



## Freshman Senate candidates defend actions

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In the aftermath of the midnight maneuverings that culminated in the nullification of Wednesday's freshman Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate results, candidates have maintained that they did not act maliciously.

"My intention was for people to have their votes counted fairly," freshman Senator Elliott McCarthy, a candidate for reelection, told the Daily yesterday. "My intent was not to skew the election."

McCarthy is among the freshman candidates charged with encouraging their peers to cast multiple ballots during Wednesday's contest. Their alleged actions caused the Elections Commission (ECOM) to throw out the results of the contest.

"Due to an error in the Ecom website, we are free to vote a second time, with all the previ-

ous ballots still counting. Please vote again!" he said in a message to the Facebook group "Elliott McCarthy for TCU Senate."

McCarthy said he decided to send the message since his fellow candidates were also telling their supporters to exploit the potential glitch.

"I think that it was a choice that I made because if I had not, then there would have been an unfair advantage given to other candidates," he said.

McCarthy later retracted his request in messages to his own group and to the group "TCU Senate Elections."

"After some investigation, there was a change over in the system," both messages read. "If you voted already and you go to vote twice, your vote will still only count once. If you haven't voted yet, then there is nothing to be concerned with."

McCarthy said he sent out the retraction after deciding that it would be unfair to capitalize on a technological malfunction —



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The Elections Commission sponsored a mobile polling station in the campus center on Wednesday.

even if that glitch could not possibly yield any benefits to the candidates if all students' votes were only counted once, no matter how many ballots they filed.

"I realized that ultimately the fault was not with the candidates, but with the system failure, and that we are not in a place to try to take advantage of that," he said.

Manuel Guzman, another incumbent senator seeking reelection, also sent out a message about the voting problem.

"Voting irregularity! Please RE-VOTE! There was a voting error in the Ecom website, you are all free to vote a second time. Please re-vote!" he said in a message to members of the Facebook group "REELECT Manuel Guzman For TCU Senate."

Guzman said he did not expect votes to actually count twice, but was instead concerned that the mix-up had prevented students' initial ballots from counting. He

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Taza Chocolate uses the local bike delivery company Metro Pedal Power for its deliveries in the Boston area as an alternative to hiring larger transport companies like UPS.

## Local company gets greener

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When the Somerville business Taza Chocolate used United Parcel Service (UPS) to ship its products to local establishments as close as two miles from its chocolate factory, UPS first sent the products 120 miles away to a sorting center in Rhode Island before transporting them back to the Boston area.

The owners of Taza, a business that prides itself on its sustainability and forward-thinking business practices, knew there had to be another way to transport their merchandise.

"It was becoming a bit onerous for me or my partner ... to continue making these deliveries ourselves, which we would often do on our own bicycles," Larry Slotnick, co-founder of Taza Chocolate, told the Daily. "We didn't want to use UPS for local deliveries like this, although we did a very small amount when we didn't have other choices. But

the fact is when UPS comes to our factory and picks up boxes that are shipped anywhere in the country — whether it's local or to some other state — they get taken to a UPS distribution center which can often be as far away as Rhode Island, and then they'll come right back up here into Boston to be delivered the next day to a customer. It's very wasteful and not very respectful of the environment and a sustainable business mission."

While searching for an alternative, Taza Chocolate was approached by the group Metro Pedal Power (Metro Ped), which was then called New Amsterdam Project. The company, a local bicycle delivery service, was looking for clients and, before long, a partnership ensued.

Metro Ped has now been doing local deliveries on bike for Taza Chocolate for over a year and has been making a push to switch all of Taza's local deliveries to be done by bike.

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## Nutrition researchers reveal possible benefits of drinking

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During the days of Prohibition, liquor lovers went to great lengths — such as making spirits in their bathtubs — to be able to imbibe. During the Great Depression, the penniless would often still find a way to drink. Nowadays, the alcohol craze has certainly not stopped.

According to the 2008 Anheuser Busch Responsible Drinking Survey, 76 percent of U.S. adults of legal drinking age drink alcohol; 54 percent of American adults surveyed reported drinking beer.

And now there may be even more excuses to throw back a glass, as recent studies examining the effects of alcohol have found that drinking may have some positive effects. Research at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy has found that alcohol may decrease certain effects of aging in older adults. Senior scientist Katherine Tucker is currently studying the influence of alcohol on bone density, which typically decreases during aging.

"We were expecting to see a protective effect [on bone density]," Tucker said. "Bone mineral density is something that is necessary to maintain at a high level."

Tucker spent months on the study in an effort to determine the effects of a variety of alcoholic beverages, from wine to hard liquor. The findings suggested that moderate consumption of wine and beer may aid in maintaining bone density, while hard liquor had a minimal effect.

"Wine and beer are not as finely distilled [as hard liquor], so beer contains vitamins and silicon, which are protective of bones," she said.

The research found that men who consume one to two beers or other alcoholic beverages every day had a 3 to 4 percent higher bone mineral den-

sity than men who did not drink. The study also found that postmenopausal women who consumed more than two drinks per day had a 5 to 8 percent higher bone mineral density than women who were non-drinkers.

Recent research suggests that drinking in moderation may have additional health benefits. For instance, University of California, Los Angeles professor Arun S. Karlamangla and his colleagues found that by regularly enjoying casual amounts of alcohol, senior citizens are less likely to fall victim to ailments. The study found that moderate drinkers had only a 12.5 percent chance of developing a serious debilitating medical condition, while the rate of heavy drinkers was 15.6 percent and the rate of non-drinkers was 20 percent. Previous research suggests that this positive effect may be the result of underlying physiological changes caused by alcohol. Malignant changes in the arteries and veins, which facilitate the movement and distribution of blood throughout the body, occur as people age. While these blood vessels are unobstructed in young and healthy individuals, older, less-healthy individuals often have deposits along the side of these vessels that result in high blood pressure, which increases the risk of heart attack and heart disease.

According to research performed at the Harvard University School of Public Health by Dr. Mihaela Tanasescu and colleagues, alcohol may help reduce the rate that these vessel-lining deposits are produced, resulting in less potential for high blood pressure and its complications.

But like all good things, drinking should still be done in moderation. While one or two drinks may have their benefits for older consumers, heavy drinking has been linked to many negative ailments, such as osteoporosis. And for postmeno-

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Research at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy has found that drinking alcohol may have some health benefits.

## Research shows drinking in moderation may reduce some of the effects of aging

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pausal women, heavy drinking has been found to be associated with an increased risk of breast cancer.

Consumption of excessive volumes of alcohol over a long period of time can also be more debilitating. Columbia University Professor Howard J. Worman claims that lifelong drinkers are at a higher risk

than non-drinkers for a multitude of diseases and impairments, such as reduced liver function.

And despite the benefits of alcohol, it is not the only option for older adults seeking to reduce certain effects of aging. Tucker stressed that there are other ways to maintain mineral bone density besides consuming alcoholic beverages. In her research,

Tucker asserts that vitamins, in particular vitamin C and carotenoids, such as beta-carotene, can be equally as beneficial as alcohol in maintaining bone density.

"I think the more we look at it, the more it's not about calcium alone [to maintain bone density]," Tucker said. "The next step is ... looking more at the protein and calcium interactions."

## Bicycle delivery company provides alternative method of transportation

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In addition to working with Taza Chocolate, Metro Ped has been building a substantial client base in the Boston area. Wenzday Jane, president and CEO of Metro Ped, explained that the company's goal is to provide local businesses with an alternative to traditional shipping methods.

"We were founded back in 2007, and it came about in response to growing global concern about America's dependence on fossil fuels and the realization that ... by changing a few simple habits, we can reverse some of the negative effects that our dependence on oil has caused," Jane told the Daily. "Aside from just also being really into bikes and understanding that a bicycle is a much smarter and more efficient way to get around in a congested city ... it was sort of a combination of sentiments that was the spark that started the company."

