

The Libido

Op. 1 No. 1

January 9, 2012

Lovely, luscious Libs,

Welcome back! A new year dawns, and the (Leninist vanguard faction of the) Liberal Party of the Yale Political Union is determined to make it as stylishly Lib-tastic as possible. So shake off that jet lag, take some strength from the Labor Department's vaguely encouraging jobs report (although Paul Krugman of Nazareth would sternly disapprove), ignore the revolting sight of ~~santorum~~ Santorum plastered all over our TV and computer screens, and come celebrate our supposed last year on the planet Earth at these Liberally delicious events! (Feel free to bring your own appropriately lazy Mayan calendar reference.)

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

Come eat yummy food (and also wraps, which I suppose are *technically* considered foodstuff) and converse with fellow Libs about holiday adventures, Bluebooking, Huntsmentum, and, of course, dialectical materialism. We'll be sitting at the long table in the back. All are welcome!

Monday - YPU Organizational Debate with Larry Summers: 7:30pm in SSS 114 Resolved: The U.S. and World Economies Need More Keynesian Economic Thinking

Come to the YPU's biannual organizational debate! You wouldn't want to miss Shailin's impeccably enunciated org speech, now would you?

This week's guest is Larry Summers, who is *most* well known for being a character in *The Social Network*. No, not the PayPal guy, that was Peter Thiel. He's coming in February. Summers was that guy who had to deal with those Winklevoss assholes while he was President of Harvard. He was also the **douchenozzle** who once carelessly attributed the skewed gender ratio in the sciences to genetic differences between males and females. Yikes! But I'm guessing he'll keep any discussion of "girls can't do science" to a minimum. **That is, if he knows what's good for him.**

When he wrote *The General Theory*, Keynes didn't know how controversial his ideas would eventually become — ideas like "contractionary fiscal policy is contractionary," "Art Laffer is definitely full of shit," and "Friedman's quantity theory of money ignores the destabilizing effects of hysteresis inherent to money velocity." Nowadays, Keynes is being challenged by the likes of neo-Monetarists, Austrians, and supply-siders. (Speaking of supply-side economics, this is always worth a watch. God bless Al Franken. Also, the Austrian School doesn't actually count as "economics.")

Come defend Keynes' legacy on **Monday at 7:30pm in SSS 114!** All are welcome! As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room. And don't forget, our very own Cate Laporte-Oshiro will be giving the second speech in the affirmative.

A final pearl of wisdom that is *especially* germane for certain members of the YPU:

One of the things you learn as a college president is that if an undergraduate is wearing a tie and jacket on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, there are two possibilities. One is that they're looking for a job and have an interview; the other is that they are an asshole. This was the latter case.

— Larry Summers, on, among other things, calling the kettle "black"

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in Calhoun Fellow's Lounge, maybe? God only knows.

Discussion: How can we redistribute cultural capital?

The Libs are always for redistribution! So on Thursday, we discuss how best to redistribute social assets — defining "assets" as broadly as possible. [Here](#) is one possible definition #punny. [Here](#) is another #lessproblematicbutstillproblematic.

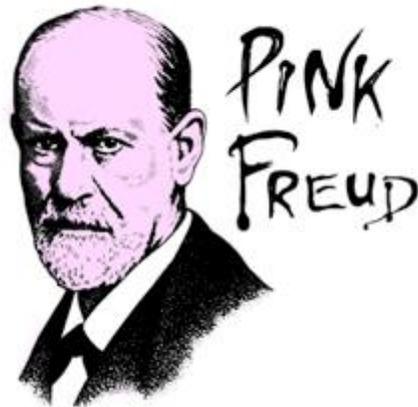
Questions to consider: How can we level the playing field between "rich" and "poor"? Is it possible to change people's perception of culture? How do we shape access to "high" and "low" culture? Should we just force poor people to read Shakespeare? Is the previous statement **disturbingly** problematic on so many levels? Should we force rich people to listen to rap music? Wouldn't that just make them unhappy?

Discuss all this and more on **Thursday at 7:30pm** in a location to be determined! The smart money is on Calhoun Fellow's Lounge. Keep an eye out for the location in the reminder email. All are welcome!

Miscellany

I promised to continue "Lib of the Week." Look here next week for an exciting new installment of the Emmy-ineligible series.

This semester's whip sheet is entitled "The LIBido" because Freud is just tremendous. (This is heresy for many Libs. I humbly apologize.)



I also promised a cute picture of a puppy:



Good luck shopping, everyone. All are welcome!

Pip pip cheerio,

Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 2 No. 1

January 15, 2012

Libs,

What a crazy week! Newt Gingrich said something racist about black people, Rick Santorum said something racist about bla- people, and the Liberal Party's very own Andrea Stein coerced me into taking godawful International Economics with her at 9:00am in the disgusting morning. (Of the three, it's hard to say which is the most depraved.) But don't fret, the Libs have scheduled about eleventy thousand events this week to cheer you (and me) right up! All are welcome! ®

Editorial note: Some notable Libs have objected to my appreciation of Mr. Freud (*cf.* the title of this whip sheet) — but I just sit back and savor the schadenfreud (*n.* \ˈshä-dən-froid\ 1. Pleasure derived from others' overt disapproval of Sigmund Freud).

Super important announcement: If you get a chance to talk to me this week, be sure to ask about a great (albeit apocryphal) Harold Bloom story I heard the other day. You won't regret it.

Monday - MLK Day of Service: 10:00am in Dwight Hall

Hey, hey, MLK, how many trees did you plant today? Martin Luther King, Jr., would want you to celebrate his birthday by enjoying the break from classes and working at a soup kitchen or something. Come rack up karma with the Libs! It's what *good people* do. Call Roselyn if you have any questions.

And don't forget, if John McCain had his way we'd all be going to class today! What an awful person.

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

You'll be hungry from a day of planting trees, helping out those in need, and otherwise being an awesome person, so come eat delicious foodstuff with the Liberal Party in the highly traditional location of **Silliman Dining Hall** at 5:30pm after the MLK Day of Service event! Converse with fellow Libs about shopping period, Huntsmentum, and, of course, dialectical materialism. As usual, we'll be sitting at one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome! ®

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Joe Miller: 7:30pm in SSS 114

Resolved: Take the Federal Government out of Education

Save the Department of Education! This week's guest is Joe Miller, a noted libertarian and part-time crazy person. A 1997 graduate of Yale Law School, he opposes an impressive variety of (probably) good things that includes the minimum wage, unemployment benefits, the Seventeenth Amendment, the healthcare bill, and all proposed climate legislation. What a swell guy!

I'm mostly just confused about how he managed to run for Senate on a platform of repealing the people's right to vote for their senators. (Ah, he *lost* the election. That explains it.)

Come defend the Department of Education on **Tuesday** at 7:30pm in **SSS 114**! All are welcome! ® As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room.

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in TBA

Discussion: Should we vote for third-party candidates?

If you read my emails, last week's discussion kinda went exactly the direction I predicted! How swell.

