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Tim Wise, anti-racism activist, spoke at Tufts on Wednesday.

Tim Wise addresses Tufts about state of racism in America

BY EMILIA LUNA
Daily Editorial Board

Celebrated anti-racism essayist, author, educator and speaker Tim Wise visited the Tufts campus on Wednesday to conduct a series of educational workshops that culminated in his formal appearance in Cohen Auditorium that evening.

Through casual, humorous and powerful language, Wise addressed a full house about the lingering racism and white supremacy still present in the United States today.

Wise explained that the American government has historically privileged the “male, rich,

white folks,” a trend that has been engrained in America’s structure from the beginning.

“We live with the legacy of institutionalized white supremacy. We have inherited this, and we live with it today,” Wise told the Daily.

Wise went on to talk about the ways in which racism slips into Americans’ lives, even though they may not be conscious of them. Many people today are of the opinion that they live in a post-racial era, he said. According to Wise, the success of one, or even many, people of color — be they President Barack

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Jumbos set to stampede in 5k

BY BIANCA BLAKESLEY
Contributing Writer

A herd of Jumbos will take over the campus’s streets tomorrow as part of Tufts’ second annual Jumbo Stampede.

Led by President’s Marathon Challenge Director Don Megerle, a celebrity in his own right at Tufts, the 5k race will kick off Homecoming weekend.

The stampede has a new charitable component in which \$5 of every registration fee will go toward supporting undergraduate financial aid. This is the first year that the Tufts University Alumni Association (TUAA), which sponsors the event, is donating part of the proceeds to financial aid, according to Patricia Reilly, director of financial aid and co-manager of student financial services.

The idea for the \$5 donation to financial aid originated last year when TUAA received feedback from members of the Tufts community, who said they would prefer the race to have a philanthropic aspect to it, according to Samantha Snitow (LA ’02), the TUAA’s assistant

director for young alumni and student programming and the main event organizer.

The TUAA hopes that the charitable aspect of the run will encourage increased participation among the Tufts’ community, Snitow said.

“We thought it was incredibly relevant and in true Tufts spirit to add a charitable component to the race,” Snitow said.

Turnout may be diminished, however, because the 15th Annual Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) 5k Road Race shares the same time and date as the Jumbo Stampede — 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Even University President Lawrence Bacow and his wife, Adele Fleet Bacow will be participating in the SHC 5k, as they committed to the race before the date of Tufts’ 5K had been finalized.

“I committed to run the Somerville Homeless Coalition Race months ago before the time for the Jumbo Stampede was set,” Bacow told the Daily in an e-mail. “Since the SHC is honoring Tufts this year for our work in supporting the organization over

the years, I thought it important that I honor my commitment.”

Bacow ran both races last year, when the races took place on separate dates, and hopes to stop by the post-race party after he returns if time allows, he said.

Prizes for the Jumbo Stampede will go to the top finishers in each age category, as well as to those with more unusual achievements, including best individual costume, best team costume and most school spirit, according to Snitow.

The Jumbo Stampede is open to participants of all ages and physical abilities, and runners have one hour to complete the race. Runners will start the 3.1-mile race on the Ellis Oval track and run toward Powderhouse Boulevard. The route veers onto campus and winds through the Residential and Academic Quads before retreating back toward the track for a final lap.

Last year’s race took place on a holiday weekend, preventing those who were out of town from participating in the race. Snitow expects up to 300 runners this

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A President, a runner, a friend

BY ALEX PREWITT
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University President Lawrence Bacow doesn’t fancy himself much of an athlete. After all, he was cut from his high school tennis team and sailed while studying at MIT, two qualities that, albeit sports-related, hardly fit the stereotypical image of a bruising jock.

But it’s difficult not to respectfully disagree, just this once, with the most widely respected man on campus, the 59-year-old who

has finished five marathons and still regularly goes for lengthy runs with students one-third his age. While his athletic abilities may be up for discussion, according to him, Bacow’s efforts to improve the athletics and wellness programs during his tenure at Tufts are indisputable.

Tonight, at the athletics department’s Annual Awards Ceremony, Bacow will become the 27th recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award, recognizing his constant

work to promote fitness and health during his time at Tufts.

“You could have knocked me over with a feather; I wasn’t expecting it,” Bacow told the Daily. “It’s humbling, it’s very humbling. I think I understand that I’m not being recognized for my own personal athletic achievements, but rather for helping to support athletics and fitness and encouraging a healthy lifestyle. For that, I am immensely proud.”

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State agency plans Mystic River preservation

BY SMRITI CHOUDHURY
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Massachusetts’ Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) unveiled last month its plans to protect the areas surrounding the Mystic River by promoting recreation, protecting wildlife and setting park regulations for the future.

After several years of meeting with organizations, businesses and local residents, the DCR released the Mystic River Master Plan to identify possible locations for improvements that will ensure the longevity of Tufts’ neighboring river and surrounding areas.

Projects outlined in the plan include a collaborative effort by the DCR and the City of Medford to renovate the Condon Shell, a Medford outdoor amphitheater, as well as restoration of parklands near Mystic River’s Amelia Earhart Dam and the creation of a greenway in Alewife.

DCR spokesperson Wendy Fox said the plan seeks to ensure the survival of the Mystic River area.

“The long-term impact of the plan is to protect the areas on the sides of the river, preserve the natural habitats and encourage recreational use of the land all the while protecting the natural resources,” Fox told the Daily.

Gov. Deval Patrick (D-Mass.) emphasized in a Sept. 15 statement the importance of taking action to preserve the Mystic River.

“By making preservation plans for this watershed, we ensure that its recreational space, wildlife habitat, and vital natural resources are protected for generations to come,” Patrick said in the statement.

The Mystic River Reservation covers 21 communities from Reading to the Boston Harbor and extends through Medford, Arlington and Somerville. The DCR’s plan covers a small portion of this land extending to an approximately two-block radius of the river.

In conjunction with efforts to preserve the river’s natural resources and wildlife, the plan also aims to attract more residents to the area.

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Northeastern University Assistant Professor of History Ilham Khuri-Makdisi spoke last night at Tufts’ new Arabic Seminar Series. The Arabic program launched a new Arabic major this year.

University launches new Arabic major

BY MINYOUNG SONG
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Tufts’ Department of German, Russian, and Asian Languages and Literatures (GRALL) launched this year a new Arabic major in response to a student interest in the language that has grown overwhelmingly in the last decade.

The Arabic program, housed within GRALL, has experienced a considerable growth in enrollment since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, according to Lecturer Mohammed Alwan, who has taught Arabic at Tufts since the 1980s. This prompted administrators to consider offer-

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Despite better understanding of mental illness's causes, stigma continues to linger

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Most college students will readily admit to being stressed out. A smaller percentage might say they get anxious. Not quite as many will confess to suffering from depression, and even fewer will seek help.

