

mAd LiBs

Op. 1 No. 1

September 1, 2003

Introduction

Welcome to the Liberal Party as we start a new year! This is the weekly whipsheet, which will keep you up to date with lib events and the musings of this Left Coast sophomore. The title ~mAd LiBs~ simultaneously suggests the open-ended nature of our discussions, our LIBeral outlook, and our occassional childishness. :)

Betsy Williams
JE '06

Upcoming:

Bluebooking Party tonight!
10:30, JE 735, entryway F.
Meet other libs and get the rundown on this semester's classes!

Discussion: What's wrong with pacifism?
Monday, September 8, at 7:30, Trumbull Common Room

What's up around New Haven and around the World:

<http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/Northeast/09/01/laborday.rdp.ap/index.html>

Fun & Games:

Write down the answers on another sheet of paper, then revel in the wacky "history" you've created!

1. name of person in room
2. event
3. place
4. powerful organization
5. four-digit number
6. noun
7. past tense verb
8. plural noun
9. your favorite holiday
10. adjective
11. residential college
12. noun
13. adverb
14. gerund
15. location
16. system of government
17. adjective

- 18. verb
- 19. virtue
- 20. nationality
- 21. kind of person

DON'T PEEK!

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country. All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation." --(1) (a.k.a. Samuel Gompers)

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first (2) was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in (3), in accordance with the plans of the (4). The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, (5).

The idea of a "workingmen's (6)" (7) with the growth of (8), and in 1885 (9) was celebrated in many (10) centers of (11).

The vital (12) of labor added (13) to the highest standard of (14) and the greatest production (15) has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political (16). It is (17), therefore, that the nation (18) on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, (19), freedom, and leadership — the (20) (21).

(Excerpted liberally from
<http://www.dol.gov/opa/aboutdol/laborday.htm>)

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September 7, 2003

Introduction

Happy shopping period from the Yale Liberals! As your schedule starts to take shape this semester, make time for our first discussion of the year and the first Yale Political Union meeting. Wednesday's YPU debate will be held in a struck space, but you can choose whether to attend or sign in outside in protest, as some Libs plan to do. In the future, the YPU will make all possible efforts to hold meetings in neutral places, so that everyone feels free to participate.

So, whether you've already finished your reading for the entire semester (you know who you are) or you're procrastinating like there's no tomorrow (aaah! there's a tomorrow?!), come to these events and get to know your fellow Libs!

Betsy Williams
JE '06

Upcoming:

Lib Discussion: What's wrong with pacifism?

Monday, September 8, at 7:30, Calhoun Common Room

Explore your own beliefs on this divisive issue and hear what others have to say.

YPU Debate: Resolved: "Abolish the Criminal Law" with David Friedman

Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30, LC 102

Meet the entire political spectrum of the Yale Political Union at this debate!

Fun & Games:

<http://www.self-gov.org/quiz.html>: World's Smallest Political Quiz

<http://www.pastornet.net.au/jmm/ahmr/>: The Ubiquitous Cows of Comparative Government

Further Reading:

Pacifism:

<http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/p/pacifism.htm>: Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy

http://atheism.about.com/library/FAQs/phil/blphil_eth_warpac.htm: about.com weighs in

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/pol116/justwar.htm>: Principles of the Just War (with links)

<http://www.capmag.com/article.asp?ID=41>: "Pacifism is suicide."

http://unmedia.blogspot.com/2003_01_27_unmedia_archive.html: Principled Pragmatism (gotta love anyone who references Dirk Gently)

Background on David Friedman:

Friedman, son of famous economist Milton Friedman, is an "anarcho-capitalist" and economics professor at [Santa Clara University](#) (yeah Silicon Valley!).

<http://www.daviddfriedman.com> ([home page](#))

http://www.daviddfriedman.com/laws_order/index.shtml Chapter 18: The Crime/Tort Puzzle

http://www.daviddfriedman.com/Academic/Anarchy_and_Eff_Law/Anarchy_and_Eff_Law.html Anarchy and Efficient Law

Coverage of the New Haven 2003 Primary this Tuesday:

<http://newhavenadvocate.com/gbase/News/content.html?oid=oid:31420>

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=10125740&BRD=1281&PAG=461&dept_id=7576&rfi=6

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Op. 3 No. 1

September 10, 2003

Introduction

Dear Libs,

Experience this semester's first session of the Yale Political Union tonight at the Fall Organizational Meeting!

YPU Debate: Resolved: "Abolish the Criminal Law" with David Friedman
Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30, LC 102

New to the YPU? Here's what to expect:

- * YPU attire ranges from the bowties on the right to camouflage on the Progs. Dress as you feel comfortable.
- * You can sign in with the Libs outside LC.
- * Those wishing to respect picket lines may stand outside LC with some of the Libs as the meeting opens. Futuredebates will be held in neutral buildings.
- * Party chairs will describe their parties in organizational speeches, beginning with our own Jason Farago lauding the Libs.
- * David Friedman, the guest economist and "anarcho-capitalist" from Santa Clara University, will speak, followed by questions and debate.

I hope to see you tonight!

Betsy Williams

JE '06

Fun & Games:

Ideal for shopping period, these links celebrate the joy of shopping, yet bore you enough that you would rather iron out your schedule than visit them twice.

<http://www.drc-gb.org/newsroom/standardflash.asp> : a game about handicapped-accessible British toy stores

<http://www.ican.com/news/fullpage.cfm/articleid/089368B5-1A3B-4B98-80A7C3DC787E6E5E/cx/sports.shopping/article.cfm>: "Shopping fun facts"

<http://www.neopets.com>: turning kids into mindless consumers by means of cute cartoon characters and corporate tie-ins

Background on David Friedman:

<http://www.daviddfriedman.com>

http://www.daviddfriedman.com/laws_order/index.shtml Chapter 18: The Crime/Tort Puzzle

http://www.daviddfriedman.com/Academic/Anarchy_and_Eff_Law/Anarchy_and_Eff_Law.html Anarchy and Efficient Law

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Op. 4 No. 1

September 15, 2003

Introduction

Dear Libs,

As we submit our class schedules this week, our minds turn to the idea of free will. Is it an illusion? If we really do have free will, how did we end up taking these classes? I mean, computer science, three days a week?!

