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Cummings School to build grand lecture hall

A \$6-million lecture hall will be built alongside the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine's new campus center, which is currently under construction.

Last weekend, the Trustees Administration and Finance Committee approved the construction of the 6,725-square-foot lecture hall, which will be able to accommodate a maximum capacity of 173.

The campus center and lecture hall will be named after Agnes Varis, who donated money to the project. Varis is the executive of two chemical companies and has donated to the Cummings School in the past.

"It's really through her help that we're able to visualize a dream that has existed on this campus for a long time," said Tom Keppeler, associate director of public relations for the Cummings School.

The campus center will have state-of-the-art electronics, acoustics and lighting, according to Keppeler. Construction of the campus center, which began in the fall, also involves renovations to a current campus building.

The lecture hall, meanwhile, will be built from scratch as an addition to this building. The lecture hall does not yet have a timetable for completion.

Construction on the campus center

is slated for completion on May 16. It will have a lounge area, a study area, a dining facility, an exercise facility and space for 13 offices.

The school hopes to offer the lecture hall for community use by the surrounding towns of Grafton, Westborough and Shrewsbury. Upon completion, the new hall will be the largest lecture hall on campus.

"Currently our students don't have ideal facilities to gather and to study," Keppeler said. "There are facilities all over our campus but no real unified force."

Keppeler noted that the dining facility is operated out of a trailer and that the student bookstore is located on the first floor of an administration building.

"What this project enables us to do ... is give the community here on the campus of Cummings a cohesive place to meet, to study, to learn and to become much more of a campus community than we've ever seen before," Keppeler said.

The campus of the Cummings School was donated to Tufts University in 1976, and the Agnes Varis Campus Center will be the first such building on the campus.

—by Alex Bloom

Tufts lands NBC's Tom Brokaw for this year's Murrow Forum

BY GIOVANNI RUSSONELLO
Daily Editorial Board

Former NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw will lead this year's Edward R. Murrow Forum on Issues in Journalism, the university announced yesterday.

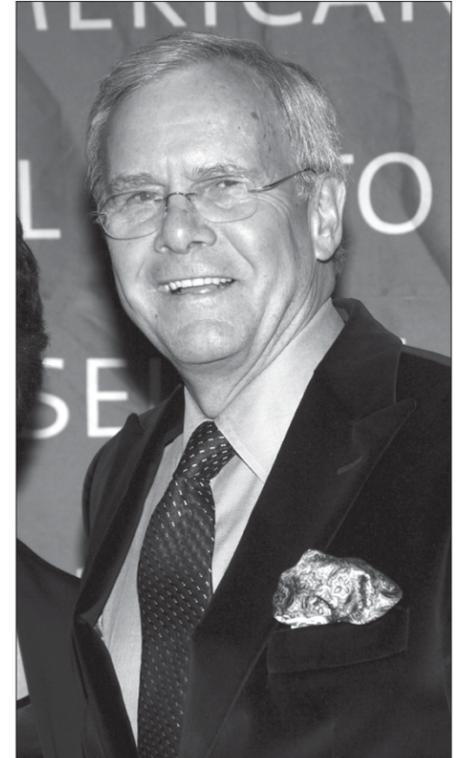
The event will focus on the news media's coverage of political elections and will be titled, "Noise vs. News: the State of Political Coverage." It will take place on April 14.

Matt Bai (LA '90), a political reporter for the New York Times Magazine and the author of "The Argument: Billionaires, Bloggers, and the Battle to Remake Democratic Politics," will also sit on the panel. An additional one or two panelists have yet to be recruited.

Brokaw anchored the NBC Nightly News from 1982 to 2004. The program became the most-watched television news show in the United States during the latter portion of Brokaw's tenure.

"I think that he's a very exciting speaker for everybody," said Julie Dobrow, the director of Tufts' Communications and Media Studies Program. "He obviously brings a wealth of experience."

Neal Shapiro (LA '80) was the president of NBC News while Brokaw was an anchor there. Shapiro chairs the Communications and



see MURROW, page 2 Tom Brokaw will visit campus this April.

Jumbos welcome NESCAC powerhouse Bowdoin tonight in Cousens Gym



LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

Jenna Gomez, pictured above, and the women's basketball team will kick-off their final weekend of conference play when they host seven-time defending NESCAC champion Bowdoin tonight at Cousens Gym. See back page for further coverage.

Jumbo Janitor Alliance invites students, OneSource workers to Valentine's event

BY ELIZA HOWE
Daily Staff Writer

The Jumbo Janitor Alliance will hold a post-Valentine's Day event today to raise awareness among students about janitors at Tufts.

The Valentine's Day event will take place at 2:55 p.m. outside of Tilton Hall, and will consist of a quick gathering of students and janitors. The alliance will distribute cards and cookies.

"We are going to just say 'hi' and let them know we care," said sophomore Max Goldman, the group's secretary and treasurer.

"Our goal is to create more of a community between students and janitors and change the perception of them as an outside contracted worker ... to a dedicated member of the Tufts community," said junior Kevin Dillon, the alliance's co-chair and founder.

The event will last about 15 minutes. The alliance could not hold a longer party because of recent resistance from ABM Industries, Inc., the corporation taking over OneSource, Dillon said. OneSource is the company that provides janitorial services to Tufts.

"Letting 40 or 50 workers meet with us is costing the company that provides the service ... They are trying to cut losses so they need the workers to work when they are paying them," said Dillon.

The alliance has a good relationship with management and is cooperating with these policies, but the students will have less time to interact with the janitors



ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

Students and OneSource workers will come together at today's event.

than they would like.

"We are going to be meeting with them, but it will be very different from our usual events in the past and hopefully our events in the future," said sophomore Emma Mayerson, a co-chair of the alliance.

According to Dillon, not all of the 140 janitors at Tufts will be able to attend, since many will be on duty or working other jobs.

The alliance is working to come up with ideas on how to hold longer meetings in the future.

One possibility is making the meeting times early in the morning, before the janitors begin their shifts. "I don't see any problems with that," said Dillon. By meeting with the janitors when they are off-duty, the alliance would hopefully avoid any conflict.

The alliance is planning a clean-up event where students help the janitors clean the dorms.

"When you have a fellow student cleaning up after yourself in your dorm, it would help reinforce personal responsibility," said Dillon.

Dillon said that despite the setbacks for the Valentine's Day gathering, the janitors are happy to attend the Valentine's Day event. "They definitely have a positive feel for the students at Tufts ... they are glad there is a group of more awareness and appreciation for what they do."

Mayerson added that the opportunity to meet and chat as friends is a great experience for both the students and the janitors.

"An event gives you a time where you can sit down on the same couch and actually get to know them as people," she said.

The alliance was recognized as an official is a student organization last semester.

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After fans go "nuts" for CBS flop "Jericho," the network will bring back its lowest-rated show.

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The NESCAC women's basketball title is on the line when conference rival Bowdoin visits Tufts tonight.

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Police Briefs

WIDESPREAD THEFT ACROSS CAMPUS

A female student called the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) from South Hall on Friday, Feb. 8 at 10:43 p.m. to report that her laptop had been stolen. She said that she exited her room at 10 p.m. and closed, but did not lock her door. When she returned to her room 35 minutes later, her laptop was missing. The police followed up on the report but found no suspects.

A female student reported to TUPD that money had been taken from her purse multiple times over the last week. The last theft was of \$20 on Saturday, Feb. 9, when she called in the report. On Sunday, Feb. 3, she noticed \$200 were missing. She noticed \$40 missing on Thursday, Feb. 7. She said her roommate was missing \$100 from her purse as well. The student, who lives in Hill Hall, said that there were times over the course of week when they had left their room unlocked.

"That's why we stress: Lock your room," TUPD Sgt. Robert McCarthy told the Daily.

TUPD received a report that \$407 were missing from a safe in Carmichael Dining Hall on Monday, Feb. 11. The money went missing at some point between noon on Feb. 10 and 9 p.m. on Feb. 11. Although there is an investigation in place, no suspects have been found yet.