Often, the more severe a mental health problem is, the less willing the victim is to talk about it openly due to one simple factor: stigma.

"Many people erroneously think that developing a [mental health] problem is a sign of weakness or failure but this is simply not the case," Marilyn Downs, director of outreach at Counseling and Mental Health Service, said. "Mental health problems are among the most common health conditions and can affect anyone."

According to a recent study published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, although more people understand the biological factors behind mental illness, the stigma connected with it has failed to drop proportionally.

"Public stigma associated with mental health problems has generally decreased in the last 10 years," Downs said. "I think that misinformation is one of the biggest reasons that stigma persists."

Another possible reason for the persistence of stigmatization is the personal nature of mental illness.

"It's very difficult to want to talk about mental health," sophomore Nicholas Marshall, a member of the Tufts chapter of Active Minds, said. Active Minds is a national organization dedicated to educating college campuses about mental health. "It's a very awkward thing to try and talk about. It's just something that doesn't come up in everyday conversation. It's a lot easier to talk about the biological aspect of something than the personal."

It is for this reason that Active Minds is actively seeking to dispel the stigma associated with mental health, but the organization is more or less alone in its pursuit, senior Nerissa Durchin, co-president of Tufts's Active Minds chapter, said.

"Active Minds is the only organization that utilizes the student voice to change the conversation about mental health on college campuses," she said. "College students are in the perfect position to affect change in a grassroots way."

Downs agreed that college students are in a favorable position and should make an effort to change the way in which their peers conceptualize mental illness.



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Health Service provides mental health counseling but students often prefer confiding in their peers.

"College students have much more accepting attitudes about mental health problems than many people think, especially at Tufts," she said.

Even those who are willing to open up about their problems will not open up to everyone, Marshall said. He explained that people suffering from mental issues will often approach a friend or another student for help over a professional.

"Someone who may have an issue will most likely go to their friends and peers than a mental health counselor," he said. "They may be more honest with their peers. It's a lot easier to have that conversation peer-to-peer, with people on equal levels. [Active Minds] has a direct connection with the student body."

Durchin stressed that reducing stigma is not merely a matter of comfort but one of safety.

"Feeling stigmatized could potentially discourage someone with a mental illness from getting help because they don't want to be labeled or judged," she said.

Furthermore, the effects of stigmatization are not benign.

"The consequences could be as severe as someone committing suicide or as minimal as someone who feels constantly, constantly alone and not ... able to talk about it," Marshall said. This is where Active Minds sees the possibility of making a contribution.

"One of the goals in founding the Active

Minds chapter is to try and reduce the back-and-forth time between starting to need help and actually getting help," senior Patricia Pop, founder of Active Minds at Tufts, said. "The health education community has slowly been trying to turn away from the concept of 'stigma.' Using the term can almost perpetuate stigma or elicit pitying."

Research has shown that "contact theory" — exposure to those who have or have had mental health difficulties — is the best way to reduce stigma, Pop said.

"It becomes much easier to relate and humanize someone upon meeting them," Pop said. "I wouldn't expect anyone at Tufts to really tell me that they truly hate and actively avoid people struggling with mental health. It's a lot more subtle than that so the approach needs more finesse."

Above all, the members of Active Minds believe that the most effective way to eliminate stigma is to open up conversation. To spread their philosophy, the group on Oct. 4 — Active Minds-led National Day Without Stigma — will have tables set up in the Mayer Campus Center and both dining halls to provide students with resources and information about mental health.

"If we don't talk about the potential issues, the more acute problems may come out of it," Marshall said. "We don't want those people to feel alone or to not be able to know what they can do to get help, for either themselves or their friends."



COURTESY SAMANTHA SNITOW

Jumbo leads the way around the track at last year's first annual Jumbo Stampede. This year, the event will fall on the same day as the Somerville Homeless Coalition's 5k Road Race.

Stampede held at same time as homeless coalition race

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year. Still, she expects to see fewer participants because of the conflicting races.

"I do think we're going to lose people to the 5k because [the SHC] advertised their date early," Snitow said.

The TUAA has no control over the date of the Jumbo Stampede, which

is based entirely on the Homecoming schedule, according to Snitow. The Athletics Department sets the date of Homecoming two to three years in advance, which rendered the overlap unavoidable, according to Snitow.

Mark Alston-Follansbee, executive director of the SHC, said that the organization holds its race on the first Saturday

of October every year and was not aware of the Stampede running concurrently. "I haven't thought about it," Alston-Follansbee said.

The SHC expects over 1,000 runners, he said, adding that many of the participants take part in the race out of a love for running, rather than a desire to contribute to the SHC's fundraising efforts.

Preservation efforts designed to attract local residents

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The City of Somerville is currently working on a conservation project with environmental organization Groundwork Somerville to make the local Blessing of the Bay Boathouse more accessible and inviting to the public. The project, which includes plans to plant several gardens and build new seating areas, aims to increase public interest in the underutilized boathouse, according to City of Somerville Deputy Director of Communications Jaclyn Rossetti.

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone emphasized that the preservation of the lands surrounding the Mystic River will benefit residents of the community.

"Preserving the land around the Mystic River and cleaning up the River and waterfront areas will not only help to filter storm water and resulting pollutants running into the Mystic, but will also increase recreational opportunities both on and off the water," Curtatone told the Daily in an e-mail. "We have a limited shoreline in this city, and the river is one of our greatest treasures. With increased access to boating, our constituents will be better able to connect to the Charles River and Boston Harbor."

Members of the Tufts community have also contributed to the Mystic River preservation movement through conservationist efforts for the river's water.

"We are trying to get the Medford/Somerville community to work with us to help address the problems regarding the Mystic River because of our close proximity to the water and urban planning," Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor Rich Vogel said.

Vogel serves as director of the graduate program Water: Systems, Science and Society (WSSS), an interdisciplinary program spanning a number of Tufts' graduate schools. Affiliated with the Mystic Water Association, WSSS has centered its curriculum this year on the Mystic River. Vogel will host today at noon a discussion with local state leaders on water-related issues faced by the Mystic River and surrounding bodies of water.



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After years of convening with organizations and holding public meetings, the DCR has created the Mystic River Master Plan which seeks to protect the areas surrounding water body.

Wise promotes color consciousness not colorblindness

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Obama, a black celebrity or just a successful African-American citizen — is not a marker of the end of racist institutions.

