

# Ad Libitum

Op. 1 No. 1

December 8, 2003

## Introduction

### "Short" Rambling/Reflection:

My dearest luscious Libs,

As I sit on my sketchy futon watching the sun rise, I can't help but reflect upon the state of my life, the world, and, most importantly, the Lib Party. Pristine snow has blanketed the campus, presenting us with a fresh and pure landscape to look out upon. As I huddle beneath my comforter, I can't help but wish that the world could actually become such a pure place and that the heating in my ghetto L-Dub room actually functioned. However, more important than my unattainable wishes of a peaceful world and not dying of hypothermia, are the events which came to pass this last weekend in our party. The afternoons of Saturday and Sunday presented us with a change in leadership, and Sunday night gave us 6 hours of Inquisition fun (complete with Green Apple martinis) where we reached consensus as to who we, as a party, wish to endorse for the YPU positions. While this was a good productive weekend for us as a group, I have a feeling that many of you, much like myself, were not productive in an individual academic sense. As such, I shall bid you farewell for the moment and let you get back to writing term papers and studying for finals. Good luck and happy holidays!

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Upcoming Events:

YPU Elections:

Today (Monday Dec. 8th) from 12-5 in the basement of WLH. Come out and vote!

Lib Banquet:

Wednesday Dec. 10th at 6:30 pm at Thai Taste. Come for the good food and stay for the company. "Bonding time" will immediately follow the event in Durfee B41 - the common room of our newly elected comm'y sec. (That would be Jade Lamb for those of you who didn't bother to come to the caucus or pay attention to my last e-mail.)

## Liberal Party Endorsements:

After grueling the candidates with questions about things like tennis matches involving comic strip characters, philosophers and theologians, the Liberal Party has come to the consensus to officially endorse the following candidates seeking positions in the YPU:

President - Steven Christoforou

Vice President - Yassmin Sadeghi (Go Yassmin! Woohoo!)

Speaker - Adam Stockton

Floor Leader of the Left - Roger Low

Secretary - Matt Craig

## General Miscellany:

Very little sleep, illness and stress do strange things to one's thinking process. Perhaps that's why I find the following so amusing:

Badgers, a mushroom and a snake. Need I say more?

<http://www.badgerbadgerbadger.com>

All right, so this one is slightly (well, extremely) inappropriate, but I think it's funny.

<http://www.ebaumsworld.com/bangbangbang.shtml>

Bush busts a move! Further evidence that he is nothing more than a puppet to be manipulated....

<http://www.miniclip.com/dancingbush.htm>

I'm only 21.49901% Geek. Fairly low on the overall geekiness scale...

<http://www.innergeek.us/geek.html>

Make sure your sound is on. Loud.

[http://www.liquidgeneration.com/sabotage/optical\\_sabotage.asp](http://www.liquidgeneration.com/sabotage/optical_sabotage.asp)

And now, because I like dictionaries, I present the Lib word of the week. Incorporate it into your vocabulary and impress (i.e. confuse) your friends!

This week's word is "libelluloid" an adjective meaning "like or pertaining to dragon flies."

**The Final Thought:**

"I have never in my life learned anything from any man who agreed with me."

-Dudley Field Malone

# Ad Libitum

Op. 2 No. 1

January 12, 2004

## Introduction

### **New Year's Greetings:**

My dearest Happy-Go-Lucky Libs,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to another exciting semester!

Hopefully most everyone has recovered from jetlag and all of the excessive partying that college students are prone to do during their downtime (unless, of course, you're like me and opt to spend your vacation scrap-booking and knitting. Pathetic, I know.)

Attending all of the Lib events should have been a priority New Year's resolution for everyone, so start off the year right by coming to everything this week! Since shopping period is a rather hectic time for everyone, we're keeping things to a minimum so you can spend *nearly* every moment running from class to class trying to figure out what you like (or, what you have to take).

In the meantime, go make a snow angel or two and happy shopping!

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Upcoming Events:

Lib Dinner:

\*Monday January 12 at 5:30 in TD's South Common Room\*

The executive board has unanimously decided to move Lib dinner out of the dark, dank and depressing atmosphere that is Commons (despite how much we all enjoyed eating dinner under a giant portrait of George Bush...) This week we'll be dining in the TD; which is a perfectly lovely place to eat, though snowshoes, parkas and a dogsled team may be required to get there now that it's started to snow again. We're attempting to reserve space in the South Common Room (at least I think that's what that room off to the side is called), but if that doesn't work out, just wander around until you find the group.

Blue Book Party:

\*Monday January 12 at 8:00 in Durfee D41\*

Do you know which classes at Yale are spankingly good? Do you like to pretend you do? If you don't get enough Lib love at dinner, meander on over to the Blue Book party in Durfee D-41. Food may possibly be provided for you, but if it's not you can always bring your own!

YPU Meeting:

\*Wednesday January 14 at 7:30. Location TBA\*

Guest Speaker Barbara Ehrenreich, best known for authoring the best-selling *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, will come to discuss a topic on the welfare state. Ms. Ehrenreich is a political essayist and social critic who frequently writes about issues such as poverty, inequality and capital

punishment She's written a dozen or so books total and contributes frequently to periodicals such as Harper's, The Nation, The Progressive, etc. Here's a brief sampling of her column in The Progressive:  
<http://www.progressive.org/ehrn0500.htm>  
<http://www.progressive.org/0901/ehr0901.html>  
<http://www.progressive.org/ehr0701.html>

And, for those who don't have quite enough to do during this busy time, here's a few "welfare state" related links:

<http://www.welfarestate.com/>  
<http://www.socialconscience.com/articles/income.htm>

### **General Miscellany:**

I decided that my general miscellany this week should be at least somewhat politics related (being a political organization and all)... So, for your enjoyment:

The Political Compass - <http://www.politicalcompass.org/>

Take this lovely test and see just how liberal you really are and where some of your favorite (and not so favorite) politicians fall on the spectrum.

The End of the World - <http://www.ebaumsworld.com/endofworld.html>

The harsh realities behind the looming threat of nuclear war.

EricToons - <http://www.erictoons.com/editorial.html>

Take some time to enjoy an editorial cartoon or two from a fellow Yalie.

The Way of the Tube Jedi - <http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/~stephenbalchin/tubejedi.html>

All right, so this has no political meaning whatsoever. I think it's funny, and I get to write the whipsheets. So there.

Now, based upon the number of inquiries I received as to the meaning of the name of the whipsheet, the Lib word of the week is "Ad libitum," meaning "freely," "at one's pleasure," "without advance preparation," etc. You probably recognize its shortened form "ad lib," which is used with much greater frequency.

### **The Final Thought:**

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect."

