

The **Lib** Schtick

Op. 1 No. 1

September 5, 2004

Introduction

Welcome (and welcome back) to the Liberal Party! "The Lib Schtick" is the weekly whipsheet where you will learn what the Libs have planned this week and other trivia. We've got a great semester ahead of us, and we hope to see many of you in the coming weeks.

~~Jade~~

Activities

Lib Dinner

Monday, September 6, at 5:30 pm, in Commons

We'll be returning to Commons for our weekly dinners, where we will eat under the portrait of George H.W. Bush. Come to meet the libs, exchange stories of summer excitement, or for the great cuisine.

****Enter through the rotunda on Grove Street; Beinecke Plaza is still closed for construction****

Lib Discussion

Tuesday, September 7

JE Common Room, 7:30 pm

Topic: A Yale education is the ultimate in conspicuous consumption.

Did we come here for the great education, or the brand name? Are we being prepared for the intellectual challenges that will confront us after we graduate, or the cocktail parties? Come tell us what you think on Tuesday.

YPU Debate

Thursday, September 9, SSS 114, 7:30 pm

Resolved: Same sex marriage weakens marriage as a social institution.

The YPU guest this week is Maggie Gallagher, president of the Institute of Marriage and Public Policy. Think that she's wrong? Speak out against her. Contact Sophie Brill (sophia.brill@yale.edu) if you know now that you'd like to give a speech. Otherwise, come listen, ask questions, or decide to speak later in the evening.

The Liberal Party typically sits in the front left part of the room. Sign in with us!

Liberal Penguin Trivia: Gay Penguins Around the World

Why penguins? The Liberal Party's mascot, Larebil, is a penguin.

The New Zealand Herald reported last spring that two male penguins in Auckland are celebrating 10 years of being a couple. At the Bronx Zoo in New York, two male penguins in a relationship are raising a young penguin together. Actually, homosexual relationships amongst non-human species are prevalent and well-documented.

Here's the New Zealand Herald story:

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/latestnewsstory.cfm?storyID=3562071&thesection=news&thesubsection=general>

Links

The Liberal Party

<http://www.yale.edu/libs>

What is conspicuous consumerism?

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1902veblen00.html>

The Institute for Marriage and Public Policy

<http://www.marriagedebate.com>

About Maggie Gallagher

<http://www.maggiegallagher.com>

The Freedom to Marry

<http://www.freedomtomarry.org>

More (non-penguin) Gay New Yorkers

<http://www.nyblade.com>

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September 12, 2004

Introduction

This Week's Theme: Liberal Party Alumni

Two former Lib Chairs will be highlighted this week. Akhil Amar, who attended both Yale College and Yale Law School and chaired the Liberal Party as part of his illustrious undergraduate career, will speak at the YPU this Tuesday. John Kerry, who was both a Liberal Party Chair and YPU president while he attended Yale, will be spoken about this Wednesday. Interested in nostalgia? Interested in the topics? Like the seats in LC? Whatever your motives, come join us!

~~Jade~~

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 13, 5:30 pm

Lib Dinner

Commons

I checked my calendar this week; there are no national holidays on Monday. Commons will in fact be open, so come join us at the table under the portrait of George H.W. Bush for bad food and excellent conversation.

Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 pm

LC 102

YPU Debate, Guest Akhil Amar

Resolved: Popular vote should determine the American Presidency.

Akhil Amar, professor of law and political science here at Yale, will be speaking on a very timely issue. For most of us, Bush vs. Kerry will be the first presidential election we get to cast our ballots in. But how much impact will that vote have? Not too much if you're from Texas or California. If you think we should abolish the electoral college and want to speak in the affirmative of this resolution, e-mail Sophia.Brill@yale.edu to reserve a spot on the docket.

Wednesday, September 15, 8:00 pm

Liberal Party Discussion, JE Common Room

Resolved: John Kerry is a douchebag, but I'm voting for him anyway.

Yes, I know, we stole the resolution wording from a website, but it's what we've all been thinking about. John Kerry may be the biggest douchebag in modern politics, or a strong leader who's been the victim of negative campaigning. You may be voting for him as a protest against the alternative, or giving your vote to a more worthwhile candidate. If you have an opinion, come Wednesday to tell us about it.

We'll be heading to Yorkside after the debate, around 9:30. If you can't make the debate, you're still welcome to eat pizza with us.

Saturday, 9 pm

Liberal Party Happy Hour

Pierson C22

Pretty much what it sounds like. I promise, you'll have fun.

Links

If you haven't heard about it already, check out the inspiration for this week's Lib Debate.

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

Akhil Amar (a short bio)

<http://www.writersreps.com/live/catalog/authors/amara.html>

So what is the electoral college, anyway?

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/ecmenu2.htm>

Fun With Penguins

<http://www.penguin.net.nz/games/games.html>

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September 19, 2004

Introduction

Letter to the Libs

It's been a long week with many startling discoveries, including the fact that those of you who use Webmail and Outlook (and possibly Eudora?) for e-mail purposes don't see all of the nifty formatting effort I go to. Non-"Mail" (it's a Macintosh program, for those of you with PCs) users miss out on the bolds, the font and size changes, and the occasional fun color change.