Wise emphasized that the concept of colorblindness, which many consider to be the ultimate solution to racist attitudes, may actually end up blinding individuals from the problem of racism itself. Not talking about racism, he explained, is detrimental because it is impossible to fight against a problem that people refuse to acknowledge. Instead, he promotes the idea of color consciousness, which neither covers up nor ignores existing prejudices, and which he discusses in depth in his most recent book, "Colorblind: The Rise of Post-Racial Politics and the Retreat From Racial Equity."

Wise said higher-education institutions that wish to foster diversity should take this message seriously. Schools like Tufts that claim to do so, he said, tend to have one problem: Their inability to recognize that a "solution" to explicit racism will not necessarily solve the more subtle fact that the white population still exercises power over a majority of the country's institutions.

"This promotion of diversity could be lacking context, which is important for young adults in their understanding not just of difference but also of power imbalances because that way they are aware of the social, structural inequality issues," he said.

Often, he explained, colleges that claim colorblindness also function according to power-blindness — and that is when the college's objectives fail.

For Wise, achieving a consciousness of existing prejudice is at the core of the speeches he gives on college campuses around the country.

"I hope to get a recognition of the seriousness of racism as an ongoing issue in the country. Young people tend to see it as a thing of the past or as a diminished problem," he said. "Also, I hope they recognize their own responsibility to address racism, not only in the classroom, in the community, etc., but also within themselves."

"We all have internalized biases, so we are all being conditioned, and part of interrupt-

ing racism is recognizing that it is a problem for you as well; it's not just for the other guy," Wise said.

Wise said he grew up in a racist environment in Nashville, Tenn.

"I had a pretty good understanding of how race had shaped the country and especially our region," Wise said. "I had this awareness from the time I was a kid. I had seen racism and I knew something was profoundly wrong in the schools I attended; the inequalities were pretty stark, and when I went to college that got more and more clear."

It was the Tulane University campus, where he graduated in 1990, that catalyzed his eventual career in anti-racist activism.

"People in Tulane, most of them people of color, became mentors and teachers to me, and they really opened my eyes towards racism issues in the city," Wise said.

But the realization that he, as a member of the white majority, had a responsibility to stand up for the underserved black community came not only through the political inequality he witnessed but through his personal life as well.

The year Wise graduated from college he was living in a house in New Orleans with nine other recent graduates and got into frequent bouts about the cleanliness — or lack thereof — of the house. At first, he said, he was stubborn about his housemates' refusal to get rid of their own waste, but when rotting food in the oven began to stink up the house, Wise realized that he was going to have to clean up after the others.

"It didn't matter [if] I made that mess; it mattered I was tired of living in that funk, even if I didn't cause it," Wise said during his speech.

That, he said, taught him one of his most valuable life lessons and laid the groundwork for his motivation to fight against the racism he hadn't created but had to live with.

Wise's interest in anti-racism was not confined to his surrounding city or even country, though. Like many of his peers, Wise was intent on challenging the apartheid system in South Africa at the time, and thanks to his mentors he was able to understand this racism in conjunction with the racism present in his own backyard.

"I was able to connect the dots, and that was the beginning of a deeper consciousness that developed into a career path," Wise said.

After graduating from college, Wise realized that his passion for anti-racist activism could not remain a hobby and he needed to make it into a full-time career. It was his two-year involvement in the campaign against David Duke, former Ku Klux Klan leader, who ran for U.S. Senator and then the governorship of Louisiana in 1990 and 1991, respectively, that led to this revelation.

"He is the most prominent white-supremacist neo-Nazi in the U.S. in the last 40 years. We wanted to defeat him, make sure he didn't win," Wise said. "In the end, he lost, but he did get the majority of the votes of the white population in Louisiana. This was very eye-opening, since all these people were willing to vote for him, and that made me realize I had to take some responsibility. I realized it was my work to change this. It wasn't the job of folks of color; it wasn't for them to change and educate white people. It was my job, as a white man, to change white people and deal with other folks in my community — to struggle with them and make them think differently."

Since then, Wise has spoken in 48 states, at over 600 college campuses and to community groups across the nation. He has published five books and contributed to myriad articles. He has trained teachers, professionals and government officials and has appeared on television and radio hundreds of times.

According to Wise, racism will most likely never be fully eliminated, although he hopes to minimize its effects.

"I do think we have the ability, as is true with any form of oppression and injustice, to minimize the damage that it does, to arrest its development and to intervene so that the ability of racism to limit peoples' lives is diminished," he said. "I hope I am giving some practical advice about the various things that [students] can do in college or in their larger society to interrupt racism and challenge it, both individually and collectively, both when it's blatant and when it's not so blatant," Wise said.

Arabic major developed out of growing demand

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ing a major in Arabic.

"It was a natural development for the expansion of the Arabic program at Tufts University that we have a major in Arabic," Alwan said.

The Arabic program has evolved significantly since its earliest days at Tufts. When Tufts first hired him, Alwan was the only faculty member in the Arabic program. Arabic courses averaged four to five students per class, prompting the university to consider closing the program in the early 1990s, Alwan said.

Now, Arabic 1 currently has the largest enrollment in the GRALL department, according to Assistant Professor Kamran Rastegar, who directs the program.

Rastegar initiated the program with Alwan and Lecturer Rana Abdul-Aziz, the program's language coordinator. GRALL Department Chair Hosea Hirata and various university administrators also lent support to get the new major off the ground, Rastegar said.

The major's requirements attempt to steep students in both language and cultural capacity.

Ten courses are required under the major's guidelines. In addition to four Arabic-language courses above Arabic 4: Intermediate Standard Arabic II, students must take five departmental literature or culture courses and one additional course in a topic related to Arabic or the Middle East from outside the Arabic program.

Rastegar said the range of courses reflect that Arabic extends beyond the language department and is designed to appeal to overlap with other disciplines, including religion, music, international relations, history and anthropology.

"There is a wide range of people who cover different aspects," Rastegar said. "Our attitude is that language should be taught in a cultural and historical context, so the other dimensions in addition to the language training, which is rigorous at Tufts, are good complements to be offered."

Since few incoming students place out of elementary levels of Arabic, completing those courses before reaching the higher-level courses that fulfill major requirements is an additional demand on students, Abdul-Aziz said.

Rastegar said Arabic's growing popularity reflects a national trend, which is even more prominent at Tufts due to the university's emphasis on international relations.

Abdul-Aziz, who joined the full-time faculty in 2006, said the need for an Arabic major was evident.

"Since I started teaching, every single evaluation that I received from students mentioned the need for an Arabic major," she said. "After there was stability in the department, I think the university saw that we have enough interest and faculty to bring the major ... about."

Abdul-Aziz attributed the greater demand for Arabic in the job market as one of the reasons for its rising popularity among students.

"Given the current of competitiveness of the job market, students are really seeing that having Arabic in their resume will allow them to compete with others coming from other fine institutions such as Tufts," Abdul-Aziz said.

