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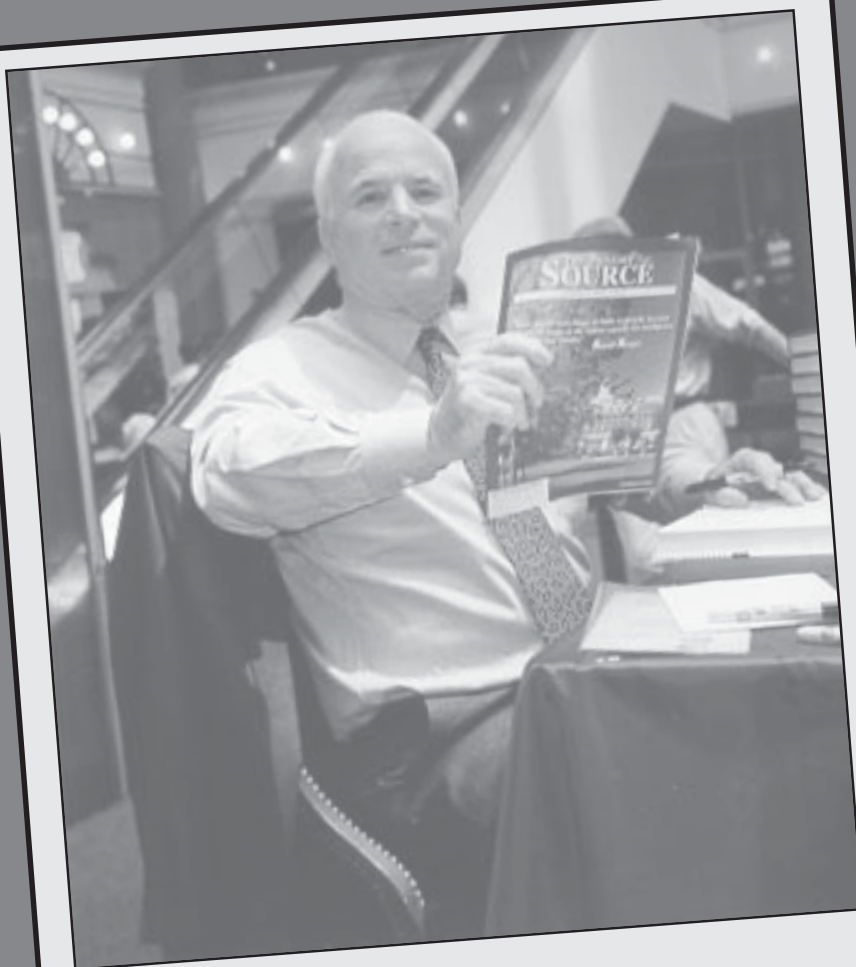
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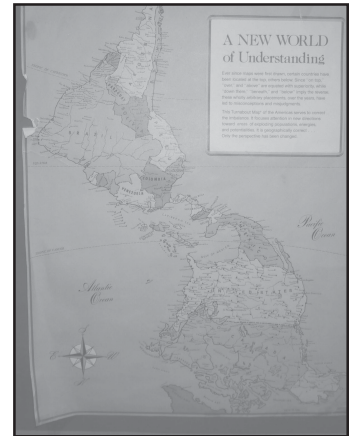
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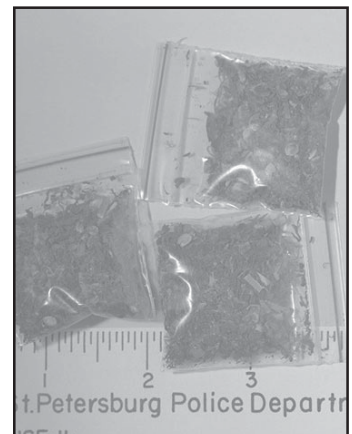
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We're Not Gonna Protest

These past few days not only mark the high point of the baseball season—at Tufts, this week is the World Series of Protests. The Tufts left wing alleges that the recent TCUJ ruling in the case of Tufts Christian Fellowship not only neglected to punish the crime, but also rendered impotent Tufts' long-standing anti-discrimination policy. As a result, the Left is up in arms, and a flurry of emails and vitriolic *Viewpoints* snowballed into numerous protests and rallies.

But there is one protest chant that you won't hear at Tufts this week: "Ho ho, hey, hey! Freedom of Religion has got to stay!"

Conservatives don't protest. The leftist explanation for this phenomenon is that the Right is not trying to initiate change. This, of course, could not be further from the truth. Under the pseudonym "reform," the campus conservative challenges the PC orthodoxy, fights to erase prejudice, and struggles to protect a worldview that he sees losing distinction among his peers to political correctness.

Yet the conservative does not lock arms with a fellow Republican or Libertarian and stand in front of traffic. He does not shout trite jingles through a bullhorn at passers-by. With the exception of righteous proliferators (whose dead fetus photo waving equally disgusts the right wing), the conservative does not reduce his cause to a protest-sign slogan or a heartfelt, emotional plea. Wielding his pen like a saber, the conservative turns to words to convince. More often than not, the words end up as articles in this publication.

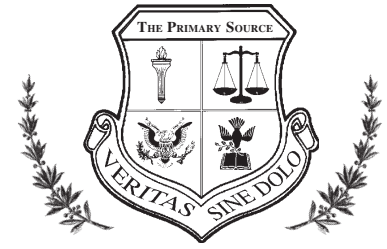
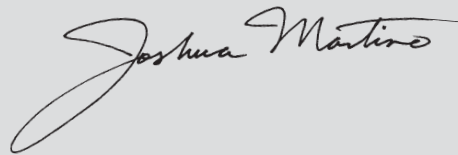
Therefore, it is no surprise that the SOURCE's far-left counterpart, *Submerge*, seems to publish but once a semester, if at all. The Left at Tufts does not use the printed word to sell its agenda. With the exception of the

ubiquitous anti-conservative *Viewpoint*, the leftist movement relies on petitions, slogans, and, of course, protests. When it finally surfaces, *Submerge* is neither timely nor convincing. It loses its political credibility by appearing on campus infrequently and by being haphazardly produced.

Thus, Tufts' leftists are pitifully disarmed. Their petitions are meaningless, for on a campus of thousands, even five hundred signatures is far from a mandate. Their buttons and bumper stickers peel and crack. And their protests are even less effective. While the average Jumbo will go to innumerable frat parties, lectures, and trips to Davis Square, only a handful of students attend political rallies. Thus, these flickers of activism do not reach anyone but the leftists who organize them. In effect, they are preaching to the choir. They are indeed noisy and get covered in campus newspapers, but these well-rehearsed tantrums should not be mistaken for potent political movements.

THE PRIMARY SOURCE is perhaps the only effective protest on this campus. While most people who read this journal disagree with its opinions, the SOURCE reaches its political opponents simply because of its availability. We're at your dining hall or academic building with a new issue every other week. When the echoes of the megaphones have faded and the signs are laid to rest, protests are soon forgotten.

The words in THE PRIMARY SOURCE, however, will never fade.



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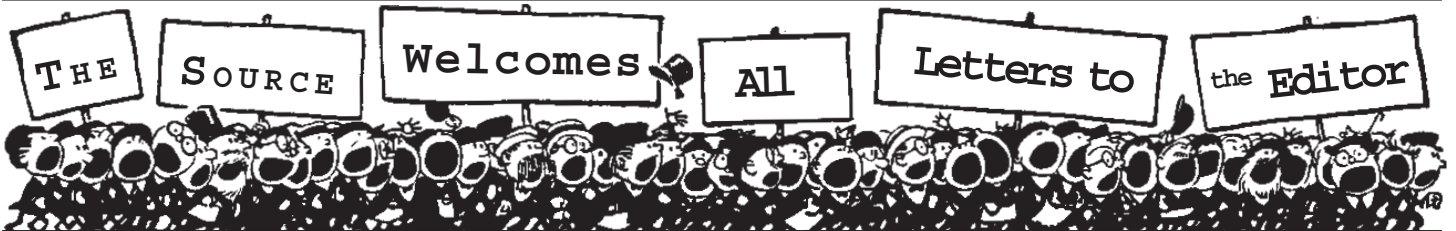
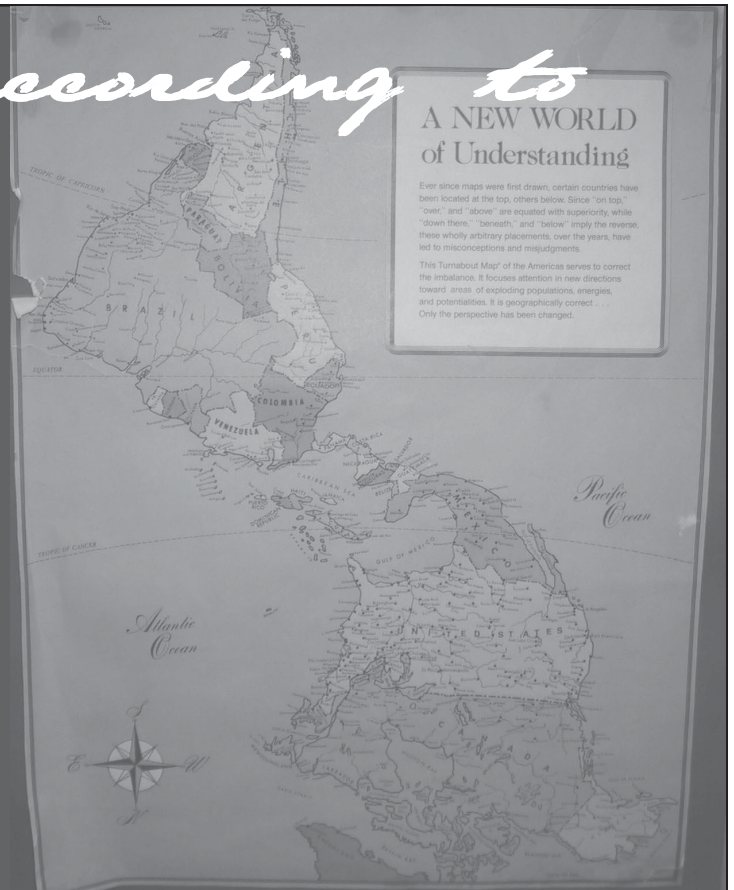
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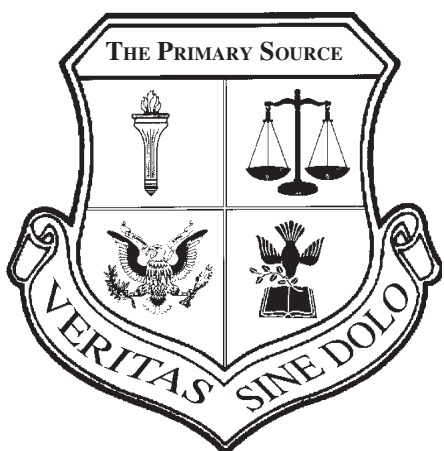
The world according to Tufts...