I almost grew disheartened and considered ceasing all extraneous formatting. This was abruptly countered by a desire to reward Mac users (and possibly others; I haven't done an exhaustive survey yet) with exciting stylistic additions. Finally, pragmatism (aka Arabic homework) took over and I decided to keep the (admittedly fairly minimal) format the same.

The point of this story? Steve Jobs rocks (and I am way too fond of parenthetical asides).
~~Jade~~

In the Liberal Party this Week

Monday, September 20, 5:30 pm

Lib Dinner, Commons

As usual, the Liberal Party will dine together under the portrait of George H.W. Bush. I recently learned that Commons has been significantly reorganized since last year and is now nice, new, and shiny. I'm really unseemly excited about the relocation of the cereal dispenser.

Wednesday, September 22, 7:30 pm

YPU Debate, 7:30 pm, LC 102

Guest: Rick Brookhiser

Resolved: The war on terror should be the highest priority in U.S. foreign policy.

No, it's actually not supposed to say the "war on terrorism." Rick Brookhiser is an editor of the National Review and an alum of the YPU's POR. If you think this resolution is crap and want to express your vehement belief that AIDS, genocide, global warming, malnutrition, autocracy, and slave cartels are all greater concerns for not merely the United States but also the world as a whole, contact Sophie Brill (sophia.brill@yale.edu) to reserve a place on the docket. If you don't want to speak, come anyway to see what happens to members of the Party of the Right after they graduate.

Wednesday, September 22, 6-8 pm

Whitney Humanities Center, Room 208, 53 Wall St.

Lecture by Nilufer Gole on the Islamic headscarf debate in France and Turkey.

Sponsored by the Ethics, Politics & Economics Program, Dept of Sociology and the Women's Faculty Forum

Nilufer Gole is a professor of sociology at Bogazici University in Istanbul. She is a leading authority on the political movement of today's educated, urbanized, religious Muslim women. Her book, The Forbidden

Modern: Civilization and Veiling, examines the veiling of young university women, and the cultural cleavages between the Islamic and Western worlds.

Thursday, September 23, 7:30 pm

Liberal Party Debate, Location TBA

Resolved: Money is free speech.

One of the core issues of campaign finance reform debate is the nature of campaign donations. Are they genuine expressions of people's political beliefs, or just tools of power through which the rich continue to oppress the masses in ostensible democracies? Can writing a check really be equated with oratory or journalism or even a simple vote? On the other hand, if pornography counts as free speech, then why shouldn't something with a tangible political message be similarly protected? Come and grapple with these questions on Thursday.

Around 9:00, the Liberal Party will adjourn the debate to Yorkside.

Saturday, September 25, 10 pm

Lib Poker Night

Pierson Buttery

Come and demonstrate your mathematical genius, bluffing prowess, and/or incredible luck to us Saturday night. Or, if you're like me, come and learn how to play poker. Two tables will be playing simultaneously: one will have a \$5 buy-in, and the other will be just for fun. We will be serving food and drinks.

The Pierson buttery is downstairs from the dining hall.

Links

The Christian Science Monitor on Money as Free Speech

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/1206/p10s02-comv.html>

Thomas Sowell on Money as Free Speech

<http://www.capmag.com/article.asp?ID=1495>

****I apologize for the sources above, but they represent both sides and all of you know how to use Google****

How to Play Poker

<http://www.playwinningpoker.com/articles/how-to-play-poker/>

Fun With Penguins

<http://meph.eu.org/>

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September 26, 2004

Introduction

Return of the Mascot

Last week, the lost stuffed penguin Larebil (sometimes pronounced Larry Bill) was discovered in a certain Silliman senior's room. This former chair had absconded with the Liberal Party's mascot while she took three semesters off, causing the Libs to seek a new penguin. At the end of last semester, we finally found a replacement, lovingly named "Spawn of Larebil: the Ungendered Penguin." Now, we find ourselves overwhelmed in the possession of two stuffed animals. What to do? Personally, I think they should battle to the death, but the fact that they are both non-sentient makes this somewhat difficult.

--Jade--

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 27

Lib Dinner

5:30 pm, Commons

As usual, the Liberal Party will be eating under the portrait of our 41st president, George H.W. Bush.

Tuesday, September 28

YPU Freshman Prize Debate

LC 102, 7:00 pm

Resolved: A government is responsible for the health of its citizens.

Freshmen who are interested in speaking on this topic must contact sophia.brill@yale.edu before Tuesday evening to reserve a place to speak. Yale professors will be judging the students, and a first, second, and third place prize will be awarded. The prizes are:

First Place: \$100 and a lifetime YPU membership

Second Place: a lifetime YPU membership (value: something obscenely high)

Third Place: 4-year YPU membership (value: \$40)

I encourage freshmen to think about giving a speech on Tuesday. It's a good way to get used to speaking in front of the YPU, and the topic is interesting this year. If you have questions, you might want to contact Kirstin (kirstin.dunham@yale.edu), a Lib who placed at the prize debate last year.