Though the new major was only announced in September, Rastegar said a handful of graduating seniors have already expressed interest in declaring the major.

Elinor Cannon, an International Letters and Visual Studies major, is among the seniors considering adding Arabic as a second major. She has studied Arabic since her freshman year and originally planned to minor in the language prior to the addition of the major.

Cannon also noticed the rise in interest for the language over the course of her four years of undergraduate study.

"I noticed that we now have seven sections for Arabic 1 class, whereas my freshman year had only three to four sections," Cannon said.

Rastegar said that the growing interest in Arabic correlates with increased interest in the Middle East at large. "[Language is] a vehicle to understanding contemporary world issues."

Rastegar said the new major is only the beginning of an expansion of the Arabic program and the heightening commitment to the study of the Middle East at Tufts.

Dean of Academic Affairs for the School of Arts and Sciences James Glaser is currently looking into establishing a study-abroad center in an Arabic-speaking region, according to Rastegar.

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'The Social Network' recreates for the viewer the origins of Facebook in a Harvard dorm room.

Hollywood juggernauts' collaboration on 'The Social Network' makes for best film of the year so far

BY ZACH DRUCKER
Daily Editorial Board

Every morning millions of people log on to Facebook to check messages from their friends, cre-

The Social Network



Starring **Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield and Justin Timberlake**

Directed by David Fincher

ate events, "like" Chad Ochocinco or simply ogle pictures of the pretty girl in their math class.

But have you ever wondered about the story behind the \$25 billion online networking endeavor? Loosely based on the book "The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook, A Tale of Sex, Money, Genius and Betrayal" by Ben Mezrich, "The Social Network" is a riveting and eye-opening biography of controversial Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

As filming for "Social Network" got underway, the perfect ingredients fell into place. While Mezrich wrote his book, Aaron Sorkin, the mastermind behind "A Few Good Men" (1992) and "The West Wing" (1999-2006), began the script for a film adaptation. David Fincher, acclaimed director of "Fight Club" (1999), signed on to direct and Hollywood hot-shot Scott Rudin threw his hat in the ring as producer.

Perhaps one of the most talented film triumvirates ever, the trio was able to balance creative input and ego to make the best film of the year so far.

Fincher's talents obviously aid the mounting suspense of the film, but Sorkin's script provides the true flash of genius. Up until now, Zuckerberg has been shrouded in mystery; many people know that he has been tied up in lawsuits regarding the creation of Facebook, but most disregard rumors as distorted hearsay.

"The Social Network" provides a seemingly accurate depiction of the chronology of

Facebook, according to reliable sources formerly close to Zuckerberg, dating back to a drunken blog-tirade in Zuckerberg's Harvard dorm room in 2003. Yet Sorkin's script is an intricate tapestry that has considerable depth. Rather than slander Zuckerberg's name and pit the audience against him, Sorkin portrays him as a character that arouses simultaneous feelings of disgust and sympathy.

Sorkin's polished use of dialogue also adds to the depth of the script. He sets the tone in the first scene with a captivating exchange between Zuckerberg and his then-girlfriend, Erica (Rooney Mara), revealing at the same time both Zuckerberg's awkward behavior and his condescending nature.

As most moviegoers can attest, a top-notch script does not ensure film perfection. Instead, Fincher had to rely on the performances of up-and-coming young actors. Jesse Eisenberg excels at capturing the narciss-

ism and the eccentricities of Zuckerberg — who used his own face as the logo of the original Facebook homepage — while counteracting his loathsome traits with an inherent likeability and an underlying naïveté.

Rather than be outperformed by Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield, who plays Zuckerberg's original co-founder, Eduardo Saverin, shines throughout the film. He oozes emotion through his passionate portrayal of the best friend who is unjustly ousted from a multi-billion dollar pursuit.

One other notable figure in the film is Armie Hammer, a stalwart star who succeeds in playing both of the divergent personalities of the Winklevoss twins (or "Winklevi"), Cameron and Tyler, a duo who believe that they sowed the seed that blossomed into Facebook.

The one blemish on an otherwise perfect casting job happens to be the sought-after Justin Timberlake. Though J.T. never ceases to make crowds laugh as a recurring "Saturday Night Live" guest, he

seems uncomfortable and out of place as the wheeling and dealing creator of Napster, Sean Parker.

Though there has been some contention about the factuality of the film from Zuckerberg himself, "The Social Network" is a highly believable thrill ride. Throughout all of the litigation periods, sinister scheming and drunken web design projects, there is truly never a dull moment in the movie. The many interwoven storylines are intense and hit home with an audience that understands the magnitude of Facebook. "The Social Network" reflects all of the capitalistic whims that turn college kids into millionaires and friends into plaintiffs.

The film truly defines the college-age generation and depicts an unsettling picture of peer judgment and group exclusivity. But the most haunting part of the film experience happens after you have left the theater: The very next time you turn on a computer and log onto Facebook, things will never be the same.

TV REVIEW

Combination of dry humor and strong characters keep series from boring viewers to death in second season

BY JOSEPH STILE
Contributing Writer

HBO's "Bored to Death" returned Sunday night for the start of its sophomore season of pseudo-noir and hijinks.

Bored to Death



Starring **Jason Schwartzman, Ted Danson, and Zach Galifianakis**
Airs **Sundays at 10 p.m. on HBO**

The comedy, created by the writer Jonathan Ames, is about a writer named Jonathan Ames (Jason Schwartzman) who moonlights as an unlicensed private detective in his spare time.

The series itself is very episodic — a quality that tends to generate considerable inconsistency from show to show — but the season two premiere was one of its better efforts. The premiere starts the season off on a good note, focusing on the characters rather than the cases, which in the past has been a winning formula for the show.

Ted Danson returns as Ames's friend and editor, the drunkard George Christopher. George is well past middle age but still has a hard time maintaining a healthy relationship or fulfilling responsibilities. In the show, George functions as a warning to Ames: If Ames does not mature soon, he may end up as alone and messed up as George. Danson smartly plays this character with a dry, cynical demeanor that makes George's

ridiculousness appear more grounded and believable.

Zach Galifianakis from "The Hangover" (2009) plays Ames's other friend, Ray Hueston, giving the actor another chance to portray the only type of character he seems to ever play: a weird, though harmless, man-child. Galifianakis has a deadpan delivery that works well with his many strong one-liners.

For instance, when his girlfriend tries to break up with him because she is no longer happy, he states, "Nobody is happy. My parents have been together for 40 years and they haven't been happy for one second." Galifianakis speaks these lines with an expression that says his character honestly believes that his logic is strong enough

to stop his girlfriend from leaving him, and he sees nothing humorous nor wrong with what he just said. It is the kind of childishness that will put a smirk on the viewer's face.