In addition to working with Taza, Metro Ped has also developed partnerships with other local businesses, such as Harvard Book Store in Harvard Square. Jane hopes that the delivery service will encourage customers to spend their money locally.

"We're really offering customers an alternative to some of the larger online book ordering establishments so that people can still support the local business and enjoy the convenience of online ordering and home delivery," Jane said.

Slotnick expressed similar views, saying that many other businesses could benefit from a company like Metro Ped.

"I think there are any number of local businesses that could take advantage of it," Slotnick said. "I think the kind that would be more amenable to their business model, which is really daytime service and not nighttime service, would be [establishments] that don't already offer home delivery but could, and I'm talking about grocery stores or ... think about a store like Dave's Fresh Pasta ... they could launch a delivery service really easily using an entity like Metro Ped."

Joe Grafton, executive director of Somerville Local First who helped launch an initiative to get more businesses involved with Metro Ped, explained the importance of

the project.

"This is a great example of local businesses really circulating money inside of the community ... we've got a number of different businesses, and they're taking pounds and pounds and pounds of carbon out of the atmosphere and keeping dollars in the local economy by doing business with each other," Grafton told the Daily.

While the program has many benefits, such as reducing carbon emissions by 380 pounds per year, according to a Somerville Local First press release, the organization is still working out kinks.

"Metro Ped is still building their business; they're not a mature business yet where their delivery routes are really busy, where they have a lot of products every day of every week going to all locations," Slotnick said. "I might get an order from a store that's down in Jamaica Plain ... and it's part of their service area, but if they don't have other deliveries going to Jamaica Plain that day, then they're not really going to want to go down to Jamaica Plain just to drop off one carton ... they just can't justify it from a financial standpoint — which is okay for us because we don't guarantee our customers next-day delivery or anything like that ... but this will only improve as they get more clients and really build out their system."

Jane is confident that the company is a model for success.

"We're really out there showing that this can work and that a bicycle is a legitimate form of transportation that really can do serious work," Jane said. "You can do a lot with a bike, and it can have positive effects in a number of ways — not the least of which is making our streets more livable, more pedestrian friendly and also creating a ... healthy vibrant job rather than a sedentary, boring, mundane job like sitting in a truck."

Grafton agreed, saying that the eco-friendly business model is beneficial in every aspect.

"If you buy Taza chocolate ... you know that it's sustainably produced with fair trade chocolate and that it's sustainably delivered by bike and that it's all local and fair," Grafton said. "That's what we should be striving for with everything that we do ... up and down the chain that's just such a great example of what we should be doing in the new economy."

## Candidates support ECOM's decision to void freshman class Senate election

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blamed ECOM for fostering the voting hype by not releasing an official statement Wednesday afternoon.

"We got secondhand information," he said. "There should have been a press release from ECOM ... The candidates were left in the dark."

Still, he said he regrets not sending another message to his Facebook group to retract his original comments. "That's something that I should have done," he said.

Even so, Guzman objected to the criticisms that candidates are facing, arguing that it was natural for them to be concerned about making sure that their supporters were allowed to have their voices heard.

"I find it unfair that we're put in a position where we're criminals, when in fact everything was caused by ECOM," he said.

While she supports ECOM's decisions, freshman candidate Danielle Cotter also said that criticisms leveled against candidates have been misguided.

"I think at the end of the day, there was no corruption; there were no bad intentions. I think they're just two people who care a lot about the school [and] who want to get reelected," she said, referring to Guzman and McCarthy.

Still, freshman candidate Shantal Richards was not convinced. Rather than repeating the election, "I think that what they should've just done is thrown out the people who cheated," she said.

"I know that they all want to be on Senate, but I don't think that they should have taken it that far," she added.

Freshman candidate Tomas Garcia also mentioned revoting in a Facebook message. According to Garcia, he only brought it up because his name was incorrectly displayed as "Tomas Fraser" on the ballot for a short period of time, and he wanted to ensure that people who had voted during the timeframe of the mistake had their ballots counted.

Apart from McCarthy, Guzman and Garcia, it remains unclear if any other candidates touched on the theme of re-voting when communicating with supporters.

When announcing ECOM's decision to throw out the results, Adam Weldai, the group's chair, told the Daily that so many candidates allegedly referred to the glitch that were they to be excluded from the new election, there would not be enough left in the group of 13 to fill the seven vacant seats.

Last night, Weldai said that candidates did not limit their voter appeals to Facebook messages. Instead, he said that the messages are only the most readily

available evidence because they leave a lasting footprint in recipients' mailboxes.

The technological problem that spurred the messy election results started at 1:10 a.m. on Wednesday when ECOM officials fixed candidate statements online. Previously, two statements had been attached to the wrong names.

When ECOM changed the information, the server somehow allowed everybody who had cast a vote between midnight and the time of the edits to access another ballot later in the day.

ECOM Chair Adam Weldai said that there was a surge of voting in the first few hours of the contest, so the glitch allowed a sizeable portion of the voting block to log in a second time. Still, Weldai believes that only their first votes counted, even if they filed more than one.

Weldai said that ECOM was not aware of the problem until Wednesday afternoon when candidates began spreading information about the loophole via Facebook and word of mouth.

"We were not informed of the ability of them to log in again until we heard about it from those candidates who were making statements," he said.

ECOM responded to individual queries from concerned candidates, but did not send out a group message or press release. Weldai said he did not inform the candidates in a single message since he

was mostly hearing about the problem on a case-by-case basis.

"In hindsight, I would probably have sent out a message if I thought this was actually going to be a big issue," he said.

ECOM's failure to communicate en masse has caused frustration among some candidates. "The information was extraordinarily confusing," McCarthy said. "We weren't sure whether or not the original votes would count or whether or not the second votes would count or any combination of the two."

Freshman candidate Luke Fraser also would have liked to have seen more communication. "It would have preempted or prevented some of the actions of other candidates, which I think would have been helpful," he said.

But despite concerns over the flow of information, nearly all candidates interviewed supported ECOM's decision to void the results, noting that had the outcome been certified, there would have been a number of appeals.

Even if ECOM were able to definitively prove that each student was only able to vote once, appeals still would have emerged up over the switched candidate statements, those involved have said.

"I think it was probably the right decision because had they not, there would have been complaints from candidates," freshman candidate Abe Stein said.

## EDITORIAL

## A botched election

The Tufts Community Union (TCU) political system, complete with its executive, legislative and judicial branches, has always existed as a microcosm of the system in place in America today. While only present on a smaller scale, the political ideals, ambitions and alliances formed in our university's student government are very real, and for the most part, we at the Daily have enjoyed watching the political process in action.

This week, as we witnessed the failure of the political process with the botched election of one of those three branches, we have unfortunately learned to take the political bad with the good. Not even the TCU Senate is immune from the petty games that go on behind the scenes in politics — anyone at any level, even a freshman TCU Senate candidate, is always looking for that extra edge.

In a way, it's not surprising that the glitch in the Votenet interface used by the Elections Commission (ECOM) led to the fiasco that it did. The 13 first-year students running for the Senate's seven available seats are human; it's in their nature to look for an opportunity to get ahead, and in this case, several of them thought they found one. Naturally, they capitalized on it.

But while their actions might be understandable, they certainly are not excusable. The senators who notified their supporters of the glitch in an attempt to exploit it are certainly at fault. The students who first discovered the problem, whoever they may be, were faced with two options: either take the moral high road and report the problem to ECOM immediately or take advantage of it for their own political gain. Unfortunately, some candidates did both.

We've seen politicians face these decisions throughout our lives, and countless times, they've made the wrong decisions. Now, we've seen it on our own campus. We would have hoped for all Tufts students to have chosen what was right over what benefited them the most. But again, life on the Hill mirrored politics outside the college bubble.