This week's discussion concerns the value of voting. Why even do it at all when stuff like this always ends up happening? (Correct answer: Because voting is a civic responsibility as sacred as jury duty.)

Questions to consider: Is voting third-party just throwing your vote away? Are there any viable third-party candidates this election cycle? Does that bloke Duverger have anything to say about the topic? (Warning: serious link.) Isn't third-party voting what caused all that trouble in Florida in 2000? Didn't we all end up getting pretty mad at Nader for, like, eight years? And just how cray cray is the Libertarian Party anyway?

Discuss all this and more on Thursday at 7:30pm in a location to be determined! (Once again, the smart money is on the Calhoun Fellow's Lounge) All are welcome! ®

Friday - Lib Happy Hour: 9:00pm in Davenport F21

Same Sex on the Beach. Red Russian. Cosmopolity. Martini Luther King, Jr. Come try these drinks and more with the Libs this **Friday** at **9:00pm** in **Davenport F21** (Justus's suite)! After a stressful week of classes, how better to celebrate the end of shopping period? All are welcome! ®

Besides, you're lying if you're not a little (bi-)curious about trying a Same Sex on the Beach. Not even once?

Saturday - YPU Event "Resolved: Rage": 9:00pm in the Saybrook-Branford Room, probs

Because one night of drinking is hardly sufficient to constitute a weekend proper, the YPU will be holding a social event this **Saturday** at **9:00pm** in some **mysterious as-yet-to-be-determined location**, and it promises to be entertaining! The topic is **Resolved: Rage**, and I, your humble secretary, will be one of the speakers in the affirmative. Come, if only to hear my wonderfully droll Harold Bloom story!

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Thomas Veitch

That's right, the greatest segment in the history of the world is back! **Thomas Veitch** is a freshman in Pierson who plays French horn in the Yale Symphony Orchestra and is an all-around awesome person.



Likes: Magic bars, French horn, thunderstorms, Boston, Elizabeth Warren, Tina Fey, dogs, Purple Cow

ice cream, having Monday off

Dislikes: Arrogance, stubbornness, stories that involve vomit, having Monday classes on Friday

Fun fact: No cousins

Dream job: Naming paint colors for companies like Benjamin Moore

Favorite method of procrastination: Creating a Lib-of-the-week profile

Finally, I promised a cute picture. So **awwwwwwww puppies:**



This email has gone on long enough. Hope to see you at one or more events this week!

Suggestively,

Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 3 No. 1

January 22, 2012

Luscious Libs,

What a supremely awful week! Nobody wants to hire me for the summer, I'm way way way behind in all my [classes](#), and I've recently been compared to, of all people, [Rita Skeeter](#). (Although I'll admit I'm just as catty. Mrow.) At least Newt Gingrich's victory in the South Carolina primary means that I might not have to pay Nick Eckenwiler \$20 dollars. And not to fear, the Libs have a *robust* schedule of events for the coming week that promises to lift everyone's spirits! All are, of course, welcome!®

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

Shopping period has finally ended! Come join the Libs tomorrow as we eat delicious foodstuff in the highly traditional [location](#) of **Silliman Dining Hall** at **5:30pm** as we celebrate the first day of the rest of the semester. Converse with fellow Libs about the upcoming [Heidi Klum and Seal breakup](#), a resurgence in [Newt-mentum](#), and, of course, dialectical materialism. As usual, we'll be sitting at one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!®

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Tim Goeglein: 7:30pm in WLH 119

Resolved: Overturn Roe v. Wade

Oh good! I'm so glad that the reproductive rights of half the country are up for debate.

Since time immemorial, old white men have pontificated about the reproductive rights of walking uteruses. This week we have the distinct privilege of **finally** hearing from someone different, [Tim Goeglein](#), a *middle-aged* white man, who has a lot to say about the sensitive subject of accusing women of murdering their unborn children. If we're lucky, he'll put derisive air quotes around "women's health" and sanctimoniously talk down to women who deeply regret the abortions they choose to have. (Note: these women are largely [nonexistent](#).) But maybe I'm being too harsh; after all, Goeglein isn't the [worst](#).

Come defend Harry Blackmun and his intellectual progeny on **Tuesday** at **7:30pm** in **WLH 119**! All are welcome!® As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room.

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in Calhoun Fellow's Lounge

Discussion: Should lawbreakers be punished?

I held up eboard today for *fifteen minutes* this afternoon to prevent the discussion topic from being "Should we punish criminals" — partly because the word "criminal" is incredibly problematic, but mostly because I have an irrational fondness for the passive voice. I was (insultingly) called everything from "pedantic" to "Derrida," but I'm sure this discussion will prove me right in the end! If we're lucky, the discussion will be at least as incomprehensible as [Slavoj Žižek on toilets](#).

Some questions to consider for this week: Why do we punish lawbreakers? Is retributive justice justifiable? Can we hold lawbreakers responsible for their actions? Can we hold **anyone** responsible for their actions? Would bringing up [Foucault](#) be too pretentious? (Answer: Probably.) And just how gay was Foucault? (Answer: **Supergay**.)

Come discuss these questions — especially the last one — and more on **Thursday** at **7:30pm** in

the [Calhoun Fellow's Lounge](#)! All are welcome!®

Saturday - Lib Games Night: 9:00pm in TBA

How tragic! I have mock trial this weekend at [Cornell](#) and will be forced to miss the first (although most certainly not the last) **Lib Games Night** of the semester. I'm sure there will be much drinking, hanging out, and playing of Names in a Hat, Taboo, Apples to Apples, and other party favorites. I'll be there in spirit! — that is, as long as someone in the party develops a passable Isaac impression.

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Nick Styles

This week's **Generally Awesome Person of the Week** is [Nick Styles](#), a sophomore in Jonathan Edwards College who majors in something pretentious and threw an all-around awesome YPU rager yesterday!



Co-Social Chair of the Yale Political Union

Member of the new sophomore faction of the Liberal Party

Likes: The Washington Capitals, Alex Ovechkin, Blink-182, the Netherlands, Shailin's blazer, reddit, rock climbing, cycling, the texts I send Matt Murawski, the texts I receive from Matt Murawski, Dirk Bergemann's accent, the DC Metro, citizens uniting, Vineyard Vines, Western business attire, Arrested Development, redistribution, throwing epic YPU ragers, Yorkside Garlic Bread, garlic mashed potatoes, the sound made by packing snow, croakies, sunlight, raquetball, True Blood, Chipotle, jokes.

Dislikes: Sidney Crosby, the city of Pittsburgh, David Tyree's helmet, Shailin's blazer, toll booths, doing laundry, small electrical fires, Dirk Bergemann's class, people who use paper tickets on the DC Metro, *Citizens United*, vampires, Rick Santorum, appropriate jokes.

Secretly Likes: Toby Keith, New Haven winters.

Favorites:

Favorite Meal: Tyng Cup Victory Banquet Dinners

Favorite Method of Accessing the DC Metro: Smartrip

Favorite Hockey Game Played on Jan 1, 2011: The NHL Winter Classic, Caps 3, Pens 1.

