

All The Liblong Day

Op. 1 No. 1

September 2, 2002

Introduction

Welcome to this autumn's edition of the Liberal Party's whipsheet. Many of you (e.g.: friends, enemies, freshmen, liberal party stalwarts) are probably already sick of hearing from me. The good news is, I probably won't be coming back to stalk you--er, rather, knock on your door at 11 PM any time soon (though I make no promises). The bad news is, now you get to put up with my random ramblings and musings in your inbox on a weekly basis. The contents of this sheet will also encompass all goings-on in the Liberal Party each week, so tune in to the fun.

So long as we're on the topic of stalking freshmen--and honestly, who hasn't been at some point in the last five days?--I'd just like to take a brief moment to give props to the "Cake Party" Boris and I visited this evening in the Bingham tower. Truly an all-inclusive and fun social activity, regardless of what the folks sitting on the benches outside may have thought of the concept. Bingham C 41, don't believe the haters. You're fun people. You're Liberal Party people.

A quick word on my very punny, very unfunny whipsheet title: In the longstanding tradition of Liberal Party secretaries, I too have chosen a "lib" word for my whipsheet's title. The Oxford English Dictionary defines liblong as a now-obsolete synonym for livelong, "an emotional intensive of long, used of periods of time." Now, not only am I emotionally, intensively obsolete--oops, er, liberal--but also, this whipsheet will provide you with all the info you need about the Libs each and every liblong week.--}:-{})

Undercard

1sept02 1200-1500: Freshman Bazaar, Beineke Plaza
You came, you saw, you signed up to win the TV.

Steel Cage Match

1sept02 2200-0100: Bluebooking Party, SM 1705
Gisle's room had furniture. This was a bigger surprise for some than it was for others. We intelligently answered freshmen's questions. This was a big surprise for all.

Main Event

4sept02 1930-???: Debate, Calhoun College Common Room
We debate the resolution, "Security without liberty is pointless." We announce the winner of the TV (who must be present to win). And we use the Cyrillic alphabet to change the abbreviation of "Calhoun College Common Room" to CCCP--the Russian abbreviation for the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), Boris's home. Coincidence? We think not.

Exit Music

Everyone in your culture knows this. Man was born to turn the world into a paradise, but tragically he was born flawed. And so his paradise has always been spoiled by stupidity, greed, destructiveness, and shortsightedness.
That's right.

Having second thoughts, I gave him a long incredulous stare. Are you suggesting that this explanation is false?

Ishmael shook his head. It's pointless to argue with mythology.

from Ishmael, by Daniel Quinn

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September 9, 2002

Introduction

The pressure, as they say, is on. You found the liberal party intriguing. You found the whipsheet to be good reading, and maybe even slightly informative. You found my tone at least new, if not fresh. And now, you found another email in your inbox. You're welcome. :-)

My challenge, of course, is to make sure you like what you see here. Sadly, most of the things about which I am currently able to riff at you are mind-numbingly boring. Shopping period. TYCO packets. Obscenely priced text books. Orchestral auditions. You are all living through it, too. Which is precisely why I couldn't find anyone in their rooms when I whipped tonight. I hope many of you made it to the various Dwight Hall gatherings tonight, and will check others out tomorrow. They do great activist work. Talk to our party members about the work they do through Dwight Hall next time you come to a lib event.--}:-{})

Undercard

9sept02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

Every Monday night, we eat dinner together in Commons under the portrait of forty-first President George H. W. Bush. Oh, the irony. Fortunately, we only ask you to eat in Commons once a week, as opposed to the four nights a week you could do with other parties.

Main Event

10sept02 2130-???: Debate, Jonathan Edwards College Common Room

Tonight's resolution: The 'post-September 11 world' is a myth. No, this is not a discussion about mythology. And yes, I'm aware that this is, in fact, the world, and that it is, in fact, after September 11, and therefore the world post-September 11 is, in fact, an actuality. Semantic debaters need not apply. Tonight, we will critically examine our country's response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, in order to determine how the American experience has been fundamentally altered, if at all. Come and tell us why this resolution holds no water/is a bucket.

Steel Cage Match

12sept02 1930-???: Meeting of the Yale Political Union

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This week, in their first meeting of the 2002-2003 academic year, the YPU welcomes Dr. Manouchehr Ganji, the founder and secretary-general of the Flag of Freedom Organization of Iran. For more information about Dr. Ganji, please see the link listed above. For information about the location of the YPU meeting, harass--er, email william.rogel@yale.edu

Exit Music

"Warren Anderson, former Union Carbide CEO at the time of the world's worst industrial disaster, has been found living a life of luxury in New York State. He is wanted in India to face charges of culpable homicide over the deaths of 20,000 people since the disaster.

Anderson has been hiding in the U.S. since the 1984 explosion at his company's plant in Bhopal, India, caused the immediate deaths of thousands of people and has resulted in life long suffering for almost 120,000 survivors."

(courtesy of www.greenpeaceusa.org/features/anderson_found.htm)

Greenpeace found him. And now the US is refusing to extradite one of India's highest-profile fugitives. No surprise from an administration that claims to want to clean up corporate wrong-doing. But here's the kicker: Anderson has been a fugitive for eleven years.

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September 16, 2002

Introduction

When one is faced with a blank whipsheet at 3:20 AM on a Monday morning, one is apt to turn to filler material in order to complete one's whipsheet. This is especially true when one has spent the vast majority of one's weekend traipsing all over the Eastern Seaboard in the name of entertainment.