A BIT TOO MUCH FUN AT ANTHONY HOUSE

In the wee hours of Saturday, Feb. 9, TUPD officers went to Anthony House on 14 Professor's Row because of a panic alarm alert. This marked the second time TUPD officers had been to Anthony House that night. They had also gone there 15 minutes previously in response to a carbon monoxide alarm. There was a party with about 100 people going on inside.

Police determined the panic alarm to have been accidental, so it was reset. The police then shut down the party. Beforehand, however, the police encountered one student outside drinking beer. Officers approached the student, who said he didn't have identification. He took a drag of a cigarette and then blew it directly into the officer's face. The student was ordered to step back, which he did. He then supplied the police with all of the necessary information. He was underage, so a report was sent to the Dean's office.

MORE MARIJUANA IN WREN

A residential assistant called TUPD on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 3:07 a.m., after smelling burnt marijuana on the fourth floor of Wren Hall. Two students admitted to smoking it and gave the officers the little marijuana that they had. The report was turned over to the Dean's office.

Officers were called to Wren Hall because of the smell of burning mari-

juana again at 11:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Two students in question denied smoking or possessing marijuana, so the officers searched the room. They found a one-liter bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey.

One student told the officers, "Someone must have left the bottle of alcohol on my desk." Neither student was of age, and TUPD also noticed the stems of a marijuana plant and some residue in the room. The report was handed over to the Dean's office.

HE SAID, SHE SAID

A TUPD officer noticed a group of males running across Fletcher Field toward the Fletcher parking lot at 1:35 a.m. on Feb. 13. The first officer called for another officer, and when they reached the Fletcher parking lot they saw five or six individuals who appeared to be on the verge of getting into a fight. Members of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity told officers that they heard one of their windows being smashed, and upon rushing to the window, they saw an empty milk crate under the window and an unidentifiable male running towards the Chi Omega Sorority.

They chased the individual and eventually caught up with him. That was when the TUPD officer got involved. The person they were chasing said he was visiting some friends at Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

"Someone's telling the truth, someone isn't," McCarthy told the Daily. "It'll be sent to the Dean's office and they'll try to figure out what's going on."

—compiled by Christy McCuaig

Campus gunman kills four before shooting self at NIU

BY JASON MEISNER, JEREMY GORNER
 AND TINA SHAH
 MCT

A gunman opened fire with a shotgun and a handgun Thursday afternoon in a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, killing people before shooting himself to death, authorities said.

NIU Police Chief Donald Grady said four victims had died. At least 17 gunshot victims were taken to Kishwaukee Community Hospital in DeKalb, according to spokeswoman Theresa Komitis.

At a news conference last night, NIU President John Peters said the gunman fatally shot himself, but he could not confirm anything about him or a possible motive. He said he had "no reason to believe" it was related to threats found on

a bathroom wall on campus in December. The threats made reference to the 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech.

The shooting occurred during a geology class in Cole Hall, in a large lecture classroom, authorities said. "The shooter came from the front of the classroom where the instructor was, coming from behind a black curtain," said Joe Grush, of the NIU provost office.

The shooter was wielding a shotgun and handgun, said Special Agent Thomas Ahern of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. ATF agents assisted local authorities at the scene, Ahern said.

"We will be urgently tracing the firearms and learning the history of the weapons," Ahern said. He said agents will run the weapons through a national tracing center to "learn where they came from and how

the shooter came to possess them."

Grady said the shooting "started and ended in a matter of seconds." He said the gunman was not believed to be an NIU student, but "he may be a student elsewhere."

The campus will be closed at least through Friday, according to a statement on the university's Web site. "Students can go to any residence hall for counseling," it read.

Jillian Martinez, a freshman, said she was in the auditorium in Cole Hall when the gunman entered through a door to the right of the lectern and opened fire about 3 p.m.

"He just started shooting at all the kids," she said. "He just started shooting at people, and I ran out of there as fast as I could. I ran all the way to the student center; when I got there I could still hear shooting."

Martinez said the assailant was a white man and was carrying a large gun.

Brokaw, Bai will lead Tufts journalism forum in April

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Media Studies Alumni Board, so he played a pivotal role in enlisting Brokaw to come for this year's forum, Dobrow said.

"Neal has a close personal relationship with Tom Brokaw, so it was pretty easy for him to pick up the phone and ... ask for us," she said.

The panel this year will vary from last year's, in which former CBS News anchor Dan Rather moderated a panel discussion among four experts who weighed in on the press' coverage of war and conflict. This year, Brokaw, Bai and the other panelists will engage in an intimate conversation in front of the audience.

"Brokaw will make some introductory remarks, but the plan is to run it in a bit more of a conversational format," Dobrow said.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of groundbreaking journalist Edward Murrow, for whom Tufts' annual forum series is named. In commemoration of this landmark year, Tufts will hold a two-day event, which will be co-sponsored by the Communications and Media Studies Program, the Fletcher School and Tisch Library, and will take place on April 14 and 15.

The Fletcher School will hold a conference focusing on public diplomacy, another aspect of Murrow's legacy. After leaving CBS news, where he garnered his reputation as

the nation's top television newsman, Murrow became the head of the United States Information Agency in 1961.

Tisch Library will celebrate the centennial by presenting a display of Murrow-related papers and artifacts in a digital archive. Some physical artifacts will be on display in Cabot Auditorium, as well.

"We're very excited to have people of the caliber of Tom Brokaw and Matt Bai coming to Tufts," Dobrow said. "It's a testament to the really exciting work going on at Tufts. It's a testament to the fact that we have such incredible alumni connections and it's a testament to the stature of Edward R. Murrow — both in his day and the fact that even today he sets the standard for journalism."

WEATHER FORECAST

Today
 Friday, February 15

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Saturday

Mostly Sunny
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Tuesday

Partly Cloudy
 36/22

Sunday

Partly Cloudy
 38/33

Wednesday

Partly Cloudy
 37/26

Monday

Showers
 50/31

Thursday

Partly Cloudy
 34/27

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm excited to get in the gym and see just what we're made of."

Carla Berube
 women's basketball coach
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Tufts Senior Fund asks Jumbos for alumni contributions — even before they graduate

BY MEGHAN PESCH
Daily Staff Writer

After completing their college careers, graduates expect to look toward the future, enrolling in graduate school or finding a job and a house. On the brink of a new life, few expect to get calls from their alma mater already asking them for money.

While the average student debt is increasing annually, fundraisers at universities nationwide are looking to build stronger alumni networks by seeking finances from the most recent graduates.

Tufts is no exception to the fundraising trend. The Tufts Senior Fund — a part of the Tufts Fund for Arts, Sciences & Engineering — begins asking for contributions from seniors during their final spring semester with e-mails and pledge cards.

This year, the Senior Fund has changed its approach to begin attracting even younger students by educating them on the impact of alumni contributions. According to Senior Fund spokesperson Tracey White, the organization hopes to target students early in order to increase future donations.

“Our aim is to have a bigger presence on campus,” White said. “We want to make an impact on the undergrads so they can help when their



MEREDITH KLEIN/TUFTS DAILY

Tufts is soliciting seniors for donations in the hope that they will continue to donate as alumni.

time comes.”

Part of their new plan involves updating the Tufts Fund Web site and creating a new marketing strategy, White said.

Since the updated fundraising plan

is new, it is difficult to make conclusions regarding its success rate, White said. Last year, 24 percent of the Class of 2007 donated a total of \$10,957, and

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SHABAZZ STEWART/TUFTS DAILY

Students work late into the night at Tisch. A recent study conducted showed that people between the ages of 18 to 30 are most likely to go to a library.

College demographic still checks in at the library

BY JULIE GRAY
Daily Staff Writer

In the age of digital technology, where everything from books to movies can be found on the Internet, the library might seem obsolete. The need to go to a brick and mortar building to check out books, rent movies or find articles is minimal when the whole world is at one's fingertips via the World Wide Web.

But a recent study conducted by the Pew Research Center found that Generation Y, today's 18- to 30-year-olds, is using the library more than any other age group.

The study showed that in the past year,

53 percent of all Americans have visited a public library for purposes including information finding and problem solving. Of Generation Y, 62 percent claimed they had visited a public library during the past year and 40 percent reported they would visit the library “when they encounter problems.”