Thursday, September 30

Jonathan Brewster Bingham Forum

6 pm, Silliman Fellows Lounge

Speaker: Lisa Barrett

Yale alum Lisa Barrett will be giving a talk to the Liberal Party about her experiences with Teach for America over dinner. JBB is the Liberal Party's speaker forum; several times a semester, a guest joins us for dinner. Check out www.yale.edu/lib/intro.html for more information about JBB in general.

To get to the Silliman Fellows Lounge, turn left at the top of the stairs that lead to the dining hall, before the common room. Swipe in at Silliman and bring your tray to join us.

Thursday, September 30

Presidential Debate Viewing

9 pm, Calhoun 467, Entryway H, 1st floor

We'll be watching the first of the Kerry-Bush debates together, in hopes that Kerry will be able to prove to all of America that he is in fact not a douche bag, or even if he is, that people should vote for him anyway. (allusion: previous Lib debate and an unfinished website)

Links

Teach for America

www.teachforamerica.org

Physicians for a National Health Program

www.pnhp.org

A political blog from Texas. If you know UT, you understand the name

www.burntorangereport.com

Look! It's the lamest blog ever!

http://blog.johnkerry.com/cgi-bin/mt-comments.cgi?entry_id=850

Lame jokes about the presidential debates by late-night talk show hosts.

<http://politicalhumor.about.com/od/election2004/a/2004debatejokes.htm>

Penguin Game

<http://www.ebaumsworld.com/penguinswing.html>

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October 3, 2004

Introduction

"You Forgot Poland"

I guess we all have our perspective on how the presidential debate last Thursday went. When I discussed it with a Polish Republican friend of mine, she said, "I thought Bush caught that really well, because obviously Poland is not as "big" as Tony Blair, but Kerry ... probably alienated every Polish person that will be voting. An insignificant number probably, but still something."

Everyone else thinks that Kerry kicked ass.

Speaking of kicking ass at debates, congratulations to our own Lauren Hallett, who won second place at the Freshman Prize Debate last week. Congratulations also to Gary DeTurk, who tied for third. While rumors abound that he may have to split the prize--a four-year membership--into two two-year memberships, the general consensus is that the YPU can afford to give away an extra membership. Good job, too, to all of the freshmen who participated!

~~Jade~~

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 4

Lib Dinner

5:30 pm, Commons

As always, the Libs will be found eating under the portrait of George H.W. Bush (although some would contend that we've misidentified the portrait).

Monday, October 4

7:30 pm, SSS 114

YPU Guest: Bob Proto

Resolved: Yale should do more for its workers.

Bob Proto is the president of Local 35, the union which represents Yale's service and maintenance workers. While we seem to have staved off strikes in the near future after union negotiations with Yale last year, some issues remain unresolved. Come listen with the Liberal Party in the front-left of the room. If you're interested in speaking, contact sophia.brill@yale.edu

For those of you who have not yet bought YPU memberships, I encourage you to do so soon. You need to be a member to vote for YPU officers at the end of the semester, and we typically run several Libs (this semester, Libs represent us as the Vice-President and Treasurer). Memberships cost \$15 for a year or \$40 for 4 years, and you can buy them from the Teller right before YPU debates.

Wednesday, October 6

7:30 pm, Location TBA, Lib Debate

Resolved: Capitalism oppresses the Third World.

Personally, I find the phrase "the Third World" oppressive in itself, but that's not what we're going to talk about. Instead, we'll be discussing protectionist trade, the tragedy of the commons, colonialism, democratic development, industrialization, and anything else you care to bring up.

Thursday, October 7

Phone Banking for Kerry

Union Office for Local 34 & 35, 7-9 pm

We may not all be Democrats, but none of us like Bush. The Libs will be sponsoring a phone banking session for those who would like to tell undecided voters why they should vote for John Kerry. The phone bank will also gather data for a non-profit organization. If you would like to participate, please contact Brittney, the community secretary (brittney.hunt@yale.edu) so that she can reserve you a spot, or else let us know at Lib Dinner Monday.

Friday, October 8

Presidential Debate Viewing

Branford TV Room, 9 pm

The second presidential debate will be held in a town hall format, where voters will get to ask the candidates questions. Let's hope for a reprise of last week, with Bush standing there stunned.

Links

The Tragedy of the Commons

<http://dieoff.org/page95.htm>

Why Conservatives Think Protectionism is Bad

<http://www.aworldconnected.org/article.php/489.html>

World Systems Theory

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/wallerstein.html>

Unions at Yale

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

Linux Games

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

If you've made it to the bottom of the whipsheet, congratulations.

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October 10, 2004

Introduction

Incompetent at Life

It's midterm week, and the obligations just keep piling up. The coffee is losing its effect. My attention span is the length of my thumb. I'm getting old, and I still don't know how to play bridge. But despite all this, I do have an unsubstantiated rumor to share with all of you.