This poster was found on the door in Tufts' Romance Languages Department. With professors advocating such topsy-turvy revisionist geography, it's no wonder that many students can't find Latin America on a map!



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Commentary

Rats Are People Too

As members of the human race, we have enjoyed millennia at the summit of the food chain. Nobody eats us anymore. Instead of fleeing predators, we now orchestrate battles with other animals in controlled environments such as Spanish bullfights or Australian crocodile wrestling. In the modern world, however, powerful leftist groups intend to reverse human progress and refute Darwin's most basic principles. In a recent settlement between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Alternatives Research and Development Foundation (ARDF), rats, mice and birds will be included in the scope of the Animal Welfare Act.

"This is a significant victory for animals," said Tina Nelson, director of the American Anti-Vivisection Society. Despite the relative size of the victors, the settlement is enormously influential. Though the law applies to "warm blooded animals," the secretary of agriculture had limited its scope to large animals like primates, dogs, and cats. With the extension of the law, medical institutions and drug companies, who perform experiments on 23 million rodents, will face increased costs of up to \$90 million per year. The researchers assert that these costs, combined with the vast amounts of paperwork involved in cataloging the animals, could push increased costs as high as \$200 million and might reduce the likelihood of new advances in medicine. The ARDF proposes "alternative" methods of testing, meaning the use of simulations instead of animals to test drugs. Critics believe that this would drastically reduce the reliability of testing, a grave prospect in genetic medicine.

Furthermore, in most cases, the increased regulations are completely unnecessary and unwarranted. Most research institutes

are already funded by the government and therefore hold to animal rights standards. Nor is there a large disparity between the lives of larger laboratory animals and rats, mice and birds. In fact, one could argue that their cages, with unlimited food, safety and challenging mazes for entertainment, conditions are far superior to their natural environments in subways or sewers.

In a surprisingly rational turn of events, Congress passed a rider to the Agriculture Appropriations Bill that would postpone these changes for a year. They ruled that the decision made by the USDA ignored the drug industry entirely and time is needed to hear that side of the debate. There remains a chance, therefore, that the human race, like a herd of gazelles fleeing a cheetah, will survive with only limited casualties from the leftist predators.

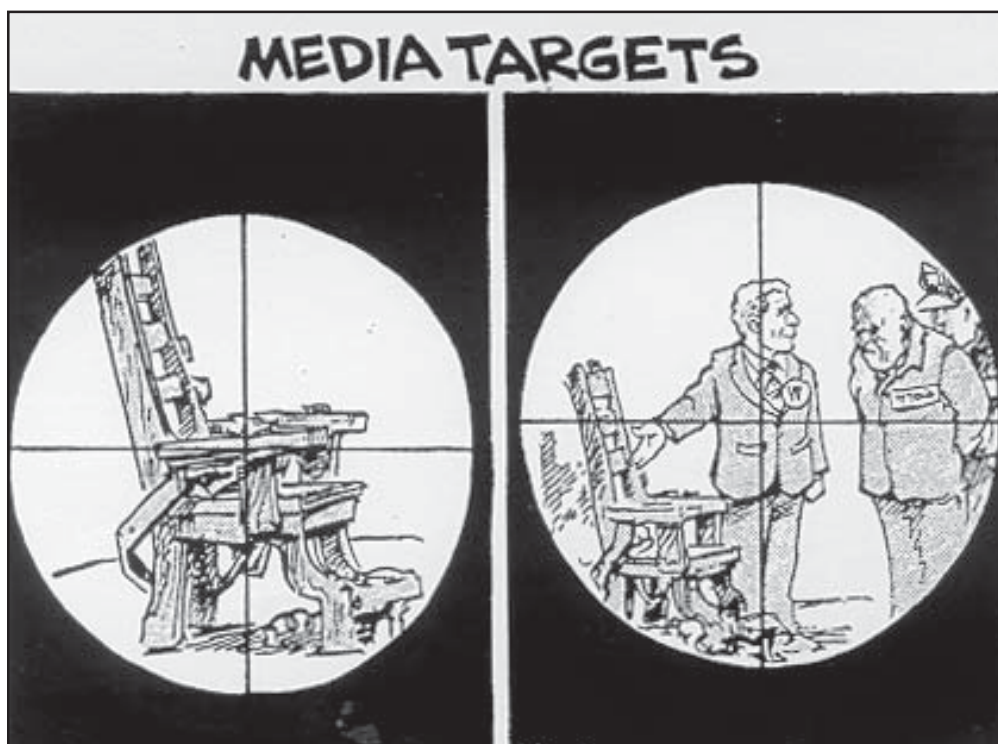
Money for Nothing

The October 11th issue of the *Daily* carried a letter to the entire undergraduate student body written by Vice President of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering, Mel Bernstein. The purpose of the letter was to introduce a \$500,000 increase to the AS&E budget. Thanks to Bernstein's correspondence, we now know how much we're planning to spend and who is in charge of allocating the funds. Still, after reading the full page, even moderately probing Jumbos may be interested in knowing the use of all this money.

Instead of explaining detailed and thoroughly developed programs, the letter cites only "events and initiatives" as worthy of half a million dollars. Students should be wary of administrative spending on as vague a mission as "diversity." What does that mean? Bernstein's letter fails to explain.

The process here is inherently backward. First we develop worthwhile projects, and then we see to amassing appropriate funding. While diversity may be a noble cause, there are other issues on this campus in desperate need of immediate attention and money. Only two weeks ago, over 300 angry Jumbos gathered in Hotung to complain about the social scene. Extra money could be used to bring bands to campus or to build a facility for student social events. Funding is needed for construction of the new Music Department and may be required for the erection of a new dormitory. Existing dorms all over campus could benefit from repairs and renovations.

Only two years ago, Bernstein undertook another huge diversity initiative with the Task Force on Race. Again, we find ourselves absent-mindedly throwing large sums of money at this undeveloped concept. Simply delegating funds doesn't solve the problem. In fact, it doesn't even begin to approach it.



Heads in the Sand

The recent violence in the Middle East has turned into yet another instance of liberal bias, preventing Americans from forming an educated opinion. The left-leaning media's unquestioned allegiance to victims, however thin their facade, has led to a distorted view of the conflict, where the Palestinians are characterized as helpless victims who are being decimated by an Israeli Gestapo. In one case, an Arab CNN reporter referred to Palestinian dissidents using the first person. How can someone report objectively when she has loyalty to one of the groups involved? In another incident, the *New York Times* printed a tear-jerking photo of an injured Palestinian man next to an Israeli police officer. However, the caption misidentified the man—he was actually an innocent Jewish bystander being escorted to safety after being beaten and stabbed by an angry Palestinian mob.

While being far from blameless, the Israeli people have been infinitely patient with the Palestinians—going as far as giving up land and releasing Palestinian terrorists. However, the Palestinians have not fulfilled their part of the bargain, instead choosing to preach hatred and violence. A recent broadcast on the official Palestinian Authority television station instructed citizens to “have no mercy on the Jews, no matter where they are, in any country. Fight them, wherever you are. Wherever you meet them, kill them. Wherever you are, kill those Jews and those Americans who are like them.” Is this the language of a helpless victim? The ruling Palestinians are willing to kill innocents through terrorism, and even to martyr themselves in the pursuit of Western support. They are led by a man who is unwilling to compromise, and cannot accept peace. Of course, to the American media, Yasser Arafat is referred to as a statesman, completely ignoring his terrorist past. It is this ignoring of past acts of terrorism on the part of both Israel and the PLO that will keep Americans thoroughly uninformed about the dire prospects for MidEast peace.

Another Gore Lie

During this presidential season, we have heard repeated claims by members of the media and the Gore campaign (which in some cases, may include the same people) that the Vice President would make the better president than Bush because of his extensive knowledge and experience with issues of foreign policy. While it may be true that Gore has had more experience in that realm, there is no indication that Gore will make better foreign policy decisions than Bush. If the past is any indication of the future, then it may very well be Bush who is the wiser foreign policy candidate. Gore, who has had a large influence on the



Clinton administration's foreign policy, has repeatedly shown himself to be a foreign relations dreamer. His policies are not derived from so-called experience, but according to his wishful thinking.

Last week, Bill Gertz of the *Washington Times* revealed a secret deal that Gore made in 1995 with then Prime Minister of Russia Viktor Chernomyrdin. The Vice President and the Prime Minister agreed that the United States would not impose federally mandated sanctions against Russia, in return for Russia's cessation of arms sales to Iran. Gore's agreement is a significant failure in foreign policy. The deal was made secretly, and no members of Congress were informed that it existed. That is in direct violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act, which mandates congressional oversight on matters of nuclear arms. Worst of all, the secret Gore-Chernomyrdin deal was an utter failure. According to a secret letter written by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, Russia continued to deliver prohibited weapons to Iran, despite the Gore-Chernomyrdin deal. Not only did Gore break the law, but he also wholly failed to accomplish his objectives.