According to the study, Generation Y members were the most likely to use libraries, both for problem solving and in general.

Considering that Generation Y is also known as the generation most in-tune with the Web as a tool for finding and sharing information, it may come as a surprise that it is also the generation

most likely to use the library's physical resources.

The question, however, remains: If all of this information is available on the Web, what is the role of the library in the digital world?

“The library in the academic environment has also always been an educational center and a learning space,” said Laura Walters, assistant director of teaching and research at Tufts and head of reference and collections for the Tisch Library. “The library has never just been a warehouse of books and journals.”

According to Walters, one of the main

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Post-Valentine's Day musings

Peter: I saw an ad on TV the other day.

A woman is standing in her living room, and her boyfriend comes in with her cute little dog with a pink bow in its hair.

She smiles at him and says, “Awww, you gave Fufi a bath! But I thought you wanted to watch the game?” The boyfriend responds, “Oh, honey, it's just a game.” Then the voiceover guy comes on and says something like “Not that kind of guy? Good thing you can make it up to her and get her something at *insert diamond store here*!”

And people wonder why the divorce rate in the United States is so high. Why be the kind of person who would make a small sacrifice for his significant other? Instead, buy her off with a useless luxury item. Then the executive from DeBeers can get his new Porsche! God forbid you actually spend 10 or even 20 minutes actually thinking about getting her something slightly more modest or thoughtful that she might enjoy or use.

It seems to me that Valentine's Day is more a day of romantic penance than celebration. The more neglectful you've been, the more you have to make it up with the perfect gift. If the relationship were good, why would you need to spend a boatload of money on anything? Spend the difference on some all-American products and let good ol' trickle-down economics go to work.

Quality time and something personal should be enough for your Valentine. I know what everyone's saying: “I have to do something extra special and expensive and awesome and perfect.” No, you don't. Really.

Well, maybe you do. But you shouldn't have to. I wouldn't. Maybe that's why the old Valentine I got this year was from Grandma.

Sudeep: Love is complicated. Affection is a chore. Feelings are not easily reflected in action. That's why we have Valentine's Day. Now men all over the world can quantify their emotions into a dollar amount. You don't need to worry about fostering a connection, sharing secrets or even spending time with your loved one. Just buy her a diamond, and she will know that you really care.

But you say that this is perverted. You say that this is not natural. Perhaps you are worried about money replacing so-called “true” human wants. You silly romantic. It is easier for everyone to avoid inane issues like love. Who needs love when you can have a box of candy, gift wrapped, with a special discount on the Hallmark card? It's cheap. It's efficient. Modern man has no need for sentiments. It is best if advertisements can redirect him towards simpler things.

And it's not like this is a recent phenomenon. Men have been buying affection — i.e. sex — for millennia. Socio-biologists show that it was evolutionarily beneficial for early men to spend their “wealth” (in most cases raw meat) on the opportunity to mate. Anthropologists have discovered hunter-gatherer tribes where women exchange sexual favors for food. Buying candy on Valentine's Day, it seems, is just an extension of man's already materialistic and gluttonous nature.

Still not satisfied? You may talk about injustice. You may say that poor people are worse off on this holiday because they can't afford the opulence that everyone has come to expect. Well, my dear friend, Valentine's Day helps the poor. America is currently entering a recession. Jobs will be cut. Investment will plummet. Feb. 14 comes with an almost \$20 billion boost in retail sales. Think about all the workers you fed! Think about the economy!

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Library's role as study space brings students out of their dorm rooms

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ways that Tufts students use the library is by incorporating the Internet.

"The Internet is great. We love the Internet. It really helps us reach our goals, but what we have to do is teach the students how to tell if what they find is good or bad," she said.

Teaching students to differentiate between "good" and "bad" sources on the Internet is a major goal of the Tisch Library. Last year, Tisch held 245 course-specific workshops to teach students the best way to find "academic level" material on the Web. And according to Walters, 70 percent of the Tisch Library budget now goes to buying online materials. This includes journal subscriptions and membership to services like Google Scholar.

"There's been a real shift in how we spend our money ... our budget was always 100 percent print, and now it's only 30," Walters said.

In addition to being an access point to online resources, the library is important to students for its atmosphere, according to Walters.

"The library as 'place' is another role that is really important and that hasn't changed," she said.

In the undergraduate focus sessions held last year, students repeatedly said that they enjoyed using the library as a place to study and as a place to meet with groups. The resources available at the library make it a convenient place for many students to work.

"Last semester I used the media center in the library all the time," freshman Linda Khalil said. "It's a really useful place for students who are in film classes."

In addition, the computers and study rooms in Tisch draw many students from their dorm rooms. "When I can't concentrate on my work, I go to the library because the atmosphere is more conducive to studying," Khalil said.

The Tisch Library is one of the most widely used venues on campus. "Our gate

count continues to go up every year and we find that our circulation statistics continue to go up every year," Walters said.

Aside from Tisch, local libraries are also being widely used nationwide. According to the Pew study, people of all ages visit the public library in searching for information about such matters as tax filing, citizenship and local government policy.

According to Brian Boutilier, director of the Medford Public Library, the main role of the library is to satisfy the informational and recreational needs of the community. To that end, his library has 11 computers, a collection of DVDs and, of course, many books available to the public.

In addition, the library is an important center for those without Internet access in the community. "People come here to use the computers, to check their e-mail, check their investments and get other information online," Boutilier said.

The Medford Library, similar to the Tisch Library, also serves as a community center. During the summer, the Medford Library is host to book clubs for students and, during the cold winter months, parents can bring their children to "story-time" at the library. At least twice a week there are programs held for adults, such as lectures or workshops.

While Boutilier admits that the role of the library has changed in recent years, he does not think that it will soon be obsolete.

"E-books are not popular and even downloadable books still have not begun to replace print material," Boutilier said.

Despite the growing popularity of the Internet as a source of research and information, Walters said the role of the library in a community is not set to change anytime soon.

"I think [people] understand that the library is the place you go to solve a problem and that the people in the library can help you find the resource you need, whether it's in print or online," Walters said.

Early donators more likely to give large contributions in the future

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this year's predictions are higher.

"Participation is up overall," White said. "We are hoping to get to over 50 percent of seniors to donate this year, since it didn't happen last year."

While the Senior Fund makes goals in terms of participation percentages, it does not have any dollar amount in mind.

Carly Okyle (LA '07) said that, when a representative from the fund called her, the caller asked for a donation in any amount she could afford.

"The girl that called was a student," Okyle said. "[The caller] said, 'Even if you have five or ten dollars it would make a big difference.' She didn't pressure me to donate."

The absence of a minimum donation is perhaps designed to increase participation and consequently increase donations made in the future by the now-recent graduates. According to a 2007 Boston Globe article, research has shown that alumni who start giving money early are the ones most likely to make larger contributions later in life.

The Senior Fund isn't looking for new alums to burn holes in their pockets, but as White said, "Seniors are a big base for the young alumni. We want to educate them on philanthropy and the impact their gifts can have while they are still here."

The Tufts Fund uses the money received to help with everything from financial aid and scholarships to the faculty and the upkeep of buildings in all of its different schools.

Fundraising at Tufts is a key factor in the university's steadily growing endowment.

The Tufts Fund, which oversees the Senior Fund, contributed \$312 million of Tufts' now \$1.5 billion endowment. While Tufts' endowment is on par with that of most NESCAC schools, it

rests in the shadow of the highly publicized financial resources of nearby Harvard.

Okyle said she realizes the effects that the endowment can have on the public view of Tufts.

"I've heard that Tufts' endowment is less than stellar," she said. "I think it's very important for Tufts to have alumni to give back because they need it to help with what they don't have."

Regardless of the fund's goals of pursuing donations to help the university, debt-plagued graduates are often bothered by the fact that they are being targeted for monetary contributions.

"It can be a bit annoying [getting calls from the Tufts Fund] when you're still a student, when you're still paying tuition."

"I think that's a little tactless," Okyle said. "But I think that it makes sense, they want to try to get as many people as they can."

Senior Lyndsey Gibbons-Neff agreed. "It is frustrating as a student because you don't know where you are going to be after graduation or a few years down the road," she said. "So you really aren't sure if you can help."