True, unless, of course, one is the secretary of the Liberal Party. In this instance and this instance only one may find it within one's abilities to still report all the liblong week's upcoming events in an orderly and accurate fashion. Oh, yeah, and slam the POR, too. The Liberal Party of the YPU: We Eat In Commons Lessbut please join us Mondays!--:~{}

Undercard

16sept02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

Please understand that this week's undercard, Lib dinner, is underscored because it has been under-attended. Meet us under the portrait of 41st Underlord George H. W. Bush to find out why our party doesn't have cryptic initials that stand for "Pile On Refuse" (as one would do by eating in commons more than once a week).

Steel Cage Match

17sept02 1930-???: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 101

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This week, the YPU welcomes Omar Ali of the United Independent Party. Oxymoronical, non? Mr. Ali will speak in favor of the resolution, "The Two-Party System is Undemocratic." For more information about Mr. Ali, please see the link listed above it will direct you to a webpage where you can learn whom you ought to harass to update the YPU's webpage.

Main Event

18sept02 1930-???: Debate, Davenport College Common Room

Tonight's resolution: Capitalism and democracy are incompatible. Once again, we are hoping for rollicking debate on a subject that divides the left. Are laissez-faire principles the bedrock of democratic values? (Boob) Or do socialized economies fit in better with our notion of the importance of the will of all? (Buffoon) Discuss.

Royal Rumble

20sept02: Liberal Party Party, Time and Location To Be Announced

In order to help you sufficiently enjoy the LGBT Co-Op's Dance Party this Friday night, join the libidinous libation-bearers of the Liberal Party for some fun. Details to follow.

Exit Music

Please find appended the wonderful op/ed piece I used to kick off last week's intriguing debate:

Liberalism's Patriotic Vision

September 5, 2002

By TODD GITLIN

With the massacres of a year ago came righteous outrage, bewilderment and a thirst for interpretations: What could such colossal violence mean? What did mass murder require of us? Who were we now? We needed astory.

The White House declared that the terrorists hated our freedoms; after an interlude of coalition building, the administration resumed its America-love-it-or-leave-it attitude. Members of Congress became sullen cheerleaders, cowed by the White House's willingness to question their loyalty. Patriotism seemed to function not as a spur to come to the aid of the country, but as a silencer.

Absolutists dominated the field - and eerily converged in their penchant for going it alone. The terrorists took it upon themselves to act in the name of all of Islam and all Muslims, to settle all accounts and slaughter all enemies. There could be no appeal or dissent; they expected their allies to be as silent as their enemies. They openly yearned to restore the eighth-century caliphate: a purist theocracy and an empire if ever there was one.

Squandering much support from around the world, President Bush soon showed he was ready to go it alone, keeping even Congress at arm's length. He was not content with self-defense. Countries that were not with us were against us. We were launched upon a permanent war against anyone he declared we were at war against; the administration reserved the right to break treaties and to undertake pre-emptive war.

The American left, too, had its version of unilateralism. Responsibility for the attacks had, somehow, to lie with

American imperialism, because all responsibility has to lie with American imperialism - a perfect echo of the right's idea that all good powers are and should be somehow American. Intellectuals and activists on the far left could not be troubled much with compassion or defense. Disconnected from Americans who reasonably felt their patriotic selves attacked, they were uncomprehending. Knowing little about Al Qaeda, they filed it under

Anti-Imperialism, and American attacks on the Taliban under Vietnam Quagmire. For them, not flying the flag became an urgent cause. In their go-it-alone attitude, they weirdly paralleled the blustering right-wing approach to the world.

Long before Sept. 11, this naysaying left had seceded. When Ralph Nader's Greens equated a Bush presidency with a Gore presidency, they took leave of any practical connection to America. Rightly demanding profound reforms but deluded about their popularity, they withheld their energy from the Democrats and squandered alliances that would have promoted their ideals. They acted as though their cause had to be lonely to be good.

Many liberals and social democrats saw through this hollow negativity and posed necessary questions. What was a war against terrorism? To what did it bind the nation? War against whom, and for how long? Why should American foreign policy be held hostage to oil? How should strong and privileged America belong in the world? Was the United States to be a one-nation tribunal of "regime change" wherever it detected evil spinning on an axis?

Some good answers float in the air now. They have not yet found political support, but they could. As the Bush administration paints itself into a corner, we could be headed toward a new liberal moment. Liberals need to step up their promotion of a Marshall Plan for Afghanistan and elsewhere, helping to stifle terrorism. Even conservatives no longer smirk about nation building or foreign aid.

Likewise, mainstream economists like Joseph Stiglitz (once chief economist of the World Bank) and Jeffrey Sachs (former free-market shock therapist) campaign to convince rich countries to give more development aid.

Liberals should affirm that American power, working within coalitions, can advance democratic values, as in Bosnia and Kosovo - but they should oppose this administration's push toward war in Iraq, which is unlikely to work out that way. Against oil-based myopia, there are murmurs (they should be clamors) that we should phase out the oil dependency that overheats the earth and binds us to tyrants.

On the domestic front, corporate chiefs have lost new-economy charm - and the Bush administration's earlier efforts on their behalf have lost whatever political purchase they had. With the bursting of the stock market bubble, deregulation no longer looks like a cure-all.

Whom do Americans admire now? Whom do we trust? Americans did not take much reminding that when skyscrapers were on fire, they needed firefighters and police officers, not Arthur Andersen accountants. Yet we confront an administration whose policies reflect the idea that sacrifice - financial and otherwise - is meant for people who wear blue collars.