That Al Gore placed an issue of national security solely in the good faith of a foreign minister of Russia, and also violated U.S. laws shows a clear lack of judgement. One would expect a man who had spent time in the Senate during the Cold War to understand that foreign policy should not be made upon assumed trust, but upon secured guarantees. Gore's deal would be laughable, were it not for the serious breaches of law and its dire consequences. A man who makes such deals proves himself to be a poor student of international relations, and unworthy of the responsibilities of making weapons agreements. Even though Gore may be an encyclopedia of arms control information, he has not demonstrated that can turn academic knowledge into real-world solutions. □

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Marshall, a small county in Indiana, is controversially trying to make English its official language. In other news, Rik Smits has been deported.

PS Meanwhile, Reggie Miller returned to his home planet.

PS Kentucky state officials are desperate for foreign language teachers due a statewide shortage. The state is still waiting for the federal government to recognize “Backwoods Southern Drawl” as a foreign tongue.

PS Top Ten Tufts Rallies We’d Like to See:

10. Fur is Comfy
9. Get Your Laws Off My Assault Rifle
8. Anti-vigil Vigil
7. Fry Mumia
6. I Like Nike
5. Million Millionaire March
4. Guns for Tots
3. Save a Logger, Eat an Owl
2. Give Back the Night
1. TSATSAD (Tufts Students Against Tufts Students Against Discrimination)

PS Leftist rap-rockers Rage Against the Machine broke up after frontman Zack de la Rocha called it quits. Though he’d prefer an acoustic album, De la Rocha’s new project, a collaboration with Mumia Abu-Jamal, is expected to be fully electric.

PS Connecticut officials have announced a new program to help children protect themselves against online predators. “Play It Safe Online” teaches fifth-graders appropriate use of the Internet and safeguards against online crime. This is not to be confused with “Play With It Online,” a program demonstrating the finer arts of surfing the Internet with one hand.

PS A Delaware horse has the unlucky distinction of being the state’s first victim of the dreaded West Nile virus. Though the mare claims to have been infected by mosquito bite, authorities are quick to note that she was a total slut.

PS A jet taking off from O’Hare airport found itself a bit lighter when a part of its wing fell off and crashed into a suburban Chicago backyard. This marked the first time anything from United Airlines landed early in months.

PS Business travelers are being warned by Boston’s Logan Airport that they may not be able to find parking if they drive

to the airport on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. In other news, the Pope is Catholic.

PS Alabamans will be holding the 29th Annual National Shrimp Festival this week, featuring 5,000 pounds of shrimp. Served at the festival will be barbecued shrimp, boiled shrimp, shrimp kabobs, shrimp Creole, shrimp gumbo, pan-fried shrimp, pineapple shrimp, coconut shrimp, shrimp soup, shrimp salad, shrimp burgers, shrimp sandwiches. Um, that... that’s about it.

PS In other food news, Ralston Purina is donating more than 22 tons of dog chow to villages along the Yukon River struck by a salmon shortage. Now we know why the Commons is closed on weekends this year.

PS Former Miss America Heather Renee French will wed Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry this month. Her goals as Second Lady of Kentucky include a vow to provide puppies for all the underprivileged children in Louisville.

PS Paul Olson and Kirk Thompson of Reno, Nevada, purchased a high school for \$8,000 in historic Goldfield, an old mining town. The men have decided to sell the vacant building on eBay; to their dismay, the school was devoid of nubile, underage cheerleaders.

PS The farming town of Chico, California could be the next region declared infested by the glassy-winged sharpshooter, an agricultural pest. Officials say 10 sharpshooters have been found in the past week. In response, the Israeli Defense Force has stepped up recruitment in the area.

PS In one Louisiana county, anyone caught viewing sexually explicit or obscene Internet sites on library computers may be arrested, fined and jailed under a new law. Fortunately, Tisch’s first floor men’s bathroom is not yet networked.

PS One of Utah’s gubernatorial candidates, Jeremy Friedbaum ended his 39-day hunger strike after he was allowed to debate the mainstream candidates. Unfortunately, Friedbaum’s full mouth resulted in mostly incoherent rebuttal.

PS Some residents of Holladay, Utah are furious that city officials are considering shooting coyotes that have reportedly been scavenging in backyards. One proposed alternative: provide coyotes with ACME flying suits and lure them off a giant precipice with a tasty roadrunner.

PS The Department of Fish and Wildlife said that a 150-pound wild boar that was bagged by a Vermont hunter possibly escaped from New York. In a related story, Vice President Al Gore is missing after he got lost in Westchester County searching for the Clintons’ new house.

PS Two citizens band radio enthusiasts in Evansville, Indiana were cited for disorderly conduct after neighbors complained that their on-air antics were bleeding into TV broadcasts and telephone conversations. Neighbors became suspicious of the interference when Martha Stewart asked viewers to “pull my finger.”

PS New York is awash in Subway Series mania. In honor of the greatest city in the world’s two baseball teams duking it out, we present:

Top Ten Reasons New York is Better than Your Pathetic Little City:

10. The most ethnically-diverse a**holes in the world
9. Elephant poop art
8. Rudy Giuliani
7. Rudy Giuliani’s prostate
6. Latrell Sprewell
5. Booming economy
4. Booming profanity
3. Anything other than Chuck Knoblauch
2. That urinary subway smell grows on you
1. Jeter gets Mariah Carey, A-Rod gets *Frasier*

PS The mother of an elementary school student in Arkansas wants a children’s book taken out of the library unless illustrations of a gun-toting burglar are removed. School librarians expect that the NRA educational pamphlet “Dougie’s First Gat” will also be removed.

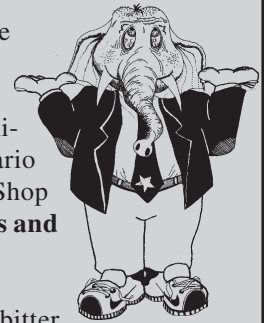
PS R&B star Sisqo will celebrate “Make a Difference Day” this week by joining a celebrity troupe visiting terminally ill children in Los Angeles hospitals. Sisqo will bring cheer to the sick kids with gifts of toys, candy, and that thong th-thong thong thong.

PS Lawmakers may try to block Sisqo’s visit, however, citing California’s strict anti-euthanasia laws.

PS A baking goods factory in Monroe, Michigan has been robbed for the third time in the past two weeks, with over 20,000 pounds of chocolate chips stolen. Local police are labeling the theft as part of a rising trend in munchie-related crime.

PS A high school senior from Eugene, Oregon took eleven girls to his prom—his “special date” and ten of her closest friends. In lieu of a boutonniere, the lucky boy asked his dates to bring some Vitamin C.

☞ Ambiguity is not safe: The beleaguered **TCUJ** finally handed down their TCF decision, declaring the group violated the non-discrimination policy but that TCF should also be re-recognized. The ruling also makes it ok to call the **Senate** a parliament of fools, though discriminating against them on that basis remains forbidden... Outraged from the J ruling, activists formed **TSAD**, Tufts Students Against Discrimination. The group’s first target: **themselves**... J-bashing continues when **grad students attack**: Mario Paduano pens a letter to the *Daily* hoping to start a “John Rocker Fan Club,” “the Fred Phelps Barber Shop [sic] Quartet,” and “The Swinging Hitlers” in light of the recent J decision. Other clubs promoting **bigots and murderers** on the way: “The Allen Iverson Glee Club,” and “Chairman **Mao-capella**.”



☞ Major league playa-hater and (not coincidentally) Red Sox fan **Evan Berenson** spits an uninformed, bitter anti-New York *Viewpoint*, lamenting the Subway Series. **New Yorkers** on our staff offer Berenson a rare apology: we’re sorry **your team sucks**... Oh, and if you’ll wear your **Nomah** jersey, we’ll provide you a free ticket to **Yankee Bat Day**... Commies catching feelings: Spartacus Youth Club Kommissar **Jan Bayer** whines to the *Daily* that THE PRIMARY SOURCE is “hostile to Marxism.” Our response to these allegations: **you’re damn right**... After an inebriated BU student stumbled into TUPD after a party at Sigma Phi Epsilon, the University is pressing charges against the fraternity’s president. To avoid future run-ins with the law, **SigEp** vows to close parties to “**people who drink like pussies**”... Sarcastic leftists are probably behind the CASH poster campaign, which covered the campus last week with anti-socialist slogans. The Source considered sarcastic posters of our own, but we’re too busy **counting our money**, making fun of the disenfranchised, and **drinking**.

☞ Students gathered at Tisch for a midnight vigil for victims of MidEast violence. Thankfully, Tufts Buildings and Grounds swept away **loose rocks** from the library area an hour before the ceremony... The Tufts Feminist Alliance held its annual “**Take Back the Night**” rally Monday night. This year, TFA is expected to replace their festive **anti-rape** chant with “Who Let the Dogs Out?”... An email from President DiBiaggio to all undergraduates not only misspells the president’s name, but also refers to the cops as the “Tufts University Policy [sic] Department.” Now we know where all those *Observer* **copy editors** work... Congratulations to **Jesse Levey** and **Adam Carlis**, two of our brand-new Trustee Reps. Levey, Tufts’ very own **Benedict Arnold**, pens a *Viewpoint* saying even though he’s a Tufts Republican, he’ll vote for Gore. When news of Levey’s support reached the Gore camp, the Vice President reportedly sobbed and said, “Now **I’m really screwed**”... Leftist utensil Carlis boasts to *RumorsDaily* readers, “I am feared by supporters of the status quo.” When reached for comment, supporters of the **status quo** responded, “Who the hell is Adam Carlis?”

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

Bush offers voters the freedom to choose their own destiny.

A Vote Against Bureaucracy

by Jonathan Perle

The presidential race is now entering its final weeks, and with the end in sight, it appears that Election 2000 will be the closest since Dewey and Truman. Thus far, the presidential race has been defined by the candidates' differing ideas on the role of government. Bush has proposed a smaller government, with less bureaucracy and less control from Washington. Gore has proposed to increase government spending on social programs. Of course, Gore has also simultaneously promised to shrink government, in what can only be seen as a capitulation to Bush's repeated underscoring of the values of conservatism.

