



Fugitive shoots himself on bus near Boston's South Station Tufts student traveling on bus unharmed

BY KAT SCHMIDT
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On the night of Sunday, Apr. 16, a man wanted in connection with a double-murder shot himself as police surrounded the Greyhound bus he was traveling on as it pulled into South Station. Tufts freshman Lilly Riber, who was a passenger on the same bus, was unharmed in the incident.

According to the Boston Globe, the man, Stephen A. Marshall, 20, of Nova Scotia, Canada, was suspected in the killings of two registered Maine sex offenders.

Police in pursuit of Marshall stopped the Greyhound bus immediately outside of South Station. As the police boarded the bus, Marshall shot himself in the head.

The situation did not appear as clear-cut for Riber, who was returning from visiting a friend at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. (Riber is also a staff writer for the Daily's news department.)

"It was my first time taking the bus," she said. "We were literally feet away from South Station."

According to Riber, it had been a long trip; normally over four hours, it had already been extended after

the original bus had broken down and passengers were left standing on the side of the highway for an hour while waiting for a new bus.

The bus didn't arrive in Boston until almost 8 p.m., six hours after it had left Waterville. The shooting incident took place as Riber was gathering her belongings to get off the bus.

"I looked out the window and saw all these police cars with their lights flashing," she said. "They were blocking the road. I saw them running around chasing something, they had their guns out."

Things after that happened very quickly. "All of a sudden, we heard a gunshot," she said.

"The guy next to me told me to get down. I was so scared, I was under the seat, I couldn't really see anything," she said.

Confusion ensued, she said. "We heard people yelling, 'Someone's been shot in the head' and 'We have an emergency.' No one knew what to do."

As people shouted back and forth about whether the man shot had a pulse, "I never lifted up my head, she said. "We didn't know where [the shot] came from."

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Tufts boasts 193 Marathon finishers

BY SARAH BUTRYMOWICZ
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Tufts President Lawrence Bacow passes the Tufts water station just shy of the 21st mile marker in Monday's Boston Marathon.

One-hundred-and-ninety-three members of the Tufts Marathon Team finished the 110th annual Boston Marathon on Apr. 17, 2006.

Students, alumni, parents and other friends of the University joined President Lawrence Bacow to complete the run from Hopkinton to the finish line in downtown Boston.

The team ranged from a seventy-four year old veteran marathon runner to three-year-old Ruthie Scott, pushed in a stroller by her mother, Rebecca Scott.

Some, like Michael Nash (LA '73), had experience running marathons, including the Boston Marathon. Freshman Adam Santos, like many others, had never run more than four miles prior to training.

Each member had his or her own individual reason for participating.

Volunteering for the 2005 race inspired sophomore Marissa Maren. While watching last year, she thought, "if 20,000 people can do it, I can."

Freshman Amanda Casale ran to raise money for a children's hospital in honor of her cousin who was diagnosed with leukemia. Her uncle was originally supposed to run, but he broke his ankle. "I'm

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Cannon's Easter message soured

Tufts Christian Fellowship (TCF) painted the Tufts cannon at midnight on Sunday, Apr. 16 with an Easter message as part of their celebration of Holy Week.

But churchgoers walking to mass on Easter Morning in Goddard Chapel saw that the cannon had received a second paint job overnight that many considered unfortunate.

The cannon was first painted white all over, with yellow stripes on the wheels. Spring-green paint read, "JESUS IS ALIVE" and "YOU ARE LOVED."

This lettering was crossed out with black paint. On one side appeared a Jewish star, also in black, and the message, "Happy Passover."

A Jewish star also covered over a cross painted on the butt of the cannon.

TCF members did not respond to requests for comment by press time. "As a future rabbi I was extremely

embarrassed by actions of what I can only assume were fellow Jews," said senior Mara Judd, former Hillel President. "This was not an accurate representation of Jewish kids on campus, especially not Hillel."

"[Whoever did the second cannon painting] probably didn't do it maliciously ... but I wish they would have considered how they would have felt if someone did [the same thing] to a 'Happy Passover' cannon. I am saddened that someone felt it necessary to do something so childish."

Judd stressed that Hillel as an organization should not be implicated in this incident. "I think that it's Hillel's role to speak out and to say these actions were not condoned by us, nor will they be, and to continue the very effective and far-reaching interfaith programming that we've been doing this year and years before," she said.

— Marc Raifman

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Picking a president — and changing the TCU Constitution?

BY BRUCE HAMILTON
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On Apr. 20, Tufts students selecting the upcoming Tufts Community Union (TCU) President will also have the opportunity to vote on several changes to the TCU Constitution.

According to a proposal submitted by sophomore Alex Clark, senior Ed Kalafarski and senior Jordana Starr, the Constitutional amendments will make slight changes to the processes of the TCU Judiciary (TCUJ), Senate and Elections Board (ELBO).

"The experience of the three years since its [latest] ratification has presented the TCU with several complications and special cases that go unaddressed," the proposal stated. "These [proposed] amendments are intend-

ed to address these bureaucratic discrepancies, to reflect programs created in the intervening time ... and to clarify the logical roles of members in the TCU."

Kalafarski, TCU Senate historian, said that the proposed amendments were partially prompted by issues surrounding ELBO. One amendment proposes to change the name of ELBO to "Elections Commission" in order to better reflect its duties. The amendment also proposes to "overhaul" the organization "to provide fair compensation and accountability for officers."

The proposal would provide monetary compensation to ELBO officers. Kalafarski said that there are currently few incentives to serve on the commission.

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All your rights, all in one place

BY LILLY RIBER
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The Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate passed a new resolution Mar. 27 to request the centralization of information on University policies. The resolution passed 27-0 with one abstention.

The proposed document would organize the rights and responsibilities of a Tufts student in a clear and organized manner, in hopes of reducing confusion over common infractions committed by Tufts students.

The proposed resolution aims to consolidate and simplify information currently available but difficult to access.

"[We want to] publicize what is already out there and advertise it better for stu-

dents," said TCU President Jeff Katzin, a senior.

With this measure, Katzin and co. aim to clarify issues involving academic integrity, residential privacy, and alcohol and drug policies — for example, the conditions under which Resident Assistants (RAs) are allowed to enter closed dorm rooms.

The proposed document will state students' rights — as well as various penalties and restrictions — in clear and concise terms.

To that end, heads of departments including Residential Life, Public Safety, Judicial Affairs and Student Services are being consulted.

The resolution is a project of the Culture Ethnicity and Community Affairs Committee (CECA) of the

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Fans' support crucial to runners' success

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running in his place," she said.

For freshman Benjie Moli, it was more about taking part in an event he had witnessed throughout his childhood. "I grew up right off the route and when I was little I always watched it," he said.

For whatever reason people decided to participate, the commitment was daunting. However long the 26.2 mile course may seem to non-runners, it is run in a blink of an eye compared to the process that brought the team members to the starting line.

"We've been training since September," said Don Megerle, former Tufts swimming coach and current director of the President's Marathon Challenge.

On Sunday and Wednesday, the team completed runs in the morning. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the program offered indoor interval training.

"I've made a 23-week training program," said Megerle, now in his second year at this position. He made sure the schedule allowed students "a lot of time to recover."

The training program began with a few minutes of brisk walking, followed by 20 minutes running at a relaxed pace. It ended with running 26.2 miles.

The program used running, other exercises, advice on food, and inspirational quotes to prepare everyone for the race.

Training was actually easier than many anticipated. Moli attributed this to the fact that "everything is so well organized."

Community within the group also helped training.

"The concept of a team has really evolved," Megerle said. "We promote the word 'team' in all of our e-mails."

Even those who no longer attend the University appreciate the sense of community. Hwuyjung Choi (M '91) found running the marathon something that "keeps [her] connected to the school."

As the director of the Marathon Challenge, Megerle plays an important role.

"I'm like a mother hen to these kids," he said.

While other runners might not put it in those words, runners expressed appreciation for Megerle's work.

"Don is the nicest guy," Santos said. "It would not be possible to do this without him. The support he provides is ridiculous."

Even with the built-in support from the group and Megerle, the past 23 weeks were hardly a cakewalk.

According to Casale, waking up for some of the morning runs during the winter was challenging. "When the weather was really bad, there were times I didn't want to do anything."

The snow, sleet and freezing temperatures didn't stop the team, however. "We run right through everything," Megerle said. More than a hundred team members even completed their qualifying run during a snowfall.

The program also offers therapeutic physical therapy to treat runners for different ailments, a "huge success" according to Megerle.

Miriam Nelson, a member of the team and an Associate Professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition, delivered lectures to the group throughout their training.

To take part in the President's Marathon Challenge, each student needed to raise \$1000.

Alumni and friends of the university were required to raise \$2,500 dollars.

Last year a total of \$360,000 was raised; this year's total is expected to exceed \$400,000.

The money goes to the Friedman School and used for "student aid, faculty development, and research," Nelson said.

In the week leading up to the race, "marathon fever" took over, as Nelson put it.

Even Bacow, who has completed marathon in the past, found himself obsessing over it. "I think about it before I go to sleep at night and when I wake up in the morning," he said.

On Sunday night, a dinner was held for all runners and their families. Nelson, Megerle and Bacow were all present to give some last-minute advice.

Bacow reminded the runners to "be smart."

"There are two halves to the Boston Marathon: the first twenty miles and the last six," he cautioned.

Anticipation was running high

at the dinner.

"I just really want it to start," Moli said — a sentiment echoed by many.

While some set a goal of finishing the race in under four hours, each person had different goals. Some wanted to avoid walking, and some just wanted to finish.

"[My goal is] to be vertical at the end," Bacow joked.

Whatever the goal, the determination was clear. "I'll seriously crawl the last mile if that's what it takes," Casale said.

On Monday morning, the team left Tufts at 6 a.m. and boarded a bus to Boston. From there they were bused to Hopkinton on official marathon buses.

Once in Hopkinton, they, along with the rest of the 10,000 runners in the second wave, started at 12:30 p.m.

Runners wore a "champion chip" attached to their shoelaces, used to track their progress.

The chips signals at the start and finish of the race to track runners' progress, as well as at several interim points.

Even with perfect weather conditions — the day was overcast with highs in the low 50s — the 26.2 miles were grueling. According to Megerle, runners passing mile nine looked "fresh as a daisy" but by mile 26, they were "beat up."

Each runner had their own story of cramps and muscles aches along the way.

Some had to walk, or even sit at points, but out of 194 Tufts runners, 193 finished the entire course.

Some runners say that fans' support was a big motivator. "The best part was every two steps people were yelling 'Go Tufts!'" Santos said.

Between the community bond developed between race members and the support received at the actual race, Taylor found that this was "an amazing way to run a marathon."

Senior Andrew Leskey said that despite feeling physically awful, he was glad to have run the marathon. "Just going out there was so much fun," he said. "I don't even care about my time now."

Megerle, who coached them through it all, was very pleased with the final results. "They really did great."

Proposed amendment would address ELBO, other issues

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"[There is] no real incentive for anybody to want to be on the elections board. For being such an important role, it's a thankless job," he said.

In addition, the amendment also includes a means of removing and replacing members. No such measure currently exists, making holding members accountable difficult.

The proposed amendment follows a nearly year-long debate that began after an Apr. 27, 2005 referendum that was held by ELBO on behalf of Tufts' Environmental Consciousness Outreach (ECO). That referendum sought to determine student support for a \$20 increase in the student activity fee to bring wind-generated power to the Medford Campus.

On Mar. 28 of this year, however, the Committee on Student Life (CSL) invalidated the results — which received 88 percent support — after then-Primary Source Editor-in-Chief Nicholas Boyd filed a complaint that a link on the TCU Elections Board (ELBO) Web site directed students to information supporting a pro-wind power vote, but offered no such information for the opposing position.

The proposed amendments would also add the TCUJ Advocacy Program to the constitution. The Advocacy Program is designed to assist students facing disciplinary issues.

"The advocacy program is a student-run system in which student advocates are available to counsel individuals facing disciplinary action as to their rights and the judicial procedure at Tufts," said sophomore and TCUJ Vice Chair Marc Bouffard.

"It's been set up for two years. It's been gaining strength and an increased role on campus. We want to include it in order to make it official," said TCUJ Chair Clark.

Kalafarski said that another amendment would allow seniors the first option for open Senate seats. This, he said, would allow for the creation of an experienced senate in the event that few seniors and juniors ran.

"Clearly in a perfect world, the classes are contested," he said, adding that in a worse-case scenario — one in which no juniors or seniors run — a senate 75 percent filled with freshmen is possible.

"In a worse case scenario, a senate with more seniority would be more effective," Kalafarski said.

For the amendments to pass, at least 25 percent of the student body must vote, and a majority of those voting must vote in favor.

Clark said that presidential elections often have good turnout, a fact that bodes well for participation in the referendum vote.

The Constitution was last amended three years ago, on Apr. 24, 2003.

Consolidation process to kick off

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Senate. CECA is currently working on the research phase of the resolution and meeting with various departments to gain a comprehensive idea of the infractions the bill of rights would address.

Though this information is currently available to students, it is hard to access: It is scattered throughout the Pachyderm (Tufts' student handbook) and in various pamphlets distributed during freshman orientation.

"You can find the information if you look hard enough," said junior Robert Kim, chair of the CECA committee. But "it should not be difficult for students to find out about their own rights," he added.

The current plan is to create an easy-to-access document for students. Though an online version of the Pachyderm already exists, Kim said that it is a PDF format copy of the paper version and "doesn't help to clear up any confusion the students may have."

Tufts students appear to support their Senate's resolution.

"I once needed to research Tufts' policies for missing a test and found that the informa-

tion was very difficult to find," freshman Sarah Schreiber said. "Even when I eventually found the answer in the Pachyderm, I found that it wasn't very clear."

The resolution should not be viewed as a "weapon against the administration" in any way, Kim said, adding that many students may simply be causing trouble because they aren't adequately aware of the University's regulations and rules.

"We truly want this to be a joint effort between all relevant parties, not one office, department, or person. It is important to have all administration members on board," Kim said.

Essentially, the "main emphasis is for the 'bill of rights' to be student-friendly," he said, adding that "there needs to be a centralized location which explains a student's rights and responsibilities, as well as the rules of the University."

The Senate hopes to begin the consolidation process over the summer and estimates that the project will be completed sometime over the course of the following school year.

Administrators did not return requests for comment by press time.

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Disqualified students face an election-less year

Three students who appealed to the Committee on Student Life (CSL) to redo the Tufts Community Union Senate elections for the Class of 1992 were denied. The three students were Senate candidates and were disqualified from the elections due to their affiliation with the Outfront Party. The Tufts Community Union Judiciary (TCUJ) exerted power and disqualified the three students because the party violated elections rules, which state that nobody but the Elections Board can distribute campaign literature.

Outfront's controversial campaign literature were flyers that said, "Outfront hopes to field candidates in the upcoming election..." which Outfront members argued is within the boundaries of the definition of "campaign literature."

Earlier, the Elections Board offered the three

students a compromise: if they dissociate from the Outfront Party, they can run in a new election.

The CSL held a meeting between the TCUJ, Elections Board and the Outfront Party. The Outfront argument was that the CSL is required to take action and hold a hearing when such a complaint is brought against them, instead of allowing the TCUJ to make official decisions. Outfront also accused the Elections Board of making "arbitrary and discriminatory" rules mid-election campaign.

Though the CSL denied the students' request, it ruled that "campaign literature" needed to be better defined by the Elections Board and that nowhere in the Tufts Community Union constitution does it state anything about check or balance of power of the TCUJ Chair.

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Yesterday's close

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WEATHER FORECAST

Today
Tuesday, April 18
Few Showers
Sunrise: 5:59 AM
Sunset: 7:29 PM

Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph.

Thursday



Sunny
62/46

Sunday



Few Showers
50/46

Friday



Sunny
54/43

Monday



Few Showers
52/46

Saturday



Few Showers
53/45

Tuesday



Few Showers
53/47

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Just going out there was so much fun. I don't even care about my time now.”

Senior Andrew Leskey,
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Dr. Drew and Trojan talk sexual health

Trojan Roundtable Media Conference addresses sex on college campuses

BY COURTNEY CHUA
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Together with Trojan Condoms, Dr. Drew Pinsky addressed a group of 12 college journalists on issues of sexual health across college campuses and among today's youth at the Trojan College Media Roundtable in Boston's The Living Room restaurant this past Friday.

Along with the Daily, the forum featured writers and editors from campuses including Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke, the University of Virginia, and Princeton. Sex columnists and freelance writers for AM Pop, Cosmopolitan and Co-Ed Magazine were also in attendance.

Pinsky, more popularly known as Dr. Drew, is a physician and the host of former-MTV-show-turned-nationally-syndicated-radio program "Loveline." With a strong interest in sexual health, Pinsky began facilitating open peer-to-peer sexual dialogues as a medical student in 1983.

"I still wish I could make a movie about that period of time," said Pinsky, reminiscing about his early days. "At the time, KROQ, which is now one of the biggest radio stations in Los Angeles, was located literally behind where I lived. There were a few guys who obsessed about relationships and proposed the idea of a sex and dating talk show to KROQ. They really wanted me to be a part of it [to discuss things from a medical standpoint], since I was already in med school."

The more Pinsky appeared on the show, the more he realized how little a role sexual knowledge played within pop culture.

"Sex was shrouded in mystery — it was covert," Pinsky said. "I was amazed that there was all this material hidden from young people."



Student journalists sit at Trojan's roundtable on sexual health in Boston this past Friday.

But the emergence of AIDS soon after the debut of "Loveline" proved the importance of sexual health and awareness, according to Pinsky.

"I suddenly became someone doing something that should be mandated," Pinsky said. "My ultimate goal has always been about health. It's important to be honest about it, and our culture makes it hard to be so open."

The forum's chief aim was to uncover the current state of sex amongst young adults and to discuss how health and safety can be incorporated into their sex lives. Each student was asked to share how his or her respective university handles sexuality, and how receptive the student body was — or was not — to open dialogue about sex.

Pinsky began with questions about the "hook-up" culture

— ubiquitous on many college campuses — wherein two people engage in sexual activity without any emotional attachments.

"Women's Health has found that young women are unhappy with their social lives and perceive that their only options are to hook-up, be attached at the hip or be friends with benefits," said Pinsky. "And a vast majority of the time, both parties are intoxicated."

According to several of the students present at the forum, the biggest issue on college campuses is that alcohol serves as a "social lubricant" — often resulting in sexual harassment or assault.

Students also raised the issue that society stigmatizes sexually active women as "sluts," whereas sexually active men are often-times praised and labeled "players."

"It's definitely a double standard predominantly perpetuated by women," Pinsky said. "Women judge each other so much. Men make note of what women do, too, but they tend to be more forgiving about their behavior."

Pinsky and representatives from Trojan were curious as to how each student's campus media and campus in general views sex. Students from more left-leaning campuses such as Harvard, Princeton, Duke and the University of Pennsylvania said there was a general acceptance of sex in their campus media, as indicated by sex columns, condom distribution, theme parties and the popularity of courses on human sexuality and behavior.

"We have a 'sexpert,' unaffiliated with our university's health

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BY THE NUMBERS



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Plenty of frazzled Americans might argue that, in terms of required stamina, filing tax returns (the national deadline was yesterday — though because of Patriot's Day, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and Washington residents can file today instead) trumps completing the Boston marathon (which also took place yesterday). In this installment of "By the Numbers," the Daily explores all things taxation-related.

2 Days by which Tax Day was delayed this year (it's traditionally Apr. 15; this year, it was Apr. 17 because the 15th fell on a Saturday)



76 Number of lines in the standard Form 1040 tax return

142 Pages of instructions that go along with the form

1789 Year in which Ben Franklin said that "in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes"

1862 Year in which Congress implemented the United States' first income tax as "an emergency measure"

10 Years before that "emergency measure" was repealed

1894 Year in which Congress "enacted a tax on annual incomes exceeding \$4,000"

1 Year until the U.S. Supreme Court declared that tax unconstitutional

1913 Year in which Congress became authorized "to lay and collect taxes on incomes"

16th Constitutional Amendment that allowed Congress to do so

30 Years after the 16th Amendment's ratification until the federal government began to require that employers withhold estimated taxes from their workers' paychecks



1 Income tax's rank on the list of the federal government's biggest revenue sources

65% 2004 tax returns that were submitted electronically

5 of 8 2004 tax refunds that "were transmitted directly into taxpayers' bank accounts rather than paid by paper checks"

58% Americans who say that the U.S. income tax system is "unjust," according to an Ipsos poll conducted two weeks ago

58% Americans who say that taxes for middle-income families are too high

54% Americans who say that taxes for low-income families are too high

6 in 10 Americans who say that taxes for high-income families are too low

8 in 10 Americans who said so 20 years ago

The information cited above comes from the Associated Press, the Boston Globe and the Washington File.

REAL LIFE: PART 2 IN A 3-PART SERIES

From Gothic rock to a bachelor's degree

BY JESSIE ANDERSON
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Student Annette Farrington Kramer is only taking one course at Tufts this semester. While this may seem like a light workload, Kramer is also juggling two young children, releasing a new album, teaching vocal lessons and working as a development intern at the Museum of Fine Arts — all while wrapping up her bachelor's degree in English.

Kramer is part of Tufts' REAL program, which supports men and women who never had the opportunity to attend college or who left mid-degree, but want to return to obtain their degree in higher education.



COURTESY ANNETTE FARRINGTON KRAMER
Kramer (pictured), now a student at Tufts, founded the Gothic rock band Opium's Den.

Through REAL, Kramer can chip away at an English degree without stifling her career as a self-described "acoustic-electric-psychedelic-singer-song-writer" on the Boston rock scene. Kramer founded and sang lead vocals for Gothic rock band Opium's Den throughout the '90s, but broke off on her own to release the more mellow "Azure Wonder & Lust" in 2001.

While music dominates Kramer's life today, she was more intrigued by theatre when she was growing up. Her childhood ambition to grace the acting stage was far from a secret.

"I had always thought that I would be an actress," she said.

Kramer spent her childhood pursuing drama and dreaming of a future at Julliard. When the acceptance letter didn't come, Kramer moved to New York City anyway and continued to study acting.

According to Kramer, her passion was the stage, and she was still banking on a future in theater. A brief stint touring with a repertoire company changed all of that, however.

"I felt like a piece of furniture; I wanted to find a medium where I could actually express myself," she said.

That medium was music. Kramer founded her band Opium Den and began experimenting with different sounds as part of the Gothic rock movement. Kramer received rave press reviews, with several of her compositions receiving national radio airplay. They were even picked up by ABC soap operas "One Life to Live" and "The Young and the Restless," as well as by talk shows including "Good Morning America."

Throughout this time Kramer was married to a prominent MIT professor/scientist, while her own coursework was limited to a handful of vocal performance classes at the Boston Conservatory. Time for taking courses was sparse since the pair was busy raising a son and daughter who are now eight and 11, respectively.

With a family and budding solo career in the wake of Opium's Den, it's difficult to see how Kramer found time to think about pursuing a bachelor's degree. Kramer, however, stands by her decision: "I needed to switch gears a bit, needed to reach my potential," she said.

In 2002, Kramer enrolled at Tufts in the wake of her first solo album, discouraged by how her record label handled her work and looking for a change in her life.

According to Kramer, she was able to find that change at Tufts by dabbling in political theory and peace and justice classes before committing to a bachelor's degree in English.

"I'm a really big idea person, and I'm very active in politics," she said. Kramer was able to bring both her passion for politics and newly acquired academic perspective to the board of ARKS New England. A non-profit group that helps to relocate Hurricane Katrina victims, the organization has successfully aided 11 families to date.

Jaded by the political scene, however, Kramer hopes that music can convey the ideas needed to create change in society.

"Music expresses the ideas I want it to," she said. And Kramer believes that her experience at Tufts has helped her fine-tune these expressions even more. With a new album slated to come out soon, Kramer is using it as the perfect opportunity to showcase the newfound insight that she has gained at Tufts.

"Coming here has given me more confidence, especially about knowing who I am and what I want for myself," she said. Kramer currently channels this confidence into as many activities as possible, from academics and family to her music career and political activism.

Her latest project is taking on a coveted internship in the Development Department of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts (MFA).

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Attitudes towards sexual health vary by campus

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services, who answers students' sex questions in a Dear-Abby type of format," said Isabel Wilkinson of Princeton University. "All the answers are fact-checked by health services. We always try to present a variety of viewpoints — we always have one question cater to the sexually active and one cater to the abstinent."

Students from southern schools such as Rhodes and North Carolina State, however, shared much different experiences, revealing stories of backlash from the administration or the community at large over sexual topics on campus.

"The majority of my school is made up of male conservatives," said Tanner Kroeger of North Carolina State University. "Sex columns have never gone over that well. No one wants to hear about it."