So as the more athletically inclined who are reading this may know, all of the Presidential Debates were scheduled during major baseball games. Rumor has it that this was done on purpose. Why? Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy? No one will be watching network TV anyway? Elitist assumptions that the two audiences are mutually exclusive? Brittney knows. Come to Lib Dinner to lure the truth out of her. ~~~Jade~~~

In The Libs This Week

Monday, October 11

5:30 pm, Commons

Same food, same people, under the same portrait of HW. Come, and ask Gisele to defend Stalinism.

Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 pm

YPU Debate, SSS 114

Guest: Paul Driessen

Resolved: American environmentalism harms developing nations.

This is a resolution so laden with evil (both the explicit degradation of environmentalism and the implicit glorification of the status quo capitalist/international trade system) that the debate almost has to end early, as it will because of the event below. If, however, you are interested in speaking during the shortened meeting, e-mail sophia.brill@yale.edu

If you haven't already, you may want to buy your YPU membership this week. It's \$15 for the year or \$40 for 4 years, and you need to have it in order to participate in the prize debate next week and to vote at the end of the semester (which is necessary to elect Libs to YPU office so that we get liberal guests).

Wednesday, October 13, 9 pm

Final Presidential Debate Viewing

McClellan A32

We're in the home stretch, guys. There's less than a month left until election day, and this time around our friendly duo will be debating domestic policy. Does this mean we won't be talking about Tora Bora?

And now, for the banner event of the week...

Thursday, October 14

Joint Lib-Tory Debate

7:30 pm, Location TBA

Resolved: End the War on Drugs.

Yes, well, drugs are fun. Then again, maybe they harm society. You should come and talk about this issue with us on Thursday. But that's not the only reason you should come. You should also come because the Tory Party will be joining us for the evening, and they are by far the coolest right-wing party in the union. We'll eat cheese, we'll talk about Britain, and we'll get to argue about the right v. left issues on a level more intimate than at the YPU.

Events So Far In the Future I'm Not Convinced I'll Still Be Alive Then

Wednesday, October 20

Ortel Prize Debate, 7:30 pm, Location TBA

Resolved: Massachusetts politics is truly cursed.

First Prize: \$1000

The Ortel Prize Debate will be a little different than usual YPU debates. For one thing, you might win money. Also, you *must* be docketed in order to speak, and you also must submit a pre-written speech before the meeting begins. Additionally, you need to be a member of the YPU in order to speak, so if you haven't bought your membership already, think about doing so soon. I'll be sending out more information next week.

Friday, October 29

Lib NY Trip

Every semester, the Libs go to New York together to meet with liberal thinkers, activists, etc. This semester our guest list will include Gloria Feldt of Planned Parenthood, Gail Collins of the NYT editorials page, and Adam Aronson of Lambda Legal. The details are still being ironed out, but contact yassmin@yale.edu if you're interested so that she can get a tentative idea of how many people will be going.

Additionally, we usually do a little something extra in the evening while we're in the city. Past excursions have included the Guggenheim and Jason's father's apartment. If you have any suggestions, let Yassmin know.

Campaigning Opportunitites

From Abe Koogler, with Bush-Busters 2004:

Hey Libs!

Want to spend the last days of the election in Ohio or Pennsylvania, working to turn out Democratic voters? We'll pay for it.

Leave Friday morning, come back Sunday night or stay until Election Day.

This will be the adrenaline rush of a lifetime, and we'd love to have a Libs team on the ground with us.

Teams are forming now.

Contact koogler@yale.edu for details.

From 2004forward:

CELL PHONE BANK

MONDAY, Oct. 11, 9 pm to midnight, WLH

FREE FOOD

Want to work toward a Kerry victory in Oregon?

Got some free time tomorrow night?

Got free cell minutes after 9?

We will be doing voter identification calls (ie asking registered voters who are they going to vote for) so that Carry Oregon knows who to persuade, who to give rides to the polls, etc. They're really simple calls but they make a huge difference.

Come by for an hour or stay for the whole time. The only requirement is that you bring a cell phone (your own or one you borrowed).

Call Kevin Abels at 203-843-1490 ASAP to let him know when you are coming so he can get enough lists to keep us busy. Those who want to start at 9 should meet outside WLH. Those coming later should call Kevin to find out what classroom we're in.

Squirrel Links, In Honor of Upcoming Events

Actual Things About Squirrels

www.squirrels.org

Disco Squirrels

www.discosquirrels.com

Scary Squirrel World

www.scarysquirrel.org

World o'Squirrels (check out Yale's campus rating)

www.gottschall.com/squirrels

Killer Squirrels

www.chainreaction.com/squirrels

Squirrel Fishing (aka yet another demonstration that Harvard is cruel)

http://www.eecs.harvard.edu/~yaz/en/squirrel_fishing.html

Outwitting Squirrels Society

www.outwittingsquirrels.com

All Squirrels Must Die

www.deadsquirrel.com

Fun as this is, I have to stop now...

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October 17, 2004

Introduction

Feminism At Last?

I like to think of this as women's recognition week in the YPU. Not only is the liberal party (**finally**) having a feminist debate, but the YPU is getting as close as it's going to come this semester. Oh, I know, Massachusetts isn't exactly the same thing as universal daycare, but you are encouraged to speak about Ann Hutchinson at it, America's first major female political figure. She was exiled. How patriarchal is that? Draw parallels to Jane Swift, the first female MA governor and a Republican, who was pressured by her party not to run for reelection because she had newborn kids.