Fun Facts: Can dislocate his right shoulder at will, was once attacked by a kangaroo, once accidentally tripped John Kerry while he was entering the Senate floor.

And finally, the cute picture of the week (be careful, it moves!):



Looks like I managed to beat **Ben Lempert** this week. Take that! (**Julie Aust**, I'll best you next Sunday.)

Mischievously,

Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 4 No. 1

January 30, 2012

Lovely, Lively Libs,

My *sincerest* apologies for sending this edition of *The Libido* out so late! I fell asleep last night while reading *Being and Nothingness* (or something equally self-important), and I spent all day today trying to figure out exactly how much I screwed myself over for the week. *And* I'm super tired and super irritated by last night's unnecessarily late 11pm Sunday arrival from a weekend extracurricular trip. *And* while I was gone, Mitt Romney started pulling away in Florida and a Connecticut mayor said something racist. **And** — *horrors!* — Paul Krugman has come down with a cold. But lucky me, this week the Libs have a full schedule of events that promises to cheer me right up! All are, as always, welcome!

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

Hating any of your classes yet? Me too! So instead of doing homework, come join the Libs later today as we eat wonderful foodstuff and gossip in the highly traditional location of **Silliman Dining Hall** at **5:30pm**. Talk with fellow Libs about a re-re-resurgence in Newt-mentum, Romney's obscene wealth, and, of course, dialectical materialism. I'll even tell my joke about Jean-Paul Sartre! (Or not.) As usual, we'll be sitting at one of the long tables in the back.

Tuesday - Volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen: 5:15pm at Phelps Gate

The semiannual Lib service day at the **Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen** is always an awesome opportunity to help out those in need! The event starts at **5:30pm**, but a contingent of Libs will be meeting at **5:15pm** at **Phelps Gate** to walk over together.

So for all you atheist Libs out there: Come help out at the local soup kitchen tomorrow after class! It's the right thing to do. For all you religious Libs out there: Come help out at the local soup kitchen tomorrow — or I'll tell on you to God. Either way, I hope to see you there!

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Steven Greenhouse: 7:30pm in WLH 201

Resolved: Corporations Should Value People Over Profit Something

People that would speak in the negative for this resolution baffle me. Of course, that's all the more reason to come to the **YPU debate** this **Tuesday** at **7:30pm** in **WLH 201** (yes, the nice, big room with comfortable seats!) to hear their points of view.

Steven Greenhouse is the super-awesome labor correspondent for the *New York Times*. And apparently, he's *veryparticular* about the wording of debate resolutions.

Come defend people and their right to be treated like people on Tuesday night! All are welcome!® As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room.

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in Calhoun Fellow's Lounge, assuming administrative competence

Discussion: Is the tree of liberty watered with the blood of tyrants?

Well, is it?

Join the Libs this Thursday as we discuss the implications of political violence. What country before ever existed a century and half without a rebellion? What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The always mischievous Thomas Jefferson raises these two disturbing questions in the same letter as his famous quote: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure."

Some other questions to consider for this week: When is violence a legitimate form of political expression? When is political violence more effective than nonviolent protest? Can political violence be ethical? Does it matter? Is there a meaningful difference between political violence and terrorism? When? And what about the blood of patriots part?

Come discuss these questions and more on [Thursday at 7:30pm](#) in the [Calhoun Fellow's Lounge](#) — assuming that the Calhoun Master's Office doesn't accidentally bulldoze the room and forget to tell us about it until Thursday. All are welcome!@

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Nothingness

The Sartrean conception of negation. Check back next week for another, *better* installment of Lib of the Week, presumably about a Being, presumably written on a Sunday/Monday where I'm not irritated and tired. (Maybe not.)

And, of course:



Tired,

Isaac Park

The much-maligned Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 5 No. 1

February 6, 2012

Lecherous Libs,

What an exceptionally nasty week! I **still** haven't applied to any summer jobs, my personal life is — shall we say — heteroscedastic, and Willard Mittard Romnard just won the Nevada caucuses, making the payment of \$20 to a certain Nicholas W. Eckenwiler all the more likely. *Zut alors!* But not to fret, the Libs have planned out a vigorous schedule of events for the coming week that promises to trigger the release of some well-deserved dopamine! All are welcome!

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

February is here already! Come commiserate with the Libs tomorrow in **Silliman** at **5:30pm** as we eat delicious foodstuff and celebrate the first week of the second month of the last year before the end of the world. Converse with fellow Libs about Superbowl commercials, the relevance of Kim Kardashian's life choices, and whether the PoL's emails need to be funnier. Er, that is, *dialectical materialism*. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Peter Thiel: 7:30pm in SSS 114

Resolved: Without Faster Technological Progress, the U.S. Faces Decades of Stagnation

Because without clunky and wordy and awkward and relatively pointless resolutions, the YPU would face months of difficulty in procuring guests of "appropriate" notability.

Peter Thiel is **that guy from the Social Network who wasn't played by Justin Timberlake**, which is probably why you don't remember him. And he insists on debating an undebatable resolution that kinda sorta happens to be objectively true, no matter which economic growth model you choose. (Yawn, economics.)

Come defend uncontroversial statements on **Tuesday night** at **7:30pm** in **SSS 114**! All are welcome! As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room.

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in TBA

Discussion: Should the government promote urbanization?

Does urbanization benefit anyone? Or does it inevitably lead to class segregation where the poor are relegated to overpopulated slums and the bourgeoisie live in safe, white, well-lit gated communities? (Warning: Michael Moore.) Was that too much editorializing? Oops.

Some other questions to consider: Should we flee the cities? Does urbanization fuck up the environment? Should we care? Does urbanization fuck over poor people? Shouldn't we care? What policies can the government implement to encourage urbanization? Are those policies necessary? Are those policies racist? Are those policies otherwise problematic? Don't most of us live in cities and enjoy it? Does that make us hypocrites? Isn't consistency overrated?

Come discuss these questions and more on **Thursday** at **7:30pm** in **a place to be determined!** (Not the Calhoun Fellow's Lounge, *malheureusement*.) All are welcome!

Saturday - Lib Happy Hour: 9:00pm at TBA

Finally, an officially sanctioned venue for all of us to drink our troubles away! After a stressful week of classes, why not blow off some steam with the Libs? (Guaranteed to occur on neutral territory!) Some, including your humble secretary, will be lobbying for a robust game of "Names in a Hat."

So mark your calendars for this **Saturday at 9:00pm** in a **suite to be determined**. **All** — and I mean **all** — are welcome!

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Roselyn Cruz

This edition's **Super Awesome Lib of the Week** is **Roselyn V. Cruz**, a freshman in Saybrook College who enjoys moonlit walks on the beach, Piña Coladas, and getting caught in the rain.