As we rue the courseload we've chosen(?) this week, commiserate with other Libs at these events!

Betsy Williams
JE '06

Upcoming:

* YPU debate: "The California Recall is Undemocratic" with Ian Shapiro

Tuesday night, 7:30

A must for all Californians, anyone who has visited California, anyone who's seen a Hollywood movie, anyone who's heard of eBay... Prof. Shapiro, a theorist of democracy, will examine the legitimacy of buying petition signatures at \$1 each and the extent to which populist control is justified. Sign in and join the Libs at the front left corner of the room!

*Lib discussion: "What kind of diversity?"

Thursday night, 7:30, location TBA

This summer's Supreme Court rulings on Affirmative Action have sparked questions in our minds. How important is diversity, and how far do we go to promote it? Which kinds of diversity do we value? Add your thoughts Thursday night!

*Lib dinner: "Pepe's Pizza"

Friday, 5:30

The original brick oven pizza! But has this once revolutionary pizza become a status quo blindly accepted by class after class of Yalies?

Links:

CA recall:

http://www.ca-dem.org/no_recall.php?PHPSESSID=a5e395ffc5d1f0041610050067bad893 CA Democratic Party recall links

<http://www.cagop.org/davisdeception/index.cfm> CA GOP "Davis Deception Detector"

http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/2003_cert_list_summary.pdf Certified List of Candidates

Shapiro's democratic theory reading list:

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/search-handle-form/102-4843885-6939329> (Don't worry, you won't have to buy all these until you take his class)

Diversity:

<http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/1405> "Female Leaders Hail Affirmative Action Ruling"

<http://www.diversityinc.com/public/main.cfm> a diversity-themed magazine

Fun and Games:

<http://www.gsn.com/governor/> Who Wants to Be Governor of California?

http://www.nbc.com/nbc/The_Tonight_Show_with_Jay_Leno/guests/

Jay Leno was going to have a show devoted to the recall candidates, but the closest thing I could find on his schedule was "Hollywood's most talented dogs" on Sept. 25. Coincidence? I think not!

"The revolution will not be televised." --Gil Scott-Heron

<http://launch.yahoo.com/song/default.asp?songID=1419358> Dream of Californication...

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Op. 5 No. 1

September 23, 2003

Introduction

Hello Libs!

A day of walking through New Haven has inspired me to ramble a bit tonight. In the redeveloped Ninth Square neighborhood, near apartments and Art Space and fancy lounges, there are stars in the sidewalk, each one profiling a local entrepreneur. Almost none of their businesses still exist. What kind of success does this predict for the new developments? After studying a map today, I realized that what I'd always thought was the Coliseum, a large, drab crumbling building the city sank a lot of money into before it closed, was actually Macy's, attached to the Chapel Square Mall, both large, drab crumbling buildings the city had staked a lot on.

I forget where I was going with that gloomy train of thought, but explore New Haven when you get a chance!

Betsy Williams
JE '06

Upcoming:

Lib Discussion: "What can be done with the press?"

Wednesday at 7:30, Branford Common Room

Does the fourth estate deserve the First Amendment? How accurately do our newspapers cover events, and what obligation do they have to covering news that won't sell? Does anyone read the YDN? How much of one radio or TV market should a company be allowed to own? Does the increasing integration of the Internet into our lives solve or exacerbate the problems we see in traditional media? Is it ever right to circulate propaganda (besides whip sheets, of course)? Why did this take the form of a Shelly Kagan course description?

YPU Debate: Resolved: "Tax cuts are the best way to stimulate the economy." with Stephen Moore

Thursday at 7:30, location TBA

At the end of each YPU meeting (should you stay so long) there's a vote on the resolution. Don't let this unqualified support for tax cuts pass. Please.

Lib Dinner

Monday, Sept. 29, at 5:30, in Commons under the watchful eye of Bush #41.

Join us back in Commons (yay! we have dining halls again!) for our first on-campus dinner of the semester, and socialize with fellow Libs!

Links:

<http://www.peak.sfu.ca/the-peak/96-3/issue2/conrad.html> Canadians have long suspected a vast right-wing media conspiracy...

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/politics/politics-politics-columnist.html> Paid to predict gloom...

<http://www.clubforgrowth.org/bios/moore.html> Stephen Moore biography
<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/09/17/opinion/17WED1.html> "A Tax-Cut Victim"
<http://www.pbs.org/thinktank/transcript1118.html> Think Tank, uh, transcript
<http://www.ctj.org/html/ocdntax.htm> Citizens for Tax Justice international tax comparisons

Quotations:

"I don't want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub."

--Grover Norquist, advocate of "starving the beast," on National Public Radio, May 25, 2001, quoted from http://www.dissidentvoice.org/Articles2/Hartmann_HealthCare.htm

"... the rich would be far better able to protect themselves, in the absence of law or government, than the poor, and indeed would probably be successful in converting the poor into their slaves."

--John Stuart Mill, Utilitarianism

Fun and Games with Sheep:

From a Finnish page of economist jokes (<http://netec.wustl.edu/JokEc.html>):

Man walking along a road in the countryside comes across a shepherd and a huge flock of sheep. Tells the shepherd, "I will bet you \$100 against one of your sheep that I can tell you the exact number in this flock." The shepherd thinks it over; it's a big flock so he takes the bet. "973," says the man. The shepherd is astonished, because that is exactly right. Says "OK, I'm a man of my word, take an animal." Man picks one up and begins to walk away.

"Wait," cries the shepherd, "Let me have a chance to get even. Double or nothing that I can guess your exact occupation." Man says sure. "You are an economist for a government think tank," says the shepherd. "Amazing!" responds the man, "You are exactly right! But tell me, how did you deduce that?"

"Well," says the shepherd, "put down my dog and I will tell you."

<http://www.real.com/freeplayer/?rppr=rnwk> Annabelle the Sheep: most addictive RealPlayer visualization EVER.

<http://electricsheep.org/> Worldwide collaborative screensaver.

<http://www.sheep.ch/adv/html/Welcome.html> Android-Invasion (I don't actually get this game...)