Plus, we're meeting with Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood, on the Lib New York trip. Okay, technically that's next week, but you're hearing about it now, and I've officially fulfilled my obligation to write something at the beginning of the e-mail.

~~Jade~~

This Week in the Libs

Monday, October 18, Lib Dinner

5:30, Commons

Because everywhere else restricts transfers now. Join us under the portrait of HW Bush.

Wednesday, October 20, 7:30

Lib Debate, Location TBA

Resolved: Technology is the key to women's liberation.

Women are still oppressed. I know it, you know it, maybe you want to keep it that way. So how do we liberate them? By getting rid of the biological clock and having kids when we're 50 and already have tenure? By obviating the physical strength differential with machines? Or is that just unnatural? Is the real key to liberation social, not technological? Come debate with us on Wednesday.

Thursday, October 21

7:00 pm, SSS 114

YPU, Austin Carlos Gormley Prize Debate

Resolved: Massachusetts politics is truly cursed.

First Prize: \$1000 and a YPU lifetime membership

I know, all of you are really confused. First of all, didn't I say it was the Ortel Prize Debate last week? Yes, I did. Ortel is the name of the person endowing the prize debate; Gormley is who he wants to name it after. But on to more important matters.

The debate is supposed to be largely historical; Mr. Ortel encourages students to speak about the Ann Hutchinson trial. I encourage people to speak about Jane Swift's fleeting governorship, a regular modern

day martyr (or pushover to her party, whatever). The debate will be judged by professors, and students will be judged on speech content and presentation, with an emphasis on the latter.

For this Prize Debate, you must contact the FLL (sophia.brill@yale.edu) by Wednesday night if you would like to speak. Non-docketed speakers will not be allowed. Additionally, you must submit a written text of your speech to the judges at the beginning of the meeting. Finally, you must own a YPU membership to speak. You can purchase a year-long membership for \$15 from the teller right before the meeting begins, a 4-year membership for \$40, or a lifetime membership for \$75.

Events So Far In The Future I'm Not Convinced I'll Still Be Alive Then

(this is becoming a regular feature, evidently)

Monday, October 25, 5 pm

Lib Dinner, Pepe's

For those of you who haven't been, Pepe's is one of the famous New Haven Pizzerias (along with Sally's) that every Yale undergrad should go to at least once. It's about a 15-20 minute walk from campus, so we'll be meeting up at Phelps Gate around 5 to walk over together.

Friday, October 29, all day

Lib New York Trip

Every semester, the Liberal Party goes to New York to meet interesting leftist guests. This year, our meetings include Gloria Feldt of Planned Parenthood, attorneys at Lambda Legal and the ACLU, and Gail Collins of the New York Times. We cap the trip, so e-mail yassmin@yale.edu if you're interested in going; she needs a list of names by Friday.

We'll be meeting to leave campus around 7:15 am and will be gone for most of the day, although you're welcome to join us late or leave early. You should bring enough money for the train ride (c. \$26), a few subway rides, and meals. If there's anything you'd like to do as a group in the evening, let Yassmin know so that she can try and plan it (past excursions have included the Guggenheim and Jason's father's apartment).

Elsewhere on Campus

UOC Financial Aid Forum

4:30 PM, Wednesday

Dwight Hall

Building on the momentum from our canvass of 300 undergrads, the UOC is hosting this forum to ask challenging questions of three representatives of the Financial Aid Office and spark discussion of progressive alternatives for financial aid reform. Be there.

CORD canvass

Thursday, 4:45 PM and Saturday at 8:45 AM

E-mail josh.eidelson@yale.edu to find out more.

Links

ACLU

www.aclu.org

The New York Times

www.nytimes.com

Planned Parenthood

www.plannedparenthood.org

Lambda Legal

www.lambdalegal.org

About Jane Swift

<http://boston.about.com/library/weekly/aa041001a.htm>

<http://www.time.com/time/columnist/frank/article/0,9565,219417,00.html>

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October 24, 2004

Introduction

Your Weekly Dose of Cynicism

Top 10 Reasons Why John Kerry Won't Win on Tuesday:

10. He offended the Polish-Americans.
9. All the liberals moved to Canada four years ago. (Right?)
8. He's doing worse amongst women than Gore did.
7. He's doing worse amongst African-Americans than Gore did.
6. Zogby finally has Kerry behind.
5. The Swift Boat Veterans for Bush have brainwashed all of Ohio.
4. electoral-vote.com has Kerry trailing Bush in the electoral college...with Florida in limbo.
3. It's really hard to explain health care and tax cut policy in 90 seconds.
2. The absentee ballots, which the 527s are pushing on elderly voters, are absurdly complicated.
1. New voters are the most likely to make ballot errors.

Just trying to prepare everyone for the worst.

~~Jade~~

P.S. Congratulations to libs Greg Ablavsky, Gisele Roget, and Eric Kafka on their awesome speeches at the Austin Carlos Gormley prize debate last week!