Communist Community Secretary of the Libs

Member of the Freshman Faction of the Liberal Party

Likes: Marxism, Latin America, Spanglish, learning languages, Victorian literature, California, going to the beach in the afternoon and night, big cities, pleather, COFFEE, paper books, literature, USC Trojans football, pretending to know the rules of football, education, random facts, Taylor Swift, Adele, sleeping on couches, froyo, feminism, activism, #rossproblems, and documentaries

Dislikes: Connecticut, cold weather, her awkwardness, her inability to play video games, babysitting, glares, dancing in public, doing laundry, conservatism, vegetarians/vegans who try to convert me, sleeping on her bed, western business attire, and being called "the lady."

Secretly likes: The Western Canon. [ed. note: Whatever you say, Harold Bloom. [ed. note: That probably isn't an "actual" picture of Harold Bloom.]]

Glorious moment: Getting nine kills in Call of Duty.

And, of course, finally:



Cheerfully,

Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 6 No. 1

February 13, 2012

Libelous Libs,

What a genuinely terrible week! I **still** haven't applied to any summer jobs, some [redacted] person on the Lib panlist reportedly complained about my impeccable grammar, and something else blah blah framing narrative. **But wait!** The Libs have planned out a lusty schedule of events for the coming week that promises some well-deserved *jouissance*.

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

What, YPU on Mondays? Come commiserate/celebrate/pregame with the Libs tomorrow in **Silliman** at **5:30pm** as we eat delicious foodstuff and prepare for the Dodson debate by discussing the relationship between the Federalist Party and the iatrogenesis of latent heterosexuality. (Zing! Maybe? Who knows?) Converse with fellow Libs about gay marriage happening all over the place, Santorummentum, and, of course, dialectical materialism. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Monday - YPU Debate with Betty Dodson: 7:30pm in SSS 114

Resolved: Destigmatize Sex

Or "Who's Afraid of the Labia Majora?" (I am, Betty. I am.)

Betty Dodson, author of the "feminist classic" *Liberating Masturbation* — not to be confused with Ron Paul's "seminal" text, *Masturbating Liberation* — will give a fiery, rousing, (perhaps) arousing speech on how the clitoris is the primary organ of (generally female) sexual pleasure and stuff like that.

Come participate in what promises to be an awesome debate on **Monday night** at **7:30pm** in **SSS 114**. All are welcome! As usual, we'll be sitting in the front-left of the room.

Thursday - Lib Debate: 7:30 post meridiem in TBA

The Chair and Executive Board of the Liberal Party



request the Honor of your Presence at a **Debate Caucus** to be held in a **place to be determined**, on **Thursday**, the sixteenth Day of the second Month in the Year of our Lord the two thousand and twelfth at the traditional Hour of **seven thirty post Meridiem**, at which the Members of the Liberal Party, and honored Guests, will bake a Seven-Tier Wedding Cake as they debate the Topic,

Resolved: The Libs Know Whom You Should Marry.

All are welcome.

Saturday - Lib Karaoke Night: 9:00pm in Morse B11

That's right, nerds! After the (a)rousing success that was last semester's **Lib Karaoke Night**, the Liberal Party is back once again to chafe the ears of those with perfect pitch. Come sing to your heart's content! Come for Shailin Andrew Thomas's moving rendition of "Teenage Dream"! Come for my passion-driven rendition of "Hot N Cold"! And fine, come for other Libs' renditions of other non-Katy-Perry songs, or whatever.

Mark your calendars for this **Saturday** at **9:00pm** in that most magical of suites, **Morse B11**! There will be vodka.

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Adrian Lo

This edition's **Way Awesome Person/Being/Nothingness of the Week** is **Adrian M.C. Lo**, a freshman in Saybrook College who enjoys candlelit dinners, long walks on the beach, and the sensuous musings of Václav Havel.



Alumni Liaison of the Liberal Party

Likes: Manchester United, scarfs, wine and beer, redacted comments, dress shoes, Robert's Rules, schnauzers, Isaac's emails [editor's note:



], Josh Groban, social democracies, the closing words of Marci Shore's lectures, Les Miserables (the musical), false dichotomies, Roland Barthes, tea, stealing the banner, Willoughby's, Glee, penmanship, seafood, Received Pronunciation, Ian Shapiro's Porsche, choirs, experimental films, and pencils.

Dislikes: Punk rock, [Redacted], truth, chick-flicks, redundantly long applications for everything in life, Robert's Rules, DOMA, places without public transport, regressions, football played with hands holding an egg, melting snow, and science requirements.

Still doesn't understand why: Ounces, Fahrenheit, drinking age of 21, stressing the second syllable of "contribute," and month-date-year instead of date-month-year.

It's Complicated: deconstructing deconstruction, death of god, being nothingness, Sartre or Sinatra.

And, of course, finally, a picture of a pig:



Mischief managed,

Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 7 No. 1

February 20, 2012

Lush, luscious Libs,

What a relatively benign week! I finished writing that article for yet another rando extracurricular that I do, I aced my French test (as did everyone else in the class, *dommage*), and Santorum's recent surge in the polls has made payment of \$20 to a certain Nicholas Norman Eckenwiler all the less likely. In fact, the only thing that could possibly cheer me up further is a robust schedule of Lib events for the coming week — and how! Could this week be the Lacanian objet petit a? Only time will tell.

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

What, YPU on Monday again? Come commiserate/celebrate/pregame with the Libs [tomorrow](#) (er, [today](#)? Who knows, ask the [Redacted] Party!) in [Silliman Dining Hall](#) at [5:30pm](#) as we eat delicious foodstuff and practice the phenomenological epoché. Talk with fellow Libs about Jeremy Lin's hot streak, the phonological implications of the diaereses used in Josh Revesz's most recent weekly YPU email, and, of course, **dialectical materialism**. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Monday - YPU Debate with the Hudson Union Society: 7:30pm in WLH 201

Resolved: The E.U. Should Dissolve

What is the Hudson Union Society? (And why are you on it?)

Whatever they are, they're coming to debate the dissolution of the E.U. with us [tomorrow](#) at [7:30pm](#) in [WLH 201 \(Sudler Hall\)](#), that most wonderful of rooms.

Remember, the currency union was probably a bad idea, no matter what non-economist types tell you. But that doesn't mean that the United States of Europe wouldn't be the most amazing thing ever! If we're lucky, it's just another step toward world governance. We leftists can still hope.

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in the Calhoun Fellows' Lounge

Discussion: Should the government mandate organ donation?

We debated clarifying *postmortem* organ donation in e-board, but eventually decided that the risk of misconstruction was slim. How wrong we were!

So, just to be clear, we're talking about cadaveric organ donation here. What should happen to our organs when we die? Why should we get any say over what happens to our bodies after we die? The government mandates incredibly invasive autopsies when a person dies of questionably criminal causes, and nobody seems to have a problem with that. Is that different? And what would Heidegger say about mandatory organ donation? Isn't that the important question?

Come discuss **postmortem organ harvesting** with the Libs this [Thursday](#) at [7:30pm](#) in the highly traditional location of [Calhoun Fellows' Lounge](#). All are welcome!

