

University's account of NQR is questioned

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A number of students who attended last month's Naked Quad Run (NQR) have called into question the administration's assertion that police officers who broke up the event earlier than in the past did not initiate physical force.

In three incidents, the students said, Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) officers inappropriately used force with students participating in NQR who did not themselves get physical first — or at all.

Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman on Dec. 14 said in an e-mail response provided to the Daily by Alexander

Reid, associate director of public relations, that police only employed physical force at the Dec. 10 event when students initiated physical contact with them.

"Other than students who initiated physical contact with the officers, no individuals were treated with physical force," Reitman said in his response.

But in one instance at around 10 p.m., near the end of the event, a police officer pushed a naked female student on the course after telling her to stop running, according to the student, junior Katherine Sawyer, and her housemate, junior Stella Dennig, who witnessed

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Student arrested at NQR, charged with assaulting officers

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Last month's Naked Quad Run (NQR) ended with the arrest of a student, prompting accusations by students that the Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) inappropriately used force in an attempt to break up the event earlier than usual.

The student, a male junior, was charged with two counts of assault and battery of officers and with resisting arrest, according to TUPD's public crime log. NQR traditionally is held on the night of the last day of classes of the fall semester; this academic year it was on Dec. 10.

The arrest came after the university tried to close down the annual event earlier than it had in recent

years, resulting in confusion and confrontations with the officers policing the run.

When students kept running despite TUPD's efforts to end the event at around 10 p.m., officers began to use physical force, said the students, some of whom requested to remain anonymous due to the nature of the event.

In an e-mailed response to questions from the Daily on Dec. 14, Dean of Student Affairs Bruce Reitman said that the police did not initiate physical force. But multiple students who attended NQR have questioned that version of events (see "University's account of NQR questioned," left, for more).

In one instance, according to witnesses, officers pinned a naked male

student to the ground. Reitman said the individual "had punched an officer in the face." The student ran away when the officers were not paying attention, witnesses said.

Reitman said that the incident occurred when officers in front of Olin Hall had been waving students off the course.

"Some participants did not slow their pace at all, but rather charged right at the officers, who put up their arms to avoid being bowled over," he said.

When officers began to pursue the student who had run away after being pinned down, another male student who was wearing boxers stepped in and tried to prevent them from catching the other

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Admissions office sees record-breaking applicant pool

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The Office of Undergraduate Admissions this year saw its largest applicant pool in Tufts history, as applicant numbers for the Class of 2015 surged in response to a stronger economy and refocused recruitment efforts by admissions officers.

Marking an 11-percent increase from last year, 17,074 students applied for admission this year, according to Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Lee Coffin.

"We are seeing a gigantic increase in applications compared to both last year and to the previous record which was held by the Class of 2012, for which we received 15,641 applications," Coffin said.

Coffin predicted that this record-breaking applicant pool will make this year's admissions cycle Tufts' most selective, with the admissions rate this year likely to drop down from 24.5 percent last year to probably between 21 and 22 percent this year.

The university also saw a 10 percent increase in Early Decision I applicants. Tufts typically admits approximately 35 percent of the incoming class, or 450 students, through Early Decision I and II. The admissions office on Dec. 10 notified Early Decision I applicants of their decisions online.

The office has been experiencing an overall "record year," Coffin noted, citing the fact that it has hosted more campus visitors, Engineering Open House participants and visits to high schools than ever before.

"It felt all year like something big was brewing," Coffin said. "And then it happened; we are experiencing record outcomes at every step of the way."

According to Coffin, the admissions office was partly motivated by a specific, nonprofessional reason to achieve record-high application rates this year.

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The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has seen a record number of applicants for the Class of 2015.

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Neighborhood Service Fund donates \$18,000 in grants

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The Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF) program this month announced the recipients of \$18,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations.

The annual donation is funded by contributions from faculty and staff of the university, and benefits nonprofits in Tufts' host communities of Medford, Somerville, Chinatown and Grafton.

Members of the TNSF committee, including Tufts administrators, faculty and staff, selected recipients from among 46 proposals requesting a total of more than \$70,000 in grants, according to a press release from the Office of Community Relations.

Donations to the fund increased from last year by about \$4,000, according to Director of Community Relations Barbara Rubel.

The committee collected donations between October and December of 2009, and added them to money made available through payroll deductions that accumulated during the 2010 calendar year, Rubel said.

The organizations must also have members of the Tufts community working in a volunteer capacity, Rubel said.

Several charities that focus on nutrition improvement received grants. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Middlesex County received a \$375 donation to support their Healthy Habits nutrition education programs hosted at the Mystic-Healey Clubhouse in Somerville.

The committee also donated \$250 to the Somerville Council on Aging to fund nutritional programs for seniors, and Medford's Outside the Lines Studio received \$375 to initiate a healthy cooking program for its clients.

Nonprofits that support the homeless also received money, such as Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcoholism and Drug Rehabilitation, which received \$1,000 to provide winter clothing for people without shelter. The Somerville Homeless Coalition was awarded the same amount for kitchen improvements at their adult shelter.

The Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc. (CAAS) received \$500 from donations allocated by the committee. It will use the donation to purchase CharlieCards for low-income individuals who cannot afford transportation to and from job interviews.

"Sometimes just having the T pass and being able to take a bus or a train to where you need to go can unlock all kinds of doors for a person," CAAS Planning Director Dennis Fischman said.

Fischman said that TNSF grants to the agency have in the past gone towards new technology or developing new curriculum for its various programs.

"Usually the Tufts neighborhood service grants focus on very tangible things: either the purchase of something or paying for something that you can see in action at the agency," Fischman said.

The fund does not give money to regular operating expenses or salaries, Rubel said.

The committee also donated to Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) to supplement their Meals On Wheels program, which delivers over 700 meals daily in Somerville and Cambridge, according to SCES Assistant Executive Director Mary Ann Dalton.

The program, which is run through many nonprofits nationwide, brings food to older adults who are unable to prepare their own, Dalton said. This year's \$250 contribution from TNSF will provide approximately 50 meals, according to Dalton.

"It's a vital lifeline for these individuals and it allows them to remain independent at home with that level of support," she said.

Dalton said that SCES receives government funding for Meals On Wheels, but because it goes beyond the typical provisions of Meals on Wheels programs by providing dinners and weekend meals, it requires outside fundraising.

"While we do receive government funds to support the program, they're not sufficient to cover the costs of the program," Dalton said.

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Case against student dismissed

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student, witnesses said. That student, the male junior, was arrested for assaulting a police officer and a correctional officer, according to the public crime log.

But students who witnessed all or parts of the incident surrounding the arrest said the student did not actually appear to assault an officer or resist arrest.

The case against the student in Somerville District Court has since been dismissed, according to an official in the court's probation's department.

Middlesex District Attorney's Office spokesperson Cara O'Brien said that on Dec. 30 the student was placed on a weeklong pretrial probation during which he had to write a letter of apology to a police officer and complete community service. The official in the court's probations department confirmed that the student had completed any responsibilities he had and that the case had been dismissed earlier this month.

The student who was arrested last month declined to comment on the record and did not respond to messages earlier this week. Reitman would not provide further details about the case, explaining that it was currently being processed in court and the Tufts student judicial system; Reid, too, last month declined to comment on the case.

TUPD Capt. Mark Keith last month deferred initial questions to Reid and has not returned multiple voicemails and e-mails over the last month requesting further comment. Reitman over the past week did not respond to messages requesting additional comment, and Director of Public Relations Kim Thurler yesterday said that no further information was yet available.

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office helped TUPD police the event, Reitman said last month. A spokesperson for the office last month did not return a call for comment.

Reitman said that student safety took priority in the call to stop the run earlier than normal. The run this year started earlier than usual and was therefore shut down earlier, he said.

"Over the years, we have seen the majority of incidents and injuries occur toward the end of the event, and that the number of injuries increases as the hour gets later," Reitman said. "Trying to end the event, whenever that happens, is always a challenge," he added.

The university during the night of NQR also received reports of two injuries from falls, including one student with a cut chin and another with a cut lip, according to Reitman. Nine people were brought to the hospital due to substance abuse, while two others refused transport, he said.

In addition, that night TUPD removed a disruptive student from the emergency room at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, and returned the student to campus, Reitman said. Police did not arrest the student, who was waiting for a friend, he said.

"Clearly, this year's event presented problems," Reitman said. "Administrators and officials from TUPD will do a thorough briefing of the event."

Overall, though, the Programming Board's leaders said NQR proceeded smoothly. Free doughnuts and complimentary T-shirts went quickly, and a DJ from WMFO Freeform Radio was popular, according to co-chairs Adam Fischer and Sarah Habib, both seniors.

"It was a very successful event," Habib said. "It takes a lot of work to put on NQR to make it safe for the runners. It's a large coordinated effort throughout the university."

Carter Rogers and Andrew Morgenthaler contributed reporting to this article.

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Administration asserts physical force at NQR was initiated by students, not police

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the confrontation. All Sawyer did after the officer spoke to her, Dennig and Sawyer said, was walk toward the officer and explain that her clothes were behind him, outside the course.

"I started walking past the officer to get my clothes, at which point he aggressively shoved me backwards, placing both his hands on my shoulders and upper chest and pushing me," Sawyer said in an e-mail.

At around the same time, a male freshman recuperating from running several laps decided to run another after a police officer told him it was his last chance to do so before authorities shut down the run, the freshman said. He requested anonymity due to the nature of the event.

Near Olin Hall, the freshman said, a lone TUPD officer came out into the middle of the course as many other runners continued to participate in the event without being stopped. The freshman's friends continued past the officer without incident, but the officer took aim at the freshman runner, according to the freshman.

"He looked at me and kind of crouched down like he was going to grab me," said the freshman, who at first thought the officer was joking because the officer had let his friends by and because another officer had told him shortly before that he could continue to run. He said he playfully juked to one side to evade the officer.

The officer proceeded to grab the freshman, lift him up, push him against a guardrail and pull one of his arms behind his back, urging him to stop struggling and to cease running, according to the freshman. The officer eventually let him go, he said.

"He didn't tell me to stop before he grabbed me," the freshman said. "He just bent over and picked me up."

Senior Joshua Lord witnessed the alleged confrontation and corroborated much of the freshman's story.

The same officer who lifted up the freshman was later involved in an arrest of a male junior at the event, according to the freshman and Lord, who got the officer's badge number. Reid, Reitman and TUPD Capt. Mark Keith did not provide the officer's name after multiple requests by the Daily over the last month.

Lord and junior Eva Sikes said they witnessed all or part of the arrest and that the student did not initiate any physical force against officers. Reitman and witnesses said that the officers involved in the arrest were in pursuit of another individual

whom the university alleges punched an officer in the face.

The junior was arrested and later charged with assault and battery of a police officer, assault and battery of a correctional officer and resisting arrest, according to TUPD's public crime log. His case in Somerville District Court has since been dismissed, according to a court official (see "Student arrested at NQR, charged with assaulting officers," page 1, for more).

At the time of the arrest, Lord said, a group of students asked the officer not to arrest the junior and politely asked for his badge number. In response, the officer took his handcuffs out and asked the group if "anyone else wanted to get arrested," Lord said.

"I think the officers were just in over their heads trying to calm down a group of drunk naked people," he said of the night's confrontations.

"He did not lay a hand on an officer," Lord, who said he witnessed the arrest, said of the arrested student. "I am sure he did not assault a cop."

Sikes, who said she was standing about 20 feet away during the incident, said all the student did was speak with the officers before they threw him to the ground.

"He asked what was going on and stepped toward them," Sikes said. At one point, "they said, 'He's resisting,' and then he put his hands up and said, 'I'm not resisting arrest, I'm not resisting arrest.'"

She said that other witnesses wanted to file a complaint against the officers over the incident, but that officers refused to provide their badge numbers. She said it was clear that the arrested student did not seem to assault the officers.

"I did not see him use any aggression toward them at all," she said.

