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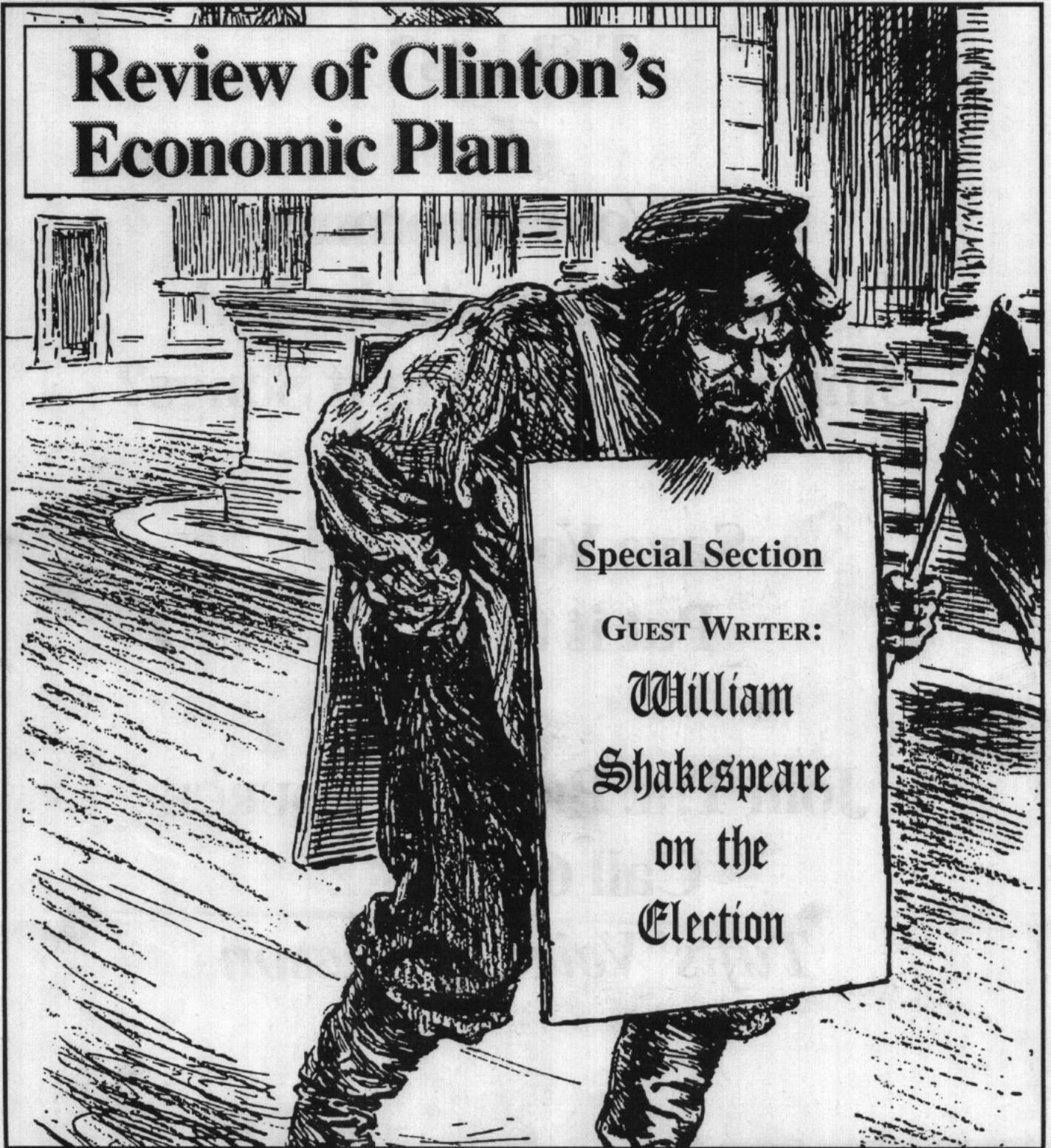
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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Young voters are a rare breed. Only thirty percent of all citizens aged 18 to 24 register their preferences at the ballot box. In an effort to increase this figure numerous voter campaigns have directed their energies towards the younger generation. The three year old organization Rock The Vote is the mother of all such campaigns. Although they flaunt non-partisan status and aim to achieve the innocuous result of higher voter turnout, Rock The Vote is a program driven by political goals, goals which include more funding for the NEA and a Clinton victory.

Rock the Vote was founded in 1990 by Jeff Ayeroff and Jordan Harris, two Virgin Records executives and self-avowed liberals. Tom Johnson of the Media Research Center described the organization as "significantly left of center." Using rock musicians and record packaging to reach young voters, Rock The Vote first tried to galvanize political support for Harvey Gantt, unsuccessful challenger for Jesse Helms' Senate seat. Ayeroff accused Helms of "trampling on the rights of rock artists."

Since 1990 Ayeroff and Harris have enlisted the help of such rock stars as Madonna, Lenny Kravitz, MC Hammer, and Justine Bateman to spread the message that voting is crucial. Ironically, none of these stars heeded their own advice. Inherent in the message of Rock The Vote is the inadequacy of the current Administration as manifest in the September 23 special which aired on Fox. The name "Rock the Vote" itself implies that political change is desirable. Even Governor Clinton acknowledged this by wearing a Rock The Vote shirt.

Over twenty million dollars worth of advertisements for Rock the Vote have run free of charge on MTV. Unquestionably the most memorable ad was Madonna's threat of "a spanky" to those who didn't vote. Because Rock the Vote claims to be non-partisan, they are able to grace high school hallways with their posters as well as distribute buttons at music stores.

It is apparent that Rock The Vote is aiming to beef up the liberal camp with young recruits. Common sense says few young conservatives watch MTV when Firing Line and the MacNeil-Lehrer Show are airing. Even fewer hold Reed Mullin, drummer for Corrosion of Conformity and Rock The Vote advocate, in terribly high esteem. It is irresponsible for Rock The Vote to maintain this guise of impartiality. Harris and Ayeroff should come forward and admit that their ultimate purpose is to further their own liberal agenda through a campaign directed at first time voters.

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# Letters

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Dear Editor:

As David Baur's freshman advisor and teacher, I respect his seriousness and sense of fairness, so I feel my response to his September 17th article on AIDS activism may be of some interest to him and your readers.

1) AIDS activists tend to shun the term "AIDS victim" which Mr. Baur says they coined; they prefer the neutral "person with AIDS" or the more self-reliant "person living with AIDS."

2) Unsafe behavior can be called such only when it is known what's safe and what's not. Of course, behavior is a matter of personal responsibility, and we need only look at the declining rate of HIV infection in the gay community since "safe sex" practices have been understood. Education *IS* the answer; gays have done a remarkable job amongst themselves, but (incredible as it may seem) there are a lot of people who still haven't gotten the word.

3) While some AIDS activists are primarily concerned with protesting government policies, by far the greatest amount of human energy--I'd guess it must be 95% if such things were measurable-- is spent in just the sort of self-help activities Mr. Baur respects: fund-raising, counseling, outreach, and the sheer soul-breaking work of taking care of the sick.

4) Yes, there are many horrible diseases besides AIDS, but on a purely practical level, none other poses the threat of geometric progression or challenge to the health care system in the future that AIDS does. Unless we're prepared to watch thousands of people dying in the streets, it's wise to get active, in as constructive a way as each person can, now!

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# Commentary

## TCUJ Chair Quells Free Speech

What if the President of Tufts University tried to dismiss one of the Deans of the College because the dean had written an article in support of communism? Such actions would be rightfully condemned as "fascism, McCarthyism, and censorship." However, on our TCU Judiciary such shenanigans are exactly what is taking place.

It seems that Vice Chair Lowell Reiter ruffled some feathers when he expressed a disdain for political correctness in a September fourteenth letter to the Daily. After the publication of this letter, Reiter was approached by TCU Judiciary Chair Seth Metsch and told that it was inappropriate for an elected member of the judiciary to express a political opinion. Furthermore, Reiter was asked to remove himself from office. The sheer lunacy of this request is heightened by the fact that there is no legal basis for removing a member of the Judiciary for the "crime" of expressing a political opinion, even if it is un-PC. Logically, in fact, one is elected on the basis of opinions expressed, rather than on the degree to which he agrees with the TCUJ Chair.

Mr. Metsch has indicated that as long as Reiter continues to speak his mind, rather than mindlessly following orders, he will be reluctant to allow the recalcitrant Vice Chair to adjudicate any more cases. Clearly, this is a blatant case of bias against those free-thinking souls who dare to oppose the malignant liberalism which pervades academia today. We at The Primary Source stand by Mr. Reiter's right to free speech.