Friday - YPU Mixer: 10:00pm in the Saybrook-Branford Room

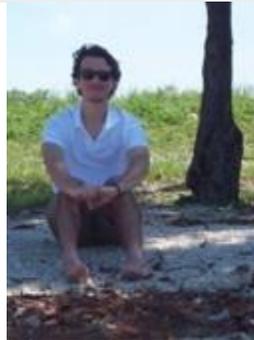
Lib Karaoke Night was a resounding success! Such a success, in fact, that we deemed a social event

unnecessary for this week! Instead, come mix with other members of the YPU this **Friday** in the **Saybrook-Branford Room** at **10:00pm** as we discuss **Resolved: Mix**. Co-social chairs Nicholas Kent Styles and Alexander David Crutchfield have planned something awesome, I'm sure! You won't want to miss.

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Matthew Murawski

This edition's **Awesome Lib of the Week** is **Matthew P. Murawski**, a sophomore in Trumbull College who enjoys getting caught in the rain, the feel of the ocean, and the sensuous syncopation of Sufjan Stevens.



Social Chair of the Liberal Party

Likes: The English language, beer, Game of Thrones, whiskey, [male or female] strippers, kegs, snuggling, the Liberal Party, Bach, Nabokov, Shakespeare, urban spaces, nature documentaries, horror movies, fountain pens, old paper, crossword puzzles, fruit ninja, Stewart McDonald, fine wine, punishment, lifting weights, bacon, nice dinners, Settlers of Catan, socialism, creative swearing.

Dislikes: problem sets, Isaac Park [ed. note: this appears to be some kind of typo], heteronormativity, hangovers, long e-boards, YDN op-eds, Yale memes [ed. note: I highly approve of this placement], tyranny, poor dental hygiene, everything vaguely related to TD.

Favorite Quote: "Never killed a man that didn't need killing"

And, finally, of course:



Mischief managed,

Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

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Op. 8 No. 1

February 27, 2012

Lewd, luminiferous Libs,

What an awful week! My roommate somehow talked me into speaking at Gardner-White, my philosophy paper has yet to be birthed, Andrea Gertrude Stein is dropping International Econ, that 9am class she totally convinced me to take, and Willard Mitsein Romney is leading in most of the Michigan polls, making the payment of \$20 to a certain Nicholas Norman Eckenwiler all the more likely. But don't fret! The Libs have planned a vigorous schedule of events this week that promises to stir up some deeply rooted mimetic desire. *Bon voyage!*

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

Yet another highly traditional Lib dinner! Come eat [tomorrow](#) in [Silliman](#) at [5:30pm](#) as we eat delicious foodstuff and celebrate the last week before sweet, sweet freedom. Converse with fellow Libs about Meryl Streep's well-deserved Oscar win, the oddities of the IP's most recent Monday email, and, of course, dialectical materialism. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Tuesday - YPU Gardner-White Prize Debate: 7:30pm in LC 102

Resolved: Abolish Intellectual Property

so much depends
upon

a Red prize
debate

glazed with crypto-
pirates

beside the white
judges.

Show up 20 minutes before your designated speaking time! And come sign in, too! The books will be open for the whole debate.

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in the Calhoun Fellows' Lounge

Discussion: Should we try to indoctrinate our children?

Should we all raise good little leftists? Do our kids need protecting from mainstream culture? Should we take away their barbies? Should we shield them from violent video games? Should we teach them to be open-minded? Is that even possible? How do we deal with sexism, racism, homophobia, violence and our children in modern society?

Discuss these issues and more on [Thursday](#) at [7:30pm](#) in the [Calhoun Fellows' Lounge](#). All are

welcome!

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Derek Braverman

This edition's **Awesome Lib of the Week** is **Derek Willem Braverman**, a freshman in Pierson College who enjoys moonlit walks on the beach, Piña Colodas, and getting caught in the rain.



Teller of the Yale Political Union

Likes: Michael Knowles' facial hair, Windex, sloth, lust, gluttony, flossing, freshly baked bread, *Lawrence v. Texas*, the Kronos Quartet, Simba, postmodernism, The [Lib]ido [ed. note:



], my libido, Martin Brodeur, Betty Dodson, kiwis, Kiwis, socialist thought, Leonard Bernstein, Mahler 3, gloves, Edward Albee, Christian Ferras, and Oxford commas.

Dislikes: Mustafa, Roy Lichtenstein, avarice, pride, wrath, envy, sleet, Minotaurs, wet socks, eyeball tattoos, *Dred Scott*, Ariel, brass knuckles, mittens, *The Crucible*, hangnails, and salmonella.

Fun Fact: Double-jointed shoulder blades.

And, of course, finally:



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Op. 9 No. 1

March 19, 2012

Litigious, licentious Libs,

What an eventful break! I interviewed for a summer job that would actually pay me money, my brief visit to Atlanta was, shall we say, *eventful*, and Rick Santorum improbably won the Alabama and Mississippi primaries, making the payment of — oh, well, you know. And even better: The Libs have planned a robust schedule of events this week that promises to trigger some well-deserved Maslovian peak experiences. Pip pip cheerio!

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

I missed you all! So come eat **tomorrow** in **Silliman** at **5:30pm** as we eat delicious foodstuff and talk about our hepatotoxic, heteroscedastic lives. Converse with fellow Libs about Ryan Pollock's new Facebook profile, the hilarious typos in this week's YPU Sunday email, the tragic arrest of George Clooney at the Sudanese Embassy, and, of course, dialectical materialism. As usual we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Christopher Cox: 7:30pm in LC 102

Christopher: An Armed Society is a Just Society

"If you combine the populations of Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and Australia, you'll get a population roughly the size of the United States. We had 32,000 gun deaths last year. They had 112. Do you think it's because Americans are more homicidal by nature? Or do you think it's because those guys have gun control laws?"

-Tobias Zachary Ziegler, on manipulative statistics with large kernels of truth

So there's that. But then again, gun control is the reason certain pictures turn out like this:



Clearly there are arguments to be made on both sides. So come join the Libs on **Tuesday** at **7:30pm** in **LC 102** as the YPU debates **Christopher: An Armed Society is a Just Society**. As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room. All are welcome!

Re: Tuesday - YPU Debate with Christopher Cox: 7:30pm in LC 102
Resolved: An Armed Society is a Just Society

A correction, with apologies:

The YPU debate will be "**Resolved: An Armed Society is a Just Society**," not "Christopher: An Armed Society is a Just Society." I had turned autocorrect on my computer on; I have now turned it off.

Sorry,
Isaac

Thursday - Lib Joint Discussion with the Arab Students Association: 7:00pm in the Calhoun Fellows' Lounge

Discussion: Should the U.S. intervene in Syria?

Ooh, the mysterious allure of a foreign policy discussion.

How bad must a crisis get before U.S. intervention is necessary? Is the U.S. always better off not intervening? Could we possibly make things worse? How does the context of the Arab Spring affect our foreign policy calculus?

Discuss these issues and more with the Arab Students Association on **Thursday** at **7:00pm** in the **Calhoun Fellows' Lounge**! All are welcome!

Here are some helpful links!