While budgets are tight for students, young alums are confident that they will be willing to donate in the future when they solidify their own financial resources.

"When I can help, the times I had here will still be in my mind and I'm sure I'll still want to donate," Gibbons-Neff said.

Okyle had similar feelings. "I love Tufts," she said. "I had a great time [and] I want other students in the future to have good facilities, classes and professors, I hope I'll be in a situation to help."

Robin Carol contributed reporting to this article.

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ON-CAMPUS CONCERT PREVIEW



Amber Rubarth will perform in the Sophia Gordon multipurpose room on Feb. 15.

Amber Rubarth ready for her ResLife concert

BY GRANT BEIGHLEY
Daily Editorial Board

Tufts Residential Life activities have always tended to lean toward the more “traditional” side, but tonight the Office of Student Activities, in conjunction with ResLife and South Hall RA junior Stephanie Coplan are classing up their standard community-building exercises. Tonight, ResLife

welcomes singer/songwriter Amber Rubarth to the first-of-its-kind coffeehouse in the Sophia Gordon multipurpose room, complete with free food and — get ready for this one — free Starbucks coffee.

The initial idea for this new activity came from Coplan, a local music aficionado, who brought the idea to Lacey

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TV REVIEW

‘Jericho,’ CBS’ biggest bust of last spring, gets a second chance by popular demand

BY DIANA LANDES
Senior Staff Writer

We live in a crazy world. Well, not as crazy as the war torn, apocalyptic one the CBS series

Jericho



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“Jericho” depicts, but still pretty nutty. Fans of the series, which was cancelled in May after garnering the network’s worst ratings of the season, protested the cancellation by sending CBS thousands upon thousands of pounds of nuts. A reference to a phrase used on the show that means “go to hell,” the sending of nuts to CBS was a way for angered fans to express the very same notion. If only “Arrested Development” fans had been so passionate or insane.

In response to this odd but effective grassroots swelling of support for the action/drama, CBS brought “Jericho” back for a second season, the first episode of which aired on Tuesday.

The show stars Skeet Ulrich as Jake, a bad boy with a mysterious past who returns to his hometown of Jericho, Kan. on the day nuclear bombs hit 23 major American cities. Season one imagines a post-attack America in utter shambles. The federal government crumbles as local uprisings emerge and chaos and destruction reign. As season one ends, Jake leads a local insurgency against the more powerful army from the neighboring town of New Bern. His father, the town’s former



The explosions might be similar to “Red Dawn” (1984), but there’s no invading Soviet/Cuban army.

mayor and all-around good guy, is killed, leaving Jake and his brother Eric (played by Kenneth Mitchell) thirsty for revenge.

Devoted “Jericho” viewers had good reason to be upset by the addictive show’s abrupt cancellation. At the end of the first season, too many questions were left unanswered, and at the start of the second, it seems that even more are being raised.

The episode begins as Jake confronts New Bern’s sheriff, the evil and aptly named, Constantino (Timothy Omondson). This heated exchange is administered by Major Beck (Esai Morales), a military agent sent to restore order to the towns. Beck works for the Western Allied States government, which is poised to put the rest of

the country under its jurisdiction.

Even though Beck assures Jake that “the nightmare’s over; order will be restored,” it is quite clear that things in Jericho are far from orderly and will remain that way for as long as this show continues to be on the air. The Western Allied States government blames North Korea and Iran for the nuclear attacks, but loyal viewers of the show know better. This new government and its president are the most likely vendors of the terrorist attacks and, odds are, it will somehow be up to the people of Jericho to stop the takeover. Is it possible to stop their widespread evil? Which members of the com-

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Gamers are well-rewarded for their ‘Sins’

BY JEFF HAMILTON
Contributing Writer

“Sins of a Solar Empire” is a new entry into the so-called “4x” genre of strategy games. Standing for “explore,

Sins of a Solar Empire

Ironclad Games



Stardock Entertainment

expand, exploit and exterminate,” 4x games are famous for being complex and long lasting, and this one is no exception; the abundance of game concepts that the player must keep in mind is simply staggering. This results in a steep learning curve, but in a very rewarding and deep gameplay experience once the curve is conquered.

The premise of the game is fairly straightforward. Players choose one of three factions and then attempt to conquer all the planets on the map they choose. Each map can contain anywhere from five to 200 planets, depending on the size of the map chosen and the number of stars on the map, allowing for anywhere from a 20-minute to 30-plus hour game.

The three factions vary in their strengths and weaknesses but are very well balanced — there is no distinct

advantage granted to one in particular. Players must balance their expansion with their research of new technologies and their military production, and all three of these actions are necessary to win. This leads to a certain finesse of gameplay missing from more traditional real time strategy (RTS) games such as “Command and Conquer: Red Alert,” in which the winning tactic was to simply produce as many tanks or high-level units as possible and send them at the opponent.

“Sins” breaks a number of industry standards in a phenomenal way, benefiting everyone who plays it. First, when the CD key is registered with the game’s online service, it becomes locked to a free account, allowing the player to download the game again from any computer in the world. Second, the game’s manual explicitly states that players can use their CD to install the game to friends’ computers and play multiplayer over a LAN with them (though separate copies will need to be purchased if anyone wants to play online).

This explicit permission is a move away from the restrictive, punitive digital rights management that the PC game industry has been slowly shifting towards in recent years. On top of that, the game is extremely scalable in terms of what hardware is required to run it — it supports graphics cards as



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Whether they’re conquering five worlds or 500, players must account for multiple strategies.

old as the Geforce 6600 and processors as slow as a 1.8 GHz Pentium 4. This last point is most important for college students: It’s very likely that if students

purchased a laptop to take to college with them, that computer will be capa-

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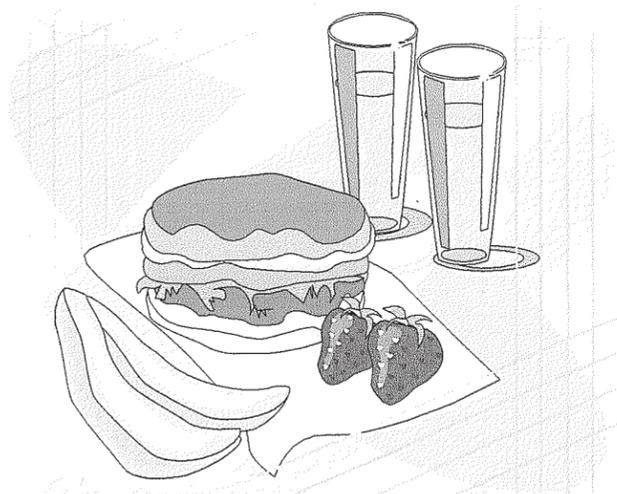
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Even crappy laptops can support the game's heavenly graphics.

In 'Sins,' players must balance strategies to conquer universes

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ble of playing this game. Also, despite these low minimum requirements, the game still looks very modern with all the graphical features turned on.

All things considered, "Sins of a Solar Empire" is a remarkable endeavor into a well established genre by a first-time developer, Ironclad Games.

The gameplay is rewarding and fun overall, though certainly not without its flaws. The player must balance between production of capital ships and smaller frigates and cruisers, between improvement of existing settlements and acquisition of new ones, and between what kinds of planets and asteroids he or she conquers in order to make sure all of the resource needs are met. This delicate balancing act is both a boon and a bane; when played correctly, the player feels as though he or she has truly achieved something exemplary, but when a small mistake is made in the balancing act, the player can quickly grow irritated with the finesse required.

The game has a diplomacy system as well, but it is not nearly complex enough to be

significant in a single-player game. Essentially, every faction in a given game will send messages demanding resources or asking the one person to attack another player in return for improving a relationship with them. However, this ends up being somewhat silly in practice, with enemies the player is actively fighting still asking for help in destroying their own enemies. In online multiplayer, this system is much more effective, but in the single-player experience, "Sins" diplomacy is wanting.

The game's single biggest flaw, however, is its lack of a single-player campaign mode. While there is a multitude of maps, and a well-established backstory available to those who read the manual, the game never combines story and gameplay into a traditional single-player campaign. This is an immense disappointment, as the emotional attachment of gamers to story-based characters is the strongest trait of many franchises. With the rich backstory present in "Sins," a campaign mode would surely have been stellar.