Reitman and Reid last month declined to provide further details about the case, citing the ongoing investigation; neither would they provide further comment on other student allegations. Keith has not responded to multiple voicemails and e-mails over the last month requesting comment about the police's handling of NQR.

Reitman over the past week did not respond to messages requesting additional comment, and Director of Public Relations Kim Thurler yesterday said that no further information was yet available.

The run, which traditionally takes place on the final day of classes of the fall semester, proceeded relatively smoothly until police officers barricaded the Res Quad course with their bodies and signaled to students

that the run was over. The officers were responding to a university decision to end the run early for safety reasons.

"The University and the police reluctantly tolerate the event not because it is thought to be a good idea, but because we think that student safety is better addressed with the event 'managed' with safety precautions and student and staff monitoring," Reitman said.

The run generally begins at around 10 p.m. and lasts an hour, Reitman said. It started "spontaneously" at 9 p.m. this year, he said, which led the university to decide to cut it off at 10 p.m. Many students continued to show up around 10 p.m., though, unaware of the university's decision. Organizers do not typically announce official start and end times of the run.

A reception led by Programming Board started at 9 p.m., as noted in a student body-wide e-mail sent out two days before the event by the Programming Board and the Tufts Community Union Senate. As in the previous few years, no start time for the actual run was mentioned in the mass e-mail; although a TuftsLife posting by Programming Board said the "event" would start at 9:15 p.m. it did not explicitly refer to the run.

The freshman who was allegedly lifted up and thrown against a guardrail said he believes the university had good intentions in shutting down the event early, but that officers may have gotten frustrated.

"I think that the police completely overreacted to everything that was going on," he said. "They responded like we were protesting or something. ... I thought that it was just an inappropriate way of dealing with the problem."

Dennig said she was disappointed with Reitman's inadequate response to students' consternation.

"I fully understand his position and his requirement to support the university, but as [he is] Dean of Student Affairs, I expect a more objective account of his story, and a less heated, defensive account towards students who are merely e-mailing him to express deep concern and frustration," she said last month in an e-mail.

"He has not been addressing these statements of concern, and instead has been reading into them as attacks on the university, which seems irresponsible and unproductive."

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TNSF announces grant winners

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Community Appeal, which was founded approximately 50 years ago as a way to encourage faculty and staff to contribute to charity, according to Rubel.

"Fifteen years ago, we got interested in an option that was being run at a couple other schools, where faculty and staff could contribute to a fund that would be redistributed to the nonprofits in the community," Rubel said. "We copied their good idea, and the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund was born," she said.

Through the Community Appeal, faculty and staff can donate through a number of outlets, including TNSF, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, EarthShare of New England and Tufts

Financial Aid.

TNSF has granted money in the past to pay for roofs and shelters, handicap access for a food pantry and renovations to a group home for the disabled, according to Rubel.

"We like it to go to something that will have more than a single use," she said, adding that each donation should stem from a personally motivated decision.

"Charity should always be something that's very personal," Rubel said. "There are so many different ways to help, and people just do what's in their hearts."

TNSF in 2008 raised \$24,000, its highest amount, Rubel said. In 2009, donations dropped to \$14,000 due to the fluctuating economy, she added. Next year, the committee expects to collect close to \$20,000, Rubel said.

Record applicant pool attributed to economic recovery, new recruitment targets

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"One of our goals as admissions team was to show a record pool for [University President Lawrence Bacow] in his last year," Coffin said. "And we did it!"

Tufts is not alone among other selective institutions across the country in its experience of record application rates this year, according to Coffin. He specifically attributed the increase seen at Tufts to the stabilization of the economy and new recruitment strategies.

"Now that the economy has stabilized more, families are looking around and seeing the value in the education offered by the top-ranked institutions," Coffin said. "Families are looking at places like

Tufts and saying that it's worth it."

Tufts has recently focused its recruitment on markets that Coffin says are continuing to grow, such as those in Texas, California and overseas.

"We were very deliberate about where we recruited," he said. "We think that New York and New England have pretty much topped out, while other areas are really continuing to blossom."

With the California state university system undergoing severe budget cuts, Tufts admissions officers are spending more time visiting schools on the West Coast, Coffin said. A 24-percent increase in applicants from California over the past two years could next year make the state the second-most represented state

on campus, edging New York from the spot behind Massachusetts, Coffin said.

With regard to financial aid, the admissions office is this year reading applications in a need-aware manner, using what Coffin described as a "hybrid approach."

"We read need-blind and then we get into committee, and there we are need-sensitive, as dictated by our budget," he said. "We will go as far as we can go to produce the diversity that we all want."

The university implemented a need-blind policy several years ago, considering Classes of 2011 and 2012 applicants without regard to financial circumstances. The economic recession that began in December 2007, however, forced a suspension of the need-blind admissions practice.

As financial resources start to become available again, Coffin said he expects to be able to offer more aid to students this year. The Board of Trustees at its next meeting will determine how much the financial aid budget will increase, he said.

He added that aid offered to the incoming class will increase as the need of enrolled students starts to level off.

"When the economy tanked, we were seeing the need of upperclassmen students who entered Tufts with no or little need increase dramatically, and we were honoring that," he said. "Now that their need has subsided a bit, those resources can be directed to incoming classes."

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Social media and academics join forces to help students study

Educators usher studying tools into the world of online social networks

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Do you often have trouble mixing Facebook and studying? The pilot web-based program Mixable was designed to help students at Purdue University do just that. Created by the Information Technology department, Mixable is a free application that Purdue students can add to their Facebook profiles, providing them with a variety of ways to integrate their academic and social lives.

"[Mixable] looks at the people that are in their classes versus who they are friends with across their entire course schedule," Kyle Bowen, director of informatics at Purdue and one of the creators of Mixable, told the Daily.

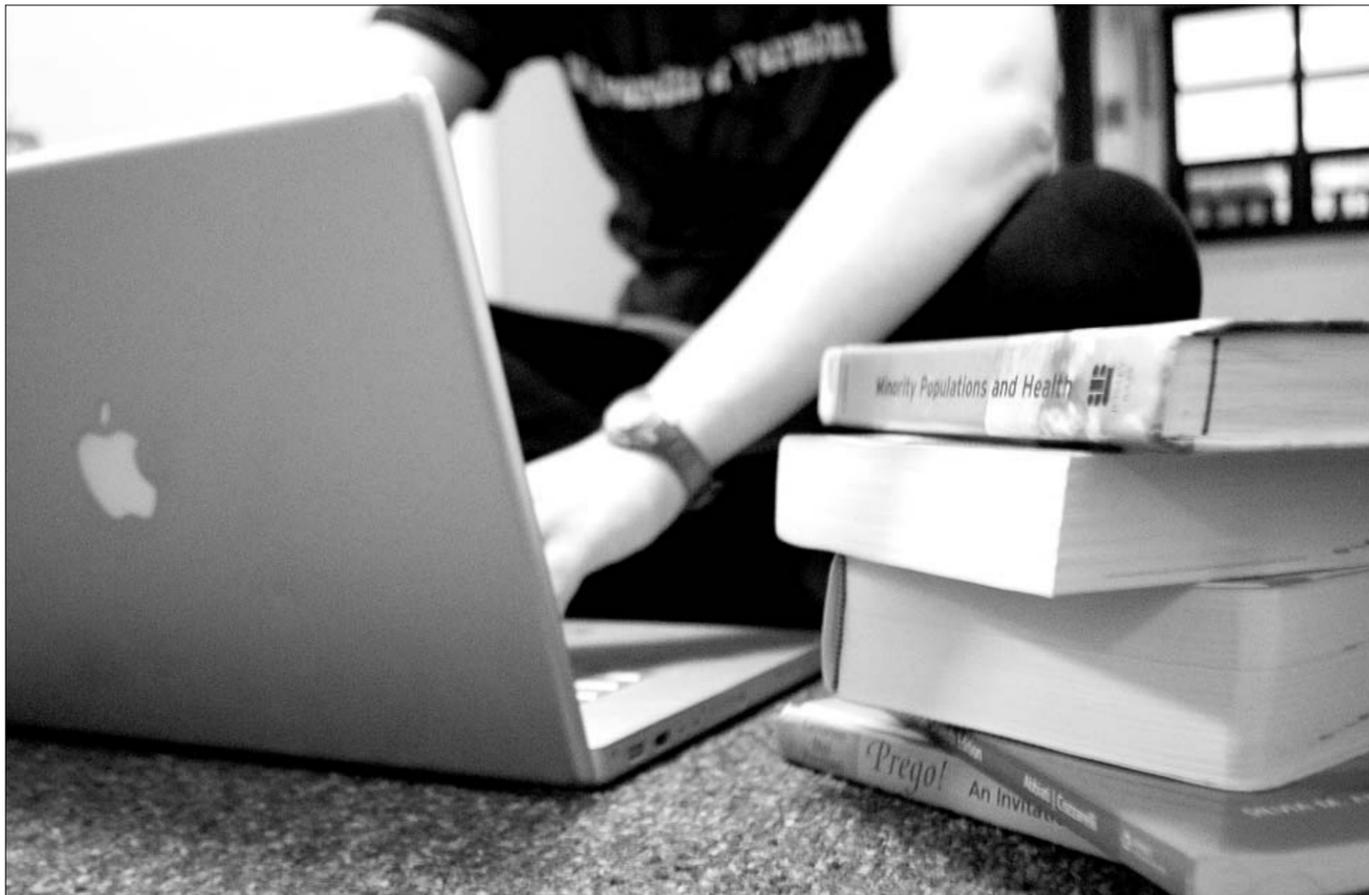
Once students are connected with members of their classes through Mixable, they can share documents and assignments with them online, as well as post to discussion boards and ask questions of their fellow students.

Professors sometimes choose to get in on the action as well, although Bowen emphasized that, unlike on a site like Blackboard.com, students are in control of Mixable.

"Some instructors choose to have students have conversations without them, but some professors go into conversation and play an active role, initiating dialogue, but it is not driven or owned by the faculty," Bowen said. "Mixable is intended to be more of a collaborative environment. ... Students use Facebook as a fundamental part of their own learning process. [We] wanted to help students use Facebook as an effective self-learning management tool."

Bowen and his team are not the first to use online social networking as a study tool for students. OpenStudy.com, a website co-founded by faculty members at Emory and Georgia Tech Universities, went live in 2007 and has more than 11,000 users, according to an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education published in November.

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Social media sites such as Facebook can help students study better, some say.

large study group, regardless of school, location or background," the OpenStudy executive team writes on its website.

Andrew Magliozzi, a 2005 Harvard graduate who co-founded the website TheFinalClub.org, had a similar idea.

"I'm asking to change the default setting on education from private to public," Magliozzi told the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Some, however, have doubts about the

utility and appeal of social-network style study. GradeGuru.com, a website created by the company McGraw-Hill, actually gives students "points" that can be used in the GradeGuru rewards store as an incentive to make their class notes available online. The network employed Jonathan Becker, an assistant professor of educational leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University, to help them

gather information about the way that students study and learn online. Becker told the Daily that he surveyed people who use GradeGuru and followed up the survey results with four focus groups.

His results indicated some problems for sites that assume that students prefer to study together, he said.

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'Topsy' gene affects response to alcohol, researchers find

Geneticists propose enzyme-mimicking drug to use as treatment for alcoholism

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Recent research uncovering a gene that strengthens the feeling of drunkenness may provide an option for treating alcoholism.

It doesn't take more than a couple of weeks at college to realize that people respond differently to alcohol consumption. Recent research, however, has come up with a new answer as to why — that is, why some people become tipsy after a small intake of alcohol while others only feel an effect after heavy drinking.

Researchers from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) have located a "tipsy" gene, which they believe causes those who carry it to metabolize alcohol more quickly than others do. Those who possess this version of the gene are likely to feel inebriated after small intakes of alcohol, while their fellow partiers lacking the gene remain stone-cold sober.

Researchers also believe that a drug can be manufactured that mimics the effects of the enzyme produced by the "tipsy" gene and can possibly be used to prevent alcoholism. Since people with strong reactions to alcohol are less likely to develop an addiction to it, amplifying one's reaction to small amounts of alcohol could be just the remedy to ward off potential cases of alcoholism.