A reform bloc in Congress, bolstered in November, could start renewing the country. But we need much more than legislation. One year after, surely many Americans are primed for a patriotism of action, not of pledges. The era that began Sept. 11 would be a superb time to crack the jingoists' claim to a monopoly of patriotic virtue. Instead of letting minions of corporate power run away with the flag (while banking their tax credits offshore), we need to remake the tools of our public life - our schools, social services and transportation. Post-Vietnam liberals have an opening now, freed of our 60's flag anxiety and our reflexive negativity, to embrace a liberal patriotism that is unapologetic and uncowed. It's time for the patriotism of mutual aid, not just symbolic displays or self-congratulation. It's time to close the gap between the nation we love and the justice we also love.

Todd Gitlin, a former president of Students for a Democratic Society, is author of "Media Unlimited: How the Torrent of Images and Sounds Overwhelms Our Lives." He is a professor of journalism and sociology at Columbia University.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/09/05/opinion/05GITL.html?ex=1032270240&ei=1&en=ace8da0bd23d09ba>

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Op. 4 No. 1

September 23, 2002

Introduction

Here is where I typically write something witty. But this is a CRAZY-busy week. So I'll spare you. Read on.--};-{})

Undercard

23sept02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

Join us for our weekly evening of dinner conviviality, to which Jason may or may not minister. We'll be in Commons 'neath the portrait of George H. W. Bush--apparently his son is the only person who can make us nostalgic for his administration. Also, this will be your only Pretty Objectionable Repast for the week, which is more than members of other YPU parties can claim.

Main Event

24sept02 1930-???: Debate, **Calhoun College** Common Room

Tuesday night, we will debate the resolution: Feminism does not apply to the working class. Do you believe that the key to advancement in society is equal opportunity for all women, regardless of class? Or are there situations in which what are typically called chauvinist attitudes can serve some purpose? Come tell us what we think. To those of you who have received a visit from one of our E-board members, please note the location change of this debate.

It will be in Calhoun.

Steel Cage Match

25sept02 1930-???: Meeting of the Yale Political Union

This week: The much-anticipated FRESHMAN PRIZE DEBATE! The resolution: America should police the world. Please contact gisele.roget@yale.edu, boris.volodarsky@yale.edu, william.strom@yale.edu, orbradley.lipton@yale.edu if you wish to speak on either side of this resolution. YPU rules dictate that speakers must dress up (i.e. coat and tie for men, equivalent for women) in order to speak. Furthermore, if you have any desire for guidance while crafting your speech, or simply need people to bounce ideas off of, do not hesitate to

contact gisele.roget@yale.edu, clayton.critcher@yale.edu, jason.farago@yale.edu, gregory.ablavsky@yale.edu, boris.volodarsky@yale.edu, or william.strom@yale.edu. I know, I know, it sounds like a homework assignment--but it's all worth it in the end when you walk out of there with all the cash, prizes, and wo/men you could desire. Seriously, there is \$cash\$ involved!

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4,000-person Royal Rumble

25sept02: Union Workers' Day of Civil Disobedience

The following is an announcement from Will Tanzman:

STAND UP FOR CHANGE AT YALE

We, Yale undergraduates and members of Locals 34, 35, GESO, 1199, and the New Haven community at large will be participating in civil disobedience to show our commitment to a new partnership with Yale. In particular, we are asking for a voice in regards to good jobs at Yale, access to higher education at Yale and beyond, diversity on campus, affordable housing, a strong New Haven public school system, and the right to organize.

Please join us this Wednesday at 5:00. Meet at Center Church on the Green to participate in the civil disobedience or Phelps Gate to witness and support. Undergraduates will also gather Tuesday at 8:30 PM on Cross Campus to show support and hear more about the movement. If you are interested in participating in civil disobedience or just want to learn more, contact Will at 6-1375 or william.tanzman@yale.edu.

Tag-Team

27sept02 1730-???: Wooster Square Night

Come with us for pizza at one of the two finest establishments in pizza's own hometown. That's right, New Haven invented the stuff, and nobody does it better than Sally's or Pepe's over on Wooster Square. Meet us by Phelps Gate on the Old Campus to walk over to the restaurants. Mmm...pizza.

28sept02 1300-???: East Rock Picnic

Everyone needs to leave the Yale bubble--that impenetrable 6-block area from which all news of the outside world is somehow banished during the school year--and so the Libs would love to lead you to East Rock, one of New Haven's most scenic areas. Hike, climb, or simply pic your nic with us on what will hopefully be a beautiful afternoon communing with nature. Once again, we will be meeting at Phelps Gate on the Old Campus.

Exit Music

From Jason Farago, President of the JBB and Minister of Dinner Conviviality:

It's Slovenian intellectual week in the Liberal Party!

1. On Wednesday, at the Whitney Humanities Center at 3:30, big-time theorist and leftist extraordinaire Slavoj Zizek will deliver a lecture on the topic "Organs Without Bodies: Deleuze and Cinema Theory." In conjunction with the lecture, there will be two 35mm screenings (on Monday at 7 and 9:30, in WHC) of Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Red," his final film and perhaps his best. (Coincidentally, the Medical School Film Society is screening my favorite Kieslowski film, "The Double Life of Veronique," on Sunday at 7:30 and 10.) See you at all of these.

2. 2.And on Saturday afternoon, in New York, Hugo Boss Prize winner and former Artist of the Left Marjetica Potrc will be leading a workshop on issues of individual initiative and participation in architecture. Potrc, who, like Zizek, teaches at the University of Ljubljana (even if she's been derided by one Lib as "that awful Brazilian woman"), is an artist and theorist who advocates the active participation of citizens in the

formation of cities. If you're interested in this, send me an e-mail at jason.farago@yale.edu, or see me at Lib Dinner.