Trojan representatives then asked students about condom usage and distribution at their schools and what could be done to promote safe, healthy sexual lifestyles.

"You should be able to say, 'I'm using a condom, and I'm proud,'" said Jeanie Greeley, a Boston-area journalist covering the event.

While some students talked of condoms taped to incoming freshmen's doors or left in baskets in dorm bathrooms, they all agreed that there is still an overall

sense of unwillingness to discuss condom use.

"We definitely need to take the veil off the issue," Pinsky said.

Last year, Trojan ran a campaign titled "Make A Difference" that highlighted statistics about sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies among college students.

"Adolescence is marked with this thought that 'it can't happen to me,' Pinsky said. "Since you don't see diseases as much at that age, it's shocking when you finally see them happen."

In an effort to promote condom usage and prevent such trauma in sexually active college age students, Trojan has launched several new marketing efforts to make condoms more compatible with youth culture. New products such as Elexa — condoms and lubricants suited to enhance feminine pleasure and packaged in blue and pink wrappers — as well as Twisted Pleasure, Shared Pleasure and Mint Tingle condoms together in a "Pleasure Pack" have recently been promoted and sold in stores.

The novelty and variety of colors and flavors, however, still do not seem to be enough. Trojan representatives at the event asked students for suggestions on how to better distribute and reinforce the importance of condoms across campuses.

"Perhaps do what Red Bull or Amp have done and have a

truck driving through campuses toting their product," suggested David Roisen of the University of Virginia. "You could even have the Trojan Horse trotting through passing out condoms!"

At the end of the event, Pinsky and Trojan representatives presented Trojan's definition of sexual health to the students and asked them for their thoughts and opinions.

"Sexual health," the definition read, "is the experience of enjoying our sexuality — both emotionally and physically — throughout our lives. Being sexually healthy contributes to an overall healthy life ... sexual health is best realized through personal awareness, communication and access to accurate information and services." Many of the students present agreed that the definition underscored the importance of health and responsibility while still enjoying natural human desires, but that it wasn't perfect.

"There should be more of a tagline to it — something catchy," said Lena Chen of Harvard University.

"This is a statement about boundaries, which a lot of people have such a problem with," Pinsky said. "My top concern, as is Trojan's, has always been health. That's why I'm so intent on reiterating this definition. That word — health — is so important."

Kramer aims to write a novel

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"There is a cultural renaissance happening in Boston right now, and I'd like to be a part of it," she said.

On top of everything else, Kramer is even contemplating a novel as her

next challenge.

"Tufts and the REAL Program have really given me the tools and self-assuredness I need to realize my goals" Kramer said. "What intrigues me the most now is creative writing — and I've got a lot of material to work with."

'Everyone was totally panicked'

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Riber heard "a voice [telling us] to put our hands in the air, and stay where we are."

Still hunkered down under the seat, Riber didn't know that the police were beginning to stake out the bus: "I thought the bus was being hijacked."

The police then directed everyone to get off the bus, and stand outside on the highway.

"No one knew what happened," she said. "We didn't know if shot was fired inside or outside. [Some] people thought police had shot and missed. Everyone was totally panicked. We didn't find out it was a suicide until much later."

The passengers were placed in a city bus and driven to the police station for questioning.

"We still didn't know what happened," Riber said. "A lady was standing there covered in blood."

While Marshall was sitting at the back of the bus, Riber was sitting near the center. "The people sitting behind me had to walk past [the dead man],"

she said. "He was on there before me, he got on at the very first stop. I on got on later at Waterville."

After a long period of questioning, Riber and the other bus riders were finally released at approximately 1 a.m., after the police ensured that each person had a ride home.

Asked whether she would consider taking another bus in the future, Riber was doubtful. "No, I will never really take the bus again," Riber said. "I realize it was freak situation not indicative of Greyhound buses, but it was really, really horrible."

It is unclear why the police decided to stop the bus before it reached South Station, potentially endangering passengers.

According to the Boston Globe, MBTA spokesman Lieutenant Detective Mark Gillespie said police

"made a very good decision preventing the bus from entering the terminal, where there were thousands of holiday travelers." Calls seeking comment on the matter from the MBTA and the Massachusetts State Police were not returned.



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From Left: Tufts senior Alexander Vinograd, Tufts graduate student Katharine Stufflebeam ('07) and Vice Provost's Staff Assistant Jennifer Mitchell passing the Tufts water station located near mile 21 in front of Boston College.

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Julian Hsu, a third-year Tufts dental student, stops just shy of mile 21 to take a quick picture with Tufts volunteers manning the water station.



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Isabel Arrillaga, a fourth-year graduate student in the MD-PhD program at Tufts School of Medicine, rests with her husband and a friend after finishing her second Boston Marathon.

SPECIAL REPORT, PART I | MILLER THE MARTYR?

'It's not Watergate, so reveal it'

Last week, former Vice Presidential Chief of Staff I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby asserted that President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney had given him permission to release previously classified information in an effort to rebut criticism of the Iraq war. Libby's assertion has shone a renewed spotlight on the "Plamegate" scandal — a scandal whose journalistic implications the Daily's Patrice Taddonio will explore in these pages over the next week-and-a-half.

Matt Bai, who covers national politics for the New York Times Magazine, woke up the morning of Feb. 27, hopped on the elliptical machine in his living room, turned on the TV and flipped to a TIVO'd episode of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

"It featured this reporter who goes to jail for not revealing her source — the federal government is going after her," says the Tufts graduate. "At the end, a cop who's a source and comes to visit the reporter says, 'You've got to give them my name.' She says, 'If I give them your name, they win. You go do your job; I'm doing mine.' And she says, 'Without a free press, there's no freedom.'"

Bai pauses and then continues, incredulous: "I was amazed to feel, in the end, that 'Law and Order' understood more about the significance of this than virtually anyone in Washington."

The "this" to which Bai refers is journalists' commitment to their confidential sources—a concept that has drawn much media attention (and prompted much media introspection) in conjunction with U.S. Attorney and Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's still-unfolding investigation of what has been dubbed "Plamegate."

The single spark that started the "Plamegate" fire was a 16-word sentence spoken by President George W. Bush in his Jan. 28, 2003 State of the Union Address: "The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa."

On July 6 of that year, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson — who had gone on the trip upon which Bush's claim was based — took issue with those 16 words in a Washington Post Op-Ed titled "What I Didn't Find in Africa." Wilson's ultimate conclusion? That "some of the intelligence related to Iraq's nuclear weapons program was twisted to exaggerate the Iraqi threat."

The following day, then-White House spokesman Ari Fleisher (who has since been succeeded by Scott McClellan) sounded the 16 words' death knell, telling the press that "the information...did, indeed, turn out to be incorrect."

In an alternate reality, that might have been the end of it. But in a Washington that thrives on innuendoes, where politicians and members of the press frequently forsake the moral for the mutually beneficial, the end was nowhere in sight.

Indeed, pretty much all of what went on behind the White House scenes between July 6 and July 14, 2003 has yet to be defined — and it's been almost three years.

Eight days after the publication of Wilson's incendiary Op-Ed, Robert Novak wrote "Mission to Niger." The July 14 column revealed that Wilson's wife Valerie Plame worked for the CIA and alleged that Plame had had a hand in orchestrating her husband's trip to Niger.

Whether the leak of Plame's identity was a retaliatory action knowingly orchestrated and perpetrated by Bush administration officials — and therefore, a federal offense — has yet to be determined. The details of who leaked what to whom, and with what intent, have yet to be released to the public. Indeed, pretty much all of what went on behind the White House scenes between July 6 and July 14, 2003 has yet to be defined — and it's been almost three years.

Which means it's been almost one



U.S. Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN) listens as New York Times reporter Judith Miller testifies on October 19, 2005. Miller's saga has raised many questions about the state of modern American journalism.

year since U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan sent New York Times reporter Judith Miller to a federal detention center in Alexandria, Virginia because she refused to testify about her conversations with an anonymous source, later identified as I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. (In a move that will give grist to the conspiracy-theorist mill, Miller was sentenced to jail on July 6, 2005, two years to the day after Wilson's op-ed was published.)

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Matt Bai

National Politics Writer, New York Times Magazine

When the 57-year-old Miller entered her jail cell, she had a Pulitzer Prize, two books, and nearly 30 years at the New York Times under her belt. She spent 1977 through 1983 working out of the newspaper's Washington bureau, covering politics, the securities industry and foreign affairs. Her aptitude for reporting on issues involving the Middle East and nuclear proliferation led to her appointment in 1983 as the first female chief of the Times' Cairo bureau. She came full-circle in 1988, when she became a news editor and deputy bureau chief at the newspaper's Washington bureau.

Two years later, the Times dubbed her their special correspondent to the Persian Gulf, and in the time between then and her prison stay, Miller's reporting remained centered on that tumultuous region. Her 1997 book "God Has Ninety-Nine Names" explored militant Islamism in the Arab world (and, incidentally, has a kicker of an opener: "On my first day as Cairo bureau chief of The New York Times in August 1983, I saw a donkey drop dead just outside my office," it begins).

No donkeys dropped on the first page of Miller's next book, 2001's "Germs," an acclaimed chronicle of the genesis of biological weapons and bioterrorism written with fellow Times reporters Stephen Engelberg and William Broad. In the wake of Sept. 11, the book — rendered suddenly and terrifyingly timely — reached number one on the Times' non-fiction bestseller list.

But by the time I speak with Bai over the phone on that late-February morning, Miller is known less for her triumphant ascension within the Times' ranks (and on its bestseller list) than for her 85-day incarceration.

I ask Bai about his immediate reac-

tion — both personal and professional — to Miller's imprisonment.

"You're the first person who's asked me how I feel about this publicly," he tells me.

Though he may not have spent a great deal of time talking about his opinion on Miller's incarceration, he's clearly spent a great deal of time thinking about it: out of all the journalists with whom I'll go on to speak about Miller, it's Bai who articulates his sentiments with the

most clarity, conviction, and elegance.

"My feelings aren't especially complicated," he says. "So many people who would have traditionally been staunch defenders of the press — a lot of my liberal friends, a lot of people writing for newspapers and magazines, people you would expect to always stand up for freedom of the press and the first amendment — were the first people to say, 'This is different, a crime may have been committed in the transmission of the information, she should give her source away, she's protecting the administration.' It was prevalent, the sense that somehow, this is different because a crime may have been committed, and it's not worth protecting your source because it's just about somebody sleazy trying to hurt someone else. Therefore, it was somehow petty and unpatriotic to not reveal your source."

"So the sense was, 'It's not Watergate, so reveal it?'" I ask.

"Exactly," Bai says, repeating "It's not Watergate, so reveal it," before continuing. "I find this to be absolutely heinous, and very typical of our political moment: everything is ideological, nobody thinks clearly any more and every philosophical or legal point of view, in the end, has to support one's ideological aims. So because this scandal had the potential to hurt the Bush administration, suddenly all the great liberal defenders of freedom of the press were angry at the reporter for not naming her sources."

Bai's voice has now taken on a tone that's equal parts disgust and disappointment. "Forget the precedent, forget the ideal — it was all about hurting Karl Rove and finding some kind of twisted logic by which you could make the argument that somehow, the reporter was wrong to do her job," he says.

Thinking Bai is finished, I open my mouth to ask him for his thoughts on the practice of anonymous sourcing. He beats me to the punch.

"Now look," he says, "if we make the test of whether or not to protect your source the legality of the conversation, where does that take us? What about the Pentagon Papers? The transmission of that information wasn't a crime? Should they have come out and named the source and refused to run the Pentagon Papers?"

"We don't get to pick and choose which leaks are more moral than others and which mandate our protecting this person and which don't," Bai continues, building to an impassioned crescendo. "So yes, it is unfortunate, distasteful, and frustrating to be in trouble with the law because you're protecting the identity of someone who wanted to smear his enemies. But we protect everyone's identity! It's our job to check the information: she never printed the story; she did her job."

Indeed, unlike TIME magazine's Matt Cooper, who was also subpoenaed, Miller did not write an article on Wilson and his wife: she chose not to run with information given by an anonymous source.

It's pure speculation, but perhaps Miller's decision not to take the anonymous-source path in this instance was influenced by the fallout of her series of anonymous source-reliant — and ultimately inaccurate — page-one Times articles about Iraq's supposed weapons of mass destruction (WMDs).

In 2001 and 2002, Miller wrote what the New Yorker's Franklin Foer described as "a series of stunning stories about Saddam Hussein's ambition and capacity to produce weapons of mass destruction, based largely on information provided by [Bush-administration-ally-turned-Iraqi-spy-suspect Ahmad] Chalabi and his allies—almost all of which have turned out to be stunningly inaccurate." In the first-person account of her saga that appeared in the Times on Oct. 16, 2006, Miller herself admitted that her WMD stories had contained inaccuracies.

After the invasion, another series of articles — which Miller wrote while embedded with Mobile Exploitation Team (MET) Alpha, the military unit searching Iraq for WMDs — further substantiated the Bush administration's assertions that Iraq was in possession of WMDs.

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Miller's "bombshell" article (so to speak), published in April of 2003, centered around an anonymous Iraqi scientist's claim that right before the United States' invasion, Iraq had demolished its stash of biological and chemical weapons. The scientist, Miller reported, even led MET Alpha to a stash of buried chemical weapons-production materials.

On an episode of "PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," Miller trumpeted the significance of this development, telling Lehrer, "I think they found something more than a 'smoking gun.' What they've found is what is being called here by the members of MET Alpha...a silver bullet

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Miller's WMD reporting reveals 'troubling disconnect' between reporters, editors

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in the form of a person, an Iraqi individual — a scientist, as we've called him — who really worked on the programs, who knows them firsthand, and who has led MET Team Alpha people to some pretty startling conclusions[...] The scientist, who has been cooperating with MET Alpha, has actually said that he participated in — he kind of watched, you know, a warehouse being burned that contained potentially incriminating biological equipment. So clearly what Saddam Hussein wanted to do was cover his weapons of mass destruction tracks."

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Mark Jurkowitz
Boston Phoenix Media Writer

As it turns out, Miller was wrong. With or without her knowledge, her anonymous source (later revealed to be Ahmed Chalabi) had pulled the proverbial wool over her eyes, and by extension, the eyes of the Times-reading American public: Iraq did not in fact have WMDs, nor did the country possess the materials to make them.

And there's yet another "as it turns out." Despite the inaccuracy of Miller's WMD coverage, she was still the Times' primary WMD reporter at the beginning of the summer of 2003 — a fact that con-

tinues to amaze the Boston Phoenix's Mark Jurkowitz.

"I mean, I frankly was astounded that the New York Times had someone covering what was arguably the biggest story in the country up to then — whether there were weapons of mass destruction or not — who was essentially unsupervised!" marvels the affable and articulate Jurkowitz, who served as the Boston Globe's first full-time media critic for the better part of a decade before joining the Phoenix.

"The classic line in the Times' post-mortem was that she operated with a degree of autonomy rare at the Times," Jurkowitz continues. "I mean, they took her off the national security beat — and somehow, she kept writing about it!"

Miller's handling of at least one of her WMD search group stories does in fact reveal a troubling disconnect between her and her editors. In response to Miller's May 1, 2003 Chalabi-reliant story, John Burns, the Times' Baghdad bureau chief, sent Miller an e-mail containing the following admonishment: "I am deeply chagrined at your reporting and filing on Chalabi after I had told you on Monday night that we were planning a major piece on him — and without so much as telling me what you were doing," Burns wrote in the internal e-mail, which was published in late May of 2003 in the Washington Post. "We have a bureau here; I am in charge of that bureau until I leave; I make assignments after considerable thought and discussion, and it was plain to all of us to whom the Chalabi story belonged. If you do this, what is to stop you doing it on any other story of your choosing? And what of the distress it causes the correspondent who is usurped? It is not professional, and not collegial."

Miller's e-mail response was a territorial one: "I've been covering Chalabi for about 10 years, and have done most of the stories about him for our paper, including the long takeout we recently did on him," she wrote. "He has provided most of the front page exclusives on WMD to our paper."



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT
New York Times reporter Judith Miller, left, talks to Sen. Arlen Specter, R-PA, after a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing about reporters' privilege legislation on Capitol Hill October 19, 2005. Miller was jailed for 85 days for refusing to testify about her conversations with Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff regarding undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame.

In late May of 2004, the Times published a vague apology for those inaccurate exclusives. Obliquely, that apology did not mention Miller's name: "We have found ... instances of coverage that was not as rigorous as it should have been," the piece read. "In some cases, the information that was controversial then, and seems questionable now, was insufficiently qualified or allowed to stand unchallenged. Looking back, we wish we had been more aggressive in re-examining the claims as new evidence emerged — or failed to emerge ... We consider the story of Iraq's weapons, and of the pattern of misinformation, to be unfinished business. And we fully intend to continue aggressive reporting aimed at setting the record straight."

Despite having what he calls "the requisite doubts about Judy Miller's journalism and her relationships with her sources," Jurkowitz's initial reaction to her incarceration was in line with Bai's.

"The principle that she stood up for and upheld in choosing to go to jail rather than reveal her conversations with her sources, that fundamental principal of honoring the agreement with a confidential source, is of crucial importance in journalism," Jurkowitz tells me in the course of our February phone conversation. "So my fundamental instinct was, though I had questions about some of the work she did, and I thought that she might be protecting a source who was just interested in smearing Wilson for political reasons, I respected the principle that she stood for."

Jurkowitz's use of the past tense belies the doubts that have sprung up in his mind since Miller first went to jail.

"To this day," he says, "I am confused by the accounts given, and I'm confused about whether or not Judy Miller actually had to spend a day in jail."

Part II of "Miller the Martyr?" will appear in tomorrow's Daily.

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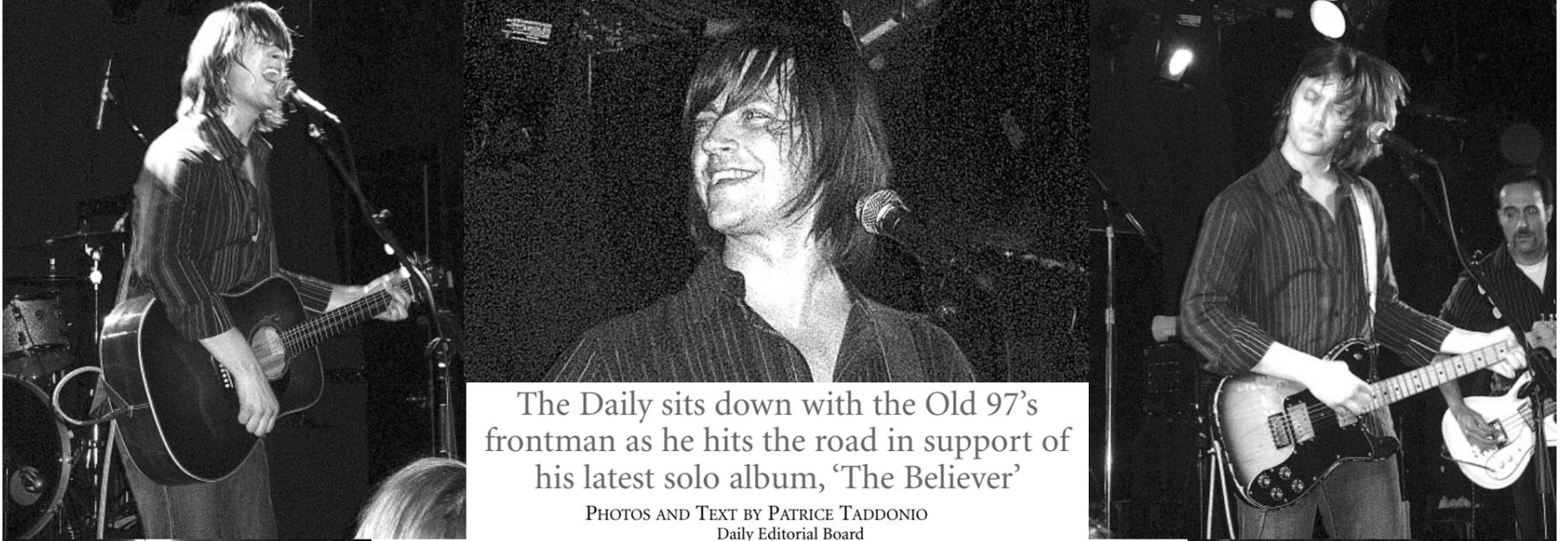
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For seminal alt-country star Rhett Miller, 'everything at once'



The Daily sits down with the Old 97's frontman as he hits the road in support of his latest solo album, 'The Believer'

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY PATRICE TADDONIO
Daily Editorial Board

Twenty minutes into Rhett Miller's set at Boston's Paradise Rock Club last Wednesday night, opener Jennifer Glass joins him on stage for "Fireflies," a smoky and gorgeous duet that's the highlight of Miller's February solo album, "The Believer."

When the song shimmers to a close, Miller calls out, "Jennifer Glass, everybody!" The audience erupts into wild cheers, and Glass looks equal parts surprised and thrilled.

"Rhett," she says, "you have the nicest fans, you know that?"

Miller, who made a name for himself as the frontman of seminal alt-country band the Old 97's, grins and shakes his shag of light-brown hair out of his eyes.

"It's a proven fact," he shrugs, still smiling as he launches into the 97's classic "Lonely Holiday."

If Miller really does have "the nicest fans," there's a very simple explanation

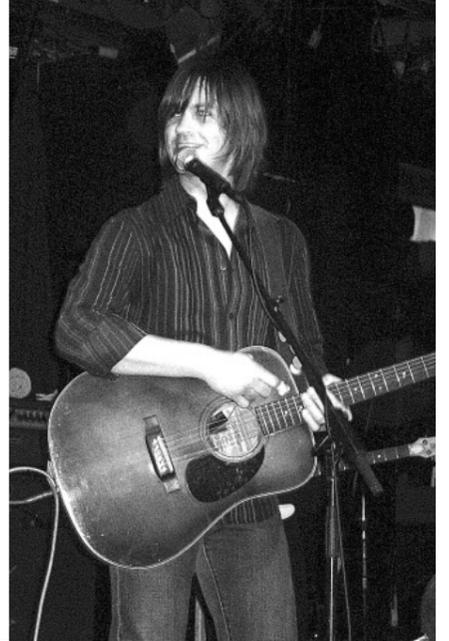
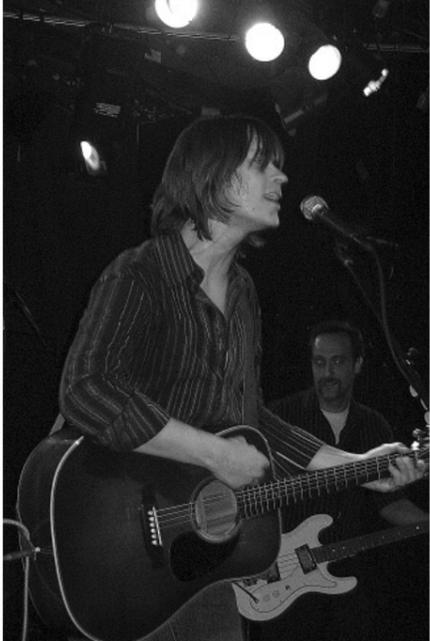
as to why: Like attracts like. On stage, the charismatic 35-year-old singer / songwriter/guitarist gives his audience his all — and in a one-on-one situation, he does the same.

Miller has a gentle manner and an easy laugh, and the playful wit that characterizes both his solo and 97's material also informs his conversational style.

Several hours before he'll hit the Paradise's stage for his show with backing band the Believers, Miller, who has just finished his soundcheck, is catching his breath in the venue's dressing room.

As he leans back on the black pleather couch that lines the perimeter of the Paradise's dressing room (it's almost as classy as the leopard-print carpet that covers the floor), Miller takes a polite sip from the bottle of water that's

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MOVIE REVIEW

Tragique, n'est-ce pas? This 'Enfant' is definitely not kiddie material

BY MIKE ADAMS
Daily Staff Writer

We've all had that sort of Peter Pan urge within us of wanting to never grow up. What would

L'Enfant

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Starring Jérémie Renier, Déborah François
Directed by Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Luc Dardenne

happen, though, in a situation where an adult with this sort of childlike mentality was faced with the responsibilities of family and a career? Despite what the writers of "Family Guy" would lead you to believe, the situation is far more tragic than one might realize — as evidenced in the 2005 Cannes Palme d'Or award-winning Belgian

film, "L'Enfant."

The story follows a simple plotline: Bruno, an immature father (played by Jérémie Renier) sells his newborn son, to the astonishment of his girlfriend Sonia (Déborah François). The bigger picture of the movie is captured by Bruno's lack of hesitation in this action due to his whimsical spending habits. Despite a lack of a steady job beyond petty theft, Bruno is happy to spend hundreds of dollars on a leather jacket or to rent a convertible for a day. It is only after he begins to grasp the consequences of his actions that Bruno reconsiders living his life merely to fulfill his selfish desires.