Tufts Professor of Psychology Klaus Miczek, who has research experience with substance abuse, said that the newly discovered gene is not the first that has been of interest to scientists studying alcoholism.

"The discovery of the so-called 'tipsy' gene adds to the many genes that have been found to be relevant in alcohol drinking," he said.

The research performed by UNC Professor of Genetics Kirk Wilhelmsen and his colleagues provides insight not only to the study of alcoholism but, more specifically, to the study of alcohol metabolism.

"Obviously we are a long way off having a treatment, but the gene we have found tells us a lot about how alcohol affects the brain," Wilhelmsen said to the BBC.

Wilhelmsen's team made its discovery by studying over 200 pairs of sibling students who had one alcohol-dependent parent but did not have drinking problems themselves. While most consumed alcohol is metabolized in the liver, small amounts are broken down by an enzyme in the brain, which the "tipsy" gene, formally known as CYP2E1, controls.

To test for CYP2E1, the researchers gave the participants an alcoholic concoction comparable to about three average alcoholic drinks and intermittently recorded how they felt. Their findings, in conjunction with the participants' gene-test results, indicated the "tipsy" gene's ability to influence the carrier's speed of inebriation.

Ultimately, CYP2E1-like drugs could be manufactured to make people more sensitive to alcohol — not to get them drunk more quickly, but instead to put them off drinking to inebriation, Wilhelmsen's report stated.

While the research is not yet ready to yield any treatments, the team's ultimate hope is that their findings could be used to produce a drug that will mimic the gene's enzyme, inducing a

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faster reaction to alcohol and providing a new option for alcohol addiction treatment.

A cure for alcoholism may be more complicated, though, according to Miczek.

"Alcoholism is a polygenic problem. But every piece of the puzzle counts. It will be important to learn many more details about the expression of this gene," he said. "Only certain types of alcohol drinking have a strong genetic basis, whereas others are primarily caused by experiences during adolescence and other circumstances."

Tufts Professor of Psychology Joseph DeBold agreed that Wilhelmsen's paper is important as long as one keeps in mind that there appear to be multiple forms of alcoholism, some with little genetic linkage.

"Even in those forms of alcoholism where there is evidence of a role for genetics, genes explain 50 percent or less of the variability," DeBold said. "The environment ... is playing a large role too, and even a larger role in some forms of alcoholism."

An expert on hormone-drug interaction, DeBold has followed the findings of his colleagues from North Carolina for a few years now.

"The same laboratory found two different candidate genes in a paper they published in 2003, and that 2003 finding has not yet altered any of the methods of treatments or diagnosis of alcoholism," DeBold said.

It is too early to evaluate

the long-term or practical consequences of their current finding, he said.

One worry on the part of the researchers is that if the drug does come to fruition, it may be abused as a method to speed up the effects of alcohol and increase inebriation rather than as a treatment for alcoholism.

When it comes to college-aged consumers, freshman Alexandra Goldy believes that the researchers' fears may be valid.

"On college campuses, where the sole purpose of drinking is usually getting drunk, students will immediately want to buy the drug," she said. "However, that is not always the case with drinking, so it depends on who your target audience is."

Senior Samuel Estridge agreed but said that there are ways to ensure that the drug not be misused.

"It's all a matter of different marketing strategies," he said. "They could advertise the drug as something that gives you the effect of drinking while preventing the bad consequences of excessive alcohol consumption for your body. In contrast, it could be presented as a pill to get you drunk."

DeBold was less worried about misuse of the drug from a merely practical perspective — for individuals looking to get drunk, alcohol will likely be more cost effective than a new drug that is difficult to obtain.

"It is highly unlikely that it will be as cheap as alcohol itself," he said.

Websites like Purdue University's 'Mixable' attempt to marry Facebook and studying

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"[Studying is] still largely an individual effort. GradeGuru is premised on the fact that students are interested in sharing their notes and collaborating, so one of the things I concluded is that GradeGuru has a bit of work to do to overcome whatever issues students have with studying with peers," Becker said.

Laura Rogers, a lecturer in the Department of Education at Tufts, said that students' attitudes toward group study really depend on the type of material they are studying.

"A lot of students think that studying involves reading material, and if they just read it over and over, they'll learn it. Most of the cognitive research on learning indicates that for some purposes, that's adequate, and most students do that sort of studying right before an exam. That's successful depending on the nature of the exam. If you mean by 'studying' really practicing concepts and learning how to apply them ... that form of studying is easier to do in a group or in some sort of interactive format — with a computer for example," she said.

Rogers added that there are other advantages to group study, including aiding students to sustain a study period for long stretches of time.

David Hammer, a professor of education at Tufts, believes that sites that allow students to share class notes and read other students' notes online could cause professors to rethink the way they allocate their class time.

"I know of students who have done a trade — Tuesday class for Thursday class — and if it's just somebody talking at them, then

why not? Then you just have to hope that the person taking notes is doing a good job," Hammer said. "I try in my classes to have things happen in the class that involve thinking during class ... so there is this other kind of onus to get to class."

Rogers agreed that sites like Mixable nudge professors to reconsider some of their teaching methods.

"You guys spend so much time on the computer typing. For someone of my generation, it doesn't necessarily seem like a good idea to give you more opportunities to do that. Maybe we should just offer you a coffee pot and chairs."

Laura Rogers
Education Lecturer

"It certainly behooves faculty members to think about what the value of class time is because if it's just to present information, there are a lot of other ways to do that that students find much more pleasant. There are any number of things that could be going on in [the] classroom other than presenting information," Rogers said.

Rogers emphasized, however, the importance of relationships between students and professors, which can be undermined by stu-

dents replacing class attendance with reading notes online.

"Emotion mobilizes learning. If the professor is in the classroom interacting with students, then he can see how the learning is going and be responsive to that. There are a lot of opportunities to enhance learning through a relationship," she said.

Still, sophomore Justin LaTorraca said he would certainly be interested in using a website that would combine social elements, like Facebook, with academic elements, like Blackboard.

"I would use it maybe to meet with people about homework and stuff, either to arrange a meeting or talk online," he said.

Freshman Sonya Bakshi was not as enthusiastic about the idea of merging the two.

"I feel like Facebook is a more personal thing and Blackboard is a more academic thing, and when you mix the two, they might come into conflict," she said.

Sophomore Joshua Pearl agreed, explaining that he prefers to maintain a boundary between his social and academic lives.

"I think especially with Facebook, people don't understand where the line is between their personal online presence, their academic online presence and their professional online presence, and mixing those is counterproductive," he said.

Rogers expressed similar concern with replacing academic and social interactions with online media.

"You guys spend so much time on the computer typing. For someone of my generation, it doesn't necessarily seem like a good idea to give you more opportunities to do that. Maybe we should just offer you a coffee pot and chairs."



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ALBUM REVIEW

Tapes 'n Tapes' latest, 'Outside,' gels sounds of past two albums

BY TRAVIS PETERSEN
Contributing Writer

"Outside" starts with a bang. Literally. "Badaboom," the opening track, begins with the pound-

Outside
Tapes 'n Tapes
★★★★☆
Ibid Records

ing of rhythmic drums. From there, a bass line, guitars, keys and vocals are layered over it, and the song instantly becomes both catchy and complex.

For their third album, Tapes 'n Tapes left their former label, XL, and went back to Ibid Records, their own independent record label. "Outside" is self-produced by the Minneapolis-based indie band, and the difference from their last album is noticeable. The rough gems of energy that make the band so good are back after months of polishing in the studio.

Overall, "Outside" has a different tone than either of Tapes 'n Tapes' prior albums, landing somewhere in the middle of the two. For the most part, the grit-

ty sound of their self-produced, self-released album "The Loon" (2006) has been toned down, yet the band has retained enough to keep it interesting. At the same time, Tapes 'n Tapes has learned from the underappreciated "Walk it Off" (2008), and has made the quieter songs on the album more appealing. The result is a well-rounded, cohesive album that incorporates the strengths of both preceding albums with fewer of their weaknesses.

This is due in part to the band placing more emphasis on the keyboards in "Outside" than in their previous albums. There are many examples of this on the album, but the best is the opening of "On and On." The keys create a dark, rich and catchy line that provides the rest of the song with an interesting platform for elaboration and development. The band's exploration of keyboard textures alters their sound significantly from the guitar-heavy leanings of their previous work.

In "The Saddest of All Keys" the gritty guitars make a comeback while the organ-esque keys establish a moody background.



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Tapes 'n Tapes give their drummer, Jeremy Hanson, second from right, leeway to show his skills in 'Outside.'

TV REVIEW



IMDB.COM

Patrick 'Lights' Leary (Holt McCallany) is ready to get back in the ring.

Violence and family life collide in 'Lights Out'

BY CATHERINE SCOTT
Senior Staff Writer

Looking to fill the void left by the failure of original series "Terriers" during the fall, FX on Jan. 11 rolled out its newest

Lights Out
★★★★☆
Starring Holt McCallany, Catherine McCormack, Pablo Schreiber
Airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on FX

show, "Lights Out." After just one episode, the show promises to fill a Tuesday night niche for male viewers with a deep, complex sports drama unlike any on cable television.

The show centers on Patrick "Lights" Leary, a retired heavyweight boxer at the end of his money who needs to get back in the game. The pilot episode cuts between Leary's last losing fight and his daily life five years later with a wife and three daughters. Leary, played by relative unknown Holt McCallany, tries to figure out how to continue supporting his fam-

ily, and his choices come down to thug work or a reunion fight with the man who beat him in his last fight.

Patrick's wife Theresa (Catherine McCormack) isn't aware that he's run out of money and, out of concern for his health, doesn't support his desire to return to the ring. He tries to hide from his wife and children the fact that he can't afford their private school tuition.

But as the IRS audits him and Johnny, his brother/manager (Pablo Schreiber), the ropes begin to tighten. The pilot clearly suggests that Patrick's desperation to maintain his previous lifestyle will push him to return to the ring, where the boxing will start.

So far, the show is more heavily focused on the personal aspects of Patrick's life, rather than on professional boxing. This human focus works for the show because we easily understand the monotony of Holt's life post-stardom. The viewer drools waiting for the moment when the excitement will happen, when Lights will rise to become a great sports hero once again.

Luckily, the series has the massive suc-

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MOVIE REVIEW

Coen Brother's 'True Grit' too mainstream, not truly gritty

BY JOSEPH STILE
Daily Editorial Board

The Coen Brothers' newest film, "True Grit," is a hit, statistically speaking, but that's not necessarily a good thing.

True Grit



Starring Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon, Hailee Steinfeld, Josh Brolin
Directed by Ethan & Joel Coen

The movie has been warmly received by critics, attaining a very strong 95 percent approval rating on the online review-aggregator Rotten Tomatoes. It has grossed over \$110 million in the United States in only three weeks, more than any of the Coens' other films have earned in their entire theatrical run. That said, it's no wonder "True Grit" is considered a likely contender for some important Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

Interestingly, despite the praise the directors are receiving, the film itself is one of the Coen Brothers' least Coen-like films.

"True Grit" is a remake of the 1969 movie, itself an adaptation of the 1968 novel by Charles Portis, both of the same name. That movie won John Wayne his only Academy Award, for playing the role of Rooster Cogburn, a part now assumed by Jeff Bridges. The new version follows the original film closely, reusing many of the same lines and scenes. The Coens have stated that much of the dialogue for their film has been pulled directly from the original novel in an attempt to keep the tone of the book in the picture.

The movie's sharp quips are a notable deviation from the longer dialogue normally found in the Coen Brothers' other films. Typical Coen dialogue reflects the local dialects and times of the picture with swift, dry irony. In contrast, the lines in "True Grit" are not very stylized, used to merely push the plot forward.

The Coen Brothers' latest also lacks their trademark violence, notable in "Blood Simple" (1984), "Fargo" (1996) and their Oscar-winning "No Country for Old Men" (2007). The brutality depicted in these films is never gratuitous, but rather a commentary on the state of society and the darker side of human nature.