~Mark Twain

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Op. 3 No. 1

January 19, 2004

## Introduction

### **One Week Down, 17 To Go!**

Dearest Ludicrous Libs,

The first week of spring classes is over, which means that there are only 17 more until the term is over! You might think it's a bit early to start the countdown, but I beg to differ. Hopefully, shopping went well for you all and you're ready to start the new semester off right by neglecting the scant homework you already have by coming to Lib events! I'll think I'll cut this short (not that I don't love pestering you all with my ramblings) and sign off with this: Enjoy what's left of your (only) 3 day weekend!

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Ways to Spend Time With Luscious Libs This Week:

Lib Dinner

\*Monday January 19th at 5:30 in the Branford Pitt\*

As much fun as hiking across the tundra to TD was last week, the Libs have officially moved Lib dinner to the Pitt in Branford. Come for the good food (yes, I realize that it's still dining hall food, but at least it's not Commons), and stay for the good company.

Lib Discussion: "So You Say You Want A Revolution?"

\*Tuesday January 20th at 7:30 in the JE Common Room\*

Come and bask in good conversation with the Libs in the JE common room. Our topic this Tuesday covers culture in the United States: What fundamental changes would need to be made in order to revolutionize our country for the better and will these changes ever really happen? Do you have strong opinions on this? Would you like to force, er, persuade others to see your point of view? Then come and contribute to the discussion!

YPU: "Resolved: We are better off now than we were a year ago."

\*Wednesday January 21st at 7:30 in LC 102\*

Our guest speaker this week is Yale lecturer Charles Hill who will be speaking on the above topic. Are you a bit skeptical about the validity of this resolution? Or maybe you whole-heartedly agree? Either way, come, sign in for the Libs!

## The Lib Bitch:

At Lib Dinner last week, it was decided that the world, school, family, friends, people in general, etc can be a bit overwhelming (and irritating) at times. As such, being the accommodating Libs that we are, we decided to provide an anonymous venue for people to vent their frustrations with the world. Writing things down is a good way to get things off your chest (and we certainly don't want you keeping things bottled up inside), so if you have something to bitch about, feel free to drop me an email ([brittney.hunt@yale.edu](mailto:brittney.hunt@yale.edu)) with anything you'd like to say.

Clearly, if you're swimming laps in the pool, we'll need to switch lanes. There's no need to ask permission and there's certainly no need to have a pow wow concerning lane sides. That's just a ridiculous 5-minute conversation to have in a cold pool.

I can't fucking stand it when I'm shopping a seminar and the professor goes on for two hours, and only at the end does he say "Oh, unless you're a major who's taken twenty-five classes like this before, you're not eligible." I could have shopped a better class in the time I wasted listening to your sorry little introduction about "What is history?" or some bullshit like that.

I don't understand why old, decrepit women think it's okay to walk naked around the locker room with no sign of acquiring clothes.

No one should be quoting Aristotle in a comparative government class at 9 am.

Who the fuck decides to have a meeting in Rosenfeld in the dead of the winter?

Yale University Security can suck it. If a student loses their ID card and calls to get a temporary replacement until they can get a new card, that generally means they'd actually like to be able to do things like get into their own entryway and eat in the dining halls. But no, Security decides to tell the student to wait outside Phelps gate until someone shows up to replace their card, and no one ever comes. Said student wastes an hour of her life out in the fucking snow and then, because she was lured outside with the promise of a temporary card, can't get back into her own entryway because she's still cardless. Bastards.

### **Miscellany:**

Bush vs. A Box Of Tic-Tacs - <http://maddox.xmission.com/tictacs.html>

So, who would win in a political showdown between President George W. Bush and a box of tic-tacs? There's only one way to find out....

Erotic Origami - <http://underground.zork.net/index.html>

When your professors are just too boring for words, perhaps you should devote your attention to more interesting things like learning to make the described shapes.

The Purity Test - <http://test3.thespark.com/puritytest/>

Are you pure of heart? Chances are a strong "no" if you're involved in politics in any way. Take the test and we can compare scores to find out who's the most (and least) pure party members.

Normally I reserve the miscellany section for links to other places, but I think that today I'd rather incorporate some random quotes concerning political parties at Yale instead (and as I wield the power of the email list I shall do as I please with the whipsheet!)

~"The future of the Liberal Party is very, very gay."

(The following was said about a party in the YPU which, for the sake of civility, shall remain nameless)

~"All of them essentially have massive personality flaws, but together they form a cohesive organization. I'm not saying they're not nice people... It's just that they're just like squirrels."

**The Final Thought:**

"At the end of the game, the king and the pawn go back in the same box."

~Italian Proverb





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Op. 4 No. 1

January 26, 2004

## Introduction

### **Winter Wonderland:**

Beloved Lively Libs,

The weather is harsh, classes are starting again for the week, and the flow of libations has ceased (for the most part) until Thursday at the earliest. While this would seem to spell depression for most, there's no need to break out the Prozac just yet - lots of exciting things are going on this week. There are always the Lib events to look forward to, the New Hampshire primary is coming up on Tuesday, and, if nothing else, you can always hope that the hot tub that graced the L-Dub courtyard a few days ago will make a reappearance.

Speaking of Prozac, I've had a bit too much Spice Girls exposure for my liking in the last several hours, so, if you'll excuse me, I think I need to go lie down and try to find a "calm, happy place" for my mind to retreat to for awhile.

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## This Week In The Libs:

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, January 26th at 7:30 in the Branford Pitt\*

Who wouldn't want to eat with such a fine group of people? Come check out all of the Liberal Hotness.

Lib Discussion: "America: Democracy or Hypocrisy?"

\*Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30 in the JE Common Room\*

While our discussion last week resulted in a general agreement that the U.S. could use a revolution, there were only a select few who think it's dandy to maim a few people in the process (although, most people seemed fairly willing to set stuff on fire....). This week, I think the opinion may be split a bit more. The question here, as always, is what do *you* think of the issue - the more people we have to join the discussion, the better. Bring friends, roommates, lovers. Good times will be had.

YPU: "Resolved: Privacy rights should be reduced for the sake of counterterrorism, but rights of due process should not be." (And "Charles the Martyr.")

\*Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 (tentatively) in LC 102\*

The guest speaker this week is Professor Richard Betts, the Director of the Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. This is possibly the longest resolution I've seen since joining the YPU, but don't let the wordiness confound your poor minds. What rights should be forfeit for the sake of security (if any)? If you have a strong opinion on the topic (or just like to hear yourself talk) get in touch with the Floor Leader of the Left ([roger.low@yale.edu](mailto:roger.low@yale.edu)).

It's also important to keep in mind that the "Charles the Martyr" debate (or the "Charles motion") will take place at this meeting. For those of you not "in the know," the POR will move to observe a moment of silence in order to honor King Charles I of England who was executed January 30, 1649. This will undoubtedly turn into a floor fight with opposing sides whipping out their coc...er, I mean, copies of

Robert's Rules of Order in an attempt to outdo one another. Personally, I hope the Progs bust out hogs' heads on sticks again this year... (Adam Stockton is in for a long night. Poor little fella. Show him some Lib love when you see him tomorrow.)