All things considered, "Sins of a Solar Empire" is a remarkable endeavor into a well established genre by a first-time developer, Ironclad Games. They blend 4x elements, typically only seen in turn-based strategy games, into an extremely well-balanced RTS that can provide hours of entertainment. This is a solid title for all strategy fans out there.

CBS' resurrected 'Jericho' is bad television — but it's really good bad television

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munity are more involved than they let on? And, the question CBS executives are probably most interested in: Does anyone care?

Watching the show is a bit like reading a Steinbeck novel, as the biblical references are too glaring to ignore.

"Jericho" is a great example of really good bad television. The storylines are absurd and addictive, exploiting and toying with a pervasive post-Sept. 11 fear that widespread terrorist attacks are possible. It imagines a world shaken by greed and evil, but not destroyed. Good, it seems, in the form of our rugged hero Jake, will always prevail. And this, to many Americans, is a comforting, if somewhat misguided, notion that might explain the show's devoted fan base.

Also, there are lots of explosions, fights and pretty girls.

Watching the show is a bit like reading a Steinbeck novel, as the biblical references are too glaring to ignore. First, it all takes place in Jericho, the city famous for being attacked in the Bible. Second, the lead character is named Jacob; he is favored by his mother and constantly at odds with his adulterous older brother, Eric (a strikingly similar name to Esau), who is the father's favorite child. If we are to take these allusions seriously, we can expect further deceptions from Eric, the family's former golden child, as the season continues. As Jake becomes Jericho's sheriff and tries to make peace with New Bern, Eric's jealousy and vendetta will surely further the brothers' existing rift.

Fans of "Jericho" have already proved their loyalty to the show. But the sending of nuts can only go so far. CBS posted all the episodes of season one on its Web site so that people intrigued by the nut campaign can catch up. However, if not enough viewers are interested, "Jericho" just may find itself where no amount of peanuts can save it: cancelled ... again.



When the world ends, we'll survive on Chinese imports and ramen.

Singer Amber Rubarth to perform in a 'very sexy, very cool, very chic, but also very laid back' concert at Tufts' Sophia Gordon Hall tonight

RUBARTH

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Prouty, the resident director of South and programming coordinator for ResLife. Of the starring musicians, Coplan said, "I really wanted them to come to Tufts and play for everyone, and Lacey suggested that we set up a coffee/music night to give them a nice venue. And because it's on a weekend night at 10:00, it gives people who don't want to drink a nice alcohol-free alternative."

"Put down that Solo cup and do something classy for once!"

Stephanie Coplan
junior

The planning process proved a bit more difficult in practice than initially expected.

"Planning involved figuring out who would play, where they would play and how we'd pay for everything," Coplan said. "I picked the artists I knew personally who I thought were the best — Amber Rubarth, Max G and the Spots and Jesse Dee. Sophia Gordon's multipurpose room was just the right size, and it is food-and-beverage friendly."

Finding funding for the venture was, surprisingly, one of the least difficult aspects of the preparation process. "I



Amber Rubarth is a singer-songwriter hailing from New York.

applied for a grant from the Office of Student Activities, and then a few weeks later they sent me an e-mail saying they had approved it. I'm currently in the throes of buying food, Starbucks coffee, tablecloths and decorations, as well as renting tables," said Coplan.

This Friday's coffeehouse is the first of three this semester. On March 8 at

10 p.m., Max G and the Spots are the featured guests, and the next month, on April 11, Jesse Dee comes to Tufts.

The events will have a very relaxed ambience, perfect for a post-Valentine's Day date or a night away from the frats.

"The atmosphere is going to be very sexy, very cool, very chic, but also very laid back," Coplan said. "The lights will

be dimmed, we'll have some classy looking cocktail tables ... It'll be perfect for Valentine's Day. People will feel comfortable if they dress up or if they dress down — it's really what people want to make of it."

This week's performer, Amber Rubarth, is a 24-year-old Brooklynite (originally from Nevada) who has been performing for about three years. She has released one full-length album, "Unfinished Art" (2006), and is currently in the process of finishing up her second, tentatively titled "New Green Line," on Sounden Records.

Coplan is excited for the rest of the year's performances as well, hoping that other Tufts students will enjoy the upcoming artists as much as she does. Max G and the Spots call themselves "slacker rock," heavily influenced by Neil Young, Fountains of Wayne, Cake and Pavement. Jesse Dee is a soul singer reminiscent of Otis Redding and James Brown. He plays guitar and writes all of his own music.

Coplan's excitement about the concert shone through when she said, "This event is perfect for everyone. Even if you don't like folksy singer-songwriter music, you can still come, hang out with your friends, drink coffee and eat refreshments. It's like going to Brown and Brew, but free!"

When asked for one sentence to sum up the event, Coplan declared resoundingly, "Put down that Solo cup and do something classy for once!"

Major: Undecided to give out free laughs

If sitting around in a Braker lecture hall wasn't part of this evening's game plan, it's time to reconsider, because tonight is your only opportunity to catch Major: Undecided's show, "No Candy for Old Men." If the title alone hasn't won you over, consider this: The show is absolutely free. The only drawback, apparently, is that there will be no candy, but it is the day after Valentine's Day after all, so if you're still in need of candy, you have other things to worry about.

For its first regular show of the semester, the sketch comedy troupe has only had limited time to prepare its all-new material. "We picked the sketches three weeks ago," said senior Bennett Hillenbrand, Major: Undecided's

campus liaison. "We then cast the show and started rehearsing two weeks ago." Though challenging, this limited time frame is actually seen as an advantage for the group. "That's why we normally do more shows than most groups on campus," Hillenbrand said.

Compared with their longer show near the end of the semester, "No Candy for Old Men" has an approximate running time of 45 minutes, making it a quick burst of sketch comedy perfect for students with shorter attention spans. Despite the shorter performance, Hillenbrand believes this particular show is especially well rounded. "We have some new directors and very well-rounded sketches in terms of

what kind of comedy they are," he said. "There's a mix of absurdist comedy, blue comedy and a good mix of every different kind of humor."

"No Candy for Old Men" features a sketch about the family life of a disgruntled bee, as well as a sketch written by a freshman about a man whose reactions to external stimuli are delayed by 30 seconds. But most of all, expect the unexpected. Major: Undecided shows are never lacking in breadth of topics, and even the most straightforward premise will no doubt end in a delightful twist.

"No Candy for Old Men" is playing at 8:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in Braker 001.

—by Mike Adams



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Shorthanded Jumbos get best of an injury-plagued Wellesley squad

WOMEN'S SQUASH

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Jumbos had some new faces at the bottom third of the ladder. Choi and freshman Allie Dempsey, usually the team's No. 9 and No. 10, respectively, each played two spots up, and sophomore Erin Bruynell, No. 13 on the ladder, made her Tufts debut at No. 9.

"We put in a 7-8-9 that we don't usually play," Eng said. "[Wellesley's] No. 7 was really quite good — Caroline had her hands full and took her to five. Allie controlled the left wall very well; she's a lefty and a lot of people don't know how to play lefties."

The Jumbos were not the only team playing shorthanded, and the Blue had the shorter end of the stick. Wellesley was without sophomore Sarah Odell, who has played all but one match this season at the No. 1 spot. Senior Ayako Kubodera, normally No. 2, stepped up to face Rice. Kubodera fell in straight games, and the upward movement of the entire ladder was not kind to the Blue.

The Jumbos have beaten Wellesley every year since 2002-2003, and they felt confident going into the match against the lower-ranked Blue.

"It's very easy to play down when you're the better team," Eng said. "You have to focus on playing your own game and not play down to their level. The challenge is staying focused and never letting a lapse happen, and I think we did that well."

With the Wellesley win behind them, the Jumbos now will wait for the CSA's final Howe Cup rankings. Making the B Division has been a key goal of the 2007-2008 team, and it became a reality after a perfect December that included wins over Bowdoin and Amherst.