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Jeff Bridges and Hailee Steinfeld star in "True Grit."

Boxing series 'Lights Out' offers deft mix of action and drama

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cess of "The Fighter" (2010) to build off in order to amass a following. FX has cornered the market on male-driven shows, with successes like "Justified," "Sons of Anarchy" and "Rescue Me." Tuesday night mostly has female-centric content on the major networks, like "The Good Wife" and "Parenthood," so with the right marketing, "Lights Out" should be able to find an audience — even with last week's less-than-expected ratings.

The writers seem to have a lot of room to run with a show like this. Already, they've set Patrick up to deal with training for his comeback, financial and familial difficulties and trouble with a crime boss after taking a job. And that's only one episode.

The acting anchors all of these situations, most notably that of McCallany. His character is quite a complicated one; he's a gentle father with violent tendencies. While his first instinct is to protect, he is constantly suppressing his need to fight and, in his mind, his need to be great again.

If there's anything that this show

seems to champion, it is that sports heroes deserve to be great while they can. Even though Patrick made the smart choice retiring for his health and his family, it's almost degrading to see him cooking breakfast pancakes for teenage girls who don't even appreciate it.

The series will hopefully maintain the gritty, hard-hitting style in which it is filmed. The editing punches back and forth between benign family scenes to violent shots of Patrick breaking someone's arm before we even know what's happening. A lot of the scenes are a little hazy, almost as if the director is using a handheld camera.

The style really works for the series — again, much like David O. Russell's "The Fighter" — by forcing us to feel as if we're living this man's life with him. It makes the family drama that much more powerful, delaying the action thrills until later.

Buoyed by a strong cast, "Lights Out" fits right into the FX wheelhouse and deserves to be a hit. It may appeal more to a male audience, but for a show about boxing, it has a surprising amount of heart.



Holt McCallany and Catherine McCormack star in the new FX drama 'Lights Out.'

'Outside' expands Tapes 'n Tapes sound

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The result is a song that is emotional and intense, as guitarist and lead singer Josh Grier belts into the microphone with his trademark raspy vocals.

Tapes 'n Tapes also stretch out musically by adding new instruments and sounds to their songs. "Nightfall," for instance, introduces the use of mournful trumpets, and such little touches show that the band is moving away from the undesirable parts of "Walk it Off." Even in its treatment of the new instruments, though, the band never seems out of its depth; as Tapes 'n Tapes have matured, their musical vocabulary has consistently expanded.

One of the best parts of Tapes 'n Tapes is the skill of the drummer, Jeremy Hanson. The band knows this and plays to his strengths by allowing him to carry several tracks. Hanson is able to create fills and lines that hook the listener throughout the

album. This approach is especially refreshing given the restricted attitude most indie rock bands hold toward drummers.

There are many examples of Hanson's interesting percussion throughout the record, but "One in the World" is one of the best songs on the album. The drums create a creative and catchy beat, while the guitar and Grier's singing trade off the melody. When Grier takes it away and brings the intensity up a notch in his vocals, the song scratches just the right itch.

Overall, Tapes 'n Tapes have created an album that finds a happy medium between their previous efforts. Although it has less of that true grit that won them so much acclaim on their first album, "Outside" shows that Tapes 'n Tapes is progressing musically and has many excellent tracks. For anyone who liked either of their previous albums, this is an album that is well worth the money and should be a promising sign for the band's future.

Coens too conventional in 'True Grit'

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"True Grit" feels like a more family-friendly version of their typical story. This PG-13 flick is only the second Coen Brothers film not to be rated R by the MPAA in almost a decade. Though toning down the violence has made the film accessible to a wider audience, it has also robbed the film of the Coens' essence, which their fans have come to expect.

"True Grit" is very much a by-the-numbers western that takes few real risks and fails to push any defined boundaries. It doesn't stand out in the western canon because it feels like it's all been done before — and not just because it's a remake.

The directors' conventional approach to the film has garnered the approval of a much larger audience than a stylized Coen movie probably would have. "True Grit" is the rare commercially successful recent western and has been so highly praised that it's being touted as a Best Picture competitor at the Oscars.

Though that lofty title might be slightly out of "True Grit's" reach, wins for cinematography and supporting actress are quite likely. Newcomer Hailee Steinfeld has been rightfully lauded for her performance as precocious and quick-tongued Mattie, who both commands the screen impressively and is able to hold her own against such skilled veteran actors as Bridges and Matt Damon. Considering her on-screen presence, it's a travesty that, as an Oscar contender, she's been campaigned as a supporting actress, rather than as a lead.

There is no doubt that the Coen Brothers' "True Grit" is a technically well-crafted film that features great writing, acting and sets. But though the picture features some grizzly characters, the film itself is fairly conventional.

Will most viewers like the film? Yes. But some may wish the Coens had the grit to make a slightly riskier film — a new take on the western, rather than a standard, though good, one.

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EDITORIAL

University, TUPD mishandled NQR

While the annual Naked Quad Run (NQR) is usually a somewhat chaotic evening, this year's event was particularly hectic when the university chose to end the event early. Tufts University Police Department (TUPD) officers got into altercations with certain students who allegedly resisted arrest and acted in a disorderly manner.

The university's decision to cut off the event at 10 p.m. — the usual starting time for the event — was intended to ensure student safety and prevent the typically rowdy event from becoming excessively unruly. Despite its good intentions, however, TUPD's handling of the situation did not help to achieve this goal and instead caused unnecessary problems.

The university opted to end the event early because officials said that in previous years the event tended to become increasingly dangerous after the first hour, and many students had already begun running by around 9 p.m. Yet there was no system in place for TUPD to inform students that the event was ending early, and many students turned up for the event shortly after

10 p.m., unaware that they were no longer permitted to run. This lack of organization and warning allowed for confusion and disorder to ensue, as a small number of TUPD officers were attempting to reign in a large group of students.

The nature of the event calls for a higher level of sensitivity from officers, particularly when dealing with physically restraining students. Whereas physical restraint from an officer may be considered acceptable when a student is clothed, the fact that many of the students were naked when the officers handled them created an understandable uproar.

It is difficult to say whether students or officers were at fault during the altercations and alleged assaults that took place. If students did indeed attack the officers who were attempting to end the event, then they should be adequately punished. But even if students were apparently ignoring demands from officers — either because they did not hear the demands or because they chose to continue running anyway — officers should not have placed their hands on naked stu-

dents unless it was absolutely necessary.

Some have expressed outrage that the administration has defended TUPD's actions and not shown more sympathy for the students who were involved in the incidents of violence and arrest during the event. While the university had students' best interests in mind when choosing to end the event early and clear the course, the manner in which this early shutdown was handled created an atmosphere of confusion that was inevitably going to lead to chaos, especially because — as the administration is well aware — students who are participating in the run tend to be intoxicated.

In the future, if the university wants to end NQR early or change the details of the event, there must be a better system in place to inform students that this is going to occur. University officials have the right to end the event early if they believe it is in the best interest of students, but if students are not aware that this is occurring, their disobedience is unintentional and they should not be punished, especially with violence and other physical means.

DEVON COLMER



Nobody Quite Remembers

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Living up to the motto

It's cold, the streets are icy and the Yankees are still the most hated team in sports: Welcome to winter in Boston.

For our first issue back from hibernation, we wanted to take a second to wish you, our readers, a happy 2011. And, more importantly, provide you with a Sudoku to make the first day of classes a bit more palatable.

For those of you, like myself, graduating in a mere four months, the road ahead may be nothing short of terrifying. For those of you somewhere in the middle, you'll be there sooner than you may think. In spite of it all, the Daily has and will continue to bring you the latest in campus happenings. We've been doing it since 1980 — can't let a few New England blizzards stop us now, can we?

Even over break, the presses continued to churn. An earlier-than-usual ending to this year's Naked Quad Run reportedly led to several student-police confrontations and a student's arrest. The Beelzebubs headed to the White House last month to croon for the president, while long-time football head coach Bill Samko announced the end to his 17 years leading the team. The Daily's reporters were there through

it all, and we invite you to check out their coverage on Jumbo Slice and the Score, our news and sports blogs at TuftsDaily.com.

Yet these items are just three among many that reinforce what we all already know — the news cycle is nonstop and only gets quicker with time. Tufts is the smallest university in the country with a daily independent student newspaper — we'd be lying if we didn't admit that the pace of news sometimes outpaces us. Compounded by the likes of Twitter and that social network we all love to hate and hate to love, it's not easy to live up to the motto on our front page: "Where you read it first."

To that end, consider our New Year's resolution a renewal of this goal, a pledge to provide you with the very best content we can, the very soonest we can.

Every morning, couched around your daily crossword and Jumble, you will find articles and in-depth features that have been reported on comprehensively and scrutinized by at least six pairs of trained eyes before they hit newsprint.

Yet while the paper you're currently holding may be the culmination of a long night of production, we will continue to improve

our online content. News articles and features will be accompanied by audio or video interviews and slideshows. Our arts department will offer online-only supplements to its print reviews, while our dedicated sports reporters will keep you constantly updated with real-time game stats on the Tufts Daily Sports Twitter account (@TuftsDailySport).

As the news industry continues to evolve, we must evolve with it. The Daily is a lot different today than when I was introduced to it three and a half years ago, and we can only hope to continue that progress this spring. It's not an easy task, but we're up to the challenge.

The Daily is here to serve you, the Tufts community, so let us know how we're doing and what we've missed with letters to the editor and op-ed submissions. Maybe even try your hand at writing a column this semester. Or better yet, join us! Our general interest meeting will be on Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. in Braker 001. I'll bet you a New England blizzard it'll be worth your while.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Bogus
Editor-in-Chief

Reading “Our Nig” at Tufts

BY PAIGE FULTON

How many black women writers can you name? How many of them have you actually read? For the majority of us, this answer is limited to a just a few: Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Maya Angelou.

The erasure and exclusion of black women writers is a common fact of academia, which is why reading the 1859 Harriet Wilson novel, “Our Nig,” was such an enlightening experience for me. The book is one that very few people have read; it was only rediscovered by Henry Louis Gates Jr. in 1983. By having a black female protagonist, the book helps to bring visibility to a largely underrepresented demographic of people.

Over the past few years at Tufts, I’ve taken English courses in which students found it especially difficult to identify with black female characters. I respect the honesty of my classmates, but I also think that it is telling how the majority of readers are more willing to identify with ancient and archaic tales featuring white men — and even white women — from hundreds of years ago, but not the stories of people of color. It is important to read works that challenge our perceptions of

the world. This general curricular distance from blackness and black women in particular translates into campus life.

As I was reading “Our Nig,” I found that many students expressed their discomfort, partly because of the provocative title and the cover’s presentation, and I received more than a few awkward stares and even occasional comments. My edition of the book boasts a daring bold red cover with the title “Our Nig” taking up most of the page. I noticed, however, that newer editions have a more welcoming cover, with the text written in a smaller white font, which competes with a busy image of a black child who looks listlessly toward readers and passersby.

But it wasn’t just that other students felt uncomfortable with the book. I also felt self-conscious about reading it and bringing it with me around campus. My discomfort was amplified by my being a black woman, who is “othered” by both gender and race. By carrying it around with me, I, a black woman in a predominantly white environment, felt as if it was glaringly apparent that my place on campus is just another sprinkle of diversity — a rare commodity, brought in to enrich the education of the white student body.

Our school appears to make progress on racial discourse. For instance, the Tim Wise talk this fall was probably a point of pride for many administrators and students who preach racial awareness and sensitivity, but the whole event left a bad taste in my mouth. Why was it necessary to get a white man, whose occupation is founded on the existence of others’ oppression, to come to our school? To be blunt: because he’s safe and not a threat to our majority-white student body.

This environment placates white students and makes them feel more comfortable about their privilege, when in fact they should be a bit uncomfortable and aware of race, just as students of color often tend to be. Earlier this month, a friend of mine encountered a disgustingly racist situation while just walking down the street. This week. On campus. This is a problem that is far too common. It is unacceptable that some people are made to feel completely left out from the general student body for any reason.