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September 30, 2002

Introduction

My classes are turning me into a zombie. No longer can I have normal social exchanges with people. In conversation, I'm constantly distracted, whether I'm mentally composing a contrapuntal line to the melodious musings of the attractive freshman with whom I'm speaking or calculating the force, in Newtons, of a piano dropped on my evil suitemate's head from out of the clear blue sky. I no longer believe anything people say due to my inability to know that I'm not in some strange, skeptical scenario, I can't stop calculating the opportunity cost of socializing when I could be studying, et quelquefois, je commence simplement parler français. It's certainly making for some difficult barriers in communication. And yet I urge you to come out to some Liberal Party functions this week. I promise I won't be the only one to talk to. bientot!--}:-{}

Undercard

30sept02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

We will once more gather in fellowship and irony beneath the portrait of George Herbert Walker Bush, DC '48. Come for the company, as the food will make you realize why POR doesn't stand for Portly, Obese, and Rotund (yes, they eat there FOUR TIMES A WEEK).

Steel Cage Match

30sept02 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 101

Monday night, the YPU welcomes Robert Merry, publisher of Congressional Quarterly, to speak in favor of the resolution, "Resolved: History will judge Ronald Reagan among the Presidential Greats." Is the Gipper your man? Or were Ray-gun's supply side economics a real Laffer? If you understood that last reference, contact bradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak. Otherwise, attend and make fools of those who speak in the two-bit actor's defense with your incisive questions.

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Main Event

01oct02 1930: Debate, **Jonathan Edwards College Common Room**

Turn out this week for a FUN debate! This week's resolution: "Abstinence is better than sex with Yalies." Here all about Lib Chair Gisele Roget's misadventures in the bedroom as we try to determine which is worse, Yale play or no play at all. Alternatively, if the prospect of hearing about Gisele's sex life turns your stomach, we promise to keep her quiet.

Royal Rumble

04oct02-06oct02: Lib Party College Brunches/Dinners

Stay tuned for further announcements from your favorite Lib whips (you know, the overly enthusiastic people who keep showing up at your room at midnight?) about meals in your own college dining hall. Come meet fellow liberal-minded folk and just one or two of our e-board members in an even more intimate setting than before. And you didn't think that was possible...

Exit Music

"They were the only survivors of the wreck, the only ones who fell from Bostan and lived. They were found washed up on a beach. The more voluble of the two, the one in the purple shirt, swore in his wild ramblings that they had walked upon the water, that the waves had borne them gently in to the shore; but the other, to whose head a soggy bowler hat clung as if by magic, denied this. 'God, we were lucky,' he said. 'How lucky can you get?'

I know the whole truth, obviously. I watched the whole thing. As to omnipresence and -potence, I'm making no claims at present, but I can manage this much, I hope. Chamcha willed it and Farishta did what was willed.

Which was the miracle worker?

Of what type--angelic, satanic--was Farishta's song?

Who am I?

Let's put it this way: who has the best tunes?"

from The Satanic Verses, by Salman Rushdie

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Op. 6 No. 1

October 7, 2002

Introduction

Admittedly, this is the portion of the whipsheet I dread to write the most. I mean, everything else is fairly well scripted in advance. All I have to tell you is what we're doing, when we're doing it, and where you can find us doing it--a propos given our most recent debate topic. But here, in this space, I have to say something that will make you continue reading to the bottom. A steep challenge, no doubt about it. Perhaps I've lost you already. Perhaps you don't even know I'm writing this now. Perhaps I don't even know I'm writing this now. Look at the time stamp on this email: You know it's late. I know it's late. And if you receive this before Monday morning, you'll understand where I was coming from when I wrote this. Please come see me at a Lib Party event, when I promise to be less punchy and more full of punchlines. -}:-{})

Undercard

07oct02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

Please join us under the portrait of G.H.W. Bush, DC '48. Enjoy our dinner conviviality, as we Partake Once in Reallybadfood (in stark juxtaposition to other political union members).

Steel Cage Match

08oct08 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 211

Tuesday night, the YPU welcomes Michael Barone, Harvard College and Yale University Law alumnus and current senior writer for US News and World Report, to speak in favor of the resolution, "America Should Seek to Assimilate Her Immigrants." Is the purpose of the melting pot homogeneity? Or is the goulash better when you can taste its component parts for what they are in and of themselves?

Contact bradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak. Come to be heard, come to hear, come to find out about compulsive capitalization in ordinary sentences.

Special Note: The YPU, free and open meetings, and paying for memberships

The YPU, in a less than enlightened move, has decided to make closed meetings the order of the day. If you're thinking about buying a membership, you should do it now. Membership in the Yale Political Union entitles you to vote in YPU elections, come to meetings that are closed to the public, and membership in the Cambridge and Oxford Political Unions. Only by establishing a strong liberal party presence in the YPU can we hope to reverse this decision.

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Main Event

11oct02 2030: **Parents' Weekend Debate, location TBA**

That's right, come one, come all, and bring your folks! Tell them about how they've been oppressing you all your life, as we debate the resolution, "You're an imperialist." Does living in America, with all the opportunities it provides, inherently make you an oppressor? What good is leftist thought in a quasi-imperialist/militarist state? Show your parents how intellectual you can be on a Friday night! Further details to follow! Yes!

Royal Rumble

11oct02-13oct02: Lib Party College Brunches/Dinners

Look out for invitations to brunch/lunch/dinner from your favorite Liberal Party whips, as we give you the opportunity to get to know us more intimately--and no, not in the same sense as our debate last week. (For those of you who missed it, sex with a Yalie beat out abstinence in a landslide. Surprising? I didn't think so.)