#### Pre-Game

\*Saturday, January 31st at 9:00 in Rosenfeld Room 201\*

If you don't love Liberal Party parties, you may have been dropped on your head one too many times as a small child. The Winter Ball is this Saturday at 10 pm, and the Libs are providing a place to hang out, party and drink (or not). Come be part of the excitement!

#### **Miscellany:**

<http://www.hauntedmansion.info/bushin41point2.htm>

What would a Lib e-mail be without a little Bush-bashing? I think I may officially adopt the slogan "Save America from President Dickhead."

<http://www.2004ward.com>

A very cool Yale-based organization which will train 50 Yalies in grassroots politics organizing and then send them to work this summer in under-represented communities, educating people about progressive issues and doing awesome things like registering thousands of new voters. Go check out the website, and, if you're looking for something fun and exciting to do in the summer, get involved!

<http://www.axisofjustice.org>

Are you ready to Rock n' Roll?! This non-profit organization is attempting to bring together musicians, music fans and grassroots political organizations to fight for social justice. It has lots of interesting info and links, so go better yourselves by browsing about a bit.

<http://www.whodieswhopayswhoprofits.com>

A lovely little website that contains things that will whet your liberal palates. This is an exceptionally well-organized news-source.

<http://www.homestarrunner.com>

This is my randomness for the day. In the words of the friend who introduced me to this site: "Let it set you free." (Btw, if you're like me, you were confused as all hell by the t-shirts at the Yale-Hahvahd game that said something along the lines of "Some people are being fangoriously devoured by a gelatinous monster. No two people are not on fire." Check out this section of the website: <http://www.homestarrunner.com/sbemail84.html>land life will make sense again.)

#### **The Lib Bitch:**

Pop music is an inherent evil that should not be blared loudly on speakers in particular entryways. I'm willing to sacrifice the ears of people in other entryways, but not mine.

I think it's just unreasonable for all of the electrical outlets in my suite to spontaneously stop working over the course of the semester. Surge protectors only have so many outlets on them. And why can't I find a phone number of someone who knows how to fix them?

I'm slowly turning into Jason Farago. Damn it.

Tone deaf roommates should NOT be allowed to sing when others are trying to do work. Honestly, wtf? Is it so hard to realize that your off-key warbling is a fucking distraction and has the potential to give others headaches?

Stop riding your bike on the sidewalk. When you shove others into the snow so that you can demonstrate your social ineptitude, everyone's a loser.

(For those of you interested in seeing the bitch session that inspired this newly instituted "Lib Bitch," the newest Elder of Palestine was kind enough to supply us with this  
link:<http://www.nyblade.com/2004/123/viewpoint/bitch/bitch.cfm>)

**The Final Thought:**

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

~Plato

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Op. 5 No. 1

February 2, 2004

## Introduction

### **Kvetching is Cathartic:**

Dearest Laborious Libs,

First and foremost, you have my apologies a thousand times over for the (extremely) late whipsheet. As it happens, this is now the 4th time I've had to write these very thoughts. My computer is currently possessed by unseen forces which have a great deal of fun freezing my screen at inopportune times. (Only one more day until the kindly CA will fix it for me...) Rejoice that I have thwarted severe technical difficulties to bring this little extra bit of brightness to your day!

Overall, my possessed computer fits in rather well with the way the rest of my week went: I caught a cold, injured myself sufficiently well enough to warrant a trip to the doctor, accidentally slept through several classes on two separate days, had two problem sets due today (which I managed to finish just on time) and, to top it all off, my cat died. Rather depressing, if you ask me. But, no worries. I'm in no danger of flinging myself off Harkness Tower. In fact, I'm rather looking forward to starting fresh this week. Here's to hoping the upcoming week is a bit more "glass half full" than last.

\*\*Brittney\*\*

P.S. After a complaint about my language from a chairman who shall not be named, this Whipsheet is the "clean" version. If I used Eudora, I'd rather like the little chili peppers that show up, but that's just me I guess...

## Where To Be Seen And Heard:

### With The Libs

Lib Dinner

\*Monday February 2nd at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

Yes, that's right. 5:30. I know I lied to you all last week, and I'm sorry. If you'd like to come and smack me around a bit, show up to dinner.

Lib Discussion: "Should local school districts be abolished?"

\*Tuesday February 3rd at 7:30 in the JE Common Room\*

A certain Elder of Palestine told me that I'm very "country," or something along those lines the other day. As such, I intend on inflicting my country perspective on y'all. (Even typing that word makes me cringe...) Come and be heard on this issue - I'm fairly sure most of you had some sort schooling before coming to Yale, so saying that you "don't know anything" about the subject is no excuse. Please note: Any references to obscure Russian history of the Middle ages or some such nonsense will result in you being forcibly ejected from the JE Common Room.

YPU: "Resolved: Bush's Measures Against Terrorism Are Ineffective."

\*Wednesday February 4th at 7:30 in Street Hall 263\*

Come one, come all and qual for us! (Gotta love alliteration.) The guest speaker this week is Harvard professor Jessica Stern who will be speaking on Bush's terrorism policies and the many ways in which they are lacking. In the event that the terror alert for the nation reaches "red," the event will still take place as planned, though we may be required to wear gas masks and duct-tape the doors closed.

### Elsewhere

#### A New Era For LGBT Rights

\*Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in Room 127 of the Law School\*

Outlaws, the Law School's LGBT student group, is hosting a forum in which leading attorneys discuss landmark 2003 legal victories for the LGBT community and the future of the movement. The participants include Susan Sommer from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund which litigated the Texas sodomy case before the Supreme Court in 2003 and is currently working for marriage rights in NJ, Michele Granda from Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders which brought the gay marriage lawsuit in Massachusetts, Ken Choe from the ACLU, and Martha McCarthy from Epstein Cole LLP which is currently working on the Ontario marriage case. With the tone of the State of the Union, this is an excellent way to educate yourselves about issues which are bound to hit center-stage of the national news at some point in the near future.

#### Focus Leaders

\*Application due February 13th in the Dwight Hall Focus Mailbox\*

Focus on New Haven is a week-long orientation program for sophomores that helps them get to know the city better. If you did Focus, you know how amazing it is, but even if you didn't, you can still be a leader! You just need to be a current sophomore or junior interested in New Haven issues. Leader training begins August 18th and Focus lasts through August 26th. Email [victoria.truscheit@yale.edu](mailto:victoria.truscheit@yale.edu) or [jacqueline.hernandez@yale.edu](mailto:jacqueline.hernandez@yale.edu) for more info.