I’ve found that many Tufts students are often indifferent to race relations on campus. Every year since I’ve been at

Tufts, there has been a scandalized “bias incident” which is taken seriously only by a few, including faculty and administration, with the majority believing that our culture has become too politically correct and sensitive. There have been countless times when I’ve heard someone express completely misguided and erroneous beliefs that race is not a problem in post-racial America, because the U.S. president is black, after all. Too many marginalized groups of students, students of color and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, are made to feel uncomfortable here everyday because we are a part of a community that does not completely accept or try to understand itself or others.

I know students are uncomfortable talking about racism and bigotry on campus. Yes, it is a problematic topic. It makes us aware of our privileges and the privileges that others have that we do not. We all have vast amounts of privilege by just by being at this university. We need to use our advantages to make things better for one another.

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Give Late Diners Equal Rights

BY GERARDO ZAMPAGLIONE

At Tufts University, we enjoy relatively good overall dining facilities. It is, in fact, one of the perks of going to this school. Most every day, and unlike many Jumbos, I relish the chance to eat at the dining halls: I love the carved roast beef at Dewick-MacPhie Dining Center (where it is better-cooked than at Carmichael Dining Center) or Stir-Fry Night at Carmichael. Yet there is something absolutely galling about Tufts Dining Services that has come up as of late, and that is the subject of this article.

I am maddened by how the Dewick and Carmichael dining staffs start cleaning up and clearing food well before their general mealtime closing times. To me, this is an affront that I find appalling, ridiculous and worthy of change. Just recently I found myself entering Dewick at 8:15 p.m., only to find that the ice cream, broccoli, carved Moroccan beef, chicken drumsticks, Bourbon steak tips, vegetarian tortellini and even the marinara sauce were all mysteriously “finished” and nowhere to be found. Asking the lady who was cleaning up the main buffet table — the one that had cod, rice, potatoes and drumsticks (once upon a time) — proved futile: She, too, affirmed that the food was “finished,” and that there was nothing she could do.

Thus, there was essentially no hot food at Dewick, even though the dining hall was completely packed with people! Frustrated and angry, I started pestering employees, as I had not eaten since brunch at 11:30 a.m. due to impending finals. After about 10 minutes of banter and ranting, I man-

aged to have a kindly dining staff employee miraculously “find” an entire Moroccan beef steak and a full tray of broccoli. I was hence able to salvage what would have otherwise been a truly disastrous dinner.

After some conversation with friends who were there at the time, I discovered that this phenomenon of food disappearing and employees acting like the dining hall was about to close about an hour too soon was not unique to Dewick Sunday dinner at 8:15 p.m. Numerous friends of mine — many of them athletes with irregular schedules, but also friends with classes from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. — have complained that both dining hall staffs start this routine of clearing out hot food and cleaning the halls at 3:30 p.m. (sometimes even at 3:00 p.m.), even though dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. and lunch ends at 4:59 p.m. The Tufts Dining Services website lists Dewick’s lunch hours as 11:00 a.m. to 4:59 p.m., not 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dewick’s Sunday dinner hours are likewise from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., and do not end at 8:30 p.m.

Now, I fully understand that every non-student employee has a family and a life to get to. But that is simply not an excuse to lazily renege on a commitment to students. Putting away the food earlier is obviously convenient for the dining staff because it means that they will have less work to do later, after the dining hours are over, and can thus leave sooner. Taking away hot food that will probably never be finished might be good for Tufts’ budget and the environment as well. (It is also, perhaps, just a casual coincidence that hot foods at lunches frequently consist of leftovers from the



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previous day’s dinner). But late-night diners — who, as meal-paying students, have every right to eat the same food as earlier diners if the dining hall actually has food, which as my example above showed, it did — suffer greatly. The Tufts Dining Services staff’s mentality in “closing shop early” is unacceptable, and to act in such a vain and selfish manner is ridiculous and disrespectful toward the Tufts community as a whole, especially toward first- and second-year students who simply cannot opt out of meal plans and fork over a lot of money each year to subsidize the Dining Services’ costs. For the roughly \$12 that dinner costs,

it is absurd and shameful that the dining halls remove almost all the hot food with 25 percent of dinner time still remaining.

I am quoting and paraphrasing from its website here: The Tufts Dining Services pledges to students that it will both provide them with “friendly [and] helpful staff” and strive to “improve our services to respond to and better meet your needs.” Sadly, it seems that Tufts Dining Services must urgently improve on both fronts.

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‘Finn’ censorship alters history

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There are many words and phrases that tend to make us squirm or cringe, but that doesn’t mean we can just remove them from the English language.

It seems one publishing company NewSouth Books is making an attempt to do so by censoring the contemporary American novel “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” by Mark Twain.

In case you can’t remember from your high school literature class, “Huckleberry Finn” in a nutshell is about a young boy’s adventures traveling down the Mississippi River circa 1840.

Because the book is set before the Civil War, it tends to demonstrate racist themes and vocabulary.

That’s right, we’re talking about the

N-word.

NewSouth Books is set to release an edited version of the novel next month that replaces the N-word with “slave” and injun with “Indian.”

The tasteless and racist nature of the offending noun mentioned 219 times in “Huckleberry Finn” has caused controversy among teachers and scholars for decades.

Some teachers have been reluctant to teach the book and similar novels, feeling that it makes themselves and students feel uncomfortable.

We hate to sound insensitive and we do understand the seriousness of the word, but the word is out there and we can’t just remove it entirely from our lexicon.

Let’s not forget, too, that removing the word alters the message of the novel entirely.

“The book is an anti-racist book and to change the language changes the power of the book,” said Cindy Lovell, executive director of The Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum in Hannibal, Mo.

Twain did not write to please the masses; he wrote to create an emotional reaction, even if it wasn’t a pleasant one.

It’d be nice if America’s history were entirely blemish-free, but clearly it is not. We feel that censoring this novel is equivalent to trying to censor our nation’s past, a practice we absolutely won’t stand for.

This piece of literature has been in circulation for more than a century, it’s ingrained in our nation’s cultural history and to change it now could drastically alter our country’s academic future.

We wouldn’t expect the Italians to cover the strikingly realistic genitals so

beautifully carved onto Michelangelo’s “David” and this is no different.

Censorship ruins the artistic value of a work, if Twain had meant to say “slave” instead of using the N-word, he would have.

Twain himself said that “the difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter.”

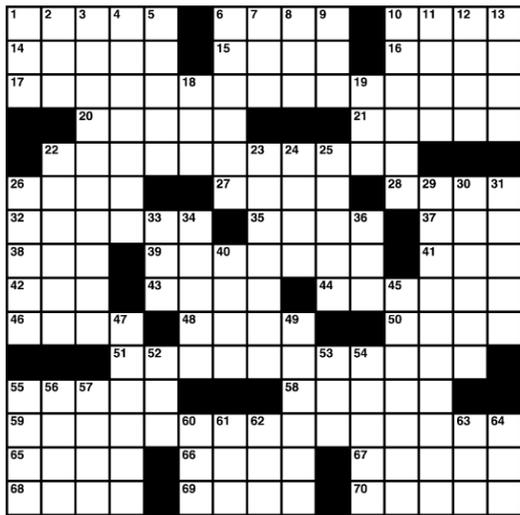
If Twain were alive today we can only imagine his outrage at such a blatant example of censorship and the altering of his original artwork.

“Huckleberry Finn” is an American classic that has been taught in our schools for ages and to censor such a paramount piece of literature is ludicrous.

We encourage any educators out there to stick to the original rather than adopt the edited version, which we know would make Twain roll over in his grave.

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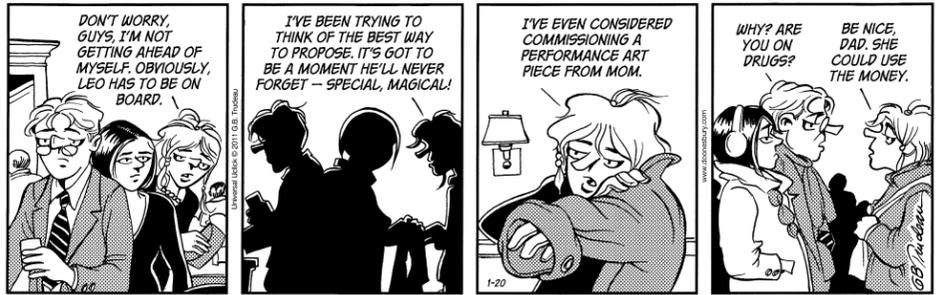
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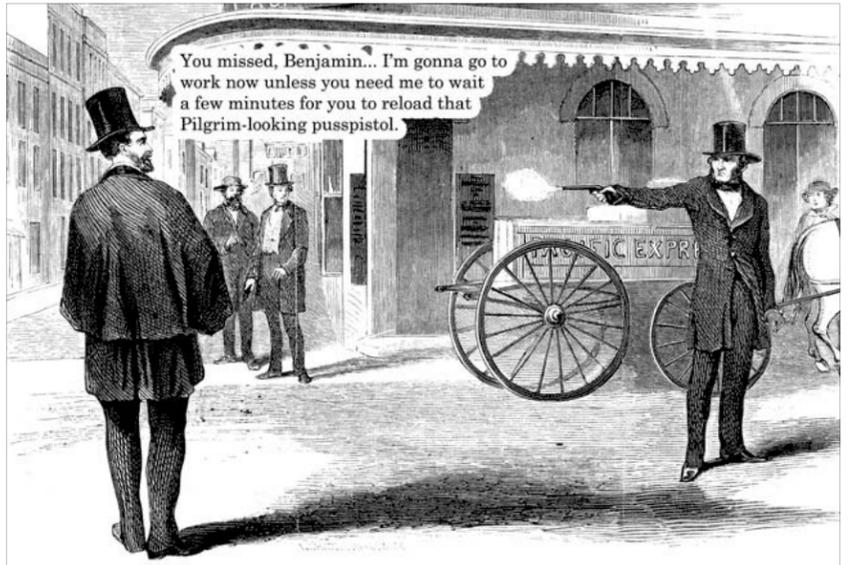


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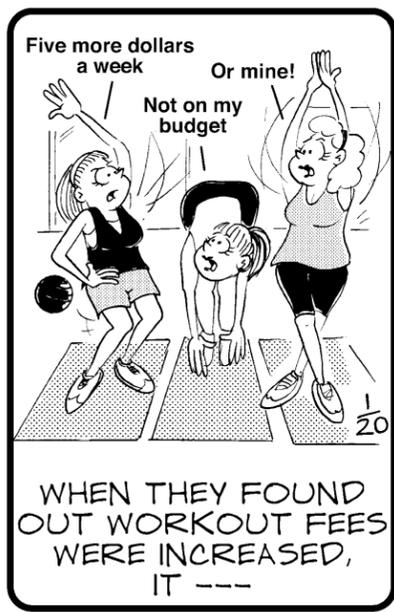
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Track team's young core rises to the challenge at early competitions

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with a fourth-place finish at a height of 3.95-meters.

"[The pole vault] went really well," Nakanishi said. "It was good to get a home meet in early in the season. Everyone was back during early return and it was really cool to have everyone cheering each other on. It was good energy."

Freshman Liam Cassidy made his debut in collegiate track with a victory in the 3,000-meter run in 8:47.54. Cassidy led the way across the finish for the Jumbos, followed by four teammates who claimed the rest of the top five spots among the 29 competitors.

"It felt good," said Cassidy, who took the lead with around 1,000 meters. "I focused on just staying with people and mentally treating it like a workout so I didn't stress out about the competition, and then if I felt good towards the end I would pick it up."

"It went well, but I want to try going out a little bit faster and still maintain the same type of strategy, leaving a little bit for the end," he added.

Graduate student Nick Welch (LA '10) suited back up in his blue-and-brown jersey to use his last year of eligibility on the track, taking second with a time of 8:49.81, a hundredth of a second ahead of sophomore Matt Rand. Freshman Ben Wallis and sophomore Kyle Marks were close behind in 8:51.13 and 8:56.41, respectively.