Exit Music

"America is colonizing our minds. One day, every great story the world has ever seen will be set in an American high school in the movies."

from The Cosmonaut's Last Message to the Woman He Once Loved in the Former Soviet Union, by

David Grieg

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Op. 7 No. 1

October 14, 2002

Introduction

Here's to Parents' Weekend! I hope you all were wily enough to extract some of your parents' hard-earned cash in order to eat somewhere other than the dining hall for the first time since August. ABP and the Doodle notwithstanding, this town actually has some really great restaurants. I, however, did not have the boon of visiting parents this weekend, and was therefore condemned to the Parents' Weekend Show-meal: A wonderful garden-style buffet including bread-stuffing, a veggie medley, mashed potatoes, a wonderfully flavored salmon dish, and for you carnivores out there, well-roasted turkey. They must have really broken the bank to put together that repast...unless, of course, only a fraction of paying student diners showed up that night...you don't suppose they were counting on that, do you? Conspiratorial musings aside, it's back to the grind of our general grindage. Which provides me with ever-so-perfect a segue...--}:-{}()

PS: Hither Comic Sans!

Undercard

14oct02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

Come to Commons Monday night to break bread with us, your favorite leftist copins. We'll be situated in irony and ecstasy under the portrait of the United States' 41st President, George H. W. Bush. See you there!

Tag-Team

14oct02 1600: Iraq Teach-In, WLH Third Floor German Studies/Women & Gender Studies Lounge

Find out why some of the nations' brightest academics think that the current administration's plan for war in Iraq may not be the best idea. If you already believe this to be the case, come just to hear new and exciting talking points.

Main Event

15oct02 1930: Debate, Jonathan Edwards College Common Room

Come to debate the resolution: "The United Nations doesn't need the United States." Is the most powerful permanent member of the UN's security council a major asset to the international government organization? Or is American foreign policy woefully unilateralist and exceptionalist, blocking any real good? Come tell us what you think.

Steel Cage Match

17oct08 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 101(Room subject to change)

Thursday night, the YPU welcomes Senior Vice President of Anti-Piracy for Universal Music Group David Benjamin to speak on the resolution: "Resolved: The Government Should Regulate the Internet Music Trade." Can artists hope to make a living for themselves in this brave new wired world? Will infinite perfect duplicates and decentralized peer-to-peer programs (e.g. Audiogalaxy, Kazaa, etc.) render copyright laws impossible to enforce? Or does "pirating" of mp3s actually only harm the fatcat record label execs, who are screwing the artists to the point where they can't make a living anyway? This is a sticky

issue for liberals, to be sure, so come on down! Contact Floor Leader of the Left bradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak. This is a closed YPU debate, so there has never been a better time to purchase your membership than today!

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Royal Rumble

19oct02 2200: Lib Party Movie Night, Silliman College Entryway C, Room 1705

Come see *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie*, directed by Luis Bunuel, one of last year's Artists of the Left. Bunuel's brilliant skewering of bourgeois society presents a dinner party that can never get started, thanks to more and more absurd interruptions that culminate in a full-scale military invasion. Both relentlessly political and unstintingly hilarious, the film was Bunuel's biggest hit, winning an Oscar and a prize at Cannes. Bunuel himself considered it his masterpiece. Munchies will be served!

Exit Music

"When you wake up in the morning, Pooh," said Piglet at last, "what's the first thing you say to yourself?"

"What's for breakfast?" said Pooh. "What do you say, Piglet?"

"I say, I wonder what's going to happen exciting today?" said Piglet.

Pooh nodded thoughtfully.

"It's the same thing," he said.

from A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh*, quoted in *The Tao of Pooh*, by Benjamin Hoff

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Op. 8 No. 1

October 21, 2002

Introduction

For those of you who don't know me very well at all, I spent last summer working as a fundraiser for Greenpeace. That's right, I was one of those people annoying you every time you got out off the bus, came up from the subway, or strolled down the street, minding your own business. "Hi, do you have a second for Greenpeace?" That was me. So you can only imagine how delighted I was when we chose this week's debate topic. To get an idea as to the sort of more inflammatory line I was hoping to take with the debate, check out the "exit music" section. Any questions? I'd love to answer them for you.--}:-{})

Undercard

21oct02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

Join us under the portrait of Bush the Elder as we partake in discussion, debate, and delicious delicacies from campus's grandest...er, LARGEST dining hall. See you there!

Steel Cage Match

22oct08 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 101(Room subject to change)

Tuesday night, the YPU welcomes David Keene, Chairman of the American Conservative Union, America's oldest and largest grassroots conservative organization. He will be speaking in the affirmative on the resolution: "RESOLVED: 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is Good Policy." Come out to tell Mr. Keene how wrong he is, and how the policy serves merely to reinforce societal prejudice. Alternatively, come out to find out just how it is that "grassroots" and "conservative" can both describe the same organization without oxymoron. (I'd offer a balancing alternative here, but I don't know any defense for this resolution--fill me in if you do). Contact Floor Leader of the Left bradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak. This is a closed YPU debate, so there has never been a better time to purchase your membership than today!

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Main Event

23oct02 1930: Debate, Jonathan Edwards College Common Room

Wednesday night, in a debate near and dear to my heart, we will discuss the resolution, "Ban automobiles." Yes, we know, it sounds like a Tory Party resolution--but we remain unapologetic. Is the American love affair with cars inextricably in conflict with any kind of environmental ethic? Do we need to turn to public transit as the exclusive alternative? Or is human culture too destructive to begin with for a policy change like the ban of automobiles to make any difference? Come and be heard.

Exit Music

"Q: Wasn't agriculture developed as a response to famine?