### **Miscellany:**

You know, I had these really relevant entertaining links for you, but they died after the first whipsheet did. As I'm too lazy to continue looking for them (again), you'll just have to deal with what I give you.

<http://www.world-crisis.com/>

Hosts a number of articles on the U.S. war on terrorism. For those of you whom Roger has tricked into speaking on Wednesday, it might be worth a look.

[http://www.bravotv.com/Queer\\_Eye\\_for\\_the\\_Straight\\_Guy/](http://www.bravotv.com/Queer_Eye_for_the_Straight_Guy/)

There are simply no words. While I was snowed in at home during Christmas Break, my guilty pleasure was watching hours upon hours of the Queer Eye for the Straight Guy marathon.

<http://www.badgerdance.com/index.asp>

If you don't understand about the badgers, you'll just have to ask someone else. It's a long story.

<http://www.katu.com/news/story.asp?ID=49982>

"The whale has exploded." If you want the meaning behind that saying, you should come to Lib events. If you don't, you should still watch the video. I mean, come on, how often do you get to see a beached whale blown up with dynamite?

<http://www.thesimpsons.com>

Just because.

**The Lib B\*tch:**

Worse than having a psycho professor: having a boyfriend with a psycho professor and having to masturbate while he reads from his Tyco packet.

You know, passing me on the street all the time doesn't mean we have to have the same meaningless conversation every day. "Hey, what's up?" "Not much, how're you." "Not too bad." "Good." Dear God, can't I just send you a Christmas card once a year to reaffirm that fact that I know you and care about your well-being?

Aristotle sucks. Classes numbered "102" aren't supposed to be hard.

I really wish that I had an intricate knowledge of colonial era Moroccan politics. My life just feels incomplete without it. Would anyone care to cure me of my misery?

I don't know why you didn't get the memo: if you want to break up, you have to run it by me first. I don't stand for perfectly adorable couples decoupling without my explicit prior approval.

If you want my attention a "Miss?" or "Ma'am?" will do just fine. Tapping my shoulder and touching my arm are not acceptable ways to gain my attention. That's a blatant violation of my personal space and if you do it again I'm going to break your f\*cking arm.

There's a sign that says "don't leave books on the floor." Do you know what that means? It means DON'T LEAVE BOOKS ON THE FLOOR. And don't even try reshelving yourself.

Whipsheets are not allowed to simply disappear when a computer crashes. It's just not fair at 6:30 in the morning, d\*mn it. Come to think of it, it was even less fair when it happened again at noon. Technology bites.

**The Final Thought:**

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

~Oscar Wilde

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Op. 6 No. 1

February 9, 2004

## Introduction

### **When Gambling Compulsions Go Too Far:**

Good morning my loves!

Because I was lacking an appropriate Texas Hold 'em venue in which to gamble away my cares this past week, I've been forced to seek alternative ways to satisfy my gambling compulsions. Just how do I pull this off? By placing bets on the percentage spread of the Democratic primaries and caucuses, of course. When I play cards, I can usually hold my own, but I've been doing rather poorly where the primaries are concerned. Reflecting back on this, I've come to realize that I should have picked a better competitor (and by "better" I of course mean someone who knows a lot less about the entire process than I do). As it stands now, my luck undoubtedly reflects the fact that the person I've been betting against knows a good deal more about the entire process than I probably ever will - I guess you could call him the political equivalent of a card shark. I probably won't be able to gain back what I've lost thus far, but I've decided to satiate myself by finding some blackmail worthy material and using it to destroy his political career in twenty years. If you're asking yourself what the point of this whole story is, well, truthfully, there really isn't one.

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Live It Up With The Libs:

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, February 9th at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

Why eat in Commons surrounded by a mass of people you don't know when you can eat with the Lib-liscious folk of the Liberal Party? Come join us in the room at the far back corner of the Branford dining hall that is lovingly known as "The Pit."

YPU: "Resolved: Marriage is a Dying Institution."

\*Tuesday, February 10th at 7:30 (tentatively) in LC 102\*

Between Sex Week and the upcoming Valentine's Day weekend, marriage does seem to be a timely topic, doesn't it? With all of the brouhaha surrounding domestic partnerships, the Defense of Marriage Act, the decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, and about a million other things going on right now, the discussion should prove rather lively tomorrow. Show up and show the party some love by qualling for us!

Lib Discussion: "Is Shelter a Right?"

\*Wednesday, February 11th at 7:30 in the JE Common Room\*

This week's discussion is being jointly held with YHHAP - the Yale Homelessness and Hunger Action Project. There's a lot to consider when it comes to making sure everyone in society has a roof over their head, so come and make your voice heard at our first joint discussion of the semester! You know how the party loves to see lots of Lib faces milling around the JE common room when discussion time rolls around!

### **Other (Non-Lib) Events:**

An Afternoon With Kate Michelman

\*Wednesday, February 11th - Master's Tea: 4 pm in Trumbull/ Lecture: "Defending the Right to Choose" at 6 pm in Levinson Auditorium (in the Law School)\*

Kate Michelman is the current president of NARAL Pro-Choice America and is a well-known and well-respected advocate for women's reproductive freedom. She's been the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America for more than 18 years. Go check out the website and learn more: <http://www.naral.org>

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### **The Lib Bitch:**

I can't believe NO ONE sent me bitches for this week. Honestly! Do I just not matter enough to you people to be worth your time?!?

### **Public Apology:**

I just wanted to take a moment out of my whipsheeting to say I'm sorry to Jason. I was rather unduly snappish toward you at the end of dinner and feel rather guilty about it at the moment. You deserve better than to be the brunt a week's worth of frustrations and I'm sorry if my attitude made it seem like you are anything less than dear to my heart.

### **The Final Thought:**

"Love is a snowmobile racing across the tundra and then suddenly it flips over, pinning you underneath. At night, the ice weasels come."

~Matt Groening



# Ad Libitum

Op. 7 No. 1

February 16, 2004

## Introduction

### **Procrastination 101:**

My Luscious Libs,

Why must it always come down to this? 3 am on a Sunday night, homework not done, whipsheet just being sent out and class in 6 1/2 hours? I really should work on my time management skills. Actually, on second thought, I take that back. We all know college isn't really about work, right? (Things like Yalestation.dating are infinitely better uses of my time....just kidding.) College is really about the social life and all those wonderful personally enriching activities. I'd like to tell that to my parents...but I think I'll just opt for not sending them my grades instead.

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## This Week In The Libs:

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, February 17th at 5:30 in the Branford Pitt\*

I seriously doubt you have a hot date planned for a Monday evening, so no excuses! Come eat with all of your favorite Libs!