The students who encouraged the corruption of Wednesday's election — most notably Senator Elliott McCarthy, who explicitly told his supporters to "vote a second time, with all the previous ballots still counting" — deserve a good portion of the blame for the voiding of the voting results. But ECOM, the overseers of Wednesday's election, should have seen this coming.

The election's governing body had a responsibility in this situation to address the problem immediately, notify the candidates and reassure the voters that their voices would all be heard equally. This didn't happen. Instead, as Senator Manuel Guzman told the Daily yesterday, the candidates were given secondhand information.

Because the members of ECOM did not meet until after midnight on Thursday to decide to void the election results, they shoulder a large portion of the blame for the way the day played out. Regardless of whether those who voted twice were only counted once, the hint of even a possibility of corruption indicates that ECOM did not do its job. The commission is in place to run honest and fair elections, and its members did not live up to their one responsibility.

We at the Daily are disappointed to have seen the negative consequences of the political process running its course at Tufts. While we would have hoped for students to exhibit the judgment not to exploit loopholes and for ECOM to deal with legitimate issues in a timely and effective manner, this was not the case. The fact that this incident spun out of control is a sad commentary on the electoral process at Tufts.

## NATE BEELER



## Correction

The photo accompanying yesterday's Features article "Reitman speaks about challenges he has faced on the Hill" was mistakenly credited to Rebekah Sokol. It was actually taken by Meredith Klein.

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Join us for a screening of a fascinating and controversial film on the life of the Prophet Muhammed. Refreshments and discussion will follow!

**CULTURE NIGHT**  
MON, APRIL 13: 8-10PM  
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Come learn how Islam is represented throughout the world, from Mecca to Mumbai. Enjoy live performances, make and taste ethnic cuisine, try on clothing from different cultures, and more!

**IMSO FOOD DRIVE**  
SAT, APRIL 18: 10AM-4PM  
URBAN LEAGUE, ROXBURY

Monthly food drive held by the Islamic Multi-Service Organization. There are a variety of activities during the day, from buying food in Haymarket, packing it, and delivering to needy families in the greater Boston area. We will provide transportation. Meet at 10am at the Campus Center.

**KEYNOTE SPEECH AND  
DINNER: ALTAF HUSAIN**  
THURS, APRIL 16: 6-8PM  
INTERFAITH CENTER

Altaf Husain, scholar, social worker, and Vice President of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) will discuss his experience working with and studying the integration of immigrant and refugee families, especially Muslim adolescents.. Dinner will be served!

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GALLERY REVIEW

## MFA's 'Mad on Color' packs a punch despite its small size

BY ADAM KULEWICZ  
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As part of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA)'s celebration of Venice, a smaller exhibition, "Mad

**Mad on Color: Paintings of Nineteenth-Century Venice**  
Upper Hemicycle Gallery, through Aug. 30  
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on Color," is now displayed in the museum's Upper Hemicycle gallery to accompany the major show "Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese: Rivals in Renaissance Venice," which recently opened to the public in the Gund Gallery. "Mad on Color" runs until Aug. 30, but is by no means as large as its partner in the Gund Gallery. Rather, it presents, on an intimate scale, the way that artists of the 19th and 20th centuries captured and reinterpreted aspects of the same city that so inspired the old masters.

Consisting of only six paintings, the show is something that museum-goers will be able to view relatively quickly, and its location in the area where the Old Master's gallery meets the Art of Europe wing serves as both a good transition between

the two spaces and a perfect complement to the main exhibition of "Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese."

The column-lined gallery in which the paintings are displayed vaguely recalls a loggia in a Venetian Palace and perfectly suits paintings by artists such as Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, James Abbot McNeill Whistler and John Singer Sargent. The show's paintings combine established themes in Venetian art with the brilliant colors for which many of these artists were so well known.

Because Venice consists of a series of man-made islands that are traversed by canals, water has always been a fundamental aspect of life in the city. Not surprisingly, water has likewise occupied a prominent place in Venetian art for centuries, and the paintings in this show demonstrate that legacy quite well.

Renoir's "Grand Canal, Venice" (1881) incorporates these themes, and his use of color on the canvas is particularly appealing, tying in nicely with the show's title. His painting shows the Grand Canal, the city's largest canal and main artery, filled with boats during a typical day.

Renoir also depicts the grand palaces that were built along this main artery, some of the city's most desirable real estate, so that it becomes difficult to distinguish between palace and canal as they recede into



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Modern interpretations of Venice compare nicely with older works in a partner exhibition.

the horizon. In doing so, he captures and reinterprets the importance of water and reflection to the city.

Monet's "Grand Canal, Venice" (1908) is also very moving. Awash in the pinks and bright blues for which he has become famous, this work depicts the church of Santa Maria

della Salute with its domes rising above elegant palazzos.

There is something very calming about Monet's canvas. Unlike Renoir, Monet does not depict the city's hustle and bustle. Because he paints the canals as largely empty, the scene at once captures the mon-

umentality and serenity of Venice.

Whistler's "Nocturne in Blue and Silver: The Lagoon, Venice" (1879-80) is the only painting in the show to portray the city at night, and does so with great drama and effect. With

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## Tufts gets artsy with a variety of events tonight

### HIP HOP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE FESTIVAL HITS CAMPUS TODAY

A panel discussion on hip hop's role in society and politics in Africa will take place in the Granoff Music Center in Room 115 today at 4 p.m. The talk includes panelists from various disciplines and countries. Those in attendance will include Comrade Fatso and Outspoken, Zimbabwean activists; Niambi Young, a Fletcher graduate student and Egyptian hip hop specialist; and Magee McIlvaine, a documentary filmmaker.

In addition, the festival will also feature an international hip-hop concert in Hotung Café at 8:30 p.m. tonight. Performers include Poetic Pilgrimage, Comrade Fatso and Outspoken & Band, Eli Efi, Mohammed Yahya and Afro DZ Ask. The event is sponsored by various Tufts programming and social activism organizations.

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO EXAMINE HISTORIC CHRONICLES OF INCAN LIFE

Today will continue an academic conference on interpretations of one of the most important texts in Latin American literature. "The Royal Commentaries of the Incas" (1609) by Inca Garcilaso de la Vega celebrated its 400th anniversary this year. The book is one of the earliest histories of the Incan dynasty and the Spanish conquest of Peru. The conference will not only examine past interpretations of this work, but discuss where the text may take Latin American literature in the future.

The conference will run from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Crane Room in Paige Hall. Panelists will include professors from many universities in the States such as Yale University and Brown University, in addition to academics from universities in Spain, Peru and Japan.

### TUFTS CHINA CARE'S ANNUAL FASHION SHOW RAISES FUNDS FOR ABANDONED CHILDREN

Tufts China Care, an organization dedicated to providing for orphaned or abandoned children in China, is throwing its



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Tufts China Care Fashion Show will feature clothes by designers like Marc Jacobs, who designed this dress.

largest event of the year today: the second annual Tufts China Care Charity Fashion Show. Tonight at 8 p.m., models wearing designs of the likes of Marc Jacobs, Kate Goldwater and Koi Suwannagate will grace the stage of Cohen Auditorium. A \$10 ticket, available at the Cohen Auditorium box office, grants admission to the show, where hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

All proceeds from the event will go toward Tufts China Care's efforts to provide medical assistance and aid in the adoption of abandoned children in China Care Foundation's medical orphan homes.

—by Naomi Bryant, Emma Bushnell and Matthew DiGirolamo

BOOK REVIEW



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Beth Kobliner saved some money and hired the guy who takes yearbook photos.

## 'Get a Financial Life' shares the secrets to spending money wisely

BY MITCHELL GELLER  
Daily Editorial Board

With the economy in shambles, the thought of spending \$16 on a book that claims to teach readers to be fiscally responsible seems ridicu-

### Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties

Beth Kobliner



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lous. But as Beth Kobliner's "Get a Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties" enters its 14th printing, the product

is more invaluable than ever.