There are a number of reasons why Bush remains the more dynamic candidate in the race—not the least of which are his ideas on the purpose and scope of government. While Gore has offered nothing but repackaged versions of Clinton's social programs, Bush has offered new solutions, such as school vouchers. Bush's new angles on government allow people to take control over aspects of their lives that the government currently controls. Ironically, the liberal, Gore, is the candidate of default. The Vice President's commercials and speeches continually claim that Bush's programs move too quickly, while Gore is the steady candidate of the status quo who will do nothing risky while simultaneously making innovative leaps. As Bush's rising poll numbers indicate, the American people realize that progress cannot be made without some risk. Gore's assertion that he will be able to revolutionize the system while not changing the machine of prosperity is just another empty campaign promise.

Yet, if Gore's campaign is marred by lies, Bush's is hindered by his reluctance

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to make these same grandiose promises to the American people. If ever attempted, such plans would be revealed for the pipe dreams and irresponsible measures that they are. Bush has refused to issue blank check statements that the government will be able to completely free individuals from all responsibility—perhaps that is why college students love Gore so much.

To Gore lovers, Bush's greatest crime is that he actually believes that people should make their own decisions. On education, he is for vouchers and school choice. On taxes, he is for letting people keep more of their money and spending it the way they choose. On Social Security, Bush believes that people should have more control over the way their retirement is structured. The list goes on. The principles that Bush will bring to the Presidency are the self-help freedom-loving ideals that brought this country to greatness.

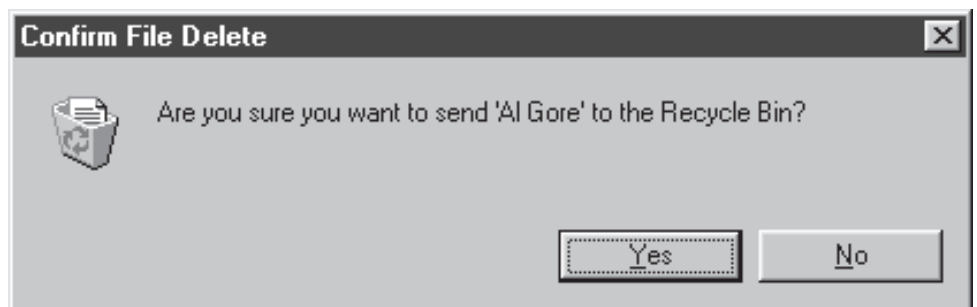
And where will Al Gore take us if he is elected president? His views are quite clear. Despite his poll-approved rhetoric, it is almost certain that Gore will increase the size and role of government. He will attempt to raise taxes to fund more social programs, and he will attempt to strip Americans of their right to choose their own destinies. One must give Al Gore some credit; he's a smart man. But that intelligence has translated into arrogance in this election term. Because he is bright, Gore

thinks that he knows better than everyone else in America exactly how their lives should be run. He has no problem saying "give me your money" because he truly believes that your money is meant for him, to spend in your best interest.

So far, this political race has pitted the dynamics of individualism, self-reliance, and hard work against the promise that government will solve all the problems of the world. As of now, it appears that hard work is winning. America has had a remarkable period of prosperity, extending from 1992 to the present. Though Gore credits the Clinton administration with our present prosperity (which, incidentally, began nine months before the Clinton administration took office), the reality is that a free market with fewer government restrictions has been responsible. George W. Bush has promised to continue the trend of noninterference by the government, while Gore has run a campaign that cries for more intervention.

As voters head into the polls in November, they must ask themselves what they want from the White House. Gore represents a classic Democrat, replete with liberal ideology and dreams of big government. While his rhetoric often claims opposition to large government, Gore's proposals for education, the environment, and social security belie these statements. Gore would have the government tell you where to go to school (public), how to get there (environmentally friendly mass transit), and what to learn once there (multiculturalism). Bush, on the other hand, would have voters go where they want, how they want, and learn something that will be useful in life.

Voters must not rely upon the government to tell them when, how, where, and why to do something. Bush's stance calls for more individual responsibility, but it also calls for increased liberty. Hopefully, November 7th will see the American people choose George W. Bush, and in doing so, personal freedom. □



TSAD uses scare tactics to further its morally bankrupt cause.

A TSAD Day on Campus

by Megan Liotta

Last week, two SOURCE writers were dining in Carmichael when they came across a female student tabling for Tufts Students Against Discrimination. To challenge the dubious principles of Tufts' newest group, they asked the TSAD representative if the group would support a student who professes that homosexuality is immoral if he or she wanted a leadership position in TTLGBC. The TSAD member replied that as long as that student was willing to carry out the mission of the organization, there was no reason he or she should be denied the position. She continued, mentioning the plight of Julie Catalano and stating that the openly bisexual student was "kicked out" of TCF because of her sexual orientation.

The SOURCE members were shocked at the misinformation presented. They asserted that Catalano was not kicked out—she left of her own accord, and had for three years been welcomed by TCF as an openly bisexual member. The TSAD student eventually acquiesced to this statement, but insisted that Tufts "needs to just tell some groups that they are welcome to practice their beliefs elsewhere, but not on this campus." When one SOURCE member pointed out that this was discrimination based on a religious belief, the TSAD tabler waffled. "Well, yes and no," she said without giving further explanation.

The fledgling SOURCE writers later learned, much to their amazement, that the TSAD student with whom they had argued and who had given them a deceitful account of Julie Catalano's situation was none other than Catalano herself.

Founded in a fit of reactionary idiocy, Miss Liotta is a sophomore who has not yet declared a major.

Tufts Students Against Discrimination held its first meeting last week in Oxfam Café. When members of the SOURCE arrived, however, the group's leaders declared the meeting closed to the media. The SOURCE writers were graciously allowed to stay under the condition that they would not report what they heard. One cannot help but wonder at the reasoning (or lack thereof) behind the secrecy of the meeting. However, in respect to the request of the meeting's organization, the SOURCE will not report on the meeting's content.

Nonetheless, the SOURCE is free to note that TSAD's formation means the campus is rapidly becoming unsafe to free-thinking students. Since the birth of Tufts' newest, albeit unrecognized, group of misguided activists, those who do not find fault with the TCU Judiciary's ruling on the Tufts Christian Fellowship have been bombarded by open hostility and pressure to conform to a far Left agenda. Discomfort abounds for any student who refuses to sign the recently circulating petition for a "better" university anti-discrimination policy.

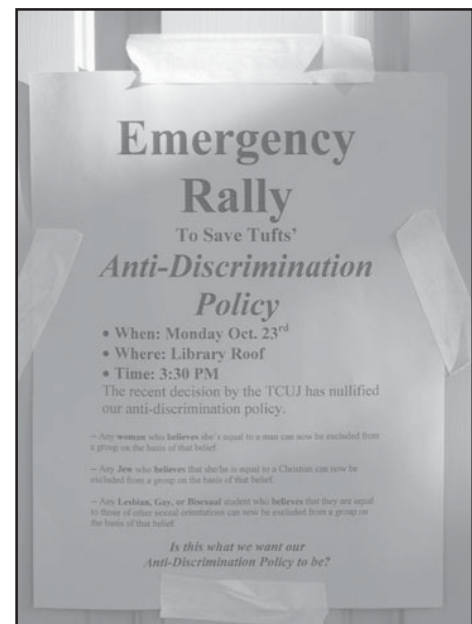
Some Tufts students have shared with the SOURCE that they felt pressured to sign the TSAD petition out of fear of being labeled bigots. After all, the group's name even suggests that those who do not join with or conform to TSAD are supporters of discrimination. One black student commented that because "African-Americans" are explicitly singled out, she felt that she had to sign a petition or risk "looking like I hate myself" even though she sided with TCF from the outset of the controversy. An Asian student expressed outrage with TSAD for turning the

TCF controversy into an issue of racial prejudice by unnecessarily including race in their petition. One unassuming student entered Oxfam just prior to the TSAD meeting and was repeatedly pestered by employees of the café to sign the petition. After she politely refused, one incredulous employee asked, "You mean you aren't going to sign one?" Apparently "no" does not mean "no" to the supporters of TSAD.

Any Tufts student who hasn't fervently kept up with the TCF fiasco is probably unaware of the details of Catalano's personal situation, and is thus at risk of getting caught up in the lies she spews. In conjunction with Catalano's blatant deceit, TSAD is also lying to students in its petition. Anyone looking closely at both the TCUJ ruling and the TSAD petition will realize that the bulleted "facts" on the petition regarding discrimination in TCU recognized groups are false. No student may be denied membership to any group on campus based on their race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. Only a leadership position may be denied to a student whose beliefs differ from those included in the mission of the organization.

If students on this campus intend to preserve their most basic freedoms, they must not cave to the scare tactics employed by extremist organizations such as TSAD. A group that claims to promote safety and security for students that uses threats, deceit, and pressure to gain support is not sympathetic to the needs of a free society. □

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TSAD harasses President DiBiaggio: this poster was taped to the door of the Gifford House.

A Club That Can

FEST

Article I—NAME

Section I: The Name of this group shall be the Friends of Everyone Society at Tufts

Section II: The Name can be changed by anyone at anytime if they are offended by it.

Section III: The Acronym used on official group documents will be “FEST,” or whatever floats your proverbial boat.

Section IV: The IV section is skipped in honor of our brothers and sisters who have died as a result of unfortunate use of IV needles.

Section V: The Motto of FEST will be “If it offends us, we’re against it.”

Article II—PURPOSE

Section I: Mission Statement

“People have the given right to be unoffended. The Friends of Everyone Society at Tufts (“FEST”) vow not to offend anyone, and to hold a rally whenever anyone else is offended.”