YPU: "Resolved: The Women's Movement Has Not Gone Far Enough"

\*Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30 (tentatively) in the Law School Auditorium\*

The keynote speaker this week is Kim Gandy, the president of NOW (the National Organization for Women). Ms. Gandy should be a superb speaker, so come sign in for the Libs and listen to what promises to be an excellent speech! If you want some more info before Tuesday's debate, check out NOW's website: <http://www.now.org/>

Lib Discussion: "Resolved: (Sketchy) Hook-ups Are Better Than True Love."

\*Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30 in the D-port Common Room\*

With Valentine's Day over and done with, it's time to re-evaluate this whole "love" thing. Is trying to find "true love" really worth it, or is the search futile? Doesn't the sweet simplicity of a hook-up who you'll never have to see again appeal to you? Come, bring friends, roommates, and (especially) lovers to our discussion this week! (Yes, we know we've switched back to the resolution format, but it just didn't sound as good as a question....)

## The Lib Bitch:

I got eight Herald valentines. This seems like a nice number, I know. But my boyfriend got TWENTY. And yes, I sent him five, but I really don't see how that's relevant.

It took you thirty seconds to shovel sausage after sausage onto your plate at brunch today. Then, just when I thought the line would start to move, you pushed us all back so that you could get eggs, out of order. And when I thought that I had successfully suppressed the memory of you, there you were at the toaster putting a whole fucking pita onto the [conveyor belt](#). I had to wait and wait to get my English muffin

in there. You should be executed, preferably after being worked to the bone. And if that doesn't sound liberal, well, you've made me into a Stalinist.

Dealing with bureaucratic bullshit is low on my list of enjoyable activities.

**The Final Thought:**

"Creative minds have always been known to survive any kind of bad training."

~Anna Freud

# Ad Libitum

Op. 8 No. 1

February 23, 2004

## Introduction

### **This May Be Goodbye:**

Dearests,

Mid-term hell has begun. I had one on Friday and two tomorrow (or today, rather). I'm completely unprepared for both, and the ship has sailed on me getting decent grades, I think. So, when I get my grades back have flunked out of Yale, I'm afraid you'll no longer have the pleasure of being whipped by my (electronic) hand. While I'm busy making my career as a burger-flipper at McDonald's the whipsheeting will fall into someone else's hands. So, in case this is the end, I bid you all a fond farewell until we see each other again... (Just make sure you let me know whether you want fries with that...)

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Libs, Libs! Get Your Fresh Libs!

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, February 23rd at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

One of the E of P's has promised an exciting mystery guest! The only way you'll get to see who is if you show up!

Lib Discussion: "Crime is an economic problem, eh?"

\*Tuesday, February 24th at 7:30 in the JE Common Room\*

Ahhh, lawlessness... While I enjoy anarchy as much as the next gal, I'd prefer to live in a society where the that punk who mugged me on the street gets what's coming to him, Judge Judy-style. The underlying question being, of course, what is the root of this criminality? Are economics at the root of it all, as the discussion topic suggests? Or, perhaps you think all people are of the mentality that laws are made to be broken? Whatever your viewpoint, show up to the JE common room and contribute your two cents. (There was some debate over whether discussion topics should be questions or resolutions, so I decided to compromise, Canadian-style. Don't like it...? No worries, I'll have flunked out of Yale and you can let the new whipsheet writer know your feelings.)

YPU: "(Tentatively) Resolved: Globalization is good"

\*Thursday, February 26th at 7:30 (tentatively) in Street Hall 263\*

This may very well be the shortest resolution that I've seen since joining the YPU (which is fine by me...) In these few words, the YPU keynote speaker, Daniel Yergin, is covering a lot of ground - from international security to the influence of American pop culture on other countries (I swear, if I go to one more country where I'm accosted by a Britney Spears reference when I introduce myself, I may have to hurt someone...) Mr. Yergin, a former YPU member, is a Pulitzer prize winning author as well as a respected authority on energy, international politics and economics. Come one and all to hear what promises to be an interesting speech. (And if you feel like giving a speech yourself, get in touch with our friendly FLL Roger: [roger.low@yale.edu](mailto:roger.low@yale.edu))

## Miscellany:

[http://www.nationalreview.com/nr\\_comment/clyne200402170905.asp](http://www.nationalreview.com/nr_comment/clyne200402170905.asp)

Ah, sex week at Yale. Garnering national attention, as well it should.

<http://yalestation.org/dating/>

Well, yalestationdating has been up and running for a bit now, and it's the best procrastination tool I've come across in awhile. Not only can you see who you're "compatible" with, now you can do the equivalent of "the six degrees of Kevin Bacon" with yourself and other Yalies. Such enjoyment for so little effort.

### **The Lib Bitch:**

Turn off your fucking alarm clock. It's four in the afternoon.

Q: How do you get a box of useless documents no one cares about from the library?

A: Go to the library's manuscripts section, sign in, fill out one form, fill out another form, talk to the archivist, watch her run around the room looking like a chicken with her head cut off. Listen to the archivist's longwinded explanation of why you are not allowed to access the box. Start to squirm. Realize that the only reason you can't access the box is because some idiot somewhere typed in the word "restricted." Find out that the only way to access the box is to have some guy write a letter on a stationary saying that you are allowed to access the useless box. Find out that the guy does not have a stationary and does not know that the box exists. Come up with an explanation why you can override the restriction. Have your explanation rejected by one archivist. Have it accepted by a different archivist. Wait for one day to get the box. Find nothing useful.

Computers are evil. It's like Satan and Joan Rivers spawned, and the result was this virus-prone contraption which makes my life a living hell every day.

Look, CCL is not a good place for you to gather and discuss your crappy Valentine's Day hookups. If you need a sign that your life is pathetic, that's two right there.

### **The Final Thought:**

"Any man who is under 30, and is not a liberal, has not heart; and any man who is over 30, and is not a conservative, has no brains."

~Winston Churchill

# Ad Libitum

Op. 9 No. 1

March 1, 2004

## Introduction

### Why?

Good morning Libs!

Here I am, at 5 am, enjoying the company of my fellow procrastinators who are also working on the work that needs to be done for Monday classes. It's always reassuring to know that I'm not alone in this. Based on the fact that I still have a problem set to finish, I think I'll cut this short and wish you all a happy beginning to the week!

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## 1 Lib, 2 Libs, 3 Libs, Floor!

JBB Dinner

\*Monday, March 1st at 5:30 in the Silliman College Fellows Lounge\*

The Liberal Party and Jonathan Bingham Brewster Dinner Forum Proudly Present:

"Supermodel of the World: Black Queer Theory"

Keynote speaker: Professor Seth Clark Silberman

Seth Clark Silberman is the first junior faculty member of the Larry Kramer Initiative, with a courtesy appointment in African American Studies. His research interests reflect this joint affiliation. His dissertation explores the cadence of what he calls black queer vernacular, an intimate, antiphonal language expressing the nuanced dialogue about male homosexuality in and around black literature of the early-to-mid-twentieth century from Harlem's Renaissance to the Black Arts movement. Current projects continue his study of black queer vernacular in the novels of Jamaica-born Andrew Salkey, one of the three founders of London's Caribbean Artists movement in the late 1960s, as well as in the public figure and work of Michael Jackson. Professor Seth Clark Silberman was recently featured in the Wall Street Journal, MSNBC's Tonight with Deborah Norville and Court T.V. Catherine Crier Live.