The focus of the actors is not on the humor in the script, though. They are not trying to create comical characters, but rather, to create real people that the viewer can laugh at because of their obvious flaws and the situations they put themselves in.

It is a refreshing change to see a show with humor that comes naturally from the situation and does not feel like the script was written with a bunch of jokes stuffed into it that do nothing to advance the plot.



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In the season opener, the main character heads into an S&M dungeon on a case from a client.

Focus on character development over plot works in show's favor

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This organic comedy is showcased in how George describes himself as a libertarian because he is "fiscally responsible but sexually out of control." George does not find anything humorous in that statement; it is just honestly how he sees his own life.

This dryness is prevalent throughout the episode, as Ames continues to be an unlicensed detective because he thinks getting a license would probably just be a lot of paperwork. It is comedy that speaks volumes about the character rather than being a throwaway punch line.

The show does at times lose some of its appeal because it often treads into the realm of pretentiousness despite the plot's absurdity. The show frequently drops references to Zadie Smith, Herman Melville and Vladimir Nabokov, and not in a way that furthers any development, instead coming across as name-dropping highbrow literature. The references

seem out of place, since the characters are too unaware and immature to be thinking of these kinds of allusions off the tops of their heads in normal, everyday conversations.

Another flaw of the show is that, because so much time is given to Ames and his friends, very little time is spent on developing Ames's clients. It would make the cases more compelling if the viewer got to know a little more about the clients, if only because it is always interesting to learn more about the type of person who would hire an unlicensed private detective off Craigslist.

The series' first episode back had exactly what any viewer would expect from the series: It was character-driven ludicrousness comparable to lesser Woody Allen films. The show is not packed with jokes, but after a few episodes, the series gets better because the viewer can understand the characters, who start to feel like old friends — messed up old friends.

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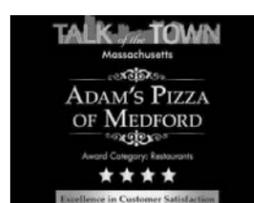


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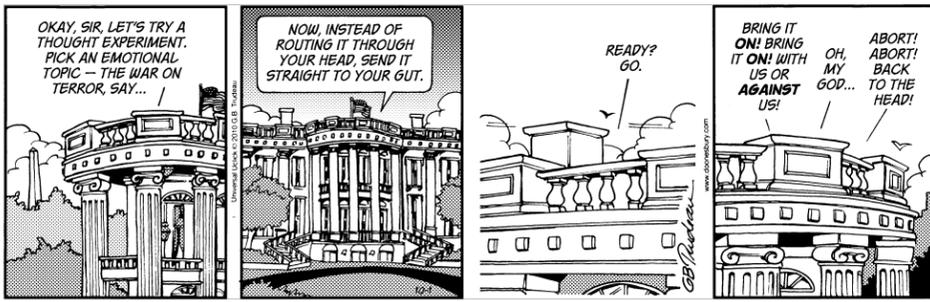
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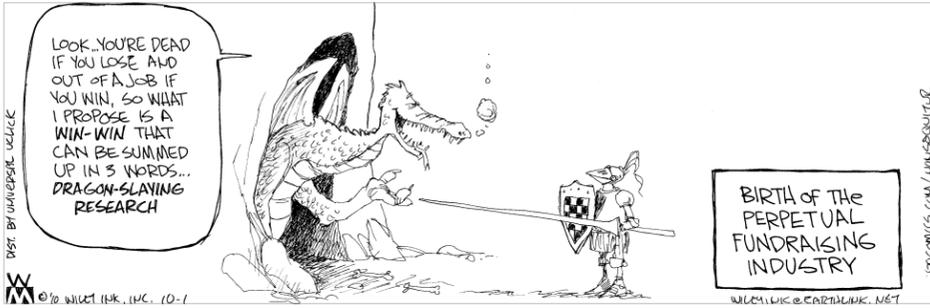
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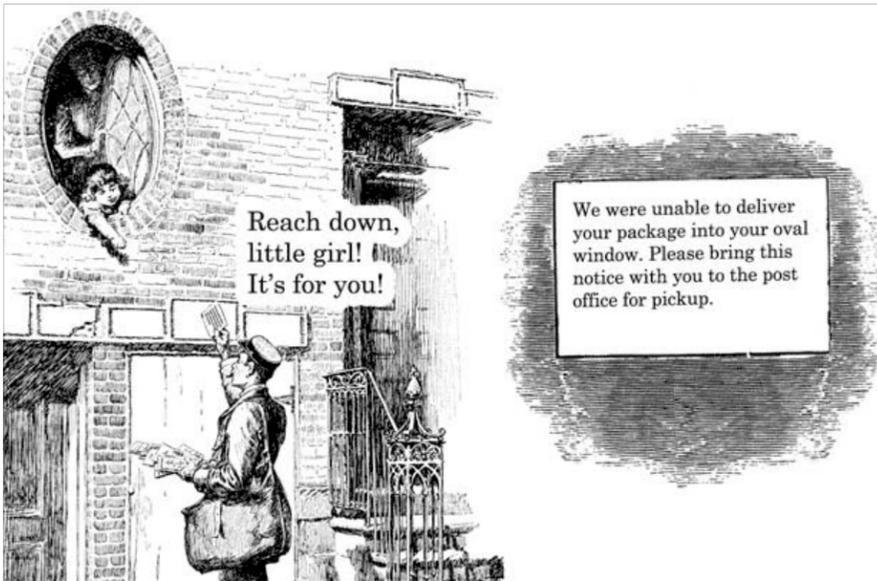