Self-help and how-to books are, more often than not, wastes of time and money. Yet the self-help industry is a multi-billion dollar industry and growing. If someone can get it together to write a book, the reasoning goes, they probably have something useful and true to say. This isn't always the case, but Kobliner is an exception and actually knows what she's talking about.

Kobliner is not some hack who just decided to write a book one day; she has credentials to back up her work. She worked for Money magazine as a staff writer and Glamour as a money columnist; she is a frequent guest on CNN, NBC, CBS, ABC, NPR and PBS; she serves on the board of the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement; and she is a con-

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## Monet, Whistler round out MFA exhibit

### MFA

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its dark coloring, Whistler's canvas conveys the thickness of the night air as well as the silhouettes of the city's buildings as they pierce the night sky and ominously reflect on the water. The only light in the city comes from several small glimmers on the far horizon. In the forefront, several boats seem to be gliding quietly by, attesting to the fact that this mighty

city never sleeps.

Venice has inspired artists for centuries, and visitors to the MFA now have a unique opportunity to view different artistic responses to the city. In "Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese" some of the world's most spectacular 16th century Venetian paintings are now on view, and, in "Mad on Color," visitors can experience another, more contemporary interpretation of Venice.

## 'Financial Life' teaches valuable lessons

### FINANCIAL

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tributor to The New York Times. If this wasn't enough, "Get a Financial Life" is endorsed by a former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, a Nobel laureate in economics and the granddaddy of them all, Jim Cramer, Mr. "Mad Money" himself.

So the book is bonafide. But what's so great about it?

Simply put, Kobliner really does tell her readers exactly how to "get a financial life." She breaks down, in detail, the various terms and ideas that are so often thrown about but not understood by everyone. Readers do not have to be economics majors to understand this book.

Don't know what a 401(k) is? What about an IRA? A Roth IRA? How about the difference between a credit card and a charge card? All of these topics are explained in the book's nine sections, covering topics that range from dealing with debt to investing wisely to buying a home and purchasing the right insurance. Even readers familiar with these topics will learn something from "Get a Financial Life." Kobliner never panders to her audience, and the book's language is consistently clear, concise and never dry. Kobliner is able to lead readers through potentially scary and confusing topics while remaining compelling and engaging.

Most 20-somethings probably don't think about their retirement plans, but one of the book's most engaging, informative and, possibly, important chapters is all about saving for retirement. This chapter covers the aforementioned 401(k)s as well as both types of IRAs. The discussion of retirement

is simplified into a discussion about the ramifications of saving money in these types of accounts and, later, utilizing these savings plans before retirement.

In contrast to the important bits, the book also has some "duh" statements. Readers with different knowledge bases will no doubt scoff at different sections. Nearly all college students and young adults (or at least those so inclined to buy a book on personal finance) will understand the basic importance of saving and paying off debt, but Kobliner's book discusses alternative strategies for doing so.

Though the original "Get a Financial Life" was published in 1996, the newest edition was released only last month and has been updated with information regarding the current credit crunch and financial conditions. The subprime mortgage situation is explained in some detail, as is the recent student loan scandal and some of the new laws and government practices. It is clear that Kobliner and her editors and contributors (who are mentioned at the end of the book in a 17-page acknowledgement section) spent a great deal of time on this edition to make it a truly useful tool for young people. Also appearing at the end of the book is an extensive index, making "Get a Financial Life" a go-to reference guide for financial facts and information.

"Get a Financial Life" is perfect for anyone who has ever wondered or worried about their financial future. Sure, most of this information is available on the internet for free, or is even common sense, but having it all in one place really is helpful. While Kobliner's book won't actually solve anyone's financial problems for them, it definitely lays a strong groundwork for readers to do so themselves.

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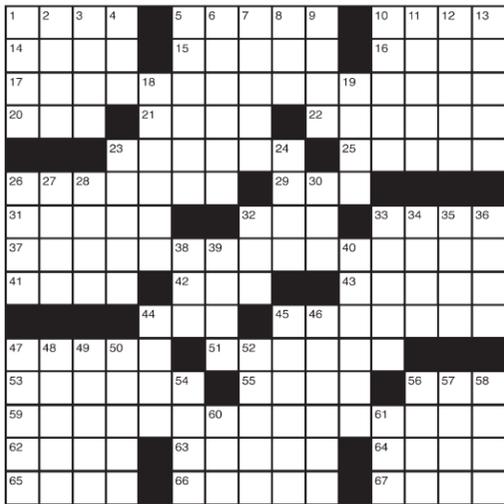


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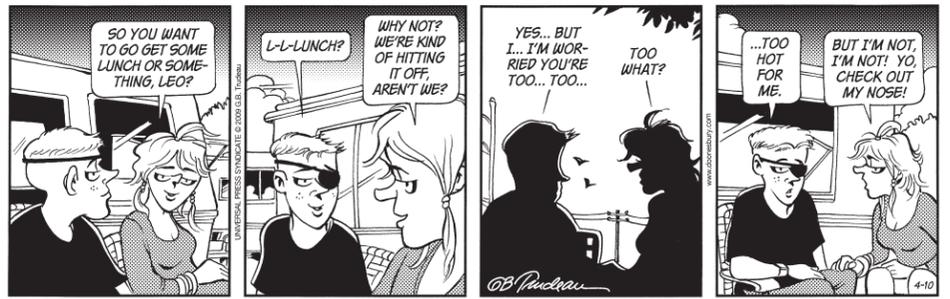
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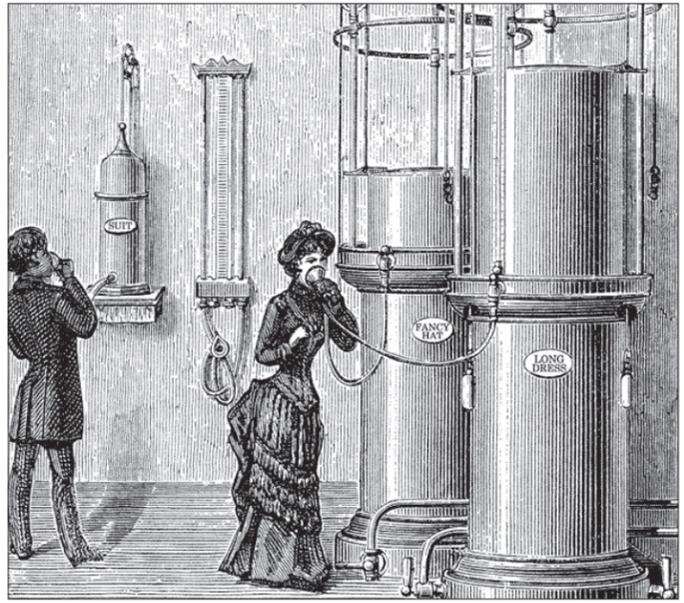


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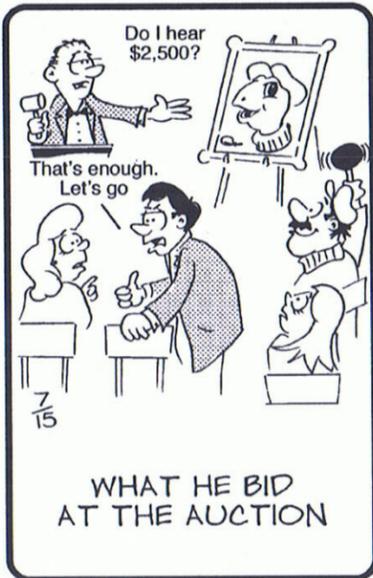
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by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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Thursday's solution

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## St. Louis seeking return to glory with West playoff berth

**NHL**  
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 his past two seasons. He has really picked up his pace in the last few months, scoring four goals against the **Detroit Red Wings** on April 2 to lead the Blues to a 5-4 victory. He has enjoyed great success in his career against Columbus, with 11 points in 16 games.