His work on the crossover success of RuPaul and on black queer representation during Harlem's Renaissance has been included in Territories of desire in queer culture: Refiguring contemporary boundaries (2000), The Greatest Taboo: Homosexuality in Black Communities (2001), and Public Space, Private Lives: Race, Class, Gender, and Citizenship in New York, 1890-1929 (2003). He also co-edited Generation Q: gays, lesbians, and bisexuals born around 1969's Stonewall riots tell their stories of growing up in the age of information (1996), a Lambda Awards finalist.

He has taught at the European Humanities University in Minsk, Belarus, and at Universit't T'bingen, Germany.

YPU: "Resolved: Government should provide equal rights for same sex couples."

\*Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:30 in Street Hall 263\*

This is it folks, the Gardner White Prize Debate. This student debate is the one to speak at: 1st place wins \$100 and a lifetime membership to the YPU, 2nd place nabs a lifetime membership and 3rd place a 4 year membership.

You MUST be docketed to speak, so email Roger ([roger.low@yale.edu](mailto:roger.low@yale.edu)) to speak in the affirmative or Samantha ([Samantha.tonini@yale.edu](mailto:Samantha.tonini@yale.edu)) to speak in the negative.

Just a few random links to get you started on ideas for what to say:

<http://www.samesexmarriage.ca/>

[http://www.glaad.org/media/resource\\_kit\\_detail.php?id=3457](http://www.glaad.org/media/resource_kit_detail.php?id=3457)

<http://www.now.org/issues/lgbi/marr-rep.html>

### **Super Tuesday**

Don't get too excited all - Superman won't be making an appearance at a Master's Tea on Tuesday. Instead we have the excitement stirred up by the slew of Democratic primaries, including Connecticut's, that are happening on March 2nd. Get out and cast your vote!

New Haven Ward Co-chair races are happening too. All of you Libs who live in TD, Silliman, Swing Space, Morse and Stiles have the chance to make an impact on New Haven politics - Alyssa Rosenberg (SM '06) and her running mate Shaneane Ragin are running together in one of the few contested races in the city. Go out and make your voice heard!

### **Miscellany:**

For all of the squirrel-obsessed party members (you know who you are...) I have a squirrel-centric miscellany for this week.

<http://www.gottshall.com/squirrels/campsq.htm>

Yale is pretty squirrel-friendly - it rates 4 squirrels out of 5.

[http://web.wt.net/~psherr/squirrel\\_hazing.htm](http://web.wt.net/~psherr/squirrel_hazing.htm)

The horrifying truth comes out.

<http://www.geocities.com/SunsetStrip/Birdland/6682/>

Psycho Squirrels!

### **The Final Thought:**

"He who establishes his argument by noise and command shows that his reason is weak."

~Michel de Montaigne

# Ad Libitum

Op. 10 No. 1

March 22, 2004

## Introduction

### **Welcome Back!**

Welcome back all!

In the interest of this whipsheet being timely I'll keep things short:

I hope you all had a nice, relaxing break!

Now, get back to work!

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## **Libs, Libs! Get Your Fresh Libs!**

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, March 22 at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

C'mon down! You know you missed us!

YPU: "Can America Make the World a Safer Democracy?"

\*Thursday, March 25 from 6-7 in SSS 114\*

Firstly, notice the time and location change of YPU. Secondly, show up! There are only FOUR meetings left that you can sign in and qual for, so, if you haven't signed in yet, you should make an appearance at least three of these... Thirdly, YPU is going to be a bit different this week - Fareed Zakaria, editor of Newsweek International (and well-known columnist) will be talking to us. This meeting's a bit shorter than normal as there will be no student debate, and we don't bite, so come join us!

## Dixwell Days

\*Saturday, March 27th\*

The Liberal Party's annual alumni weekend is upon us! This is an opportunity to reminisce, relax and meet new people (and extra-cool people since the were once, or are currently Libs!). Former Chairs can exercise their right to preside over the debate (or discussion, as it was known under the glorious reign of a certain E of P), and lecture us on how things should be done. The schedule (though subject to change according to the Chair's whims) is as follows:

2pm in the JE Common Room

Debate on the Topic "Resolved: Liberalism has become conservative."

5:30pm on the New Haven Green

Dixwell Ceremony

6pm at Royal India, 140 Howe St.

Banquet

8:30pm at Mory's

Toasting Session

Afterparty

Time and place to be announced

Join us at any or all of the events! This should be a blast, so you all had better come schmooze with the Alums!

New York Trip - Women in Political Life

\*Friday, April 2\*

What do radical art activists, human rights advocates, and cultural activists have in common? You can meet them. Keep your eyes peeled for an email with all of the details about this semester's uber-awesome New York trip! (It will be making an appearance in your inbox shortly).

**The Final Thought:**

"..all who have done something other than their predecessors have merited the epithet of revolutionary; and it is they alone who are masters."

~Paul Gauguin



# Ad Libitum

Op. 11 No. 1

March 29, 2004

## Introduction

### **Spring is Here!**

To all of my Liberal Hotness,

Yes, the equinox has passed, and finally (!) we are experiencing something resembling nice weather. Though not getting to see my Hawaiian roommate behave like a 5 year-old let loose in a candy store everytime it snows will be slightly disappointing, things like sunshine and warmth will fill the void, I'm sure. So, go forth! Be merry! Show off those hot legs of yours by wearing shorts! (And if the weather reverts to its former state, feel free to continue wearing shorts and living in denial!)

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Libs Little Bit of Lib Goes a Long Way

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, March 29th at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

You know you love us, so come eat with us!

YPU - "Resolved: Extremism Hurts the Political Process"

\*Tuesday, March 30th at 7:30 in WLH 119\*

The keynote speaker this week is Fipp Avlon, a columnist for the New York Sun who served as Chief Speechwriter and Deputy Communications Director for Rudolph Giuliani, is the author of "The Independent Nation." There are only THREE meetings left to qual, so make an appearance, sign in for the Libs, and stay for an interesting speaker! If you want to speak contact Roger ([roger.low@yale.edu](mailto:roger.low@yale.edu)) or Samantha ([Samantha.tonini@yale.edu](mailto:Samantha.tonini@yale.edu))

Discussion - "Is Religion a Social Evil?"