The buildup of the plot shows in a surprisingly convincing way the circumstances that would lead a person to rationally decide to sell his child. The man has had no reason to grow up — he has an

apartment, food on his plate and a hot girlfriend with the patience of a saint.

Still, Bruno's lifestyle is meant to be viewed as outrageous. For example, in one scene he play-fights with Sonia in a park, chasing her around benches and trees, trying to tackle her. The fact that this does not lead to sex shocks the viewer into realizing that Bruno is not being flirtatious, but would rather choose to entertain himself by engaging in a game of tag.

All couples should heed the following warning before seeing "L'Enfant" on a date: The aforementioned childishness might invoke or reinforce hatred of men. Though Sonia appears to play along, it is clear that she knows when to stop and act responsibly. These qualities seem to be attached to her maternal instinct, since they come alive when



Why's it always about the baby? The guy in the background is thirsty, too.

her son's well-being is threatened. This contrast lends much support to an argument of feminine superiority. Though it is not the main

focus of the movie, the fact that only men have the possibility to revert to

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Spotlight gravitates towards Miller, but he makes a point of sharing it

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beside him.

He's running on five hours of sleep, but the Texas native — who now lives in New York with his wife Erica and two-and-a-half-year-old son Max — is more eloquent and empathetic than most people would be after 20.

"This girl in Kentucky put us [the Old 97's] up one night — I shouldn't even tell this story, it's so sad!" Miller says. "The drummer, Phillip [Peeples], and I came downstairs, and she was sitting in the kitchen. There's a bunch of Hershey's bar wrappers on the floor, and there's three or four left in the pack, and she has chocolate all over her mouth, and she says, 'Do you want a Hershey bar? I hate them. I hate them.'"

Miller shakes his head. "I wanted to give her a hug," he says. "It was just so sad — you heard the whole story in that sentiment."

It's those sorts of stories — of loners and misfits and people who need hugs — that Miller excels at telling in song. Perhaps that's because those stories were once his own. Though he's now a happily-married and critically lauded indie-scene heartthrob, Miller was a chubby, unhappy and un-hip kid. ("I was a debater / was not a stoner nor an inline skater / was not a player nor a player-hater / I was just a bookworm on a respirator," he sings memorably in the 97's "Friends Forever.") At age 14, Miller, sick of being tormented by his classmates, tried to take his own life. ("The 12 years after five / are years we're lucky to survive," he sings in that same song; the 97's "Lonely Holiday" includes the line, "I've thought so much about suicide / parts of me have already died.")

The pensive title song of Miller's latest album is a tribute to the late Elliott Smith. But the album as a whole is not maudlin; death gets much less face-time than life in general.

And sex and love, specifically: At that night's show, Miller — living up to the title of his previous solo release, 2002's "The Instigator" — mischievously introduces the album's "Ain't That Strange" by saying, "This is a song that's all about gettin' it on!" The guys in the audience laugh; the girls swoon.

The latter do the same when Miller launches into "Question" during the solo segment in the middle of the show. The song, a lushly orchestrated version of which caps off "The Believer," originally appeared on the 97's "Satellite Rides" (2001).

"To me, that song is kind of the bridge between the Old 97's stuff and the solo stuff," Miller says. "I wrote it in the studio for 'Satellite Rides,' and it wound up as one acoustic guitar and one vocal. I wanted to do a little more with it." A pause. "And I just like that song so much, you know?"

"Question" is a three-minute cynicism-free zone, a simple and tender account of a pivotal night in a couple's courtship (the refrain: "Someday somebody's gonna ask you / a question that you should say yes to / for once in your life / Baby, tonight, I've got a question for you").

And as of a gig in early April, the song is the soundtrack to a successful proposal as well as an account of one.

"[Believers drummer] Angela Webster's best friend

from growing up got engaged in the middle of 'Question,'" says a delighted-sounding Miller, who was in on the plan. "I said, 'Theresa Miller, somebody has a question for you!' or something dorky like that, and pointed to where [she and her boyfriend] were. You saw his head, and then it disappeared as he dropped down on one knee. She was like, 'Oh my God!' And then," he says, smiling at the memory, "he jumped up and hugged her. It was really great."

he doesn't give off the impression that he's looking to distance himself from them.

He mentions them frequently and fondly — and in doing so, deviates nicely from the "frontman achieves solo success, gets too big for his britches, and then either cuts all connections to or takes all the credit for his non-solo stuff" archetype.

Even when it comes to his solo material, Miller doesn't grab all the glory: The spotlight may gravitate toward him, but

plugging away at his laptop, chuckles and shakes his head.)

At that point, the dressing room door opens. It's Believers drummer Angela Webster. "Angela, come in!" Miller says, patting the spot next to him. Onstage, Webster pounds her drum set like it's one of those "Test Your Strength" carnival games, but at the moment at least, she appears reserved: "No, it's OK," she says, and the door shuts behind her.

Miller says that Webster's presence on the Believers'

solo moments, is tough."

"It's weird — everything at once," he continues.

Then he shakes his head.

"I keep saying that nowadays, 'everything at once.' It's a good thing," he insists, almost as if he's trying to convince himself.

When Miller talks about his son Max, his smile returns. "I call him a lot of stuff — Freddy, Goober, Dr. No," he says, launching into a mock conversation between himself and his son: "'You say 'no' an awful lot, are you sure you're not Dr. No?' 'No, I'm not Dr. No!' 'Oooooohkay, I'm just saying...'"

Clearly, Miller's heart is with his family. But it's also with his music. When Miller takes to the stage that night, he's energetic and enthusiastic for every minute of his 27-song set, bouncing around the stage and strumming his guitar so hard that he has to pause at one point to wrap one of his fingertips in duct tape.

When he launches into "Barrier Reef" from the 97's "Too Far to Care" (1997), the audience loses its collective mind, shouting the lyrics with the fervor of a crowd at a gospel revival.

Miller and co. feed off the crowd's energy, delivering a blistering version of the song whose first verse includes a tongue-in-cheek reference to Miller's given name: "So I sidled up beside her / settled down and shouted, 'Hi there / my name's Stuart Ransom Miller / I'm a serial lady-killer' / She said, 'I'm already dead' / That's exactly what she said."

Yes, Miller's birth certificate reads "Stuart Ransom Miller." But he — or rather, his mother — made the switch to "Rhett" at birth. "My dad was Stuart Ransom Miller, and he wanted to name me after him," Miller explains. "My mom consented only on the condition that I go by Rhett, because she didn't like Stu or Stuart or Stewie, and Randy is my dad's name. Plus, that," he grins mischievously, "has all kinds of connotations of its own." (Indeed it does.)

"And 'the second,' what would that be — Deuce? Or Junior? Come on!" Miller continues. "So yeah, I've been Rhett since birth. My mom liked 'Gone With the Wind.'" There's that grin again: "It's problematic with regards to bank accounts and frequent-flyer miles and stuff like that," he says, "but I've got that pretty much figured out by now."

At this point in his life and career, Miller has figured a lot of stuff out. "This record is really doing well, and more importantly, my family is expanding and thriving," he says reflectively.

But though Miller's personal and professional situation more than merits complacency, when you ask him to pick his favorite self-penned lyric, he doesn't give a lazy and generic "They're all like my children; I can't pick just one" response.

Instead, he sits quietly for several seconds, pursing his lips as if the fate of the world depends on his answer.

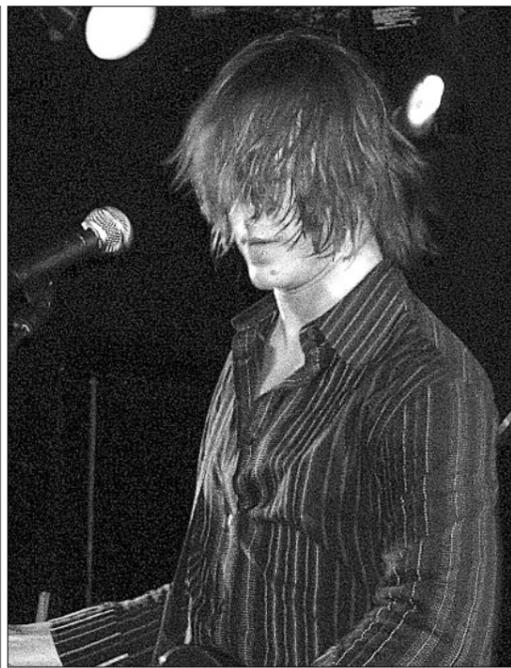
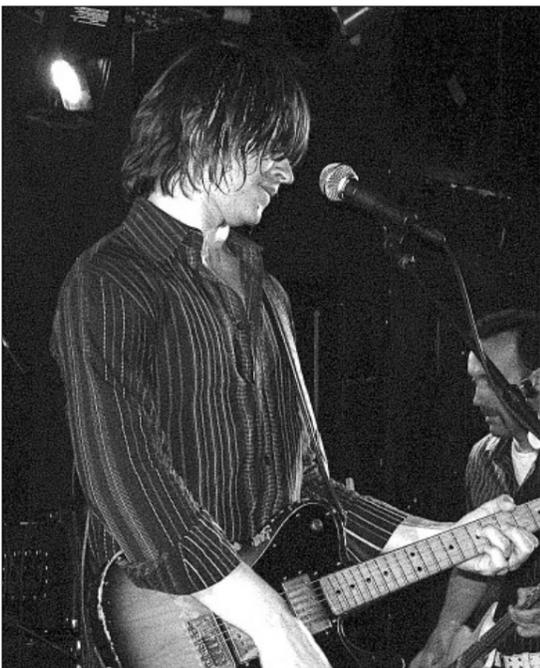
Then he nods. "I got it!" he says, sounding genuinely excited. "From 'Rollerskate Skinny': 'Every other day is a kick in the shins / Every other day it's like the day just wins.'"

Today, at least, the day hasn't won. Miller has, handily. And even though he's so good at writing songs about losing, it's impossible not to root for him to beat the day, over and over again.



“My dad was Stuart Ransom Miller, and he wanted to name me after him. My mom consented only on the condition that I go by Rhett, because she didn't like Stu or Stuart or Stewie, and Randy is my dad's name. Plus, that has connotations of its own. And 'the second,' what would that be — Deuce? Or Junior? Come on! So yeah, I've been Rhett since birth. It's problematic with regards to bank accounts and frequent-flyer miles and stuff like that, but I've got that pretty much figured out by now.”

Rhett Miller



Clearly, Miller is a sucker for romance (the track that kicks off "The Believer" is called "My Valentine"). But somehow, in his songs — both solo and with the 97's — he very rarely descends into sappiness or cliché.

He's too clever for that: Why write a standard "I love you" song when you can write one that begins, "This is the story of Victoria's heart / You may think it's stupid, but I still think it's art"?

That line comes from "Victoria," the first song on the Old 97's "Wreck Your Life" (1996). Miller doesn't perform "Victoria" that night. But he does tear into two of the album's other tracks, crowd-pleaser "Big Brown Eyes" and "Dressing Room Walls," a despairing look at life on the road that contains a gem of a line in "the punk rock'll get you / if the government don't get you first."

Though Miller is touring without 97's bandmates Murry Hammond, Phillip Peeples and Ken Bethea this time around,

he makes a point of sharing it.

He can't say enough good things about the people he worked with on "The Believer," from Jon Brion (whose song "I Believe She's Lying" Miller covers on the album as well as onstage that night) to veteran producer George Drakoulias and the Jayhawks' Gary Louris. "Gary came in for two days, and we worked him like crazy," Miller marvels. "He did a 12-hour day and a 14-hour day. By the end of the second day, he was completely crispy."

Smoke coming out of his ears?

"Exactly," Miller says. "And oh man, that [second] night was when George made him play the guitar solo on 'I Believe She's Lying.' It was a really great solo, but it was three in the morning."

And with that, Miller slips into an impression of Drakoulias: "C'mon, it's just one more guitar solo — it's nothing!" (The impression must be spot-on: Miller's tour manager Brendan Hoffman, who's sitting in the far corner of the dressing room

tour bus "helps to temper the 'duuuuuude' testosterone. It's cool! It's still not equal parts male and female" — as their names would suggest, the Believers' lead guitarist Billy Borschied and bassist Greg Beshers are male — "but women are well-represented.")

On this tour, though, the most important woman in Miller's life — his wife Erica — is not present. "I miss my family," Miller says. "On my last solo tour [in 2002], Erica came with me. But now, we'd be dragging around a two-year-old, and she's nine months pregnant [with their second child, a girl]."

For the first time so far in the conversation, Miller's energy level seems to wane. "And if they were here, how could I even help?" he wonders.

"Today, I woke up at 9 a.m. and did some radio, and I've been working ever since," he says. "I won't be done until midnight, and then I have to try to find a place to take a shower, so just finding the time for a phone call, those

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Asking for it

I'm pissed off. If I hear the phrase "she was asking for it" one more time, I swear, I might lose it.

I'm talking about rape and sexual assault of women in this country. And let me clarify something: NO ONE is asking for it. I don't care how short her skirt was, how low cut her top was, how many shots she took, how seductively she seemed to be looking at you from across the room... if sex isn't consensual, it's rape. And it's got to stop.

Why am I choosing now to write this column? Because rape news has been all over the place in the past few weeks. For anyone who hasn't been paying attention, let's begin with the case at Duke. Several Duke lacrosse players were accused of raping a stripper that they hired to dance at a team party. Soon after the alleged rape, one of the players sent out an e-mail "to whom it may concern," planning an encore of the scandalous night's events, except this time there would be no nudity. "I plan on killing the bitches as soon as the(y) walk in and proceeding to cut their skin off," the e-mail read. No conclusion has been reached yet, although DNA samples from 46 of the team's 47 players have failed to match with evidence collected from the woman.

The New York Times recently reported the rape of a woman in South Africa by a leader of the nation's liberation movement. Jacob G. Zuma said that he was obligated to have sex because his accuser was aroused, and "in the Zulu culture, you cannot just leave a woman if she is ready." The sexual assault, Zuma said, was brought on by the 31-year old woman's knee-length skirt, and then sitting with her legs crossed, revealing her thigh. "To deny her sex, he said, would have been tantamount to rape," the article explains.

Just over a week ago, Tufts Feminist Alliance sponsored Take Back the Night, a conversation and vigil to protest sexual violence, focusing on the problem here at Tufts. Yes, at Tufts. It happens here, just like it happens on every college campus in the country and every country in the world.

According to the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), one sixth of American women have been the victims of an attempted or completed rape. That is a staggering statistic. Even more shocking are the results of a Department of Justice study, which say that women have an approximately 23 percent chance of being raped during their four years of college.

What is going on? Why is it that women have managed to make so much progress in politics, business, academia and even in the home, but are still being objectified as if they were no more vulnerable to the trauma—both physical and emotional—that accompanies rape and sexual assault than a blow-up doll? College kids sending e-mails about skinning an exotic dancer, a political pundit excusing his atrocious sexual behavior because he caught a glimpse of a woman's thigh... and these are only the recent examples. Rape and sexual assault are everyday problems. And as if the violence isn't enough to stomach, people have the gall to say that women bring these crimes upon themselves.

It's true that revealing dress and overly flirtatious behavior may not be the most cautious choices for a woman who is actively trying to protect herself against rape, but a flash of cleavage or a miniskirt certainly isn't an invitation. A woman who is comfortable with her sexuality and can talk and joke casually about sex doesn't necessarily want to sleep with the people surrounding her. People have got to stop seeing other people (men aren't exempt from rape and sexual assault, although the rate of incidence is lower for them) as objects that they can use for their own pleasure. No one's asking for it, no matter how provocative he or she may seem.

Sex that isn't consensual is, by definition, unwanted. Imagine if the news articles were about someone you knew and cared about; worse yet, imagine if they were about you. Our bodies are sacred. Stay off, and out, of them unless you're explicitly invited to do otherwise.

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ALBUM REVIEW

9th Wonder's new record won't be joining the Pyramids and Great Wall

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Ever since breaking into the hip-hop scene on North Carolina trio Little Brother's

Murray's Revenge

Murs and 9th Wonder



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"The Listening" in 2003, prolific producer 9th Wonder has been popping up everywhere, laying down his trademark clever soul sample tracks on albums for local and worldwide legends. In the past few years, 9th has produced two new Little Brother albums, along with albums for Buckshot, Access Immortal, a remix of Nas's "God Son" album entitled "God's Stepson LP," and tracks for Jay-Z, Jean Grae and Memphis Bleek. It appears that hip-hop has found another golden producer with a bright future in 9th Wonder, who consistently pumps out Pete Rock-esque beats reminiscent of the sample-heavy sounds of the early to mid '90s. It's no surprise that he's featured in the title of most of the albums he works on, because all he needs is an emcee with a competent, consistent flow to make a hit record.

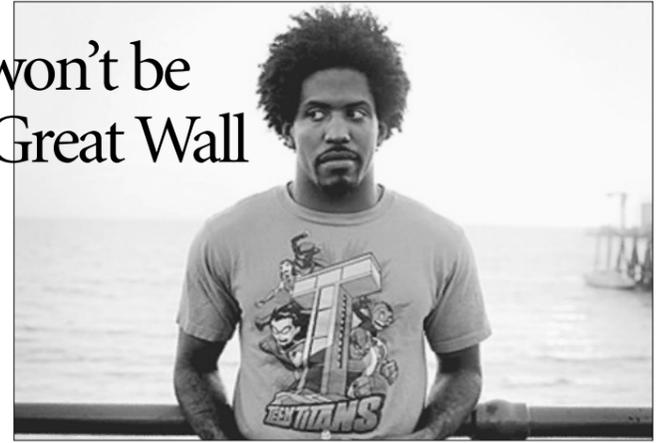
"Murray's Revenge" is the second collaborative album from Murs, the Los Angeles representative of the Definitive Jux family, and 9th Wonder. The first, "Murs 3:16: The 9th

Edition," was released in 2004 and received widespread critical acclaim among the underground scene, so the two have teamed up again to deliver another solid album.

The only problem is that it sounds like a continuation of the first album, not necessarily as powerful as the new sound of the two together on the first release. Besides that, "Murray's Revenge" combines the pleasant sounds from 9th with witty, well-timed wordplay from Murs to make for an overall enjoyable listening experience.

The ten-track album starts with "Murs Day," with the L.A. native offering his creative introduction over a powerfully enlightening vocal sample. "Murray's Law" features a strong horn loop with Murs building up himself and his crew: "We keepers of the real, just consider us security." The next track, "Sillygirl" featuring Joe Scudda, is highlighted by a playful vocal sample and funny anecdotes about fair-weather female friends.

Little Brother emcee Big Pooh spits proudly nostalgic lyrics about the neighborhood hotspot on the next song, "Barbershop," over a nice but somewhat plain and undeveloped piano loop. "Yesterday, Today" is a nugget of gold right in the middle of the album with a catchy hook consisting of a combination of vocal samples and Murs' lines about the process of gaining respect in the game and from his peers.



RECORD COLLECTION

Nothing destroys street cred faster than wearing a Teen Titans shirt. Nothing.

The production on "Dreamchasers," a track on which Murs reminisces and tells stories from his childhood and early adulthood, is the most morose of the beats on the album to correspond with the hard, provocative chorus: "We live life like death ain't a thing / Fear and respect we collect like kings, / Relive stress with every breath I sing / And we all chase money 'cause we scared to chase dreams." The simply titled hometown ode "L.A." features a western-sounding harmonica loop and hard rhymes about "the hood where we do the most good / Magic Johnson be ownin' everything like he should."

Some of Murs' most heartfelt verses come with "Dark Skinned White Girls," in which he sympathizes with the large population of multiracial women, "rejected by the black, not accepted by the white world." The sentimental "Love & Appreciate" and the threatening "Murray's Revenge (The End)," touch on the difficulty of a developing relationship

and top off the album with a vicious battle-rhyme royale.

One of the album's only shortcomings is the tendency of the songs to blend together into one indistinguishable entity. This could be due to 9th Wonder's somewhat formulaic sound (not as daring and deviant as the first album) along with less than outstanding delivery and content from rapper Murs. Although definitely a solid piece of work by both artists, "Murray's Revenge" will not receive the same widespread acclaim that the duo's original 2004 premiere earned.

Murs and 9th provide an enjoyable but not necessarily distinguished team, seeing as most rappers teaming up with the new jack super-producer are putting out albums of almost identical quality. It would not be too surprising to see the Carolina producer, in addition to putting out more records with his roots, Little Brother, laying down tracks for hip-hop's elite in the near future.

Somber mood sours this social commentary

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Bruno's state is a definite implication of the superiority of women.

Bruno does not, however, retain his mindset much longer after his tragic mistake. It is clear that at the end of the film he has learned his lesson, as he finally regains the sympathy of his girlfriend. The question is whether Bruno risks it all to get his son back because he knows it is the right thing to do, or simply because Sonia is mad at him. His lack of ability to resolve the situation like a mature adult strengthens the argument for the second option, but the ambiguity leads to a depth that is not achieved in the plot alone.

Before you dismiss this film due to the mammoth task of reading subtitles, it should be noted that the film's power is not conveyed by the script at all, as the latter follows the simplicity of the plot. Rather, most of the credit for the film's success must be given to the acting and editing. Bruno's idiosyncrasies are accented perfectly through jerky, grotesquely close-up camerawork.

The lack of music not only during the film, but even during the closing credits takes the tragic mood to the extreme, not giving the audience any chance to make light of the situation. Despite the caliber of filmmaking that is exhibited in "L'Enfant," this is the very type of film that might anger some viewers due to the compromise of any entertaining features to make way for a heavy message.

Though it succeeds at provoking discussions on conformity, morality and feminism, the film's mood makes viewers want to forego such discussions so that they can sit at home, drink black coffee, listen to emo music and think about how much they hate themselves.

Overall, despite being a very good social commentary, "L'Enfant's" lack of entertainment value makes it only appropriate for very specific situations and moods.

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EDITORIAL

A step in the 'rights' direction

As much as many of us poke fun at the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate and the popularity contests that tend to characterize its elections, our student legislature actually accomplishes more than we may realize.

Any senator will jump at the opportunity to remind you that neither Fall Ball nor Winter Bash would exist if not for the Senate, and surely we can all recognize the impending revolution that will be Joey GPS.

In all seriousness, though, this school year's Senate has been admirably prolific in enacting thoughtful and effective legislation for positive change.

To mention only a few of its accomplishments in the past year, the Senate has implemented a summer internship stipend fund, removed the hideous fence from the Powderhouse Boulevard side of Tufts' campus and convinced the administration to put the add/drop form online starting next fall.

Our student government is also currently in the process of changing its own constitution to improve accessibility and bureaucratic efficiency.

The most promising sign, however, that the Senate shows as much concern for the collective welfare of Tufts

students as it does for shiny pet projects is its recent resolution announcing a push to create a de facto student Bill of Rights.

More than three years passed between the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1788 and the ratification of the Bill of Rights at the end of 1791. In a bit of poetic justice, it has been almost exactly three years since the latest Senate constitution was ratified in April 2003, and according to Senate sources, we're likely to see Tufts' first student Bill of Rights some time before the end of the next year.

While nothing in the student resolution will truly be new — all the rights and responsibilities of Tufts students are scattered (randomly, it can seem) throughout the Pachyderm and other published resources — this will be the first time that we would have one singular document to which to turn when we have questions about Tufts policies regarding student rights.

To anyone who has wondered exactly what happens to someone who gets caught plagiarizing, whether your RA can enter your room if your door is closed or under what circumstances a professor must allow you to miss a test, a student bill of rights would save countless frustrated hours on

the innumerable Web sites devoted in some way or another to some small niche of student policies.

For anyone who is unfortunate (or irresponsible) enough to face disciplinary action from Tufts, a student bill of rights would provide a clear, unimpeachable source of information about what you've done wrong and what punishment your infraction accords.

True, a resolution by the Senate carries no weight as real legislation, so we shouldn't get our hopes up that a student bill of rights is guaranteed to happen.

But the notion that someone is actually working on this project and that nearly all of the Senate supports it is a supremely heartening prospect.

If such a statistic could be drawn out of our tremendously apathetic student body, it would be interesting to see what the approval rating of the TCU Senate is these days. According to Gallup, the U.S. Congress's approval rating reached a 12-year low of 23 percent last week.

Given its recent productivity, and especially considering that we may finally be reaching our figurative 1791, our student legislative branch merits much, much more appreciation.

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Hurting, not helping

DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN

In America today, robbing a bank will get you thrown in jail. So will committing a sexual assault. And murdering someone may result in even harsher punishment. But none of those crimes will cause you to become ineligible for financial aid.