In the Libs

Monday, October 25, 5:15 pm

Lib Dinner, Pepe's

We'll be moving out of Commons this week. Pepe's is one of New Haven's famous pizzerias. It takes about 20-25 minutes to walk to there, so meet us at Phelps Gate at 5:15 so that we can walk over together. We'll return to campus in time for YPU.

Monday, October 25, 7:30 pm

YPU Debate, SSS 114

Guest: Peter Diamond

Resolved: Social Security should not be privatized.

Peter Diamond is the first in the upcoming parade of liberal speakers at the PU. He is an economist at MIT, and one of the leading experts on Social Security. If you're interested in speaking on the topic, [e-mailsophia.brill@yale.edu](mailto:emailsophia.brill@yale.edu), the FLL--or, if you will, the FLLPIP (Floor Leader of the Left Part of the Independent Party).

There are four YPU meetings left to qualify for membership at this semester, three of which have liberal guests and the other of which is a student debate. In order to qualify for the YPU, you need to sign in with the Libs at three meetings and buy a year-long membership for \$15 from the teller before a YPU

meeting this semester. Part of the money comes back to the Libs, and the membership allows you to vote at the end of the semester.

Wednesday, October 27, 7 pm

Hippolytic Presents: The US in Iraq: A Discussion of Policy and Theory

Davies Auditorium

Professor Charles Hill and Professor Seyla Benhabib will be debating the US's Iraq policy. The Yale Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Streets, will moderate. The Hippolytic is a student-published leftist magazine on campus.

We hope that Libs will attend this event in lieu of a Lib Debate this week.

Friday, October 29

Lib NY Trip

Every semester, the Liberal Party goes to New York to meet liberal-thinking guests. E-mail mailyassmin@yale.edu by Wednesday if you're interested in going. Here's the schedule:

7:15: Meet at Phelps Gate to go to the train station

10:30: Meeting with Gail Collins, Editorial Page Editor for the New York Times.

Gail Collins Biography:

<http://www.nytc.com/company-executives-gcollins.html>

12:00: Lunch

2:00: Meeting with Adam Aronson, Staff Attorney for Lambda Legal

Lambda Legal is the largest and oldest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people and those with HIV or AIDS.

Adam Aronson Biography:

<http://www.lambdalegal.org/cgi-bin/iowa/about/staffmem.html?record=21>

4:00: Meeting with Gloria Feldt, the President of Planned Parenthood

Gloria Feldt Biography:

<http://www.klru.org/texasmonthlytalks/archives/feldt/bio.asp>

5:30: Meeting with Jameel Jaffer, Staff Attorney for the ACLU

Jameel Jaffer Biography:

<http://www.nycarchivists.org/mtg.html>

Typically, a group of us stay in the city for dinner and possibly some later activity; others return to Yale for whatever may be going on in New Haven that evening.

Links

Electoral Vote Counter

www.electoral-vote.com

Peter Diamond's Papers

http://econ-www.mit.edu/faculty/?prof_id=pdiamond&type=paper

Jon Stewart on Crossfire

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0410/15/cf.01.html>

<http://www.ifilm.com/ifilmdetail/2652831>

New Democratic Party

www.ndp.ca

Ms. Magazine

www.msmagazine.com

The **Lib** Schtick

Op. 9 No. 1

October 31, 2004

Introduction

Halloween Edition

Happy Halloween, everyone (sort of)! It's that time of year again, when midterms are ending and you feel as though you can breathe a sigh of relief. Then, suddenly, you realize that the traditional Yale social activities are rising up to take over your life: the screws are in full swing, Halloween lasted four days, Casino Night is nearly upon us, and Harvard-Yale is just 6 seminar hours away. This is possibly more stressful than midterms; you can always drop classes, but who can miss the YSO concert? (It was great, by the way; go Bill!)

Anyway, pretend you got this twelve hours earlier.

~~Jade~~

In the Libs this Week

Monday, November 1, 5:30 pm

Lib Dinner, Commons

Once again, we'll gather under the portrait of George HW Bush. Come hear everyone's Halloween war stories.

Wednesday, November 3, 7:30 pm

Lib Debate, JE Common Room

Resolved: Religion is the opiate of the masses.

Is religion a social tool to keep the people content, in line, and accepting of their repression? Or is it really more of a methamphetamine, a drug to incite the masses towards social change? Come tell us what you think on Wednesday.

Thursday, November 4, 7:30 pm

YPU Student Debate, LC 211

Resolved: America made a mistake.

This is the YPU's election debate. While you don't know what side you'll be speaking on yet, you should know by now what a mistake would constitute. Want to talk about how Bush would/will take America down the toilet? E-mailsophia.brill@yale.edu for a place on the docket.

Even if you're not interested in election re-hash, stop by the beginning on the meeting to sign in **with the Libs**. There are only **three** qualifying meetings left of the semester, and you need to sign in at the beginning of three per semester to become a YPU member (this allows you to vote at the end of the semester). So if you're interested in joining the YPU but haven't been able to make it yet, try to spare a few minutes of your time to walk to LC.