## Lead... or Leave

Former Senators Paul Tsongas and Warren Rudman are currently busy campaigning for their new "Lead... or Leave" program. Lead... or Leave asks that all candidates for United States Congress pledge to cut the deficit in half or not seek reelection at the end of their term. No longer accountable to their constituencies or the task of formulating a budget, it is quite easy for Tsongas and Rudman to take such a pious stance. This "outsiders'" plan, however, is all too political, abundant with rhetoric and devoid of economic logic.

With the federal deficit equaling six percent of the Gross National Product, debt reduction is definitely in order. The deficit, however, can only be reduced in one of three ways: higher taxation, lower government spending, or a combination of the two. Increasing revenues enough to balance the budget would doubtlessly destroy the economy. Slashing the budget to the point of significantly reducing the deficit would mean eliminating many of the entitlement programs upon which the American public has grown dependent.

Rudman and Tsongas, though eager to reduce the deficit, do not endorse any of these necessary remedies. Tsongas' own platform from his failed presidential campaign would increase the deficit; it urges lower taxation on business, but advocates increased spending in the form of national health care. The former Senators' support for a pledge they would never take themselves is a hypocritical attempt to gain support for their own egos, not a realistic plan to salvage the economy.

## Lawrence Walsh

Lawrence Walsh, the relentless independent prosecutor investigating the Iran Contra affair, is finally closing up shop. Equipped with a blank check, a suite of spacious offices, an extravagant Watergate apartment, around-the-clock limousine service, and all the legal assistants his heart desired, Walsh set out to prosecute every individual associated with the Iran-Contra affair and many who weren't. Since his actions were not restrained in the least, Walsh's



five year vendetta has cost taxpayers \$32 million and produced few substantial results. The convictions of John Poindexter, President Reagan's National Security Advisor, and Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, a National Security Council aide, were both overturned in appeals courts. Walsh's limited success in obtaining guilty pleas from mid-level CIA operatives were minimal, as the CIA had only minor involvement in any wrongdoing. Walsh thought he was trying to grasp the truth of the matter when in reality, he was merely grasping at straws.

Walsh came to his senses and ended his inquiry before focusing his assault on Reagan administration officials such as former Secretary of State George Schultz and former Attorney General Edwin Meese III. Former Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger, however, has not escaped Walsh's prosecution obsession; his trial is now pending. Walsh assures the public that if any juicy information is revealed in the Weinberger trial he'll re-open the entire investigation. One can only hope that in the meantime Walsh will find a hobby to take his mind of his politically motivated and wasteful investigation. Only then, will everyone be able to get on with their lives.

### Cable Television Regulation

Last week, the Senate passed a bill that would further regulate the cable television industry. The bill would create price ceilings on a minimum service, require that cable companies carry all over-the-air local stations, and demand that future competitors have access to channels such as CNN and Lifetime.

Many are lauding the bill as long due relief from a monopoly run amuck, but few have considered the fact that the government is responsible for creating the monopoly in the first place. By granting licenses that only allow one carrier to operate in a given area, the Federal Communication Commission created a market devoid of competition to drive prices down or encourage improved service. Instead, the FCC depended on regulation and the goodwill of the cable companies to control the market.

The subsequent deregulation simply allowed these companies to exploit their monopolistic positions. These abuses are the justification of this new regulation bill, but if the FCC hadn't originally interfered no regulation would be needed now. Cable re-regulation is yet one more

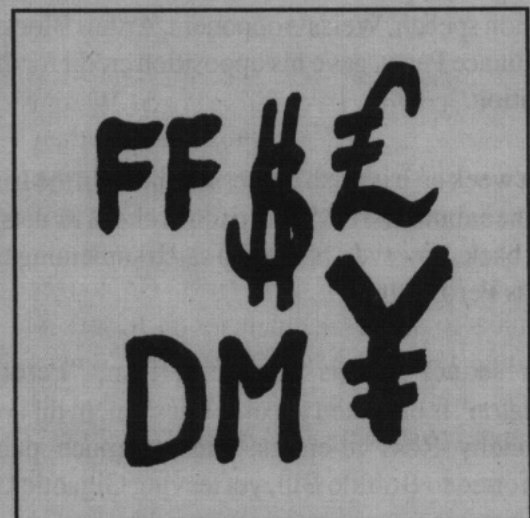
example of government intervention creating more problems than solutions.

### European Economic Crisis

The events of the last two weeks do not bode well for the once-imminent economic unification of Europe. The chances for a single joint currency under a central bank now seem dim, at best. The realization of the apparent fragmentation in the already-feeble economic pact and the slim margins by which the Maastricht Treaty is being approved (or even rejected, as in Denmark) make it clear that the once probable specter of a unified Europe will most likely never materialize.

Germany's unwillingness to take into account the international ramifications of their monetary policies is a portent of problems to come. As a result of Germany's policies the French Franc took a beating and the Pound Sterling had to be removed from the European Monetary Union. Europe is now left with only one strong currency—the Deutschmark. As a result, the ravaged European market faces an investment vacuum. The current fiscal environment is hardly conducive to free trade.

Increasing global economic interdependence makes Germany's recent self-serving actions highly impractical. With new federal figures clearly indicating a significant decrease in power of the countries to defend their currencies, a Unified Europe mandates constant communication and cooperation. Current nationalist attitudes, however, cast a doubt as to whether individual countries will so gladly sacrifice their own sovereignty for the sake of the community.



# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** Recently we at The Primary Source have received a lot of criticism for our derisive remarks about Governor Clinton. We resent this accusation of partisanship, and feel that some parts of Slick Willie's record are definitely admirable. How can we not appreciate a man who cheated on Hillary for twelve years?

**PS** Reports from the former Soviet Union show that old military equipment from the Evil Empire is selling at bargain blow-out prices on the streets from Kiev to St. Petersburg. Thousand dollar night vision goggles are selling for \$80, and fifteen thousand dollar pressure suits are selling for a mere \$150. It seems that the Russians are teaching us the value of the dollar... something the Pentagon hasn't quite gotten the hang of yet.

**PS** Men Understanding Sexism at Tufts (MUST) received \$200 last year from the TCU Senate for condoms. Extra sensitive, no doubt.

**PS** Just one day after his untimely death, Representative Ted Weiss of New York won a landslide election to be the Democratic party's nominee in the upcoming election. In his concession speech, Weiss's opponent, Arthur Block of the New Alliance Party, gave his opposition credit for the stiff competition.

**PS** Last week an Irish fishing vessel sailing in the Irish Sea caught the submarine USS Sturgeon in one of its nets. They threw it back, however, hoping to catch something bigger, like Ross Perot's ego.

**PS** The sequel to this summer's film, "Perot does Washington" is expected to come out soon. In this version ol' Raunchy Ross re-enters, causing much pain and discomfort to Buffalo Bill, yet leaving Gigantic George

terribly relieved.

**PS** Because George Bush refuses to debate Governor Clinton under the proposed conditions of the League of Women Voters, Slick Willy is threatening to debate himself. We feel certain that the moderate presidential candidate Clinton will have no problems trashing the liberal governor from Arkansas.

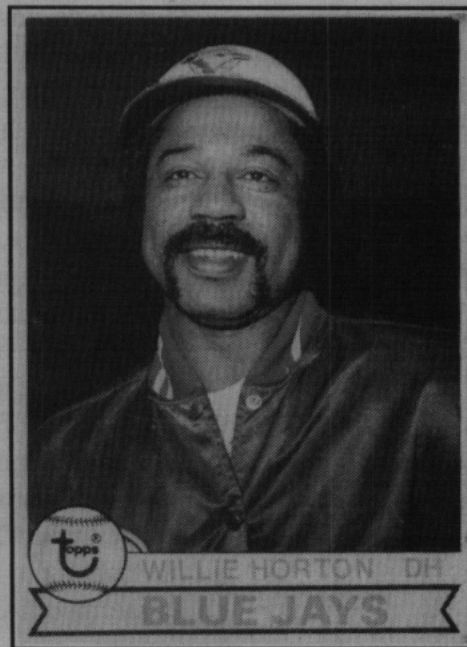
**PS** The Fraternal Order of Little Rock Arkansas Police have stabbed Bill Clinton in the back and endorsed George Bush. Apparently they were miffed that Slick Willy shared Rolling Stone front cover status with Ice-T. Anyway, since Arkansas ranks dead last in the country in per capita funding for police, the endorsement will only win the President another six votes.

**PS** A San Francisco telephone company has given its 50,000 subscribers a free phone call to James Baker to urge him to "halt the Republican party's attacks on gays and lesbians." In a related story, the Democratic National Party has received thousands of phone calls from irate midwesterners demanding that the party stop its attacks on their favorite spud, the potatoe.