Last season, with Rice abroad and several of its members missing, Tufts made the C Division and took a seven-player roster to



ANNIE WERMIEL/TUFTS DAILY

Freshman Valerie Koo picked up a straight-game win over Wellesley's Geraldine Ng Wednesday to help the women's squash team score an 8-1 road win over the Blue.

the Howe Cup, where it went 1-2 and finished the season 8-16.

"If we make B Division, we have nowhere

to go but up," Rice said. "If we go to the C Division, we can only go down from 17. It's also not as exciting to re-beat teams you've

already beaten during the season. We want the opportunity to beat teams we lost close matches to already this season."

Jumbos gunning for program-record 20th win this weekend

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will be Saturday afternoon's contest against Colby, which will be Senior Day for the Jumbos. Tufts will honor its senior co-captains, Khalilah Ummah and Jenna Gomez, in a pregame ceremony before taking the court against an 8-13 Mules team that last beat the Jumbos on Jan. 14, 2005.

Regardless of what happens against Bowdoin, Tufts will be in a position where a win Saturday would go a long way toward securing a home game in the NESCAC Tournament, something the team has been striving for all season.

"We know that you can never really write Bowdoin off."

Vanessa Miller
sophomore guard

"It'd be huge, especially after seeing during the Amherst game [on Jan. 18] the kind of crowd we can draw," Miller said. "It's such a fun environment to play in, and knowing that we can do that again and that we can get the opportunity to play in front of that many people again is a huge motivator for us."

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INSIDE THE NHL

Even without Crosby, Penguins continue march toward postseason

BY ADAM SILVERBERG
Daily Staff Writer

As the season draws closer and closer to a finish, certain teams are defining themselves as playoff contenders. One team in particular that has emerged as a legitimate contender for the Stanley Cup is the **Pittsburgh Penguins**.

After losing their captain and reigning league MVP Sidney Crosby to an ankle injury on Jan. 18, the Penguins have gone on a tear, propelling themselves into first place in the Atlantic Division and second place in the Eastern Conference, with a record of 6-3-2 during the 11 games that Crosby has missed.

Led by emerging star Evgeni Malkin, the Penguins look as if they are becoming the team to beat in the Eastern Conference. Malkin has been taking over games as of late, racking up nine goals and 13 assists for 22 points in Crosby's absence. With this current streak, Malkin is now tied as the second-leading scorer in the league, only four points behind Alexander Ovechkin of the **Washington Capitals**.

Along with the great play of Malkin, the Penguins have been boosted by the two wingers on their top line. Right winger Peter Sykora has been on a tear lately, scoring at least one point in 10 of the last 11 games, while left winger Ryan Malone has seven goals and six assists since Crosby's injury.

The Penguins also have been boosted by some strong goaltending. Ty Conklin has been stellar between the pipes, earning him the league's top spot in save percentage at .929. There is no doubt that the Penguins were a good team with Crosby, and now they are showing that they can probably withstand the pressure as he recovers.

With Pittsburgh playing great hockey without its captain, the other teams in the league might need to worry. Crosby has begun to skate again, and he could return to the ice in one month.

Another elite team out of the Eastern Conference that is making a push before the playoffs is the **Ottawa Senators**. The Senators have led the Eastern Conference in points since week one, and the team has recently improved even more with the

addition of two veteran players: forward Cory Stillman and defenseman Mike Commodore.

The arrival of these two players brings great leadership and most importantly playoff experience to an already powerful Senators squad. Stillman and Commodore both played on the Stanley Cup-winning **Carolina Hurricanes** in 2006. The new additions bring an added scoring threat and defensive toughness to a team that has been searching for an identity.

With the trade deadline approaching fast, the Senators were savvy in making an early move. There are sure to be more deals in the next week as teams finalize their roster before the end of the season.

The Hurricanes received defenseman Joe Corvo and forward Patrick Eaves from the Senators. These two players will add depth to a Hurricanes team that is fighting for its playoff life, as the Hurricanes sit just three points behind the eighth-place **Boston Bruins**. Although they have given up some leadership, they have gotten younger and more mobile in hopes of returning to the playoffs.

The hockey world was witness to a pair of gruesome injuries this week, when both Richard Zednik of the **Florida Panthers** and Ethan Moreau of the **Edmonton Oilers** were inadvertently sliced with a skate. Moreau returned to the ice shortly after being cut above the eye by an opponent's skate. However, Zednik was not as lucky.

After having his throat sliced by teammate Olli Jokinen on Sunday night, Zednik underwent emergency surgery to fix the wound to his carotid artery. Zednik has remained hospitalized ever since, but the surgery was a success and Zednik's condition has been upgraded. The veteran will likely be released from the hospital in the next few days.

The Panthers, meanwhile, continue to fight for a playoff spot as Zednik recovers. They currently are two points behind Washington for the lead in the Southeast Division.

The playoff races in both conferences are extremely tight, and the end of the season seems to be shaping up nicely, as many teams will be fighting all the way to the finish.



Pittsburgh star Evgeni Malkin has notched nine goals and 13 assists since league MVP Sidney Crosby suffered an ankle injury on Jan. 18. The Penguins have won six of their 11 games without Crosby and currently sit in first place in the Atlantic.

STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Basketball (11-11, 1-6 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Amherst	8	0	21	2
Trinity	6	2	18	5
Bowdoin	5	2	18	4
Middlebury	5	2	17	5
Bates	4	3	16	6
Conn. Coll.	3	4	16	6
Williams	2	5	15	7
Colby	1	6	11	11
Tufts	1	6	11	11
Wesleyan	1	6	8	14

Women's Basketball (19-2, 5-2 NESCAC)

	NESCAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Bowdoin	6	1	17	5
Amherst	6	2	21	2
Tufts	5	2	19	2
Wesleyan	5	2	15	7
Williams	5	2	16	6
Bates	3	4	13	9
Middlebury	3	4	12	10
Colby	2	5	8	13
Trinity	1	7	10	12
Conn. Coll.	0	7	10	12

Hockey (6-13-1, 4-10-1 NESCAC/ECAC)

	NESCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Middlebury	10	3	2	14	4	2
Colby	10	4	1	11	7	1
Amherst	9	4	2	11	6	3
Bowdoin	10	5	0	14	5	0
Wesleyan	6	6	3	8	8	3
Williams	6	6	3	8	9	3
Conn. Coll.	6	7	2	6	11	3
Trinity	6	7	2	10	8	2
Tufts	4	10	1	6	13	1
Hamilton	3	11	1	4	15	1

Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Jon Pierce	21.9	8.6	1.1
Jake Weitzen	14.0	5.4	2.8
Ryan O'Keefe	11.0	3.1	1.4
Jeremy Black	9.4	2.9	5.5
Aaron Gallant	8.5	2.7	1.4
Dave Beyel	7.2	2.7	1.0
Pat Sullivan	3.9	3.3	1.0
Dan Cook	3.0	0.8	0.5
Sam Mason	2.5	0.9	0.1
Bryan Lowry	1.9	1.4	0.4
Tom Selby	1.7	2.2	0.2
Aaron Harris	0.7	1.3	0.0
Matt Galvin	0.6	0.9	1.2
Team	79.7	36.3	16.1

Individual Statistics

	PPG	RPG	APG
Colleen Hart	11.9	3.6	3.6
K. Ummah	11.5	9.9	1.0
K. Tausanovitch	10.0	8.1	1.2
Kim Moynihan	8.3	4.2	1.9
Julia Baily	8.0	5.3	0.5
Jenna Gomez	6.0	4.4	2.0
Lindsay Weiner	3.5	1.3	0.4
Casey Sullivan	3.4	1.5	1.3
Stacy Filocco	2.2	0.9	0.4
Katie Wholey	1.9	0.5	0.8
Vanessa Miller	1.7	1.9	2.2
Katie Puishys	1.0	1.2	0.1
S. Robinson	0.2	0.5	0.0
Team	66.3	46.7	13.9

Individual Statistics

	G	A	Pts.
Ross Gimbel	7	9	16
Kurt Herzog	7	7	14
Lindsay Walker	2	12	14
Greg O'Connell	4	9	13
Cory Korchin	6	6	12
Dylan Cooper	4	6	10
Andy Davis	2	6	8
Doug Wilson	5	1	6
Mike Vitale	0	6	6
Joe Milo	4	0	4
Team	50	84	134
Goalkeeping	S	GA	S %
James Kalec	471	49	.906
Issa Azat	179	31	.852
Team	650	82	.888

SCHEDULE (FEB. 15 - FEB. 19)

	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Men's Basketball	at Bowdoin 7 p.m.	at Colby 2 p.m.			
Women's Basketball	vs. Bowdoin 7 p.m.	vs. Colby 3 p.m.			
Hockey	at Southern Maine 7 p.m.	at Salem State 3 p.m.			
Men's Swimming					
Women's Swimming					
Men's Squash	at Nine-Man Nationals	at Nine-Man Nationals			
Women's Squash					
Men's Track and Field			at MIT Invite 12 p.m.		
Women's Track and Field			Tufts Invite III 11 a.m.		