Links

DIY Election Day Phone-Banking

<http://www.moveonpac.org/lnvb/pp/index2.html>

Zogby International

www.zogby.com

Halloween Census Report

<http://usgovinfo.about.com/cs/censusstatistic/a/halloween03.htm>

Build a Better Bush

http://www.i-am-bored.com/bored_link.cfm?link_id=6300

The Lib Schtick

Op. 10 No. 1

November 8, 2004

Introduction

Sleep is for the weak?

A bit of trivia, courtesy the treasurer of the YPU: you get more REM cycles from 8 hours of sleep, every other night, than from 6 hours of sleep, every night. Healthy? It's unclear, but he is attempting to find out by experimenting upon himself.

Meanwhile, I've been drowning my post-election bitterness in sleep. I've experienced so little of the past week conscious that I'm under the impression that it's still Tuesday afternoon, the election results haven't come in yet, and the pounding in Ohio was just a bad dream caused by stress. So sleep well to all of those who sleep; in the meanwhile, I'm going to spend tonight reacquainting myself with caffeine.

~~Jade~~

In the Libs

Monday, November 8, 5:30

Lib Dinner, Commons

Under the portrait of number 41.

Tuesday, November 9, 6 pm

Jonathan Brewster Bingham Forum

Guest Speaker: Ben Healey, BR 04

Topic: "Movement Building and the Role of Elections"

Morse Fellows Lounge

Ben Healey is the current alderman of Ward 1, the district that includes Old Campus and about half of the residential colleges. The title says it all: he'll be talking to us about how change is effected and political administrations are turned over, with particular attention to recent election results.

The Morse Fellows Lounge is right next to the dining hall. Swipe in at Morse and bring your tray to listen to Ben.

Wednesday, November 10, 7:30 pm

YPU Debate, SSS 114

Guest: Margaret Levi

Resolved: Entrust the government with your money.

Personally, I consider this to be the most exciting meeting of the semester. Margaret Levi is the president of the American Political Science Association and will be speaking to us on a very liberal topic indeed: why we should pay taxes (but why we shouldn't entrust the government with our civil liberties). If you're interested in giving an affirmative speech, e-mail sophia.brill@yale.edu.

Note that this is the second to last meeting at which you can qualify for the YPU this semester. You need to sign in three times to be a member. If you've only been once so far, haul yourself down to SSS 114 on

Wednesday and at least sign the book. Also, if you haven't bought your membership, buy one from the teller beforehand. A one-year membership is \$15.

Links

Margaret Levi Biography

<http://faculty.washington.edu/mlevi/>

Ben Healey as Alderman

<http://www.yaledailynews.com/article.asp?AID=24771>

Bush Sucks

<http://www.eviltron.com/bushsucks/>

Bush Continues to Suck

<http://w.sucks.xs2.net/>

American Political Science Association

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

The **Lib** Schtick

Op. 11 No. 1

November 14, 2004

Introduction

The Game

I have the sinking feeling that the Game is not going to live up to itself this year. Nobody has yet told me that they have a master plan to sneak kegs into the tailgates, and if sober, we'll probably care a lot more about losing--and remember, Harvard might suck, but their football team is undefeated. Additionally, weekends are always much less fun when you're sleeping on somebody else's futon. Regardless, I'll be taking the Friday evening bus down along with everyone else in hopes for fun times with the Saybrook Strip, the half-time show, and the pithy t-shirts.

~~Jade~~

In the Libs this Week

Monday, November 15, 5:30

Lib Dinner, Commons

There's just two more this semester, so join us for bad food and fun conversation under the portrait of GHWB.

Tuesday, November 16, 7:30

Lib Debate, JE Common Room

Resolved: Society should act in people's interests, even without their consent.

I know that we didn't add a POR-ish "in the perfect city" clause, but let's pretend that there's some objective way of knowing what everyone's best interest is, but not everyone happens to be exposed to that knowledge. Does society then coerce people into doing what actually is good for them, or does individual choice win out?

Thursday, November 18, 7:30

YPU Debate, LC 102

Guest: Peter Beinart

Resolved: TBA

Peter Beinart is a former chair of the Liberal Party, and is currently the editor of the New Republic. He'll be speaking about either public opinion's role in presidential decision making or why political parties should move to the center, depending on some last minute decisions. If you would like to speak, e-mail sophia.brill@yale.edu; if you think that you would be more on the ball about coming up with resolutions before Sunday night, then run for Vice President of the YPU.

The Liberal Party will be holding a small reception in honor of Peter Beinart after the YPU Debate, location TBA. Refreshments will be served.

This is the **last qualifying meeting for YPU this semester**. If you've already been twice, then please **sign in a third time** in order to qualify for YPU membership. We need all of the quals we can get

for YPU elections in a few weeks! Also, if you haven't already, ***please buy your YPU memberships*** before the meeting begins. A year-long membership costs \$15.

Coming Up

Saturday, December 4

All afternoon, WLH

Lib Elections!