**PS** It seems the Dukakis Prison furlough program has worked once again for Willie Horton. The convicted rapist and murderer has been spotted in Toronto, playing for the Blue Jays as designated hitter. How fitting.

**PS** A Tufts computer hacker has just been suspended for a semester for breaking in to the registrar's secret files. The perpetrator was allegedly trying to sign up for the Philosophy department's course on Ethics.

**PS** Unlike Bush, Governor Clinton is in favor of implementing the Family Leave bill. But who wouldn't with a family like his?





**PS** *Satanic Verses* author Salman Rushdie has recently made an appearance at the University of Colorado. We at THE SOURCE have compiled the top ten reasons as to why he should speak at Tufts.

10. The crack police capabilities of Officer Bob
9. Tufts students are clamoring for a sequel to last year's Nation of Islam speech
8. International Night at Hodgdon
7. It will give WMFO an excuse to play some funky belly dancing music.
6. The committee investigating Greek life likes that his name reads Rush...Die!
5. As a fellow recluse, he can console the lost inhabitants of Bridge-Metcalf.
4. Because his solitude means celibacy, he will fit right in at MUST.
3. His speech can be televised on TUTV, but his presence will still be a secret.
2. His visit would double the size of our religion department.
1. Nobody will see him if he eats at Carmichael; but if they poison his food, he won't be able to tell.

**PS** In an attempt to remain politically correct and non-homophobic, TUDS has again once again replaced the missing homogenized milk placard in MacPhie with a sticker reading "homo milk." Additional fairy products are also expected to be added to the menu.

**PS** A recent issue of The Observer featured an article by Governor Bill Clinton which detailed his oh-so-feasible economic plans for the country. Seems that Slick Willy is already securing a post-campaign job as the fiscal manager for The Observer.

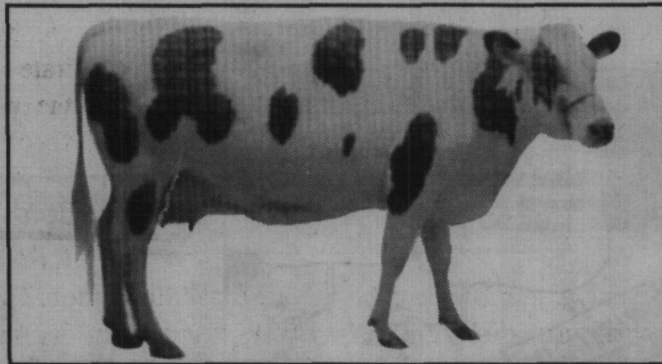
**PS** We at The Primary Source have cracked the secret of Ross Perot's appeal to the masses. The Republicans are attracted to his elephant-like ears and the Democrats are attracted to his ass-like demeanor.

**PS** Marion Barry, former Mayor and crackhead at large of Washington DC, has won the primary for DC City Council. The Primary Source is proud to provide its readers with a sneak preview of Barry's top ten campaign slogans.

10. From the Big House to the White House!
9. Flying high for DC
8. Barry... he's all he's cracked up to be
7. As seen on TV!
6. Vote Barry, he inhales
5. Marion is not just blowing smoke
4. Women are sold on Barry
3. Read my lips, as soon as I take them off the pipe
2. He's on top of womens' issues
1. High, 'ho, High, 'ho, it's off to City Hall I go

**PS** Pierre Mauroy was conditionally named President at the annual meeting of the Socialist International in Berlin. Mauroy's appointment would have been official, but its becoming almost impossible to get a quorum, even when every Socialist in the world attends the gathering.

**PS** Are we the only ones to have noticed that Tufts has had two fires since the hiring of a University Fire Marshall? It seems that there is a relationship between hires and fires.



**PS** On his recent appearance to Boston, Governor Clinton visited a local pub and ordered a beer even though he is allergic to the sudsy brew. According to the Governor, he sipped once or twice but never swallowed.

**PS** According to budget records for the Society for Creative Anachronism the TCU has granted funding for a medieval knife, a hammer, leather for arms and legs, and two rolls of duct tape. Rumors that the Society is really a front for the TLGBC have yet to be proven.



# Clinton Administration

## THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED DAYS

**JANUARY 20, 1993:** Justice Cuomo swears in Slick Willie as 42nd President of the United States.

**JANUARY 31, 1993:** President Clinton nationalizes health care system; thousands of American doctors flee to Mexico.

**FEBRUARY 1, 1993:** Clinton instructs the Department of Public Works to make the White House feel "more like Arkansas" to help his daughter adjust to Washington life. Trailer parks, pink flamingos, and lawn gnomes are promptly placed in the Rose Garden.

**FEBRUARY 14, 1993:** Tipper denounces "Hail to the Chief" as satanic and perverse. Presidential song replaced by the Mickey Mouse cheer. Depraved individuals who want to hear the original presidential theme need a signed letter of permission from their mother.

**FEBRUARY 22, 1993:** Hillary catches a cold, goes to Mexico to get medical treatment, rather than wait the standard six months for a nationalized American doctor.

**FEBRUARY 26, 1993:** Hillary kicks Billy out of the Oval Office and claims it as her own. At the request of feminist aides, it is re-named "Ovum Office." Bill is banished to the White House broom closet, where he reads last October's issue of *Penhouse* featuring Jennifer Flowers.

**FEBRUARY 28, 1993:** Clinton eagerly endorses North American Free Trade Agreement to give Americans greater access to Mexican doctors.

**MARCH 2, 1993:** Eco-Freako Vice President Gore protests use of pesticides in White House gardens and throws fake blood at the gardener.

**MARCH 8, 1992:** Clinton inhales DC air that is, which is not quite as pristine as the sweet oxygen of Hope, Arkansas. In response, he proposes the Tree Loving Close the Factories Act, in which the majority of American companies are tom down, and trees are planted in their place.

**MARCH 11, 1993:** Chelsea Clinton, with the help of her mother Hillary, sues Bill for being a bad dad.

**APRIL 1, 1992:** Clinton achieves world peace, hunger is abolished, and the world experiences unparalleled economic growth.

**APRIL 24, 1993:** President Clinton sends peace keeping force to Yugoslavia in order to get some real military experience.

**APRIL 30, 1993:** Clinton exports the Arkansas educational miracle to the rest of the country. By next month all students will be chawin' t'backy and pluckin' chickens.

# Views on the Coming Election from



## MacBush

Is this a poll which I see before me?  
Approval rating, pointing downward?  
Come, let me change thee.  
I have no votes, yet I see a second term still.  
Art thou not, my constituency, sensible  
To what I have achieved?  
Hast thou forgotten my triumph in Persia?  
The wretched Sadaam had my wrath felt  
And was his aggression not quelled?  
As a result of my doing,  
Thy oil is now aplenty and inexpensive  
Yet thou has stopped waving thine flags,  
And yellow ribbons no longer bound thy trees.  
Why hast thou ceased to cry "four more years?"  
Art thou but solely interested  
In thy wealth, prosperity, and well being,  
Thy confidence marred by foolish notions of a recession?  
Hath not my reduced interest rates,  
Extended unemployment benefits, and low inflation  
Inspired ye to find good fortune?  
Mine eyes do not see thy hardship,

## Slick Hamlet

To inhale, or not to inhale: that is the question:  
Whether 'tis nobler to partake in the weed  
Tuning in, turning off, dropping out,  
Or to refuse against a deluge of peer pressure  
And by declining lose friends? To light up; to toke,  
No more; and by an inhalation to say we leave reality  
And sip the smoke of love, peace, and national health care,  
To be high, perchance to see pink elephants; there's the catch;  
For in that cloud of pot what dreams may come  
Are shuttled off in the next morning's sun.  
Perchance I be foolish in an altered state,  
Engaging in sexual encounters I may later regret?  
Oh the Geranium Herb is not the Gennifer Flowers!  
And the munchies, which my wasteline dreads so,  
Overwhelm my appetite till it knows no satiety  
So that the Republicans may call me Buffalo Bill.  
And could deep breaths damn my political career?  
Tis not a real infraction of national drug laws  
To enjoy narcotics abroad.  
And in Oxford, tis only proper I shall celebrate my visa  
Which keeps me from the jungles of Indochina,  
For who would not choose the plant over the palm?  
With Hillary at my side, who may one day join me in marriage,  
May the aroma of each fresh doobie,  
The effervescence of every water drop from the bong,  
Permeate my lungs, and mutilate the cells of my brain,  
The few of which are functional anyway,  
Conscience doth make cowards of us all;  
And thus the native hue of herbs and incense  
Slicks o'er the pale cast of thought  
Inhaling; great risk, but enjoyment  
With this regard, let decision not be so hazy.  
And lose the name of spontaneity.



