

# Dear Harvard,

Just two weeks ago, President Faust and Dean Khurana finally agreed to reconsider Harvard's decision to institute an official blacklist that would punish members of sororities, fraternities, and final clubs.

A new committee, this time composed of students, faculty, and administrators, will have a chance to reevaluate the policy and recommend changes. To do that, the committee and the Harvard community must understand Harvard's lamentable history when it comes to freedom of association. After all, as Harvard's own George Santayana wrote in 1905, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

At least twice before, Harvard has succumbed to the temptation to punish students for their purportedly undesirable associations. When making such determinations, there are only two real choices: interrogation behind closed doors, and embarrassing