recently ratified Patriot Act, government has a free hand to conduct searches, detain or deport suspects, eavesdrop on Internet communications, monitor financial transactions, and obtain electronic records on individuals. Not content with these new measures, Attorney General Ashcroft has now approved yet another violation of privacy: the ability to monitor phone conversations between and intercept mail of lawyers and clients in federal custody, including people who have been detained but not charged with any crime. Ashcroft defends the measure, which would allow the Justice Department to monitor these conversations without a court order by asserting that “reasonable suspicion exists to believe that an inmate may use communications with attorneys or their agents to facilitate acts of terrorism,” though he declined to mention what actual evidence supports his concerns.

More alarming than the measures themselves is Ashcroft’s complete disregard for the Constitution. The Tenth Amendment clearly states that “the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” Indeed, since the Constitution does not sanction any of these new governmental powers, all of these anti-terrorism laws including this latest one are inherently unconstitutional. In fact, they violate other constitutional amendments as well, including the

Sixth Amendment, which guarantees one the right to a competent legal defense and a fair trial.

To allow the government to monitor conversations between the accused and the defense council would give federal prosecutors an unprecedented unfair advantage. Common in the legal world is the notion of “The Code of Professional Responsibility,” which asserts that an attorney must maintain confidentiality. This oath was established with the explicit purpose of allowing a client the freedom and comfort to disclose all information that might be relevant to his or her own defense. With this

security now stripped away, a defense attorney’s ability to formulate a forceful defense is compromised, and innocent people may be wrongfully convicted as a result.

In response to these criticisms, the Department of Justice claims to protect inmates’ Sixth Amendment right to assistance of counsel in this new regulation by establishing a “firewall” within the department to prevent prosecutors from getting their hands on privileged information. In other words, the Justice Department promises only to utilize information that pertains to future terrorist attacks and ignore any evi-

It’s a sad sight. The nation’s top police officer refuses to follow the highest laws in the land.

dence the client may entrust to his or her lawyer in confidence that they may use later against the accused. Given the Justice Department’s checkered past, however, one must question their trustworthiness. In an ironic twist, the Department of Justice recently successfully petitioned Congress to remove the firewall between intelligence and criminal investigations, a key check on law enforcement power. In other words, they’re already going back on their word.

It’s a sad sight. The nation’s top police officer refuses to follow the highest laws in the land. In response to critics of this latest measure, Ashcroft candidly articulated that “foreign terrorists who commit war crimes against the United States...are not entitled to and do not deserve the protections of the American Constitution.” Such remarks and presumptions of guilt are clearly inappropriate for a man of his position and go against the spirit of the maxim “innocent until proven guilty.” Indeed, the very purpose of the Constitution was to create a delicate system of checks and balances, to ensure that one branch of government would never dominate over the other, and as a result, to avoid dictatorial regimes that plague other countries today. This new measure, however, as well as those granted under the Patriot Act, threaten to tip the scale in the Executive Branch’s favor. With each new Ashcroft measure that is passed, the traditional authority of the federal courts to enforce the Constitution of the United States are further eroded.

As citizens of this great country, we are the yardstick by which true liberty is measured. We are now facing our second great test since September 11th: fear. It’s easy to accept the illusion that a powerful, oppressive government will provide us with more safety. In reality, further terrorist acts may be unavoidable, but the greatest affront to terrorists is to witness our defiance and refusal to yield our liberties rather than turn a blind eye as our civil liberties are quickly stripped away. □

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Ideas, Not Colors

by Matt Senko

On August 27th, the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta ruled that affirmative action policies at the University of Georgia were unconstitutional. Coupled with another recent decision regarding affirmative action policies used for admission by the University of Michigan Law School, the ruling places the issue of affirmative action at the forefront of America's legal agenda.

The three justices on the Atlanta appeals court panel ruled that admissions policies that give preference to minorities are unconstitutional on the premise that racial diversity alone is not necessarily the hallmark of a diverse student body. Judge Stanley Marcus wrote that if the goal in creating a diverse student body is to develop a university community where students are exposed to persons of different cultures, outlooks, and experiences, then a white applicant in some circumstances may make a greater contribution than a nonwhite applicant. Essentially, the admission of minorities into a school does not inherently add an element of diversity to its student body. Private universities should also heed this incontrovertible indictment of affirmative action as a violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and change their admissions policies.