# The Bard of Stratford Upon Avon



## Billeo and the Draft Officer

Draft Officer:

O Billeo, Billeo, where art thou Billeo?  
Deny thine uncle and refuse his special influence;  
Or, if thou wilt not, be but sworn to ROTC  
And I'll no longer send you to Nam.

Billeo:

Allow me to free my lips from this bong,  
So that I may best reply to your call.

Draft Officer:

Tis thy government that is thy enemy,  
Thou art thyself merely a Clinton.  
What's a Clinton? 'Tis neither a senator,  
Nor a businessman, nor a long-haired hippy freak.  
What's in your name, Billeo?  
If a draft number were assigned to any other name,  
Would their be such special treatment?

Billeo:

Tis not the name that maketh the man, but his connections.  
The Senator on the Hill, whom they call Fulbright,  
He hath upon me donned his care  
As hath my uncle, who is very wealthy.

Draft Officer:

I take thee at thy word,  
I shall call you but 4H,  
And thou shalt be newly baptized,  
First to Oxford, then to ROTC,  
And thou shall never see the jungles of Vietnam.

They are consumed by my quest for ano'r term.  
Do not allow thy foolish self interests  
Bring thou to vote for the heathen of Arkansas.

## H. Ross Caesar

Friends, Americans, Countrymen, we know of his large ears;  
I come to ridicule Perot, and play upon your fears.  
The promises made and broken, which he hopes we've all forgot,  
Can all be renewed with the royal campaign he's bought.  
The man who arouses many with the help of Larry King,  
Continuously disappoints the masses and lacks that "vision thing."  
And exactly for what doth that blasted H stand?  
Homely, Happy, Heinous? Hesitant with his hand?  
His platform hath no planks, floating merely on hot air,  
And his laurels have no place to rest for he hath no hair.  
Perot, an engima, shall he run or shall he retreat?  
Flee, Ross, flee, for November shall bring defeat.

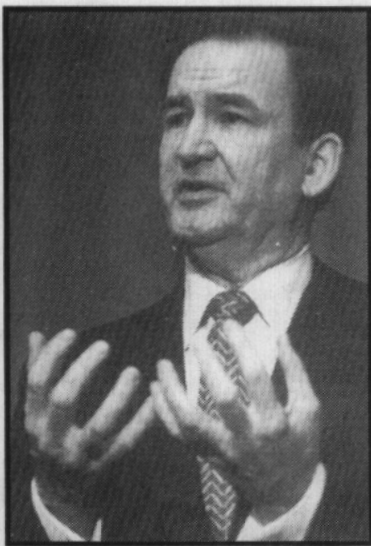


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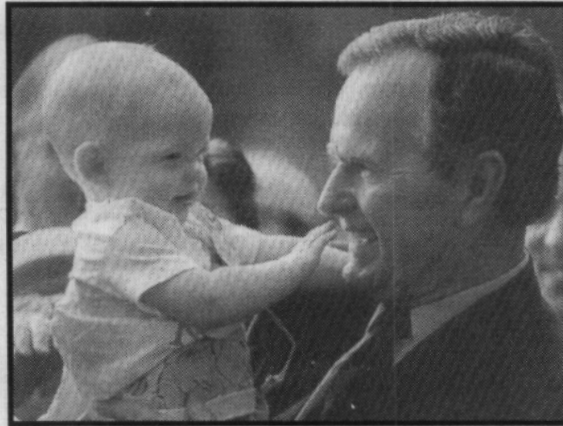
# Photo Follies



"Hillary, don't you think she bears a striking resemblance to the mailman?"



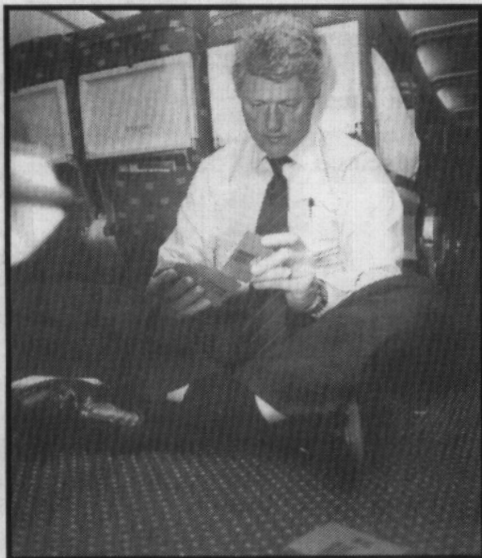
"That Gennifer Flowers is my kind of woman."



"Now, now, don't cry Danny."



"Yeah, Gennifer Flowers."



"Nope, no draft cards here."



"You're right Dick. I can see straight through."

# Drugs On the Fast Track

Ted Levinson

The Food and Drug Administration is the oldest consumer protection agency in the nation. With over 7,800 employees and an annual budget of \$600 million a year, the agency is responsible for regulating one quarter of all consumer purchases. The FDA is a bureaucrat's dream and a private citizen's nightmare. With an average approval time for new drugs of 9.75 years, the inefficiency of the FDA is only eclipsed by the U.S. Postal service. Yet, unlike our mail service, the FDA is undergoing innovations in policy and analytic techniques that promise to save billions of dollars and millions of lives.



One of the primary duties of the FDA is to address the interests of consumers by insuring the safety and effectiveness of drugs. In its efforts to fulfill this responsibility the FDA has historically failed to "recognize that approval of useful and safe new products can be as important to the public as preventing the marketing of harmful or ineffective products." Millions of Americans have died because life-saving drugs were crawling through the review process at a snail's pace. Sam Kazman of the Competitive Enterprise Institute noted that, "Medicines save lives, and any delay in their availability has lethal effects."

The most recent reforms in the Food and Drug Agency were initiated by a petition to expedite approval for DDI and DDC, two experimental AIDS drugs.

In 1990 Public Citizen, a lobbying group devoted to increasing government regulation of medical products, broke with tradition and urged the FDA to approve the two drugs before the completion of final clinical studies measuring their safety and effectiveness. In the final report of the National Committee to Review Current Procedure for Approval of New Drugs for Cancer and AIDS, Chairman and Dean of the Tufts Medical School, Louis Lasagna reported that, "Life-threatening illnesses ...deserve urgent attention by society... Patients suffering from Cancer and AIDS cannot afford the luxury of waiting for drug development and regulation to move as slowly as they usually do..." The FDA quickly approved the drugs, setting a precedent for innovation.

This move, which was called "a regulatory milestone," is not without its risks. Patients with life-threatening diseases may now have access to drugs when "substantial" rather than "definitive" evidence exists measuring safety and efficacy. To speed up the review process "surrogate markers" will replace "end points" as a judge of the drug. For instance, in the case of AIDS drugs, an increase in T4 cells is sufficient for conditional approval whereas before extended life span had to be proven. This change of policy was well received by terminally ill patients who "have made it clear... that in light of the seriousness of the diseases involved, are willing to accept this greater risk."

Since this decision Vice President Quayle's Council on Competitiveness has released a study on the Food and Drug Administration. Recommendations for improving and speeding up the approval process include using outside reviewers for backlogged applications, a more flexible interpretation of efficiency standards, accelerated review for life-saving drugs, and reliance on studies conducted by foreign regulatory commissions. Professor Joseph Lau of the Tufts Medical School finds the last rec-

ommendation particularly useful since, "humans are humans, and if the study is done in a scientific manner, the results should be

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accurate." Although Dr. Kessler, head of the FDA is completely committed to these policy changes, support for the proposals is not unanimous. Many people are wary to lessen the power of the FDA. Representative Ted Weiss (D-NY) believed that the proposals, "place severe limits on FDA's ability to scrutinize drug applications..." Empirical studies of France, Great Britain, and Canada, where accelerated approval and external review are commonplace suggest that these concerns are unfounded.

Professor Lau has contributed to the streamlining of drug approval with his findings in cumulative meta-analysis that were recently published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Citing delays in the approval of effective drugs as "something that patients and the health-care system can ill afford," Lau has developed a system for judging the effectiveness of a drug based on many small, independent studies. This analysis will make obsolete the need for expensive and time-consuming studies involving several hundred patients. Dr. Lau also advocates human testing at an earlier stage in the drug's development to curtail delays due to clinical studies.

In the past pharmaceutical companies have had to make ten year commitments to developing a new drug. Success had to be imminent, or the drug costs high to reflect this business risk. With the new changes in policy and procedure, companies will have a greater incentive to experiment with less certain cures. Start-up pharmaceutical firms will not have to face ten years of losses before revenue begins. Consumers will also benefit from lower prices for medication.