The second victory also came thanks to standout freshman Bobby McShane in the 1000-meter run. McShane ran a time of 2:35.82, just edging out sophomore teammate Adam Brosh, who finished in 2:36.01. Sophomore Dan Kirschner also finished in the top five, crossing the line in 2:42.33.

The final victory of the day came from the 4x200 meter relay team of junior Ben Crastnopol, sophomores Gbola Ajayi and Lawrence Xia and freshman Clint Porte in a time of 1:36.82.

The Jumbos continued to show dominance on the track with two top-four fin-



DAILY FILE PHOTO

Graduate student Nick Welch (LA '10) made his return to the track in his last year of eligibility with a second-place finish in the 3,000-meter race.

ishers in the mile run among 22 competitors. Sophomore Sam Haney took third with a time of 4:25.00 and was followed by freshman Brian McLaughlin in fourth with 4:25.41. On the longer distance side, senior Sam Hutchinson took third in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:16.10.

Freshman Graham Beutler continued to show the strength of the Jumbos' young performers with a third place finish in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:24.35.

The 4x400 relay team of Xia, sophomores Michael Blair and Kayin Cherry and freshman Corey Mason took second with 3:33.90, just eight tenths of a second out of first.

Blair brought in points for the Jumbos in two other events, taking fifth in the 60-meter hurdles and fourth in high jump.

Tufts also placed scorers in the triple jump, with Ajayi in second with a jump of 13.07 meters and freshman Kwabena Boaten-Adusei in fourth.

In the throws, the Jumbos proved to have much strength again this year, with sophomore Curtis Yancy and freshman Atticus Swett taking third and fourth in the shotput with distances of 13.68-meters and 13.05 meters, respectively, among 28 athletes. In the weight throw, Tufts secured fourth and fifth with junior Adam Aronson and senior Alex Gresham throwing distances of 14.59 meters and 14.31 meters, respectively.

"The meet went really well," Nakanishi said. "Everyone has been working really hard during early return and it was nice to have a chance to show off the work that everyone has been putting in and

to see what everyone's abilities are at this point in the season."

Up at Dartmouth, Beutler took third in the 400-meter dash in a time of 51.69 among 38 athletes, while Nakanishi took fourth in pole vault, clearing 4.42 meters. The final points for the Jumbos came from a seventh-place finish from the 4x400 squad of Porte, Crastnopol, Xia and Beutler.

After a successful beginning to their campaign, the Jumbos will head to the Springfield Invitational on Saturday, looking to continue to reel in strong performances and qualifying marks.

"The performances in the first two meets bode well for Tufts track," Nakanishi said.

"We're amped up and ready to go," Cassidy added.

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Stampede of Panthers opens up NESCAC slate

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feeding off our defense. It was being able to get stops and force turnovers that got us back into the game."

While the Jumbos may have had all of the momentum at the end of regulation, it did not carry over to the overtime period. Tufts missed its first three shots of the frame — as well as the front end of a 1-and-1 — and fell behind on a pair of free throws by sophomore Claire Baecher. Hart tied it with a jumper in the lane with 1:23 remaining, and after a turnover by the Ephs the Jumbos had possession with just under a minute to go.

With just three seconds left on the shot-clock, the ball went out of bounds off Williams, and the Ephs held strong on the ensuing entry pass, forcing a critical shot-clock violation.

Williams held for the final shot from there, and Tufts was able to force junior guard Jill Greenberg into an uncomfortable runner in the lane. But everything was going right for Williams at this point, and Rainer forced the ball back up and in with little more than a push, giving the Ephs their fifth win in the past seven games against Tufts.

"I can't tell you how many times I've gone over those last couple plays in my head," Miller said. "It's really important for a lot of us because we have such a history with Williams and we love to hate them. But when it comes down to it they are a very solid team, and they played very good defense and they did

what they needed to do."

Tufts' defense struggled, allowing Williams to shoot 52 percent from the field, nearly 10 percentage points better than any team all season.

"Giving up points in the post is going to be a struggle for us all year because of our size," Miller said. "They are really high-percentage shots, and I'm not surprised at all that they shot at such a high percentage. As a team we really need to focus on forcing post players out of the paint and making them face up."

Despite the disappointment, there were also plenty of positives to take out of the loss. Rocchi had a season-high 13 points and eight rebounds to go with her 10 points from the night before, and Miller looked to be back in NESCAC Defensive Player of the Year form with four steals. Hart and junior guard Tiffany Kornegay scored 18 and 11 points, respectively.

Friday night's game was much smoother sailing for the Jumbos, as they stampeded through Middlebury 70-54 to open conference play.

The Panthers hung around early, and the game was tied 17-17 with just over six minutes to go in the first half. But from there Tufts went on a 14-6 run that included scoring by five different players and eventually sent the team into the locker room with a five-point advantage.

Hart set the tone in the second half, opening the scoring with a quick basket and then going end-to-end off of a steal to extend the lead to nine. From there the Jumbos cruised, and led by

as many as 23. The team never trailed in the second half.

The scoring came from just about everywhere, with eight players contributing points and four ending up in double digits. Hart earned a double-double with 19 points and 10 assists, while Kornegay added 15 points and six rebounds. Freshmen Liz Moynihan and Rocchi each scored 10.

"Other teams definitely have bull-eyes on the backs of Colleen and Tiffany, so it is important for our team for Liz to hit those open shots and that's what she's been doing," Miller said. "Ali, on the other hand, is a pretty undersized post for our league, but she's starting to figure out the ways around the defenses and she's had a couple breakthrough performances for us in the last couple games."

After splitting the two weekend games and thoroughly dominating non-conference foe Wheaton on Monday, the Jumbos now sit at 11-2 with a 1-1 conference record. A lot will be riding on next weekend's trip to Maine, where Tufts will have a pair of key matchups against Colby and Bowdoin that could go a long way toward deciding seeding in the NESCAC tournament.

"We like to take every game the same way, but in the NESCAC we tend to take the games especially seriously," Rocchi said. "These teams defend their home courts well, and it's going to be tough, but as long as we come out as hard as we did last weekend, I'm pretty confident."

Close games show Jumbo talent

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with our first-half performance. We are talented enough to compete with any team, but we still have some maturing to do. We don't always play for 40 minutes and when you do that, you'll lose those big leads."

Sophomore forward Scott Anderson, while upset at the two losses, remains confident in his team's NESCAC chances.

"I think it's nice to know we can play with both those teams," sophomore forward Scott Anderson said. "We definitely have come a long way since last year ... and now those games are out of the way and [the competition] is all downhill from here. There's no team left on our schedule that we don't know we can beat."

The team will travel to Bowdoin tomorrow and Colby on Saturday, still looking for its first conference win. Two victories would bring the team's record to 8-8 for the season — a fact that the coaches have been stressing all week.

"They're both middle-of-the-pack NESCAC teams, but we know that they are must wins for us" Anderson said. "The mentality this whole week has been 'eight and eight' — if we win these two games we'll be 8-8 — and the coaches have been really pushing it. For example, if we have practice at one we'll start at 1:08. It's corny stuff ... but we're just really focused on coming away with two wins this weekend."

Weekend NESCAC games a chance to revive

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the plays, haven't been getting the bounces," senior quad-captain Andy Davis said. "We just need to continue to work hard and fight for every puck to get out of this losing streak."

Tuesday's loss to Suffolk came in agonizing fashion, after Tufts had tied the score at three with a goal from freshman Kyle Gallegos with just 2:58 remaining in regulation. But Suffolk sophomore forward Andrew Monesi was able to slot home the winner with just 55 seconds left in overtime to give the Rams just their fifth victory of the season.

"We cleared the puck out, but they took it right back," Davis said. "[Monesi] just jumped on the puck and had a great shot to get the goal."

Critical to the team's recent woes has been the continued absence of junior quad-captain Barchard, who has been sidelined with an ankle injury that he sustained in the Nov. 27 shoot-out loss against Brockport.

The injury, initially thought to be a mild sprain, has dragged on much like the team's losing streak and has caused the All-

NESCAC goaltender to miss the last eight games. To make matters worse, Barchard is now likely to undergo surgery that would cause him to miss the rest of the season. Although Barchard's primary replacement, junior Evin Koleini, has performed admirably, the Jumbos have sorely missed having their best shot-stopper in goal.

"Unfortunately, Scott has an ankle problem that is likely to require surgery, so he's probably done," said senior quad-captain Dylan Cooper, "It's a big loss, but we just have to do our best without him."

A particular low point of the long winter break came on the road against UMass-Boston, where Tufts allowed five goals in the third period en route to a 7-2 defeat. Freshman goalie Brian Phillips struggled in his first collegiate start and the Jumbos were exposed numerous times on defense, allowing six Beacons to have multi-point games.

The loss was emblematic of Tufts' recent woes. Throughout the four games during winter break, the team was outscored 24-11 and allowed an average of 4.8 goals per game, hardly a recipe for success.

"Evin [Koleini] has been playing really well, but we just haven't been giving him the support he needs," Davis said. "The whole team needs to play together, and we just haven't been doing that recently."

Tufts has also coupled their defensive woes with poor scoring. The team has failed to score more than three goals at any time during the losing streak.

"We haven't had the scoring production," Cooper said. "We have to get back to basics, getting more shots on goal, more people to the net and more chippy goals. That's what wins hockey games."

Despite recent poor performances, there is still plenty of time left in the season for the Jumbos to turn their year around. All remaining games are against conference opponents, starting Friday at home against Bowdoin, which will provide plenty of opportunities to make up places in the standings.

"We need better puck possession and better neutral-zone play," Cooper said. "If we can get the puck in the offensive zone more often, we should be more successful."

Jumbos win first of three Tufts Invitationals

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but there is a lot of technique work that still needs to be done. We may not see the results of that work until much later in the season. We also had two-a-days for all of last week, so we were definitely not as fresh as we will be later."

The indoor season is often a big adjustment for some of the younger athletes.

"That was my first indoor race ever," Creath said. "Going into the season, I had never even run on an indoor track before. Last week's workout was my first on an indoor track so I really wasn't sure what to expect. The track really made me feel

fast though, and it helped me go into the race with a really good attitude."

With about a month until the Div. III New England Championships, the team hopes to keep improving on all fronts, looking beyond just Div. IIIs.

"We have a really young team, so we really just want to get them excited and working hard," Kabongo said. "We don't want to really think too much about postseason yet. We don't want anyone to set limits, rather just work hard every day. It's not about Div. IIIs necessarily, but about being the best we can and seeing how far we can go."

In order to go far, the Jumbos will have to rely on their cama-

raderie. Known throughout the conference as a vocal and supportive team, the Jumbos consider their chemistry an advantage.

"The vibe inside was really awesome," Creath said. "I really liked having people all around the track cheering. I like how you can see everyone else's events because it's all in an enclosed area. I think it definitely helps."

"We were very supportive of each other, so that was great," Kabongo said. "The team is young, so there were a lot of nerves. Getting warm-up routines down and preparing mentally is a main priority. It's still early though."

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WINTER BREAK RECAP

The Daily looks back at Tufts sports over winter break

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From coaching changes to record-breaking performances, much happened in the world of Tufts athletics while the rest of campus was away on winter break. The Daily recaps what you missed:

Closer to the Hart

With 5:19 left in the second half of the women's basketball team's home tilt with SUNY New Paltz on Dec. 11, senior tri-captain Colleen Hart calmly stepped to the free-throw line and drained her pair of freebies. Her 17th and 18th points of the game gave the Jumbos an eight-point lead and cemented Hart's place in program history.

Hart entered the game needing 17 points to tie Teresa Allen's (LA '89) mark of 1,257 points set in 1989. For a brief spurt in the first half, it appeared as though Hart would reach the record easily. Beginning with 16:05 left in the opening 20 minutes, Hart hit a 3-pointer, two free throws, a slicing up-and-under transition layup and another 3, bringing her within eight points of history. A pull-up jumper, another layup in transition and a jumper on a fast break left Hart two points shy of surpassing Allen. When sophomore Kahsyrah Bryant was whistled for a reach-in, the record was all but secure.