That only happens if you are convicted of a drug offense.

In 1998, Congress modified the Higher Education Act to prevent students who had been convicted of drug offenses from receiving financial aid. The rule change has resulted in about 175,000 disqualified applications, according to Department of Education data. And that doesn't even include the likely hundreds of thousands of additional applicants who decided not to apply for financial aid because they knew in advance they wouldn't qualify.

Convicted drug offenders should surely be punished for their crimes — but don't forget, they're already being punished. These students are already serving whatever punishment the courts have deemed appropriate, which is why the American Civil Liberties Union and Students for a Sensible Drug Policy are suing the federal government over the issue. They claim the

policy violates the Constitution, specifically the Fifth Amendment, which prohibits citizens from being punished for the same offense twice. The groups say this policy clearly violates that clause.

More importantly, the Higher Education Act's drug component is simply bad policy.

The government is already punishing drug offenders; why then strip them of an opportunity to better themselves? Post-secondary education is supposed to offer students a chance to foster their intellectual development and open doors to future success, but this policy only unnecessarily closes doors.

The government should be doing what it can to help young people convicted of a drug offense. Stripping these students of their financial aid — and therefore their ability to pay for college — only makes it more likely that these students will commit more crimes.

The policy also unfairly singles out drug offenders; not a single other criminal act disqualifies students for financial aid. What makes a drug offender worse than a rapist or bank robber? Moreover, what in the world could make a drug offender less qualified to receive financial aid than a convicted murderer?

The policy makes no sense, and Congress

knows it.

"It's become increasingly apparent that the law has become unpopular," said Kris Krane, executive director of Students for a Sensible Drug Policy.

Just this year, the original author of the bill, Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.) toned down the policy so that only students convicted of drug offenses while already receiving financial aid would be disqualified. But the action, likely designed to save the policy from complete elimination, just doesn't cut it — the policy must be eliminated completely.

University President Amy Gutmann should be among those leading the charge — and she has the influence to boot, having just dined with President Bush at the White House. Students, as well, should work hard to make this a campaign issue in the fall and should only vote for candidates who support a more sensible drug policy.

By cutting off financial aid to drug offenders, Congress is preventing those who need help the most from receiving it. Give these students the financial aid they rightfully earned to keep their lives moving forward.

The government doesn't need to cut off funding to teach these students a lesson — that's what college is for.

Passover the Cannon

BY MARA JUDD AND
MARC KATZ

Many on campus may have seen the religious intolerance painted across the canon on Sunday. As two involved members of Hillel and future Jewish professionals, we couldn't have been more shocked and embarrassed by the actions of those who felt the need to use Judaism as a weapon against another's religious celebration.

To replace Easter messages with Jewish stars and a "Happy Passover" was completely inappropriate. Had the situation been reversed, and a Jewish message crossed out, no doubt we would have been hurt. For this reason, we feel it is our obligation to speak out against this act of ignorance.

On a holiday that has been used for a millennium to justify anti-Jewish sentiments, an action such as this does much more harm than good. Jewish and Christian communities have worked too hard in a sincere partnership to fight against the accusations that Jews are manipulative and deceptive. We have made so much progress and have done such good together that to create schisms not only negates this work but creates barriers for future progress as well.

In only this year, our two communities have worked

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together to create meaningful and powerful programs that have educated and empowered members of both Jewish and Christian communities (and beyond). The Moral Voices on Genocide initiative at Hillel experienced its first year and broke down religious walls. We brought people together from all faiths with the goal of addressing intolerance, ignorance and bigotry and with the aim of social change for the better. Paul Rusesabagina, a non-Jew, taught us that race, ethnicity and religion are inconsequential when it comes to speaking up for a moral cause. We find it significant

that Hillel chose to bring a non-Jewish speaker, cementing that idea that we can look outside of our own communities for inspiration.

However, fighting intolerance moves beyond the Moral Voices campaign, beyond the Interfaith Thanksgiving, beyond interfaith Sukkah festivals and sharing in Ramadan Iftars, and is found in the very essence of the Jewish religion itself. If the people who painted over the cannon wanted to utilize the Jewish faith specifically for their message, then here you go:

The "Happy Passover" slogan was used inappropriately on the cannon. Passover is

itself a holiday of tolerance and hope. It is about the deliverance from religious oppression and about the freedom we acquire when we part the seas of ignorance. Passover is our reminder that although we are free today, we once were enslaved in the land of Egypt. It is no surprise then that the Hebrew word for Egypt, Mitzrayim, means a narrow place. Pharaoh feared and enslaved the Jewish people because he did not take the time to understand them. He is the archetype of xenophobia and hate. Egypt was, as the Hebrew word

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Changing the TCU Constitution

BY E.J. KALAFARSKI

Scared? Curious? A little turned on? The fact is that the TCU Constitution, last approved by the student body in April 2003, works extremely well. Hundreds of student groups were successfully funded this year. The Senate secured a plethora of tangible changes on campus intended to improve student life. Fall Ball, Winter Bash, Spring Fling, NQR, and Tuftonia's Day were all TCU-funded. More than five elections were successfully run by the Elections Board, led by TCU-workhorse, femme fatale and all-around goddess Denise Wiseman. The TCUJ solidified its advocacy program, fended off anarchy with an efficient group re-recognition process, and didn't burn anything down.

But, as members of the TCU government for the past several years, we've found some room for improvement. Several bureaucratic things in the Constitution tend to crop up that could use tweaking (think Twelfth Amendment, poly sci majors). Alex Clark of the TCUJ, Jordana Starr of the CSL and I sat down and found several places in the Constitution that

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could use updating, streamlining, and general clarification based on our experiences.

Before I lay out the changes we're proposing, I want to point out that we've worked closely with as many people as possible to make these revisions effective and accommodating for everyone involved. The changes all have very specific reasons behind them (and often, specific incidents), they have all been weighed against the alternatives, and they all make sense. We've met with Director of Student Activities Jodie Nealley, Dean of Students Bruce Reitman, ELBO Chair Denise Wiseman, TCU President Jeff Katzin, the TCUJ, and the CSL. But of course, the final decision rests with a majority vote of the TCU (that's you).

So here's the breakdown.

1. Advocacy. The TCUJ started its student advocacy program over a year ago, and it has been a huge success. If you ever have to deal with the judicial process at Tufts, the program makes a student advocate trained in the process and the facts available to you. It makes sense to continue to strengthen the Advocacy Program and make it a permanent addition to the J by adding it to the Constitution. At the same time, for the last three years, all of the members of the J have had a specific position and title except one who's been floating around

in limbo. After these changes take effect, he or she will finally have one: Advocacy Chair.

2. Unfilled Senate seats. Seats on the Senate that go unclaimed by a given class currently drop down to the next class; e.g. unfilled junior seats go to sophomores. The amended Constitution will give seniors first grabs at unclaimed seats, and then the lower classes. The reason is simple: while the desire is always for a Senate with 7 members from each class, in a worst-case scenario, an all-senior Senate would be more effective than an all-freshman one.

3. Assistant Treasurer. The position of Assistant Treasurer of the TCU is currently limited to freshmen. But, if one or fewer of the freshman on the Senate go for the position, it doesn't make for much of an election. The proposed amendments allow a sophomore to run for the position in this specific case.

4. The people's ELBO. Being a member of the Elections Board tends to be the most thankless job in the TCU. Members are enlisted, not elected, and generally get no thanks or glory for the job. For being the most crucial job in a democracy, it also comes with little accountability. This new Constitution finally compensates members of the Elections Board

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BENJAMIN BELL | SPARE ME



Revisited: the betrayal of
Billy Toner

“T he rally responded to one point of view.” — Dean of Students Bruce Reitman.

Spring is finally in the air here at Tufts University. It's warm. It's sunny. The flowers are blooming. President Bush's approval ratings are approaching Carter-like lows. The concert board has once again announced who will be coming for "Spring Fling" and once again disappointed many in the student body with their choice. All is well in Medford, Massachusetts...

But something is missing. Some event that occurred last year has been conspicuously absent from this year's festivities. Do you know what I'm talking about? It happened last year right around this time and involved a large number of students and faculty members alike. Oh yes, I remember now. It was the anti-hate rally that took place in front of the library!

For those of you who weren't on campus last spring to experience the drama firsthand, let me quickly recap the incident that sparked the rally... Oh wait, I can't really recap what happened because no one really knows!

A thorough investigation was never conducted and disciplinary action was never taken. I will, however, recap the allegation. Then-junior Riyadh Mohammed, who was also President of the Arab Students Association at the time, alleged that he was walking his girlfriend home in the early-morning hours of Apr. 30 when he passed the Sig Ep fraternity house. Mr. Mohammed claimed that he was called a number of racial slurs in passing.

After dropping his girlfriend off, he then returned to Sig Ep in order to, as Mr. Mohammed put it, "educate" the person who had verbally assaulted him earlier. In the process of education implementation, Mr. Mohammed allegedly also employed a racial slur. Mr. Mohammed was then allegedly assaulted by several people and subsequently dragged into the fraternity where he was exhorted not to contact the police.

Mr. Mohammed eventually did contact the police and they arrived at the scene shortly thereafter. End of alleged incident.

The events that followed in the days after the incident were a gross overreaction to the alleged assault. While President Bacow and Dean Reitman acted quite responsibly in condemning acts of racial intolerance, they also rightfully hesitated to condemn Billy Toner, a freshman, who turned into somewhat of a scapegoat for what had apparently been a group assault on Mr. Mohammed.

In the absence of any concrete evidence and any coherent story, the Tufts community held a massive anti-hate rally that attracted the local media, hundreds of students, and also a few members of the faculty. Friends of Mr. Mohammed spoke passionately about the incident. Reem Assil, a "personal friend" of Mohammed's, said that the event was "emblematic of the racism, violence and scapegoating that occurs on campus every day." Spare me.

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Jumping to conclusions: dangerous

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There are several reasons why this rally should not have taken place. Let's keep in mind that the rally took place just days after the event, when the entire Tufts community was juggling conflicting stories and accusations of several highly intoxicated individuals. There certainly was no conclusive evidence that merited this level of response.

Secondly, those who spoke at the rally only condemned the purported action that had been taken *against* Mr. Mohammed, and in the process turned him into the de facto hero of the situation, while simultaneously ignoring the allegation that he himself had been accused of using racial slurs.

I, of course, do not condone hate crimes or acts of intolerance in any shape or form. However, I believe that this situation was turned into a putrescent and unmitigated witch hunt which ended with Billy Toner withdrawing from Tufts. Mr. Mohammed did not pursue criminal charges and nothing was resolved. Since then, Tufts has done its best to act like nothing ever happened.

What happened here last spring was not fair to Billy Toner. The Tufts community was faced with a very complicated situation and it did not respond appropriately. No one had the courage to speak out or to pursue the de-escalation of events. People rushed to condemn because they were scared of being labeled if they failed to follow suit.

What reminded me of this unfortunate incident were Congresswomen Cynthia McKinney's outrageous actions a few weeks ago in Washington DC. In case you hadn't heard,

McKinney was stopped by Capitol Hill Police because she was not wearing her congressional pin, which is required for security reasons, when she attempted to enter the Capitol building. She subsequently assaulted an officer after he attempted to restrain her from entering the building. She claimed that she had been stopped because she was an African American, and that she was also a victim of racial profiling.

For those of you who weren't on campus last spring to experience the drama first hand, let me quickly recap the incident that sparked the rally... Oh wait, I can't really recap what happened because no one really knows.

After receiving no support from her democratic or republican colleagues, she apologized for the incident. Fortunately, those involved had the fortitude to question her claim.

I am not saying these events are exactly similar, but I think that they exude a similar message.

Simply because a person alleges a hate crime, it does not mean that their claim should not be scrutinized. Both sides should be given an equal opportunity to speak before action is taken. Anything else would be unfair.

We should appreciate religious differences

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suggests, a hotbed of narrow-mindedness.

To replace Easter messages with Jewish stars and a "Happy Passover" was completely inappropriate. Had the situation been reversed, and a Jewish message crossed out, no doubt we would have been hurt.

For that reason alone, the Jewish tradition has imbedded many rituals into the framework of the Passover Seder meant to fight the ignorance displayed on the cannon. As Jews relive the plagues inflicted upon Egypt, we diminish the wine in our glasses to symbolize the fact that while we as Jews should celebrate our freedom, we must also mourn for misfortunes of all people on earth, even the enemies who enslaved us. As the seder comes to a close, we are commanded to open the door for anyone who may be hungry and in need of a meal. There are no strings attached to this act, no questions of reli-

gious affiliation. We don't proselytize. We invite anyone and everyone to share in our tradition. We invite everyone to step outside of religious restraints and enjoy one another, person to person.

Just as we Jews invite all who are curious to come experience our celebration, so did the original writers of the cannon share their experiences and sentiments with the greater campus community. A celebration of one's religion is not an attack on another's, and anyone who thinks this may not be as secure in his or her own religion as that person thinks.

Religious tolerance is not just accepting differences — it is learning about them, respecting them and embracing them. Just as we appreciated calls from our friends wishing us a Happy Passover last Wednesday night, we found it our obligation to wish a Happy Easter to our non-Jewish friends on Sunday. Both our religions subscribe to the idea that one must love his or her neighbor as himself. The text does not say "Love your Christian or love your Jewish brethren as yourself." This is because our faiths stress the need to step outside ourselves, to allow our neighbors, regardless of their religious affiliation, the same rights and freedoms that we ourselves embrace.

Therefore, as two aspiring Jewish professionals, we would like to end by sending our wishes of both Happy Easter and Happy Passover to those celebrating on campus and beyond.

A vote for positive change would be 'super'

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with a stipend, no different than a senior week coordinator hired by the TCU. It also finally clarifies what positions the four officials on Elections should hold, and renames the whole thing the Elections Commission, to end confusion between ELBO and ALBO, the Allocations Board. We really don't know what they were thinking three years ago when they came up with that one.

5. What's in a name? This

one's simple, but a little bureaucratic. The names of the standing committees on the Senate right now are pretty vague, and it leads to confusion about each committee's turf. The referendum changes the name of the Administration and Budget Committee to Administration and Policy, and the name of the Services Committee to Services and Operations.

By the way, I'm well aware at this point that all of my viewpoints eventually degenerate into bullet points. So there's not need to keep pointing it

out.

These are the changes we're proposing. They're tweaks to a system that already works suggested by people who have seen it in action. The fundamental structure of the TCU isn't changing at all, and nothing else in the Constitution has been touched.

On Thursday, there will be a referendum question on the ballot for TCU President entitled "Referendum to Amend the TCU Constitution." If you want to vote "yes" on it, that would be super.

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Answers hard to come by in 'Big Easy'

BY LINDA B. BLACKFORD
Knight Ridder Tribune

Yolanda Davis opened the door of her red Chevy Tahoe, lit an unfiltered Lucky Strike and made it clear she was in a very bad mood.

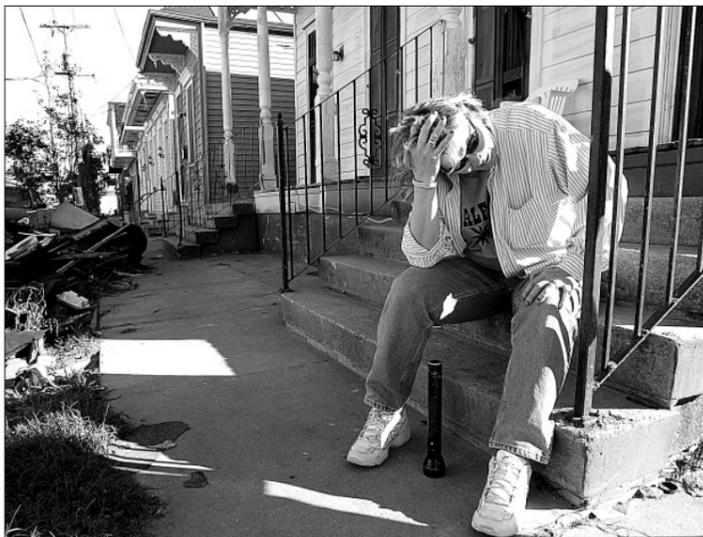
She was determined to find out what had happened to Alex Weathers, her best friend's son, whose body was found on an overpass here shortly after Hurricane Katrina.

No one seemed to be helping. Not the New Orleans police. Not the New Orleans coroner. Not Alex's roommate at the house here at the corner of Treme and Ursulines.

The large SUV was full of clothes, cartons of Mountain Dew, a fingerprint kit. She stepped out of the car in jeans and an Alfa's T-shirt, in homage to the restaurant where Alex had worked. She stretched and frowned.

Snow and sleet had turned a 10-hour trip from Lexington into a two-day marathon. Then, as she was driving down, she called the Baton Rouge funeral home where Alex's body was waiting. That's when the former Lexington police detective found out that the body had been cremated a few days before. Any hopes of another autopsy to learn how Alex died were gone. But Yolanda, 49, was determined to find out how he died, or, in her opinion, how he was killed.

"I'm sure that Alex is not the



DAVID STEPHENSON/KRT

Retired Lexington police officer Yolanda Davis rests after questioning residents of the apartment where Alex Weathers lived. Davis was investigating the death of her young friend in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2006.

only person who ended up in the morgue with no one knowing why," said John Weathers, Alex's older brother, who lives in Oregon with his wife and two small children. He has given his blessing to Yolanda's quest.

Alex was among 1,293 people classified as victims of Katrina by the state medical examiner's office. If a body was found with any irregularity, such as a gunshot or a head wound like the one officials had said Alex had, it was sent to the

Orleans parish coroner's office for a forensic autopsy. That's supposedly what happened to Alex.

"Let's go see what's going on here," Yolanda growled in her tobacco-cured Kentucky drawl. She threw a striped Oxford shirt over her T-shirt to cover the revolver she'd put in her pocket. Just in case.

New Orleans in March was very different from the horrifying imag-

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GOP, Pentagon rally around Rumsfeld

BY DEREK ROSE
Knight Ridder Tribune

The war of words escalated over Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on Sunday as senior Democrats called for his ouster and Republicans and the Pentagon rallied around him.

Seven retired generals last week issued an unusual public call for Rumsfeld's resignation, accusing him of micromanaging the war in Iraq and not listening to his military advisers.

"This is not an insignificant event," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said on "Fox News Sunday."

"Generals are not in the habit, even as retirees, to go around being critical of the civilian leadership. ... Clearly I think Secretary Rumsfeld needs to move on."

But the Pentagon distributed a one-page memo saying Rumsfeld had met repeatedly with military advisers — 193 times with members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and 208 times with combat commanders from 2005 to present.

Senior military leaders "are involved in an unprecedented degree in every decision-making process," the memo says.

Richard B. Myers, the Air

Force general who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2001 through last year, said Rumsfeld allowed "tremendous access" for military brass to present their arguments about war strategy.

"We gave him our best military advice and I think that's what we're obligated to do," Myers said on "This Week" on ABC. "If we don't do that, we should be shot."

President Bush has no plans to fire Rumsfeld, a close friend told Newsweek.

"He likes him," the friend said. "He's not blind. He knows Rumsfeld sticks his foot in it."

The retired military officials urging Rumsfeld to step down include Maj. Gen. John Batiste, who commanded the 1st Infantry Division in Iraq; Maj. Gen. Charles Swannack, who led the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq; and former NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark.

The others are Major Gen. Paul Eaton, Gen. Anthony Zinni, Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold and Major Gen. John Riggs.

Sen. George Allen, R-Va., suggested that people are searching for a "scapegoat" and ques-

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Happy Easter... wanna go to Iran?



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT

President George W. Bush and the Easter Bunny greet children on the South Lawn of the White House during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll in Washington Apr. 17, 2006. The traditional White House event dates back to 1878.

In Florida, a race with Castro to drill

BY LESLEY CLARK
Knight Ridder Tribune

A Pennsylvania congressman who wants to drill for natural gas just 20 miles out from the nation's shoreline has found a most unusual model: Fidel Castro.

Rep. John Peterson, a Republican who is trying mightily to lift the presidential and congressional bans that protect much of the U.S. coastline from offshore drilling, is citing Cuba's fledgling energy-exploration program — and its proximity to Florida's coastline — as a reason the United States should explore its own coast for natural gas.

"It's astounding we're going to sit here and say 'We're not going to produce,' and, meanwhile, our good friend Fidel Castro is going to suck it up under our noses," Peterson

said in a phone interview, citing reports that show Cuba is moving aggressively to explore waters northeast and northwest of Havana, some parcels about 50 miles from Key West.

Cuba has signed agreements with companies in several countries, including Spain, Canada and China, to explore potential oil and gas fields offshore — where industry analysts have suggested there are at least 1.6 billion barrels of crude-oil reserves. So far those exploration efforts have proven disappointing, but efforts continue.

Under a 1977 treaty, Cuba's "exclusive economic zone" — where it has free rein to extract resources — extends about 50 miles from its own coast, halfway between Cuba and Key West, in the Florida Straits, said Kirby Jones, president of the U.S.-Cuba Trade Association,

which promotes the expansion of trade with Cuba.

Peterson is aiming his argument directly at Florida's 27-member congressional delegation, which he singles out for blocking efforts to expand U.S. offshore energy exploration.

"Imagine what Castro is thinking as we spend our time quarreling over whether we should produce American energy 100, 150 or 250 miles from the Florida coast while he makes arrangements to set up shop hundreds of miles closer," Peterson wrote in a letter to The Miami Herald. "He must love that we've allowed emotion to win out over reason, facts to be dwarfed by fear and our nation's energy policy to be driven by unreasonable environmental concerns."

But Peterson's gambit has

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Drugmakers continue to benefit from an improved political climate

BY CHRIS MONDICS
Knight Ridder Tribune

After years of pumping millions of dollars into election campaigns, the pharmaceutical industry is reaping the benefits of a vastly improved political climate on Capitol Hill.

The increases in donations have moderated since the last decade as the industry has won passage of long-cherished legislative objectives, or fended off challenges that it deemed a threat to its way of doing business.

In the last year, drug companies have won protection from lawsuits involving production of a pandemic flu vaccine. They have been invited to join President Bush in mapping government strategy to fight a pandemic, and have been sought out to assist in producing vaccines against flu and bioterrorism.

At the same time, legislative mea-

sures aimed at the industry — notably, bills that would permit importing cheaper prescription drugs from abroad — appear stalled, with little likelihood they will come up soon.

"It is true, they don't face the same threat," said Jennifer Duffy, editor of the Cook Political Report and a follower of trends on Capitol Hill. "All industries go through cycles."

Industry spending dropped to \$18 million in the 2004 election cycle from \$29 million in 2002, according to the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks campaign spending.

Current spending appears to be on the same track, the center said, with \$6 million in hand about seven months from Election Day.

Billy Tauzin, president of the Pharmaceutical Research and

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DAN Z. JOHNSON/KRT

Nicole Bracy-Johnson works on an automated cell culture operation at a GlaxoSmithKline lab in Upper Providence, Pennsylvania last year.

Dr. Ruth is speaking on Tuesday the 18th at 8:30 in Cabot Auditorium. You should get your free ticket right now from the Campus Center info booth. It will be fun, and you will be upset if you don't come.

Lecture Series



In wake of Katrina, many questions are still unanswered for residents

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es that had filled the nation's TV screens in September.

The French Quarter, which was on higher ground and had barely flooded, had put on another Mardi Gras, and many businesses and hotels were back and humming. Near Lakeview, a prosperous suburb, huge piles of sheetrock and insulation grew outside of houses where some people had begun rebuilding.

But in the eastern section of the city, devastation still reigned. And the city was still effectively paralyzed, without enough skilled construction workers or livable housing or police or public defenders. City officials were meeting, but the focus on the April 22 election was distracting from the recovery effort.

It meant that Yolanda wouldn't be getting much help from the powers that be. It had taken a long time to find Alex. Now finding out what actually happened might be the trickiest case of Yolanda's career.

But that was OK. "There's no one to push the investigation but a brother in Oregon," Yolanda said during the trip. "My skills could not be better used than to exhaust every avenue I can to get justice for taking this young man's life. What I'm doing is no less than I would do for my own child."

Yolanda is certain that Alex's life was taken because of two phone calls shortly after Christmas. Alex's father, Jim Weathers, received a phone call from the mother of Alex's roommate. "Something bad has happened," she told Weathers.

Yolanda called the mother. "She said: 'Pray and call the morgue, pray and call the morgue.'

She just kept saying that over and over."

Yolanda had called the morgue, over and over. After Alex was finally identified, John requested and paid for an autopsy report, but hadn't gotten it yet.

"I'm depending on her," John said before Yolanda went to New Orleans. "She's in a position in her life right now where she can do this. She has the skill set and the time."

But the coroner still wouldn't return Yolanda's calls.