A: Agriculture is useless as a response to famine. You can no more respond to famine by planting a crop than you can respond to falling out of an airplane by knitting a parachute. But this really misses the point. To say that agriculture was developed as a response to famine is like saying that cigarette smoking was developed as a response to lung cancer. Agriculture doesn't cure famine, it promotes famine--it creates the conditions in which famines occur. Agriculture makes it possible for more people to live in an area than that area can support--and that's exactly where famines occur. For example, agriculture made it possible for many populations of Africa to outstrip their homelands' resources--and that's why these populations are now starving."

from The Story of B, by Daniel Quinn

All The Liblong Day

Op. 9 No. 1

October 28, 2002

Introduction

Although it would certainly be a lie for me to say that I don't like to talk about myself in this portion of the whipsheet, I must say that I rarely engage in any type of self-promotion. This week, I break this unwritten rule. As many of you already know, and as many of you are starting to find out, the biggest party on campus on Halloween is the Yale Symphony's Halloween Show Concert. We--yes, I'm in the orchestra--have been hard at work on this silent film, for which the orchestra will play the live soundtrack, since the first week of school, and we would love for you to come enjoy the fruits of our labor. The show takes place in Woolsey Hall at 11:59 PM October 31. Tickets are available in Commons Monday-Thursday and outside the Post Office Tuesday-Thursday. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Hope to see you there; you may recognize your humble secretary/treasurer in a fairly substantial role in the show.--:){

Undercard

28oct02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

Join us in fellowship and liberal discourse as we masticate the best comestibles this side of Grove Street. Unless you count the Law School. In any case, we will meet in irony under the portrait of H W Bush to enjoy another lovely, underappreciated meal. Be there or be square!

Steel Cage Match

29oct08 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 211(Room subject to change)

Tuesday night, the YPU will hold a rare students-only debate on the topic "Resolved: Graduate Students Ought to Unionize." No guest has been lined up for this week, so opportunities to speak can be had early, often, and with impunity. Also, this is an open debate--you need not be a YPU member yet in order to attend. Contactbradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak.

We'd love to have a big turn-out for this week's debate, as there are only four (4) YPU meetings left before Thanksgiving in order to qualify (or "qual") to vote in the end-of-semester elections. In order to qual, you must sign in with the Libs at three (3) YPU meetings. We need as many libs to qual as possible, as it will give us more influence over the kinds of guests who are asked to speak at the YPU. Tired of Reagan sycophants and homophobic apologists? Qual for the libs!

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Main Event

30oct02 1730: Jonathan Brewster Bingham Dinner Forum, location TBA

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of International Studies and Director of the Initiative on "Cities and Globalization" here at Yale. He was born and educated in India and received his university degrees at Brandeis University and the University of Chicago. He is the editor of Globalization, and the author of Modernity at Large and many other books and articles. He has taught previously at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago. His current research focuses on global violence, mega-cities and grassroots globalization. His forum will, of course, be focused on these topics. Location to be announced--stay tuned!!!
(Note: The JBB dinner forum replaces Lib debate this week.)

Exit Music

"Music is the space between the notes."

-Claude Debussy

All The Liblong Day

Op. 10 No. 1

November 4, 2002

Introduction

Tuesday is Election Day, and I will have the opportunity to vote for the first time in my young life. As the day has come closer, I'm finding that I'm becoming even more jaded about American democracy and American popular opinion. Why is it that the American populous has so little confidence in the two largest parties--a recent article in the NY Times reports that the majority of Americans think neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have well-defined purpose or objectives--and yet is so reluctant to throw any of the bums out? Personally, I feel as unjustified in casting a vote for a Democrat as I do for a Republican, and I think my friends on the complete opposite end of the political spectrum ought to feel the same, inverted. So I'll vote Green this Tuesday. And I hope others will follow suit. I'm throwing my vote away, you say? If everyone who feared the "meaningless" nature of a third-party vote went ahead and voted for a third party candidate, we'd have a much stronger democracy for it. I urge you: Go to the polls. Cast a principled vote. Refuse to vote a straight ticket. And have a great week.--}{}

Undercard

04nov02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

On **Monday at 5:30 PM**, we will come together under the portrait of Bush 41 to partake in the cornucopia of Commons plenty. Join us for good food and great company.

Royal Rumble

05nov02 1930: Debate, Jonathan Edwards College Common Room

This **Tuesday at 7:30 PM**, we will gather in the JE common room to debate the resolution, "Literature causes social change." Do you think Uncle Tom's Cabin and The Jungle changed the landscape of social thought? Or are books outdated in an age of decreasing value for the printed word? Come tell us what you think.

Main Event

06nov02 1730: TENTATIVE Jonathan Brewster Bingham Dinner Forum, location TBA

Wednesday night (at **5:30 PM**) marks the first Jonathan Brewster Bingham dinner forum this semester, to which we gratefully welcome Professor Arjun Appadurai. Professor Appadurai is William K. Lanman Jr. Professor of International Studies and Director of the Initiative on "Cities and Globalization" here at Yale. He was born and educated in India and received his university degrees at Brandeis University and the University of Chicago. He is the editor of Globalization, and the author of Modernity at Large and many other books and articles. He has taught previously at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago. His current research focuses on global violence, mega-cities and grassroots globalization. His forum will, of course, be focused on these topics. Location to be announced--stay tuned!!!

Steel Cage Match

07nov08 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 101(Room subject to change)

Thursday night at **7:30 PM**, the YPU will hold an increasingly less rare students-only debate on the topic "Resolved: A UN Mandate is Necessary for a War in Iraq." No guest has been lined up for this week, so

opportunities to speak can be had early, often, and with impunity. Contact bradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak.