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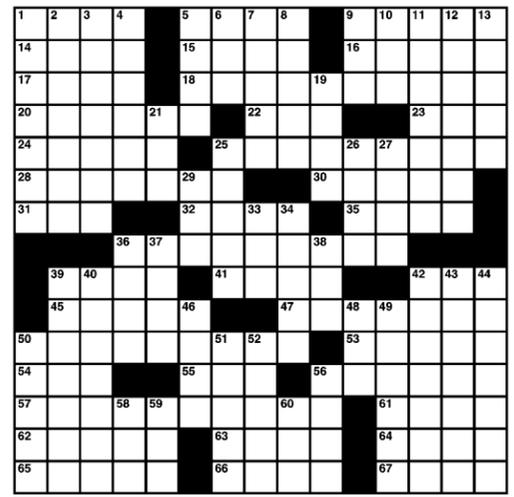
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- ACROSS**
- Aloe target
 - Indian royal
 - Treat meanly
 - 1990s Expos manager
 - Approach shot club
 - "Platoon" co-star
 - Bubbles
 - "Ancient Chinese cote occupant?"
 - Tasseled toppers
 - Happy hour order
 - Partook of
 - Bit of dental work
 - "Observation after a Bush walk?"
 - "Hold on!"
 - Japanese-American
 - "If ___ only listened!"
 - Shade sources
 - Florida's ___ City
 - "Nickname for a so-so Navy officer?"
 - Lead player
 - "Even Napoleon had his Watergate" speaker
 - I followers?
 - Stoop
 - Dry cleaner's supply
 - "Habitually drunk panda?"
 - Sheikdom of song
 - Carpenter ___
 - Exxon Valdez cargo
 - "All in the Family" family name
 - "Kenyan health care worker?"
 - Genesis brother
 - Many a dance club tune
 - Fiendish
 - The old you
 - '50s flop
 - Guitar's
 - Fingerboard
 - Repairs, as a green
- DOWN**
- Picaresque
 - Property recipient
 - Drunk, in slang
 - Old-fashioned "Way to go!"
 - Wheel parts
 - Paul's "Exodus" role
 - With 56-Down, eponymous bacteriologist
 - Saxon opening
 - Star Wars letters
 - Witchy woman
 - Lackin' gumption
 - Under-the-table diversion
 - Article of faith
 - Keystone State founder
 - It may be evil
 - "The Optimist's Daughter" writer
 - Generic pooch
 - "Out of Africa" author Dinesen
 - Good name, briefly
 - He said "Learn from the masses, and then teach them"
 - Common sense?
 - Atkins diet no-no
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 - Peebles of "Fame"



By Scott Atkinson

10/1/10

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION

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- Powwow communication source
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- Traveled from point A to point A?
- Analysts' concerns
- Clopper
- Former RFK Stadium NFLer
- Mill inputs
- Ballet rail
- Fire indicator, perhaps
- Green shade
- See 7-Down
- Old cry of disgust
- Rose of rock
- Prez, to GLS

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Tufts looks to continue offensive dominance against Bates this weekend

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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"We came into halftime knowing we should have scored already," senior co-captain Carrie Wilson said. "Those first 10 minutes of the second half are very important in coming out strong and that definitely played a role in scoring the goal when we did."

The Jumbos continued to mount the pressure and controlled the remaining 35 minutes of play. The team gave Hanley her easiest half of the season by allowing zero shots on goal. After 90 minutes of play, the Jumbos boasted a statistic that coaches can only dream of: 14 of their 31 shots were on goal.

Wednesday's offensive display has been the Jumbos' standard, as they have now out-shot each of the six opponents they have faced so far this season. This offensive spark is due in part to the wave of rookies that now dominate the roster. After graduating six seniors from the 2009 squad, the Jumbos welcomed 10 freshmen this fall in the hopes of building a solid foundation. The newcomers have welcomed the challenge, including freshman forward Maeve Stewart, who has scored three goals in her six starts and currently leads the team with six points.

Rookie goalkeeper Kristin Wright has made her mark as well, allowing only two goals in 264 minutes so far this year as she splits time with Hanley.

"All of the freshmen have this great



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Jamie Love-Nichols, pictured above in a game against Wesleyan, struck the only goal leading Tufts to victory against Babson.

energy each time they step onto the field," Wilson said. "It's great to still stay strong as a team even after losing six seniors."

To cap off a busy week, Tufts will take on Bates in Saturday's homecom-

ing game. Tufts currently ranks fourth in the NESCAC behind Trinity, Williams and Amherst, but the team plans on carrying its momentum from Wednesday's victory through this coming week, when they will have a chance to improve their

conference standing against NESCAC foe Colby.

"This year especially, the NESCAC is very close," Wilson said. "Each game could change the standings completely, so every single conference game is huge for us."

Jumbos look to stay on a roll against Bates Bobcats tomorrow

MEN'S SOCCER

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great because I'd been preparing for this mentally. I was able to get around a few defenders, set up a one-on-one with the goalie and finish it."

In addition to the pair of stellar finishes, the Jumbos played stalwart defense, keeping Suffolk at bay throughout.

The back line, made up of first-years Ben Ewing and Jay Messenger and sophomores Michael Walker and Pat Bauer, deserves much credit, Shapiro said. "Suffolk really had only one good chance the entire second half, and our goalkeeper Alan Bernstein made a terrific save, diving to his right."

Bernstein, a junior, has recorded shut-outs in each of his past two starts, including the win over Wesleyan on Saturday. He made six saves on Wednesday and has not been scored on in over 100 minutes, dating back to Tufts' 1-1 draw against Amherst on Sept. 17.

Considering the strong overall effort from defenders, midfielders, forwards

and goalkeepers — first-years and upper-classmen alike — it's easy to see why the Jumbos are confident that they can start to build a little bit of momentum heading into their next few NESCAC games.

"We've gotten two wins in a row for the first time in awhile, and we're in a stretch of our schedule right now where I think we can definitely be competitive," Shapiro said. "To be 1-1-1 coming out of Middlebury, Amherst and Wesleyan is a good way to start, and I think we can force our way into the top five if we keep playing well."

Tufts will have an opportunity to showcase their recent success during Homecoming weekend tomorrow, when they host Bates at 2:30 p.m. at Kraft Field.

"This is a huge game coming up for us," Blumenthal said. "It's a chance for us to get into the top half of the NESCAC standings, and we'll get a chance to play in front of a big crowd. We're all playing well, and we're excited and confident that we can keep it going."

Lineman Simmons: 'Going into Homecoming, we put on our A game'

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attributing it to the mental lift from playing on Zimman in front of family and friends.

"Whenever you play at home, it gives you an advantage. I really believe that," Samko said. "You get a chance to play in front of your families, which is a psychological lifter anyway, because they're the people who you love. It's an emotional high."

Regardless of the origins of the streak, one thing remains certain: Tufts owns its Homecoming and has no intentions of letting up in the future.

"I don't think it changes much from a preparation perspective, but on game day

you get a little more hyped from seeing more fans," said senior quarterback Anthony Fucillo, who had 195 yards passing and two touchdowns in his only Homecoming game with Tufts, a 34-7 win over Bates in '08. "I think it's a chance to get exposure to the student body a little more, and maybe if they see us play well then they'll come later in the season, which we hope."

"Going into Homecoming, we put on our A game," Simmons added. "That's what you have to do going into something that you hold dear in our hearts; it's very important in this program. We try to consciously prepare for everybody as if they're on top of their A games, but I definitely believe that Homecoming is that next step up."