(Deputy Coroner John Gagliano did call the city's homicide commander, Joseph Waguespack, in March to tell him that the body had a head wound "consistent with a fall." Waguespack believes Alex might have been trying to climb onto an overpass and fallen.)

Yolanda's second suspicion came from Alex's friend, Michelle Muhammad, who had continued to look for him after Katrina. At the end of September, she'd gone to Alex's apartment at Tremé and Ursulines. When his roommate, Jonathan Fisher, answered the door, he'd told her Alex would be back in a few hours.

Alex's body had been found on Sept. 5 on an overpass exit off Interstate 10, which bisects Ursulines a few blocks from the house.

But now Fisher couldn't help Yolanda either. He was sitting in the local Orleans parish jail, arrested Oct. 26 on a raft of charges, including possession of heroin and a firearm.

(A few days later, he was moved to the infamous Angola prison because the local jail was overcrowded. This was also thanks to Katrina. In February, the Chief Public Defender had to lay off 35 of 42 staff attorneys because that

office is primarily funded through court fines and traffic tickets. In post-apocalyptic New Orleans, the courts were closed, and there were very few cars to ticket.)

The house where Jonathan, called Johnny, and Alex had lived looked empty, rundown, with chipped blue paint and shaded windows. Yolanda and her friend, Shari Chappell, another retired police officer who made the trip with her, found the entrance at the back of the house and banged on the door. Someone opened the door a crack.

"Come on now, don't mess with me," Yolanda said, half plaintive, half angry. "I got no problem, just talk to me for a minute. I got a boy that's dead and I'm trying to find some answers."

Josh, who wouldn't give his last name, came out of the house and blinked in the bright sun. With half-closed eyes and slurred speech, he said he didn't know Alex.

"What about Johnny, where's he?" Yolanda asked.

But the question seemed too much for Josh, and he faded back behind the door. Another face came to the door, this one framed by dreadlocks and a tattoo that started above the nose and curved around his forehead to the eyes.

His name was Jamie and he appeared somewhat more lucid than his friend. He didn't know Alex either, or Johnny. But he gave Yolanda permission to look around the paved back yard, where there was a lean-to shed filled with several duffel bags full of clothes.

Yolanda and Shari looked through the clothes, found ticket stubs that belonged to Johnny and shoes that looked like Alex's. Clearly, moving in for the current residents meant throwing out the belongings of whoever was there



DAVID STEPHENSON/KRT

Retired Lexington police officer Yolanda Davis shows a photo of Alex Weathers to neighborhood resident Gene Boudin on Mar. 21, 2006.

before. They just didn't throw them very far.

In New Orleans' random integration patterns, this flophouse is only half a block away from Gene Boudin's beautifully restored 1810 brick house, which he stayed in and guarded during Katrina and the days of hell afterwards.

Yolanda, who never met a stranger, started up a conversation with Boudin, 69, who was planting impatiens in the bed in front of his house. He was clearly still traumatized by his experiences — soldiers who'd threatened to take him by force, looters who'd stripped the houses around him. He remembered Alex and Johnny, Alex as the nice, polite boy, Johnny as pale and wan with sores all over his body.

He stopped in his tales to note the arrival of the garbage truck — "It's been two weeks!"

Boudin didn't know Alex was dead until Yolanda told him. His eyes filled with tears. "I feel so helpless. I must have been here when it

happened.

"All I can say is I'm overwhelmed," he said of the entire Katrina experience.

A little while later, the sound of trumpets and horns cut through the dusky light. The music emerged around the corner as a funeral procession of musicians and friends and family. These parades are a New Orleans tradition to celebrate the arrival of the dead in a better place. This one was for a neighborhood man killed in a car wreck, but just for a moment as the parade passed his old house, it seemed as though the joyful notes were playing for Alex, too.

Yolanda Davis worked for the Lexington police department for 11 years. She's used to investigations that take a lot of time.

But she'd never investigated in a city that's been called one of the nation's most corrupt just six months after it was hit by one of the nation's worst natural disasters.

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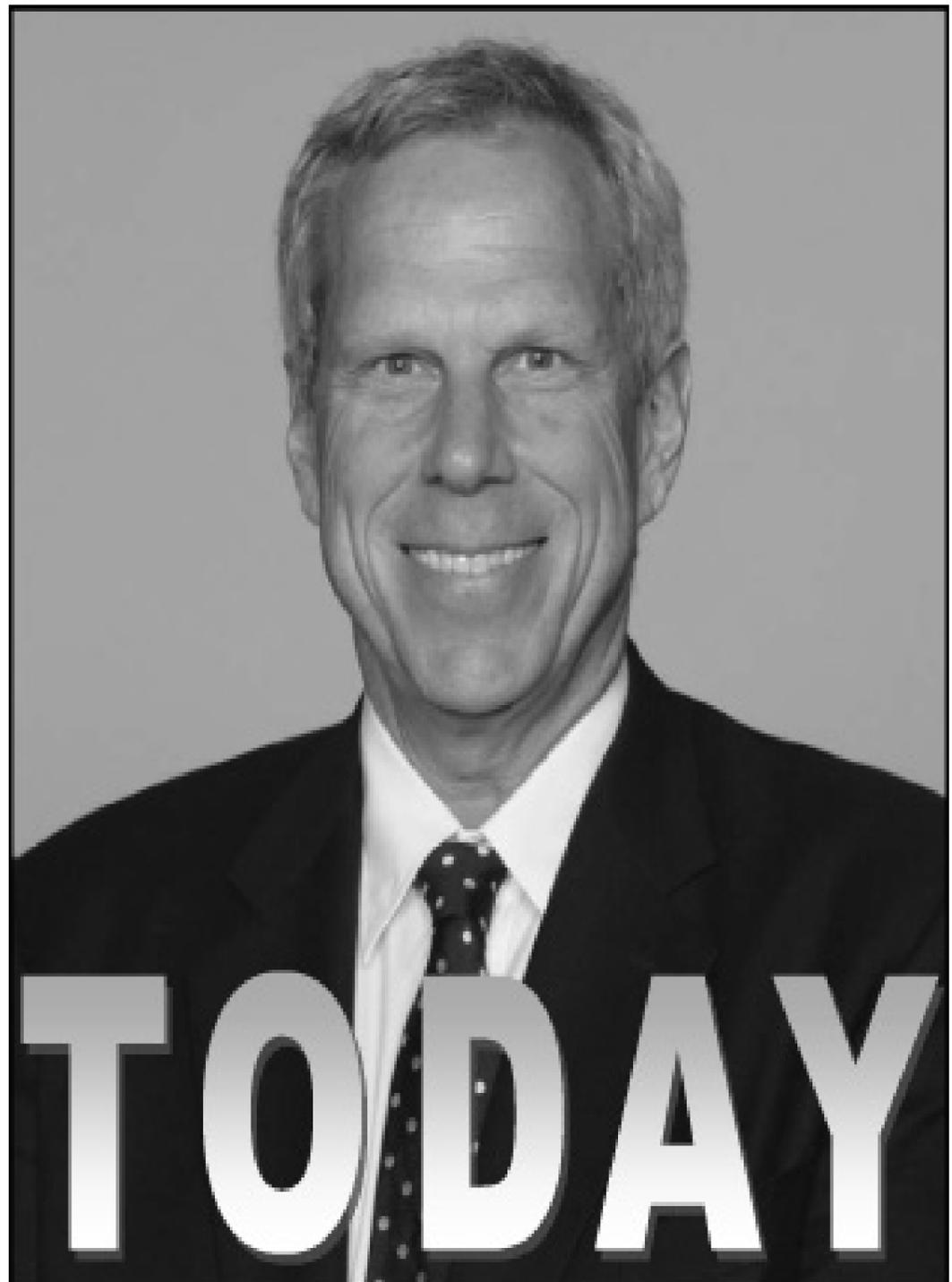
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A race for oil against time, Cuba

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made little headway with the Florida delegation, which opposes efforts to allow drilling in the Gulf of Mexico on the grounds that drilling could mar Florida's beaches and the state's tourism-dependent economy.

"That's all the more reason we need protection," Cuban-born Florida Sen. Mel Martinez, a Republican, said of Castro's energy exploration. "What it does, it redoubles my efforts to try to prevent it, not only from drilling here, but from Castro."

"The insanity of someone suggesting that in the state of Florida you should be drilling within 20 miles, that is crazy, that is just completely off the wall," Martinez said, suggesting that Peterson only bolsters the Florida delegation's call for a no-drill zone around the state.

"He fortifies our position from the standpoint of saying 'This is why we've got to have a permanent buffer around the state of Florida,' to keep these people from Pennsylvania from coming down here," Martinez said.

With energy costs soaring, Peterson's push represents at least the third serious bid to open up Florida waters to drilling: The Bush administration's Interior Department has proposed leasing more than two million acres of Florida waters in the Gulf of Mexico to energy companies and a Senate proposal would open up an even greater section of the Gulf.

Martinez and his Democratic counterpart, U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, are pushing legislation that would open up a smaller area in exchange for a 150-mile buffer and Nelson has threatened to block the Senate pro-drilling legislation, as well as the Senate's confirmation of Interior Secretary nominee Dirk Kempthorne.

Peterson, who argues that the United States has some of the highest natural-gas prices in the world, has filed legislation to lift the current moratorium on drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf and open it

up to natural-gas exploration outside 20 miles.

"Twelve miles is out of sight," Peterson said of oil rigs, "so 20 miles is a cushion."

Environmentalists are watching Peterson's bill warily, noting it has more than 150 co-sponsors from both parties, and Peterson has been granted a hearing by the chairman of the House Resources Committee.

"The Florida delegation is united against it, as are most coastal states, but he has a promise it will be heard, so we're not taking it lightly," said Mark Ferrulo, director of the Florida Public Interest Research Group. "We're thinking it might only be a starting position for him."

According to the U.S.-Cuba Trade Association, the island nation in 1999 began to seriously develop its own domestic-energy program, leasing exploration rights in its territorial waters to foreign companies because it does not have the technology to drill offshore.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration, Cuba's mostly onshore oil production is on the rise: from 18,000 barrels a day in 1992 to 84,000 barrels currently.

U.S. companies are prevented from doing business with the island nation by the U.S. embargo against Cuba, though food and medicine is regularly sold. But Jones said Cuba has made it clear it has "no reluctance to sit down and talk with any U.S. company interested in exploring."

And many are: Executives from U.S. giants including ExxonMobil Corp., Caterpillar and Valero Energy Corp., one of the largest refiners in the United States, each paid close to \$2,000 to attend a meeting in Mexico in February to learn more about Cuba's potentially lucrative reserves.

"As Florida has been debating a buffer for the last year, all of that could be moot," Jones said. "In Cuban waters there may be oil platforms within 52 miles of Key West."

Big pharmaceutical keeps doing well

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Manufacturers of America, the drug-makers' lobbying arm, said one reason for the decline was passage of the Medicare prescription-drug plan in 2003, an important legislative hurdle.

The measure was a major victory for the industry, not only because it committed the government to spending an average of \$67 billion a year over 10 years on their products but also because proposals requiring the government to negotiate for the lowest price were defeated. Drugmakers feared that provision would have cut deeply into profits and opened the door to price controls on other drug spending.

Also in 2003, the industry headed off a strong push to allow importation of cheaper prescription drugs from abroad. The House passed the measure, but it died in the Senate.

"A few years ago, this industry was under extraordinary assault," said Tauzin, who was in Congress at the time the Medicare drug benefit passed and who helped write the legislation. But "Medicare Part D has been passed, and we have turned this thing around."

Analysts like Duffy say the climate could easily change again as the election nears and politicians seek to tap into public distrust of the industry by pushing for price controls and other measures to blunt the cost of medicine. And if Republicans lost control of one or both houses of Congress in November, the climate might become much more hostile for the industry.

Sen. David Vitter, R-La., a leading advocate for importing cheaper prescription drugs from abroad, said there is as much support in Congress for controlling drug costs as ever. He said he expects to seek enactment this year of a bill allowing imported drugs, and estimated there are 60 votes in favor. "I don't think interest or support

has waned," he said.

The Senate passed legislation recently allowing the government to negotiate prices for individual health-care plans providing the prescription benefit. But analysts see that bill as having limited impact.

For now, at least, a unique confluence of events appears to be playing in the industry's favor.

The steady rise in prescription-drug prices has slowed from annual increases as high as 17 percent during the 1990s to 8.2 percent in 2004, the lowest rate of increase in 24 years, according to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

And for all the controversy and discontent surrounding its inception, the government's prescription benefit is beginning to win favorable commentary from seniors. Tauzin and Vitter say many seniors are pleased with the program, which cuts out-of-pocket costs for many.

At the same time, other political issues may have eclipsed prescription costs. Vitter and others note that the war in Iraq is a major preoccupation of voters, absorbing some of the attention that had been focused on drugmakers. The federal government, meanwhile, has taken some flak for early problems implementing the drug benefit, drawing some of the heat away from drugmakers.

"One of the things we have seen over the past several years" is that the target of political criticism changes, said Bill Pierce, a public relations executive and former spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services. "At one point, it was the doctors, and then it was the HMOs."

Add to that the impact of the Medicare drug benefit on some seniors, Pierce said, and the result is an improving political climate for drugmakers.

"Many millions now have a benefit who didn't have one before," he said.

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Prof. Wildhaber's many academic qualifications include doctorates in law from Basel University and the Yale Law School. After studies in Basel, Paris, Heidelberg, London and Yale Universities, he became a lecturer at Basel University and then professor of public international, constitutional, and comparative and administrative law at Fribourg University in Switzerland from 1971 to 1977. He was professor of public international, constitutional, comparative and administrative law at Basel University from 1977 to 1998 and was twice Dean of the Faculty of Law. From 1990 to 1996, he held, successively, the positions of Rector designatus, Rector, and Prorector of Basel University.

President Wildhaber has been conferred with honorary doctorates from the Universities of Prague, Blagoevgrad, Sofia, Bratislava, Moldova, and Bucharest, from the Russian Academy of Sciences and from the Law University of Lithuania. He is a member of the Institute of International Law and a former President of the Swiss Society for International Law. He is the author and editor of many books and articles in learned journals, and is also a leading authority on federal constitutional matters in Switzerland.

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Study: Drug can prevent breast cancer

BY EMILY RAMSHAW
Knight Ridder Tribune

The bone-strengthening drug raloxifene can prevent invasive breast cancer just as well as better-known tamoxifen, with fewer serious side effects, according to the results of one of the largest-ever clinical breast cancer trials.

Post-menopausal women at high risk of developing breast cancer have for years relied on tamoxifen to prevent the disease. But the drug's side effects — from blood clots to cataracts to uterine cancer — have raised concerns.

The Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and coordinated by cancer researchers across the nation, shows that the osteoporosis drug raloxifene works just as well at preventing invasive, or non-contained, breast cancer, and has fewer instances of these side effects. Experts estimate some 500,000 post-menopausal women are already taking raloxifene to treat or prevent osteoporosis.

Researchers also indicated that raloxifene is not as effective as tamoxifen at preventing non-invasive breast cancer — cancers that have not spread throughout the breast.

"Although no drugs are without side effects, tamoxifen and raloxifene are vital options for women who are at increased risk of breast cancer," said Dr. Leslie Ford, associate director for clinical research at the National Cancer Institute. "For many women, raloxifene's benefits will outweigh its risks in a way that tamoxifen's benefits do not."

The study randomly assigned tamoxifen (Nolvadex) and raloxifene (Evista) to nearly 20,000 post-menopausal women over age 35 at high risk for breast cancer.

After five years, both drugs reduced invasive breast cancer instances by about 50 percent: 167 women on raloxifene got breast cancer, compared to 163 in the tamoxifen group.

Both drugs help block the growth of tumor cells that feed off of estrogen. And they have similar side effects, from the common — like hot flashes — to the rare: blood clots and stroke. Tamoxifen has also been linked to a heightened risk of uterine cancer.

According to the study, more than half of the women in the study had had a hysterectomy, and were not at risk of uterine cancer. Of those with a uterus who took tamoxifen, 36 developed uterine cancer; compared to 23 women on raloxifene.

Women taking raloxifene had about one-third fewer blood clots than those on tamoxifen. Women on both drugs had equivalent rates of strokes — 10 of the 104 women who had strokes died from them. And initial results suggest raloxifene doesn't increase cataracts the way tamoxifen does.

Researchers also indicated that raloxifene is not as effective as tamoxifen at preventing non-invasive breast cancer — cancers that have not spread throughout the breast.

In a study of 13,000 pre- and post-menopausal women at high risk for breast cancer published in 1998, researchers determined that tamoxifen reduced the risk of breast cancer by 50 percent. In the placebo group, 175 women got invasive breast cancer. There were just 89 cases among the women taking tamoxifen.

But researchers voiced concerns that tamoxifen might increase the risk of uterine cancer, and hoped to find a drug that would be similarly effective with fewer side effects.

"Today, we can tell you that for post-menopausal women at increased risk of breast cancer, raloxifene is just as effective, without some of the serious side effects known to occur with tamoxifen," said Dr. Norman Wolmark, chairman of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project.

Former Ill. governor convicted

BY MATT O'CONNOR
AND RUDOLPH BUSH
Knight Ridder Tribune

A federal jury convicted former Illinois Gov. George Ryan on Monday on all charges that as secretary of state he steered state business to cronies in return for vacations, gifts and other benefits for himself and his family.

Lobbyist Lawrence Warner, a close Ryan friend, was also found guilty on all charges against him in the historic trial.

On their eleventh day of deliberations, the six-woman, six-man jury found Ryan, 72, guilty on 18 counts of racketeering, mail fraud, false statements and tax violations. Warner, 67, was convicted on 12 counts of racketeering, mail fraud, extortion, money laundering and evading cash-reporting requirements.

The verdict came three weeks after U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer excused two jurors during deliberations following Tribune stories that both had apparently concealed arrest records during jury selection in September.

Rejecting defense calls for a mistrial, Pallmeyer added two alternates in their place and ordered that deliberations restart from scratch on March 29.

The initial eight-day deliberations had been plagued by apparent infighting among jurors, prompting Pallmeyer at one point to instruct them to treat one another "with dignity and respect."

The same problems didn't appear to be taking place with the jury after the two alternates were added. The jury didn't send out any notes raising questions or problems in the final four days of deliberations.

The trial played out over five months as prosecutors portrayed Ryan as a shameless, greedy politician at the center of a series of dirty deals that enriched Warner and other friends who kicked back gifts to Ryan and his family.

But the defense called the evidence woefully inadequate, arguing not a single witness saw Ryan take money to influence his decisions and assailing key government

witnesses for slanting their testimony to win leniency.

Neither Ryan nor Warner testified.

The charges against Ryan largely stemmed from his scandal-scarred tenure as secretary of state. But he was accused as governor of lying to FBI agents, arranging a lucrative make-work lobbying deal for a friend, lobbyist Arthur "Ron" Swanson, and leaking the selection of a state prison site to Swanson, who improperly profited on the tip.

Ryan also diverted state resources and staffers to half a dozen political campaigns, including his 1998 election as governor.

Prosecutors alleged that in 1995 Ryan helped arrange to be paid secretly by former U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's ill-fated presidential campaign, funneled the money through a company operated by a trusted operative and passed on nearly \$10,000 to four daughters.

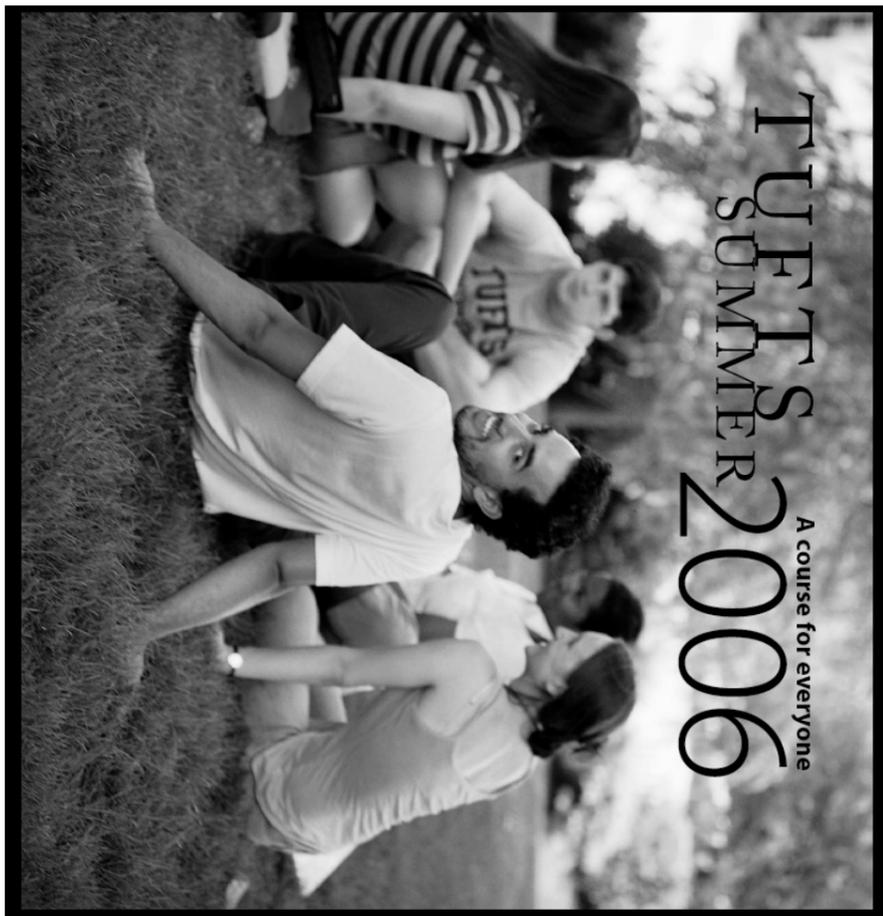
The defense brought out that Ryan was given thousands of dollars in cash in annual Christmas gifts from employees to try to counter bank records showing Ryan withdrew only \$6,700 cash in nearly a decade.

Prosecutors argued the limited withdrawals were circumstantial evidence that Ryan's cash spending came from kickbacks on state contracts and leases.

Among the wide-ranging charges against Ryan, prosecutors alleged as secretary of state he gutted the office's investigative arm in 1995 to stop its agents from looking into shady fund-raising practices of his campaign apparatus.

One investigator testified that Dean Bauer, Ryan's handpicked inspector general, refused to let him investigate a 1994 crash outside Milwaukee in which six children of Duane and Janice Willis were killed.

The fiery accident occurred when a heavy piece of metal undercarriage fell from a truck and punctured the gas tank of the Willis van. The truck driver, Ricardo Guzman, had paid a bribe for his commercial driver's license in Illinois and could not understand warnings from other truckers, in English, that the piece was dangling dangerously from his rig.



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Japan halts funding for Hamas-led government

THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN
Knight Ridder Tribune

The Japanese government plans to suspend any new financial support to the Palestinian Authority for the time being, in line with similar policies adopted by the United States and the European Union aimed at forcing the Hamas-led government to change its anti-Israel stance, The Yomiuri Shimbun learned Monday.

The government will suspend funding for new social infrastructure projects and will continue to accept Palestinian requests for humanitarian aid, including food. It will decide on resuming funding after consultations with the United States and the EU over whether the Palestinian government has changed its policy of military struggle with Israel.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso will discuss the issue with the U.S. government during his visit to the United States starting later this month. The government is determined to negotiate with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, rejecting direct contact with the Hamas-led government.

The government donated about \$450 million, including grants-in-aid and technical assistance, to the Palestinian Authority from 1993 to 2004, with the aim of promoting the peace process by helping improve infrastructure. In 2004 the Japanese government spent about \$75 million of grants-in-aid, including providing foodstuffs and about \$2 million in technical assistance for the construction of Palestinian hospitals, schools and roads as well as repairing the presidential office destroyed by Israeli forces.

Hamas won a majority of seats in the January legislative council election and formed a government by itself last month. The United States decided to stop financial support to the Palestinian Authority as Hamas is designated by the U.S. government as a terrorist organization. However, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Motaki have indicated their governments will provide financial support to the Hamas-led authority.

Nine killed, dozens wounded in Tel Aviv suicide bombing



A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up outside a fast-food restaurant in a bustling area of Tel Aviv during the Passover holiday Monday, Apr. 17, 2006.

BY DION NISSENBAUM AND VITA BEKKER
Knight Ridder Tribune

A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up outside a fast-food restaurant in a crowded shopping area of Tel Aviv on Monday, killing at least nine people and creating a fresh crisis for the new Palestinian government, led by the militant Islamic group Hamas.

The terrorist group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack, the deadliest in Israel in two years, and released a videotape of the bomber making his farewell statement.