We'd love to have a big turn-out for this week's debate, as there are only three (3) YPU meetings left before Thanksgiving in order to qualify (or "qual") to vote in the end-of-semester elections. In order to qual, you must sign in with the Libs at three (3) YPU meetings. We need as many libs to qual as possible, as it will give us more influence over the kinds of guests who are asked to speak at the YPU. Tired of Reagan sycophants and homophobic apologists? Qual for the libs!

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Exit Music

"For the poet, it is gold and silver; but for the philosopher, it is iron and wheat that have civilized men and ruined the human race."

from the Discourse on the Origin of Inequality, Part II, by Jean-Jacques Rousseau

All The Liblong Day

Op. 11 No. 1

November 11, 2002

Introduction

So I'll tip my hand here: I'm expatriating. Done with this military-industrial complex and government of, by, and for special interests I am. Moving to Sweden. Okay, so maybe I'm a little disillusioned by Tuesday's election results. But I did vote my conscience, so there's some moral victory to be had there, right?

Or is there? Perhaps you had the pleasure of catching Boondocks comic strip artist Aaron McGruder at the Black Solidarity Conference on Saturday afternoon. He is, I think, a truly admirable leftist thinker, and he had an interesting message: No more of this moral victory/noble failure rhetoric. It's time for us to move beyond the pervasive insincerity in public discourse and the self-preservationist attitudes engendered by insecurity. Our duty is clear: Since progressive thinkers can expect to be kicked out of whatever office of influence they attain eventually, we have to act on our principles from the outset. No more capitulation. And leaving the country would be allowing the new leadership to do as they will, so I guess I'll staying put--for now.--}:-{}()

Main Event

11nov02 1730: Jonathan Brewster Bingham Dinner Forum, Timothy Dwight South Common Room
On Monday at 5:30 PM, the Liberal Party welcomes Professor Sheila Levrant de Bretteville, Director of Graduate Studies in Graphic Design at the Yale School of Art. Most recently, she designed a full-page ad for the "Not In Our Name" campaign, in which artists and intellectuals stood up against the American incursion in Iraq. You can view this latest work [here](#). Professor de Bretteville will be speaking on a number of different aspects of leftist art. Find her biography in the *exit music* section of this email. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity to talk one-on-one with an influential leftist thinker!

Royal Rumble

12nov02 1930: Debate, Jonathan Edwards College Common Room
This **Tuesday at 7:30 PM**, we will gather in the JE common room to debate the resolution, "The Democratic Party should dissolve." Are you so fed up with the Democratic "me-too" platform that you'd like to see them go the way of the Whigs, the Bull-Moose Party, and the trilobyte? Or have the Democrats merely hit a difficult time with a dearth of good leadership, a time which they will bootstrap themselves up out of? Come tell us what you think of the resolution, as well as what you think of me ending sentences with 3 consecutive prepositions.

Steel Cage Match

14nov08 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 101(Room subject to change)
Thursday night at 7:30 PM, the YPU welcomes nationally syndicated columnist Maggie Gallagher to speak on the topic "RESOLVED: Abortion is Bad for Women." A compelling subject to be sure. The wording of the resolution makes a legality debate somewhat difficult to get around to, but come and be provoked nonetheless. Contact bradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak, and be sure to come sign in with the Libs so you can qual!

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Exit Music

Sheila Levrant de Bretteville is Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Graphic Design at the Yale School of Art. She received a BA in art history from Barnard College, and an MFA from Yale University. Her appointment in 1990 made her the first tenured woman faculty member in the history of the School of Art. She has designed numerous publications, as well as many public art works including Path of Stars in New Haven. Her work in books, magazines, and newspapers includes the redesign of the Los Angeles Times, and special issues of Everywoman, American Cinematographer, and Arts in Society. Her posters and fine press editions are found in the special collections of many libraries and museums including the Museum of Modern Art and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Professor de Bretteville created the first women's design program at the California Institute of the Arts in 1971 and, in 1973, founded the Woman's Building and the Women's Graphic Center in Los Angeles. Most recently she designed a full-page ad for the "Not In Our Name" campaign, in which artists and intellectuals stood up against the American incursion in Iraq.

All The Liblong Day

Op. 12 No. 1

November 18, 2002

Introduction

Thanksgiving break is fast approaching, and you will not find a happier camper than your secretary/treasurer. After twelve(!) consecutive weeks of class, I am ready for a break, as I'm sure you all are, too. Though it has long been my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving takes on a new meaning for me this year: It will be my first meal with meat in about three months. You see, since school started, I've renounced all beef, pork, and poultry in protest against the industry practices used in their production. This has been an exercise of pure will, as I was once an avowed carnivore. But I just feel like it would be too hard to pass up Grandma Jeamie's turkey. Oh, yes, and my family would disown me if I did. So while I will do so with a heavy burden on my conscience, I will eat turkey. I hope that you all have a Thanksgiving as viscerally pleasing as mine promises to be. Bon appetit!--}:-}

Undercard

18nov02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

On **Monday** at **5:30 PM**, masticate comestibles with us in Commons. As ever, we will convene under the portrait of GHW Bush. See you there.

Steel Cage Match

20nov02 1930: Meeting of the Yale Political Union, LC 101(Room subject to change)

Wednesday night at **7:30 PM**, the YPU welcomes David Brooks, author of *The Organization Kid* to speak on the topic "RESOLVED: Yale Students are America's Ruling Class." Does the name on our diploma give us the power everyone claims it does? Or are Yalies too sheltered by the Yale bubble to be leaders and rulers? Contact bradley.lipton@yale.edu to be docketed to speak.