Section II: Goals

- 1) To create a world in which no one disagrees.
- 2) To give of myself and my substance for all worthy causes, regardless of race or creed or religion or sexual orientation or hair color or shoe size or political leaning, except in the cases of: free speech advocates, evangelical Christians, Republicans, and Yankee fans. Worthy is defined as any cause with a good slogan, especially if it rhymes.
- 3) To imbue a spirit of sociability, of cooperation and of friendship toward all that shall make us one of collective.
- 4) To pass out vegan S’mores for free, but not eat them because somewhere, people in this world are starving.

not Discriminate

Article III—LEADERS AND STUFF

- 1) Everyone is a leader. We don't have an oppressive hierarchy like those big, multi-national mega-corporations. We hate big oil men, except for Al Gore.
- 2) Everyone must, at every opportunity, apologize for the Holocaust, racism, slavery, homophobia, the Boy Scouts, police brutality, the Trail of Tears, AIDS, free market capitalism, the extermination of the Dodo bird, and eating meat.
- 3) Allegance to either Mao, Stalin, Pol Pot, Lenin, or any other Communist mass murderer is required. To justify one's existance, owning a really large poster of Ghandi is also suggested.
- 4) Leader-members must advocate pseudo-intellectual political banter on their door, via use of the "bumper stickers." Suggested slogans include "Food Not Bombs," "Fight the Fires of Hate," "Crush the Heads of Vivisectionists," and "Hip Hop for Respect." Knowing what they mean is optional.

Article IV—MEETINGS

Section I: Weekly Meetings

Meetings will occur at Oxfam Café, where we will purchase vegan burgers and milk-free hot chocolate. These meetings will occur every Thursday at 9:30 pm, or whenever hate rears its ugly head. Board game playing, as it involves competition and hostility to one's fellow person, is strictly forbidden. Play-Doh playing is fun, but please share. **Do not eat the Play-Doh.**

Article V—MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Membership is open to all Tufts undergraduates regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, color, religion, sexuality or lack thereof, gender, blood type, sperm count, body type, ability to tolerate lactose, physical or mental handicap, marital status, employment, age, living, dead or comatose.

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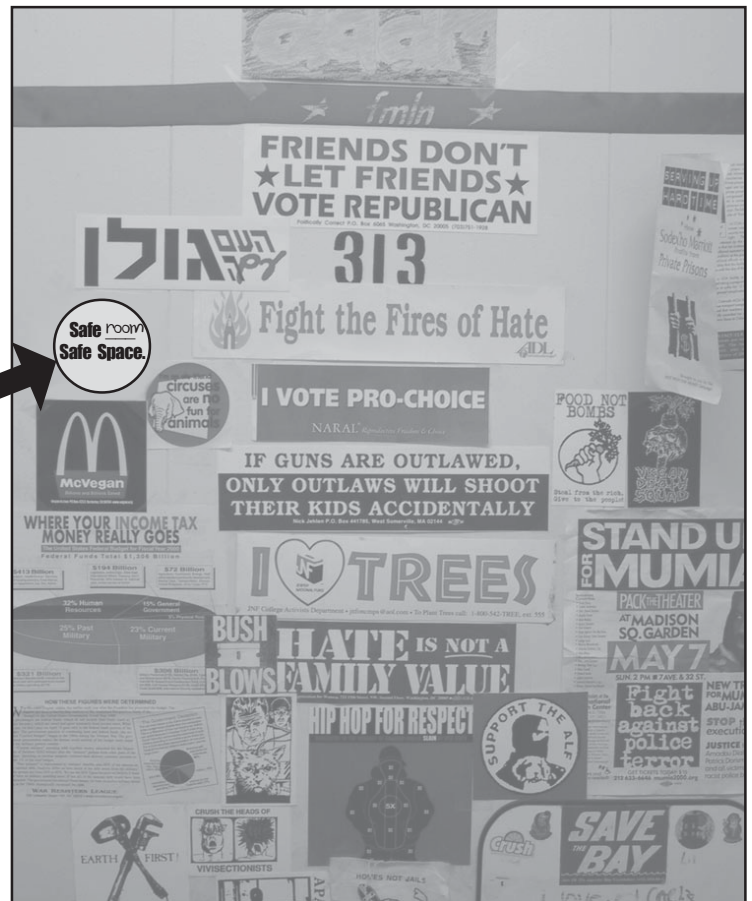
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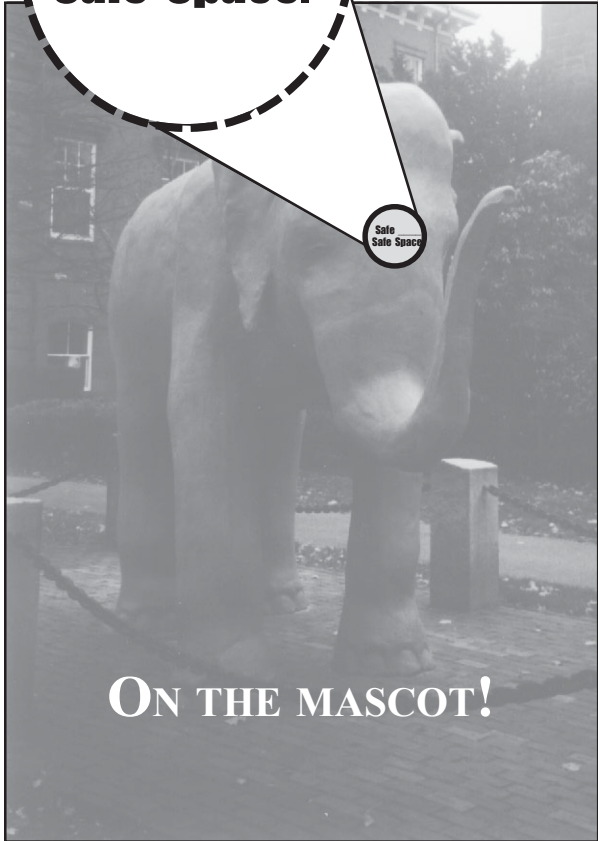
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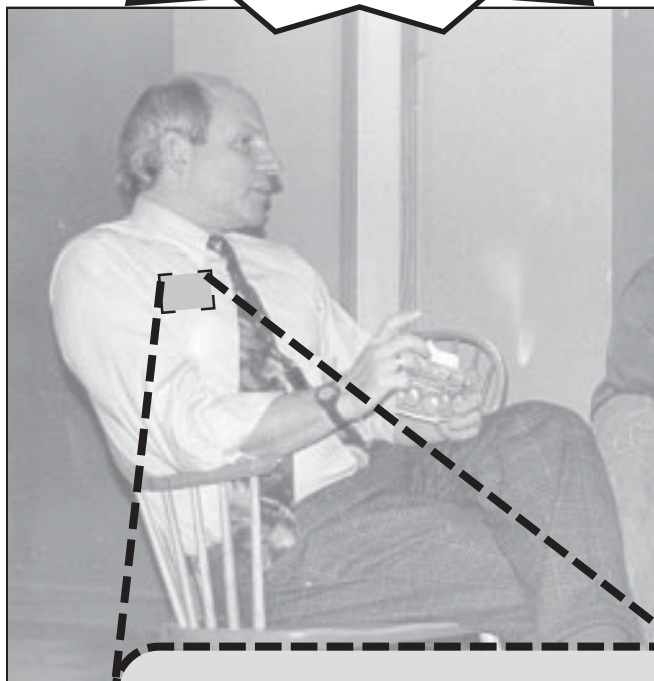
For years, females on the Tufts campus have participated in a "Take Back the Night" march—a dramatic display designed to strike fear into the heart of any potential rapist. Kudos to these brave ladies. But we at THE PRIMARY SOURCE have decided a much more dramatic approach needs to be taken. Portions of the campus long-since overlooked must be evaluated for their rape-ability.

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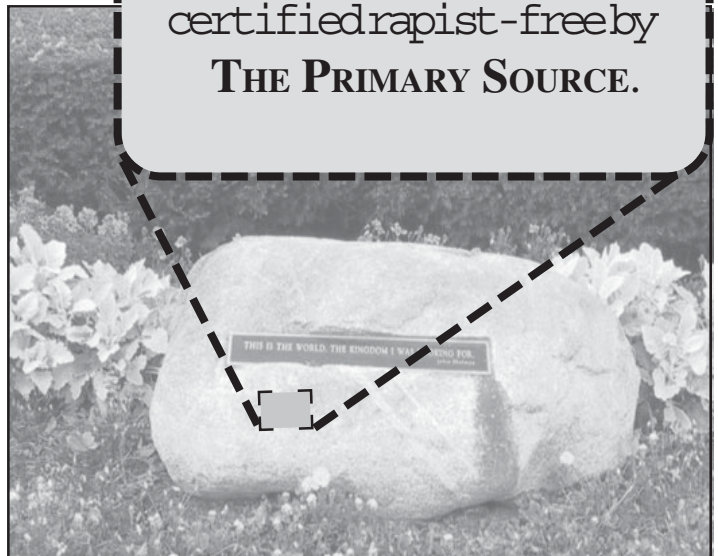
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*Clintonian values threw American morals in the gutter.
Can either candidate rescue them?*

A Lesson in Morality

by Michael Santorelli

With less than two weeks to go before Election Day, a large percentage of voters remain ambivalent in their choice for president. We have been presented with two diametrically opposed personalities: a “good-ol’-boy” governor and a robotic vice president. Their debates and campaigns are founded on great distrust for each other, and have led to a flurry of personal attacks. Most notable among these are accusations that Governor Bush is incompetent and Vice President Gore is a liar. While both of these stereotypes have been somewhat justified through performance in the presidential debates, the candidates recently shifted their focus to the more substantive issues of health care reform and Social Security. There is one issue that has been lost in the rhetoric and bad jokes, however—our nation’s morals.

The ideas of American values and morality have been shut out of the presidential spotlight since the 1996 election. In that campaign, Republican nominee Bob Dole called for Americans to strengthen and embrace family values. Dole’s subsequent election loss caused this issue to fall out of the public discourse. For a country founded on strong moral convictions—those of hard work and equality—the divide between morality and politics is slowly widening and the vast chasm threatens to swallow the American people. The current economic prosperity has hidden our immorality as a nation.