Hamas leaders, who are already faced with a cutoff of aid to the Palestinian Authority, defended the bombing as a legitimate response to Israeli military operations, drawing immediate criticism from Israel and the United States, and the prospect of further political isolation.

"The continued (Israeli) occupation is the reason behind the tensions and the never-ending cycle of violence," said Ghazi Hamad, a spokesman for Palestinian Authority Prime Minister

Ismail Haniyeh.

Israeli and American officials called the bombing a clear test of the new government's intentions.

"The signs are clear that Hamas has one goal: It's to destroy the state of Israel," said Gideon Meir, a spokesman for Israel's foreign ministry.

In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Hamas' reaction would toughen the U.S. refusal to cooperate with the Palestinian government.

The bombing of the Mayor's Falafel restaurant came just before 2 p.m. as shoppers were preparing for the end of the weeklong Passover celebrations. It shattered car windows and filled the street with shards of broken glass, water bottles and broken chairs. At least 50 people were injured.

A security guard who'd been hired after a January attack on the same location stopped the bomber before he entered the restaurant. While the guard was checking the man's bag, the bomber

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Iraq's parliament delayed after candidate rejected

BY LEILA FADEL
Knight Ridder Tribune

The speaker of Iraq's parliament late Sunday postponed a scheduled session of the parliament on Monday because four months after they were elected, Iraqi lawmakers still haven't been able to form a new government.

Parliament speaker Adnan Pachachi, who last week said that a new government must meet to "keep the credibility of the Iraqi democratic experience," delayed the meeting for "a few days" after Iraq's most powerful Shiite Muslim political alliance rejected a Sunni nominee for parliament speaker.

Iraqis called the state-run television channel, Iraqia, on Sunday to voice their rage about the delay, calling it a "lack of leadership."

Iraq's leaders also remain deadlocked over a new prime minister. Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari has rejected demands that he step down. While the United Iraqi Alliance has indicated that it would allow Jaafari's Dawa party to nominate someone else, the leading Shiite alliance hasn't rescinded its nomination of Jaafari.

Members of the Alliance met late into the night on Sunday to debate whether to submit another candidate for prime minister or continue to back Jaafari, officials said. If another nominee isn't presented for the speaker's post, the political stalemate seems certain to continue.

Kurdish and Sunni parties strongly oppose Jaafari, but he's backed by anti-American Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr. The Bush administration has blamed Jaafari's refusal to step aside for contributing to the escalating violence between Sunnis and Shiites.

The delayed parliament session, the wrangling over Jaafari and the Shiite attempt to quash a nominee from the major Sunni list underscores the United Iraqi Alliance's inability to form a government and threatens to aggravate the country's sectarian strife.

Shiite parliamentarians said they opposed Tareq al-Hashemi, the nominee of the Iraqi Accordance Front, citing what they call his sectarian rhetoric.

Poll: Mexicans pro immigrants

BY LAURENCE ILIFF
Knight Ridder Tribune

Mexicans are following the U.S. debate over illegal immigration very closely, and most believe that immigrants in the United States are doing necessary work and should not be punished for it, a new poll shows.

A vast majority of Mexicans — 79 percent — support provisions of a U.S. Senate bill that would allow millions of undocumented workers to become temporary legal residents. Fifty percent of respondents said they were familiar with basic elements of the bill, such as legalizing the status of some immigrants and granting temporary-worker status to others.

"Most Mexicans know someone who has gone to the United States, or someone who receives money from someone over there or someone who is thinking about going themselves," said pollster Carlos Ordonez, explaining the widespread interest in the issue in Mexico. "Seeing the marches of immigrants in the United States in Mexican media has also had a huge impact here."

Likewise, hearing strong words from opponents of illegal immigration and seeing some of them burning the Mexican flag has polarized

Mexicans, who want to defend immigrants against what they see as racist attitudes, said Ordonez, coordinator of the poll for The Dallas Morning News, Al Dia and the Mexico City newspaper El Universal.

The poll, when compared with a similar one done in the United States a week earlier, shows that Mexicans are far less divided than Americans in believing that immigrants are doing necessary work.

"It is, in part, ignorance. Americans can't appreciate that they really do need labor from other countries and from Mexicans," said Juan Antonio Arizmendi, a 47-year-old accountant from Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, who took part in The News/Al Dia/El Universal poll.

That poll shows 76 percent of Mexicans think that crossing into the United States illegally should not be a crime at all.

The earlier U.S. poll by the Associated Press shows that Americans are split evenly on whether it should be "a serious criminal offense" or a "minor offense."

The AP poll showed that 56 percent of Americans favor offering some kind of legal status for illegal workers, not just from Mexico, but from all over the world.

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How the two halves live



Shanty town Villa 31 is seen in Retiro, Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the background of some luxury buildings of Libertador Avenue, Feb. 16, 2006. How to distribute the benefits of growth throughout society has become a defining issue in Latin America and is driving political and economic debate.

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Mexicans fine with migrants

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Where the two countries come closest on the issue is the general belief that border walls are not going to stop Mexicans from crossing illegally into the United States. In Mexico, 89 percent of those polled said border fences would not stop undocumented immigrants, while in the United States two-thirds of Americans hold that view.

"They already built some of the border wall, and it has made no impact all. Water will always find a course," said Ordonez, reciting a common Spanish-language expression.

The polling unit of El Universal conducted 1,500 in-person interviews with registered voters April 5-8 for the national poll. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

In The News/Al Dia/El Universal poll, the largest segment of respondents — 43 percent — cited racism as the chief reason for opposition to illegal immigration. Sixteen percent said Americans see the issue as one of law enforcement, and 14 percent think Americans are fearful of being overrun by foreign cultures.

"Yes, it's true about racism," said Gloria Vazquez Solache, 59, a Mexico City resident who was among those polled.

"They humiliate our countrymen and even burn Mexican flags. Fear of a 'foreign culture' is nonsense. There are foreigners there just as there are here. Are we going to run off the Americans who live in Mexico? We have to be brothers and not have racism."

Supporters of a tough House bill that would make it a felony to be in the country illegally have denied assertions that they are motivated by racism and maintain that their goal is effective enforcement of the border and the country's laws.

Daniel Lund, head of another Mexico City-based polling firm, MUND Americas, said the U.S. immigration debate has ignited powerful feelings in Mexico, as only a few bilateral issues have.

"It's one of those rare moments when Mexicans are extremely attentive to what is going on in the United States," said Lund, who has done polling among immigrants. "I think the perception among Mexicans — that opposition to illegal immigration is more of a social issue than an economic issue — is good insight into American society."

Israel hit with another suicide attack; PM promises response

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detonated as much as 30 pounds of explosives hidden inside, police said.

"I heard a big explosion and immediately lay on the ground," said Moshe Dorani, 54, a government worker who was in a store across the street. "I saw smoke coming out of the falafel place and saw people lying on the ground with deep wounds. No one was moving inside."

Israel's Cabinet was expected to meet Tuesday to weigh its response to the bombing, which occurred hours before the new Israeli parliament was sworn in. Interim Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who's in the process of putting together a new coalition government, said he'd do what was necessary to deter more attacks.

"We know how to respond," Olmert said.

Soon after the blast, the Israeli military re-entered the West Bank town of Nablus, where soldiers have been hunting Palestinian militants and engaging in firefights for several weeks.

The Israeli military also continued shelling the Gaza Strip as part of its campaign to stop homemade rockets from being fired into southern Israel. On Monday, a Palestinian teenager was killed and two of his friends were injured by Israeli artillery fire in northern Gaza, the Israeli military reported.

“ We know how to respond. ”

Ehud Olmert
Interim Israeli Prime Minister

Last week, a seven-year-old Palestinian girl was killed when an Israeli artillery round struck her house after Israel had expanded its fire zone in Gaza.

Israeli officials have warned that Palestinian government leaders, including Prime Minister Haniyeh, might be targeted for retaliation if they're linked to terrorism.

"Anyone who has a hand, or serves as a catalyst, or instigates, or takes part in these acts will certainly bear the consequenc-

es," said a senior Israeli official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. "They are not excluded from Israel's defensive actions."

Hamas' defense of the bombing put the new government at odds with more moderate Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. As leader of the rival Fatah party, Abbas has long criticized suicide bombings as counterproductive. He quickly denounced Monday's attack.

"It's like we are seeing a Palestinian body with two heads, and this is going to lead to a conflict between the two," said Jihad Hamad, a political analyst from Al Azhar University in Gaza City.

Ever since Hamas stunned the world in January by toppling Fatah and winning a majority of seats in the Palestinian parliament, the rival parties have been vacillating between cooperation and political confrontation.

Fatah refused to join a coalition government, and Abbas has been working to dilute the power of Haniyeh and his new

Hamas-dominated Cabinet.

Abbas has put his own troops along the Gaza border with Egypt and installed an ally as the No. 2 overseeing security forces.

Israel, the United States and Europe have moved to choke off critical funds for the new government until Hamas renounces terrorism and accepts Israel's right to exist alongside a Palestinian nation.

Hamas has been struggling to find alternative sources of funding and over the weekend received pledges of \$50 million each from Iran and Qatar, enough to help the Palestinian Authority for about a month.

Islamic Jihad identified the bomber as Sami Hammad, 21, and said he was a college dropout from a village near the northern West Bank city of Jenin. He appeared to be little more than a teenager in his videotape.

Wearing a black headband with Quranic verses and a black T-shirt with "Army" written in English, Hammad posed with a machine gun and said more bombers would follow in his wake.

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Two players reportedly indicted in Duke lacrosse case on Monday

BY AMES ALEXANDER, SHARIF DURHAMS AND DAVID PERLMUTT
Knight Ridder Tribune

A judge presiding over a grand jury that was expected to take up the case against members of the Duke lacrosse team has sealed one or more indictments, and a source says the grand jury issued indictments against two players.

After the grand jury adjourned Monday, 81 indictments were made public, but none were for team members.

On rare occasions, though, judges seal indictments to prevent the release of information about criminal charges until the suspects are arrested. The Superior Court judge presiding over the grand jury, Ronald Stephens, on Monday signed the back of a sealed envelope, noting a statute that allows judges to seal indictments.

Tracy Powers, a paralegal for Bob Ekstrand, one of the defense lawyers, confirmed that there were two sealed indictments

against lacrosse players. She declined to say which players.

The Associated Press, CNN and MSNBC, citing unnamed sources, also said indictments were handed down against two Duke lacrosse players.

The reports didn't name the players or specify the charges.

Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong declined to clarify who was charged or what they were charged with. Judge Stephens also declined to discuss the sealed indictments, but directed an Observer reporter to the statute that explains grand jury options. State law says a presiding judge may direct an indictment to be kept secret "until the defendant is arrested or appears before the court."

Branny Vickery, an eastern North Carolina prosecutor who heads the state's district attorneys conference, said indictments are sealed "only under very limited circumstances."

"The typical thing would be there's a life-or-death issue,"

said Vickery, district attorney for Wayne, Lenoir and Green counties. Prosecutors occasionally ask to seal indictments of suspects who might harm others or flee if they learned they had been indicted. But there's no indication any of the Duke players pose such a risk.

The accuser in the case, a 27-year-old mother of two who was enrolled in N.C. Central University, has alleged that three Duke lacrosse players raped, sodomized and choked her at an off-campus party where she was hired to perform last month.

The case has attracted international media attention and has prompted numerous protests and debates about race, sex and class. The woman in the case is black, while the lacrosse players she has accused are white.

Nifong has said he believes the woman was raped. Nurses who examined the woman found injuries consistent with a sexual assault, he has noted.

In an MSNBC interview aired

Monday, a second dancer who accompanied the woman said she believed her allegations.

"I can't imagine that a woman would do that to herself if she didn't feel like it was worth doing it," said the woman, who wasn't identified. "And the only reason it would be worth doing it is if she was raped. So, I have no reason to believe she was lying."

The team's captains have maintained the sexual assault allegations are "totally and transparently false." Lawyers for the players have pointed to several facts that they say support that assertion.

Tests completed earlier this month found none of the players' DNA on the woman or her clothing. Time-stamped photographs, the lawyers say, contradict the woman's version of events and show that she was already injured when she arrived at the party. And they say the dancer who accompanied the woman said the accuser never told her she'd been raped in the

time they spent together after leaving the party.

The second dancer told WNCN-TV in Raleigh that the accuser was "definitely under some sort of substance" when she left the party. The woman was too impaired to perform more than a few minutes as an exotic dancer, defense lawyers say. And police radio traffic shows that one of the first officers to see the woman after the party reported that she was "passed-out drunk."

Nifong and defense lawyers are awaiting results of additional DNA tests being conducted at a private lab.

Grand juries meet secretly and indict in more than 90 percent of cases presented to them, prosecutors say. The defense isn't allowed to present its case and only 12 of 18 jurors have to agree to issue indictments.

Jurors are asked to determine whether there is "probable cause" — a reasonable ground to believe a crime occurred.

Tufts athletes transfer sports skills to Boston Marathon

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Cheruiyot of Kenya breaking a 12-year old course record by 1 second, running 2:07:14. Americans took five of the top ten spots including third, fourth and fifth. Kenyan Rita Jeptoo won the women's race in 2:23:38.

The field of 19,688 finishers included many Tufts students and faculty. The team's top finisher was Matthew Hyde, an Assistant Director of Admissions and a cross country runner for Bowdoin in his undergraduate days. The former Polar Bear skated through the finish line in 2:44:11, running at a 6:16 mile pace. Brian McNamara (LA '05) was not far behind in 2:52:38, averaging a 6:35 mile.

McNamara, who ran cross country and track for Tufts during his four years as a Jumbo, had multiple motivations for running Boston in his first year away from the Hill. In addition to a family tradition — his father and sister have both completed marathons — McNamara had taken part in the tradition of cross country team members heading out to Heartbreak Hill, the 20th mile of the course, to cheer on runners. After years on the sidelines, McNamara wanted to join in.

"I wanted to do Boston in particular because it has such a tradition," McNamara said. "There are so many people out cheering. It's sort of a hometown race."

McNamara started training back in December and did much of his marathon

training with fellow alumni and housemate Peter Bromka. The two both went into yesterday looking to run competitive times, having spent the last few months doing interval training, running a half-marathon and doing other workouts.

"Training to finish is very different from training to run a good time," McNamara said. "With that in mind I've been running a lot more than everyone else would."

For seniors Lea Napolitano and Jeanne Grabowski, co-captains of the 2004 and 2005 field hockey team, the move from game-situation fitness to distance running was an abrupt change.

"[Playing a varsity sport] prepares you for the mental toughness aspect of [a marathon]," Napolitano said. "But it was by far more challenging than any field hockey season I've ever been through."

Grabowski agreed, and contrasted the full-fledged intensity of field hockey to the extended rigor of a marathon.

"It was completely different from anything I've learned in any other athletics," Grabowski said. "You have to pace yourself to make it through all 26 miles."

Grabowski and Napolitano both decided to run during their senior year because of their commitment to field hockey. The two ran as part of a group with sophomore Michelle Paison and alumni Colin Pedersen. Grabowski finished in 4:09:08 (a 9:31 mile pace) and Napolitano was not far behind in 4:11:15 (9:35 pace). The group plans to run Boston again at some point in

the next five years.

Both were surprised at the amount of Tufts support along the way.

"I was just amazed at the fan base, particularly all the Tufts fans," Grabowski said. "They were great. It was unbelievable. There were people cheering for Tufts all the way through. It really made me feel proud to be part of this university."

"We were so excited," Napolitano said. "We felt like celebrities during the first few miles with everybody cheering."

The feeling was mutual for spectators, who spent the day cheering along runners. Senior Emily Kaiser, who went down to the course to cheer along seniors Joe Weiner and Steve Keppel, stayed at the 25-mile mark near Kenmore Square.

"It was totally inspiring," Kaiser said. "I'm not trying to say that I'm going to run a marathon tomorrow or anything but it definitely makes you consider that possibility because there are people who at mile 25 are smiling and just feel great. And you'd hope that you would be one of those people."

Kaiser was also impressed by the large Tufts showing. A group of supporters congregated at the ninth mile in Natick and several Tufts cross country and track team members cheered at Heartbreak Hill in Newton.

"The Tufts spirit was great," Kaiser said. "I think I screamed 'Go Jumbos' more in the last hour of watching than I did in my whole Tufts career."

Trinity series will be 'gut-check time' for Jumbos

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Tufts' RBI leaders, junior tri-captain Bryan McDavitt and freshman Brian McDonough (19 each), combined for only seven hits and four RBI on the weekend; McDavitt's 10 doubles and 19 walks are also best for Tufts this spring. If those two can return to their prior levels of production and the rest of the team can stay effective at the plate, the current stretch of seven losses in eight games may soon be only a memory.

Although the team returns to action today at UMass-Dartmouth, the most important test of the week comes on Saturday when the Jumbos host Trinity in a three-game NESCAC East series. If the Jumbos, who stand at 3-3 in the division, can sweep the Bantams (5-2), they will take a giant step toward a second-place finish behind only Bowdoin. Taking two of three from Trinity would also set the Jumbos up nicely heading into the stretch run, but losing two or three games is simply not an option.

"It's obviously a very big weekend, and we just have to regroup," O'Leary said. "It's gut-check time."

Jumbos, at 8-2, to take on Wesleyan in NESCAC battle

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contributed a career-high five goals and senior tri-captain Dena Miller, who last Tuesday became the 10th player in Tufts history to hit the 100-career goal mark, also poured in five to bring her total to a team-leading 26 on the season.

Freshman attacker Maya Shoham, who had her first career hat trick against Babson last Thursday, added another trio for the Jumbos for a total of nine goals and 11 assists on the season. Fellow freshman midfielder Chrissie Attura matched her career high as well, scoring twice.

Freshman midfielder Paige Pascarelli gave the Camels an early lead just 1:08 into the game. Both offenses were silent for the next eight minutes, but at the 20:17 mark in the first half, Conn. College scored again, as senior co-captain Kelsey Sullivan brought the Camels' lead to 2-0.

"My thoughts were, 'just score one goal and get into a rhythm,'" coach Carol Rappoli said. "That took almost 13 minutes. The defense did a good job during that time. I don't think the team's morale was that they couldn't come back — they were even more determined to fight back."

The Tufts offense did just that, piling on four goals over the next six minutes to take the lead away from Conn. College. With 14:36 remaining in the half, Miller scored her first goal of the contest to give Tufts a 4-3 lead. The Jumbos would not trail again during the game.

After jumping ahead, the Jumbos continued their impressive first-half run, scoring three of the final four goals in the frame. With Tufts leading by just one, 5-4, Shoham rattled off a pair of goals, her first two of the game, to close out the half.

"I told the team it was their best job running the fast break all season," Rappoli said. "And the more break opportunities we had, it seemed the kids capitalized on most of them."

As the second half began, the Jumbos' attempts to widen their 7-4 lead were stifled. Colby's senior goalkeeper Alix Werner, alongside defenders senior Melissa Ridgway and sophomore Diana Coyne, shut the Jumbos down for the first five minutes of the frame.

Meanwhile, the Jumbos'

defense was equally solid. Freshman goalkeeper Gillian Kline turned in another strong outing — 13 saves and 12 goals allowed, with a save percentage over .500 for the second consecutive outing, and only the second time all season. In front of Kline, senior tri-captain Hilary Pentz and sophomore defenders Katie Frisina and Ilena Remshifski kept the ball away from the Tufts goal.

"The defense has had to play a little short for a few games because of [junior midfielder] Lauren Murphy's injury," Rappoli said. "The kids filling in have done a very good job. Our defense is the best when everyone plays together for a while — the seven of them are really one unit."

The Camels broke the second-half deadlock when sophomore attacker Sarah Miner assisted fellow sophomore attacker Colby Tallman for her first goal, cutting the Tufts lead to 7-5 with 24:45 remaining in the game.

Two goals is as close as the Camels would come. Miller took over midway through the second half, scoring twice more to put the game out of reach. Sophomore midfielder Alyssa Corbett and sophomore attacker Bretlyn Curtis each scored once as well for the Jumbos.

For the Camels, several players turned in strong performances in the losing effort. Werner had 14 saves in net. Sullivan scored three goals, and three midfielders — senior Maggie Driscoll, sophomore Jennifer Robinson, and freshman Paige Pascarelli — each added two.

Along with Thursday's 16-6 win over Babson, the Conn College game has righted the Jumbos' ship after two nasty losses to Middlebury and Colby, both NESCAC rivals and among the nation's best, ranked second and seventh, respectively.

The Jumbos now stand at 8-2 on the season and 3-2 in NESCAC play as they prepare to take on the Wesleyan Cardinals in their next conference game. That matchup is set for Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, as Tufts returns home to Bello Field.

"This game against Conn [College] got the team back to a place close to where we played last week, against Bowdoin and Colby," Rappoli said. "Going forward, against Wesleyan, we'll just try to get a little better in each aspect of our whole game."

Roffman predicts Mavs to win it all in June

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don't care how much potential Nenad Krstic has been showing — next to Shaq, he'll just look like a skinny amateur.

The Eastern finals should present a rematch of last year's series between Miami and Detroit, but hopefully this year Wade's ankle won't turn at an incredibly unpropitious time. While this will be a great series, I'm banking on Detroit. First of all, Ben Wallace is perhaps the only guy in the league who can keep a healthy Shaq from dominating. And furthermore, while I think Wade is superior to Billups or Hamilton, he's not better than the combination of Detroit's two all-star guards. Also, who could Miami possibly expect to guard Rasheed Wallace? Udonis Haslem? Antoine Walker? Come on. So, the bottom line is that Wade won't be quite enough to overcome all of Detroit's weapons.

On to the matchups to watch in the West side (the best side). I'm partial to the higher seeds here too, but Brand, Kobe, Artest, and Gasol will make every series competitive. I'm writing this before the seeding is finalized, but I think either the Clippers or the Grizzlies will steal round one from Denver. Both lower

seeds have better records, and I think Denver will get rattled when Gasol or Brand tempers Carmelo.

The second round games should be fantastic, but the Dallas vs. San Antonio series should take the cake. These teams are so evenly matched and have had such similar records all year that, to predict seeding, people have been talking about four different tie-breakers.

My shocking prediction is that my Mavs will win this series — in six. Why? Because our superstar is playing the best basketball of his career (you might say he has been ri-Dirk-ulous) and San Antonio's is suffering from some unpronounceable but serious foot ailment. The Spurs like to put Bowen on Dirk, which means they won't have an adequate defender to cover Josh Howard.

Still not convinced? The Mavs' second unit is infinitely better than the Spurs' — we've got former all-stars like Jerry Stackhouse and future all-stars like Devin Harris, and they've got foreign guys with funny names and loveable-but-washed-up veterans. Furthermore, Spurs' coach Greg Popovich won't have a coaching advantage, since he spent the last few years teaching Mavericks coach Avery Johnson everything

he knows.

Finally, we're hungry. We want to prove Charles Barkley wrong, Dirk wants to prove his MVP worth, and these guys all want to be around in June.

I expect Phoenix to prevail over either Denver, Memphis or the Clippers, because while all these teams have excellent power forwards to compete with Marion, none of them has an answer to Nash. Nash's vision will create too many weapons for his opponent's defense to contain.

And so the Western Conference finals should be a rematch of last year's second-round series between the Suns and the Mavs. Phoenix will get off to a quick start because Dallas will be tired from San Antonio, but the Mavs will bounce back. Dirk will have a string of monster games, Avery Johnson will nearly blow a gasket, and all of the Mavs' fringe players like Marquis Daniels and Adrian Griffin will step up, eager to prove their talent and establish their worth in the league.

The finals: Mavs over Pistons in seven; more on this to come. Until then, enjoy the playoffs. Laugh at Kobe's tights (circulation? pssh), ooh and aah at Wade's spectaculars, and appreciate the best sporting event this time of year has to offer.

SCHEDULE | April 17 - April 23

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Baseball		@ UMass-Dartmouth 3:00 p.m.			Trinity 3:00 p.m.	Trinity (2) 12:00 p.m.	
Softball		@ MIT 4:00 p.m.	@ Brandeis 4:00 p.m.			Trinity (2) 1:00 p.m.	
Men's Lacrosse		@ WNEC 7:00 p.m.				@ Bates 2:00 p.m.	
Women's Lacrosse			Wesleyan 4:30 p.m.			Trinity 12:00 p.m.	
Men's Tennis		@ Brandeis 3:30 p.m.	@ Babson 3:30 p.m.			@ Bates 3:00 p.m.	
Women's Tennis		Conn. College 3:30 p.m.				@ Bates 11:00 a.m.	
Men's Track						@ Dartmouth Invitational 10:00 a.m.	
Women's Track						@ Dartmouth Invitational 10:00 a.m.	
Jumbocast					Baseball 3:00 p.m.		