"She's pretty humble, so we're not talking about it too much, but it's quite an accomplishment," coach Carla Berube told the Daily's Ethan Sturm after the game. "I'm proud of her and I'm proud of our team."

Reaching a milestone from the charity stripe is nothing new for Hart. She netted her 1,000th career point last January against Conn. College with two free throws, becoming the second Tufts player to accomplish this feat during her junior season.

After five more wins over break, the Jumbos sit at 11-2. In recent years, Tufts has grown accustomed to emerging on the winning side. Such stability comes, in no small part, because of Hart.



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With head football coach Bill Samko, left, stepping down, former offensive coordinator Jay Civetti, right, will fill in as the interim head football coach.

"It's no surprise why we've been so successful in the last three years," Berube said. "She's been our leader, our point guard, and she does it with such grace and she's humble and she'll give all of her teammates the accolades."

Out with the old, in with the new

After a disappointing 1-7 season, the football team parted ways with longtime

coach Bill Samko, who stepped down on Dec. 14 after 17 seasons with the program. After the announcement, offensive coordinator Jay Civetti was named the interim head coach on Jan. 5.

With the Jumbos, Samko had compiled a 57-79 record, but struggled to find the win column in 2010 despite the debut of a new high-powered, record-setting spread offense. Tufts finished fourth in the nation in passing.

"I thought it was time; it was time to move," Samko told the Daily's Alex Prewitt after the announcement. "I've enjoyed my time here. I love the guys on the team right now, and now it's on to the next adventure. Seventeen years is a pretty long time, and sometimes you just need another voice."

In promoting Civetti, the Jumbos decided to forgo a national search for Samko's successor in the interim. Civetti arrived in 2008 at Tufts after stints at North Carolina State and Boston College. Last season, Civetti helped to restructure a previously cookie-cutter offense into a fast-paced juggernaut that averaged 323.4 passing yards per game, including a New England Div. III-record of 596 yards in October at Amherst.

"I'm very excited to announce that we have decided to elevate Jay Civetti to the position of interim head coach," athletic director Bill Gehling said in a Jan. 5 press release. "In his three years on the staff, Jay has distinguished himself. He has all the makings of an outstanding head coach with passion for the game and for coaching at this level, great organizational and communication skills, a strong coaching network and outstanding leadership qualities."

Men's lacrosse on top once again

"Lacrosse Magazine," a publication of U.S. Lacrosse, recently placed the men's lacrosse team atop its Div. III preseason rankings and voted senior attackman D.J. Hessler the Preseason Player of the Year.

In the wake of a remarkable season that saw the Jumbos capture their first-ever NESCAC title and NCAA Championship, the accolades are rolling in before the first faceoff in 2011. Despite the recognition, the team remains as driven as ever, recognizing that awards are meaningless without results.

"It always feels good to be No. 1, but it's as much a blessing as a curse," Hessler told the Daily's Phil Dear on Dec. 31. "Everyone is targeting us, so we can't let rankings or anything preseason get to our heads. In terms of accuracy,

I have always felt that we have had the best team, but I don't need rankings in order to feel validated."

So how do the Jumbos prove to the nation that the No. 1 ranking is deserved? Hessler knows there's only one way.

"Winning another championship," he said. "The ranking doesn't matter until the end of the year, and even then it plays little role. We know that we have to be focused on what we can control and only that. I don't think I have heard a single word from any player about our ranking, which is good."

Men's basketball snags top recruits

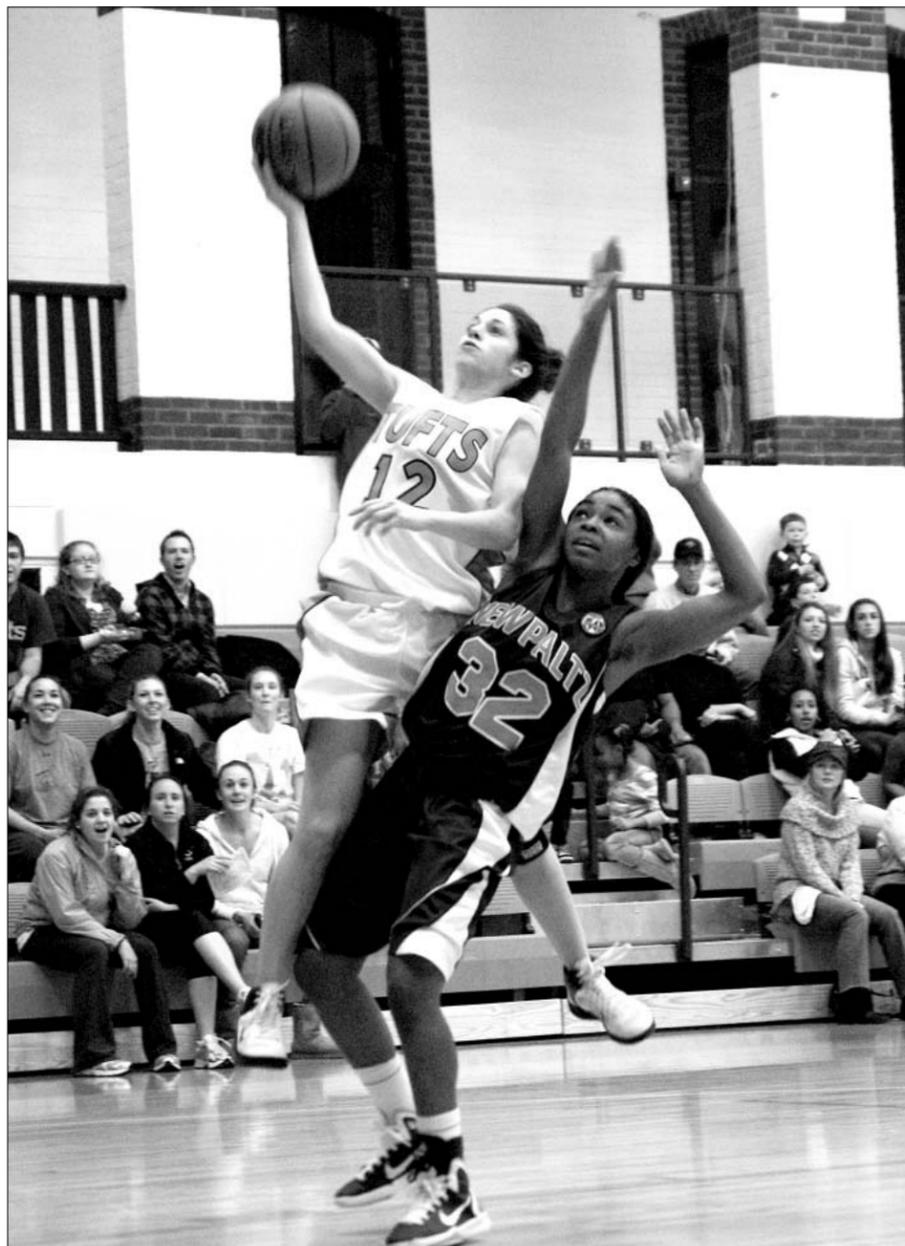
The men's basketball team has already tied its 2009-10 win total and, with only two graduating seniors, appears on the cusp of breaking through in the NESCAC. With the commitment of two top recruits, things are about to become even more exciting.

CJ Moss, a 6-foot senior guard at The Taft School in Watertown, Conn., and Ben Ferris, a 6-foot-2 senior swingman at Essex High School in Vermont, will join the Tufts basketball roster in 2011, according to the New England Basketball Recruiting Report. The duo will join an already loaded group of Tufts guards who, eight games into the 2010-11 season, make up three of the team's top six scorers.

According to high school coach David Hinman, Moss, the captain at Taft, could have been a difference-maker at the Div. I level and boasts the athleticism and work ethic necessary to make an impact in the Jumbos' lineup.

"The one thing [Tufts] will find out quickly is that he'll work harder than everyone else," Hinman told the Daily's Ben Kochman on Dec. 29. "He's a gym rat, always in the weight room working on conditioning. He's probably a natural point guard, and likes to be in charge on the court, but he's also our best shooter, so I could see [Tufts] coach [Bob] Sheldon using him in different ways."

Ferris, likewise, has enjoyed success at the high school level, helping Essex win the Vermont state championship last season as a junior. He should eventually compete for a starting role at small or power forward due to a logjam at guard that includes sharpshooting sophomore Alex Goldfarb, freshman Oliver Cohen and junior Amauris Quezada. With one of the smallest lineups in the league, Tufts should continue to push the tempo like it has throughout this season.



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Senior guard Colleen Hart was fouled on a layup on Dec. 11 against New Paltz and subsequently broke Tufts' all-time scoring record as she made a free throw, leading the Jumbos to victory.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Men's track 2nd in first home meet

BY LAUREN FLAMENT
Daily Editorial Board

The men's track and field team returned to campus in top shape to open its 2011 campaign with two strong showings.

On Saturday, the Jumbos hosted the first Tufts Invitational of the season at the Gantcher Center. Among eight scoring teams, two dominated the meet. UMass-Lowell was victorious with 201 points and Tufts was close behind with 174 — nearly 90 points ahead of third-place Keene State. A smaller squad traveled to Hanover, N.H. on Sunday, Jan. 9 for the Dartmouth Relays, where the Jumbos placed seventh among 29 teams with 12 points.

Tufts claimed four first-place finishes in the home meet. Sophomore Brad Nakanishi took first in the pole vault, clearing a height of 4.40 meters. Freshman Trevor Rothaus accompanied Nakanishi in the scoring positions

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Home, Sweet Home: Women's track rules

Strong performances across the board lead Jumbos to victory

BY CONNOR ROSE
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A long layoff from competition can often lead to rust and sluggishness the first time an athlete attempts to go full-speed again.

The Tufts Invitational I, held at the Gantcher Center this past Saturday, was the first time the full squad was in action, and is usually seen as an opportunity to shake off the rust. With the whole team back on campus and ready to go, the women's track and field team looked strong. The Jumbos took the team title, finishing first out of 10 teams, with 190.5 points — the next closest team was UMass-Lowell, who finished with 156 points.

The distance group showed the fitness they gained from a successful cross-country season, winning the mile, 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter races. Senior Amy Wilfert set the pace for the mile, winning with a time of 5:06.76, while sophomore Julia Hajnoczky placed second in 5:22.21.

Underclassmen dominated the two longest events, finishing first and fourth in the 3,000-meter race, and first and second in the 5,000 meter race. Freshman Lauren Creath, running her first-ever

indoor race, won the 3,000 in 10:50.42. Sophomore Melanie Monroe finished in 11:05.37. Classmate Lilly Fisher, one of the breakout performers of the cross-country season, won the 5,000 in 18:18.9, while freshman Abby Barker crossed the line at 18:30.90.

Junior Dayorsha Collins improved on her high-jump score by clearing 1.68 meters, good for first place. Her jump of 1.67 meters earlier in the season had already provisionally qualified her for the NCAA meet. She added to her victory with a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash, finishing in 26.90 seconds. The other first-place finish for the Jumbos came from junior Heather Theiss, who pole-vaulted 3.20 meters.

Senior tri-captain Kanku Kabongo added three runner-up finishes for Tufts. She improved on her preliminary time by two-tenths of a second in the 60-meter dash, finishing in 8.10 seconds. Kabongo took second in the 200-meter in 26.60 and jumped 5.03 meters in the long jump.

Sophomore Kelly Allen also added a pair of second-place finishes in the weight throw and the shotput. She threw 13.90 meters and 12.51 meters, respectively.

The Jumbos had success across the board, but the squad insists that there is



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Junior Heather Theiss, who placed first on Saturday, in a photo taken last May.

still work to be done.