The New Economy is the fruit of deregulation, entrepreneurship, and the rapid

growth of technology. Over the past eighteen years, our country has experienced what is now the longest period of economic prosperity in our history. This boom, however, has blinded people with dollar signs and made them ignorant of what is really happening in our country: we are morally bankrupt. President Clinton was nearly impeached for his sexual escapades, yet his approval ratings skyrocketed, as the media has refused to forsake its smooth, photogenic coverboy. His actions went unpunished and have been forgiven in many people’s minds. Gore, in his attempts to step

out from under Clinton’s shadow, has failed to show that he has any more integrity than his boss.

Perhaps the most telling sign of Gore’s growing corruption is his acceptance of Hollywood as a major Democratic supporter. This relationship has its roots in John F. Kennedy’s alleged affairs with Marilyn Monroe, and has only grown since then. Conservative misconceptions aside, Hollywood is a left-leaning circle of rich moguls who want nothing more than to be free to further corrupt our society. It was the entertainment industry that first pounced on the Clinton bandwagon in 1992, portraying him as the hip baby-boomer choice. Even Senator Lieberman, Gore’s choice for Veep, has succumbed to the lure of the bright lights. Once an adamant critic of Hollywood, the man who put the “lie” in Lieberman has been forced to cuddle up to the likes of Steven Spielberg and his cohorts in return for significant financial contributions. “Al

and I have tremendous respect for the industry,” Lieberman said at a Hollywood fundraiser in September. If a self-proclaimed “moral” man can be corrupted by the depravity of the Gore campaign, then the rest of the country is in trouble.

After months of campaigning, this issue of Hollywood’s impact on society was finally brought to light in the final presidential debate. An audience member stated her “concern for the morality of our country” and wanted to know what was going to be done. Gore stated that parents should “check up” on their children by installing filters and big-brother-esque surveillance equipment. His lack of respect for parents and their ability to teach right and wrong encapsulates his immorality in a nutshell. Gore would rather rely on big government to scold the entertainment industry, and on technology to police our children than encourage parents to take a more active role. This is where Governor Bush pulls ahead of Gore.

In his response to this question, Bush acknowledged the fact that pop-culture “undermines” parents’ attempts to teach their children morals and said “we ought to have character education in our schools.” In other words, encourage morality rather than bury it. Showing his caring side, Bush offered his best solution as “the on-off button and paying attention to your children and eating dinner with them.” His tone here, like his tone throughout his campaign, is one of sincerity and true belief in the value of family togetherness. Though he has raised three daughters, Gore’s response was still as stiff and cold as his outward demeanor.

We live in the age of MTV, where the candidate who prostitutes himself to pop culture will be lauded and marketed to the public on a pedestal of hypocrisy and amorality. This month, Al Gore gleefully advertised himself on the cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Will this country be better off with a president who embodies this type of “Alpha-Male” vanity and obsession with appealing to those who are wooed by racy pictures and bright lights? No—Americans deserve more respect than that. We have endured eight years of “rock n’ roll” leadership. It is time for a down home man from Texas to take the reigns and steer us toward moral prosperity. Only then will America acknowledge Clinton and Gore’s places on the moral wall of shame. ■

Contrary to campus liberals, who you are does not dictate what you think.

When You Believe

by Alyssa Heumann

Last week, the Tufts Ku Klux Klan chapter went before the TCU Judiciary (TCUJ), seeking recognition. The group of students banded together under the banner of white supremacy, and sought some of our student activities dollars to achieve their goal of Aryan domination. At the outset, however, the T3K faced hardship. Their first roadblock was the question of what to do with the legions of African-American students who wanted to join the group. There were also quite a number of Asian students who sought membership. Though the minority students didn't hate themselves, or think whites were better, they were drawn to the group nonetheless. The T3K offered companionship, nifty white uniforms, and a close-knit community many of these students lacked. So what if there was some initial hostility? What's a little racism between friends?

Now ask yourself, how plausible is the above scenario? Indeed, how ridiculous this situation sounds! And yet, many campus radicals would have us believe that circumstances like the one above would be commonplace on our campus in light of the recent TCUJ decision. We are to believe that an issue of alleged discrimination by the Tufts Christian Fellowship is worthy of analogy to the cross-burning, hate-wielding Ku Klux Klan. As this article is written, activists are waiting with baited breath for minority students to be ejected from their respective student organizations, or denied leadership *en masse* under the guise of difference in "belief." These ardent protestors should be prepared to wait a long time.

In the mind of these activists, belief is a concept that is fixed, and inherently divisive. To them, race, ethnicity, sexual

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orientation and religion are external signifiers of a single and distinctive mindset. Through one's orientation as Jewish, black, Puerto-Rican, or gay, these students believe it is possible to determine the entire content of one's moral agenda. Therefore, they reason, denial of a leadership position to any minority group member is inherently discrimination.

If this were true, how could diversity ever be possible? Indeed, it is one's ability to look beyond immutable traits that makes for increased tolerance and decreased discrimination. It is this enlightened mindset that is encouraged by the recent TCUJ ruling. Campus activists insist that the J's decision in *TCF vs. Julie Catalano* in effect nullified

Tufts anti-discrimination policy, making the campus "unsafe" for free thought. Quite the opposite. Instead, the Judiciary cut a sharp distinction between one's identity (how a person looks or acts, his or her heritage, to what groups he or

she belongs) and one's beliefs. Without this distinction, it would be difficult or impossible to maintain any student groups, much less a Tufts Christian Fellowship.

What color is a Democrat? What ethnicity is a member of the ski team? It is the division between identity and ideology that makes student associations feasible. It's possible for someone who hates skiing to join the ski team, or for a hardcore Republican to join the Democrats. But what incentive does this person have to run for a leadership position? This is where the leftist analogy fails. And if this theoretical dissident ran for leadership position, how would the group protect itself from dissolution at the hands of an ideological opponent? This is why discrimination based on belief is crucial to our

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system. Failure to distinguish between belief and identity makes virtually all leadership decisions impossible to make.

This current election year provides an example of the importance of discrimination based

on belief. According to the logic of campus protesters, Gore and Bush (as white, Protestant, heterosexual



A plausible vision of Tufts?

Blurred Vision

males) should believe exactly the same thing. And yet, the country is gearing up to make an important decision based on perceived differences between the two candidates. The proposed alternative to the stuffy two-party system, furthermore, is Ralph Nader—another white, Protestant, heterosexual male. How is he an alternative, unless identical beliefs are not predicated on the color of one's skin?

An expanded anti-discrimination policy would make every group election a focus of paranoia. Why did members vote for one candidate over another? Not allowing for discrimination based on belief leaves no reason to pick one candidate over any other. Also, an expanded anti-discrimination policy would stigmatize all minority group members as holders of different beliefs. How could one vote against a minority (or for one, for that matter) and not be charged with discrimination?

Campus protesters believe that our current anti-discrimination policy leaves the door open for other groups to discriminate spuriously. The TCF, however, was rightfully accused and charged with discrimination—they failed to apply group standards evenly to all members. To expand the definition of discrimination would leave campus groups unable to determine their own core values. As student-run, student-determined groups, it is vital that each organization be left to devise its own priorities and practices. If the TCF feels opposition to homosexuality to be a vital part of its beliefs, it is no other group's position to determine whether or not that is a valid priority. In the same way that TUTV, TMAV and TFA decide their groups' priorities, TCF should be able to make their own decisions as to what behavior and beliefs are appropriate for group members—regardless of identity.

Currently, the more progressive campus elements seek a re-written discrimination policy—one which would make the campus "safe" for certain historically oppressed groups. Though bigotry is no doubt a negative element in our community, it should be combated through education and outreach, not through dictations of how and what to think. Such an alteration to the policy would come at the expense of freedom of thought.

Persist in your beliefs while you can, fellow Jumbos, because a revised anti-discrimination policy would surely hit you where you think. □

The Tufts Community Union Judiciary has set no precedent in its decision on the Tufts Christian Fellowship. It has opened no floodgates, nor in any way nullified the anti-discrimination policy. Rather, the J's decision correctly interpreted not only the rules of Tufts University but also a long tradition of American law. As it stands, our own anti-discrimination policy mirrors that of the United States of America, balancing the welfare of its citizens with their freedom. It is this precarious balance between liberty and safety that has defined much of the body of American law, and it has always been the American way to favor the side of liberty. As Tufts' anti-discrimination policy is scrutinized, Tufts must make a fundamental decision about its ideals and vision as a university.

In the real world, differences of belief are always protected. In the free society that is America, freedom of thought is absolutely unequivocal. But Tufts is not the real world. Tufts is a private organization, and as such it has the freedom to make choices that would do away with freedom. Tufts has the ability to modify its non-discrimination policy so that student groups would be required to hold only those views deemed consistent with the ideals and vision of the university. Making such a choice would be tantamount to abolishing the freedom of its students.

Throughout its literature, Tufts prides itself as a bastion of tolerance and acceptance. Like all elite institutions of higher learning, Tufts identifies itself as free-thinking, open-minded and liberal (in the

classical sense of the word). It has always been the traditional role of the university to promote open discussion about ideas, values and morals. Yet like many universities, the culture of Tufts has expectations about what these ideas and values should be, and differing views are often subtly (or not-so-subtly) snubbed. Those who would revise the anti-discrimination policy would take this practice one step further by allowing the university to regulate the beliefs held by its students. Tolerance is defined as "acceptance of variation from the standard," and for Tufts to legislate the beliefs of student groups would be an act of blatant intolerance.

Should Tufts remain tolerant and open-minded, even if this means that dissenting views may be expressed? Or should Tufts protect its students from views it deems harmful?