And somewhere online, there's the SNL "Celebrity Jeopardy" bit with Sean Connery mentioning sheep. That would have been the unifying theme of this whipsheet, since "Jeopardy" is coming to campus and I like sheep. (Of course it connects to taxes and New Haven and the press!)

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Op. 6 No. 1

September 30, 2003

Introduction

Greetings Libs,

I'm squeezing this message in between celebrity madness. Darrell Hammond AND Alex Trebeck visiting in one week? (Plus Steven Pinker, Ernesto Zedillo, and a host of other notables.) Well, this IS Yale, my good man! To add further to the list of exciting people to hear, Tuesday night (tonight) is the Freshman Prize Debate of the YPU!

This morning, while zoning out a bit during my classes, I contemplated the saturation point of listening. How long can any single-speaker lecture, sermon, reading, diatribe, newscast, performance, presentation, or whipsheet be before the audience loses interest? Jonathan Edwards could keep a congregation rapt for hours, but he had the threat of eternal damnation to back him up. (I guess the threat of a "gentle-person's A minus" doesn't keep students on the edge of their seats in intro lectures in quite the same way.) Even Darrell Hammond performed for only a little over an hour, and he had frequent audience feedback

How did the average American reach this sorry, inattentive state in which he only chooses to listen to "sound bites" and "clips" and monosyllabic grunts? The evil influences of video games, Sesame Street, MTV, quarrelsome news commentators, and dating shows with constant onscreen popups have converged to make us more distractible. Not to mention the Internet! What kind of rant can go on without mentioning that modern snare, the World Wide Web?

The solution to the boredom caused by one voice pontificating is not a flashier presentation (take that, dating show popups!) or adding inane banter (take that, Kelly Ripa!); rather, it is increasing involvement in the discussion by a diverse group of people. With that in mind, I encourage you to come to Tuesday night's YPU Freshman Prize Debate and Wednesday's Lib Discussion! (Details, links, and announcements below!)

Good night, sleep tight!

Betsy Williams

JE '06

Upcoming!

Freshman Prize Debate: Resolved: "The two party system prevents effective government."

Tuesday at 7:30 pm, LC 102

Present perhaps a 4 or 5 minute speech, aff or neg, notes or no notes, hell or high water! If you'd like to speak on this topic (which could go so many ways: Nader as a spoiler, democracy as an illusion, Democrats and Republicans as embodying the classic struggle between good and evil (respectively)) and you're of the freshman persuasion, please let Sean.Campion@yale.edu know, as well as Lindsay.Bliss@yale.edu if you're speaking in the affirmative, or Aaron.Margolis@yale.edu if you're defending our bipartisan establishment.

Where does this "prize" come in, you ask? First prize is \$100 and a lifetime membership to the YPU. Second prize is a lifetime membership, and third is a four year membership.

Lib Discussion: "How do grad students work at Yale?"

Wednesday at 7:30, Berkeley Common Room

In a multiple entendre, this week's question can be read as a call to rate the effectiveness of the current employment ladder and teaching quality in the ivory tower or to reflect on the status of graduate students as para-employees in a positive or negative light. (Ask Jason to read it with all the inflections for you.) We will cover all this and more in a genuine, bonafide, electrified Lib party discussion!

Lib Dinner

Next Monday at 5:30, in Commons, under the picture of that President whose lips we read over a decade ago

Get to know other Libs in a less formal setting!

~links~ (Sorry to distract you!)

<http://www.yaleunions.org/geso/history/chronology.htm> Graduate Employees and Students Organization

<http://www.literature.org/authors/bronte-emily/wuthering-heights/chapter-03.html> Wuthering Heights: the danger of falling asleep during a sermon

http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/2.06/interrupt-driven_pr.html Wired article on ADD & ADHD

<http://www.classicgaming.com/mailbag/mail178/> (most of the way down the page) Attention spans and "gaming"

<http://www.ctw.org/sesamestreet/elmosworld/games.php?contentId=4095465> Clouds, brought to you by the letter E

*Bart: *Damn TV, you've ruined my imagination, just like you've ruined my ability to -- to, um...uh...oh well.

[/Turns on Itchy & Scratchy on a portable TV/]

from <http://www.snpp.com/episodes/1F11.html>

Announcement:

The Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride (www.iwfr.org)

Building on the historic struggles for justice of the Freedom Rides of the 1960's, the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride has four points of unity:

- a road map to citizenship for immigrants; and
- family reunification; and
- the right to organize; and
- civil rights for all!

On SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th, hundreds of thousands of people will gather in Flushing Meadows Park in Queens, NY to rally for immigrants' rights, workers' rights, and civil rights for all. In the face of the policies of the Bush Administration and the political climate in post-9/11 America, now is the moment for this movement for dignity and justice, and this is our opportunity to help push it forward. Thousands of people are taking buses from the New Haven region to attend the rally, and we can join them.

Here are the details:

When - Saturday, October 4th at 7:30 a.m. (until the late afternoon)

Where - High Street Gate on Old Campus (to walk to the buses)

It costs \$10 for a ticket on one of the buses, but the organizers will waive the price if anyone is unable to pay. To purchase a ticket or to let an organizer know you plan on attending the rally, contact:

Saqib at saqib@yale.edu (773-988-3870), or

Julie at julia.gonzales@yale.edu (203-500-3206).

To learn more about the Freedom Ride movement, check out www.iwfr.org! It's time to GET ON THE BUS!

News from the Times on the Freedom

Ride: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/09/28/national/28LABO.html?ex=1065326400&en=eb7d6ca6105eed25&ei=5062&partner=GOOGLE>

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Op. 7 No. 1

October 6, 2003

Introduction

Hello Libs,

Congratulations to Kirstin Dunham, runner up in the freshman prize debate! Kirstin, Jared Malsin, Whitney Haring-Smith, Jade Lamb, and Zoe Muzenda all gave great speeches on the floor of the YPU this last week! (How could any of them be happy with a mere two party system while the YPU, with its 6 parties, is clearly the wave of the future?)

Betsy Williams, incredulous
JE '06

Upcoming Lib Events:

Lib Dinner

Monday, 5:30 pm, Commons, under Bush (because he has the biggest portrait)

Join us for dinner as we plan our vast left-wing conspiracy!

Lib Discussion: "What happened to the global village?"