[What it Will Take to Intervene in Syria](#) (Foreign Affairs)

[Applying the Responsibility to Protect to Syria](#) (YaleGlobal Online)

[Syria: No Deal in Damascus](#) (The Economist)

[Syria marks revolt anniversary amid violence](#) (al Jazeera)

Saturday - Lib-IP Joint Pregame: 8:30pm in Vanderbilt C51

It's finally time for the reportedly traditional Lib-IP Union ball pregame! There is no theme. There will not be a DJ. There will not be cheese and [crackers](#). (Clearly I don't have much to go on.)

But there will be much inter-party mixing and much drinking of ethyl alcohol! So come to Will Jordan's suite, **Vanderbilt C51**, on **Saturday** at **8:30pm** as we prepare ourselves for the night's festivities. All who are welcome are welcome!

Saturday - YPU Ball: 9:30pm in a location TBD

Dresses and tresses and chairs, oh my! This year's **Union Ball** is prom-themed, but I'm pretty sure most of us are just going to go as proletarians. Or '90s boy band members.

Either way, both Alexander Crutchfield and (our very own) Nick Styles, the chairs social of the YPU, have planned yet another promising Union event. So come this **Saturday** at **9:30pm** in some **mysterious as-yet-to-be-determined location**. All are welcome!

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Andrea Gertrude Stein

This edition's **Awesome Lib of the Week** is **Andrea Gertrude Stein**, a sophomore in Branford College who enjoys moonlit walks on the beach, Piña Coladas, and getting caught in the rain. Unfortunately, she refused to fill out the traditional Lib of the Week survey, so I'm going to have to do that for her. Ha!

Vice Chair of the Liberal Party

Likes: [Redacted], education reform, puppies, Hegel's Bagels, coffee, dropping International Economics classes that she totally convinced her friend to take, math, Meryl Streep, romantic comedies, dram coms, large stuffed animals, ducks, Jane Austen, *Legally Blonde*, goss, Gossip Girl, Aaron Sorkin, Vicious Rumors, refusing to fill out surveys she totally agreed to fill out.

Disikes: [Redacted], aggressively corduroy pants, apples, tomatoes, gluten, yogurt, wheat, Helvetica, people who don't sign in with the Libs, Vicious Rumors, [Redacted], C.J Cregg.

And, of course, finally:



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Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 10 No. 1

March 26, 2012

Lustful, lascivious Libs,

What an amazing week! I secured a triple in Calhoun next year with two relatively unobjectionable people, I managed to find a pretty cool summer research position that pays, and Rick Santorum won the Louisiana primary — so according to Milton Friedman's permanent income hypothesis, I should already start adjusting my consumption upward. (Sucks to suck, Nick Eckenwiler.) And even better, the Libs have planned a hearty schedule of events for the week that promises to maximize our hedons (as measured, of course, by the felicific calculus).

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

No Speaker's Dinner tomorrow! So come instead to [Silliman](#), that most wonderful of dining halls, [tomorrow](#) at [5:30pm](#) as we eat delicious foodstuff and talk about our hepatotoxic, heteroscedastic lives. Converse with fellow Libs about [fruit blindness](#), *Le Plaisir du Sexte*, and other things related to last night's festivities. (Everyone's a little bit amphoteric!) Also on the agenda: dialectical materialism. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Tuesday - YPU Party Prize Debate: 7:30pm in WLH 119

Resolved: I Have Seen the Best Minds of My Generation Destroyed by Madness

So then I said to Woody Allen: "Well, Camus can do, but Sartre is *smartre*."



Yes, Party Prize is in WLH 119, not in some room that doesn't exist.



*Only who can prevent forest fires?
You pressed "you," referring to me. That is incorrect.
The correct answer is youuu.*



*Lisa needs braces. DENTAL PLAN!
Lisa needs braces. DENTAL PLAN!*

What is madness? What does the resolution even mean? I have no idea. But these oblique Simpsons references to madness seem perfectly cromulent.

So come join the Libs on **Tuesday** at **7:30pm** in **WLH 119** as the YPU debates **Resolved: I Have Seen**

the Best Minds of My Generation Destroyed by Madness. As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room. All are welcome!

Thursday - Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen: 5:15pm at Phelps Gate

The semiannual Lib service day at the **Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen** is always an awesome opportunity to help out those in need! The event starts at **5:30pm**, but a contingent of Libs will be meeting at **5:15pm** at **Phelps Gate** to walk over together. Hope to see you there!

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Ryan Francis Pollock

This edition's **Awesome Lib of the Week** is **Ryan Francis Pollock**, a junior in Calhoun College who enjoys the *jouissance* of Facebook, the semiotics of sex, and [redacted] of erotic [redacted] [redacted]. [Ed. note: Redacted at the request of Ryan himself.]

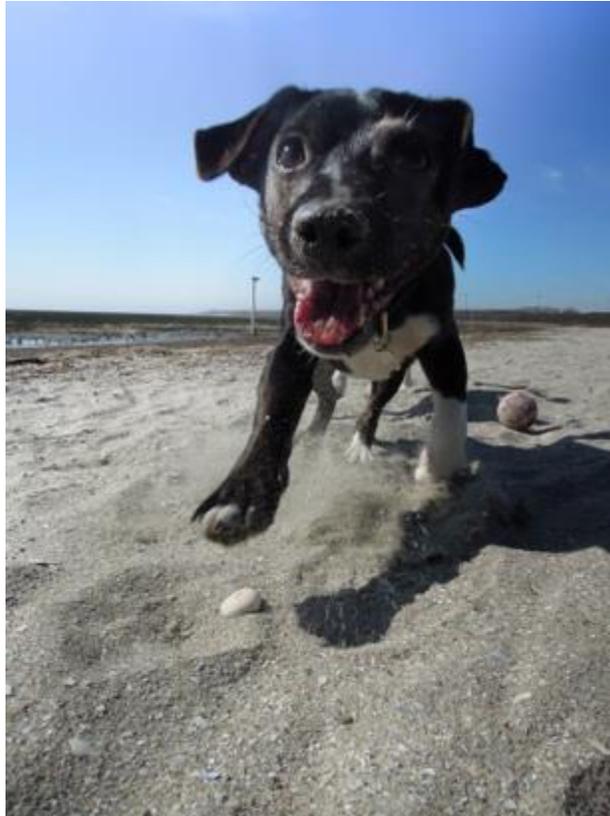


Poet Laureate of the Lesbian Bongo Jamboree Party

Likes: bouncing puppies, Pittsburgh, pierogies, Pulcinella, apology

Dislikes: tulips, Shailin, naysayers, OSAMA PLAY, canned peas

And, of course, finally:



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Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

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Op. 11 No. 1

April 2, 2012

Luminous, luminary Libs,

What an awful week! Five members of the Supreme Court demonstrated a disturbing misapprehension of the Interstate Commerce Clause, I somehow managed to miss two days of French in a row, and my dirty cheating roommate Joshua **Kenneth** Revesz stole the big single in our triple next semester from me. But boy oh boy: the Libs have anxiously planned a robust schedule of events for the week that has the **aura of election** upon it. (Nudge nudge wink wink thigh thigh.) Have at it!