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Lacrosse NESCAC Standings

Team	NESCAC	OVERALL		
	W	L	W	L
Bates	5	1	9	1
Middlebury	5	1	6	3
Wesleyan	5	1	10	1
Bowdoin	3	2	6	4
Tufts	3	3	7	4
Conn. College	2	3	5	5
Colby	2	4	5	5
Trinity	2	5	5	5
Williams	1	4	4	5
Amherst	1	5	2	7

Women's Lacrosse NESCAC Standings

Team	NESCAC	OVERALL		
	W	L	W	L
Middlebury	6	0	8	1
Colby	5	1	10	1
Amherst	4	1	7	1
Bowdoin	3	2	9	2
Tufts	3	2	8	2
Wesleyan	2	3	8	4
Williams	2	3	6	3
Trinity	1	4	4	6
Bates	0	4	4	4
Conn. College	0	6	4	8

Men's Lacrosse

	G	A	P
Billy Granger	10	11	21
Mark Warner	9	11	20
Mike O'Brien	11	7	18
Michael Hughes	12	1	13
Brett Holm	8	2	10
Chris Connelly	8	1	9
Rory Doucette	5	4	9
Connor Ginsberg	4	1	5
Casey D'Annolfo	3	1	4
Chase Bibby	3	0	3
Matt Lanuto	3	0	3
Joe Cavallo	3	0	3
Peter Whitney	2	1	3
Goaltending	Sh	Sa	Sa%
Matt Harrigan	219	132	.603

Women's Lacrosse

	G	A	P
Dena Miller	26	10	36
Lauren Murphy	14	9	23
Alyssa Corbett	16	5	21
Maya Shoham	11	9	20
Sarah Williams	9	8	17
Meredith Harris	10	6	16
Bretlyn Curtis	9	5	14
Christine Attura	6	5	11
Courtney Thomas	5	3	8
Jackie Thomas	4	0	4
Hilary Pentz	2	2	4
Caitlin Friedensohn	2	2	4
Goaltending	GA	SV	Sa%
Gillian Kline	62	42	.404
Tracy Rittenour	15	7	.318

Baseball NESCAC Standings

Team	NESCAC	OVERALL				
	W	L	T	W	L	T
NESCAC East	7	2	0	17	5	0
Bowdoin	6	3	0	16	8	0
Tufts	3	3	0	12	11	0
Colby	1	5	0	5	9	0
Bates	1	5	0	6	11	0
NESCAC West	4	1	0	13	5	0
Middlebury	6	2	1	14	7	1
Amherst	3	3	0	16	7	0
Williams	3	4	1	10	11	1
Wesleyan	0	6	0	7	16	0

Softball NESCAC Standings

Team	NESCAC	OVERALL		
	W	L	W	L
NESCAC East	4	0	18	10
Tufts	3	3	13	15
Bowdoin	2	2	16	5
Trinity	1	3	6	12
Colby	0	2	6	8
NESCAC West	4	0	18	8
Williams	5	1	11	7
Middlebury	3	1	15	6
Amherst	0	4	1	17
Hamilton	0	6	5	18

Div. III Softball Apr. 12, 2006

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- St. Thomas (7)
- Rowan
- Ithaca (1)
- Louisiana College
- Chapman
- Muskingum
- Wartburg
- Rutgers - Camden

Div. III Women's Lacrosse as of Apr. 3, 2006

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Salisbury (15)
- Middlebury
- Gettysburg
- SUNY Cortland
- Franklin & Marshall
- The College of New Jersey
- Colby
- Amherst

11. Tufts

Div. III Baseball as of Apr. 3, 2006

Ranking, team (No. 1 votes)

- Emory (26-2)
- Wooster (21-3)
- The College of New Jersey (15-2)
- SUNY Cortland (16-4)
- St. Scholastica (18-2)
- Rowan (16-4)
- Chapman (19-7)
- Mary Washington

Baseball

	BA	HR	RBI	
Jim O'Leary	.439	1	15	
Bryan McDavitt	.430	0	19	
Nick Curato	.348	0	12	
Brian Casey	.346	0	13	
Kevin Casey	.346	0	10	
Kyle Backstrom	.337	3	18	
Brian McDonough	.325	0	19	
Greg Chertok	.320	0	8	
Ben Chang	.297	1	7	
Chris Decembrele	.262	1	12	
Pitching	W	L	ERA	SO
Erik Johanson	0	1	1.80	8
Zak Smotherman	3	3	2.08	31
Derek Rice	2	1	2.10	18
Carlos Lopez	1	2	3.06	18

Softball

	BA	HR	RBI	
Danielle Lopez	.441	10	34	
Samantha Kuhles	.434	0	8	
Cara Hovhanessian	.395	2	21	
Megan Cusick	.316	0	12	
Maya Rippecky	.303	1	4	
Mara Dodson	.292	0	10	
Heather Kleinberger	.289	0	10	
Laura Chapman	.280	0	1	
Erica Bailey	.274	2	13	
Annie Ross	.267	0	8	
Pitching	W	L	ERA	SO
Lauren Gelmetti	5	1	2.39	35
Sarah Conroy	6	3	2.96	28
Julia Brenta	5	2	3.28	23
Erica Bailey	2	4	4.30	28

Young team owns drivers' seat in NESCAC East, can lock it up against Trinity

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a two-run homer that sparked a six-run inning in the opener that sent the Bobcats home early.

The shot was her 10th of the season, a number that would have set a new Tufts record a year ago. But 14 dingers from departed senior Courtney Bongiolatti last season set a new school mark, one which Lopez is now closing in on with eight regular-season games remaining.

The Jumbos ripped 28 hits off the Bobcat pitchers, and their offensive barrage ended a four-game stretch in which they had not scored more than four runs in a single game.

"Our hitting was very good," coach Cheryl Milligan said. "[Bates] didn't have pitchers we've seen, but we hit the ball hard. I think our hitting has gotten better consistently over the course of the year. Technique-wise and fundamental-wise, we've gotten better every game, so it's not surprising that our hitting is coming back around."

The Jumbos' offense was in full-swing in the second round of the doubleheader. In a five-inning game ended early by the mercy-run rule, Tufts scored at least two runs in every inning after the first.

Freshman shortstop Meghan Foley was the surprising ring-leader of the surge. Foley has had some trouble at the plate in her rookie season, hitting just .111 heading into the weekend, but her 3-for-3 performance on Saturday included a solo home run and two RBI, both firsts of the season.

After a scoreless first in which both sides went three up-three down, Tufts opened a lead with some timely hitting and two walks off of Bates sophomore Kate Brown. With runners on first

and second, a two-out double by freshman Maya Ripecky and a single by Foley drove in two runs before a bases-loaded fly out by junior Annie Ross ended the inning.

After a two-run third inning, highlighted by a two-RBI double by sophomore Mara Dodson, the Tufts offense had given Conroy all the help she needed. The senior was solid on the mound, giving up only two hits, one run and a walk over four innings to earn her sixth win of the season. Junior Lauren Ebstein was perfect in the final inning to seal the win.

A large component of the Jumbos' pitching success can be attributed to their significantly improved defense. The young and largely inexperienced team struggled defensively early in the season but is now errorless in the past three games.

"I'm especially happy with the way the defense has been around me," Conroy said. "All the pitchers get a lot of ground balls and the defense allows us to [pitch that way]. The defense has been a lot sharper. We've worked on taking away the bunt and we're coming into our own."

The improved defense and solid pitching, backed up by stronger bats, was on display in the first game of the doubleheader. Brenta went all six innings and surrendered only one run to move to 5-2 on the season. The senior protected a 1-0 Tufts lead until the top of the fifth, when Jumbo bats broke the game open en route to an 11-1 victory.

The Jumbos put together a four-run burst in top of the fifth, ruining what had been a strong outing for Bates' junior starter Kristen Massino. The rally began with consecutive singles by Ross and Lopez. After a fielder's choice got Ross at third, sophomore Erica Bailey knocked a Massino pitch



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Sophomore Erica Bailey went 2-4 with a double, a home run, four RBI and two runs scored in Game 1 of Saturday's doubleheader against Bates. Tufts won that game, 11-1, and completed the sweep with a 9-1 victory in game two.

out of the park for a three-run home run, her second of the year. Sophomore Megan Cusick scored the inning's final run when senior co-captain Jess Barrett hit into a fielder's choice.

The Jumbos served the knock-out blow in the top of the sixth, putting together six runs sparked by Lopez's two-run homer. Cusick, sophomore Heather Kleinberger, Barrett, and freshmen Samantha Kuhles and Laura Chapman reached base consecutively with either hits or walks, forcing a pitching change as freshman Christina Knobel came in to replace Massino.

Along with Lopez's routinely excellent performance, Bailey recovered from some slow mid-season hitting for a great day, going 2-for-4 with two runs and four RBI, including the three-run bomb.

"My hitting has probably been the most frustrating part of the season for me because I know I can do a lot more at the plate than what I've been doing," Bailey said. "I've been working on it with Coach and I am hoping it will pay off when the playoffs arrive. But I just need to keep getting in that box and taking my swings."

Although Bates is the bottom-dweller of the NESCAC East, the sweep gives the Jumbos an unrivaled 4-0 divisional mark and some confidence and momentum going into its four games this week, two against non-conference MIT and Brandeis leading up to this weekend's NESCAC East doubleheader against Trinity.

"Trinity is one of the most important games of the regular season," Milligan said. "We have to go in there with all our arms firing. Right now, what this team needs to do is get back on a roll where we feel pretty confident and play good defense."

Mules thwart second half comeback

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"I don't believe that they are one of the stronger offenses [that the team has come up against], but they definitely played as more of a team," said Harrigan, who logged 12 saves in the match.

Holm began the scoring in the second, slipping an unassisted goal past senior goalkeeper and tri-captain Jeff Miller 2:20 into the quarter. The Mules quickly countered the Jumbos' final two-goal lead of the afternoon when junior attacker Ryan Scott scored only six seconds after Holm, kicking off an unanswered six-goal run. Colby took control of the game, outscoring Tufts 4-1 in the second period for a 7-5 lead going into the half, and out-shooting the Jumbos 16-6.

With the defense overwhelmed by the Colby attack and the Tufts offense unable to compensate, Daly emphasized that the responsibility for the loss rests on the entire Jumbo squad.

"It doesn't much matter what the offense did," Daly said. "If the defense lets in 17 goals, the offense has to score 18, and they didn't. We lost as a team."

Colby dominated the face-offs in the second period, winning four of the six.

"They had more momentum and they outplayed us," Daly said. "Colby scored goals and won face-offs, and we couldn't get the ball. The face-off is such a big part of the game, and it was tough for us to generate any kind of momentum when they had the ball."

Following the halftime break, Colby exploded for 10 goals in the second half, outscoring the Jumbos 5-2 in both the third and fourth periods. The Mules continued their goal scoring streak from the second period, with Boerztel and Brooks each finding the back of the net before Tufts' sophomore attacker Connor Ginsberg finally breached the Colby goal, bringing the score to 9-6 at the 9:03 minute mark in the third.

The Mules embarked on another unchecked three-goal run following the

Ginsberg score until Tufts junior Chris Connelly halted the assault on the Tufts goal with 3:02 minutes remaining, for a 12-7 Mules' lead after three.

"A lot of the problem [in defense] was communication," Harrigan said. "We weren't getting our slides down, and that hurt us the most. It came down to transition plays. That's where Colby got most of their goals."

The groundball war became a deciding factor in the second half. The Jumbos had a better groundball percentage than the Mules in the first half, collecting 14 groundballs to Colby's 10. However, Colby turned the tables in the second half, nabbing 11 groundballs in the third period, and 12 in the fourth period. Tufts only collected six in the third and five in the fourth.

Tufts tried to claw its way back into the game in the fourth period, taking 11 shots to Colby's nine. Following a score by Colby sophomore attacker Zach Goodnough two minutes into the fourth period, seniors Mike O'Brien and Mark Warner attempted to generate an offensive comeback for the Jumbos, as O'Brien scored two straight goals off assists from Warner to narrow the score to 13-9. The comeback, however, was short-lived. Colby parried the rest of the Tufts offensive moves and strung together four straight goals, the final blow coming from junior attacker Tim Brown with 3:22 minutes remaining.

Poor shooting afflicted the Jumbos, and the Colby goalkeepers continued to frustrate the Jumbo efforts, as Miller logged seven saves in the game. When Miller was replaced by freshman Alex Farmer with 1:23 minutes remaining, Farmer made two saves in the final minute of the period.

The team is back in action today with a non-conference match at Western New England.

"Right now Western New England is the only team that can hurt us," Daly said. "We can't let Colby affect that, and if we do, it's our fault. Right now we are focused on moving on and executing our game plan, physically as well as mentally."

Young Jumbos finally settle down for regular-season home stretch

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pitcher and first baseman Erica Bailey said. "We lost one to Trinity last year and we haven't forgotten what that felt like. They are a solid team and in order to beat them, the little things need to be done right. Execution is key."

With most of their starting spots and much of their talent concentrated in the freshman and sophomore classes, the team stumbled a bit out of the gate in 2006. But with their third straight perfect fielding game on Saturday, the Jumbos are slowly

finding the groove that will carry them to success in the postseason.

"I think the freshmen know their roles really well, and they're going out there and getting their job done," Conroy said. "We have a ways to go, but I think we're going to be peaking right when we need to be."

"I'm hoping we have yet to peak," Barrett said. "I think we're definitely on the way up; at this point, we've just got to stick around."

For a team that hasn't peaked yet, a No. 13 national ranking and the top spot in the NESCAC East isn't a bad place to be at all.

Shelton opens '06 on unexpected tear

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that indicated another stellar season. Hitting .354, Hafner already leads both leagues with 20 runs scored and is in second place with 7 home runs. His OPS is an obscene 1.337.

In 2005, Hafner was second to only **New York Yankees** third baseman Alex Rodriguez in the AL with a 1.003 OPS. Over the past three seasons Hafner, a lefty, has hit .320 against right-handed pitchers.

Despite a .319 BA and 18 home runs in the first half of last season, Hafner was overlooked for the All-Star roster as the DH spot instead went to David Ortiz. But given Cleveland's strong overall start and his unsurprising hot streak thus far, 2006 could be the year in which Hafner is finally recognized as one of the best hitters in the game.

Chicago White Sox first baseman Jim Thome is also on an offensive tear. Thome is neck-and-neck with Hafner with seven long balls and a 1.434 OPS. Early in the season, baseball analysts weren't entirely sure what to expect from Thome, who was plagued by injuries in 2005. But the 35-

year-old slugger has jumped on the fast track to another strong season, although his current stats should eventually normalize closer to his still-strong career averages of .281 BA and .973 OPS as the season goes on.

Overall, the hottest offensive start has probably been that of **Detroit Tigers** first baseman Chris Shelton, who has only a little over one year of major league experience. He's hitting .467 in 48 at-bats in 12 games and leads or is tied atop the league in several categories, including hits (24) and home runs (nine).

Although Shelton has shown strong offensive potential in the past — he hit .299 in 2005 — this amazing start wasn't anticipated. It will be interesting to see if his hot streak cools off considerably or if he winds up the unexpected breakout star of baseball this year.

It's part of statistical theory that eventually, given time, most streaks and slumps will normalize closer to the average. This is good news for the players in slumps, but it will be hard for most of the players on offensive streaks to maintain such high numbers for too long.

INSIDE MLB

Manny and Barry slump, others fly high as season opens

Ramirez should bust out of early malaise, but Bonds may be staring at a 'collapse' season in 2006

BY JESSICA GENNINGER
Senior Staff Writer

Only two weeks into the Major League Baseball season, it's way too early to say who will be the studs and duds of 2006. Nevertheless, we can't help but ponder the predictive value of some early-season streaks and slumps.

This week, Inside MLB takes a look into a few of the more surprising and unsurprising starts of the year.

Something doesn't seem right when only two **Boston Red Sox** players are posting lower OPS than leftfielder Manny Ramirez. Currently 11-for-46 on the season, Manny leads Boston with his 16 strikeouts and has yet to send one over the fence. He's 6-for-22 with no runs at Fenway and has five strikeouts and only two hits in 12 opportunities with men in scoring position. All of this coming from a guy who in 2005 finished with 45 homers and the fourth-best OPS in the American League, rightfully hailed as one of the AL's best hitters?

Fear not, Red Sox Nation. It's tempting to point to Manny's well-voiced whines and complaints about his unhappiness in Boston as a possible cause for his atrocious start. But in reality, a beginning-of-the-season slump, as well as general unpredictability, is nothing too surprising from Manny.

Last year he also had mediocre April numbers, going 23-for-87, although he did hit seven homers. Over the past three seasons, especially last year, Manny has shown a tendency to post his best stats after the All-Star break.

Bottom line: Manny always ends above the curve with Hall of Fame-worthy offensive performances, and he'll get there

eventually in 2006. He'll probably be lazy and take his time, but he's Manny. What else can you expect?

The outlook isn't as bright for another renowned slugger: the **San Francisco Giants'** Barry Bonds. Going into Monday, through 11 games he's gone 4-for-21 without a home run. Pitchers are still wary of Bonds' bat, as he's walked 11 times, three of which were intentional, helping him still post a respectable .755 OPS.

There's a chance that Bonds could mimic Jason Giambi and bounce back from a steroid scandal to have a killer second half after a severe slump. But somehow that seems unlikely.

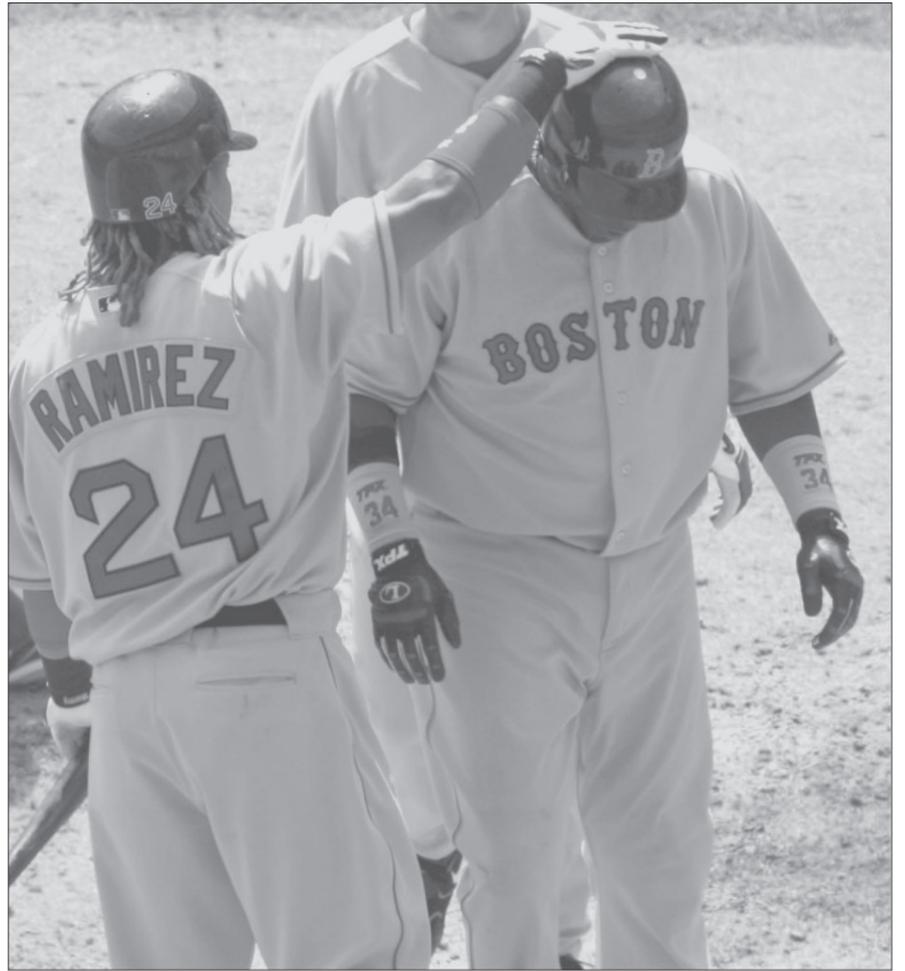
Bonds is chasing records that people now doubt he has the right to break. He's facing a likely indictment for perjury. Also, he's 41 years old, 30 pounds too heavy and has a bad knee. Chances are Bonds' spirits aren't too high, and we've seen in the past that his mental state seems to be reflected in his offensive ups and downs.

Baseball Prospectus projects a 75 percent chance that 2006 will be a "collapse" season for Bonds, or that his equivalent runs per plate appearance will decline by at least 25 percent compared to his past three seasons.

But on the other hand, if Bonds can avoid a decline this year, he might prove himself worthy of the Hall of Fame without chemical assistance.

While all the fantasy GMs who drafted Bonds are now questioning their judgment, all who managed to draft designed hitter Travis Hafner of the **Cleveland Indians** should be patting themselves on the back for recognizing all of the signs

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BEN NOEY JR./KRT

Manny Ramirez congratulates teammate David Ortiz after Ortiz hit a 2-run home run in the fifth inning against the Texas Rangers on Apr. 3, 2006.

BASEBALL

Despite losses, offensive improvement encouraging

BY ANDREW SILVER
Daily Editorial Board

Although it came home from a four-game series at Middlebury winless, the baseball team did not return completely empty-handed.

After totaling only eight runs its previous four games, the Tufts offense picked up the pace this weekend, scoring 24 runs against the Panthers on 37 total hits.

"I think we're doing a better job at the plate," senior outfielder Jim O'Leary said. "We're working counts better and getting better pitches to hit."

O'Leary's production over the weekend certainly signified Jumbos' offensive step up at Middlebury this weekend. The senior outfielder was 6-for-13 with three RBI and reached base twice on walks and three times for being hit by pitches.

Another Jumbo that produced at the right time was junior Chris Decembrele, who was 3-for-9 with three RBI on the weekend. Like O'Leary, Decembrele also worked counts effectively, earning three walks on the weekend, equaling O'Leary and freshman third baseman Kevin Casey's total. All in all, Tufts batters worked 17 walks off Middlebury pitching on the weekend for an average of over 4 per game.

Kevin Casey's production at the plate did not end with his patience, however, as he was also 4-for-12 at the plate with two RBI. Not to be outdone by his younger brother, junior shortstop Brian Casey knocked in three runs of his own, going 6-for-17 at the plate with a walk. Nick Curato rounded out Tufts' quality offensive performances on the weekend, going 4-for-12 with two RBI.

Despite some stellar offensive performances, the team's lapses on the mound and in the field kept Tufts from making any gains in the NESCAC or national standings in Vermont. "We need to cut down on mistakes and take advantage of opportunities when they present themselves," O'Leary said.

“It's obviously a very big weekend, and we just have to regroup. It's gut-check time.”

Jim O'Leary
senior

The Jumbos dropped the first game of each day by a single run, something that may have affected the team going into the second leg of the doubleheader.

"I would say [losing the first game of a doubleheader] probably does have some [mental] effect," O'Leary said. "But good teams should be able to get through it and move on to the next game."

O'Leary leads the Jumbos in hitting this season with a .439 batting average and a .614 slugging percentage and is fourth on the team with 15 RBI. Curato, Brian Casey, and Kevin Casey have all been among the team's offensive leaders this spring, batting .348, .346, and .338, respectively. Brian Casey's 22 runs are best on the team, and his eight doubles represent the Jumbos' second-highest total.

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Team drops four games by six runs combined

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seven of its last eight games, all seven to conference competition. The Jumbos fell to 12-11 overall and remained at 3-3 in NESCAC East play.

While the weekend's losses were hard to swallow, the team is trying to stay out of the "slumping" mentality by approaching each game one at a time.

"We try to go out there and we play to win — we're not playing to not lose," said junior shortstop Brian Casey, who went 6-for-17 with three runs scored and three RBI on the weekend. "And we know there are situations where you know it's going to be a tough game, but you play every game and you try to approach it the same way."

Additionally, although the Jumbos did not return to Medford with a win, Casey and others were able to get the bats going, as senior Jim O'Leary and junior Chris Decembrele both turned in solid weekends at the plate.

"I think we played pretty well and had good spurts during games, and we looked like we were going to pull out each game," said O'Leary, who was 6-for-13 with four runs scored and three RBI. "At the same time, [Middlebury] made some plays when they needed to." With two Friday losses in its rearview mirror, Tufts was ahead late in both contests on Saturday only to succumb to the Panthers' walk-off hits in each contest.

Middlebury jumped out early in the nightcap, getting four runs off Tufts sophomore starter Adam Telian in the bottom of the first. After trading runs in the second frame, the Jumbos got four of their own in the top of the third, evening the score at five.

Tufts finally got ahead in the top of the fifth, scoring two runs to take a 7-5 lead. A two-out rally sparked by Casey's single, O'Leary getting hit by a pitch, and a wild pitch set up Decembrele's two-RBI go-ahead hit.