Interested in running for Lib Office? Be sure to contact someone on this semester's e-board before the 4th. The officers this semester are:

Chair, Betsy (b.williams@yale.edu)

Vice Chair, Yassmin (yassmin@yale.edu)

Chief Whip, Kirstin (kirstin.dunham@yale.edu)

Secretary, Jade (jade.lamb@yale.edu)

JBB Director, Jacob (jacob.first@yale.edu)

Community Secretary/Treasurer, Brittney (brittney@yale.edu)

Sunday, December 5

All night, Location TBA

YPU Inquisition

YPU Inquisition is where we interrogate all of the people running for YPU offices, with both serious and more amusing questions. Afterwards, we decide which candidates to endorse for office. It takes most of the night, but it's a great time. If you're interested in running for YPU office, you must announce your candidacy in writing to the Speaker of the YPU (jonathan.berry@yale.edu) by Sunday, November 28.

Monday, December 6

All day, WLH basement

YPU Elections

This is when we vote on all of the decisions we made the evening before. Vote early, but only once. You must have a YPU membership in order to help us out by voting, so be sure to sign in a third time and buy your membership.

Elsewhere

Monday, November 15, 6:30 pm

Where was the Latino Vote? Election 2004

La Casa

Why did 44% of Latinos vote for Bush? What has been the role of Latino voters in past elections and swing states? Come for a teach in. Ask questions and participate in the dialogue.

Links

The New Republic

www.tnr.com

Peter Beinart Biography

http://www.leadingauthorities.com/20647/Peter_Beinart.htm

Harvard Sucks

<http://overstated.net/04/04/07-harvard-sucks>

Harvard Really Sucks

<http://www.yaleherald.com/archive/frosh/2001/blue/p52sucks.html>

Harvard Sucks More than We Know

<http://triptronix.net/ishbadiddle/archives/2001/12/12/11.06.21/>

And Princeton Doesn't Matter

www.princeton.edu

See everyone in Cambridge on Friday!

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Op. 12 No. 1

November 28, 2004

Introduction

Elections and Adieu

My darling Libs, this week is going to be very exciting. Not only is the Liberal Party having its last debate of the semester, but YPU and Lib elections are coming up. What does this mean? Very soon, someone else will be writing the whipsheet, cleverly (or not) named to incorporate the term "lib."

This also means that everyone should show up to Lib Party Elections on Saturday and YPU Elections Monday. All are welcome to party elections; it's a great way to meet next semester's e-board even if you haven't been around much this semester.

To vote in YPU elections, you must have qualified as a YPU member (i.e. signed in at three YPU meetings). **Voting takes about 5 minutes, and you can stop in anytime during the afternoon. The Liberal Party's endorsement sheet will be available in WLH.** Everyone who's voting (or is just interested) is encouraged to come to Inquisition Sunday night, where all of the candidates will present themselves and answer our questions.

Thanks for a great semester,
~~Jade~~

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 29, 5:30 pm

Lib Dinner, Commons

We'll be gathering once more this semester to eat under the portrait of George HW Bush and steal ice cream from the Davenport section.

Thursday, December 2, 7:30 pm

Lib Debate, Calhoun Common Room

Resolved: It is better to lose with honor than play dirty.

The age-old question of what is right versus what is effective. Is it worth it to win if you compromise your ideals? Is cheating really so wrong if the other side has the same opportunity to cheat? Are "rules" important? Come and tell us what you think.

Saturday, December 4, 1 pm

Lib Elections, WLH (room number will be posted on the doors)

Interested in determining the future of the Liberal Party? Come and help us decide on our officers for next semester--or run for office yourself! If you are interested in running for Lib e-board, be sure to contact a current officer ASAP. On this semester's e-board:

Chair, Betsy Williams (b.williams@yale.edu)

Vice Chair, Yassmin Sadeghi (yassmin.sadeghi@yale.edu)

Chief Whip, Kirstin Dunham (kirstin.dunham@yale.edu)

Secretary, Jade Lamb (jade.lamb@yale.edu)
Community Secretary/Treasurer, Brittney Hunt (brittney.hunt@yale.edu)
JBB Director, Jacob First (jacob.first@yale.edu)

The first race of the day will be the Liberal Party's primary for FLL, open to all. Be sure to let our Chair, Betsy, know if you're interested in running for FLL.

Sunday, December 5, 7 pm

YPU Inquisition, Branford Trumbull Room

YPU Inquisition is where we interrogate all of the people running for YPU offices, with both serious and more amusing questions. Afterwards, we decide which candidates to endorse for office. It takes most of the night, but it's a great time.

The Trumbull Room is in Branford, underneath Harkness Tower.

Monday, December 6, 1-5 pm

Yale Political Union Elections, WLH Basement

This is when all of the parties vote for the YPU officers based on their performance the night before. The Liberal Party will have an endorsement sheet available to all. **If you qualified for the Libs this semester (signed in with us at 3 YPU meetings), then please come vote.** The Floor Leader of the Left race will likely be decided by a very slim margin: every vote counts.

Links

There Are Usually Links Here. I need to write papers, so instead, a final thought:

"Two cheers for democracy; one because it admits variety and two because it permits criticism. Two cheers are quite enough; there is no occasion to give three."

--E.M. Forster, 1951