Tuesday, 7:30 pm, JE Common Room (on the way to the dining hall)

Explore the local, national, and international aspects of the road not taken. Are Americans more tolerant of differences, or are communities just becoming more homogeneous? Did globalism end on Sept. 11? Should we export American culture (democracy? civic virtue? McDonalds?)? Does America deserve its propaganda? Will we ever pay attention to other countries we don't have a large economic or military stake in?

YPU debate: postponed. This week's debate on gay marriage, with guest Evan Wolfson, will be rescheduled. Our first liberal guest of the year is postponed! Was it for nothing that we've heard the Cons hiss at "the poor"? Was it for nothing that we've contemplated replacing justice with capitalism? Was it for nothing that we've paid attention to people wearing bow ties who do NOT work for Chippendales? No, because our day will come. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but someday (i.e. whenever Evan Wolfson is rescheduled). And we will rejoice.

Announcements:

This Monday is the first day of Coming Out Week at Yale, and the Co-Op will be hosting a discussion on the mechanics and repercussions of coming out. Far from a simple declaration, coming out is actually a complex process with significant psychological and political consequences. Members of the Yale community from across the sexual spectrum will be gathering to discuss coming out in all its forms.

After a general discussion, we will split into four smaller workshops with different themes: I'll be hosting one of them.

The Co-Op welcomes queer Yalies, straight Yalies, and anyone in between to attend. The meeting is Monday at 9:30 in the Women's

Center, next to Durfee's. Questions? E-mail me at
jason.farago@yale.edu.

~Fun and Games and Links (oh my!)~

<http://www.tenthousandvillages.org/> Fair trade crafts from Ten Thousand Villages (check them out on Chapel St., too!)

<http://www.tolerance.org/index.jsp> Tolerance.org, by the Southern Poverty Law Center

<http://www.mrdowling.com/616-homogeneity.html> Homogeneity in Japan

<http://www.villageorpillage.org/> Global Village or Global Pillage?

<http://members.aol.com/sylvanz/gvcont.htm> Esperanto: Official Language of the Global Village?

http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/holiday_themes/jewish/yom_kippur.htm Games and Songs for Yom Kippur, "I'm Sorry Day"

<http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/yomkipur/yomkplp.htm> Yom Kippur "Plopples"

<http://www.chippendales.com/Chippendales2003WebSite/html/FunStuff/funandgames.html#> "Fun and Games" at the Chippendales site, if you're not into atonement. And, for a related, has anyone else gotten that hilarious error message "This body part will be downloaded on demand"? It's right up there with "All your base are belong to us," only it sounds dirtier!

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Op. 8 No. 1

October 13, 2003

Introduction

Dearest Libs,

It saddens me to tell you that in just this last week, I have become everything pretentious that I abhor: I have dropped names of people I know and books I have not read. I have badmouthed TAs for simplifying concepts and impeding a proper appreciation of the subject. I have abstained from the loud inanity of television. I have used the word inanity. (See above.)

And, most damningly, I have begun to number the elements of this whipsheet.

The shame of such pretension is too great! I must transfer to Harvard, where I may dwell with my own kind!

Sincerest apologies,
Elizabeth Anne Williams IV

Upcoming Events:

Lib Dinner

Tonight at 5:30, Commons.

Join us under the portrait of George H.W. Bush as we decide whether he's holding an umbrella or a billy club.

YPU Debate with Jacob Sullum: "Resolved: Anti-Smoking Laws Ought to be Repealed."

Tuesday at 7:30, LC 102

So you've been racking your brains for the last few weeks, thinking, "There HAS to be a way to get lung cancer without the expense of buying cigarettes. But what IS it?" This debate is for you! (Contact lindsay.bliss@yale.edu to speak in the affirmative.) Or, perhaps you've been pondering, "How responsible are we for harm we do to society? How can the legal system hold people accountable for the externalities of their actions?" If I have just ripped your thoughts out of your brain and put them into electronic form, then email aaron.margolis@yale.edu to speak in the negative (hopefully with further development of your cogitations).

Lib Discussion: "Is the family behind the times?"

Wednesday at 7:30, location tba

"Family values." What do we want politicians to do: talk in very serious tones about morals (Lieberman), redefine the loaded term (Gore), or deny that "family values" are good in themselves and therefore refuse to respect them (Clinton???)? What kind of family is it in which parents only exist to buy us new clothes and treat us to dinner on Parents' Weekend? If Head Start has better results the more integrated it is into children's lives, then should the government take over raising children (or a particular subset of children)? Does the decline in family size decrease social capital? Are our families too geographically dispersed for us to ever raise kids who are rooted to one community? Are instincts for family only vestigial reminders of a time where strong family clans were necessary for survival? Discuss.

Bonus discussion: "Is the Family behind the Times? Mafia influence on the New York press"

Announcements:

Women's Political Forum Tea Friday at 4, Koffee Too?

In addition to planning some upcoming events and activities, we will be discussing the Democratic Presidential candidates - Whom should Democrats vote for? Who can beat Bush? Whom do Republicans want to win the primary? Should Clark be in the race? Come ready to talk! Please email tiffany.clay@yale.edu if you would like to receive all of the WPF announcements.

16th Annual Conference on Hunger & Homelessness

October 31 - November 2, 2003 at Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Through workshops, discussion groups, panels, a hunger banquet, and an opportunities and action fair, learn current facts and what you can do for

change. Visit <http://www.studentsagainsthunger.org/conference/> for more information and to register.

Links and Quotation(s):

<http://reason.com/Bio/sullum.shtml> Bio of Jacob Sullum

<http://www.reason.com/sullum/092603.shtml> "FDA regulation of tobacco could be deadly"

<http://www.heartland.org/archives/suites/tobacco/defense.htm> The Smoker's Lounge

<http://www.reason.com/sullum/051603.shtml> Secondhand smoke? Bah!