We are thus forced to examine the fundamental vision of Tufts University. Should Tufts remain tolerant and open-minded, even if this means that dissenting views may be expressed? Or should Tufts protect its students from views it deems harmful? These questions do not imply a innate philosophical conflict—the correct answer is clear: in a free society, tolerance of all beliefs must win out. But Tufts is not a free society, and these are practical questions that the university must answer if it is to resolve the current conflict.

Tufts should not require its student organizations to hold views identical to University ideals; such a mandate would be intellectual tyranny. Tufts would turn itself into the "thought police," and unpopular beliefs would be persecuted. Tufts must not shelter its students. Liberty must take precedence over intellectual safety. The Judiciary correctly interpreted the non-discrimination policy, and this policy must not be changed. □

*Can't choose between Tweedle Dumb and Tweedle Dumber?
Vote Libertarian.*

The Stealth Party

by Andrew Gibbs

The leaves have turned color, the year is divisible by four, and election season has once again descended upon a politically disenchanted America. The Democratic and Republican parties have submitted for our approval a pair of candidates who present no major differences. Both candidates propose to expand an already bloated government with programs they believe will serve as panaceas for America's many ulcers. All of their answers to questions follow from the templates "I propose increased funding for (fill in the blank)," or "Government needs to assume a larger role in (fill in the blank)." So on what issues do the

two of them disagree? They cannot seem to come to an accord on abortion, or who in fact created the Internet, but beyond these issues, last week's debate moderator, Jim Lehrer, had an exceedingly difficult time extracting from them any real argument.

Many voters feel that they are deciding between two undesirable candidates. They find themselves caught in the age-old dilemma of choosing the lesser of two evils. There exists in this country a large body of people who do not feel entirely comfortable with either the Republicans or Democrats. It is these voters who would find inspiration in the ideals of the Libertarian Party.

Libertarians recognize that the Founding Fathers of the United States created a government by the people, of

the people, and for the people. However, under the two-party system, this government has swelled into a hideous, bloated, self-aggrandizing entity. It is comprised of a ruling class that holds itself to a different standard from the average citizen. Voters find themselves swayed by promises made with the very same money they paid in taxes. Every politician proposes a different version

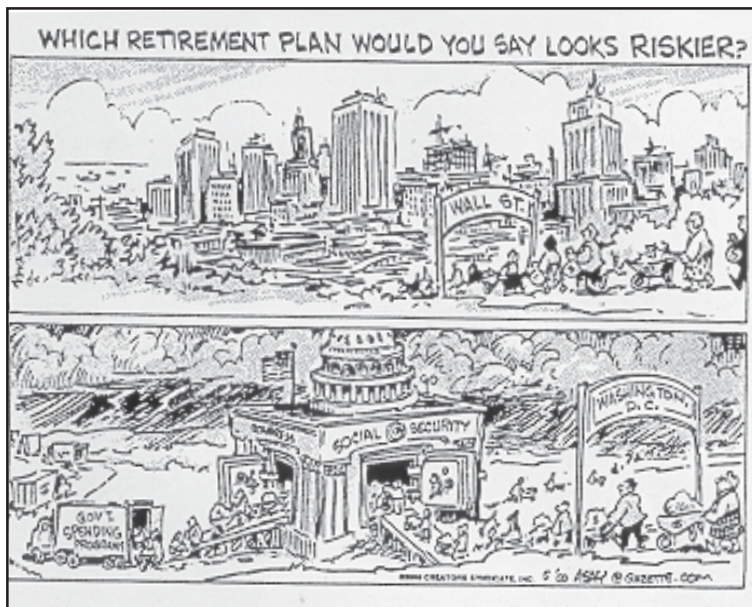
of the same governmental strategies. Even the GOP, the so-called party of small government, seems to only half-believe the adage that less is more. To Libertarians, there exist no substitutes for liberty and personal responsibility.

On top of this, government refuses to learn from its past failures. Prohibition stands as one of the biggest farces in this nation's history. It started with noble intentions, but resulted in increased crime, corrupt officials, and people getting blinded from unsafe booze. Prohibition was perfunctorily repealed as an utter failure. Did government learn from its blunders? Obvi-

ously not, since the spirit of the Eighteenth Amendment is alive and well, known to Americans as the War on Drugs. Violent crime ravages the land once again, and it has never been more profitable to be on the wrong side of the law. Billions of tax dollars go to fight this war, producing no benefits, and actually have many deleterious effects. U.S. Customs officials, fighting on the front line of the anti-drug war, admit defeat, conceding that, despite their best efforts, they probably only catch twenty percent of the drugs that come into this country. Approximately sixty percent of prisoners in the United States are incarcerated for drug-related offenses. Every time a police officer pushes a drug user through the revolving door of an overcrowded prison, another potentially violent criminal pops out. The illegality of drugs also inflates their prices, forcing users to commit heinous crimes to feed their habits, thus perpetuating a vicious cycle. Are heavy-handed government "solutions" really ameliorating the situation? The Libertarians do not think so.

Libertarians realize the benefits one can reap from a minimalist plan. They would legalize all drugs. This seems outrageous to many conservatives, but consider for a moment the benefits of such a system. Legalization of drugs would destroy the extremely lucrative smuggling market. Prices would plummet, and availability would rise. Since a large percentage of violent crimes result

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from the excessive pricing of drugs, addicts would no longer be roving the street looking to score some cash for a quick fix. Instead they could afford to support the habit they choose with honest work. Another boon would manifest itself in a vast amount of prison space freed up for the true reprobates of society. Every party talks about being tough on crime, but it is only the Libertarian's plan that focuses on pursuing actual criminals, instead of demonizing an act that in and of itself causes no harm to others.

Another common misconception among politicians is that the

average citizen is an unsophisticated, uneducated sheep who requires constant shepherding for the duration of his or her life. Instead of allowing people to make decisions for themselves, the government levies a crushing tax and then deigns to spend this money on their behalf. Examine the incompetent medley of politicians that comprise the majority of today's ruling class. Are these the people that should manage the finances of a nation? Examine any failing government entity. Once its dysfunctional state becomes apparent, politicians always propose their universal solution: throw more money at it. Social Security will soon collapse, universal healthcare has failed in nearly every country that has tried it, and welfare only perpetuates a state of poverty and dependence for its recipients. The government thinks that it knows what is best for every citizen and imposes its decisions universally.

Libertarians, on the other hand, believe that average citizens are capable of balancing their own checkbooks. They seek the elimination of income tax and promote privatization of many services currently provided by the government. Most people foolishly expect Social Security to fund their retirement. However, the amount of money that retirees

collect from it represents a mere pittance. Libertarians favor allowing people to make sound investments, such as starting an IRA. If people were to invest the same amount of money that the government takes for Social Security, then they would retire millionaires.

When it comes to entrepreneurial skills, the government seems to have an anti-Midas touch; everything they touch

turns into a financial disaster. Privatization, on the other hand, promotes efficiency and quality. Libertarians want an end to government subsidy of failed enterprises, and

zens and leave violent criminals to act with relative impunity. Quite simply put, "if you outlaw guns, then only outlaws will have guns." Libertarians staunchly oppose victim disarmament. If they had it their way, they would repeal most gun laws, thus enabling honest citizens to defend themselves from violent crime. Let the criminals be afraid.

Another attempt to protect Americans takes the form of trade barriers. Supposedly, trade barriers help the average American by keeping jobs on U.S. soil. However, in some cases, protecting American jobs results in consumers forking over more than \$200,000 per year per job that is saved as a result of importation taxes. Sometimes the cure proves far worse than the symptom. So what to do with the trade barriers? Libertarians say knock them down; knock them *all* down. Libertarians realize that free trade benefits everyone: consumers, business, and workers alike.

"Bigger is better" has long been the mentality of America. In this election season, voters ought to reconsider this philosophy. The Libertarian Party hopes to illuminate the benefits of small government to the masses. Government does not have all of the answers and never will. Excessive bureaucratic meddling often manages to make a bad situation worse. How long until the average citizen becomes weary of shooting himself in the head to stop his headache? □

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rightfully so. Taxpayers should not be made to pay for industrialists' screw-ups.

Many politicians set forth with noble intentions, but in the end only manage to exacerbate the situation they were attempting to improve. "Our nation isn't safe!" cried many plaintive voices. The response was to impose stricter gun laws. The result: a *more* dangerous environment. Lawmakers fail to realize that laws only affect those who obey them; they disarm honest citi-



"Would you like that to go, sir?"

*Al Gore's lies may come back to haunt him
on Election Day.*

Gore's Growing Nose

by Stephen Tempesta

To many Americans, the most common association they have with the Office of the President is integrity. During his tenure, President Clinton dashed this vision to pieces, telling bold-faced lies to the American people. Unfortunately, his Democratic follower, Al Gore, has inherited Clinton's disdain for the truth.

Gore's lying, a problem that had previously plagued his political career, resurfaced in April 1996. After attending a Buddhist temple rally/fundraiser, he accepted almost \$55,000 in private donations from the temple's monks and nuns. The original source of that money was a Democratic fundraiser, Maria Hsia. The temple tried to disguise Hsia's donation by re-

imbursing the nuns and monks for the money they "donated as individuals" to the Democratic National Committee. This is in violation of federal election law, as it is illegal to conceal the true source of a campaign donation. Later, the temple's treasurer, Yi Chu, testified that she destroyed slips of paper documenting requests from the reimbursement checks. She also admitted writing notations on the checks after they were cashed, to make them look as if they were loans from the nuns and monks, or from their personal accounts.

Faced with these accusations, Gore quickly lied to save face, denying that he visited the temple to raise money from the Buddhist leaders. He produced an email written a month before his visit that said a fundraiser was to be followed by a simple "rally" at the temple. He added that he did

not know that a luncheon he attended at the temple was organized to raise political donations. Yet, an independent committee later produced exhibits showing temple officials covered up an extra \$130,000 in donations to Democrats on Hsia's behalf. In a vain attempt to save his self-respect, Gore produced an invitation for a luncheon at Monterey Park, California restaurant, that officials claimed was the original site of the

fund-raising event. However, Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter later released a letter from the restaurant's manager saying, "our record shows that there was no party organized by Hsia at the restaurant."