The Blue Jackets are fresh off a victory over the **Chicago Blackhawks** Wednesday night. Clinching their first postseason berth in franchise history is huge, but the Jackets have little to play for except seeding. Blue Jackets' rookie goaltender Steve Mason, a Calder Trophy favorite, may sit, which would be great news for the Blues. Avoiding Steve Mason, who leads the league in shutouts, with 10, and has a 2.23 GAA, would give the Blues their best shot at a win.

Even without their goaltender, the Jackets are a tough, young team. Containing left wing Rick Nash will be the Blues' top priority. Nash is an offensive weapon who can score goals and create his own offense without the aid of his linemates. Keeping Nash from scoring is like keeping ice from melting in Florida. He has 39

goals this season, including a league-leading five shorthanded. If Nash stays off the score sheet and Mason stays off the ice, the Blues have a better-than-even chance to win and move forward.

The franchise desperately needs the win to return to its former glory. Prior to the lockout, St. Louis qualified for the playoffs in 25 straight seasons. Since the lockout, however, no such luck. And despite their playoff success, no Blues team has managed to drink from Lord Stanley's punch bowl. Getting back to the postseason is the first step down that road.

Of course, even if the Blues get the win and move on to the postseason, they will likely face the **San Jose Sharks** in the first round. The Sharks are far and away the best team in the NHL, and it's unlikely that the Blues would be able to do much against them. But Blues fans will be thinking back to 2000, when the 51-win, President's Trophy-winning Blues were bounced out in the first round by the eighth-seeded Sharks. History may yet repeat itself, and the Blues would love the opportunity for a little revenge.



Tom Boonen won the Ronde von Vlaanderen twice in a row before compatriot Stijn Devolder turned the trick this season. Boonen and Devolder contributed to the race's quick pace on Sunday.

## Devolder aims for Flanders/Roubaix double

**INSIDE PRO CYCLING**  
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now complete, Devolder and the rest of the cobbled contenders have a week to recover before they cross paths once again — this time, at the queen of them all: Paris-Roubaix.

Not feared for its climbs, but instead for its innumerable cobbled sectors and often outrageously bad road conditions,

Roubaix is the most highly prized of the one-day Classics.

Defending and two-time champion Boonen will be the heavy favorite once again, among many other strongmen who contested the Ronde, so he can definitely expect to be kept on a very short leash. While that hasn't always stopped him in the past, it could very well open the door for an oppor-

tunist like Devolder to seize the day.

And with a win on Sunday's cobbles, Devolder will most definitely make himself a permanent fixture in the cycling record books, going down as just the 10th rider ever to achieve the Flanders/Roubaix double. In fact, ironically, Boonen was the last person to do just that, in 2005.

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# Bottom of Jumbos' lineup will have to contend with Ephs' depth

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

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on Sept. 28, 2008, with Gibson and Reich pulling out a narrow 9-8 (4) victory.

But when the Williams duo declined a subsequent invitation to participate in Small College Nationals, Browne and McCooley served as the Northeast region's representatives instead. Given a fortuitous chance to appear on the big stage for the first time, the Jumbos did not disappoint, taking down the tournament's top three seeds en route to the program's first national championship.

Browne and McCooley haven't lost since, going a perfect 6 for 6 in dual match play this spring. Tomorrow, they'll have a chance to avenge one of just two losses they have suffered since being paired together in September.

"We can't wait," McCooley said. "Last time, it ended in a tie-breaker, which is always tough, so we really want to get back out there. We've gotten better since last playing them, and I'm sure they have, too. It should be a good match."

On the singles side, the probable matchup at No. 1 between Browne and Williams junior Grace Baljon will certainly be one to watch. After missing the fall season to study abroad, Baljon has returned to mixed results at the top spot and will enter her meeting with Browne in the midst of a two-match losing streak.

The two have never met before, but Browne has had some recent success against Williams in singles play, besting both Gibson and Reich on her way to the ITA New England crown on Sept. 28, 2008. Still, Baljon, a perfect 4-0 against Tufts in dual match and tournament play in her career, figures to be a formidable challenge for the Jumbo sophomore.

"I've never played Grace before, but I've watched her play; she finished last year No. 3 in the nation and got to the semifinals of Nationals, so she's definitely a really good player," Browne said. "I'm going to have to play a really good match in order to beat her. But I have been playing well this year and working really hard during the offseason and during the spring, so I'm confident and I'm just ready to give it everything I have to beat her."

Another key showdown will likely occur at the No. 2 spot between McCooley and Gibson. The two last squared off in the semifinals of the NCAA Championships last May, with Gibson dealing McCooley a 6-3, 6-2 setback and ending the Jumbo's Cinderella run through the tournament field. Like Baljon, however, Gibson enters tomorrow's contest on a bit of a slide, having lost three of four singles matches this spring. McCooley, meanwhile, upped her personal winning streak to five on Tuesday after besting Amherst junior Jill Wexler in an impressive 6-3, 7-6 (4) victory.

"I'm definitely looking forward to playing her," McCooley said. "She's a really talented player, and she always gives it her all on the court, but I'm definitely looking forward to a good, challenging match, and I think I just have to really focus on my mental game and shot selection and just having the confidence out there that I can beat her."

Still, if Tufts is to pull off an upset, they'll have to come up with victories in the bottom of both lineups. Against the Jeffs, junior Erica Miller was the only Jumbo not named Browne or McCooley to record a victory, as Amherst picked up wins at No. 4, 5 and 6 and swept matches at second and third doubles to tip the final score in its favor.

Earning those all-important wins in the lower tier of the ladder will involve overcoming Williams' tremendous depth. Every one of the four players expected to fill in the Ephs' lineup from third singles to sixth singles — Reich, freshman Kristin Alotta, junior Ashley Parsons and senior co-captain Annie Hancock — is ranked in the Northeast top 25. But despite the daunting task that Williams poses throughout its lineup, the Jumbos believe that with the right mindset, they'll have a chance.

"They definitely have really strong players throughout the lineup, but I think we just need to focus on realizing that we don't have to do anything special against them," McCooley said. "They're going to hit great shots, and we have to be okay with that and just move on to the next point and trust in our game."

# Midd. goalie Bowie will provide challenge for Jumbos

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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goaltenders in goals-against average, save percentage and saves per game. With the added obstacle of Bowie between the pipes, it will be even more important for the Jumbos to gain and maintain control of the ball whenever possible, placing added emphasis on controlling the draws and winning the battle for groundballs.

"Draw controls are very important, and we've been working on that a lot," Johnson said.

"We need to clean up on the basics like going for groundballs," Bloom added.

At the other end of the pitch, the Jumbos' defense will be looking to silence Middlebury by keeping it out on the perimeter and eliminating quality scoring opportunities.

"Our defense has been working on getting a little stronger," Johnson said. "[Against Gordon] we gave them a few opportunities we shouldn't have."

"Our D has been doing a great job," Bloom said. "When they're on, they really keep players out of the eight."

Even those shots that do make it by the Tufts defense will have a hard time finding the back of the



ALEXANDRA DENNETT/TUFTS DAILY

Senior co-captain Chrissie Attura cradles the ball during the women's lacrosse team's 13-10 victory over Trinity last weekend. Tomorrow, the Jumbos will host Middlebury in a battle for first place in the NESCAC.

cage, as Bloom is second in the conference in save percentage and fourth in GAA.

By the time the Jumbos and Panthers kick off the action at 2 p.m., the Jumbos will already know the outcome of Colby's contest against last-place Connecticut College, which starts at 11 a.m. With a win, the Mules will ensure that they at least stay tied in the

standings with the Jumbos, but as the fierce NESCAC has proven time and again, no win is ever certain. The Jumbos will be going into their own game with the same outlook, knowing that they are all but guaranteed a victory, however confident they are.