We at Tufts experience firsthand the effects of such imprudent misinterpretations of diversity as the result of our own admissions policies. Tufts University's ex-

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ceptionally ethnically diverse student body aims to afford each student exposure to different types of people for a more complete educational experience. But does a student body characterized by various races and different skin tones necessarily equal "diversity?" Should diversity be defined simply by color or race and be purchased at the expense of rejecting more qualified students of

the "undiverse" race? The court of appeals in Georgia doesn't think so. The judges stated that the University of Georgia failed to prove that having more non-white students on campus would lead to a more diverse student body.

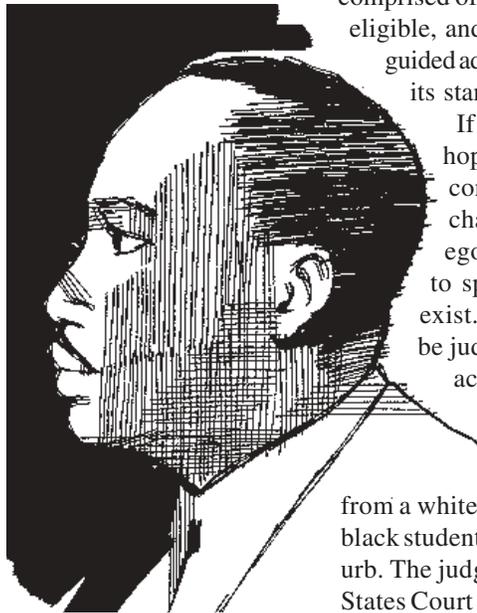
Martin Luther King had a dream that one day people would be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. Perhaps Tufts admissions should remember this when they lower standards in order to accept minority students. In other words, as the appellate court in Atlanta maintained, exposure to different races does not create an experience of diversity. Rather, only experiencing different ideas and out-

looks achieves this goal. To claim that a person is diverse simply because of his or her color is a gross generalization. It is a racist assumption suggesting that people of different colors are inferior to whites and need the help of admissions officers. A district court in Michigan has prohibited the University of Michigan's Law School from "using applicants' race as a factor in its admissions decisions." The court maintains that the integration of minorities into a student body does not constitute a compelling interest to violate the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Courts throughout the country have adopted the insight that the definition of diversity is not skin color or even national origin, but rather distinct qualities of thought, upbringing, and viewpoint.

To claim that a black person with a middle- or upper-class background brings a profoundly unique understanding to a community of his socio-economic peers simply because he is black would be ludicrous and racist. Likewise, minorities who were accepted with less impressive academic credentials simply because of their skin color may feel unwelcome at Tufts, even out of place. The Tufts student body should be comprised of a group of the most qualified, eligible, and prepared applicants. A misguided admissions staff should not lower its standards for any reason.

If we are to live up to Dr. King's hope for the future, we cannot consciously assume that color characterizes diversity. A category on the college application to specify one's race should not exist. A prospective student should be judged on the basis of his or her accomplishments and ideas. A

Tufts student with a white suburban upbringing might learn more from a student from a white rural community than from a black student from a similarly affluent suburb. The judges on the panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit wrote that "race is not necessarily the only, or best, criterion for determining the contribution that an applicant might make to the broad mix of experiences and perspectives." To accept such logical reasoning is to realize that diversity is the grouping of many differing and opposing ideas into one community, not the random collection of different appearances. □





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In celebration of Homecoming, the SOURCE enjoyed one entire old-fashioned roasted pig that died of highly unnatural causes. Join us for next year's feast!



Seeing the Light

by Josh Glover

I must admit to two shortcomings in my own knowledge which, had they not been corrected, would have seriously impaired me later in life. As a college student, I thought I understood the political atmosphere of the typical college campus; I went even more rationally overboard by imagining that because of this supposed knowledge, I could extrapolate the truth about what goes on at Tufts. This was my first mistake. My second was that I clearly misunderstood what is required of a political activist.

You see, I attend the College of William and Mary, and until I visited Tufts for the weekend, the only things that I knew about the political scenery of Tufts came from THE PRIMARY SOURCE. By some strange intervention of Fate, the weekend of my visit to Tufts happened to be a weekend that will live in infamy: The Weekend in Which the Tussle at the Cannon was Heard. This was fortuitous because the events of that Friday made me realize that the cup from which I had been drinking the sweet nectar of knowledge was a dirty vessel indeed. I will say it simply and without further rhetorical flourish: I had been a brainwashed dupe of THE PRIMARY SOURCE. Like the Manchurian Candidate, I had been pumped and primed, ready to carry out the nefarious bidding of the fascist right when exposed to a tone of just the right frequency.