<http://georgia.forces.org/georgia/national/gored.htm> Family values and governmental enforcement

"A recent Internet porn conference in New Orleans began with a session entitled 'Vote Democratic!'"

from http://www.protectkids.com/donnaricehughes/article_onfamilyvalues.htm

<http://www.epinions.com/book-review-69A0-8BBE9CA-39DD437B-prod1> "We need some good old family values" <http://www.cnn.com/2001/SHOWBIZ/TV/08/01/tv.content/index.html> The TV "family hour"

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/> <<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/bookSearch/isbnInquiry.asp?sourceid=00001199498828075562&ISBN=0805068937&bfdate=10-13-2003+01:47:34>> Joined at the Heart by Al and Tipper Gore

"Children are shaped not by parents but by genes, culture, and chance." --Steven Pinker

Fun and Games:

http://fargo.itp.tsoa.nyu.edu/~jjl248/jj_midterm.html Surprisingly fun midterm review game, even if you don't read Taiwanese

<http://www.lunchisfun.com/cgi-bin/lunch/021021> "Lunch is FUN!"

<http://test3.thespark.com/deathtest/> Think your midterm will kill you? Find out with this death test!

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?D29952536> The Missouri Review rejects Bush!

At Lib dinner on Monday, some of us were discussing Nobel Prizes in Literature and Peace. Perhaps our President, despairing his hopes of ever getting a Peace Prize, has turned his hand to poetry...

<http://www.polishnews.com/polonica/diduknow17.shtml> Mundane Polish Trivia

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Op. 9 No. 1

October 20, 2003

Introduction

Greetings, Libs!

Have you ever looked at the clock when it says 1:30, then felt like it should be a sunny afternoon outside? I experienced that a little while ago. I heard from someone who passed out in the parking lot of a sushi restaurant on Saturday night, and I feel a little like that, except without the alcohol, asphalt, or sushi.

So, while I don't promise to be a stellar conversationalist at our events this week, I encourage you to come and experience the magic that is the Liberal Party. Be sure to come to the YPU meeting Tuesday to hear about the issues facing you as part of the New Haven community, and <begin unpaid advertisement> support Ben Healey, our incumbent alderman, sometime-Lib, and all-around good guy <end unpaid advertisement>.

Betsy Williams, somewhere between the sacred silence and sleep
JE '06

Upcoming Events!

Lib dinner: Monday, 5:30, Commons

Join us for wine*, women**, and song*** under the portrait of "H. Dubya". (That just really doesn't have a ring to it. *shrug*)

* Not really. Commons hasn't classed up that much, even if they have put new signs on the milk dispensers, added a cream/half & half thingy, and gotten a new froyo machine. (Why are all those improvements dairy related? A Dairy Industrial Complex?)

** We do have lots of active women in our party!

*** No singing, please.

YPU / Aldermanic Debate: Tuesday, 7:30, Battell Chapel (SSS 114?)

Listen to current Ward One Alderman Ben Healey '03 and challenger Dan Kruger '03 as they discuss their visions of New Haven and respond to your questions! Most residential colleges are in Ward One, so these are most likely the candidates who will be on YOUR ballot, but each Alderman's work impacts the entire city.

As I've gotten conflicting reports of the room, I'll send you an update later, but assume that Battell Chapel is correct.

Lib discussion: Wednesday, 7:30, room TBA, "Has fucking become conservative?"

I was going to write this one "Has f*cking become conservative?", but a. you guys are mature college students, and b. then half of you would think it was a debate on censorship, instead of being the raucous discussion of sex that you've all been lusting after. Hear what Chair Jason "Tie Me to a Chair" Farago and Betsy "No Sexy Nickname (Till You Came Along)" Williams have to say on the matter. Please note that it's no longer Parents' Weekend, so you can't bring along yo momma, no matter how hard she begs.

Lib New York trip: Friday, Nov. 7 (Save the date!)

Theme: "UN Ambassadors from Non-Democratic Countries"

Visit with representatives from theocracies, monarchies, and the United States*. Find out how dictators manage to keep those 100% approval ratings!

* Just kidding! Of course we live in a nation where the people's will is the guiding force!

Links:

<http://www.healey2003.com/about.html> Ben Healey's campaign online

<http://www.danforalderman.com/> Dan Kruger's campaign online

<http://www.healey2003.com/drevil.html> Who we're REALLY voting for

I couldn't bring myself to google any variations of "sex/fuck" with "games/fun/toys". I'll leave you to your own devices in that department:

<http://www.google.com>

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Op. 10 No. 1

October 27, 2003

Introduction

Dear Libs,

As I listen to raindrops slowly erode the flagstones outside and cough occasionally (I cough, not the rain), the eerie children's chant "It's Raining, It's Pouring" washes through my mind, causing me to fear dying from going to bed with a cold in my head, since a friend recently informed me that the song euphemistically expresses a man's death, until I realize that if "the old man is" indeed "snoring," then he must be alive, and I rejoice. (As I am too busy for National Novel Writing Month (<http://nanowrimo.org/>) this year, the above entry to the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest (<http://www.bulwer-lytton.com/>) will have to satisfy my quest for literary fame.)

Bad writing aside, I exhort all of you to come to our events this week and RSVP on the New York trip. We have a great liberal speaker on Tuesday, so come hear what he has to say, and counteract the hissing! The JBB Forum should be similarly awesome, though the scheduling is tentative. Of course, the New York trip (almost) speaks for itself (but it deserved a blub below anyway)

Candy corn and lollipops,
Betsy Williams
JE '06

Upcoming Events!

Lib dinner: Monday at 5:30 in Commons

Meet with us below the portrait of the former President Bush, who's not looking so bad anymore when compared to the current President Bush, and enjoy the vivacious Liberal party.

YPU debate with Evan Wolfson: "The exclusion of same sex couples from marriage should end."
Tuesday, 7:30 in LC 102

Cheer on the head of Freedom to Marry. (Find out more in the links below.) Join us in the front left corner of the room!

Jonathan Brewster Bingham Forum: David Graeber, anarchist/anthropology professor.

Wednesday, 6:00 in the TD South Common Room (subject to change)

Professor Graeber will speak to us over dinner, drawing on his anthropology expertise and and liberal/anarchist views.

New York trip: Fri, Nov. 7

As a paranoid former Soviet state, Kazakhstan needs the names of everyone who's coming, quite soon, so please email Alexander.Lee@yale.edu if you're interested. We'll visit diplomats from non-democratic governments and enjoy a day in the Big Apple. ("I want to be a part of B.A., Buenos Aires, Big Apple!")