"Right now, we're just looking forward to a great game," Roberts said. "It's just one game at a time."

## SCHEDULE | April 10 - April 16

	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
<b>Baseball</b>	vs. Middlebury (2) 1:30 p.m.	at Middlebury (2) 1:30 p.m.			vs. Bentley 3:30 p.m.		
<b>Softball</b>	vs. Colby (2) 3:30 p.m.	at Colby 2 p.m.	at Wellesley, ECSU 11 a.m.		at Bridgewater State 4 p.m.	at Babson (2) 3 p.m.	
<b>Men's Lacrosse</b>		at Middlebury 2 p.m.			at Endicott 7 p.m.		
<b>Women's Lacrosse</b>		vs. Middlebury 2 p.m.					vs. Endicott 4:30 p.m.
<b>Men's Tennis</b>	vs. Vassar 2:30 p.m.	vs. Williams 12 p.m.					
<b>Women's Tennis</b>		at Williams 1 p.m.					vs. Wesleyan 4 p.m.
<b>Women's Track and Field</b>		Northeastern Husky Invitational					
<b>Men's Track and Field</b>		NU Solomon Invite					
<b>Crew</b>		Bates, NH, Wesleyan 9 a.m.					

## STATISTICS | STANDINGS

### Men's Lacrosse (9-1, 5-1 NESCAC)

	NESCAC				OVERALL			
	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P
Middlebury	5	1	8	1				
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>				
Bowdoin	4	1	7	2				
Wesleyan	4	2	9	2				
Trinity	3	3	8	3				
Williams	3	3	4	5				
Colby	2	3	5	4				
Amherst	2	4	4	5				
Bates	1	5	3	7				
Conn. College	0	6	4	7				

### Women's Lacrosse (9-1, 5-1 NESCAC)

	NESCAC				OVERALL			
	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P
Colby	5	1	9	1				
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>				
Middlebury	4	1	5	3				
Trinity	4	2	8	2				
Amherst	3	2	6	3				
Bates	3	3	7	4				
Williams	3	3	6	3				
Bowdoin	1	5	6	6				
Wesleyan	1	5	4	7				
Conn. College	0	6	3	7				

### Baseball (6-13, 2-4 NESCAC East)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
<b>East</b>						
Trinity	6	0	0	15	3	0
Bates	3	3	0	6	10	0
Colby	1	2	0	4	9	0
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
Bowdoin	0	3	0	13	12	0
<b>West</b>						
Williams	3	0	0	11	5	0
Wesleyan	3	2	0	9	9	0
Hamilton	1	1	0	9	8	0
Amherst	2	3	0	9	8	0
Middlebury	1	4	0	6	7	0

### Softball (21-0, 6-0 NESCAC East)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
<b>East</b>						
<b>Tufts</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Bates	2	3	0	5	10	0
Bowdoin	1	2	0	13	10	0
Trinity	2	4	0	9	10	0
Colby	0	2	0	11	3	0
<b>West</b>						
Wesleyan	4	2	0	9	12	0
Williams	2	1	0	4	9	0
Amherst	3	2	0	12	5	0
Hamilton	1	1	0	3	11	0
Middlebury	1	5	0	9	9	0

### USILA Div. III Men's Lax as of Apr. 6, 2009

- Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)
1. Stevenson (13)
  2. Roanoke (2)
  3. Cortland
  4. Middlebury
  5. Salisbury
  6. Washington and Lee
  7. Ithaca
  8. Gettysburg
  10. Tufts

### IWLCA Div. III Women's Lax as of Mar. 30, 2009

- Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)
1. Salisbury (7)
  2. The College of New Jersey (6)
  3. Colby (6)
  4. Gettysburg (1)
  5. Franklin and Marshall
  6. Hamilton
  7. Tufts
  8. Middlebury
  9. Trinity

### NFCA Div. III Softball as of April 8, 2009

- Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)
1. Louisiana College (3)
  2. St. Thomas (1)
  3. Linfield (3)
  4. East Texas Baptist
  5. Texas Tyler
  6. Central (1)
  7. Wisconsin Eau-Claire
  8. Christopher Newport
  10. Tufts

### Individual Statistics

	G	A	P
D.J. Hessler	26	32	58
Clem McNally	35	7	42
Ryan Molloy	29	13	42
Mike Drosch	5	12	17
Matt Witko	12	4	16
Sean Kirwan	8	1	9
Kevin McCormick	7	2	9
Kevin Williams	4	5	9
Doug DiSesa	5	3	8
Chase Bibby	4	3	7
<b>Team</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>267</b>
<b>Goaltending</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Sv</b>	<b>%</b>
Matt Harrigan	63	100	.613
Bryan Petillo	4	11	.733

### Individual Statistics

	G	A	P
Amanda Roberts	23	10	33
Chrissie Attura	10	20	30
Emily Johnson	24	5	29
Lara Kozin	12	13	25
Courtney Thomas	17	4	21
Jenna Abelli	16	3	19
Stephanie Perez	10	4	14
Maya Shoham	7	5	12
Kelly Hyland	7	3	10
Casey Egan	5	2	7
<b>Team</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Goaltending</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Sv</b>	<b>%</b>
Sara Bloom	69	82	.547
Alexis Germain	13	7	.350

### Individual Statistics

	AVG	HR	RBI	
Sam Sager	.350	0	5	
Ben Walkley	.333	1	3	
David Leresche	.328	2	11	
Dave Katzman	.300	0	4	
Corey Pontes	.295	1	13	
Caleb Sims	.286	0	3	
Anthony Fucillo	.276	0	4	
Nate Bankoff	.268	1	7	
Chase Rose	.265	0	3	
Alex Perry	.227	3	11	
<b>Team</b>	<b>.257</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>78</b>	
<b>Pitching</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>SO</b>
Chris DeGoti	0	0	2.57	12
Tom Hill	0	1	3.32	13

### Individual Statistics

	AVG	HR	RBI	
Maya Ripecky	.508	3	24	
Danielle Lopez	.422	3	26	
Laura Chapman	.413	0	6	
Cara Hovhanessian	.404	3	11	
Roni Herbst	.373	0	7	
Christy Tinker	.367	1	14	
Casey Sullivan	.362	2	20	
Alison Drobiarz	.351	0	3	
Lena Cantone	.345	1	17	
Samantha Kuhles	.340	1	10	
<b>Team</b>	<b>.378</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>146</b>	
<b>Pitching</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>SO</b>
Izzie Santone	10	0	1.55	28
Lauren Galmetti	9	0	1.79	31

## INSIDE THE NHL



St. Louis Blues All-Star winger David Perron has been the subject of some unfair treatment by coach Andy Murray this season. But St. Louis is nonetheless closing in on its first postseason berth since the lockout, holding a slim two-point lead on the eighth spot in the West heading into tonight's game against Columbus. MCT

## Free Perron: St. Louis will need its star winger on the ice to secure playoff spot

BY KORIN HASEGAWA-JOHN  
Senior Staff Writer

With two games remaining in the regular season, the **St. Louis Blues** are clinging to the last playoff spot in the Western Conference by just two points.

The breakout play of youngsters David Backes, David Perron and T.J. Oshie, as well as the hot hand of goaltender Chris Mason, has given the Blues a shot at the playoffs. Tonight, they face the **Columbus Blue Jackets**, which are sixth in the conference and the proud owners of its first postseason berth in franchise history. If the Blues win, they will have a playoff spot all but sewn up. It's a huge turnaround for a team that was last in the West in January.

In fact, the Blues' season was hamstrung before it began. A teambuilding golf trip in September started things off on the wrong foot. Sophomore defenseman and 2006's No. 1 overall draft pick Erik Johnson got his foot caught while hopping out of his

golf cart. The accident tore his ACL and MCL and put him out for the whole 2008-2009 season. Johnson had played 18 minutes per game in his rookie season and was expected to take a big step forward and assume the role of number one defenseman for the Blues. His injury set back the already-fragile blue line.