My experiences that day soothed my mind, gently erasing and undoing the foul mental programming to which I had been subjected. You see, gentle reader, I had the chance to meet some of the people who I now

realize have been greatly wronged by the slander-slinging pens of the SOURCE. This chance was afforded by the presence at the hearing of members of SETA, TFA, and the Coalition for Social Justice and Non-Violence, who had shown up in solidarity (you see, this is one thing that I learned: if you are an activist, you show solidarity, never support) with their leaders, three of whom were participating in the hearing. I did not even

notice them at first until several of them walked determinedly through the tight throng of SOURCE staffers (what courage!). I inquired about this strange behavior, deliberately walking through our midst when it would have been actually shorter and much easier to walk down the other side of the stairs. One of the SOURCE members told me that these were the Leftists. Intrigued, I walked over to the group of student activists. I must admit with much shame that my initial intention was to ridicule them. How wrong I was!

I was expecting to meet some very strange people, as this is how they had been described time and again in the pages of the SOURCE. I could not have been more surprised! In the place of the butch, homely, man-hating vegans that the SOURCE had led me to expect, I found people who I would describe as fairly normal. Several of the girls were quite attractive, and one even claimed the prestigious rating of "voluptuous." Some did not have shorn heads, some had shorn legs, and several of the students were not even "wearing their political agendas on their bookbags," as the SOURCE is

fond of claiming. They were friendly, as well. One asked me about the meaning of the tee shirt that I was wearing, which said "rm -rf /bin/laden" on the front. I explained that it was a joke based on a Unix command, and there was much laughter from all present. This group of friendly folks intrigued me. So, I decided to learn a bit about their politics and the various causes that they supported. It was a good thing that I made this decision, because it turns out that I was very wrong about political activists.

Firstly, I had always assumed that to qualify as an activist, one must have some idea of the ideals for which one was acting. Quite the opposite, it turns out. I talked to one of the members of SETA, the Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and realized that it was enough to simply have an acronym for the name of your organization and a statement of purpose that can apply to any situation. In the case of SETA, this statement is "We support the actions to promote the ethical treatment of animals." Interested, I asked exactly what was considered ethical treatment of animals. "That depends," came the response. "So," I continued, "you support actions to promote the ethical treatment of animals?" "Exactly." I was astonished and excited to see that having a strong opinion about something, no matter how vague, is all that is required of an activist. I suppose this is why they have buttons and stickers on their backpacks, making strong statements such as "I Hate Men!" and "Cows are our friends. Why eat them?". Providing a more explicit description of one's ideals takes too much time and thus takes away the momentum of a purely catchphrase-based activist campaign. Such attention to detail is best left to conservatives.

A conversation with one of the lovely ladies of the Coalition (or maybe TFA, who knows?) showed me another false assumption that I had been harboring all these years: that George Orwell's classic, Animal Farm, was a satirical work. You see, I did not know too much about what the Zapatistas, a quasi-separatist group of Mexican insurrectionists,

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should not recognize him as a monarch; instead, he might be welcomed as a president or prime minister, with RAWA handling the important policy decisions. This way, the Afghans have the advantage of the King's presence, but a repudiation of monarchy.

Lastly, why not give arms, training, and logistical aid to RAWA, so they can organize their own pro-liberty, pro-democracy military, perhaps in conjunction with American and British forces? (Incidentally, this is why groups like the Second Amendment Sisters, who despite their organization's cheesy name, are so much

better for women's rights than the Million Mom March foundation. Would the latter even consider sending guns or money for guns to RAWA? SAS would no doubt be more than happy to help defray the costs of arming Afghan women.) Besides, even if RAWA lacks the ability to form a military, with arms individual Afghan women would at least be able to defend themselves from the rapists and thugs of the Northern Alliance, or whoever's in power.

Regardless of what role RAWA is ultimately to play in the future of Afghanistan, the American and British leadership could have an invaluable ally in RAWA if they seize the opportunity to work with them now. Given the

ability of Afghan warlords to shift allegiances at the drop of a hat, that the Northern Alliance has yet to demonstrate full trustworthiness, and that Taliban forces may still be active participants in an Afghan civil war for years, there is still a strong value in having the kind of local knowledge RAWA members can provide. By fighting this war the right way, by siding with the true good guys (and gals), the US can go a long way toward reaffirming ideals of liberty for all peoples, and triumph in this war with a clear conscience. □

You can visit RAWA's website at <http://www.rawa.org/>. There you can see RAWA's history since the 1970's.