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Bacow's difficult-to-define contributions boil down to fandom, friendship

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The list of renovations Bacow has spearheaded boggles the mind. It's a lengthy list, with each project more impressive than the last. There's the construction of Bello Field, home of the field hockey and lacrosse teams, which occurred in 2004. The Shoemaker Boathouse on the Malden River was erected in 2006, followed by the renovation of Cousens Gym that was completed last fall.

"Tufts' athletics facilities have been badly in need of improvement for a long time," athletic director Bill Gehling said. "Even through a very difficult time financially, he's somebody who has made it happen. For example, the boat house, the Cousens renovations, I don't think any of these things would have necessarily happened had he not been here."

Physical constructions aside, perhaps Bacow's most important contribution to Tufts has been the creation of the President's Marathon Challenge (PMC) team. The largest collegiate marathon program in the country began in 2003, six years after Bacow completed the Bay State Marathon.

Born out of the desire to promote the new Tufts Personalized Performance Program, Bacow approached David D'Alessandro, then a CEO of John Hancock and a principal sponsor of the Boston Marathon. D'Alessandro agreed to give Tufts 25 numbers that first year, of which Bacow was one, and then upped the ante with 200 per year for the next 10 years.

"I always wanted to run Boston, and I was thinking about trying to do something where students and faculty and staff could come together and do something that was healthy and encouraged healthy lifestyles," Bacow said. "It's been as much fun creating and working with the PMC as anything that I've done since become President at Tufts. I love that it engages students, faculty, alumni, staff and parents for all three of our campuses and all seven of our schools."

As Bacow prepares to depart Tufts in June, he will leave behind a program that has raised over \$2.5 million to help curb adolescent obesity. Perhaps more importantly, he's helped the 1,000-plus people who have run the Boston Marathon under the Tufts banner share what Bacow calls one of the greatest experiences of his life.

"Seeing people who've never run a mile before train and then finish the Boston Marathon has been the most rewarding thing," Bacow said. "Far more so than anything I've done myself is watching others do it, and seeing how



Bacow, pictured above at the 2010 Boston Marathon, is being formally recognized tonight for his contributions to Tufts Athletics. EMILY ZILM/TUFTS UNIVERSITY PHOTOGRAPHY

others have been empowered by the experience. That's why we do it: It's not about the time, it's about learning to discipline yourself, to take on a challenge, to meet the challenge, and to do it."

It's difficult to quantify the immense value of Bacow to Tufts' athletics department. Perhaps Rocky Carzo, athletic director emeritus, put it best when he compared Bacow to the beloved mascot of the school he leads.

"The things he's done for all of us, he parallels Jumbo in this way," Carzo said. "Everybody thinks of Jumbo as a mascot, but I don't ... he's a good role model. I see that whole thing with Bacow: He's a role model for all of us through an educational perspective. Carrying that sense of integrity and transmitting that to the students is what leadership is all about."

Bacow's peers all echo the same sentiment — that the President's generosity toward his sports teams defies all expect-

ation. Don Megerle, a PMC coach, fondly tells the story of when, after a training session two years ago, the team gathered for a post-run meal at Redbones. When Megerle was ready to collect the bill, their waiter approached them and said that someone named "Larry Bah-cow" had already paid the bill.

"I got everybody together to tell the story, and they went nuts," Megerle said. "I later went over to the Gifford House to thank him, and he sat there like a proud Cheshire cat. He was so happy that he was able to do something like that. And that's him in a nutshell."

Or perhaps Bacow's seemingly flawless ability to transcend the traditional student-teacher social hierarchy explains it better. Whether it's running alongside marathon trainees on a brisk Sunday morning or making the short trek to the fields to cheer on a varsity team, Bacow's mere presence does wonders for the students of Tufts.

"These kids go crazy, because they know when he's there," Megerle said. "When you look in the stands and see your President there, it's like seeing your father or your family. He's more than a coach. And he lets you know that."

But that's just Larry, as his friends and students affectionately call him. When he departs in June, he will leave behind a legacy — though Bacow insists that he doesn't think in terms of how future generations will view him — of unmatched athletic contributions and unparalleled respect within the Tufts sports community.

"It means the world to me to give him this award," Gehling said. "When you lead a sports team, you have to try to buy into a single vision, and when you do that, the whole becomes greater than the sum of the parts. In an institution like Tufts, it's an almost impossible task to articulate a clear, unified vision, but I feel like he's done that amazingly well."

Editors' Challenge | Week 4

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Leading the way this week, as he tends to do every week, is reigning champion Jeremy "The Situation" Greenhouse, who recently supplemented "gym," "tan" and "laundry" with "accurate football picking." Greenhouse took over first place with a 10-6 week and now holds a lead as slim as his lean stomach. Word is that after finding out he gained first place, Greenhouse took off his shirt and held a fist-pumping rave to celebrate.

Ethan "Joe Millionaire" Sturm sits one game back of Greenhouse, falling out of the top spot after a mediocre 8-8 Week 3. On the surface, he appears to be a phenomenal picker, far superior to us peasants. But wait! There's a twist! He's actually just another normal guy. How exciting for everyone.

Ring in at third place is Alex "Downtown no Gaki no Tsukai ya Arahende!!" Prewitt, who went 10-6 to move up into sole possession of the bronze medal. Nipping at his Asian heels, though, is a duo of veterans determined to break the silence in Prewitt's library.

Phil "Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School" Dear and Alex "Pimp My Ride" Lach are both tied for fourth with a 27-21 record. Lach surged up the standings thanks to a blistering 11-5 week. In fact, he was so good, we're going to put a TV inside his TV inside his trunk.

Further down the list is Claire "The Real Housewives of Orange Jerslanta" Kemp, Noah "Treasure Hunters" Schumer and Steve "Big Brother" Smith, all of whom are knotted in sixth place at 26-22 apiece. Schumer, who was in first place after Week 1, and Smith both plummeted down the rankings thanks to 7-9 weeks from each. Kemp did the opposite, and is rapidly moving her way into the upper echelon of Editors' Challenge society.

Thanks to a week-low 6-10 record, Daniel "Snoop Dogg's Father Hood" Rathman plummeted down into a tie with Lauren "I Married a Princess" Flament, and both of them sit at 25-23.

Ben "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance" Kochman is, yet again, alone in last place. Man this is starting to get obnoxious, not to mention big and fat, whatever that means. Despite back-to-back 10-6 weeks, Kochman is now at 23-25, and is the only editor below .500.

Guest-picking this week is Carly "The 1900 House" Helfand, who's somewhere overseas. It doesn't matter where she is; the point is that she's pretty old. Probably from the 1900s or something.