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# Clintonomics Examined

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Presidential candidate Bill Clinton's economic plan, "Putting People First" is the ultimate sound bite. The program is rich with rhetoric and admirable aims, but lacks any feasible method by which to attain its piously lofty goals. The Governor's plan, premised on rampant deficit spending and

can be partially covered by "reducing government waste," but does not explain how, nor has he demonstrated such leadership in Arkansas.

Clinton claims that expenses not covered by his stealth waste reduction program will be covered by increasing taxes on the "rich."

taxes on gasoline; costs that affect people on all economic levels.

Even worse than the damaging effect Clinton's plan would have on the deficit, is that it is based on the faulty notion that taxing "the rich" does not affect the poor. Since "the rich" have more money, they also consume, invest, and save more than any other class. While liberals make offhanded remarks about 'the rich and their swimming pools,' they fail to realize that many middle class Americans are employed and fed by the construction of those pools. Without wealthy investors, American entrepreneurs would be unable to develop the technology necessary to make the country viable in the future. Clinton blatantly uses class warfare as a theme in his campaign, ignoring the fact that taxes on "the rich" are essentially taxes on business, hence the middle class.

The Clinton program is also detrimental to business in its call for more government regulation. "Putting People First" requires that all businesses spend at least 1.5% of their payroll on training or pay the equal amount to a national training fund. This tax on businesses prevents companies from hiring as many employees, and allows the government, rather than the free market, to dictate how suppliers should operate. Central

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taxation, is in fact the greatest obstacle to improved education, job growth, and prosperity. The proposal, if enacted, will cost American taxpayers \$220 billion dollars in direct taxation, and billions more indirectly as a result of burdensome regulation. More alarming than Governor Clinton's advocacy of an obviously flawed plan, however, is his clinging to the liberal belief that the weak can be elevated at the expense of the strong, a notion which has repeatedly been proven to be false.

The only logical aspect of "Putting People First" is the proposition to cut taxes ten percent, or 95 cents a day for the middle class. The program also offers an \$800 tax credit per child for American families. Decreased taxation, on any class of the American public, allows for more money to circulate through the private sector, thereby creating jobs. Economic common sense, however, dictates that to keep the deficit under control, tax cuts must be accompanied by reduced spending. Unfortunately, Governor Clinton fails to comprehend this logic.

Clintonomics, in fact, is rooted in increased federal spending. New government programs would include socialized medicine, additional federal aid for home mortgages, free pre-school for all of America's toddlers, and government sponsored job training programs. The Governor argues the costs

The primary flaw in the Governor's plan to increase taxes on the upper class, is that even if Americans earning more than \$90,000 do have their income tax raised from 31% to a staggering 38.5% (as the governor proposes) only \$83 billion dollars in increased revenues will be gained. Such funding falls far short of the necessary \$220 billion necessary to support his social programs. As a result Clinton will probably have to increase taxes elsewhere. In Arkansas he raised the sales tax, which includes food, as well as

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# The Problem with Protests

Meredith Hennessey

At the Republican National Convention this summer, I encountered a lot of interesting people, such as Patrick Buchanan, whom I met, drank, talked and ate with. I stood twenty-five feet away from former President Ronald Reagan during his convention address. I also met several college Republicans from around the country and I heard many, many speeches by National Republican figures such as Jack Kemp, Bob Dole, and Newt Gingrich. Although there were speeches that I disagreed with, I found their basic themes easy to accept, such as property rights and family values.

But outside the Astrodome there was another group of people whom I met. They were very different and not so easy for me to understand. They were the protesters; the pro-choice & pro-gay activists who had come from near and far to express their anger at the Republican party and its platform. On the first day I walked from the Astrodome to a nearby hotel for a pro-life rally and passed some of the protesters on the street. I stopped to talk to them to find out exactly what they were protesting. Most of them weren't willing to talk to someone wearing a "Buchanan for President" button but a few were.

There were two Polynesians who wanted to end electricity production in the United States because "electric waves in the atmosphere pass through our bodies and cause cancer." They believed that Einstein invented a mind-reading device before his

death and according to them, the CIA has confiscated it and is using it against its political enemies. Their address is a Post Office Box somewhere in Chicago. Please send money.

Estelle Debates, the Vice-Presidential candidate of the Socialist workers party, whom you may remember spoke at Tufts earlier this semester, or you may not remember since only six people attended the lecture (one was the sponsor, four were Source staff members, and one was a pinko freshman), was protesting abortion restrictions because she feels that the liberation of women can only be achieved through reproductive freedom and government intervention.

The Atheists of America were protesting the Judeo-Christian foundation of American Society and demanded change.

The National Organization for Women (NOW), was protesting for abortion rights and had rounded up all of its members for whom it was "that time of the month"; they were in rare fighting form.

There were several other organizations whose members had come in groups of twos and threes to protest many other injustices of the Bush Administration.

But the most numerous and vocal group was ACT UP, a gay rights activists group. Dozens of its members gathered outside the

epidemic, support for a gay rights bill and abortion rights were at the top of their agenda. Unfortunately, most could not overcome their anger long enough to discuss the issues with passers by, preferring instead to hurl insults and chant well-worn slogans.

**The moral is that discussion and peaceful communication break through walls a lot faster than insults and protests.**

For example, a man dressed in a Pope-like outfit wore a sandwich board bearing the words "Sex Expert" and chanted slogans such as "Get your cross out of my crotch!" and "Get your bible out of my bedroom!" Although it received attention for being amusing, this action, and the anger behind it was very detrimental to their cause. Sympathetic people who approached in friendship were turned away. Bigotted people who passed by with amusement felt secure in their ignorance.

And the ignorance and the anger led to violence. On the evening of the second day of the convention, ACT UP moved their protest closer to the gates. When they were informed by police and the Secret Service that they had to move back, they refused. Arrests began, and in a countermove, ACT UP members piled signs and debris together and set fire to it to create a distraction. Here is where the controversy arises. Perhaps the police panicked as the fire grew and did what they felt was necessary to stop it; or perhaps they were unnecessarily brutal as ACT UP claims. But the police moved in, both on foot and mounted on horseback, pushed back the protesters and put out the fire. Several people were injured, mostly protesters, and at least one girl ended up in the hospital.

We'll never know who was wrong or who over reacted, but we do know that it could have been prevented if ACT UP had moved away from the gates and hadn't used arson to prevent the arrests. Later in the evening at our hotel, some friends and I met

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convention gates with the other demonstrators to protest a variety of issues. Criticism of the Bush Administration's handling of the AIDS

# An Interview with Father Hunt

Matt Fountain

Due to the sizable Catholic population at Tufts, Father Michael Hunt, a Paulist Father, has been a focal point for the activities of Catholic students. As the Catholic Chaplain

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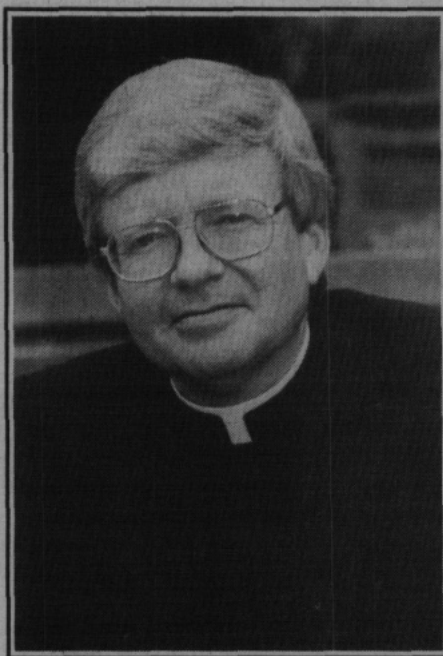
of Tufts and the foremost advisor of the Catholic Student Organization (the Catholic Center), Father Hunt presents a visible representative of Catholicism at Tufts. Since joining the Tufts Community in 1984, Father Hunt has been an asset for Catholic students. Father Hunt served as a chaplain at Wayne State University, Boston University, and the University of California at Berkeley before coming to Tufts nine years ago.

One of the big reasons that Father Hunt decided to come to Tufts was the relatively small size of the Tufts student body. At Berkeley, Father Hunt found the experience “impersonal” because of the large size of Berkeley’s Catholic Community. For example, he mentioned that “over 7,000 people attended mass every Sunday” at the Berkeley Chapel. Because of the size of his congregation, Father Hunt “could not get to know every single Catholic at Berkeley” who sought his advice. Therefore, when Father Hunt inquired about the Chaplaincy position at Tufts, he found that the much smaller school suited him because of the increased possibilities of “getting to know the students better.”