Links apropos of the debate, JBB Forum, and the New York trip

http://www.freedomtomarry.org/ftm_bio.htm Evan Wolfson bio

<http://www.freedomtomarry.org/> Evan Wolfson's organization
<http://www.villagevoice.com/issues/0330/levine.php> "Stop the Wedding!"
<http://www.villagevoice.com/issues/0336/goldstein.php> "The Radical Case for Gay Marriage"
<http://www.samesexmarriage.ca/> "I moved here from Canada, and they think I'm slow, eh?"
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A14193-2003Oct24.html> GOP <3 marriage amendment
<http://www.nogaymarriage.com/information.asp> lots of links from nogaymarriage.com
<http://24.104.35.12/Content/Public/Articles/000/000/002/938xpsxy.asp> The slippery slope: from gays to Mormons to sheep!
<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/10/25/opinion/25KRIS.html> Don't blink!

<http://www.yale.edu/anthropology/people/faculty/dgraeber.html> Biography of David Graeber
<http://www.insurgentdesire.org.uk/anthroplogy.htm> anarchy and anthropology

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ag.html> People's Democratic Republic of Algeria!
("election results: Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA elected president; percent of vote - Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA over 70%; note - his six opposing candidates withdrew on the eve of the election citing electoral fraud")

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/jo.html> Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan!

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/kz.html> Republic of Kazakhstan!
("note: President NAZARBAYEV expanded his presidential powers by decree: only he can initiate constitutional amendments, appoint and dismiss the government, dissolve Parliament, call referenda at his discretion, and appoint administrative heads of regions and cities")

Fun and Games

<http://www.philosophersmag.com/games/taboo.htm> As promised so tantalizingly at the last discussion: Taboo!
<http://www.care2.com/ecards/build/1/4638> The Ramadan Game!

"Hello? Is this... [*reads his paper*] GBM? Uh, yeah. I read in the personals that you were seeking a soulmate. Well, I also like rainy days and movies. Uh-huh... [*apprehensively*] Uh, no, I don't like that... Or that... No, it's not that I'm afraid. [*very quickly*] I'm going to hang up now, bye-bye."
-- Homer, unfamiliar with personals, in "El Viaje Misterioso de Nuestro Homer"
(<http://www.snpp.com/episodes/3F24.html>)

"We were good as married in my mind / but married in my mind is no good."
--"Pink Triangle" by Weezer, slightly out of context
http://ourlyrics.host.sk/lyrics/weezer/1-weezer-pink_triangle.php (ironically, the site has an ad for Russian brides at the top...)

mAd LiBs

Op. 11 No. 1

November 3, 2003

Introduction

Hello Libs,

I'm writing this only with the aid of my suitemate's Chinese miracle tea, so if you don't like something in here, blame the Banlangenchongji.

For the second week in a row, we're not having a discussion, due to the otherwise jam-packed and fun-filled nature of the week. The New York trip will be great, and Lib dinner will feature sparkling conversation, as always.

The YPU on Wednesday is almost certainly the third-to-last YPU meeting of the semester. Since membership in the Political Union (including voting privileges) is open only to those who sign in at three YPU debates in a semester, this is your last opportunity to qualify for the Libs! If you want to see progressive speakers and challenging topics on the floor of the YPU, then qualify at these meetings and you'll get to vote on YPU leadership.

I hope to see you this week!

Betsy Williams

JE '06

Upcoming Events

Lib Dinner: Monday (today) @ 5:30 in Commons

We shall dine under the portrait of Bush the elder at 5:30 post meridiem in the Lords and Commons Dining Hall, as is traditional.

YPU pre-party: "Pizza and shots": Wednesday @ 7 in RH 201

(Rosenfeld Hall, Corner of Temple and Grove beside TD and across from CLS and Silliman).

Homer: "I've got to go do some serious thinking."

Bart: "I think he meant drinking."

Lisa: "That's what I assumed."

The Libs haven't held a party in a while, so join us in Will's room for pizza and refreshments, then amble over to Davies Hall to hear Gary Hart!

YPU event with Gary Hart: "Security in the 21st Century": Wednesday @ 7:30 in Davies Auditorium (in Becton Center)

On Friday, many of us heard Bill Clinton talk about globalization, but he didn't address the issue of security at length. For part two in the series of Democratic elder statesmen, come see Gary Hart, former Colorado Senator and almost 1988 Democratic Presidential nominee. This will be a presentation event rather than a typical YPU debate.

This is the first closed YPU meeting of the year: to get in, you must pay for a YPU membership. Failing that, you must pay two American dollars.

New York Trip: "Non-democratic governments": Friday in New York, leaving @ 8:15 am from Phelps Gate

Join us in talking to ambassadors from Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Jordan in New York City

The deadline to sign up is Tuesday at noon, so email alexander.lee@yale.edu for more info or to attend.

Announcements

Rally with Mayor DeStefano and Ben Healey: Monday (today) @ 12:20 on the steps of Dwight Hall
Mayor John DeStefano Jr. and student leaders will speak on the steps of Dwight Hall at an endorsement rally. With one day before the city elections, Mayor DeStefano will speak about his work with Ben for progressive change in New Haven, specifically on the issues of domestic partnerships, clean elections, and environmental justice.

Upcoming JBB dinner with David Graeber: next week, TD South Common Room
Yale Sociocultural Anthropology Assistant Professor David Graeber, heralded as the "World's Foremost Anarchist", will debut a study he will present at John Hopkins entitled "Direct Action: The Twilight of Vanguardism".

Links

http://www.garyhartnews.com/hart/about/official_bio.php Gary Hart's bio (from his blog)

<http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,58469,00.html> Why Gary Hart's bloggin

<http://www.talkleft.com/archives/002025.html> TalkLeft: Gary Hart on National Security, Terrorism, and War

<http://www.nssg.gov/PhaseIIIFR.pdf> Feb. 2001: Gary Hart calls for a National Homeland Security Agency

<http://www.kingabdullah.jo/homepage.php> The King of Jordan

<http://www.president.kz/main/mainframe.asp?lng=en> The President of Kazakhstan (Totally Hilarious)

<http://www.el-mouradia.dz/> The Algerian President (In French)

General Reference :

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook>

<http://www.progress.org/archive/global01.htm>: What Real Globalization Should Mean, by David Graeber

<http://www.yale.edu/anthro/people/faculty/dgraeber.html>: Anthro Bio

Fun and Games

If you're reading this, you must not be in Suite 13.