MEN'S BASKETBALL



JAMES CHOCA/TUFTS DAILY

Senior point guard Jeremy Black will bring his 5.5 assists per game into a pair of crucial NESCAC games this weekend. Tonight, the Jumbos will travel to Bowdoin before closing the regular season tomorrow against Colby.

Tufts still alive in chase for NESCAC playoff spot

Last weekend's split gives Jumbos hope; now, they look to sweep final two games

BY AARON FRANKEL
Daily Staff Writer

A week ago today, things were not looking up for the men's basketball team.

An 85-76 loss to Middlebury left Tufts 0-6 in NESCAC play and, at 10-11 on the season, below .500 for the first time since Nov. 25, when the Jumbos were 1-2. Yet just when it needed it most, the team responded with its most impressive performance of the year Saturday afternoon against defending NESCAC champion Williams.

The Jumbos shot 62 percent from the floor, held the Ephs to 44 percent, and earned their first conference win in a 93-68 rout. With another critical weekend of conference play beginning tonight, Tufts will look to build on its success in the hopes of salvaging a postseason berth.

"We all know we have to play like we did on Saturday," said senior tri-captain Jake Weitzen, who had 20 points and 10 rebounds in the victory over Williams. "We need to bring high energy and unselfishness — those are the two keys."

The weekend starts with a Friday night showdown against a Bowdoin team tied for third in the NESCAC with a 5-2 conference mark and an 18-4 record overall.

"We need to play as a team, like the game on Saturday," sophomore forward Bryan Lowry said. "We worked for good shots; we ran the plays we've been working on. It was different from the way we've been playing the past couple of weeks."

The Polar Bears are led by senior tri-captain Andrew Hippert, a shooting guard who leads the team with 16 points per game. Other notable players include seniors Jordan Fliegel and Andrew Sargeantson and junior Kyle Jackson, three frontcourt players who average double digits in scoring. Sargeantson leads the team in rebounding at 8.2 boards per game.

"We have to make sure we play defense because we know our offense is going to be there," Weitzen said.

Defense and defensive rebounding have been constant thorns in the Jumbos' sides recently. The 76 points they scored against Middlebury were well over the Panthers' season average; however, their inability to limit Middlebury to one shot per possession burned them time and again throughout the game.

"We honestly have not even gone over the stuff for Bowdoin and Colby

yet," Weitzen said. "We've really been just doing our own stuff, going through defense and rebounding drills."

Tufts caps its regular season Saturday at Colby against a team that sports an 11-11 overall record and 1-6 NESCAC mark now equal to that of the Jumbos. But the Mules' record is deceiving — five of their six losses have come by six points or less. Twice in those six games, Colby has lost by just two.

The Mules are not only similar to the Jumbos in record, but in style of play as well. Colby averages 77 points a game, more than some of the other NESCAC teams with more impressive records but on a par with Tufts. Individually, Colby is led in scoring and rebounding by 6-foot-5 sophomore forward Adam Choice, who contributes 17.4 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. Choice plays a role for Colby similar to that of junior Jon Pierce, who likewise leads Tufts in scoring and rebounding. Other impact players include senior guard Mark Gaudet

and junior guards Mac Simpson and Artie Cutrone.

When asked what coach Bob Sheldon was doing to prepare the team for the weekend, both Lowry and Weitzen noted a conscious effort to stick to the routine.

"These teams don't bring anything different to the table," Weitzen said. "I'm pretty sure we're just going to stick to our game plan."

"These two games are obviously the biggest of the year," Lowry added. "We're staying real focused ... If we don't win both, our season is done. But other than that, we're not changing anything specific on offense or defense now."

This late in the season, any new scheme would probably be unwise, as it would take more time to learn than the Jumbos can afford. Tufts has the talent to sweep the weekend, and the Saturday blowout of Williams has given the team a much-needed boost in morale.

"We feel confident we can beat both these teams," Weitzen said.



JAMES CHOCA/TUFTS DAILY

Senior tri-captain Jake Weitzen battles in the paint with two Middlebury defenders during the men's basketball team's 85-76 loss to the Panthers Feb. 8. The Jumbos will wrap up the regular season with a pair of road conference games this weekend.

GIDEON JACOBS | BASEBALL, FOOTBALL AND POOP JOKES

That steroid thing

“It's a bad time for the game.”

—Derek Jeter, commenting on the steroid hearings

As Buddy the Elf said, "I'm in love and I don't care who knows it!" I finally know what those songs on the radio are talking about.

I finally get every Hugh Grant movie ever made. I finally understand why Kate Winslet doesn't get on that emergency boat in "Titanic." This is why they have Valentine's Day! This is why Van Gogh cut his ear off! I'm totally, head-over-heels, singing-in-the-rain, run-to-a-mountaintop-and-scream in love — with baseball.

True love is unconditional. True love can fight through bumps in the road and find a way. So while, yes, I'm sick of hearing about steroids, HGH, the Mitchell Report, José Canseco, Brian McNamee and BALCO, my love for the game has not wavered a bit. Nope, not even a little. This game is great. It's strong, beautiful, rich with tradition but most of all, full of bright spots. Derek Jeter, a man I once told my girlfriend I love more than her, is wrong this time. It's not "a bad time for the game."

It's not that I don't want the game cleaned up and the users punished. I do. But I don't care if Debbie Clemens decided to get HGH injections because she was jealous of Roger's back hair. I don't care how small Barry Bonds' testicles must be by now. I don't care that Canseco is so juiced that it looks like his nips are going to pop right off the page and poke me in the eyes. The game is bigger than the steroid era and too beautiful to be damaged by the black cloud of performance enhancers.

The 1994 strike year was "a bad time for the game." That was a period when baseball was truly lost. America's pastime, one of the few things that seemed to be able to maintain its purity (the Black Sox scandal long forgotten) in an ever increasingly commercialized world, had finally succumbed to greed.

Once play resumed in 1995, the game wasn't the same. On Opening Day at Shea Stadium, fans ran onto the field throwing one-dollar bills at players. In Cincinnati that same day, a plane flew over Riverfront Stadium pulling a sign that said "Players and owners: To Hell with you." All around baseball, small crowds booed because players seemed rusty and out of shape.

It took years for baseball to recover. But comparing the dark days of the mid-'90s to the steroid era is ludicrous. Today the game is thriving. Attendance is up, the level of play is through the roof and small-market teams are finding ways to compete. Former dumpster teams like the Rays and Reds have hope as spring training rolls around. The big bad empires, the Yankees and Red Sox, are beginning to use their heads, not just their checkbooks, in baseball operations. There is a new generation of general managers in the game that are young, smart, innovative and ballsy.

The game is getting better and will overcome the steroid era because of the pure, unprecedented, otherworldly athletic ability of Alex Rodriguez. It will overcome the steroid era because José Reyes' feet don't touch the ground when he legs out a triple. It will overcome the steroid era because of the incredible comeback stories of guys like Josh Hamilton and Jon Lester. It will overcome the steroid era because of the wealth of young talent on the way in Evan Longoria, Jay Bruce, Clay Buchholz, Cameron Maybin, Homer Bailey and others. It will overcome the steroid era because it's baseball — and no matter how much we complain, we love it unconditionally.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

With NESCAC seeds up for grabs, Jumbos set to host Bowdoin

Seven-time defending NESCAC champs come to Cousens tonight; home conference tournament game is on the line

BY SAPNA BANSIL
Daily Editorial Board

When Senior Day weekend coincides with the prospects of a program wins record and a visit from the seven-time conference champions, it figures to be an eventful couple of days.