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Main Event

21nov02 2200: Liberal Party Party, Silliman 1705

Come and give thanks for Thanksgiving's coming. Our Chair Gisele will host your final opportunities for drunken revelry before taking off for Cambridge and The Game. Featuring a possible guest-appearance of the Yale Symphony Orchestra's very own Batman...Don't miss out!

Exit Music

"Q: It seems to me that we don't need to do anything about our growing population. The system itself will take care of it.

A: You mean by collapsing. Yes, that's perfectly true. If you learn that the building you're living in has a structural fault that will soon cause it to collapse under the force of gravity, you're certainly at liberty to let

the system take care of it. But if your children are living in the building when it finally collapses, they may not think as highly of this solution as you do."

from *The Story of B*, by Daniel Quinn

All The Liblong Day

Op. 12 No. 1

December 2, 2002

Introduction

Gentle readers:

I am both delighted and saddened to announce that this is the final whipsheet I will write to you as the sec/treas of the Liberal Party. Several goings-on in the next 8 days will ensure that never again will you see words like "liblong" or "steel cage match" in your inbox again. Unless, of course, you belong to the Tory Party's "WWE-fanatic!!!" list-serve. I am eager to pass the mantle of verbosity on to some other worthy young scholar. It has been both a lot of work and a lot of fun, and I hope I have brought you something new and refreshing on at least a semi-regular basis. Enjoy your final week of classes, and I wish you peace of mind.--}{}

PS: Look at all the cool stuff we've got going on!!!

Undercard

02dec02 1730: Lib Dinner, Commons Dining Hall

On **Monday** at **5:30 PM**, we communed (yes, past-tense--sorry this edition is late in coming!) in irony and ecstasy under the portrait of Bush the Greater in the Lords and Commons Dining Hall. If you weren't there, we missed you.

Main Event (1)

04dec02 1730: Jonathan Brewster Bingham Dinner Forum, Timothy Dwight College South Common Room

Wednesday evening at **5:30 PM**, Professor Vron Ware will join us for the final JBB Dinner Forum of the Semester. Professor Ware is a lecturer in Sociology and Women and Gender Studies, has been focusing on feminism and racism for over 20 years as a journalist, activist and academic. Author of *Beyond the Pale: white women, racism and history* (Verso, 1992) she has subsequently contributed to transatlantic debates on gender and the social construction of whiteness. Her second area of research and teaching interests lies in Urban Studies, and particularly in the history of urban (and rural) landscapes, formations of identity and place, and urban cultures. With us on Wednesday, Professor Ware will be discussing the formation of the white race. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to rub shoulders with another top-notch scholar!

Royal Rumble

07dec02 1430: Liberal Party Elections, Davenport College Common Room

On **Saturday** afternoon at **2:30 PM**, we will select our executive board for the spring term of the 2002-2003 academic year. All are encouraged to participate in the selection of our new leadership, and all are, of course, encouraged to run for office, especially freshmen. Watch your email boxes for an email addendum from Lib Chair Gisèle Roget delineating the roles and responsibilities of the e-board positions. Feel free to contact any of us with questions: gisele.roget@yale.edu, jason.farago@yale.edu, gregory.ablavksy@yale.edu, boris.volodarsky@yale.edu, william.strom@yale.edu.

Steel Cage Match

08dec02 1900: Liberal Party Inquisition, Location TBA

On **Sunday** evening at **7:00 PM**, after the Mel Brooks song-and-dance, several candidates seeking YPU office will come to speak on our floor. Come armed with questions to find out about their visions for the YPU, and hopefully we'll get some straight answers. This activity is separate from Liberal Party Elections, and need not be attended in order to cast your vote in the YPU elections proper.

King of the Ring

09dec02 1100-1700: Yale Political Union Elections

Next **Monday** from **11:00 AM** to **5:00 PM**, the Yale Political will hold its elections for the executive board for the spring term of the 2002-2003 academic year. If you qualified to vote ("qualified") this term, this is what all the stink was about! Ignore all those "Meets RP" classes--that doesn't really mean anything. Come decide who will Lead the Floor for the Left, who will Speak, and who will Preside. I'll spare you any attempt to use verb forms of other e-board positions. This is the big pay-off for all these deliberations, inquisitions, and elections. Gratuitous Capitalization will Abound, so Don't Miss Out!!!

Main Event (2)

10dec02: Liberal Party New York Trip

Easily our most fun event of the year, next **Tuesday** we will meet at Phelps Gate at **7:30 AM** for our semesterly trip into New York to sight-see and meet with prominent leftist thinkers. This semester packs a might punch as we will chat with **David McReynolds**, the Socialist candidate for President in 2000, about the state of the American left, and with **Gloria Feldt**, President of Planned Parenthood, about international family planning and the imminent appointment of further Supreme Court Justices opposed to reproductive rights. Both have been wonderfully engaging speakers on the floor of the YPU in recent years. Further information about our distinguished guests can be found at www.socialistpartyusa.org and www.plannedparenthood.org, respectively.

IMPORTANT: Due to security concerns at Planned Parenthood, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you contact gregory.ablavsky@yale.edu if you are considering participating in the New York trip.

Exit Music

"It is not impossible to imagine society so conscious of its power that it could allow itself the noblest luxury available to it,-that of letting its malefactors go unpunished. 'What do I care about my parasites,' it could say, 'let them live and flourish: I am strong enough for all that!'...Justice, which began by saying 'Everything can be paid off, everything must be paid off,' ends by turning a blind eye and letting off those unable to pay,-it ends, like every good thing on earth, by sublimating itself. The self-sublimation of justice: we know what a nice name it gives itself-mercy."

from On the Genealogy of Morality (II.10), by Friedrich Nietzsche

and if you've read this far, well done you. i almost didn't write this far.--}{}