<http://www.globalarcade.org/home.html> "Global Arcade is the family fun center where you can play arcade games and learn about globalization and what is happening to people around the world."

mAd LiBs

Op. 12 No. 1

November 10, 2003

Introduction

Greetings, Libs!

qual /kwä/ [abbr. of "qualify"]

intransitive verb

1: to meet the required standard (as for an office)

2: to sign in three times in the Liberal Party book at YPU, making you eligible for membership and voting

The next two meetings of the YPU are essential for you to sign in at. We understand if you can't stay for the whole debate, but stop by and sign in for us and hear what you can. Your help gives us more sway in the union, allowing us to get intriguing and controversial speakers and make sure liberal ideology is well-articulated at Yale. If you want to buy a membership at the meeting, bring \$15 with you.

Have a great week!

Betsy Williams

JE '06

Upcoming Events!

*JBB dinner with David Graeber: "Direct Action: The Twilight of Vanguardism" *

Monday at 6 pm in the Branford "Pit"

In lieu of Lib dinner, we're having dinner with Yale Sociocultural Anthropology Assistant Professor David Graeber. Why would we give up the delicious Commons food for a week? So that we can talk with the "World's Foremost Anarchist" as he debuts the study he will present at John Hopkins entitled "Direct Action: The Twilight of Vanguardism".

Logistically: Come to the Branford dining hall a few minutes before 6. Even though we may run on Liberal time, meal restrictions don't, and those outside of Branford may be denied access after 6pm. (They think they're Berkeley.) "The pit" is in the far right corner of the dining hall, down a few steps.

We'll have a field trip to LC 211 directly following, so that you may contrast direct action with a YPU debate.

YPU Debate: "Resolved: Non-citizens should have no rights."

Monday at 7:30 pm in LC 211

Again, qual by coming to this debate and signing in with us! This is a student debate, so the level of discourse is up to you, and this would be a great chance for you to give a maiden speech on the floor of the YPU! (There's an arcane dress code: male speakers must wear a coat and tie. This can be suspended with a motion.) Email aaron.margolis@yale.edu to speak.

Lib Discussion: "Are some laws made to be broken?"

Wednesday at 7:30 pm, location TBA

Is it civil disobedience to break an inconvenient or pointless law? Should legislatures ever pass unenforceable laws? How will the new partial birth abortion ban work in practice? Must we follow arbitrary laws purely as a matter of duty? Is it really so criminal to illegally download Britney Spears? (Answer: Yes.)

Announcement

Yale Coalition for Peace Teach-in: "Occupation in Crisis" Thursday at 8 pm in the Dwight Hall Chapel

Hear Professors Michael Denning, Ala Alryyes, Vilashini Cooppan, and Dmitri Gutas articulate their original thoughts on the shortcomings of American foreign policy.

Links

<http://www.progress.org/archive/global01.htm>: What Real Globalization Should Mean, by David Graeber

<http://www.yale.edu/anthro/people/faculty/dgraeber.html>: Prof. Graeber's Bio

<http://www.cornelldailysun.com/articles/4363/> Pointless Laws

Fun and Games

<http://www.globalarcade.org/sv/index.html> For those who loved the Mario Brothers Battle Mode, help the Maria Sisters fight for workplace standards in my beloved Silicon Valley!

<http://www.globalarcade.org/games/index.html> Other cool direct action-related games!

<http://www.unicef.org/puppets/> "Puppets with a Purpose: Using Puppetry for Social Change"

<http://www.videoactivism.org/otherlinks.html> Other direct action links

Final Thought

Three words which must never be used:

1. "luv": My airline is not allowed to send me anything that ends:

Luv,

Your friends at Rapid Rewards

2. "tragic": As everyone on the New York trip would agree, Rob et al. must find a new favorite word.

3. "democracy": One ambassador explained to us that "democracy" is the term used for years by regimes such as Saddam Hussein's, and that the term is no longer able to express the concept of rule truly by the people, so "democracy" should be avoided. Perhaps the term "benevolent dictatorship" would be doubleplusgood?

mAd LiBs

Op. 13 No. 1

November 17, 2003

Introduction

Betsy is taking the night off and I, Jason Farago, chair of the Libs and all-around fascinating individual (what--I am!), am filling in. This whipsheet isn't going to be nearly as interesting as the ones you've received this semester, but surely you'll cope.

Why the relative sobriety? We're preparing for Harvard-Yale. --j.s.f.

Events

1. Lib Dinner, Monday

Eat, or try to, in Commons at 5:30 under the portrait of G.H.W. Bush.

2. YPU Meeting, Wednesday

At 7:30 in LC 102, come debate the resolution "Judges should not be judged on their politics." If you're interested in speaking on the topic, you should get in touch with aaron.margolis@yale.edu. This is the second-to-last meeting of the semester.

Notice

"My personal experience is that practically all of the 'radical' academics silently count on the long-term stability of the American capitalist model, with the secure tenured position as their ultimate professional goal (a surprising number of them even play on the stock market). If there is a thing they are genuinely horrified of, it is a radical shattering of the (relatively) safe life environment of the "symbolic classes" in the developed Western societies. Their excessive Politically Correct zeal when dealing with sexism, racism, Third World sweatshops, etc., is thus ultimately a defense against their own innermost identification, a kind of compulsive ritual whose hidden logic is: 'Let's talk as much as possible about the necessity of a radical change to make it sure that nothing will really change!'"

--Slavoj Zizek, "Repeating Lenin"

mAd LiBs

Op. 14 No. 1

December 1, 2003

Introduction

Dear Libs,

Since this is the last week of classes, this is also my last big whipsheet. I've really enjoyed being secretary/treasurer this semester, inflicting my ramblings upon hundreds of my closest friends (i.e. you), and hopefully distracting you from your work occasionally with links and games and (God forbid!) political thought. (My responsibilities as treasurer were a bit less exciting, especially having to figure out the bill at restaurants.) The best part of the semester has been getting to know many of you: over pizza, through articulate discussion, while exchanging postcards of Kazakhstan. (Those three generally didn't happen all at once; I was trying to trail off through asyndeton.)