The Panthers didn't stay down

in their half of the fifth, however, as they scored two of their own off Telian to tie the game at seven. Telian went the distance in the nightcap, likely because the Tufts bullpen was depleted after the weekend's games, and picked up the loss, leveling his record at 2-2.

Tufts put runners in scoring position in both the sixth and seventh innings, but the score stayed tied 7-7 until the bottom of the seventh inning. Middlebury catcher Andrew Pavoni led off the inning with a double, setting up Joe Ramoin three batters later, who drove Pavoni in with a walkoff base hit, giving Middlebury the series sweep with an 8-7 win.

Saturday's first game was, if possible, even more painful.

After Tufts senior starter Zak Smotherman gave up two in the first inning, the Jumbos charged ahead with five runs in a two-out burst in the top of the second. The big play was a two-RBI double by O'Leary, with freshman Kevin Casey, Brian Casey, and freshman Brian McDonough all contributing RBI singles.

Tufts got runs in the fourth and fifth innings off hits by junior Kyle Backstrom and O'Leary, then traded runs with Middlebury in the bottom of the sixth and top of the seventh, giving the Jumbos an 8-3 advantage heading into the final half-inning.

Sophomore Jason Protano entered with the five-run cushion in the top of the seventh, giving up a single before coercing a groundout for the first two outs. A walk and a hit-batsman loaded the bases for Middlebury with two outs.

An error by third baseman Kevin Casey on the next batter extended the game and proved costly, allowing Ramoin to reach and a run to score. Senior Noah Walker singled in a run, bringing senior reliever Erik Johanson in the game for Tufts. The first batter he faced, left fielder Ryan Armstrong, had another RBI single, making the score 8-6. The next batter, John Lanahan, tied the game on a two-RBI single, before

Johanson could force a groundout to send the game to extra innings.

Junior designated hitter Nick Curato gave Tufts a 9-8 lead with an RBI double in the top of the eighth, but it was not enough. In what would be his first of two walk-off hits of the day, Ramoin doubled in the tying and winning runs, stealing a 10-9 result for the Panthers.

Brian Casey succinctly summed up what his team needs to improve upon.

"[We need to play] from the first pitch until the last pitch," the junior shortstop said. "We've had some letdowns on offense, defense, and pitching, and that's something that we need to correct."

In Friday's nightcap, Middlebury had a 4-1 lead through six innings but allowed Tufts to cut the lead to 4-3 in the top of the seventh. The Panthers plated three insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth off Tufts junior reliever Carlos Lopez and shut the Jumbos down in the ninth for the 7-3 win. Junior hurler Derek Rice picked up the loss for Tufts, moving to 2-2.

Friday's opener was uneventful by Saturday's standards.

Middlebury scored six runs in four innings off Tufts starter Ben Simon, whose record fell to 3-2 with the loss. A combination of lights-out relief from Johanson and resilient offense got Tufts to within one run at 6-5, but the Jumbos could not get the tying run past first base in the seventh, giving the Panthers the victory.

The Jumbos, who are ranked ninth nationally, will certainly take a tumble when the next poll comes out. More importantly, with seven losses in its last eight games, Tufts is in serious need of momentum. It will hope to begin the road to recovery this afternoon at UMass-Dartmouth before hosting Trinity in a vital three-game NESCAC East tilt this weekend.

"This is [Trinity's] last NESCAC East series, and we need to go in there and get a couple wins and hopefully set ourselves up for a playoff run," Brian Casey said.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Jumbos down Camels in NESCAC shootout

Tufts offense rattles off 17 goals to top Conn. College; Miller reaches 100 career goals

BY EVANS CLINCHY
Senior Staff Writer

Following two key league losses to Colby and Middlebury last week, the women's lacrosse team came away with

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
at New London, Saturday

Tufts 17
Conn College 12

Miller: 5 goals, 2 assists
Williams: 5 goals, 1 assist
Shoham: 3 goals, 1 assist

Kline: 13 saves

a win over NESCAC rival Connecticut College in a fast-paced, high-scoring battle on Saturday.

The Camels dominated the first ten minutes of the game, shutting down the Jumbo offense and jumping out to an early 2-0 lead. However, Tufts rallied to take the lead midway through the first half and never looked back. Four Jumbos scored multiple goals as the Jumbos held on for a 17-12 win.

Sophomore Sarah Williams

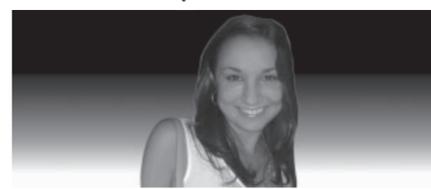
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ISABELLE MILLS-TANNENBAUM/TUFTS DAILY

Senior tri-captain Dena Miller chases down a Babson player in the Jumbos' 16-6 defeat of the Beavers on Thursday. Miller, now the 10th player in Tufts history to score 100 career goals, added five more to her total in Tufts' 17-12 win over Conn. College on Saturday.

LEAH ROFFMAN | BASELINE BANTER



Playoff pandemonium

The time has come.

School's almost out, the weather is finally warm enough that people will stop wearing those big, furry boots that look like small animals, and baseball season has started. But before you Red Sox fanatics get too crazy, let me remind you: you've got just under 150 games to go. Manny's hair will look just as ridiculous in July.

For now, do yourselves a favor and tune into the season's real sports entertainment: the NBA Playoffs. This year promises plenty of excitement, and here's a look at what you can expect.

In an effort to save the best for last, let's look at the Eastern Conference. I'm not sure why there is no semblance of parity between the two conferences; I mean, since the West's complete dominance began a few years ago, the East has imported many of the league's top players.

Shaq traded in his Pacific beach house for an Atlantic one, Stephon Marbury and Rasheed Wallace made the move, and Eastern teams have drafted such top players as Wade, Bosh, Okafor, LeBron, Dwight Howard, and Andrew Bogut. But whatever the reason, there just isn't enough talent to go around, and so the league remains completely stratified. The Nets are slightly inferior to the Pistons and the Heat, and comparing any other team to those three is like comparing Smush Parker to Kobe.

What does this mean in terms of the playoffs? Expect the expected in the East. The only early matchup offering any bit of spice is whichever one Indiana plays in. It's still unresolved whether the Pacers will play Cleveland or New Jersey, but either way, Carlisle and his veteran crew will give their higher-ranked opponent a run for its money. I'd give the Pacers the edge over Cleveland but not New Jersey. Indiana's great team defense and interior presence can overcome LeBron by himself but not the combination of Kidd, Carter, and Jefferson.

In the second round, Miami and Detroit will triumph no matter who their competition is. Detroit's five stars, clutch shooting, and defensive dominance are too much for any Eastern team to handle, and while New Jersey will put up a good fight against Miami, you can expect a mildly entertaining five to six games in which the Heat prevail. Vince Carter is a star and Jason Kidd is still one of the league's top point guards, but Wade can outplay both of these guys. And I

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SOFTBALL

Jumbos starting to hit stride, barrel into top 25

BY LIZ HOFFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

When the softball season kicked off two months ago, a cloud of questions surrounded the 2006 squad.

Eight freshmen and five sophomores on an unnervingly young team, a departed pair of NESCAC Players of the Year, and a diminished power-hitting core replaced by the infusion of some quick, though inexperienced and at times unpredictable, freshmen legs had some wondering whether the Jumbos could even repeat their 2005 regular-season dominance, much less redeem their postseason shortcomings.

Yet for all the uncertainties surrounding this year's team, the Jumbos once again find themselves in familiar territory — comfortably, though perhaps surprisingly, in the national top 25, on top of the NESCAC East standings, and, most importantly, playing good softball.

"From a team perspective, we haven't even talked about [the national rankings]," senior co-captain Jess Barrett said. "And that's a good thing, because we know that we're playing well, we know we can play well, and we know we can play better. We can't let anything get to our heads, and lately we've been doing a good job of that."

While Tufts won 11 straight after returning from the Sun West Tournament over spring break, the games were less

than pretty, riddled with simple fielding errors and inconsistent bats. The team put together just enough hits and played adequate defense to keep itself out of a hole, but it was clear that the Jumbos would need to improve by the postseason.

"I'm pretty impressed with the way this team has played for being so young, but if we want to compete in May, we have to get better," coach Cheryl Milligan said this weekend.

And the Jumbos have taken key steps in that direction, rebounding from two split doubleheaders last week to sweep Bates in a pair of key divisional games on Saturday. While the 6-6 Bobcats were certainly not the Jumbos' toughest competition of the season, the games showcased the kind of play this team is capable of — no errors, 28 hits, and two mercy-rule wins that pushed the Jumbos to a perfect 4-0 in NESCAC East, far ahead of second-place 3-3 Bowdoin, who is already halfway through its divisional schedule.

The setup of NESCAC softball, split into an East and a West division, has allowed for much of Tufts' historical postseason dominance. Williams, the league's other goliath, is in the NESCAC West, leaving the Jumbos with traditionally weaker teams in the East, including Colby (6-13 overall, 1-3 NESCAC) and Bates (8-8 overall, 0-2 NESCAC).

This season, Trinity is the only other over-.500 team in the division, at 16-5,

and Bates, Colby and Bowdoin sport a combined 25-35 record. Tufts is the only team to have scored more runs that it has surrendered and sits atop the divisional standings with sweeps over Bowdoin and Bates.

Three of the last four conference tournament finals have been between Williams and Tufts, and barring any huge regular-season upsets in the Jumbos' two remaining divisional matchups — exactly the kind that the NESCAC is famous for — the stage is set for another showdown.

"We're always thinking about it in the back of our minds that in the end that's probably going to be the situation," Barrett said. "We love it to be that way — Williams is our biggest rival. If we keep playing strong the way we are right now and don't underestimate anybody, we've got a huge opportunity."

With two non-league games against MIT and Brandeis this week, it's hard not to look ahead to next Saturday's matchup against Trinity. While the Bantams are 16-5 overall, they have a 2-2 division record, with two close wins over hapless Colby and a pair of losses to Bowdoin on Saturday, from whom the Jumbos took two games on Apr. 8, the first a 6-5 nail-biter and the second a 13-0 blowout.

"We need to sweep both games next Saturday if we want to be in prime position for the NESCAC playoffs," sophomore

Athletes of the Week

SAMANTHA KUHLES, SOFTBALL

Freshman Samantha Kuhles has lived up to her listing on the Tufts athletic roster as utility player. Whether in the outfield, the infield, at the plate or on the basepath, Kuhles has emerged as a standout player among a talented freshman class, and this week was no exception.

Kuhles went 7-for-13 with two RBI in the Jumbos' two doubleheaders against Bates and Babson, vaulting to second on the team with a batting average of .434. She has a .444 on-base percentage, third on the team, and a .504 slugging percentage — not bad for someone batting in the one-two spot.

Perhaps Kuhles' biggest contribution last week came at the third base, a position that has been a trouble spot for the Jumbos all season long as they have faced heavy bunting offenses and been unable to consistently field bunt plays cleanly. Playing far down the line in last Tuesday's doubleheader against Babson, Kuhles racked up eight assists, making just a single error. Kuhles, who also plays left field for Tufts, has solidified herself as a solid option at the hot corner for the rest of the season.

Kuhles has also been an asset on the basepath this season, as part of a speedy freshman class that has changed the way the Jumbos score runs. She has seven stolen bases and scored 15 runs, the second and fourth best totals, respectively, for the Jumbos.



COURTESY SAMANTHA KUHLES



LAWRENCE BACOW, BOSTON MARATHON

The sports world is full of inspiring stories of athletes returning from debilitating setbacks to achieve tremendous feats — Lance Armstrong beating testicular cancer to win six straight Tour de France titles, Monica Seles coming back from a brutal stabbing, Scott Hamilton overcoming brain cancer.

University President Lawrence Bacow has earned his own spot on that list, completing the Boston Marathon for the second time since a serious 2004 illness. Bacow ran his second straight Boston Marathon on Monday, finishing in 5:25:35. In 2004, Bacow endured a bout with pericarditis, a cardiovascular virus which causes an irregular heart beat and inefficient pumping, that forced him to sit out the 2004 marathon.

He returned in 2005, completing the 26.2-mile course in just under five hours. This was Bacow's fourth marathon and his third on the Boston course. Bacow ran with his son, Ken, and a group of approximately 100 students, as well as alumni, faculty, staff, parents and friends of the University.

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BASEBALL

Jumbos swept in gut-wrenching fashion

BY ANDREW SILVER
Daily Editorial Board

As if getting swept in a four-game weekend series isn't painful enough, dropping three of those four games by one run just

BASEBALL
 at Middlebury, Vt., Saturday (2)

Tufts 7
Middlebury 8

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B. Casey (T): 2-for-4, 2 RBI

at Middlebury, Vt., Saturday (1)

Tufts 9
Middlebury 10

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O'Leary (T): 4-for-5, 3 RBI

at Middlebury, Vt., Friday (2)

Tufts 3
Middlebury 7

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at Middlebury, Vt., Friday (1)

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Middlebury 6

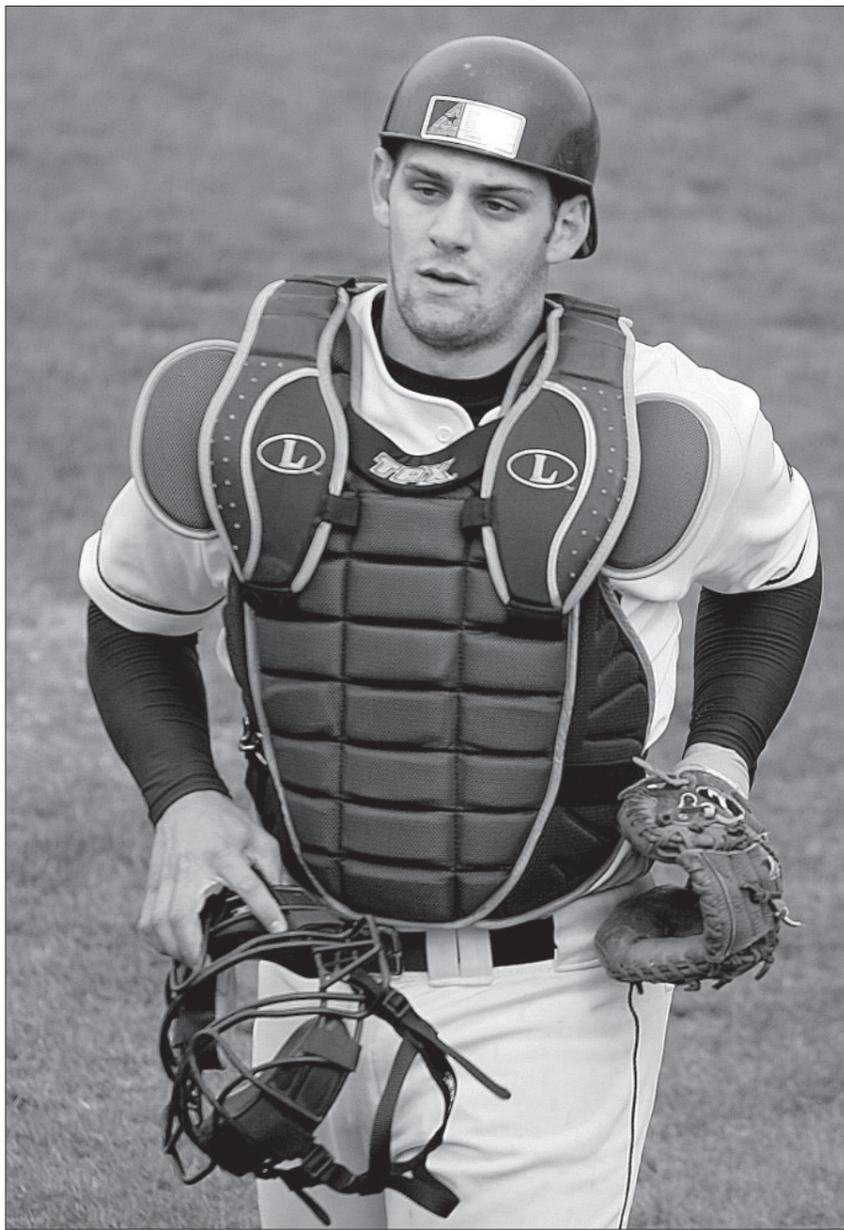
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M...101 400 X	6	8	2

McDavitt (T): 2-for-3, RBI

rubs salt in the wound.

The baseball team did just that this past weekend, as it traveled to Vermont and was swept in doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday by Middlebury in interdivisional NESCAC play. Although the losses to the Panthers do not count toward Tufts' NESCAC East record, the team has now lost

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Junior catcher Chris Decembrele, shown here in the Jumbos' Apr. 11 win over Brandeis, has stepped up for the Tufts offense, which fared much better this weekend despite four straight losses to Middlebury.

SOFTBALL

No. 13 Tufts firing on all cylinders in weekend blowouts

BY SAM KRUMHOLZ
Senior Staff Writer

Bates may not have been the softball team's toughest opponent this season, but with solid hitting, lights-out pitching and

SOFTBALL
 at Lewistown, Saturday (2)

Tufts 9
Bates 1

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B.....000 10	1	2	1

Foley: 3-for-3, HR
Hovhannessian: 2-for-2, 2B, RBI
Ripecky: 2-for-3, 2B, RBI

W: Conroy (6-2; 4.0 IP, 2 H, 1 ER)

at Lewistown, Saturday (1)

Tufts 11
Bates 1

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B.....000 000	1	4	2

Bailey: 2-for-4, 2B, HR
Lopez: 4-for-5, 3 RBI

L: Brenta (5-3, 6 IP, 4 H, 3 SO, 2 BB)

improved defense, the Jumbos refused to play down to the level of the 6-6 Bobcats and came away from Lewiston with two key NESCAC East wins on Saturday.

Tufts defended its new top-25 ranking, sweeping the doubleheader in short 9-1 and 11-1 games with seniors Julia Brenta and Sarah Conroy picking up the wins. The Jumbos improved to 18-10 overall and have a considerable lead in the NESCAC East with a 4-0 league record.

Sophomore Danielle Lopez led the team offensively once again. The second baseman went 5-for-8 on the day with three RBI and three runs scored, capped off by

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BOSTON MARATHON



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Senior Lea Napolitano passes the Mile 21 marker in front of Boston College in yesterday's 110th Boston Marathon en route to a 4:11.15 finish.

Athletes trade in uniforms for yellow jerseys

BY ALEX BLOOM
Daily Editorial Board

For most Tufts students, Patriots' Day is an enjoyable day off from classes to sit back, watch an 11 a.m. Red Sox game and follow the marathon from the com-

fort of their couches.

But for several members of the Tufts athletic community, along with 102 students, 41 alumni, 26 faculty and Tufts staff members, 10 parents and the 21 friends of the University that make up the President's Marathon Challenge

team, yesterday was anything but a day off as they reached for the highest pinnacle of athletic achievement.

The 110th Boston Marathon kicked off yesterday with Robert

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Colby upsets Tufts 17-9

BY KELLEY VENDELAND
Daily Editorial Board

It's been a rough week for the men's lacrosse team.

The Jumbos suffered their sec-

MEN'S LACROSSE
 at Waterville Saturday

Tufts 9
Colby 17

O'Brien: 2 goals

Harrigan: 14 saves

ond straight NESCAC loss of the week on Saturday, falling 17-9 to Colby on the Mules' Bill Alford Field. While last Wednesday's 12-4 loss to No. 12 Middlebury was disappointing for the upset-minded Jumbos, Saturday's loss came against unranked Colby, who was tied for eighth place in the NESCAC with a 1-4 league mark going into the game.

Tufts had not dropped a game against Colby since the Mules' 16-3 rout of the Jumbos in the 1998 season. The shocking defeat knocked the Jumbos down to 7-4 (3-3 NESCAC) and out of the top 25 nationally from the No. 17 spot.

"We didn't underestimate Colby," coach Mike Daly said. "They are a league opponent, and we have great respect for anyone in this league."

The game remained even throughout the first period. The

Mules and the Jumbos each had 10 shots apiece and split control of the eight face-offs during the period. The Jumbos started strong, when junior midfielder Matt Lanuto opened the scoring at the 14:21 mark, assisted by junior midfielder Brett Holm. Colby junior midfielder Dan Schupack tied up the game two minutes later.

Tufts responded with a pair of goals from freshman midfielder Chase Bibby and senior co-captain Rory Doucette with 10:27 and 4:45 minutes remaining respectively, giving Tufts a 3-1 lead. Freshman midfielder Todd Boertzel, with his first of three goals, narrowed the Tufts lead to one, but senior midfielder Michael Hughes, assisted by senior co-captain attacker Billy Granger, gave Tufts two-goal advantage once again at the 1:27 mark.

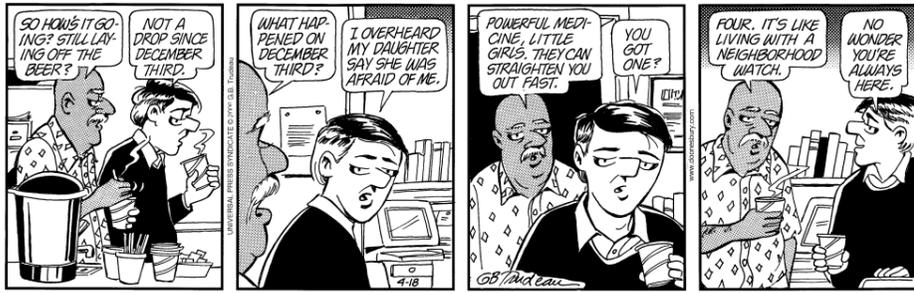
However, with only 35 seconds remaining, Colby freshman attacker Caddy Brooks began his assault on the Tufts goal, logging his first of four scores on the afternoon, cutting the Jumbos' lead to 4-3 entering the second period.

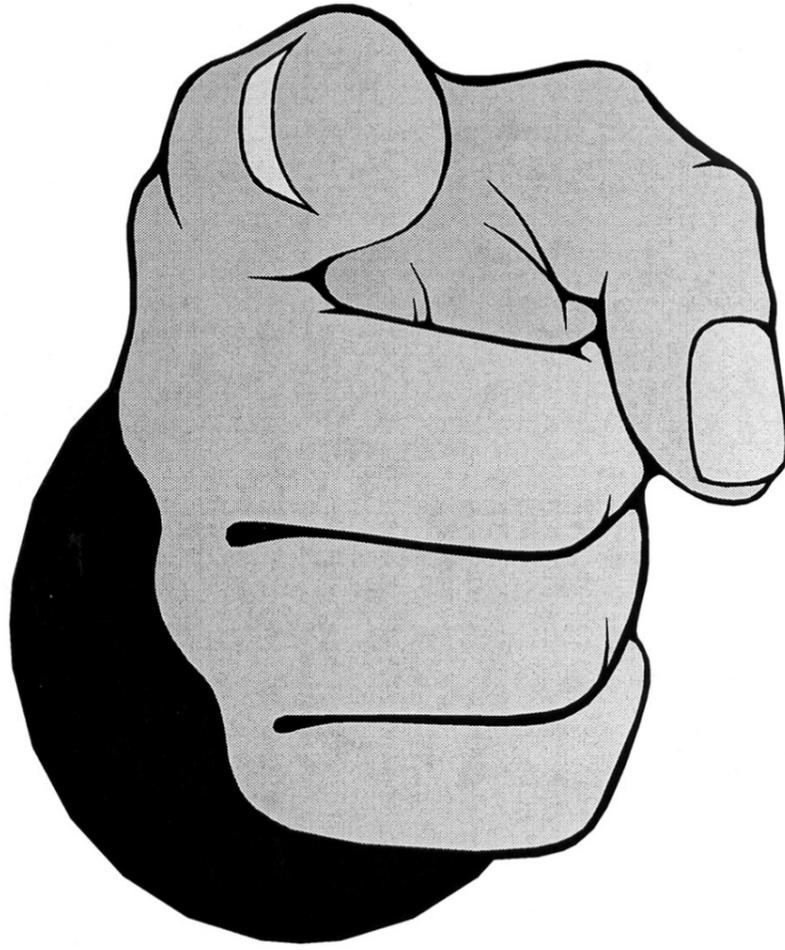
Freshman goalkeeper Matt Harrigan felt that the Colby team entered the game more prepared to play than the Jumbo squad.

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DOONESBURY

BY GARRY TRUDEAU





ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS

*All residential halls and houses will be closing for
the summer on*

SATURDAY, MAY 13th, AT NOON.

*Unless you are a senior, please make your travel
plans accordingly.*

*If you need to stay in your room after this time, you
must submit a written request to*

***The Office of Residential Life and Learning,
South Hall, X7-3248,***

*no later than **FRIDAY, APRIL 21st.***

If you have any questions, please call the
Residential Facilities Office, at X7-3992.