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surrounding euthanasia stems from a lack of understanding what the issues really are. Nobody is advocating that one should be able to get a hotdog, soda, and euthanasia at 7-11 for a dollar forty-nine. Nor is anyone promoting suicide as a valid avenue for dealing with teen angst. It is about providing people in the late stages of terminal diseases a way to die with dignity befitting the way they lived their lives. A healthy person has no way to ascertain the extent to which a terminal patient is suffering, and accordingly has no right to pass judgment on the patient for wishing to die.

Right-to-lifers are the most illogical in their viewpoints. While their stance on abortion may seem ill-conceived in the eyes of

many, at least one can understand their position. Forcing life on someone, however, is downright irrational. Perhaps right-to-lifers fear that ill people are being terminated unwillingly because they pose a burden of some sort. Indeed if that were the case then they would be right to worry, but that simply is not what is happening. The Oregonian Death with Dignity Act has a veritable plethora of failsafe mechanisms built into it. The law limits euthanasia to voluntary requests of patients dying of a terminal disease. Two physicians must certify that death would occur naturally within six months or less. The patient must make three requests, one of them in writing, witnessed by someone other than the family or primary caregivers. The physician is to refer the patient to counseling so as

to make the patient cognizant of all possible options, as well as deem the patient mentally capable. Lastly, the physician must observe a fifteen day waiting period, as well as request that the patient notify next of kin. This law is no joke. The Oregon Health Division enforces strict compliance. There is absolutely nothing left to chance.

Euthanasia is indeed a loaded topic of debate. Nobody relishes the idea of dealing with the death of a loved one. Yet it is something that virtually everyone must eventually face. Euthanasia is not about the taking of a life. It is about relieving the agony of suffering. Of all the liberties ascribed to man, the right to die is of utmost importance. Allowing euthanasia respects the final will of the individual. □

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so I asked her some questions about them since she was wearing a Zapatista tee shirt. "So they are separatists, right?" I asked naively. "No, not really," she clarified, "they just want to be autonomous." I was puzzled. "Doesn't that make them separatists, then?" I asked. "No, because they do not want to leave Mexico, they just want to govern themselves. You know, to gain equality," she clarified. "Oh, so they want to govern themselves while still remaining Mexican citizens in name and drawing the benefits from the Mexican government," I finally realized, "so that would make them equal to the other Mexican citizens, only just a bit more equal... first among equals!" And I thought that Orwell was ridiculing such notions, but no! This is the height of reason!

Another important thing that I learned that day was that non-violence is not innate—it requires training and practice.

Thank goodness I was made aware of that. To think that I had gone all my life up to that point, poised on the edge of violence! It shocks me to think how much danger I was in! Fear not, Coalition members: as soon as I made it back to William and Mary, I immediately sought out a leftist professor who could train me in the way of non-violence. I ignored the ignorance of a SOURCE editor, who shall remain nameless to protect his reputation (no need to thank me, Chris Kohler, it is a simple matter of journalistic integrity not to mention you by name), as he said, "I am non-violent every day! I don't need any training or practice!" What a misguided fool! As we saw from the outcome of the hearing, since the three Coalition members regularly "practiced physical non-violent techniques," they were incapable of violence even when the three of them were jumped by SOURCE editor and tough-guy, Sam

Dangremond. See what a bit of training can do?

Finally, to my great surprise, I learned that even activists read THE PRIMARY SOURCE, though how they can resist its mind-bending psycho-hypnotic effects is beyond me. When I asked a certain TFA member about the SOURCE, she responded with a frown and a question: "What is in that rag that is worth reading?" "C'mon," I urged, in an all-embracing fashion, "it is funny." "If you define humor as degrading many people, then yes, it's pretty funny," she replied, then after a long pause, "Yeah, I read the SOURCE."

I shudder to think how close I came to being a SOURCE-tainted minion for life. Thank all that is holy that I met the wonderful people that are the Tufts leftists, who not only set my feet firmly back on the Path of Wisdom and Truth, but also taught me what it is to be a student activist! □

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Gee, honey! These new rap songs
sure are swell!

Shut yo' Bitch
ass UP, ho!

You's a ho! (Ludacris)

You are a woman of ill repute!

Those ganja trees those cut up leaves

Please... can I get a puff? What? (Timbaland)

Ahh, those verdant stalks of cannabis. Would you kindly allow me to partake?

*Long as my mutha f**kin pockets was fat I didn't*

*give a f**k where the bitch was at. (Dr Dre)*

As a man of considerable wealth, I need not concern myself with the whereabouts of my ladyfriend.