Blues head coach Andy Murray did not help his own cause. He continually clashed with talented Québécois winger David Perron, demoting the 2007 first-round pick to the fourth line, where he played with noted checking line forwards Brad Winchester and Yan Stasny. After Perron returned from the All-Star game in Montreal, Murray famously benched Perron and told him that unlike at the All-Star Game, he expected his players to do work. That's a pretty big slap in the face for a guy who played on the fourth line (for no good reason) with few complaints.

If the Blues fail to make the playoffs, you can pin a solid amount of blame on Murray's unwillingness to

play his best players on his first lines. When Perron has played with better linemates, the Blues have been successful. That's no real surprise to anybody but Murray. Unfortunately, if the Blues make the playoffs, Murray's job is secure for the future and he can continue to mismanage the assets he is given by management.

Fortunately for Murray, Mason and Backes seem to like him so much that they want to keep him around. Mason was named First Star of the Week on March 29 and went 8-2-4 in the month of February with a 1.64 goals-against average. He has been one of the hottest goalies in the NHL in the past two months, and without him, the Blues would have no shot at making the playoffs.

Backes may be the quietest 30-goal scorer in the NHL. A tough guy who has racked up 163 penalty minutes, Backes has enjoyed a breakout year after toiling in relative obscurity in

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## INSIDE PRO CYCLING

## Devolder conquers the cobblestones again

BY EVAN COOPER  
Daily Editorial Board

A single Classics season can turn a cyclist's wildest childhood dreams into a reality or cruelly dash them against the cold, hard cobblestones.

Only two races into the year's famed series, the case is already the former, as Belgian Stijn Devolder, 29, has sealed his place in the history books and accomplished more in his young career than many have achieved in a lifetime, winning the Tour of Flanders for the second time.

With a solo victory under his belt from the 2008 edition of the Ronde van Vlaanderen, as the Tour is popularly known in Belgium, Devolder was certainly a favorite going into Sunday's cobbled showdown. Fortunately for Devolder, he had both the confidence and the team to back him up.

Riding for team Quick Step, Devolder could not have been better-situated for success in the Ronde. At his side were French strongman Sylvain Chavanel and compatriot Tom Boonen, who also won the Ronde twice in a row in 2005 and 2006 and was just as heavily marked as Devolder on Sunday. Both Devolder and Boonen contributed enormously to the fierce pace, dealing a formidable two-pronged attack against opponents like the Italian Filippo Pozzato and the German Heinrich Haussler, who are no

slouches either when it comes to the Classics. Despite the flying form that both the Italian and the German have displayed over the last few weeks, the Belgians ultimately prevailed.

Just as he did last year, Devolder made his decisive move on the Eikenmolen, a steep 610-meter hill that comes with 25 kilometers to go. Using the climb as a launching pad, Devolder rode away from the group containing the rest of the favorites and bridged up to an earlier two-man move containing his teammate Chavanel and Italian Manuel Quinzato (Liquigas). Then, with 16 km to go, Devolder went again on the infamous Mur de Grammont, dropping his companions and beginning what would prove his second ride to glory, eventually crossing the line one minute ahead of the 29-man group containing the rest of the favorites.

Devolder's win could not have been more perfect. Not only is he a native Flandrian, making him a favorite with many of the fanatics that line the race's streets, but he won in the courageous fashion that its history and fans demand.

First run in 1913, the Ronde is one of cycling's most storied and epic races and easily the most esteemed race in Belgium. In addition to the list of all-stars that have gone to win the race in the past, the Ronde features one of the most challenging courses on the calen-

dar. Over its roughly 260 km, the Ronde covers numerous cobbled sections and an array of painfully steep climbs.

These hellingen, as the climbs are known in Dutch, are what make the race. Not only are they often so steep that many riders have to walk their bikes up, but they also cover some of the worst-maintained roads imaginable. While some of the climbs are made of asphalt, many others are cobbled — and that does not mean the decorative kind people use for their driveways. These cobbles are sometimes widely spaced and uneven, making for a less-than-pleasant journey over them that is bone-jarring to say the least. And with 16 hellingen featured in the 2009 edition, surviving the Ronde, let alone winning it, is no easy task.

When Devolder made his decisive move on the Eikenmolen this year, he was already 234 kilometers into the race, and he had already covered 13 hellingen since the start. But that still left him with two of the race's hardest walls to surmount as he powered his way to the line: Number 15, the Mur de Grammont, is a cobbled climb that features pitches as steep as 19.8 percent, and the Bosberg, the final climb of the day, spans 980 meters with an average gradient of 5.8 percent over cobbles once again. But none of this daunted Devolder.

With another running of the Ronde

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## GIDEON JACOBS | THE POOCH PUNTER

## Seven thoughts for my mom



Baseball season is here, and that means the phone calls from my mom have begun. After nine calls and a few texts on Opening Day, I was forced to tell her that she's no longer allowed to call during games. I promised her that after the game, I'd give her a few of my thoughts from around the league, but only if she'd leave me alone afterward. Here's what I told her:

1. Were you watching the radar gun readings during CC Sabathia's first start as a Yankee? His fastball was barely hitting 90 miles per hour. I know it was cold in Baltimore, but that's got to scare any Yankees fan. Sabathia is a guy who has admitted in the past that when he puts too much pressure on himself, sometimes his mechanics get out of whack. Sabathia is going to take a little time. Everyone, including my mom, needs to be patient.

2. The Orioles are getting close. Brian Roberts and Adam Jones are one of the strongest 1-2 combinations in the league. The great Matt Wieters will be up soon, and it's just a matter of time until the Orioles' stock of arms in the minors makes its way to the big leagues. The AL East has been baseball's strongest division for a while, and in the next couple years, it's going to get even more competitive.

3. The Mets' revamped bullpen is going to do wonders for them. J.J. Putz has incredible stuff, and the throw-in of that trade, Sean Green, has the potential to make Omar Minaya look like a genius. K-Rod is going to make it interesting every night, but that's K-Rod. If that rotation can hold it together, the Mets should be in the mix all year.

4. I know the Marlins only swept the Nationals, but you've got to like what you see from this team. Their offense looks fantastic, and they have one of the best young pitching staffs in the league with Josh Johnson, Ricky Nolasco and Chris Volstad. The Marlins won't win the division, but there's no doubt they will play a big role in deciding who does.

5. It's hard to bet against the Angels, but it looks as though injuries and a plain lack of talent are going to hold them back this year. Mike Scioscia is the game's best manager. Every year, he creates an environment that's conducive to winning and brings the best out of every player on the roster. And in the past, it often felt like this club could piece together great baseball teams because of the attitude Scioscia brings. But, with John Lackey and Ervin Santana injured and Nick Adenhardt's tragic death yesterday morning, it would be pretty shocking if the Angels make the playoffs.

6. The Cleveland Indians are a team that's built around two pitchers: Fausto Carmona and Cliff Lee. The only problem is Fausto Carmona and Cliff Lee are totally unknown quantities. Both guys have a single Cy Young-caliber season under their belts — Carmona in 2007 and Lee last year. But when you look at their career numbers outside those seasons and their awful beginning to this year, you have to wonder just how ugly things might get for the Indians.

7. I'm scared of just how crazy things might be at the trading deadline this year. As teams that are hurting from the financial crisis start falling out of contention, we could see a Florida Marlins-type fire sale from multiple franchises. It seems like a matter of time until Jake Peavy is a Cub. The Tigers could be dismantled at some point, and if the A's don't stay competitive, expect to see Matt Holliday on the move. I think this is going to be a July 31 to remember.

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## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Jumbos to face Middlebury, hope to hang on to first place in NESCAC

BY EVAN COOPER  
 Daily Editorial Board

Riding a five-game win streak, the women's lacrosse team is all set to compete for the top spot in the hotly contested NESCAC when it takes on Middlebury tomorrow afternoon in a crucial conference matchup.