After eight years at Tufts, Father Hunt remains pleased and “optimistic with the current and future involvement of Catholics in the Tufts Community.” He asserted that along with the increasing interest in religious studies, there has also been increased interest in Catholicism during his eight year stay at Tufts. Clearly, Father Hunt has enjoyed the benefits of a smaller student body which enables him to focus his attention on the Catholics as well as other interested students at Tufts.

Father Hunt spoke of the unfortunate state of the religion department, and the

debate regarding its jeopardized departmental status. Father Hunt voiced his strong approval for maintaining the department, “I certainly think there should be a religion department and it should be given more faculty. Everywhere else in the country more and more students are taking courses in religion. It seems shortsighted [on that basis] to talk about closing the religion department...unless an [important] discipline has its own department, it gets lost...religion should have a majors program.” He went on to stress that, “religion has become a very important factor in world affairs. We see it in the Islamic world, we see



it in Yugoslavia right now, and in all of the Republics of the Former Soviet Union.” He also discussed some of the interesting aspects of the impact of a religion on the policies of specific nation-states formed after the break-up of the Soviet Union. For example, Father Hunt visited the Ukraine and found that the large Catholic and Greek Orthodox Christian population are drawing opposite sides on critical policy issues such as the official church of Ukraine.

Provost Sol Gittleman shared his views

on the importance of religion as well. Gittleman echoed Father Hunt when he said, “I am profoundly interested in the study of comparative religions. I don’t believe you can understand what is happening in Yugoslavia, the Middle East, Europe, or even in the U.S. without understanding the impact religion has made on civilization.” Gittleman’s view on the importance of a religion department differed. He voiced his indifference and remarked that he “just doesn’t have much interest in a religion department because the department never had much interest in me.” Gittleman mentioned that, “in the twenty years that I’ve been teaching I’ve never had one meeting with anyone in the department of religion asking about my opinion, my courses, or showing any interest whatsoever in Judaic Studies.” Gittleman viewed the issue of departmental status as negligible. However, as Professor Hunter said, “[It’s] clear from our enrollment that students wish to study religion from professors who are trained in religion and not from people whose specialties are in other [academic] disciplines.”

As much as he supports a religion department, Father Hunt noted that it was only recently that a course on Catholicism was included in the Religion department. Coupled with an incident that occurred two years ago when anti-Catholic bigotry was expressed in fliers on campus, Father Hunt concluded that, “There has not been the same kind of concern about anti-Catholic bigotry as there has been about other forms of prejudice. I think there is an assumption that Catholics are not at risk. The standards about prejudice should be uniform. People express negative, sometimes humorous, things about the Catholic church that they wouldn’t say about other groups.” Professor Hunter, who is currently the only professor of the religion department, said in a follow-up interview that the reason why courses were not offered in Catholicism was due to two chronic problems in his department: “lack of faculty to teach a such specified course, like Catholicism, and the so-called lack of funding for the religion department.”

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# Regulating the Regulators

David Baur

Many people claim that capitalism is a flawed system because the lack of controls on "greedy businessmen" creates a situation where workers and the public at large are exploited. To prevent this exploitation from occurring people call for regulation that will control the actions of businessmen. But what no one wants to consider is the fact that the very system of capitalism, when allowed to work properly, prevents this exploitation from occurring. In addition, the system of politics that has evolved in this country actually corrupts those whose judgement is called upon to regulate businesses.

The justification for government regulation is that individual businessmen, when left to their own devices, will commit any unscrupulous act in order to increase profits. These acts include gouging prices, producing inferior products, providing unsafe working conditions for their workers, and giving below-standard compensation to their employees. This concept rests on the idea that men are intrinsically evil and are always looking for a quick profit at anyone's expense.

What people fail to realize is that the free market, when permitted to work freely, prevents a businessman from exploiting the public. The most effective way of controlling a business is through competition. A company cannot arbitrarily decide to double prices in order to increase profits because people will invariably buy less of the good or find a substitute for it. A business cannot cut

its employees' wages in half without losing its best workers to other companies that will pay a higher wage. Competition requires that a producer provide the highest quality of

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product for the lowest price as well as paying the highest wage possible to attract and keep the best workers. To avoid doing so would not only lead to lower profits in the short run, but bankruptcy in the long run. Thus, every business decision is controlled by this concept of competition.

Of course, unscrupulous businessmen who will try to abuse the system do exist. But any such behavior will eventually be weeded out by a competitive market because of the very nature of capitalism, namely individuals engaging in free trade. A worker freely chooses to work for a given company and will only accept so much wage cutting. After some point, a given worker will choose to find another job and invariably the best workers will be the first ones to leave. Regardless of how expendable a company wants to view labor, a good employee is hard to find and such wage cutting will leave an ineffectual work force. The same principle applies to setting prices and producing a low-quality good or service. People freely choose where

stead, they want the government to regulate (i.e.-control) business to protect the little people; i.e.-the employees or the consumers. Opponents of the free market claim that businessmen are too selfish to be trusted not to exploit the public. They argue that, regardless of who will be hurt, it is human nature to go to any lengths necessary for a quick profit. Because of this propensity to cheat, lie and steal, businesses needs to be controlled.

The duty to regulate business is given to public officials since it is the government's responsibility to protect the interests of society. They are assigned the task of determining whether the free market has created an equitable allocation of resources. But the word equitable is a very ambiguous term and it can be defined in several different ways. For instance, does it mean that opportunity should exist for everyone to improve their well-being or that everyone should earn a certain amount of money? Does this mean that everyone should be free to apply for a job, start a business, or buy property, or does it mean that everyone should have food, clothing, and shelter, as well as a car, a VCR and cable TV? These are all value judgments, none of which are clear cut. The responsibility for making these value judgments is placed in the hands of a few government officials under the assumption that they will always take into consideration the welfare of the public.

Therefore, the public's protection and the effectiveness of regulation is completely dependent upon the virtue of the government official. But the assumption that the political system will work perfectly is tantamount to the consistently denied proposition that free markets will work perfectly. So why is the government official considered virtuous and trustworthy enough, not only to conduct his affairs, but also to control the affairs of other people? The so-called selfish businessman is not a different species of man who is naturally inclined to cheat the public. There doesn't exist a separate gene pool from which honest government officials are selected. Elected or otherwise, those who are

to spend their money and will always try to find the best value for it. A company that fails to provide that value to its customers will soon be filing for bankruptcy. But the opponents of capitalism either do not have faith in the competitive market system or do not have the patience to allow it to work. In-

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given the responsibility of controlling business are just as likely to cheat, lie, and steal as any businessman. Here lies the tragic flaw in government regulation.

In fact, the system of politics that exists in this country serves to corrupt its members. Government officials are responsible for setting public policy and as Terry Anderson and Donald Leal point out in their book, *Free Market Environmentalism*, "Because politicians and bureaucrats are rewarded for responding to political pressure groups, there is no guarantee that the values of unorganized interests will be taken into account even if they constitute a majority of the population." Of course, there are some officials that determine public policy ethically. But with billions of dollars being spent on lobbyists each year, it would be profoundly naive to assume that most government officials consistently guide their decisions by what is best for the public. To believe this idea is to ignore the very concept of human nature that the opponents of capitalism use to invalidate free markets and justify regulation.

Regulators have the same desire for personal gain as other individuals, but in the sphere of politics, it is measured not by money, but by power. The ability to set policy based only on arbitrary value judgements that benefit some and hurts others places a great deal of power into the hands of government officials. This is the reason for the widespread corruption that exists in the public sector.

This interference in the economic affairs of men is exactly what prevents the free market from working. Competition is vitally essential in capitalism because it enforces a level playing field where everyone's achievements are directly proportional to their ability. But regulation serves only to destroy this level playing field. Subsidies consist of nothing more than free money given to anyone who knows the right people, without any regard to the person's ability or competence. The ability to grant licenses to businessmen gives the official the power to determine who can and cannot enter a given market. Again the method of determination is solely within the judgement of the public official, and while the assumption is that he

will act fairly and objectively, it is more likely that the standard used will be one of pull, not of merit. The same can be said about any such regulation. If you know the right people you can have some form of government assistance or regulation thrown your way.

Government regulation results in only one thing: The creation of numerous short cuts to a quick profit. This is precisely what

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opponents of capitalism point out as the major flaw in a free market system. Special favors remove the necessity for a businessman to build his business through hard work because by knowing the right people, he can now obtain it through special political favors. Contrary to the belief that regulation keeps unscrupulous businessmen under control, it really only serves to introduce them into the business world.

Not only does regulation create short cuts for unethical businessmen, it also victimizes the owners of small businesses and discourages entrepreneurs from even starting a business. Due to regulations, zoning laws, and licensing requirements, entrepreneurs today are faced with a mountain of bureaucratic red tape that must be steered through in order to start a business.