After this week's activities, I'm looking forward to next semester. Part of what makes Libs unique is our willingness to learn from each other and develop ideas in a community, so we welcome you to everything we do! If you would like to make a bigger commitment, run for one of the e-board offices. (More explanation below.) Thank you to everyone on e-board for making this a great semester!

I wish I had something more profound to say to close the last big ~mAd LiBs~, but so long, and thanks for all the fish!

Betsy Williams
JE '06

Upcoming events!

Lib dinner: Monday, 5:30, Commons

Join us under the portrait of the former head of the CIA George Bush, who, like the sneaky guy he is, had the pseudonym "Judge Law Learned" affixed below his picture. A merry time will be had by all!

Lib discussion: "Does the city need a center?" Tuesday, 7:30, BK common room

This is our last discussion of the semester, and the last one Jason will lead as chair, so come by and share your thoughts on city planning and the ideal society. Is L.A. effective as a city, or is it merely an amalgamation of suburbs? Would New Haven recover if its Nine Squares were better developed? What social and economic effects result from a centralization? If vital, mixed-use downtowns are really so great, then why do people overwhelmingly choose to live in suburbs?

YPU debate with Ted Rall: Wednesday, 7:30, SSS 114

"The National Security Interests of the United States Would Be Best Served by an Immediate Withdrawal from Iraq."

Liberal cartoonist and columnist Ted Rall will join us, so come enjoy who should be one of the best speakers of the semester. Email aaron.margolis@yale.edu to speak; Rall will probably take the tack that UN forces should replace US forces in Iraq.

<http://www.ucomics.com/rallcom/2003/11/27/>

<http://www.rall.com/rants.html> Rall's blog

http://www.uexpress.com/tedrall/?uc_full_date=20031111 A column on Iraqi guerrilla fighters

Lib caucus: Saturday, 2pm, WLH ? (look for signs)

At the end of each semester, the party caucuses to select leaders for the coming term. Have a say in the Libs' future, and consider running for e-board.

Inquisition: Sunday, 11pmish?, location TBA *evil laugh*

We also interview candidates for YPU-wide offices to see if they're up to snuff. Join us if you dare!

Run for Liberal Party Executive Board: The secrets of e-board revealed!

Interested in helping run the Liberal Party, hanging out with interesting people, and shaping the discussion of politics at Yale? These are the positions you can run for this Saturday: (Please forgive the gender-specific pronouns!)

Chair:

The chair takes ultimate responsibility for the planning and execution of all the semester's activities. She runs debates, organizes e-board meetings, and serves as the representative of the party in the Yale Political Union.

Vice-chair:

The vice-chair assumes any responsibilities for running the party that the chair is unable to complete alone. Traditionally, she is responsible for reserving rooms for debates and organizing the semesterly trip to New York.

President of the JBB Forum:

The president of the Jonathan Brewster Bingham Forum, also referred to by the questionably cute title Minister of Dinner Conviviality, finds dinner guests for the Libs. She supervises all arrangements for JBB dinners, including the hosting of them.

Community secretary:

The community secretary serves as a liaison between the Liberal Party and other groups on campus and in New Haven. She is responsible for organizing joint debates, community service activities, and the semesterly New Haven Forum.

Chief Whip:

The chief whip keeps an accurate list of active party members and arranges introductory meetings between long-standing Libs and new participants. She is responsible for keeping party members informed about events in the party and in the Yale Political Union.

Secretary and treasurer:

The secretary/treasurer advertises Lib events, writes the whip sheet (with a title involving "Lib"), and maintains the website. In addition, she keeps track of money owed to members for expenses and is responsible for applications to the UOFC for funding.

If you're interested in any of these positions, I encourage you to get in touch with Jason Farago or anyone who has held the office in the past! Here's a quick list of people on campus this semester who have held some of these positions:

Chair: Jason Farago, Jonathan Khoury
Vice Chair: Alex Lee, Bill Strom, Jonathan Khoury, Clayton Critcher
JBB: Will Cornwell, Jason Farago, Raina Lipsitz
Chief Whip: José Miñan, Alex Lee, Clayton Critcher
Community Secretary: José Miñan, Cathy de la Aguilera
Secretary/Treasurer: Will Cornwell, Bill Strom, Jason Farago, yours truly

(YPU positions: talk to a member of the e-board if you're interested in running this semester)
Floor Leader of the Left: Sean Campion, Mike Seibel
Vice President: Sean Campion

Fun & Games!

<http://rumandmonkey.com/widgets/tests/lunatics/> Which historical lunatic are you? (Get it? MAD libs?)
http://www.rall.com/longarticle_002.htm Tom Rall's article: "Fatal Defenestration"
<http://www.house.gov/frank/joyofsax2003.html> Same-sax unions?
<http://coe.west.asu.edu/students/shorgheshimer/WebPage/revolutionwebquest.html> "You Say You Want a Revolution?"
http://www.blackadderhall.com/specials/cavalier_years.shtml Blackadder transcripts about beheading Charles I!

and, a little too late for Thanksgiving (thankfully!): <http://www.thematrix.com/>

"The Meatrix: Join Leo as he awakens from his dreamworld of a family farm to discover the terrible realities of modern industrial agriculture."

"The actions taken by the New Hampshire Episcopalians are an affront to Christians everywhere. I am just thankful that the church's founder, Henry VIII, and his wife Catherine of Aragon, his wife Anne Boleyn, his wife Jane Seymour, his wife Anne of Cleves, his wife Katherine Howard, and his wife Catherine Parr are no longer here to suffer through this assault on our traditional Christian marriage." -source unknown

P.S. I've been informed that certain punctuation marks are under-represented in my whipsheets, while I overuse certain other marks (especially exclamation points and parentheses!). Thus, I would like to acknowledge the pound sign, the caret, the dollar sign, the percentage sign, brackets (pointy, curly, and straight), slashes, plus, the underscore, the equal sign, the ampersand, and the vertical line thingy (you know who you are!). Also, a shout out to all those foreign symbols and special characters!

P.P.S. Have a great day!