At 9-1 overall and 5-1 in the NESCAC, the Jumbos are currently tied for first in the conference with defending NESCAC champion Colby, which they dispatched 13-9 in their third game of the season. But with both teams active tomorrow against NESCAC foes, either program has the potential to grab the No. 1 spot in the standings if the other falters. The Jumbos, though, don't seem bothered by the pressure.

"From the success we've seen already against top NESCAC teams ... There's no reason to believe that we can't win this game," sophomore points leader Amanda Roberts said.

"We're feeling pretty good about it," junior Emily Johnson added. "We're going into it thinking we can win."

The Jumbos' confidence is certainly not unfounded, as since falling to Williams on March 21, they have won all five of their games, including a spectacular come-from-behind 11-10 win over Bates on April 1 as well as two other conference victories against Wesleyan and Trinity. It also doesn't hurt that Tufts beat Middlebury 15-7 last year in their penultimate game of the season, finally snapping a losing streak against the Panthers that dated back to 1982.

"We're not talking them up the same as we did last year," sophomore starting goaltender Sara Bloom said. "We have a lot more confidence going into [the game] after beating them last year."

Since defeating Trinity last Saturday, the Jumbos have taken on out-of-conference Gordon and Wheaton, racking up two more wins in preparation for their key matchup tomorrow. And while the team does not want to take any game lightly, they acknowledged that the games served somewhat as a tune-up for tougher opponents like Middlebury.

"It will definitely be a different game," Johnson said.

"Playing a team like Middlebury, all you have to do is go in and play your game and not let them take your momentum," Roberts added.

Over the past week, the Jumbos have been fine-tuning the tools that they will need to overcome the Panthers, and they have definitely shown signs of their current condition in their mid-week contests.

In a 19-10 win against Gordon on Tuesday, the Jumbos outshot the Fighting Scots 38-22, dominating control of the ball throughout the game and taking a commanding 43-29 lead in the groundball column. With the ball usually on their sticks, the Jumbos concentrated on quick penetration of the Scots' zone



ALEXANDRA DENNETT/TUFTS DAILY

Senior midfielder Courtney Thomas and the women's lacrosse team will look to beat national powerhouse Middlebury for the second-straight year when the Panthers come to Medford tomorrow afternoon. With a victory, the Jumbos could perhaps host the NESCAC Tournament.

and on moving the ball to the open player with smart feeds around the arc, easily overwhelming the Scots defense with their speed. The Jumbos will be looking for more of the same tomorrow.

"The key to playing well on attack is to keep the ball moving and attack from every angle," Roberts said. "We are looking to play a strong attack and to penetrate deep and attack from

all around that eight-foot arc."

While the Jumbos were able to utilize their advantage in speed frequently against Gordon, they may find it a bit more difficult to cash in tomorrow. Standing between the Jumbos and the back of the net will be senior goalie Blair Bowie, who leads all NESCAC

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### BLOG @ tuftsdaily.com

While the women's lacrosse team gets set to do battle with Middlebury on Bello Field tomorrow, the men's squad will hit the road for its own showdown with the Panthers, and the Daily will be on hand for all the action.

Log on to TuftsDaily.com beginning at 2 p.m. and follow sports editor Phil Dear as he blogs live from Vermont, where the nationally ranked No. 10 Jumbos and No. 4 Panthers will fight for sole possession of first place in the NESCAC.

The victor will open up at least a half-game lead atop the standings with just two conference games remaining.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS



RACHEL RHODES/TUFTS DAILY

The women's tennis team's doubles tandem of senior Mari Homma and sophomore Edwina Stewart will likely be in action tomorrow when the Jumbos travel to national No. 1 Williams for their sixth NESCAC match of the season.

## Highly anticipated matchups await atop lineups as Tufts battles Williams

BY SAPNA BANSIL  
 Daily Editorial Board

For the women's tennis team, Tuesday's matchup with nationally ranked No. 6 Amherst was the first true NESCAC test of the year. This weekend, the going only gets tougher.

On the heels of a narrow 5-4 setback to the Jeffs, national No. 14 Tufts will be faced with the difficult task of trying to bounce back against No. 1 and defending national champion Williams tomorrow at 1 p.m. The contest will mark the Ephs' first match since it completed a perfect 5-0 spring break trip to Georgia, one

which featured three victories against top-five teams.

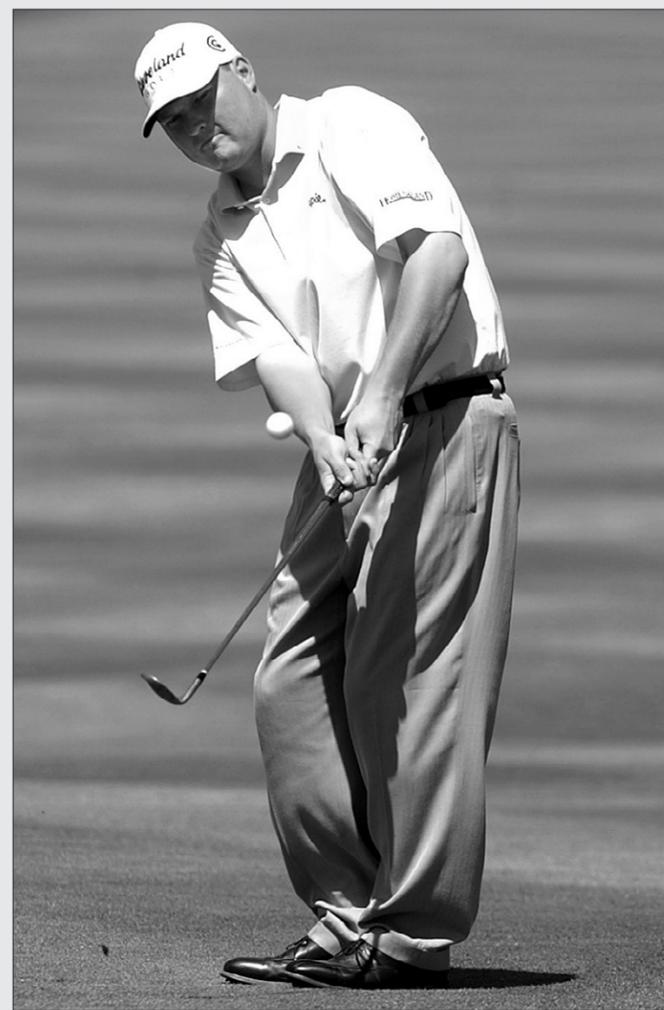
"We definitely have a lot of respect for the Williams team," sophomore Julia Browne said. "They've proven themselves over the years as being always among the top teams in the nation, and last year winning a national championship, they clearly are the best team in the nation ... We're not going to approach it like we have nothing to lose because we do feel like we can compete with them. So we're still going to take it like a normal match and just know that we're going to have to play better and fight

a lot harder than we've had to all year."

With both teams boasting some of the top talent in the country, the stage is set for a slew of marquee matchups. The most notable could be at first doubles, where a likely Williams pairing of senior co-captain Cary Gibson and sophomore Nikki Reich will meet Tufts' tandem of Browne and junior captain Meghan McCooley. Ranked one-two in the most recent Northeast regional poll, the two teams last met in the ITA New England championship match

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## Campbell holds slim one-stroke lead after Round 1 of Masters



MCT

After day one at Augusta National, Chad Campbell sits alone at the top of the Masters leaderboard, ahead by one stroke over Jim Furyk and Hunter Mahan. Campbell flirted with a record-setting round before bogeying the final two holes for a 65. In his first major since returning from knee surgery, Tiger Woods missed two birdie putts down the stretch and bogeyed 18. He now sits five strokes off the pace heading into day two.