\*Wednesday, March 31st in the Calhoun Common Room\*

I have a feeling people will have a lot to say over this one. Come join us and discuss a fascinating and relevant topic! (And look! We're spicing things up and moving to the Calhoun Common Room!)

New York Trip - Women in Political Life

\*Friday, April 2\*

What do radical art activists, human rights advocates, and cultural activists have in common? You can meet them! Contact Betsy ([elizabeth.anne.williams@yale.edu](mailto:elizabeth.anne.williams@yale.edu)) if you'd like to join us on Friday in NYC; we've still got a few spots left. You'll have fun - I promise!

## Miscellany:

The Belief-O-Matic

[http://www.beliefnet.com/story/76/story\\_7665\\_1.html](http://www.beliefnet.com/story/76/story_7665_1.html)

This site will tell you what religion (if any) you practice (or ought to be practicing). Apparently either a Unitarian Universalism, Liberal Quakers, or a Secular Humanism most closely match my faith...

<http://strindberghelium.com>

"The leaves are rotting." "Rooooooooting!" Oh, how I wish I had a Helium of my own.

<http://www.independentnation.org>

Look! Something relevant! Poke around the website a bit and come prepared to the YPU!

**The Lib Bitch:**

I hate it when people promise to send me bitches and then don't. It's so disappointing.

**The Final Thought:**

"If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is no barking dog to be tethered on a 1-foot chain."

~Theodor Wiesengrund Adorno.

# Ad Libitum

Op. 12 No. 1

April 5, 2004

## Introduction

### **Paranoia 101**

Dearest Lickable Libs,

Many things have/will come to pass...

For those of you observing Passover, I wish you a happy one!

Secondly, if you weren't fortunate enough to join the Libs on the trip to NYC, you should definitely corner those who went and demand details. So far I've heard interesting things about Diane Keaton, an umbrella, and a gay bar... Many thanks go to Betsy (for the wonderful job organizing) and to Jason (for the use of the apartment).

Lastly, for a short rambling on my life (because I know it interests you all terribly): Tonight marks the first night of Pierson Assassins. Paranoia has already begun to take a firm hold on the players, and the game has only been underway for a few hours. Friends have been pitted against friends, and some have already betrayed that trust and killed a comrade. So much for brotherly love. You know, it's no wonder people living under military regimes are so paranoid; there's nothing quite like having one of your best friends invite you over only to shoot you in the chest to make you question the motives of others. Until this game is over, I'll be the one skulking about in all black and hooded sweatshirts, jumping at every small noise. Not exactly the most relaxed way to live life, so I may need a massage and a stiff drink after this is all done.

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Libity-bobbity-boo:

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, April 5th at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

Dining hall food.... Mmmmmm, scrumptious.... All right, so come for the company, not the food!

Discussion - " 'Art for art's sake' isn't good enough."

\*Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30 in the Calhoun Common Room\*

Should art just be taken as is? Is that enough? Should there be a deeper meaning? Should it be an impetus for social change? Come share your views on this and more at this week's Lib discussion!

YPU - Party Prize Debate: "Resolved: Amnesty Is The Solution To The Immigration Problem."

\*Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30 in WLH 119\*

We need one Lib to speak in the affirmative and one to speak in the negative! Two members from each party will debate for glory and, obviously, the right to gloat over the other parties. Come lend some support to your fellow Libs and try to outwit the other parties' speakers by asking lots of thought-provoking questions. Also, there are only TWO meetings left to qual for us! (You need to sign in for THREE total to qual.) This is getting down to the wire folks, so come to the YPU this week! It should be a good one!

**Miscellany:**

Seditious Libel - <http://seditiouslibel.blogspot.com/>

Libel. Slander. Like Ann Coulter, Except not.

Primary Colors - <http://primarycolors2004.blogspot.com/>

Daisy Green's style. Henry Burton's vision. The 2004 Presidential Election.

Click Back America - <http://clickbackamerica.com/>

Come join Click Back America. Each time you participate in a campaign (sign a petition etc.), one dollar will be contributed on your behalf to the MoveOn.org Voter Fund, and the school that raises the most money gets a prize!!

Mamut - <http://www.infonegocio.com/xeron/mamut.html>

Even if you don't speak Spanish, this is one funny elephant. You'll get the idea, trust me.

Big Bunny - <http://www.big-bunny.com/>

Who doesn't love a big, carnivorous, pink bunny? Bet you can't watch just one...

**The Lib Bitch:**

Just because I bumped into you at a party, doesn't mean I give a shit.

Your ticket's not in your umbrella, dear.

It's bad enough that the buttons on my mouse stick, but now the shift key has to stick too?! WTF. You never know how much you use the left shift key until it's nonfunctional.

**The Final Thought:**

"Rather fail with honor than succeed with fraud."

~Sophocles

# Ad Libitum

Op. 13 No. 1

April 12, 2004

## Introduction

### Lucky #13

Good morning my lucky Libs!

I've now been subjecting you all to my ramblings for 13 weeks. It's amazing what they'll let you get away with once elected to office, isn't it? That, however, is a conversation for a different day. For now, we've got lots of Lib-centric events on the horizon, so take a look at what's up and coming and be sure to pencil us in. After all, you wouldn't want to miss all of the fun and excitement that erupts whenever there are a Lib or two around.

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## The Liberific Week

Lib Dinner

\*Monday, April 12th at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

Though the name may imply a musty and mildewy atmosphere, the Pit is the place to be on Monday evenings! Come grab a meal with your favorite luscious Libs!

YPU - "Resolved: Alcohol Should Be Prohibited, Especially in Schools."

\*Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30 in LC 317\*

Earl Dodge, the former Prohibition Party Presidential Candidate, is our keynote speaker for this week. I'm pretty sure you ALL have at least some semblance of an opinion on this issue, so you had better come to YPU this week! Email Roger ([roger.low@yale.edu](mailto:roger.low@yale.edu)) if you want to speak. This is also the LAST meeting to qual, so come and sign in before the ship has sailed!

Discussion - "Is the environment more important than the economy?"

\*Wednesday, April 9th at 7:30, location TBA\*

Should we sacrifice the environment for a buck? Do we really trust private companies to ensure we have places to keep nature as it should be, or is that just asking for smog and clear-cut forests? Earth day isn't too far off, so come to our discussion in a fit of naturalist excitement! (Our meeting location is in a state of limbo at the moment, so look for an update on Wednesday.)