My fo' fo' make sho all yo' kids don't grow! (Pac)

My high-caliber pistol will ensure that your offspring do not fully mature.

Now it's time for bed

Two more to the head got the floor red

Yea that nigga's dead (DMX)

Alas, this evening of homicide has drained my vitality.

If you wanna go and get high wit me Smoke a L in the back of the Benz! Oh why must I feel this way?

(Hey must be the money!) (Nelly)

Would you care to join me in my luxury-class Bavarian motorcar so that we may imbibe this marijuana cigarette? I feel that my emotions are clouded by my economic well-being.

Though I am country don't get the wrong idea my eggs

gettin' bigger with every song I hear (Bubba Sparoox)

Though I am country, don't get the wrong idea—my ego is getting bigger with every song I hear.

This one's for North Carolina! Cimon and raise up!

Take your shirt off twist it round yo hand spin it like a helicopter (Petey Pablo)

I hope that this composition, dedicated to North Carolina, compels you to arise, disrobe, and make your vestments resemble a propellered aircraft.

'Cuz every thug needs a lady (Ja Rule)

All hardened criminals require the company of the gentler sex.

Ain't nobody dope as me I'm dressed so fresh and dean (Outkast)

There is no man as splendid as I! For I have donned recently laundered, high fashion attire.

*Y'all can't deny it I'm a f**king rider you don't want to f**k with me (Nate Dogg)*

Whether or not you comprehend the truth, I am a rider. It is not in our best interest to copulate.

H to the izz O V to the izz A

fo' shizzle my nizzle used to drizzle down in VA (Jay Z)

Umm... greetings good sir. Would you... um... care to fo'shizzle my nizzle? Uh. Never mind.

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The good thing about this picture is, at least she's not white.

—Lou Esparza, holding Thai Club poster featuring a bikini-clad Asian

No nation was ever ruined by trade.

—Benjamin Franklin

I want the goddamn fu—ing flag up every fu—ing morning at fu—ing sunrise.

—Hillary Rodham Clinton

Just as the tax code penalizes marriage and children, so does the welfare system subsidize family breakup.

—Ralph Reed Jr.

The differences between the sexes are the single most important fact of human society.

—George Gilder

We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared so we may always be free.

—Ronald Reagan

We cannot allow the American flag to be shot at anywhere on Earth if we are to retain our respect and prestige.

—Barry Goldwater

They kill good trees to put out bad newspapers.

—James G. Watt

Poverty and suffering are not due to the unequal distribution of goods and resources, but to the unequal distribution of capitalism.

—Rush Limbaugh

The First Amendment is about how we govern ourselves—not about how we titillate ourselves sexually.

—Robert H. Bork

A dress has no purpose unless it makes a man want to take it off.

—Francoise Sagan

Read instructions? Hah!

You punch the hole too softly

A chad dangles now

—Dave Barry

You can fool all the people all the time if the advertising is right and the budget is big enough.

—Joseph E. Levine

Beefsteaks and porter are good belly mortar.

—Scottish proverb

The ultimate authority resides in the people alone.

—James Madison

Never let anyone outside the family know what you're thinking.

—Vito Corleone

It is necessary to relax your muscles whenever you can. Relaxing your brain is fatal.

—Stirling Moss

Never run away from a gun. Bullets can travel faster than you can. Besides, if you're going to be hit, you had better get it in the front than in the back. It looks better.

—Wild Bill Hickock

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

—Mark Twain

Look out for yourself, or they'll pee on your grave.

—L. B. Mayer

The people are not to be disarmed of their weapons. They are left in full possession of them.

—Zachariah Johnson

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

—Thomas Paine

Fear is the foundation of most governments.

—John Adams

Respectable people do not write music or make love as a career.

—Alexander Borodin

Among the natural rights of the colonists are these: first, a right to life, secondly to liberty, thirdly to property; together with the right to defend them in the best manner they can.

—Samuel Adams

If the representatives of the people betray their constituents, then there is no recourse left but in the exertion of that original right of self-defense which is paramount to all forms of government.

—Alexander Hamilton

It will be found an unjust and unwise jealousy to deprive a man of his natural liberty upon the supposition he may abuse it.

—George Washington

I do have a chemical dependency. Just one. I drink. But it's all American. When I get thrown out of a bar I say 'How un-American.'

—Slash

Let us not forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. When tillage begins, other arts will follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization.

—Daniel Webster

If I have one regret from my radical years, it is that this country was too tolerant towards the treason of its enemies within.

—David Horowitz