That's exactly what's ahead for the nationally ranked No. 21 women's basketball team, which will kick off its final weekend of regular-season action by hosting conference powerhouse Bowdoin at Cousens Gym tonight. A win this evening, coupled with a victory in tomorrow's regular-season finale against Colby, would guarantee the Jumbos no worse than a third seed and home court advantage for the first round of the NESCAC Tournament, which gets underway a week from tomorrow.

"There's a lot of motivation for us going into this weekend," coach Carla Berube said. "I don't think I'm going to be struggling to think of ways for us to get up for these games ... I'm excited to get in the gym and see just what we're made of."

Bowdoin and Tufts last met in last season's NESCAC championship game, in which the Polar Bears overcame a one-point halftime deficit and cruised to their seventh consecutive conference championship, 64-48. Bowdoin then went on to make another deep run in the NCAA Tournament, reaching its sixth straight Elite Eight.

But this year's Polar Bears squad bears little resemblance to the one the Jumbos saw nearly a year ago. Bowdoin graduated its all-time leading scorer in forward Eileen Flaherty, and a 5-4 start to its 2007-08 campaign had some thinking the Polar Bears would spend the season in rebuilding mode.

But with victories in 12 of its last 13 games, Bowdoin has quieted many of its critics and found its way back to

its customary spot atop the NESCAC standings. The Jumbos expect to see nothing other than the same formidable Polar Bears squad that has dominated the conference in recent seasons.

"We know that you can never really write Bowdoin off," sophomore guard Vanessa Miller said. "They've won the NESCAC title for the past seven years, and I think they are driven by the fact that they don't want this to be the first year that they don't win the championship. We definitely aren't underestimating them."

"They're at the top of the NESCAC — there's no doubting that," Berube added. "Until someone knocks them off, they are the NESCAC champions. We are going to have to play very well to beat them."

Bowdoin hasn't necessarily put up gaudy numbers on its way to the top of the standings. As a team, the Polar Bears are sixth in the NESCAC in points per game, fourth in opponents' field goal percentage and seventh in rebounding.

"I don't think they've ever been a flashy team," Berube said. "I think they've been successful because they play very hard, execute very well, play very good defense and contest every shot. I don't think they've gotten away from who they are. They just didn't have very much experience going into the year, and they've gained that over the course of the season."

The game will mark the Jumbos' second attempt at securing their 20th victory of the year, a milestone that would break the 21-year-old program record for wins in a season. Tufts had an opportunity to set the mark last weekend at Williams, but the team suffered a 63-46 upset loss that was just its second setback of the season.

Adding to the hoopla of the weekend

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LAURA SCHULTZ/TUFTS DAILY

Sophomore guard Casey Sullivan and the women's basketball team will host a critical conference showdown against Bowdoin tonight at Cousens Gym. The seven-time defending NESCAC champion Polar Bears enter the game in first place in the conference.

WOMEN'S SQUASH

Women finish regular season with decisive win at Wellesley

Howe Cup standings, team's postseason fate still unclear

BY LIZ HOFFMAN
Daily Editorial Board

The women's squash team scored an 8-1 victory over regional rival Wellesley on Wednesday, gaining a measure of confidence in its final regular-season match, even as its postseason fate remains somewhat unclear.

Last week, the College Squash Association (CSA) shocked several teams, the Jumbos included, when it re-released its rankings. A logjam between the No. 13 and No. 17 spots — spanning a crucial dividing line that separates those teams bound for the B-Division and those relegated to the C-Division — was unscrambled and Tufts, which had fallen to No. 17, was back in the hunt for a B-Division finish.

The Jumbos had moved above NESCAC rival Amherst to squeak in at No. 16, the final B-Division spot. While Amherst had the right to appeal the decision, it was not clear at press time whether it has done so.

The final Howe Cup rankings will be released on Monday, but coach Doug Eng said he was "90 to 95 percent sure" that the Jumbos were headed to the B-Division next weekend.

"There are no grounds to change the rankings, because there really haven't been many important matches this week," Eng said. "Unless the committee changes its mind again, which I think is unlikely, we should stay where we are."

While the temptation to look ahead to

the release of Monday's final rankings was understandable, the now-No. 16 Jumbos rolled over No. 21 Wellesley on Wednesday. The Jumbos won the top eight matches, six in straight games and two marathon five-gamers from sophomore Stefanie Marx at No. 3 and junior Caroline Choi at No. 8.

"The Wellesley win will give us a nice momentum going into Howe Cup," senior co-captain and No. 1 Rebecca Rice said. "Tough five- and four-gamers are good because we'll have a lot of them at Howe Cup. We had one more chance to see places that we can improve, and now we have a week to go back and do that. A week and a half can make a big difference."

"We like to end [the regular season] with a win and we knew we were much stronger than Wellesley," Eng said. "I thought going in that they could give us a little trouble at a couple positions in the middle of the ladder. Stefanie went to five [at No. 3], but we played very well four through six."

Marx outlasted junior No. 3 Caroline Tall in five games. After a dominating 9-3 win in the first game, Marx traded wins with Tall in games two and three before very nearly wrapping up the win in game four. But Tall escaped with a 10-9 win in game four and pushed the match to five games before Marx turned in a solid 9-4 win in the fifth.

With senior co-captain Micela Leis and freshman Margaret Fisher both missing, the

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Wins this weekend would lock up home court for Jumbos in first round of NESCACs

With a Tufts victory over NESCAC-leading Bowdoin tonight, the women's basketball team's chances of wrapping up home-court advantage in the first round of the conference tournament would be promising.

Tufts would then just need a win over 8-13 Colby tomorrow afternoon to clinch at least the third seed in the conference, with opportunities to move up depending on how Amherst and Williams fare in their final NESCAC matchups.

The Jumbos even have an outside shot at their first-ever No. 1 seed, but the team would need Amherst to lose to ninth-place Trinity tomorrow to even have a chance at the top spot.

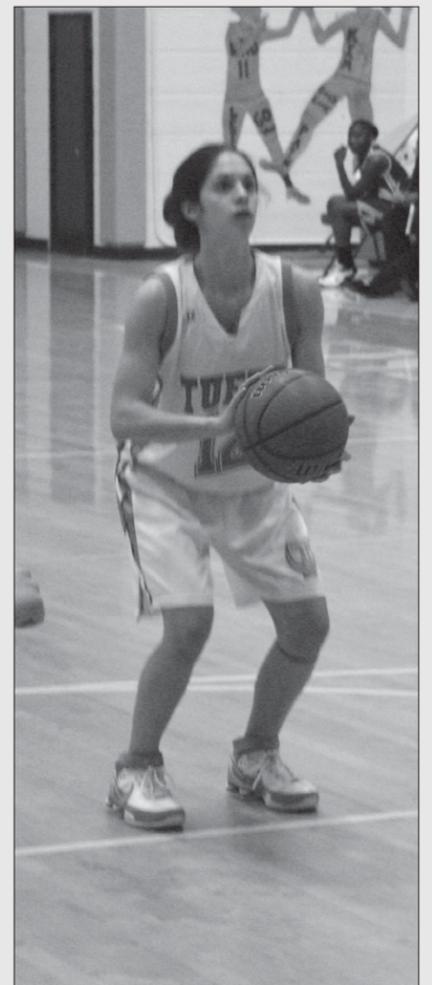
With a loss to Bowdoin tonight, the Jumbos wouldn't necessarily be out of the running for a home NESCAC tournament game, but the team would need some help.

In the likeliest scenario, Tufts would have to beat Colby and hope Williams defeats 5-2 Wesleyan tomorrow afternoon to earn the fourth seed and host the four-five NESCAC matchup a week from Saturday.

Two losses this weekend would drop the Jumbos no further than the fifth seed but would in all likelihood deny the team a home postseason game.

If Tufts did go winless this weekend, it would need Wesleyan to drop games to both Middlebury and Williams to still walk away with the fourth seed.

—by Sapna Bansil



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