These obstacles to starting and maintaining a business are more than an inconvenience, they are an infringement of an individual's rights. The Constitution was based on the philosophy that no group of men, regardless of their position, has the right to deprive the rights of another individual. Economic freedom is simply the right of self-determination and as Bernard Siegan, author of *Economic Liberties* and the Constitution points out, "For a great many in our society, the opportunity to engage freely in a business, trade, occupation, or profession is the most important liberty society has to offer." The reason why the colonies wanted to be free from English rule was to secure economic freedom for its citizens. This economic freedom has made

the U.S. the greatest nation in history, one in which every citizen has seen an unprecedented increase in his standard of living. This freedom is now slowly being taken away and placed into the hands of an elected dictatorship.

The proof that the government is slowly turning into a dictatorship can be seen in the fact that since the 1940's judicial review of economic and social legislation has all but been abandoned. In other words, Congress and regulatory boards such as the FDA and EPA are able to create any law that regulates the economic affairs of individuals without having to answer to a higher authority about its constitutionality. Thus, any individual who feels that his

right to economic freedom has been denied has no way to air his grievance. Siegan states that, "In a society that extols private property and private enterprise, those who engage in economic activities in reliance on existing laws are entitled to be secure against arbitrary and confiscatory government actions... This is one of the major reasons why we have a Supreme Court and that we grant it enormous power over lawmakers." America's judicial review of legislative action was the first of its kind in the world. The purpose of the judicial branch of government is to protect the individual liberties of American citizens from government action. Without it, citizens are at the mercy of any law that is passed down from the government which is the first step towards a totalitarian state. While the country is nowhere near turning into Communist Russia, we have started to head down that road by taking away the rights of one group (the businessmen) for the sake of another group (the public).

In order to cure the failures of capitalism, government officials and consumer advocates demand greater restrictions on freedom, the one element that the system of capitalism is crucially dependent upon. Because of this basic requirement of capitalism, these regulations serve only to cause more market failures which are shortly followed by further demands for increased regulation. This downward spiral leaves in its wake numerous victims: entrepreneurs and owners of businesses, the unemployed, and the consumer who is forced to pay higher prices for inferior goods. The only person who comes out on top is the bureaucrat.

# The Drug War: A Look at the Facts

Matt Taylor

Robbery, murder and corruption are pervasive throughout large segments of American cities. In some cities, gunfire is heard frequently. In addition, large numbers of people appear to be addicted to a life of drugs and crime. A question which is not often asked however, is whether these terrible ills affecting our country are due to the presence of illegal drugs on the streets or the policy of prohibition pursued since the 1930s by the United States

government. Recently, Jeffrey Miron, Chair of Economics at Boston University delivered a lecture discussing the economic costs and benefits of the current US policy of drug prohibition. The results of his studies indicate that many of the "problems" attributed to illegal drugs in this country are actually caused by the prohibition against drugs. Miron contended that the government could reduce all the current problems by simply re-legalizing drugs.

Professor Miron was careful to state that his lecture only dealt with the economic costs of the drug war and not the larger moral question of what government ought to allow citizens to do with their private lives. However, the history of the war on drugs itself is rather interesting. Most of the laws against certain drugs have racist origins and have nothing to do with the reasons which are used today. Restrictions on opium coincide with large scale immigration of Chinese to California and marijuana laws were passed after large numbers of blacks moved from the rural south to the urban north. At the time these laws were passed, the rationale had nothing to do with crime or public safety, but rather intolerance. This is a question that is open to further research and debate, but I would be sorely disappointed if detrimental laws passed long ago continue to be enforced just because they are still there.

One of the first concerns people raise when discussing drug legalization is the possibility of dangerous behavior of people using drugs. TV shows often make mention of 'drug crazed' individuals committing crimes under the influence of illegal drugs. Professor Miron looked at all murders com-

mitted in New York over an eight month period. Of the over 240 people killed, 25 were murdered by people under the influence of drugs. Of these 25, 24 were using alcohol and only one person had been using illegal drugs. If drug abusers are not the

drug dispute, it creates an externality which affects the non-drug using population.

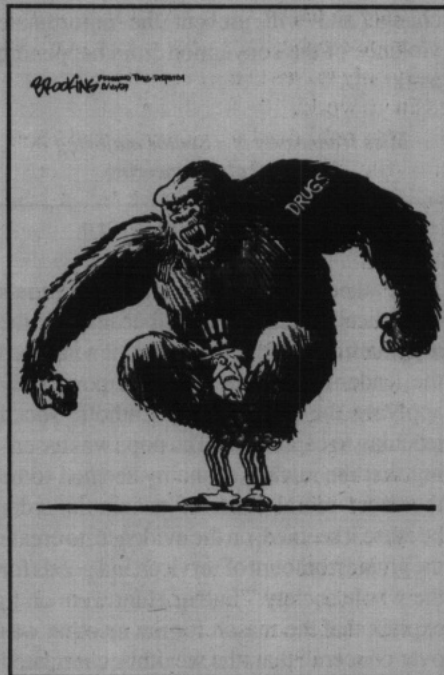
If the drug trade were treated in the same manner as other commodities, there would be no need for buyers and sellers to resort to violence. Drug producers would be responsible for maintaining quality and consistency of their products. A high-level executive at a New York insurance firm, who has been using heroin for almost twenty years, has been steadily employed for the entire time of his addiction. He

uses heroin simply because he "likes it." The only problem he faces with his drug use is the terrible uncertainty of the quality of the drug with which he injects himself. Legalization would provide an immediate improvement in the quality of his life. Some may feel this example is not typical, but nationally, cocaine users have a higher average income than non-users. In addition, laboratory experiments show that people who use stimulants, including cocaine are more productive at work than those who don't use stimulants. Now these example are not necessarily common. Statistics dealing with illegal drugs are difficult to come by, as users are often reluctant to come forward. Clearly though, the common media image of drug use needs to be carefully reconsidered.

The policy of prohibition costs the federal government over ten billion dollars a year. The results of the prohibition costs the American illegal drug consumer billions more in inflated prices. The benefactors of these inflated drug prices are criminals. In fact, the re-legalization of drugs would simply destroy the incomes and employment of many people involved in the drug trade. They survive today only through the misguided federal policy of the federal government. If the drug market became competitive, the cost and potency of these drugs would decrease substantially. Many drugs today are highly concentrated to ease shipping costs. As a result, unwanted side effects often result from drug use today. If responsible individuals could enter the drug market, we would see a wide variety of drug

**... the war against drugs is an unnecessary and expensive battle that only perpetuates violence and crime.**

source of violence ravaging our country, than what is the source? Because the market for narcotics is illegal, buyers and sellers cannot resolve disagreements through the court system. As a result, drug sellers and buyers have to use private systems for re-



dress of grievances. In this situation, everyone loses. Narcotic purchasers face uncertainty of the quality of the product they purchase and the drug seller faces an uncertain prospect of receiving money in return for the drugs sold. Drug sellers and buyers find themselves in a position where they must carry guns to insure an honest transaction. When violence does break out over a

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planning of this kind is not necessary, as businesses are more adept to determine their training needs than a governmental bureaucracy.

The worst regulation of the Clinton program is mandated national health insurance. Like the proposed training program, employers would be obligated to either pay for their employees' health care or contribute to a government run insurance program. Such legislation is most damaging to small business; whereas corporate giants can afford such burdens, a small corporation cannot. As a result, small businesses, which account for the majority of American jobs, would be forced to shut down. With increased regulation monopolies are created; inefficiency and higher prices for the consumer are the inevitable result.

Clinton's anti-business stance directly contradicts his statement that "we must keep thousands of small businesses." In his proposal to further regulate the health care industry the governor says "we have more than 1,500 different companies who write insurance policies in this county. We don't need them;" hardly a ringing endorsement of free enterprise competition. Clinton also seeks to regulate the amount credit card companies can charge for interest rates, an action which will only succeed in preventing banks from issuing credit cards to everyone but the most credit worthy.

Though Clinton courts the middle class, it would doubtlessly be the worst hit by his economic "plan." His minimal middle class tax cuts would be more than counterbalanced by the taxes he would raise or create to fund his many programs. Many of this same middle class would lose their jobs as a result of increased regulation; and the quality of their health care would decrease as well. Clinton's proposed increased government intervention would be lethal for American small businesses, giving rise to inefficient monopolies. "Putting People First" slickly plays off current popular political trends, but lacks any economic viability. Its implementation would serve only to turn our temporary recession into a complete depression.