OVERALL RECORD LAST WEEK	Jeremy 31-17 10-6	Ethan 30-18 8-8	Alex P. 28-20 10-6	Alex L. 27-21 11-5	Phil 27-21 9-7	Claire 26-22 10-6	Noah 26-22 7-9	Steve 26-22 7-9	Daniel 25-23 6-10	Lauren 25-23 8-8	Ben 23-25 10-6	GUEST Carly Helfand
San Francisco at Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	San Francisco	Atlanta	Atlanta
NY Jets at Buffalo	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	Buffalo	NY Jets	NY Jets
Baltimore at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Baltimore	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Baltimore	Pittsburgh	Baltimore	Pittsburgh
Carolina at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
Denver at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Denver	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Denver	Tennessee
Cincinnati at Cleveland	Cleveland	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Cincinnati	Cincinnati
Detroit at Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Seattle at St. Louis	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	St. Louis	Seattle	Seattle	St. Louis	Seattle	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	Seattle
Indianapolis at Jacksonville	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Houston at Oakland	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Arizona at San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego
Washington at Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Washington	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Chicago at NY Giants	NY Giants	Chicago	NY Giants	Chicago	Chicago	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	Chicago	Chicago
New England at Miami	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	Miami	New England	Miami	Miami

MEN'S SOCCER

Jumbos find themselves above .500 for first time since '08

2-0 victory at Suffolk gives men's soccer team new hope for future prospects

BY DANIEL RATHMAN
Daily Editorial Board

The men's soccer team found itself on unfamiliar ground after its 2-0 victory over Suffolk University on Wednesday night. For

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at Suffolk, Wednesday

Tufts	0	2	—	2
Suffolk	0	0	—	0

the first time since the 2008 season, the Jumbos (3-2-1 overall, 1-1-1 NESCAC) have a winning record.

"This was a big game for us because it was our second chance to get our record over .500," freshman midfielder Scott Blumenthal said. "We haven't been over .500 in a long while."

After a somewhat listless first 45 minutes from both sides that ended in a scoreless tie, Tufts regrouped at halftime and came out firing in the second half.

"It took us a little while to get adjusted to their style of play," first-year head coach Josh Shapiro said. "They have a lot of international students who play with a lot more

sophistication and gamesmanship. They were able to hold on to the ball for long stretches in the first half because we kind of over-pursued their back line. But we came out a lot stronger in the second half."

The Jumbos played in the road match at Dilboy Stadium without two of their senior captains — Naji Muakkassa and Josh Molofsky, who were out with injury. Molofsky is also an editorialist for the Daily. This offered underclassmen the opportunity to step up and play important roles in a non-conference game.

And step up they did, as both second half goals came off the legs of underclassman: sophomore forward Franco Silva and the first-year Blumenthal.

Silva, who now leads the team with three goals on the season, scored off an assist from Luke Booth in the 52nd minute. In the 89th minute, Tufts added to the tally, as Blumenthal corralled a fifty-fifty ball near the Tufts bench and dribbled past several Suffolk defenders on his way into the box before cashing in on his first career shot.

"It was awesome," said Blumenthal of the first goal of his collegiate career. "I was pumped to help the team, and it was



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Sophomore Franco Silva, above in Saturday's game against Wesleyan, leads Tufts with three goals this season.

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FOOTBALL

Homecoming mixes emotions and football

Tufts riding four-game homecoming streak, looks to have a good showing

BY ALEX PREWITT
Daily Editorial Board

Forgive Bill Samko if he gets a little sappy when talking about Homecoming. He can't really help it.

After all, it's perfectly natural for Tufts' head football coach to become reflective when anticipating the day when former players stream in from across the globe and descend upon Zimman Field for one more opportunity to watch the brown and blue hit the gridiron.

"I love Homecoming, because literally a hundred guys who played here in the past and who shed — and this is corny — blood, sweat and tears, they come back," Samko said. "I get to interact with those guys, and it's very emotional for me."

That day of remembrance is Saturday for the football team, when the Jumbos will host Bates and, in turn, dozens of alumni hoping that Tufts can move to 2-0 for the ninth time in the past 12 seasons.

"My first two years, Homecoming's been very interesting, because I'm always introduced to people who I don't know," said junior defensive lineman Donnie Simmons, a Houston native whose family will be attending the game. "So you'll have the old football captains and the old players who like to talk about how good they were back in the day. It's always good to meet them and to meet family of your teammates."

And while Homecoming bleeds nostalgia and induces recollection, there's still a game to be played — and won.

After 10 straight Homecoming losses from 1992 to 2001, Tufts is currently riding a four-game Homecoming winning streak and has taken seven of the past eight. The only loss came in a 7-0 decision in 2005 to Trinity;



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Junior defensive lineman Donnie Simmons, pictured above in Tufts' win over Hamilton, says the football team is looking to shine in this weekend's Homecoming game in front of a crowd that will include his family.

that year, Homecoming coincided with Parents' Weekend, giving the game an unconventional feel.

Whether this streak should be attributed to the fact that all seven wins have come against either Bowdoin or Bates — teams that have been perennial cellar dwellers during that eight-year span — or can be viewed simply as a product of the electric atmosphere that seems to only come out of hibernation on one

Saturday a year is unknown to the Jumbos.

"It's every kicker's dream to be in that situation, where you can tie things up and then help your team win on Homecoming," said junior kicker Adam Auerbach, whose overtime field goal was the game-winner in last year's 25-22 win against Bowdoin on Homecoming.

"It was crazy," Auerbach said, referring to that fateful

moment. "There were hundreds of people behind the field goal posts, a lot of people in the stands cheering. The best part about it was, after I kicked the ball, seeing everybody's hands go up on the other sides of the field goal posts. That was awesome."

In discussing Tufts' success on Homecoming, Samko takes the psychological perspective,

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jumbos outshoot Beavers

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The scoreboard at Kraft Field after the women's soccer match on Wednesday

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Kraft Field, Wednesday

Babson	0	0	—	0
Tufts	0	1	—	1

read like a defensive struggle: Tufts 1, Babson 0. But anyone who witnessed the Jumbos' offensive dominance of the Beavers would say that this match was far more lopsided than the goal difference indicates.

Hungry after last weekend's hard-fought draw with Wesleyan, Tufts out-shot Babson 31-5, including 14 shots on goal compared to Babson's one, which was brushed aside by Tufts sophomore keeper Phoebe Hanley. The Jumbos also dwarfed the Beavers in corner kicks 11-4.

"We definitely were the dominant team," junior forward Jamie Love-Nichols said. "We vastly out-shot them and we probably should have finished more opportunities than we did. In the first half, we did not come out as strongly as we should have, but we looked to pick things up in the second half."

After attempting nine more shots than Babson in the first 45 minutes, Tufts went into halftime frustratingly empty-handed. But 10 minutes into the second half, Love-Nichols struck the game's only goal, sending a through-ball from sopho-

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