Tie-Dye Extravaganza

\*Saturday, April 17th at 1:30 in the JE courtyard\*

This is a Lib-inspired (Sudler-funded) event! See some wearable art with a social message and tie dye your own fair-trade shirt! Or, bring something of your own to tie-dye if you prefer. Take a break from your party-filled weekend to stop by, this should be a lot of fun. (In case of rain, the extravaganza will move inside JE entryway F)

Lib Caucus

\*Saturday, April 24th\*

Just a little advanced warning for any and all of you planning on running for Lib or YPU office. If you're interested, you should talk to Alex or to the current position holder:

Chair: Alex ([alexander.lee@yale.edu](mailto:alexander.lee@yale.edu))  
Vice Chair: Betsy ([elizabeth.anne.williams@yale.edu](mailto:elizabeth.anne.williams@yale.edu))  
Chief Whip: Jose ([jose.minan@yale.edu](mailto:jose.minan@yale.edu))  
Secretary: Brittney ([brittney@yale.edu](mailto:brittney@yale.edu))  
Treasurer: Rob ([robert.millie@yale.edu](mailto:robert.millie@yale.edu))  
JBB Director: Will ([william.cornwell@yale.edu](mailto:william.cornwell@yale.edu))  
Community Secretary: Jade ([jade.lamb@yale.edu](mailto:jade.lamb@yale.edu))  
YPU VP: Yassmin ([yassmin.sadeghi@yale.edu](mailto:yassmin.sadeghi@yale.edu))

### **Miscellany:**

[www.yale.edu/FOCUS](http://www.yale.edu/FOCUS)

Freshmen: Apps for FOCUS are coming up this Friday, April 16th. Get to know New Haven and its residents through community service! Learn more about local issues and politics by talking with experts! Meet other rising sophomores interested in the city! In short, FOCUS on New Haven! August 20-26. (Apps and further information at [www.yale.edu/FOCUS](http://www.yale.edu/FOCUS))

<http://www.prohibition.org/>

Do your homework before the YPU! Browse around the Prohibition Party's website and learn some useful.

<http://www.prohibitionists.org/>

More prohibition! Hooray!

<http://revbilly.com/revsite/sloganator1/sloganator/index.html>

"We can detain you, you know."

<http://themanlyartofwenching.blogspot.com/>

If you don't like a website called "The Manly Art of Wenching," well, I just don't know how to please you then.

### **The Lib Bitch:**

There's a reason people go to libraries: to work. Not to listen to the drivel that you spew to your so-called "friends" about what you consider an interesting life. Sit down, shut up, and do some work. Maybe that way you'll get out of here with a GPA that's a higher average than the amount of hickeys to be found on your neck on any given day.

Any event that ENDS before 7 am has no place on a college campus.

Hey, guess what? I'm not interested. Stop calling me before I get a restraining order.

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### **The Final Thought:**

"The most heroic word in all languages is revolution."

~Eugene Debs



# Ad Libitum

Op. 13 No. 1

April 12, 2004

## Introduction

### **The Last Whipsheet!**

Dearest Liblets,

Holy Libtrocius Day! This is the last whipsheet that will ever be produced by my fair hands! Lib caucus is coming up this Saturday, and you all will soon be in the competent, capable hands of another fine Lib secretary. It's been an honor writing for you, but now that this is done, perhaps I'll actually start going to bed at something resembling a decent hour on Sunday nights.

Now, go forth, and enjoy your last (sunny) week of classes! (Woohoo!) Celebrate the end of the semester by coming to all of the cool Lib stuff this week. Just try not to go *too* crazy - you might scare away the hordes of prefrish.

\*\*Brittney\*\*

## Libtasterastic Events:

### Bulldog Day Bazaar

\*Monday, April 19th from 1-3 in the Lanman Center of Payne-Whitney Gym\*

If you have a spare moment or two, come on down to the Lib Table at the Bulldog Days Bazaar! We could use a spare hand or two, plus, you'll get to hang out with cool Libs! Let's sink our hooks into, er, I mean, persuade some prefrish into joining the Libs next year!

### Lib Dinner

\*Monday, April 19th at 5:30 in the Branford Pit\*

Same time, same place, same people. So much stays the same, yet it's still so exciting! Come grab some food with us, and bring your pre-frosh!

### Discussion - "Should standardized tests be abolished?"

\*Monday, April 19th at 8:15, location TBA\*

Our discussion is occurring during Bulldog Days, and the subject is rather appropriate. Remember all of those standardized tests you had to take? The SATs, SAT IIs, ACTs... Oh, the horror! Come discuss whether we should put an end to the torture!

### YPU - "Resolved: Man Ought Have Dog."

\*Wednesday, April 21st at 7:30 in SSS 114\*

Ben Stein is our keynote speaker this week. He's coming despite having a nasty case of pneumonia - that's how excited he is to be coming to the YPU! And you should be excited too! This is the last meeting of the year, so make an appearance and hang out with your fellow YPU-going Liberrific individuals. (I have no idea what the resolution means, by the way, so ask someone like Yassmin if you really want to know. But, it's Ben Stein. You should come regardless of what the resolution is.)

### Lib Caucus



\*Saturday, April 24th at 12 pm in WLH\*

Come help decide the future leadership of the party! Or, better yet, BE part of the future leadership of the party. If you're interested in running, contact one of the people below, and if you're not interested come and make sure you have a voice in who'll be on Eboard next term.

Current office-holders:

Chair: Alex ([alexander.lee@yale.edu](mailto:alexander.lee@yale.edu))

Vice Chair: Betsy ([elizabeth.anne.williams@yale.edu](mailto:elizabeth.anne.williams@yale.edu))

Chief Whip: Jose ([jose.minan@yale.edu](mailto:jose.minan@yale.edu))

Secretary: Brittney ([brittney@yale.edu](mailto:brittney@yale.edu))

Treasurer: Rob ([robert.millie@yale.edu](mailto:robert.millie@yale.edu))

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YPU VP: Yassmin ([yassmin.sadeghi@yale.edu](mailto:yassmin.sadeghi@yale.edu))

YPU Inquisition

\*Sunday, April 25th at 7:30 in the Trumbull Room (in Branford)\*

Come interrogate everyone who's in the running for YPU office! If nothing else, just come because we have the Trumbull room, which totally ROX my SOX.

YPU Beer Pong Tourney

We need two teams of two to compete. If you're interested, hit me back with an email and I'll give you all the info! You know you want a chance to outdrink the POR...

### **Miscellany:**

Ben Stein

<http://www.benstein.com/>

Ben Stein in all his glory! Learn a little about our guest before coming to YPU this week!

Support for Planned Parenthood.

[http://c.adorablebunnies.com/wrap\\_it.mpg](http://c.adorablebunnies.com/wrap_it.mpg)

Enough said (or screamed, rather....)

Strindberg and Helium

<http://www.strindbergandhelium.com/>

By popular demand, I'm including this link again. Check it out if you didn't last time! (It's worth it! I swear!)

Snood

<http://www.snood.com/>

Mmmmm.... Snood.

Teen Girl Squad

<http://www.homestarrunner.com/tqsmenu.html>

More goodness from homestarrunner.... "MSG'd! Ow! My Stomach Lining!"

### **The Final Thought:**

"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

~T. S. Eliot