No discrimination today, no discrimination tomorrow, no discrimination forever!

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As I write this, I am reading over Tufts’ anti-discrimination policy on page 61 of the Pachyderm. I think to myself that with universities such as Bob Jones, which actually pride themselves by having racist and homophobic policies, I feel privileged that such an anti-discrimination policy exists here at Tufts. However, that may not be true for much longer.

Most of you have read in either the Daily or in The Observer about the controversy surrounding the Tufts Christian Union. I believe that the university administration’s slow response to this matter is a clear indication of the university’s lack of concern for the welfare of its students. As reported in the Daily ("Gay student denied leadership position on basis of sexuality," 4/5), Dean of University funding must follow University policy. If the club’s beliefs prevent it from doing so, then it should not be receiving school funding. It’s only logical!

The anti-discrimination policy at Tufts is extremely important, especially in light of several incidents of racist and anti-Asian graffiti. As an African-American male, the possibility that this policy will be compromised because a group of students follows their version of God greatly pains me. This policy should be absolute! If we start to dilute it now, where will it end?