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

Most Libs eat food! So come to **Silliman**, that most wonderful of dining halls, **tomorrow** at **5:30pm** as we eat delicious foodstuff and talk about our heteroscedastic lives. Converse with fellow Libs about the anxiety of confluence, the incoherence of silly notions like "progress" or "truth," and other things related to last Saturday's wildly successful Dixwell Day. (Hat tip to Adrian Lo, our wonderful Alumni Liaison.) Also on the agenda: dialectical materialism. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Mark Henkel: 7:30pm in LC 102

Resolved: Repeal Anti-polygamy Laws for Consenting Adults

Polygamy: It's not just for sect leaders anymore!

How many wives is too many? Come find out with the Libs on **Tuesday** at **7:30pm** in **LC 102** as we listen to **yet another sex educator YPU guest** tell us why we should diversify our stock portfolio if you catch my drift.

As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room. All are welcome!

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in the Calhoun Fellows' Lounge

Topic: Does authorial intent matter?

No! (Wait, is that too much editorializing?)

Seriously though, who can't help but get worked up about *le mort d'Author*? Is authorial intent even definable or determinable? Is there such thing as genius? Is Antonin Scalia right? And what about those feminist critiques of Shelley?

Discuss these issues and more on **Thursday** at **7:30pm** in the **Calhoun Fellows' Lounge**! All are welcome!

Friday - New York Trip: time TBD at Phelps Gate

This one will probably involve less Ryan Pollock looking at art, but it still sounds pretty awesome. More details to be forthcoming!

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: John Dixwell

This edition's **Awesome Lib of the Week** is **John Dorothea Dixwell**, a senior in John Davids College who enjoys political violence, special circles of hell, and tombs on the New Haven Green.



Likes: regicide, jabots, capital punishment.

Dislikes: Charles I.

And, of course, finally:



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Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 12 No. 1

April 9, 2012

Lurid, lurching Libs,

What an awful week! My search for a term paper topic is going not so well, the Derrida reading has proven to be as impenetrable as always, and last Wednesday my *sac à dos* was stolen by some ruffian who apparently wanted my notes on Václav Havel for her or his personal edification. But here's some consolation: The Libs have carefully planned a robust schedule of events for the week that promises to unleash the animal that therefore I am. Bon appétit!

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

I've missed two Lib dinners in a row, but that's ending this week! So come to **Silliman**, that most wonderful of dining halls, **tomorrow at 5:30pm** as we eat delicious foodstuff and talk about our aporetic lives. Converse with fellow Libs about the Heideggerian *glockenspiel*, Anne Hathaway's drastic new hairstyle, and, of course, dialectical materialism. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome!

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Lorella Praeli: 7:30pm in LC 102

Resolved: Pass the DREAM Act Now

In the upcoming debate, the YPU shall demonstrate that there exists a political technique by which **DREAM Acts may be interpreted** and that upon the application of this method every DREAM Act will show itself to be sensible policy which may be introduced into an assignable place in the political activity of the nation-state. The YPU shall furthermore endeavor to explain the processes which give rise to the strangeness and obscurity of the DREAM Act, and to discover through them the political forces, which operate whether in combination or opposition, to produce the DREAM Act.

If anything, come to see if Josh Revesz gives another speech about how religion should be abolished. Join the Libs on **Tuesday at 7:30pm in LC 102** as we try not to get too offended by speeches in the neg. As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room. All are welcome!

Wednesday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in the Calhoun Fellows' Lounge

Topic: Should we support hate crime legislation?

Bill Clinton sure thinks so!

What are hate crimes? How do they fit into our system of law? What is the *différance* between hate crimes legislation and other laws that consider "intent" in constructing categories of crimes?

Discuss these issues and more on **Wednesday at 7:30pm** in the **Calhoun Fellows' Lounge!** All are welcome!

Saturday - Happy Hour: 9:00pm at location TBA

It's gonna be a long week. So come drink with us! We might even go to that NOW dance party thing afterward! All are most certainly welcome.

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Spawn

This edition's **Awesome Lib of the Week** is **Spawn**, an ungendered penguin who enjoys social constructs, the Antarctic, and hate crimes legislation.



Note: Not an actual picture of Spawn.

Likes: deconstructing hierarchies, being stolen, gerund phrases.

Dislikes: Shailin, Ryan.

And, of course, finally:



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Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

The Libido

Op. 13 No. 1

April 16, 2012

Logorrheic, longiloquent Libs,

What an **awful** week! I've made no progress on my term paper topic, my French professor yelled at me for something I probably shouldn't have forgotten to do, and Santorum pulled out of the GOP race, which means that I officially owe both Nicholas Norman Eckenwiler and Ryan Francis Pollock large sums of money. Even worse, this is the last edition of the *Libido*! But **no fear**, the Libs have meticulously planned out one final week of events before the new executive board takes over. *Au revoir!*

Your week in a picture of asparagus, a cat-themed album cover, a paragraph about brassieres, and, unexpectedly, an adult wearing diapers:

Monday - Lib Dinner: 5:30pm in Silliman Dining Hall

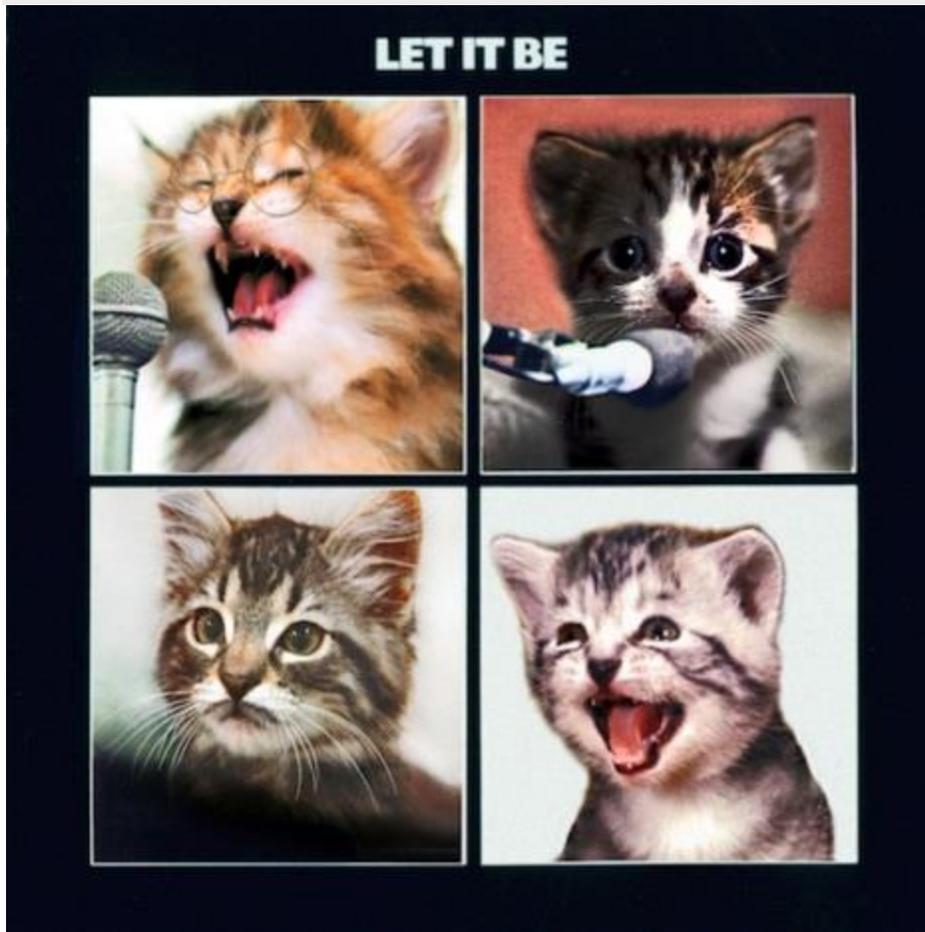


- There exists only one picture of "food" in the entire world, and **this** is that picture. -

It's the final **Lib dinner** of the semester! So come to **Silliman Dining Hall**, that most wonderful of dining halls, **tomorrow** at **5:30pm** as we eat delicious foodstuff and talk about our (unintentionally) homoscedastic lives. Converse with fellow Libs about how snotty the pre-frosh are gonna be, the relative merits of Kim Kardashian's new boy toy, and, of course, DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM. As usual, we'll be occupying one of the long tables in the back. All are welcome! — and don't you **dare** fucking forget, food **always** tastes better when your ideas are being challenged.

Monday - Lib Discussion: 9:00pm in the **Berkeley Mendenhall Room**

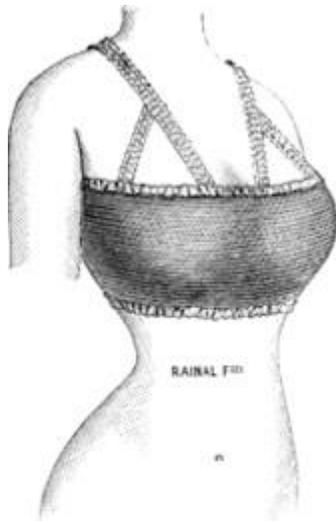
Topic: What is the value of education?



- *Because, you know, to hell with thematic unity!* -

Yale students just aren't educated enough about rock and roll — and we're **especially** under-educated about the *mew*-sic of the Beatles. Did you know that *Let It Be* was the twelfth and (some would say) final album of the Beatles? It's true! And speaking of things that are true, you should come to the **Lib discussion** on **Monday** at **9:00pm** in the **Berkeley Mendenhall Room**. We'll be talking about the **point of education** — but don't worry! The first person to say "*telos*" will be shot.

Tuesday - YPU Debate with Slavoj Žižek: 6:30pm in **SSS 114**
Resolved: Capitalism is the Opiate of the Masses



- Everything you have always wanted to know about the history of the brassiere — that is to say, **really**, absolutely nothing. -

Victoria's Secret, you think? Not quite. The brassiere, commonly referred to as "a bra," is an undergarment that covers, supports, and elevates the breasts. The modern brassiere first received its patent in 1913, and it was attributed to a New York socialite named Mary Phelps Jacob. The previous sentence ended with a period. And speaking of sentences that end with a period, come join the Libs on **Tuesday** at **6:30pm** in **SSS 114** as the YPU debates the topic "**Resolved: Capitalism is the Opiate of the Masses.**" As usual, we will be sitting in the front-left of the room. All are welcome! — and remember, opiates always taste better when your ideas are being challenged!

Thursday - Lib Discussion: 7:30pm in the Calhoun Fellows' Lounge

Topic: Should we trust the experts?

I was gonna do the adult diaper thing — I really was! But it's just too damn creepy.

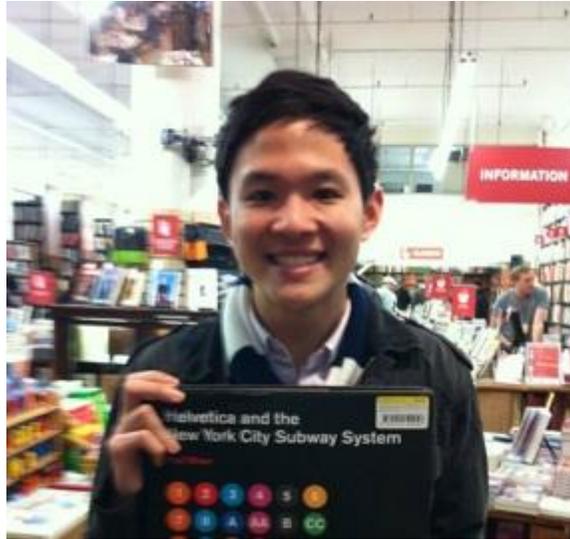
Instead, let's revert back. Should ivory tower academics run our economy? Should they dictate our foreign policy? What are the merits of technocracy?

Discuss these issues and more on **Thursday** at **7:30pm** in the **Calhoun Fellows' Lounge**. All are welcome at the last Lib discussion of the semester!

Miscellany

Lib of the Week: Isaac Park

This edition's **Generally Pretty Cool Lib of the Week** is **Isaac Damian Park**, a junior Economics major in Calhoun who enjoys long walks on the beach, the dialectic of enlightenment, and writing weekly Sunday emails on Monday. Also, he particularly enjoys recycling material.



Secretary of the Liberal Party

Likes: Liz Lemon, Abbey Road, affirmative action, Theodor Adorno, acid, amnesty, abortion, postmodernism, Paul Krugman, Professor Oak, alliteration, Regina George, karaoke, Cheez-Its®, Annie Hall, Anderson Cooper's striking blue eyes, Sigmund Freud, monetary policy, "Video Killed the Radio Star," laser cats, *SkyMall*, being Lib of the Week, settling Catan, baking cupcakes, gerund phrases, meta-humor, C.J. Cregg, *Wickard v. Filburn*, political correctness, Simone de Beauvoir, Simone de Beauvoir's life partner, Britney Spears, Roger Ebert, Jacques Derrida (probably?), the metric system, J. Alfred Prufrock, Princess Peach, Malfoy, Brutus, Count Olaf, Salieri, Elaine Benes, and puppies.

Dislikes: Philips Exeter Academy, *The Fountainhead*, abstract algebra, sacrificing Isaac, Henry James, Reddit, plaid on plaid, Harold Bloom, hashtags, Descartes, linguistic prescription, pretzels, and polio.

Favorite black Supreme Court justice: Thurgood Marshall

And, of course, finally:



I'm going to miss sending out the *Libido* every week! Thanks for letting me bombard your inboxes with lengthy emails full of preposterous, vicious rumors each week. I hope I didn't let you down.

Mischief managed,

Isaac Park
Secretary of the Liberal Party