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three ACT UP protesters, one of whom later told us that he is HIV positive. They said that the woman hurt in the confrontation was their friend. They seemed very upset and didn't understand what had happened or why. We started to talk and ended up talking for hours about AIDS funding, gay rights, and being gay in general. At the end of a calm but emotional debate, two of the most anti-gay men I had met at the convention walked away, if not agreeing, at least understanding the protesters a little bit more. One said, "They're a lot nicer than they seemed today [at the protest]."

The moral is that discussion and peaceful communication break through walls a lot faster than insults and protests. In the future, if ACT UP or others feel the need to make their voices heard to the Republican party, they should learn from this incident and try to do it in a more intellectual, less emotional way. This will promote understanding and change and will prevent the unfortunate violence of the convention from happening again.

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Father Hunt also discussed the Pope's encyclical on capitalism, "[because of] the aftermath of communism, the pope addressed the leaders of world economic powers by applying the principles of Catholic social teaching to capitalism. The pope was asserting that the market economy seemed to be the most moral form of economic order because it seemed, on the evidence, to create the greatest amount of services and goods for the whole society." Father Hunt went on to explain that the reason for the meeting was over concern "that the wealth accumulated under capitalism is not so unequally distributed that some people are totally poor and others very rich. There must be an amount of government involvement. For example, anti-monopoly laws, regulations about health and food products, and wage laws. The proper role of government is not to control the economy, but to intervene only in those areas where it is necessary to achieve the common good." However, Father Hunt

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products which provide more mild and controllable effects. Under this system everyone would be better off-users, non-using citizens, and tax payers. When public policy is discussed on almost every other issue, the public weighs the costs and benefits. When the issue turns to drugs however, people arrive at a conclusion based on fear and ignorance. Over the past fifty years the mass media has distorted the true effects on drugs and encouraged an insane policy of the federal government.

Professor Miron's lecture revealed that from an economic stand point the war against drugs is an unnecessary and expensive battle that only perpetuates violence and crime. Most of the problems associated with drugs can be blamed on their illegal status, and not any inherent flaw with drugs. Ending the war on drugs would not be a victory for crime, but a victory for individual rights and relief from an undeserved economic burden.

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went on to stress that the pope's encyclical was not an economic analysis, but an viewpoint of capitalism from the view of the Catholic Church. "It is a mistake to look for economic analysis in the pope's encyclical."

Father Hunt also talked about the Church's position on communism. "The Church approached communism as the greatest of all evils. Communism tried to recreate the human being in economic terms and [tried] to eliminate all transcendence, all spirituality from the human person...The Church saw Marxism as a great enemy of the human spirit...an evil ideal."

Father Hunt is a great asset to Tufts University. As spiritual leader for one third of the student body his impact is great. He is eager to talk with students, and serves as an important voice for religious matters on campus.

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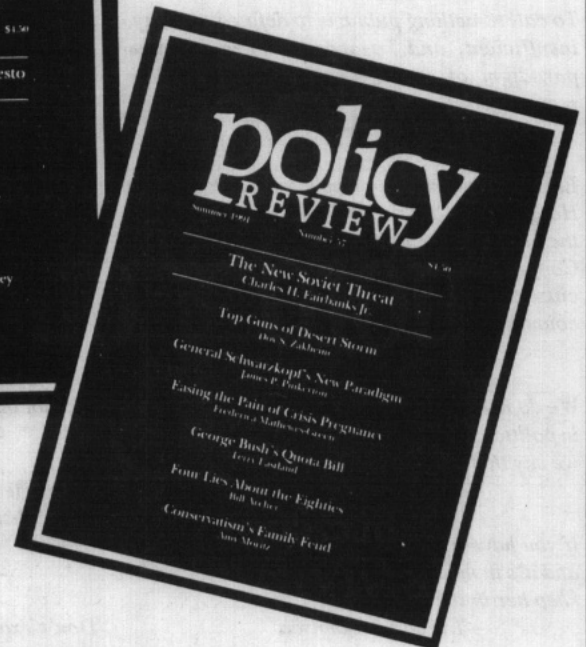
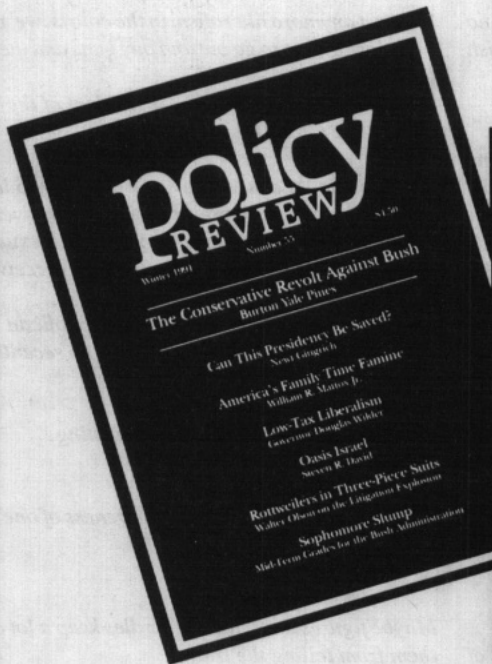
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*Religion is the opiate of the masses.*

—Karl Marx

*Opiates are the religion of the masses.*

—A Timothy Leary follower

*'No men are good men,' said Lord Acton, who was right, until Reagan.*

—Peggy Noonan

*To call something public is to define it as dirty, insufficient, and hazardous. The ultimate paradigm of social spending is the public restroom.*

—P.J. O'Rourke

*Entitlements are the pork mentality spread like a Hong Kong B flu virus. 'Where's mine?' becomes the battle cry not just in the committee rooms of Congress but on the lips of every American citizen. Ask not what you can do for your country, but what your country can do for you.*

—Brian Kelly

*We do not say that a man who takes no interest in politics is a man who minds his own business; we say that he has no business here at all.*

—Pericles

*If you have a mother-in-law with only one eye, and it's in the middle of her forehead, you don't keep her in the living room.*

—Lyndon B. Johnson

*There exists ... in the human heart a depraved taste for equality, which compels the weak to attempt to lower the powerful to their own level, and reduces men to prefer equality in slavery to inequality with freedom.*

—A. DeTocqueville

*A liberal is someone who has both feet planted firmly in the air.*

—National Review

*The orthodoxy of original understanding, and the political neutrality of judging it requires, are anathema to a liberal culture that for fifty years has won a succession of political victories from the courts and hopes for more political victories in the future. The representatives of that culture hate the American orthodoxy because they have moral and political agendas of their own that*

*cannot be found in the constitution and that no legislature, or at least none whose members wish to be re-elected, will enact.*

—Robert H. Bork

*Government: that fiction whereby everyone believes he can live at the expense of everyone else.*

—Frederic Bastiat

*Isn't it horrible to think that one-seventh of our lives is spent on Mondays.*

—Mariel Lemal

*The most conservative persons I ever met are college undergraduates.*

—Woodrow Wilson

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

—Benjamin Franklin

*Always remember, that I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.*

—Winston Churchill

*When a leader is in the Democratic Party he's a boss; when he's in the Republican Party he's a leader.*

—Harry Truman

*Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong.*

—Calvin Coolidge

*I love a battle when we're fighting to win.*

—George Patton

*No man's property is safe while (a Democratic) Congress is in session.*

—Mark Twain

*If a young man struggles sixteen hours a day to work his way through school, then has to pay taxes to help the dropout programs—what will happen to his ambition?*

—Ayn Rand

*[Clinton] has the gall to go around America and promise the moon, when on issue after issue the sky has fallen in his own backyard.*

—George Bush

*If we get anymore liberalism in the courts, we're all going to have to go out and buy guns and then lock our doors.*

—Donald Murray, President of the Boston Union

*I have no doubt conservatives are willing to let gays and lesbians alone in their private lives. Their objection is in introducing sexual orientation into a protected category to receive benefits from civil rights laws.*

—John Schlafly, son of Republican activist Phyllis Schlafly, who recently came out of the closet.

*I drink to make other people interesting.*

—George Nathan

*Education is the progressive awareness of one's ignorance.*

—Will Durant

*Maybe figures don't lie, but girdles keep a lot of them from telling the truth.*

—Anonymous

*Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time.*

—E.B. White

*A group of politicians deciding to dump a president because his morals are bad is like the Mafia getting together to bump off the Godfather for not going to church on Sunday.*

—Russell Baker

*Neither individuals nor societies flourish when truth becomes the servant of politics.*

—Lynne V. Cheney

*Now, Governor Clinton and the liberal leadership of the Democrat Party would have you believe that the avalanche of freedom sweeping the world is pure luck. They just don't get it.*

—Sen. Bob Dole (R. KS)

*We can no longer judge each other on the basis of what we are, but must, instead, start finding out who we are.*

—Ronald Reagan