Since that incident, Gore's lies have become

more frequent and obvious. The Veep claimed that when he worked as a reporter for a Nashville newspaper, the stories he investigated led to the arrest and conviction of numerous criminals. Gore later apologized for his claim, and admitted this was not true. In the first presidential debate, Gore also said that he inspected wildfire damage with FEMA Director James Lee Witt in Texas in 1996. Witt and FEMA leaders recall no such visit. Although the lie may revolve around political minutia, one wonders why Gore was compelled to lie at all.

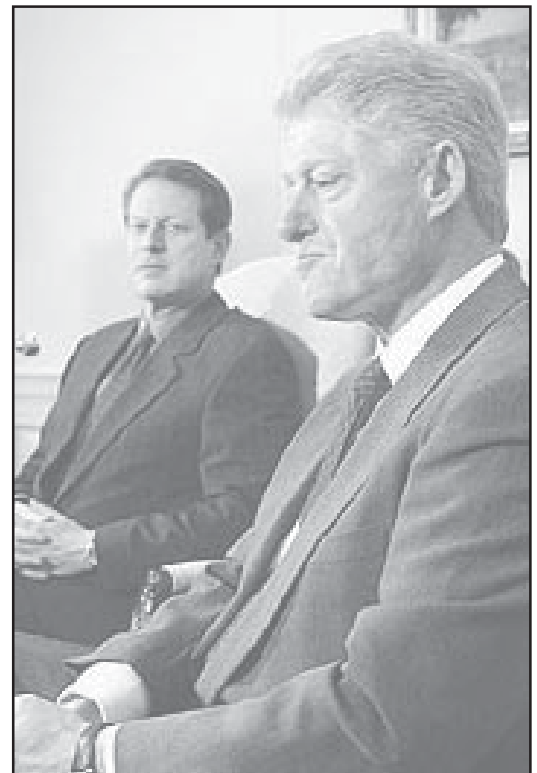
Gore saves his juiciest fibs for the national stage. This fall's presidential debates have witnessed the most outrageous string of untruths ever told by a national leader. Several times in the debates, Gore proudly declared that his personal staff was ethnically and racially diverse. The truth is that black

members of the Secret Service are suing the government because they claim they are not being promoted to positions guarding the Vice President. When he and Governor Bush discussed health care, Gore said that his mother-in-law pays more than \$100 for the arthritis medicine Lodine. He then claimed that his dog takes the same medication for less than \$37, sternly yelling to the crowd, "This is wrong!" Soon after, Gore's aides mopped up the candidate's mess, apologizing for the Vice President's lie. In reality, Gore received the prices for the arthritis medicine from a Democratic study. Washington newspapers also reported that Gore was not even sure if his mother-in-law was taking any medication or even if she had arthritis.

Gore's lies about his own family did not end with grandma. He falsely claimed that his sister was the first person to join the Peace Corps. Perhaps Gore's most disgraceful lie is that he professes to tell the truth.

It is clear that voters who want to trust their leader will not be voting for Al Gore. He lies without reason, on issues of minor importance to the most vital campaign topics. Vice President Gore has spent the entire campaign cycle making promises and telling fibs. If he'll lie to us now, what will he do when he *doesn't* need our votes? □

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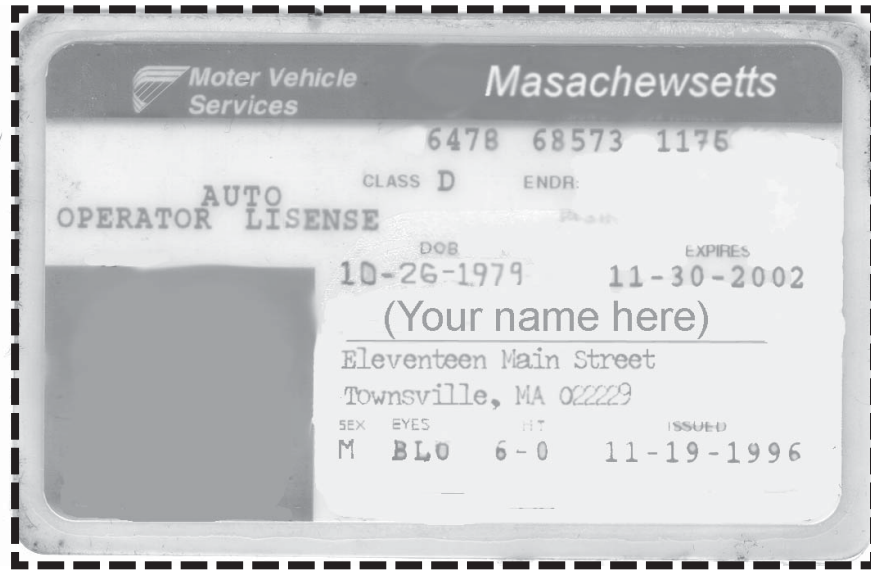


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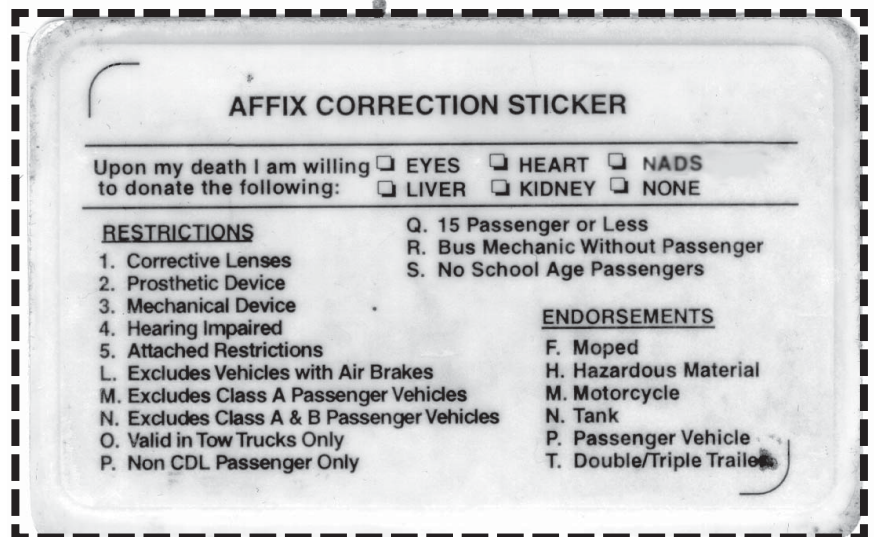
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NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

When they kept you out it was because you were black; when they let you in, it is because you are black. That's progress?

—Marilyn French

Anti-Catholicism is the anti-semitism of the intellectual.

—Patrick Buchanan

Women's Liberation is just a lot of foolishness. It's the men who are discriminated against. They can't bear children. And no one's likely to do anything about that.

—Golda Meir

The new grammar of race is constructed in a way that George Orwell would have appreciated, because its rules make some ideas impossible to express— unless, of course, one wants to be called a racist.

—Stephen Carter

Whites must be made to realize that they are only human, not superior. Same with blacks. They must be made to realize that they are also human, not inferior.

—Steve Biko

It is time that we start thinking about foundational issues: about our attitudes toward fair trials. . . Who are the People in a multicultural society? . . . The victims of discrimination are now organized. Blacks, Jews, gays, women— they will no longer tolerate second-class status. They seek vindication for past grievances in the trials that take place today, the new political trial.

—George P. Fletcher

Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear.

—Thomas Jefferson

Almost anything that can be praised or advocated has been put to some disgusting use. There is no principle, however immaculate, that has not had its compromising manipulator.

—Wyndham Lewis

At eighteen our convictions are hills from which we look; at forty-five they are caves in which we hide.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

The word "belief" is a difficult thing for me. I don't believe. I must have a reason for a certain hypothesis. Either I know a thing, and then I know it—I don't need to believe it.

—Carl Jung

Now different races and nationalities cherish different ideals of society that stink in each other's nostrils with an offensiveness beyond the power of any but the most monstrous private deed.

—Rebecca West

Man who say it cannot be done should not interrupt man doing it.

—Chinese Proverb

The two real political parties in America are the *Winners* and the *Losers*. The people don't acknowledge this. They claim membership in two imaginary parties, the *Republicans* and the *Democrats*, instead.

—Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Finishing second in the Olympics gets you silver. Finishing second in politics gets you oblivion.

—Richard M. Nixon

When the leaders choose to make themselves bidders at an auction of popularity, their talents, in the construction of the state, will be of no service. They will become flatterers instead of legislators; the instruments, not the guides, of the people.

—Edmund Burke

Which one of the three candidates would you want your daughter to marry?

—H. Ross Perot

No price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself.

—Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

Every two years the American politics industry fills the airwaves with the most virulent, scurrilous, wall-to-wall character assassination of nearly every political practitioner in the country—and then declares itself puzzled that America has lost trust in its politicians.

—Charles Krauthammer

When your opponent is drowning, throw the son of a bitch an anvil.

—James Carville

Maybe a nation that consumes as much booze and dope as we do and has our kind of divorce statistics should pipe down about "character issues." Either that or just go ahead and determine the presidency with three-legged races and pie-eating contests. It would make better TV.

—P. J. O'Rourke

The one thing I do not want to be called is First Lady. It sounds like a saddle horse.

—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Freedoms are being taken away day by day, and Americans don't even realize it. One day they will wake up inside a worldwide concentration camp.

—Dr. Andreas Toupadakis

In every election in American history both parties have their clichés. The party that has the clichés that ring true wins.

—Newt Gingrich

Ask five economists and you'll get five different answers (six if one went to Harvard).

—Edgar R. Fiedler

Many people find smoking objectionable. I myself find many—even more—things objectionable. I do not like aftershave lotion, adults who roller skate, children who speak French, or anyone who is unduly tanned. I do not, however, go around enacting legislation and putting up signs.

—Fran Lebowitz