"I think people were generally happy with their performances," Kabongo said. "I know a lot of distance runners were pleased. Some of the sprinters were a little less pleased with their performances,

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jumbos take Morris Cregger Classic but struggle in next two games

BY CLAIRE KEMP
Daily Editorial Board

While most students were recovering from New Year's Eve festivities, the men's basketball



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Junior guard Amauris Quezada, center, in the Dec. 7 game.

The Jumbos needed to find a way to be successful quickly, as their NESCAC schedule began on Jan. 14 with back-to-back home games against last year's top two division finishers: national No. 6 Williams and No. 5 Middlebury. Hoping to erase the memories of the double-digit losses that both teams handed them last year, the Jumbos put their newfound rhythm to the test. While they didn't upset the conference front-runners, they certainly displayed improvements that could move them out of the NESCAC basement for the first time since 2007.

Tufts hosted defending conference champion Williams (15-1) on Saturday and, despite competing with the Ephs in rebounding, steals and turnovers, lost 71-52 in their second NESCAC game of the season.

Williams led by only nine points at the half and Tufts stayed within single digits for most of the period due to an 11-4 run — with seven points from junior Alex Orchowski — to tie it at 16 with 9:23 to go.

The Jumbos eventually cut

the lead to 34-29, but continued strong offense from the Ephs helped them pull away to 45-33 later in the half. Tufts reached within 10 points once more on a 3-pointer from freshman guard Kwame Firempong with 12 minutes remaining, but the Ephs quickly answered with a 3-pointer of their own and never looked back.

On Friday, undefeated Middlebury came back from a second-half deficit to walk away with a 79-63 victory in Cousens Gym. The Panthers shot a stellar 64.3 percent in the second period, while the Jumbos' 48.6 percent first-half shooting deteriorated to 28.6 percent after the intermission.

The Jumbos were up 13 at the half and led by 15 midway through the second half, but by the time the final buzzer sounded, found themselves on the losing end of a 31-point turnaround, 79-63.

"We let up," Quezada said. "I think we were too satisfied

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jumbos look to turn season around in Maine

After dropping its first two NESCAC games last weekend to heavyweights Middlebury and Williams, extending its losing streak to four, the men's basketball team will hit the road still searching for that elusive first conference victory in a pair of weekend matchups against Colby and Bowdoin.

Though the two games are not yet must-win, the Jumbos realize that they need to stop their recent skid as quickly as possible to get the season turned around.

"We can't just settle and be content with just competing," tri-captain James Long, a junior, said. "We have to keep playing like we're down 10 or down 15, because when you start playing like you're up in the NESCAC, that's when you lose leads."

On Friday night, Tufts will tip off with Bowdoin (11-2 overall, 1-0 NESCAC) in Brunswick, Maine. The Polar Bears are one of the NESCAC's hottest teams and have won eight straight games, including last Saturday's toppling of Colby.

The Bowdoin offense has exploded during the winning streak, averaging nearly 81 points per game. The offensive renaissance on Jan. 13 hit its apex in a 113-58 thrashing of University of Maine at Presque Isle, in which every Polar Bear who entered the game had at least one point, rebound and assist.

Offensive efficiency has been a cornerstone throughout the season for Bowdoin, which is fourth in the NESCAC in points per game, while shooting an outstanding 51.5 percent from the field and averaging a conference-leading 18 assists per game. With its constant ball movement and creativity, Bowdoin's attack presents problems for a Tufts defense that ranks last in the conference in points allowed, at 69.7 per game.

Bowdoin's offense is centered on junior forward Will Hanley, who

leads the NESCAC in scoring at 20.4 points per game. In the team's NESCAC opener against Colby, Hanley filled up the box score with 22 points, 19 rebounds and 8 assists. The 6-foot-7, 200-pound forward managed to score 16 points and pull down 11 rebounds when Bowdoin came to Medford a year ago, but Tufts' defense held him to 7-of-16 shooting from the field, a result it hopes to duplicate. In that matchup, Tufts limited Bowdoin to just 36.8-percent shooting and forced 17 turnovers in a 58-53 victory, just one of two Tufts NESCAC wins in 2009-10.

The Jumbos will go further north to face the Mules (8-7 overall, 0-1 NESCAC) on Saturday afternoon. Much like Tufts, Colby has been inconsistent early and is still trying to find its identity.

The team finished last year at 6-3 in the NESCAC and 19-6 overall, but has struggled in 2010-11, largely due to a high rate of turnovers. They average 20 of them per game, a statistic that does not bode well against a Tufts defense that generates a conference-best 10 steals per contest.

The key to Colby's offense so far has been senior forward Michael Russell, who has averaged 17.1 points per game while also pulling down a conference-best 12.8 rebounds per game. Both teams rebound well, especially on the offensive end, so the battle of the boards will be important in this matchup.

The Jumbos have had an up-and-down season so far, and this Maine road trip may prove a pivotal turning point. If the Jumbos come away empty-handed, it will put Tufts in a mid-season hole. But if they can come out of the weekend with a pair of victories, the Jumbos will be right back in the middle of the NESCAC pack.

—by Alex Lach; with contributed reporting by Claire Kemp

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Late tip-in doomed Jumbos against Williams

Tufts' fall in overtime means first NESCAC loss

BY ETHAN STURM
Daily Editorial Board

The women's basketball team found itself seconds away from a dream start to its conference slate on Saturday.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (11-2 OVERALL, 1-1 NESCAC)

Cousens Gym, Jan. 14

Middlebury	26	28	—	54
Tufts	31	39	—	70

Cousens Gym, Jan. 15

			OT	
Williams	28	29	4	— 61
Tufts	24	33	2	— 59

Cousens Gym, Jan. 17

Wheaton	21	13	—	34
Tufts	37	27	—	64

Already with a NESCAC win under their belt from the previous night, the Jumbos were tied with then-national No. 13 Williams in overtime with just 30 seconds left to play.

But a costly shot-clock violation and a tip-in by sophomore forward Danny Rainer let the Ephs off the hook and left the Jumbos looking back at what could have been.

Williams was in control for much of the night, and led by as many as nine points in the second half. But the Jumbos — despite being outsize at every position — clawed their way back, pulling to within four with just over a minute to play, with the help of superb defending and clutch shooting from a pair of young post players, sophomore Bre Dufault and freshman Ali Rocchi.

"It is not something we are especially proud of, but we seem to have been a second-half team," Rocchi said. "Coach [Carla Berube] came in at halftime and told us that we didn't have a good first half, but we can't lay down and give up, and we didn't."



Freshman forward Ali Rocchi in Tufts' Jan. 17 victory against Wheaton.

From there, senior tri-captain Colleen Hart took over. Hart, the program's all-time leading scorer, hit a 3-pointer with 56 seconds to go to pull the game to within one, and then, after a layup on the other end, buried another with 12 seconds to go to tie the game. The Jumbos defended well in the closing seconds, and the Ephs could not get off a good

shot, sending the game to overtime.

"I think [the comeback] shows an incredible amount of heart and determination," senior guard Vanessa Miller said. "We are a young team, but once we get going, we really, really get going. At the end we were especially

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Two tests loom this weekend for Jumbos

After a tough, two-point overtime loss to Williams this past weekend, the women's basketball team looks to get its NESCAC record back on track with back-to-back conference matchups on the road: at Bowdoin Friday night and at Colby Saturday afternoon.

After the winter break portion of Tufts' season, when the team had no classes and was able to get many practices in, the Jumbos feel focused, driven and closer than ever.

"We were a real close-knit team to begin with," junior tri-captain forward Kate Barnosky said. "But winter break always brings us closer as a team. We got plenty of practices, games and team bonding under our belt and are looking to make some noise this second semester."

The Jumbos will lean on their chemistry against the Polar Bears and Mules, who, like any NESCAC foe, won't go down easily. Looking to avenge their overtime defeat to Bowdoin in the first round of the NESCAC tournament in 2009-10, the Jumbos will face a Polar Bear team that has dominated its early-season schedule. After a narrow loss to Manhattanville in the season-opener, Bowdoin has rattled off 14 straight wins heading into Friday's matchup with the Jumbos.

Colby has also had its share of success this season. With a 10-3 record so far, the Mules will also try to take advantage of their significant height advantage against the Jumbos.

"Colby has some solid post players and probably some size on us," Barnosky said. "But I think we have the speed and athleticism advantage over both teams."

Having to travel all the way to Maine for these two games provides an additional obstacle. But the Jumbos relish the chance to play Bowdoin in a loud environment, and to avenge a 58-55 loss to the Mules the last time they played Colby on the road.

"The gym at Bowdoin is pretty small," Barnosky said. "And the fans get really into it, making it a really fun environment to play in. The last time we played at Colby [in the 2008-09 season] we lost a game that we shouldn't have lost, so I think especially those of us upperclassmen who were around for that loss really want to come back there and get some revenge with a big win in their gym."

—by Kelsey Perkins

HOCKEY

Tufts loses in overtime to Suffolk, stuck in six-game losing streak

Starting goalie Barchard likely out for season

BY DAVID MCINTYRE
Daily Editorial Board

At the start of winter break, the hockey team had every right to feel good about its chances

ICE HOCKEY (4-8-1 OVERALL, 3-6 NESCAC/ ECAC East)

Valley Forum II, Jan. 14

Hamilton	0	2	2	—	4
Tufts	0	0	1	—	1

Valley Forum II, Jan. 15

Amherst	2	1	2	—	5
Tufts	1	1	1	—	3

At Boston, Mass., Jan. 18

				OT	
Tufts	0	1	2	0	— 3
Suffolk	0	1	2	1	— 4

to climb the NESCAC standings. They boasted a 4-3-1 record that included a landmark win at Middlebury in the season



Freshman forward Kyle Gallegos, center, helped the Jumbos in a 4-3 overtime victory over St. Anselm on Dec. 4.

opener, and were optimistic that star goalie Scott Barchard would soon make his return between the pipes.

But the team's season has now taken a downward spiral that the Jumbos have yet to escape. Tufts slumped to five straight defeats over the break, including tight losses to Amherst

and Babson, a 7-2 thrashing at the hands of UMass-Boston and a heartbreaking 4-3 loss on Tuesday to Suffolk. The bad results are snowballing and the Jumbos simply cannot find a way to put an end to it.

"We just haven't been making

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HOCKEY

A closer look at freshman phenomenon Kyle Gallegos

BY KATE KLOTS
Daily Staff Writer

Last year, current seniors Tom DeRosa, Dylan Cooper and Zach Diaco made up the bulk of the offense on a Tufts team that finished with a 12-10-3 record. DeRosa and Diaco led the Jumbos with 15 goals each and more than 10 assists apiece, and Cooper, who added nine goals of his own, had a season total of 12 assists and 21 points.

These seniors continue to power the Jumbo attack, but this year the trio is getting some help from freshman forward Kyle Gallegos, who has emerged as Tufts' leading goal scorer. DeRosa continues to lead the team in points with 20 after Tuesday's game at Suffolk, a 4-3 overtime loss that was Tufts' sixth straight defeat, but Gallegos has scored nine times this season, twice more than DeRosa, and has contributed six assists as well, earning the respect of opponents and teammates alike.

"His skills are exceptional. He is smooth, shifty in an effortless manner," freshman Tim Mitropoulos said. "Kyle works hard in practice, always trying to

get better and make his teammates better."

Gallegos grew up in Colorado and began playing hockey at age five. Now, in his 15th year with the sport, he still sees room for improvement. While he has had no trouble scoring at the college level, adjusting to the college game's stricter rules has been difficult for someone who admits that he has a strong temper — his 15 penalties this season lead the team.

"I like to mix it up a bit on the ice," Gallegos said. "I get pretty heated and tend to take too many penalties."

Despite Gallegos' scoring prowess, he's still a freshman and must take the lumps that being a freshman entails. But Gallegos doesn't mind picking up pucks at the end of practice and taking out the locker-room trash as long as it earns him the respect of the older players.

Being part of the team's season-opening 3-0 victory at Middlebury helped endear him to the older guys as well.

"None of the seniors on the team had ever beaten them, he said. "I could tell it meant a lot to them."